SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020

6.30pm

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The following reports appear as late items with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the reports was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: RESTARTING LOCAL SPORTING COMPETITIONS

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Acknowledges that many adults and children are keen to resume playing community sport on Council's sporting grounds and fields;
- 2. Notes the patience sporting club members have shown while they wait for a health directive that allows Council's sports fields to reopen for community sport;
- 3. Notes that due to the lack of open green space in the LGA, the majority of community sports clubs have to share fields and sporting grounds and that their sporting codes have traditionally been divided into summer and winter seasons. We believe that winter sports should not bear the full burden of shortened playing seasons as a result of the COVID-19 closure;
- 4. Liaise with the NSW Office of Sport and neighbouring Councils on any proposed extension date to the winter sporting season, noting that a proposed extension will impact on other Council grounds outside of the Inner West LGA (including Canterbury Bankstown and Canada Bay);
- 5. Be guided by an agreement between Cricket NSW, AFL (NSW), NSWRL, Football NSW, Hockey NSW & NSW Rugby Union on recommended competition dates for the 2020/21 seasons and ground changeover dates; and
- 6. Submit a report to the 23 June Council Meeting on which sporting grounds have capacity for additional training or games given the rest the fields have had over the COVID-19 period.

Background

The Inner West Council is fortunate to have a great number of not-for-profit community organised and managed grass roots sports clubs. These clubs are affiliated with regional associations that are then affiliated with State-wide associations.

These clubs provide opportunities for healthy activities that also create and build community links.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has reduced the summer sporting season and has dramatically affected the winter season, sports clubs are very keen to get back on the field.

We understand that the key State sports associations have be working towards an agreement to provide for a unified and fair approach to allow them to return to the field of play. This currently looks like extending to winter season.

The cooperative approach by the State associations is a welcome development as it addresses the issue of many local sporting codes using grounds across a number of local government areas.

A number of sporting grounds seem to be in great condition and perhaps have capacity for some additional use including evening games and training under lights and this could be a negotiated feature of a revised winter sporting season when winter sports resume.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0520(2) Item 18	
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Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: ROAD NETWORK CHANGES IN HABERFIELD, ASHFIELD AND LEICHHARDT

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council writes to residents in Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Haberfield and Ashfield explaining Council's total opposition to the proposed road network changes to key intersections in Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt located at: City West Link, Norton Street and James Street; Dobroyd Parade and Waratah Street; City West Link, Mortley Avenue and Timbrell Drive and; Parramatta Road and Dalhousie Street (Attachment 1):

- a) The letter should also urge residents to make a submission in opposition to the proposed road network changes at ni@rms.nsw.gov.au.
- b) Notes that Transport for NSW officers have made a commitment to review and assess late submissions made after the deadline of 24 May.
- c) The cost of the letter's production, printing and distribution to be funded by the budgeted funds that have been allocated to Council's communications department in part 7(f) (Attachment 2) of the Mayoral Minute: Actions to Address Community Concerns around COVID-19 at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 7 April.

Background

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7. Notes the vital importance of communication with the community and between community members during the crisis, recognises Council's leadership role in facilitating this, and undertakes the following actions immediately:

- a) Makes Inner West Council's social media channels available, upon request, to not-forprofit community organisations and local service providers to promote resources, services, donations and volunteerism in response to the crisis;
- b) The Mayor to write to all residents explaining the ways that Council can assist them during the crisis and include information about local resources that are available to them, this should be done through letterboxing rather than direct mail. A "Hi Neighbour" postcard based on that already distributed by City of Canada Bay Council and other Councils (See Attachment 3) should be included in the distribution;
- c) Recognise the need for information to be made accessible in community languages and liaise with Multicultural NSW and local ethnic community organisations to make sure that Council's communication of health and other messages are accessible to all;
- d) Note the cancellation of the paper edition of the Inner West Courier by News Corp Australia;
- e) Write to the NSW Government seeking clarification about how Council's statutory notification requirements can be carried out as there is no longer a local newspaper to advertise in;
- f) Discontinue all existing advertising with the Inner West Courier and reallocate those budgeted funds to resource Council's ongoing communication with the community

during the crisis in the first instance and to communications generally in subsequent budgets;

- g) Allocate \$20,000 to social media expenditure to promote critical information and public health messages through the crisis;
- h) Collaborate with Australia at Home (See Attachment 4), the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance, community radio and other relevant bodies on a partnership to utilise new methods of communication to ensure our Inner West community is informed and connected during the crisis, with a report on the potential partnership to be tabled at the April 28 Council meeting;
- i) Liaise with the local RSLs about ways to conduct ANZAC Day commemorations with the population in isolation;
- j) Condemn in the strongest terms the hurtful and racist remarks and actions targeted at people of Asian descent amid the Covid-19 outbreak; and
- k) Express our deepest sympathies and condolences to all nations, particularly those who have suffered a significant number of deaths during the pandemic.

