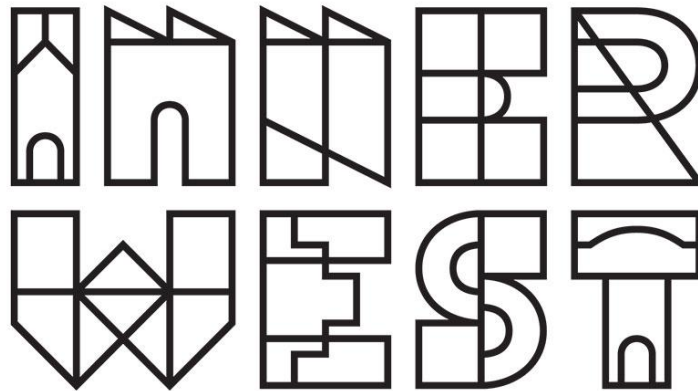


AGENDA



COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021
6.30pm

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Nil at the time of printing.

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Nil at the time of printing.

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Nil at the time of printing.

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Nil at the time of printing.

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Item No: C0721(1) Item 1
Subject: GREENWAY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

Prepared By: Ryan Hawken - Project Manager Greenway Delivery

Authorised By: Cathy Edwards-Davis - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

On 24 May 2021 Council resolved:

THAT:

1. The General Manager convene a meeting of the existing steering committee to redraft the original terms of reference with a view to maintaining significant community and community group participation in providing support and advice, with active participation from Council in return, for the broad vision of the GreenWay as an ecological, biodiversity, cultural; recreational and active transport corridor; and
2. Council receive a report to the next Ordinary Council meeting addressing the reasons for the delay in hiring the Greenway Engagement Officer and recommendations for resolving any barriers to hiring a suitable candidate, including any budgetary changes necessary.

In relation to point 1 – A steering committee meeting will be convened shortly after the commencement of the Greenway Engagement Officer.

In relation to point 2 - Resourcing of the Greenway project has generally been managed to match the scale of works in hand. To date the Project Manager Greenway Delivery has managed engagement with assistance from Council's Engagement team.

Recruitment of the Greenway Engagement Officer role and Major Projects Project Engineer role was delayed around 6 months due to the impacts of COVID on the overall delivery of the project.

The Greenway Engagement Officer role has now been filled and will commence on 1 July 2021. A candidate for the Major Projects Project Engineer Role has also been identified, and pending acceptance by the candidate, is due to commence in July 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Greenway Engagement Officer and Major Projects Project Engineer Role is funded from existing Greenway Capital Works budgets.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 2

Subject: MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2021

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

Prepared By: Laura Lahoud - Business Administration Support Officer

Authorised By: Peter Livanes - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 19 May 2021.

DISCUSSION

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) plays a pivotal role providing Council with independent assurance and advice in the areas of internal audit, financial management, risk management, compliance and control, and organisational performance and improvement, along with external accountability responsibilities.

The confirmed minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2021 are reported in full at attachment one. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee with progress updates in the areas of internal audit, financial management, risk management, compliance and control, and organisational performance and improvement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding to support the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is included in the existing budget.

The Committee functions in accordance with the non-mandatory guidelines issued by the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government under section 23A of the Local Government Act 1993 and in consideration of Part 4A of the Local Government Act 1993 as proposed by the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Draft Minutes - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting - 19 May 2021](#)

**Draft Minutes of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2021
at Ashfield Service Centre**

Meeting commenced at 5.31 pm

PRESENT

Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members	
Independent Member - Chair	John Gordon
Independent Member	Emily Hodgson
Independent Member	Heather Smith (5.32pm)
Councillor	Clr Louise Steer
Councillor	Clr Lucille McKenna
Other attendees	
General Manager	Peter Gainsford
Acting Director City Living	Caroline McLeod
Director Infrastructure	Cathy Edwards-Davis
Chief Financial Officer	Daryl Jackson
Group Manager Information and Communications Technology	Harin Perera
ICT Infrastructure Manager	Sasha Sutarov
Senior Manager Business Excellence, Risk, WHS and Customer Service	Peter Livanes
Acting Governance Manager - Minute Taker	Katherine Paixao
Acting Governance Coordinator - Minute Taker	Carmelina Giannini
Engagement Partner, EY	Melissa Broadhead
Engagement Manager, EY	Paulette Pang
Acting Internal Ombudsman	Elizabeth Renneberg

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The chairperson acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting took place and paid his respects to elders past and present.

Heather Smith entered the meeting at 5.32pm

APOLOGIES:

Apologies from Elizabeth Richardson, Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation, Caroline Karakatsanis and Rochele Antolin, Audit Office of NSW.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS: Nil

The Chair, John Gordon informed the Committee that he had retired from the following boards/committees to be deleted from his list of disclosures of interests previously provided to Council:

- Board for South Western Sydney Local Health District;
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for Georges River Council; and
- Management Committee for Salvation Army International Developments (SAID).

The Chair, John Gordon requested Peter Livanos inform the committee of who is in attendance at the meeting.

The Chair, John Gordon congratulated the new General Manager Peter Gainsford on his appointment and welcomed him to his first meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Clr McKenna OAM/Heather Smith

The Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 were confirmed.

Carried unanimously

GENERAL MANAGER'S OVERVIEW

The General Manager, Peter Gainsford advised the Committee of his intentions over the next 3 months including recruiting senior staff. The support he has received from Managers has been appreciated.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
RIS0521 Item 1 Enterprise Risk Management Report RECOMMENDATION (Emily Hodgson/Heather Smith) THAT the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee: 1. Note the ARIC resolution register; and 2. Note the Audit RESOLUTION register. Action: The ARIC receive a summary of high risk recommendation rating to come in August 2021. Carried unanimously	Senior Manager Business Excellence, Risk, WHS and Customer Service	25 August 2021

<p>RIS0521 Item 2 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service Report - IWC May 2021</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Emily Hodgson/Clr McKenna OAM)</p> <p>THAT the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the Internal Ombudsman Shared Service Report.</p> <p>Action: The next Internal Ombudsman Shared Service report to include results of Human Resources and Industrial Relations professionals forum.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Acting Internal Ombudsman</p>	<p>25 August 2021</p>
<p>RIS0521 Item 3 Internal Audit Status Report</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Clr McKenna OAM/Heather Smith)</p> <p>THAT the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p>RIS0521 Item 4 ICT SOC Compliance Assessments for Cloud Service Providers</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Emily Hodgson/Heather Smith)</p> <p>THAT the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ARIC to receive a report at the August 2021 meeting on the TechnologyOne Audit; and 2. The Chief Information Officer to report back to the ARIC to confirm findings of the Security Audit and ISO standards. <p>Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Chief Information Officer Chief Information Officer</p>	<p>25 August 2021 25 August 2021</p>
<p>RIS0521 Item 5 ICT Security Update</p> <p>RECOMMENATION (Emily Hodgson/Heather Smith)</p> <p>THAT the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Action: ARIC receive a report in August 2021 on the Business Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Chief Information Officer</p>	<p>25 August 2021</p>

<p>RIS0521 Item 6 Update on Technology One Project</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Emily Hodgson/Clr McKenna OAM)</p> <p>THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report be received and noted; and 2. The Chair thanked the Chief Information Officer and his team for their hard work in delivering the TechnologyOne project modules to date. <p>Action: ARIC to receive a report back on the budget of the TechnologyOne Project to the next meeting.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Chief Information Officer</p>	<p>25 August 2021</p>
<p>RIS0521 Item 7 Public exhibition of the Draft Revised Delivery Program 2018-22 and Operational Plan and Budget 2021-22; Draft Fees and Charges 2021-22; Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2021-31 and Draft General Revenue Policy</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Clr McKenna OAM/Heather Smith)</p> <p>THAT the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p>RIS0521 Item 8 Investment Report as at 31 March 2021.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Clr McKenna OAM/Heather Smith)</p> <p>THAT the report be received and noted.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p>RIS0521 Item 9 Investment Policy Update</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Heather Smith/Clr Steer)</p> <p>THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee provided its support for the updated Investment Policy; 2. The Chair suggested that Council considers seeking advice from other independent financial advisors to receive a range of ideas. <p>Carried unanimously</p>		

<p>RIS0521 Item 10 Fraud and Corruption Control System</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Clr Steer/Emily Hodgson)</p> <p>THAT the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee received and provided feedback on the draft Fraud and Corruption Control System.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>		
<p>RIS0521 Item 11 Draft ARIC Annual Report</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Annual Report is received; and 2. Feedback on the Annual Report is provided by Wednesday 26 May. 		
<p>General Business</p> <p>The Audit Office of NSW will present the external audit plan at August 2021 ARIC meeting.</p> <p>Senior Staff to be recruited over the next 3 months.</p>		

Meeting closed at 7.31 pm.

Next Meeting – 25 August 2021, 5.30pm

CHAIRPERSON – John Gordon

Item No: C0721(1) Item 3

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCIL WEBSITE WEEKLY UPDATE ON STREET MAINTENANCE

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council update their website every Monday or first day of the week with the street maintenance that has been done on the previous week ie the verge mowing, street cleaning, tree trimming, and garbage tin cleaning.

Background

In the interest of transparency residents need to know the work that is being done and will elevate many concerns they have. I understand the difficulties in providing forward scheduling as due to the weather would be labor intensive and far from accurate with timing. Hence providing information on the work that has been done it will be accurate.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Director Infrastructure:

Council manages and undertakes maintenance on 464km of roads, 578,000m² of grass verges, 80,000 trees and hundreds of public garbage bins. Each week, hundreds of maintenance services are undertaken on these assets.