ATTACHMENTS

- **1.** Transport for NSW newsletter outlining road network changes
- **2.** Notice of termination Rozelle 20203103

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Community Update

Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt local network improvements

Transport for NSW is continuing to deliver critical road improvements and infrastructure upgrades to meet the future needs of our growing city.

The NSW Government remains committed to delivering these essential infrastructure projects which will help boost the NSW economy in the months ahead.

Transport for NSW is planning improvements to the road network in the Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt area to make travel to and around the area easier and safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. These proposed changes will help to relieve congestion around some key intersections and improve traffic flow and pedestrian connections between suburbs.



What we are proposing for your local area

We are proposing to make improvements to key intersections in Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt located at:

- City West Link, Norton Street and James Street
- Dobroyd Parade and Waratah Street
- City West Link, Mortley Avenue and Timbrell Drive
- Parramatta Road and Dalhousie Street

We are seeking your feedback on these proposals which are described in further detail in this brochure. These proposals are in the early stages of development and we encourage you to have your say by **Sunday 24 May 2020**.

Visit our interactive portal and meet the team

Please visit our interactive portal to explore our maps, watch our animations and provide your feedback online.

We are also holding webinars on Saturday 2 May at 10am and Wednesday 6 May at 6pm so you can meet our team and have your questions about the proposals answered.

Visit: nswroads.work/Nlportal



City West Link, Norton Street and James Street intersections

The changes we are proposing include:

- Combining James Street and Norton Street into a single, more efficient intersection
- Converting James Street to one way travel (northbound) between City West Link and Lilyfield Road
- Removing the northbound right turn from Norton
 Street onto City West Link
- Enhancing the pedestrian crossings at City West Link to improve safety
- Removing some parking spaces around City West Link, William Street and Norton Street

We will also work with Inner West Council and local businesses to investigate opportunities to increase parking to support local residents and businesses in the area.

These improvements will deliver:

- Improved travel times for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians when travelling through the intersection
- Improved travel times and reliability for buses travelling on Norton Street
- Safer pedestrian crossings
- Reduced travel time when you cross City West Link to travel between Lilyfield and Haberfield
- Reduced traffic queuing on Darley Road and Norton Street



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Dobroyd Parade and Waratah Street, and Mortley Avenue and Timbrell Drive intersections

The changes we are proposing include:

- Building a new pedestrian bridge connecting Timbrell Park, Reg Coady Reserve and the Haberfield community
- Removing traffic lights and all right turn movements
 at Waratah Street
- Providing an additional westbound through lane on Mortley Avenue at the City West Link intersection. This will involve removing around eight parking spaces on Mortley Avenue
- Widening Timbrell Drive (westbound) to provide an extended second traffic lane to improve access into Canada Bay and Rodd Point. This will require some vegetation removal, which will be kept to a minimum wherever possible
- Upgrading the Timbrell Park pedestrian and cycle shared pathway next to the proposed road widening
- Removing the right turn movement from Timbrell
 Drive onto City West Link
- Providing an additional dedicated left turn lane out of Timbrell Drive onto City West Link

The restriction of some movements on your local roads in this area is proposed to improve your enjoyment of your local area and to keep the main roads of Dobroyd Parade and City West Link operating efficiently.

These improvements will deliver:

- Improved safety outcomes for local residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in the area
- Improved safety and amenity for locals residents and Dobroyd Point Public School in Waratah Street
- Reduced traffic noise on Dobroyd Parade by removing a set of traffic lights near the New M4 Tunnels entry and exit
- Improved connections for pedestrians and cyclists between Haberfield and Reg Coady Reserve and Timbrell Park
- Improved travel times for local residents between Rodd Point and Haberfield
- Reduced queuing on Timbrell Drive and Mortley Avenue



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Dalhousie Street and Parramatta Road intersection

The changes we are proposing include:

- Removing the traffic lights at the Parramatta Road and Dalhousie Street intersection to convert it to left in and left out movements only
- * Providing a U-turn bay on Parramatta Road (about 100 metres east of Bland Street) so when you travel westbound on Parramatta Road you can continue to access Haberfield using Dalhousie Street
- · Removal of parking spots on Bland Street, near Parramatta Road to improve amenity and reduce

queuing near residential properties

- Building a new pedestrian bridge between Haberfield and Ashfield Park
- · Reusing the former Dalhousie Street right turn lane on Parramatta Road to extend the Liverpool Road right turn lane
- · Providing an additional westbound lane on Parramatta Road (on approach to the New M4 Tunnels) to allow two lanes to continue westbound on Parramatta Road past the New M4 Tunnels

These improvements will deliver:

- Improved safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists between Haberfield and Ashfield Park
- Safer and more efficient traffic flow around Parramatta Road and the entry and exit to the New M4 Tunnels
- Reduced traffic between local streets in Haberfield and the New M4 Tunnels
- Reduced queuing when you access Liverpool Road from Parramatta Road

- Improved safety and amenity for local residents and businesses on Dalhousie Street
- Restoring the visual amenity from Dalhousie Street towards Ashfield Park
- Less construction impacts by avoiding the need to widen Parramatta Road between the New M4 Tunnels and Liverpool Road



Attachment



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By signing up you'll never miss an update about the proposals and our webinars. To speak to the project team or sign up, contact us:



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Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS AND CREATIVE SECTORS

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Notes that the recently discovered additional \$60 billion allocated to JobKeeper provides funding that should be made available to workers previously excluded from the scheme;
- 2. Writes to the Prime Minister and relevant ministers asking them to broaden the JobKeeper scheme so that the freelance, casual and contract artists, journalists and other creatives, who are presently excluded from accessing the scheme will be eligible to receive the government payments;
- 3. Convenes a regional Arts and Creatives Forum, via teleconference, that will look at how best to support independent artists and small-to- medium arts, cultural and media organisations impacted by COVID-19 within the next two weeks.
 - a) Invites Chris Keely, Executive Director of Create NSW, and the Mayors of Blacktown City Council; Burwood Council; Canterbury-Bankstown Council; City of Canada Bay Council; City of Parramatta Council; City of Ryde Council; City of Sydney Council; Cumberland City Council; Fairfield City Council; Inner West Council; Liverpool City Council; Penrith City Council; Randwick City Council; Strathfield Council; Waverley Council; Woollahra Municipal Council or their representatives to take part in the Arts and Creatives Forum.
- 4. Retrospectively endorses the Creative and Cultural Resilience Grants program, which offers \$300,000 in new grant funding to support the Inner West's creative and cultural sector through the impacts of COVID19; and
- 5. Requests advice in the form of an update from the officers on how the recently announced \$50 million arts packaged from the NSW Government can be of benefit to the Inner West arts sector.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: INNER WEST DRIVE-IN CONCERTS

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Notes the drive-in concert that was held at the Robyn Webster Centre in Tempe Reserve last week (See Attachment 1), in an innovative attempt to allow for live music performance to be undertaken safely during the current restrictions on physical distancing;
- 2. Notes that the organisers, Drive-In Entertainment Australia (a subsidiary of Action Reaction Entertainment), have dates locked in for future concerts in NSW in July and are seeking to negotiate with local governments across the country to extend the program;
- 3. Write to the NSW Government seeking permission and direction for how Inner West can become a hub for such events at other locations throughout the local government area; and
- 4. Seek a meeting with the organisers to discuss the how future events can be held in the Inner West LGA.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Drive in Article

Driving home the classics in an inner-west car park: Casey Donovan fuels isolated party

By Robert Moran

May 21, 2020 — 7.06pm

In an outdoor car park in Sydney's Tempe, right under the temporarily quiet flight path, Casey Donovan belts out a cover of David Bowie's Heroes dedicated to the pandemic's essential workers. In lieu of applause, the audience – a grid of 50 or so sedans and SUVs – respond with blaring horns, flashing high-beams, and waving windscreen wipers.

In what organisers billed as "Australia's first drive-in concert", Donovan, who hadn't performed live onstage since her run in Chicago: the Musical was shut down by coronavirus restrictions in mid-March, sang for just over half an hour. She bantered with car passengers via Zoom, and quipped about NRMA's response time if car batteries – amid the endless blinking headlights and stereos channelling the onstage noise through their FM bandwidth – ran flat.