There would be a substantial amount of administration to provide the information as requested on a weekly basis. It is estimated that it would take an administration officer one day per week to update the website with this information. This is not currently resourced within the Council structure and it would therefore require an additional part-time staff member at a cost of \$14,000 per annum. If this NOM is supported, Councillors will need to identify a budget for this additional resource.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 4

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: REPORT ON TREE LOSS IN ASHFIELD AND LEICHHARDT WARDS

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council receive a fully detailed listing of the tree canopy loss in Ashfield Ward and Leichhardt Ward over the past year; with additional emphasis on the two suburbs in Ashfield Ward that accounted for almost 50% of the tree canopy loss in the Inner West (i.e. Dulwich Hill and Ashfield).

Background

Council data reported that Ashfield Ward accounted for 64% of the canopy loss over the past year followed by Leichhardt Ward (23%). These two wards accounted for 87% of the canopy loss in the Inner West over the past year.

Councils' data showed the change in canopy for the 25 suburbs in the municipality. One suburb alone, Dulwich Hill, accounted for 27% of canopy loss across the entire 25 suburbs of the municipality!

The suburb of Ashfield accounted for 21% of the canopy loss.

That is, two of the 25 suburbs in the Inner West accounted for nearly half of the tree canopy loss in the Inner West. This requires examination.

Stanmore Ward and Balmain Ward, however, were the exceptional performers accounting for only 1% of the total canopy loss each. In Stanmore Ward a number of suburbs saw good canopy increases (Camperdown, Newtown and Enmore). So too for Balmain Ward. Both Lilyfield and Birchgrove saw solid increases.

The large Marrickville Ward accounted for only 11% of the loss. In this ward, Sydenham and St Peters were the two suburbs that saw canopy increases.

No suburbs in the Ashfield and Leichhardt Wards saw any canopy increase.

Ward	Canopy loss Ha	% of loss
Ashfield	-8.83	64%
Leichhardt	-3.22	23%
Marrickville	-1.47	11%
Balmain	-0.14	1%
Stanmore	-0.13	1%
Total	-13.78	100%

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Urban Forest and Ecology Manager:

The detailed canopy loss data can be presented to Council. It is suggested that this be provided as part of the review of Policy, expected to be able to be provided to Council within 3 months

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 5

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: PLASTICS

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Colin Hesse

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Write to the operators of shopping centres located in the Inner West Local Government Area asking them to install public drinking facilities that allow centre patrons to drink from a bubbler or fill up their own bottle rather than buying bottled water and contributing to the massive amount of plastic waste in our society.**
2. **Report to the June Council meeting on progress Council is making to eliminate the use of single use plastics in Council operations and events in accordance with the Council resolution C0918(1) Item 21 Single Use Plastics Reduction resolved 11 September 2018.**

Background

A resident has raised her concerns about the amount of single-use plastic water bottles purchased in our community, and the terrible contribution these water bottles make to plastic pollution in our society.

The resident notes that Council has installed bubblers and water bottle filling facilities in our shopping strips and parks and asks that shopping mall owners help the campaign to reduce plastic waste by installing these facilities in the centres they operate.

Residents of the IWC area are greatly concerned about our environment and in particular the impact of plastic waste on our community and around the world.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Urban Sustainability Manager:

A report can be provided to Council on eliminating single use plastics in Council operations and events. A letter can be prepared for Mayors signature encouraging shopping centres to install fresh water drinking fountains to enable customers to re-fill their own water bottles.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 6

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CASS AWARD WIN

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Mark Drury

MOTION:

THAT Council sends a letter of congratulations to CASS on winning 2021 Premier's Multicultural Community Medal.

Background

CASS (Chinese Australian Services Society), a dedicated and passionate community services provider supporting the Australian multicultural community for 40 years, has won a 2021 Premier's Multicultural Community Medal.

It was the winner of the 2021 Not-For-Profit Business Excellence Medal, which was presented by The Hon Dr Geoff Lee MP, NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, at the Premier's Harmony Dinner held on 13 March 2021 at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney. The late Chief Operations Manager of CASS, Maria Cheng, was also inducted onto the Multicultural Honour Roll.

Dr. Bo Zhou, the chair of CASS, said, "CASS was formed in 1981 and it has grown into a major social and welfare services provider with a very comprehensive range of community services serving more than 3,500 families of multicultural backgrounds each week, including Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Indonesian.

"The services provided by CASS include residential aged care, childcare, home ageing and disability services, settlement and health services, vocation and training services, volunteering services, Chinese language classes, cultural and interests classes. This Award is undoubtedly the greatest compliment to CASS."

The Premier's Harmony Dinner is an annual event organised by Multicultural NSW. It is aimed at celebrating a cohesive and inclusive multicultural society and recognising those who have contributed to the multicultural development in NSW.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Acting Director City Living:

Council has been working in partnership and collaboration with CASS for many years on numerous community initiatives including Seniors programs, English translations services, parenting programs, Lunar New Year events, playgroup support. CASS are also represented on the IWC Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC).

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 7

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MAYOR TO STAND DOWN

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Julie Passas

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MOTION:

THAT the Mayor to step down from the Mayoralty for the remainder of this term.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from General Manager:

A mayor holds office for two years subject to the LG Act (s230(1)) and ceases being a mayor if he or she ceases being a councillor (s234(5) LG Act).

The reasons for ceasing to be a councillor are set out in s234 LG Act and include death, resignation, mental incapacity, disqualification or dismissal from holding civic office and absence from three consecutive meetings without leave.

Council can lawfully call for the Mayor to stand down. It has no legal capacity to force the Mayor to do so.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 8

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CANOE LAUNCH RAMPS - MACKEY PARK

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Colin Hesse

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Notes the urgent need for repair works (and potential upgrades) along the Cooks River wall at Mackey Park canoe launch steps,**
2. **Notes the public safety risks and lost opportunities for recreational activities and amenity for the local community due to the current state of the canoe launch space,**
3. **Priorities the upgrade of the launch steps through an easing of the graded access to the river, and the provision of handrails in consultation with The River Canoe Club of NSW,**
4. **Works with Sydney Water, Crown Lands and any other relevant body to carry out these works,**
5. **Seeks grants funding from relevant sources and considers direct commitment of Council funds to ensure these works are carried out.**

Background

The sandstone rock wall on the Cooks River at Mackey Park is showing significant signs of deterioration, including water coming in behind the wall at various places, the decline of the wall, and regular inundation of the land behind the river wall.

The launch steps immediately adjacent to the River Canoe Club of NSW are similarly showing decline, with the corner stones loose.

Entry and egress to and from the steps and into a canoe are difficult at high tide, and worse at low tide. The steps are slippery, and cause canoeists to slip and injure themselves.

Safer entry to the river could be arranged by an easier grade and the provision of handrails.

In recent years the River Canoe Club of NSW has engaged significantly with the local community through regular sunset and sunrise paddles open to all at a very small cost, and their strong commitment to cleaning up the river through their engagement with the Cooks River Alliance, Inner West Council, and community organisations. The Club has demonstrated a genuine community focus.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Director Infrastructure:

It is important to ensure that recreational assets are maintained for safe and effective use by the community. Staff have inspected the wall. The deterioration of the river wall is significantly less than comparative sea walls which experience wash from powered vessels and tidal forces. Whilst the river wall is in poor condition in sections, staff are of the view that there is no imminent risk of failure or safety risk to the public.

Council has a Cooks River Parklands Plan of Management and Masterplan which incorporates the area occupied by the River Canoe Club. The Masterplan incorporates an Implementation Plan which prioritises works in the Cooks River Parklands. At this time, there is no proposal to undertake improvement works for access by canoes.

Land ownership at this location is complicated. The tidal part of the Cooks River is the responsibility of TfNSW (previously Maritime Services) and other land is owned by Crown Lands. Moving forward, staff will arrange a survey of the area to determine the location of assets in relation to the property boundaries and provide assistance and support to the River Canoe Club for grant applications.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 9

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: THE ROTUNDA PIONEER PARK: ADDRESSING IBIS DROPPINGS WITH MORE FREQUENT CLEANING

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Rochelle Porteous

MOTION:

THAT:

1. Council increase the current quarterly deep cleans of the Rotunda in Pioneer Park, Leichhardt to monthly deep cleans as soon as possible.
2. Council brings a report to the August council meeting outlining options for ecologically addressing this problem. Included in that report are options for a shade sail or other structure to protect the flooring of the Rotunda. Costings to be included in the report.
3. Funding for the additional deep cleans of the Rotunda to be included in the final 21/22 Budget when adopted by Council in June 2021.

Background

The Rotunda in Pioneer Park, Leichhardt is a popular space used by schoolchildren, families, including toddlers and an older womens' group who have been running Tai Chi sessions at the Rotunda for many years. It is the only safe, flat large space in the park where the sessions such as these and other activities such as concerts and play events can be carried out.

The Australian White Ibis have started roosting in the roof of the Rotunda and as such the droppings of the birds are covering this valued community space, making it, at times, unsafe to use.

The Rotunda, together with other key structures in the park, has a deep clean once every three months.

Community members have asked if there is a possibility of safely encouraging the birds to roost somewhere else or to cover the roof with a sailcloth to avoid the droppings polluting the floor of the Rotunda.

Australian White Ibis are natives and they are protected under section 98 of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. It has been accepted that the ibis are now part of the urban environment. This therefore limits Council's ability to intervene with the breeding of Ibis.

In the short to medium term more frequent deep cleans of the Rotunda floor will help to keep the floor clean. As part of a longer term solution Council should also investigate, noting that Australian White Ibis are protected, how this problem has been appropriated and sensitively addressed by other councils across NSW and also consider the option of a shade sail or other protective structure for the roof of the Rotunda

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Photo-Rotunda Pioneer Park Ibis Droppings



Item 9

Attachment 1

Item No: C0721(1) Item 10

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: GLADSTONE PARK: TOILETS, FOOTPATHS AND WASTE BINS

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Rochelle Porteous

MOTION:

THAT:

1. An audit be undertaken as soon as possible of the Gladstone Park toilets and a report be brought to council in July with recommendations on the implementation of a short-term solution with the upgrade of the toilets to address the safety, poor maintenance and smell issues. Funding to be identified or brought forward to 21/22 budget from the 22/23 budget;
2. Further advice to be sought on the heritage status of the toilets re the longer-term proposal to demolish them. That council commits to be building of at least one accessible toilet in Gladstone Park as a high priority;
3. The waste bins in Gladstone Park be emptied at least five times a week, including Friday, Saturday and Sunday and their usage monitored on an in-going basis; and
4. An audit be undertaken on the condition, safety and accessibility of the footpaths in and around Gladstone Park and a report brought to the July council meeting with recommendations on upgrading and repairing the footpaths, a timeline for implementing these works, costings and identified funding.

Background

The issue:

Gladstone Park is a popular central Balmain park frequented by families from Balmain Public Primary School and Fr John Therry Catholic Primary School, Balmain Hospital, users of the Bus Terminal, the Balmain high street businesses and local residents.

The park is over 100 years old. It occupies an elevated and prominent position on Darling Street. Below Gladstone Park is Balmain Reservoir, a significant structure which originally provided water to part of the peninsula. The Reservoir and Balmain Reservoir Valve House are important contributions to the heritage of Balmain and of Sydney. They are listed on the Heritage Act- s170 NSW State Agency Heritage Register and the National Trust of Australia Register.

The toilets:

The toilets at Gladstone Park are attracting complaints from residents due to their poor upkeep; persistent smell – particularly from the men's toilet; the fact that no toilet is accessible and the fact that they are unsafe to use. The men's toilet for example has no privacy screen on the urinal. The male and female toilets have high usage including use by bus drivers and bus passengers from the bus terminal as well as many park users. They are listed as having a high priority in the draft toilet strategy and proposed for demolition and complete rebuild of accessible toilets. There are funds allocated for works in the 22/23 budget.

The Waste Bins:

The waste bins are often full and overflowing. This would be because usage is very high with many of the staff and visitors to Balmain Hospital, the schools and local businesses bring food or purchasing take away meals and consuming them in the park and due to the use of the park, particularly at weekends, for picnics, family gatherings and children's parties.

The use would be equivalent to the use of bins in the high street. The Gladstone Park bins need a more frequently emptying cycle as a permanent arrangement.

The footpaths in the park:

The footpaths are generally in a poor to very poor state of repair. There is a high demand for the footpaths in and around the park to be in good condition and safe for wheelchair users and people with mobility issues as Balmain Hospital is situated across the road from the park.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 11

**Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SUMMER HILL RESIDENTS MUST BE HEARD.
SMITH ST DEVELOPMENT**

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Mark Drury

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Note that:

- a) amended plans were submitted by the Applicant on 13 May 2021 in relation to the development at 55-63 Smith Street Summer Hill;
- b) the notice to be sent from Council (as resolved by C0321(2) Item 25 Mayoral Minute: 55 Smith Street, Summer Hill), to residents informing them of how to make submissions on this application has not yet been distributed; and
- c) the Inner West Planning Panel Chair has now declined to meet with residents as requested by council, citing Departmental advice.

2. Require that the General Manager re-notify affected local residents of the amended plans;

3. Note that there is a strong community concern that in this process sufficient weight will not be given to:

- a) the provisions of draft instruments (namely the proposed Housing Diversity SEPP);
- b) likely impacts on the environment including social and economic impacts in the locality;
- c) the suitability of the site for the development;
- d) submissions by local residents;
- e) the public interest; and
- f) as required by Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

4. Requests that the Planning Panel have a meeting arranged to allow representatives of local residents to provide feedback to the Panel regarding their views on the proposed development, prior to the Panels final deliberative meeting for the proposal; and

5. Convene a separate public meeting in Summer hill, proposed to be held on 26 June 2021, so that residents can be briefed on the amended plans. The notice of this meeting can be included in the note Council has already resolved to distribute with information about how to make submissions.

Background

It was resolved on 9 March 2021 that Council:

Writes to the Chair of the Inner West Local Planning Panel, which will consider the development application for 55 Smith Street, Summer Hill, requesting that the Panel convene a meeting with Summer Hill residents regarding the proposal in order to hear their views, and further requests that the Panel hearing at which the application is to be considered be held in Summer Hill or Ashfield in order to allow residents to attend and their views be heard

Following the exchange of correspondence with the Chair, Mr David Lloyd, it is now apparent that all members of the Planning Panel are unable to attend any meeting discussing the development application, “unless the meeting has been organised at the request of the Planning Panel.”

On this basis, Mr Lloyd has declined an invitation to attend a public meeting that was to be held by the Summer Hill Action Group.

However, as per the advice from Mr Lloyd, he and other members of panel can attend a meeting if it is called by Planning Panel itself.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Senior Manager Planning:

Additional resourcing will be required outside core business hours to hold a public meeting if resolved.

Amended plans have been recently submitted to Council for the boarding house Development Application (DA). The revised proposal is now seeking demolition of existing structures and construction of a boarding house containing 97 boarding rooms (including on-site managers rooms) over 1 basement level of parking. As opposed to the original 105 boarding room proposal.

Council correspondence has been supplied to a third party printer/distributor to undertake a letterbox drop to all the residents in Summer Hill advising them of the re-exhibition (between 7 June to 28 June 2021) of the application based on the amended plans, how to view the amended proposal, the process of lodging a submission and the determination process with the Planning Panel.

To avoid any perception of bias, the Panel Chair, Prof David Lloyd has advised (in accordance with the Department of Planning Industry and Environment Planning Panel procedures) that panel members should avoid public meetings about a proposed development organised by members of the community or council, unless the meeting has been organised at the request of the Planning Panel. Prof David Lloyd has advised that the public will be able to make their concerns known at the Planning Panel meeting which will be considering the particular DA. A Planning Panel date is yet to be determined.

Further to the above, in accordance with Section 4.8(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (the Act), states that the functions of a Council as a consent authority in respect of a DA are not exercisable by the councillors. They are exercisable on behalf of the council by—

(a) the local planning panel, or

(b) an officer or employee of the council to whom the council delegates those functions.

In considering the DA, the consent authority must take into account such of the matters listed in Section 4.15 of the Act as are relevant to the application. These include any applicable State Environmental Planning Policies, Local Environmental Plans, Development Control Plans, the likely impacts on the environment including social and economic impacts in the locality, the suitability of the site for the development, submissions and the public interest. The consent authority has to determine the weight that each of these consideration is given.

Due to resourcing issues, staff are unable to conduct a public meeting on 26 June. In place of a public meeting, it is recommended that a pre-recorded webinar be uploaded to Your Say Inner West to advise the residents of the amended proposal, how to make a submission and explain the determination process with the Planning Panel. Alternatively, an on-line meeting can also be arranged.

If a public meeting is required suitable dates will be provided based on resourcing availability.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 12

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: ROZELLE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council sends a letter of congratulations to Rozelle School of Visual Arts, which is celebrating 50 years of teaching dance and arts in the Rozelle community.

Background

The Rozelle School of Visual Arts (RSVA) has been providing affordable recreational activities for the local community for 50 years. Catering to all ages from pre-schoolers to seniors, a range of classes have operated from the School over the past five decades, with a particular focus on dance.

Founded in 1971 by Barbara Cuckson with the support of her father, holocaust survivor and refugee Eric Cuckson, Barbara set out to provide modern ballet lessons based on the teachings of Austrian/Australian dancer, choreographer and teacher Gertrud Bodenwieser. She has continually operated these classes in the style since then with the assistance of her sister, Margaret Cuckson, and many others over the years.

The RSVA has also been the long-term home to the Rozelle Fencing Club from 1974 to 2017, the Rozelle Photographic Workshop since 1975, and a range of other specialist creative activities.

The RSVA has allowed thousands of local residents to participate in many other activities such as stained-glass making, jazz dance, drama, singing, highland dancing, Zumba, seniors exercise, drawing, painting, speech-making, yoga, childbirth classes, and been host to numerous art exhibitions.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 13

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: OPPOSITION TO CHANGES TO 370 BUS SERVICE

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Notes Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is undertaking community engagement into proposed changes to Sydney's South East transport network. This engagement finishes on 18 June 2021;
2. Notes that these proposed changes include modifications to the 370 bus route. This would see the existing 370 bus service now only run between The University of Sydney and Coogee. An additional bus route, the 469 bus service, would operate from Leichhardt to The University of Sydney (via Annandale and Glebe); and
3. Makes a submission to TfNSW's community consultation raising the concerns of Council to these changes. This should include reference to the significant dislocation that would occur to the Inner West if this important direct link from Leichhardt and Annandale to Newtown was to be removed.

Background

370 Frequent	Route changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This route will be modified to operate between Coogee and The University of Sydney, operating via Carr St instead of Coogee Bay Rd, and no longer operating between The University of Sydney and Leichhardt. Customers can use route 348 along Coogee Bay Rd, and new route 469 between The University of Sydney and Leichhardt. This route will be upgraded and become a Frequent route with services at least every 10 minutes during the day and at least every 20 minutes early morning and evening, seven days a week.
469	New route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This new route partially replaces route 370 and will provide a direct service between Leichhardt, Glebe and The University of Sydney. Services will operate every 15 minutes during peak periods, every 20 minutes during the day, and every 30 minutes early morning and evening.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 14

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: TRANSITION TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Notes the update on Council's Sustainable Fleet Transition sent to Councillors on 25 August 2020 (See below);
2. Explores funding opportunities from the NSW and Federal governments for installing charging infrastructure in the Inner West and reports back its findings to the October Ordinary Council meeting;
3. Resolves to ensure that planning processes for installing chargers is streamlined and simplified for businesses and residents;
4. Provides information through all of its communication channels of how Inner West businesses can install charging infrastructure;
5. Works with the local taxi and rideshare industry to facilitate charging facilities where the council can provide suitable parking or assistance, and;
6. Works with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) and Re:Mobilise (See Attachment 1) to:
 - a) Prepare of a comprehensive fleet transition plan including light and heavy vehicle fleet with a goal of adopting zero-emissions transport where a fit for purpose and cost-effective alternative exists on a whole of life costing basis, and;
 - b) Explore entering into memorandum of understandings to collaborate with other councils to aggregate buying power, and develop competencies required for the transition.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Mobilise
2. [↓](#) Briefing Note - Sustainable Fleet Transition



A Heavy Zero Emissions Vehicle Buying Collaboration

Re:Mobilise is a national aggregated buying collaboration for heavy zero emissions vehicles that aims to break down some of the key barriers to rapid acceleration of heavy vehicle fleets.

► WHY RE:MOBILISE?

Benefits of electrification



Economic value of up to \$640M

Buses and heavy electric vehicles make economic sense. With design and builds conducted in Australia, the transition to electric will create thousands of jobs across the country.



Social Impact

Through electrification, we can reduce the reliance on foreign fuel sources, improving local health through lower pollution and local employment.



Environmental Footprint

Every heavy vehicle removes the CO2 equivalent of approximately 18 cars. With accelerated transition, electrification has the potential to remove almost 30,000 car-equivalent CO2 emissions in Australia.

Barriers to overcome



Many perceived risks

The risks are viewed as higher than actual due to limited resources and understanding around electrification.



Limited supply

There are limited suppliers of vehicles and finance.



Complex business case

The business case is complex for many organisations where there is a shift to higher capital expenditures for longer term, whole of life savings.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Re:mobilise was created through collaborations between over 20 councils, a number of bus operators, state governments, logistics companies and industry groups.



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► WHAT WILL WE DO?

Re:Mobilise aims to manage the barriers and exploit these opportunities in three key ways:



Minimise Risk

Creating a collaboration group that can introduce mutual risk minimisation strategies.



Buying Power

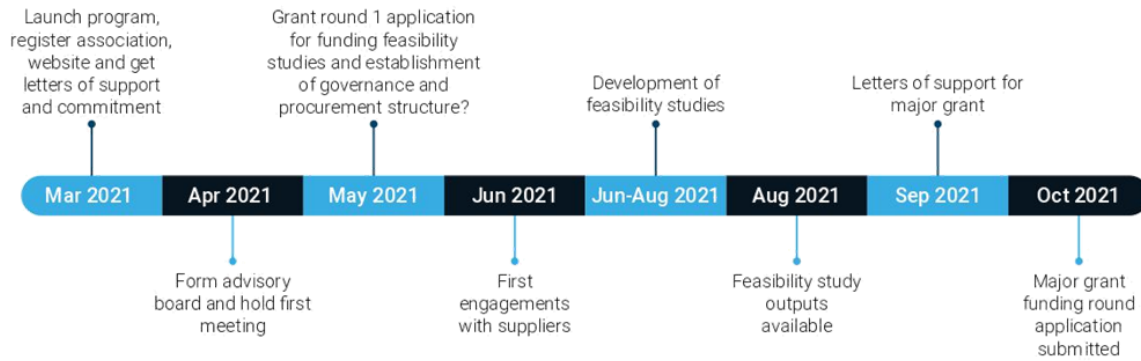
Bringing together hundreds of organisations seeking to accelerate the transition to zero emissions in their heavy vehicle fleet (including last mile delivery).



Government Funding

Targeting government support where it has the most leverage.

► WHAT IS THE PLAN



► RE:MOBILISE GOALS AND BENEFITS

We are asking organisations to commit to a letter of support for the following incentives:



Grant Funding

We will be seeking 50% grant funding for feasibility studies. We are asking for commitment to 25% of the costs (likely \$8,000) from the federal government.



Collaboration

We will collaborate with many other organisations seeking to electrify their fleet. Bringing learning benefits as well as cost reductions.



Commitment

We will provide genuine commitment to electrification of heavy vehicle fleets if the cost and risk elements can be managed.



Purchase

We will be utilising funding to support the purchase of at least one heavy electric vehicle by 2022.



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BRIEFING NOTE

To: All Councillors
From: Chief Executive Officer, Michael Deegan
Date: 25 August 2020
Subject: Sustainable Fleet Transition

Councillors,

An all-hybrid lease-back vehicle fleet is a practical first step in the transition to a zero-carbon fleet. The lease-back fleet is currently mainly composed of traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. However similar hybrid options are available and offer a straightforward like-for-like swap.

Analysis of a) the current lease back fleet, b) hybrid car replacement options, and c) scheduled vehicle turn-over shows that:

- Transitioning the lease-back fleet to all-hybrid is cost neutral
- Full transition can happen within two years
- An all-hybrid lease back fleet would reduce lease back fleet emissions by 26%
- An all-hybrid lease back fleet would reduce other tailpipe emissions.

The Leaseback Motor Vehicle Policy has been amended to reflect the transition to an all-hybrid lease-back fleet and has been endorsed by the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) and approved by the Executive.

Additionally, full electric vehicles will be increasingly introduced as costs decrease and the proportion of renewable electricity increases, commencing first with pool cars and regulatory vehicles. Council is a member of *Charge Together Fleets*, a program for electric vehicle fleet management, bringing together a range of resources for fleet & sustainability managers to help with the transition to electric vehicle fleets. Council's Fleet Manager maintains a watching brief on the prices and availability of electric options for heavy and light operational vehicles.

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Item No: C0721(1) Item 15

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: HAMMOND PARK

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Julie Passas

MOTION:

THAT Council provide a full report regarding the sporting clubs use of Hammond Park including:

- a) How the present use of Hammond park for different clubs comply with Councils Plan of Management;
- b) How many clubs are frequently using the park;
- c) Was approval given for the Food Truck and does this comply with regulations; and
- d) When and why was the gate to the park removed from the lane way off church Street.

Background

At the request of several residents for information regarding the use of Hammond Park.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Parks and Recreation Planning Manager:

Hammond Park is a local community park which supports both active and passive recreation. The Park includes formalised sporting facilities including a sportsground and tennis courts.

The use of the sporting ground complies with the Park Plan of Management, Council's Sporting Ground Allocations Policy and importantly the Local Government Act 1993. Ashfield Pirates currently have use of the sporting ground for weekday training and for weekend competition. School groups also use and enjoy the sporting ground during weekdays. The coffee/food van is operated by Ashfield Pirates football club and substitutes for the lack of a canteen facility at the park on match days. The food van was permitted by Council in 2017. It is owned and operated by the community based sports club and serves as a mobile canteen supporting the club and its local community members. Residents, sporting users and other park users are all encouraged to support use of the food van on weekend match play days. A chain gate was originally provided at laneway to Church Street and this has been vandalised in recent times. Council is in the process of replacing the chain gate with two removal bollards.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0721(1) Item 16

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: REQUEST FOR MOBILITY PARKING SPACE - 60 SMITH STREET SUMMER HILL

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 06 July 2021.

From: Councillor Julie Passas

MOTION:

THAT Council approve and implement this desperate request for mobility parking at 60 Smith Street, Summer Hill as a matter of urgency.

Background

I reluctantly lodge this motion in regard to a request from a 50year ratepayer, resident who has well documented mobility problems.

The resident has complied with all the mobility parking criteria and Council Officers requests.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Director Infrastructure:

The request for a mobility parking space at 60 Smith Street, Summer Hill was considered at the Local Traffic Committee meeting on the 21 June 2021, where it was resolved:

THAT:

1. Under current circumstances, the placement of a mobility parking space outside 60 Smith Street, be not supported;
2. The applicant be requested to clear material and/or modify/provide access from either of the existing off-street parking spaces;
3. Should accessibility issues remain following clearance and modification of the car/garage, the applicant is to provide to Council a report from My Age Care or an Occupational Therapist who has examined the property, to support any future request; and
4. A 'Letter of support' be attained from the applicant's neighbour at 58 Smith Street, Summer Hill as any mobility parking space would overhang the frontage of this property.

The minutes of this meeting will go to the Council meeting on the 20 July 2021. Council does not have the delegation to install mobility parking without seeking the advice of the Local Traffic Committee.

Council's Traffic Team staff will meet the Traffic Committee Chairperson and resident onsite to discuss the matter further.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.