"It was bizarre, but bizarrely good," says Donovan. "I lost a lot of work over the last couple of months, so I'm on a high. It was nice to be out of the house and performing again."

Organised by Drive-In Entertainment Australia – a newly formed subsidiary of events company Action Reaction Entertainment, which before the pandemic focused on "brand activations and corporate events" – the free gig was the first local demonstration of a concept that's found favour in the US and Europe in recent weeks. The company has official dates planned for NSW in July, with Victoria and other states to follow.

Donovan says drive-in gigs could offer respite to a local music industry decimated by ongoing social distancing restrictions and already tiring of that go-to quick-fix, the livestream.

"This is better than a livestream. For starters, you're not in a room just by yourself," she says. "Sure, people are in their cars, but you have that real interaction: people wind down their windows and scream out to you... It's much better than an online performance."

For movie exhibitors, where the concept already has a lingering tradition, drive-ins remain a logical reaction to ongoing COVID restrictions. While Event Cinemas, operators of Sydney's last remaining drive-in, the Skyline in Blacktown, await state government approval to re-open, other companies have begun embracing the space.

In March, anticipating the writing on the wall for local live events after seeing the coronavirus' rapid spread in his native France, Vincent Hernandez – founder of the popular Mov'in Bed Outdoor Bed Cinema – shifted the company's short-term focus. Next week, Mov'in Car Outdoor Car Cinema will launch in the rooftop car park of Moore Park's Entertainment Quarter with a screening of Dirty Dancing.

"For me, it's a way of bringing entertainment back to a bit of normality in this very strange time, in the sense that you can still go for a night out," says Hernandez of the company's drive-in shift, a pivot that Melbourne's Hot Tub Cinema will also launch in July with their new Drive-In Movie Club. "We are seeing big families book cars which will be very fun, and I think there will be a lot of romantic dates nights which we've been missing for sure."

Hernandez is confident that the drive-in's current moment is more than just a novelty.

"I think drive-ins are one of those things that we forgot existed for a little bit but that now make a lot of sense," he says. "It's going to be interesting to see how many people re-discover the joy of that."

Item No:	C0520(2) Item 21
Subject:	MAYORAL MINUTE: VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
From:	The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT:

- Council opens an Expression of Interest (EOI) for external providers to deliver a three- month trial to establish teleconference capabilities to substitute for the loss of face-to-face consultation and engagement between Council and the community. The anchor point of this project would be the capability for Council to hold virtual town hall style, community meetings on plans of management, infrastructure upgrades, State Government infrastructure projects, public contributions at Council meetings and other issues of public significance;
- 2. The EOI is promoted through all of Council's communication channels; and
- 3. The results of the EOI be reported to the 23 June Ordinary Council meeting.

Background

In an incredibly short period of time the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the regular community engagement model that local governments have relied on and utilised. Street corner meetings, face-to-face consultation sessions and public meetings have all been eliminated as a result of physical distancing requirements.

This represents a huge reduction in engagement, consultation and notification to the community. It is vital that Inner West Council continue to keep a direct connection between Council and our community during this time.

The decision by the publishers to cease distributing hard copies of the *Inner West Courier* has also further reduced the direct communication channels between Inner West Council and the community.

Establishing the capability for Council to hold virtual town hall style, community meetings would provide residents with the ability to both see and hear advice and updates from Council, which could normally be gained from either one-on-one or public meetings.

As with Council Meetings, the content from these virtual town hall meetings could also be recorded to enable viewing after sessions. This method could also allow Councillors to interact directly with constituents as they would in a public meeting.

Resource Implications

Council has already resolved at the meeting on 7 April to redirect unspent money in the communications budget, currently set aside for the now cancelled advertising in the *Inner West Courier*, to cover the costs of the trial.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: PROMOTING RECONCILIATION WEEK

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Promotes National Reconciliation Week through all of Council's communication channels;
- 2. Promotes and invites residents to celebrate Reconciliation Week by watching a virtual cinema screening of the documentary film, In My Blood It Runs. The screening of the film should be promoted through all of Council's communication channels;
- 3. Acknowledges and reflects on Reconciliation Australia's theme for National Reconciliation Week, which is "In this together"; and
- 4. Notes it is the 20th anniversary of the Reconciliation Walks, when tens of thousands of Australians came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation to show their support for a more reconciled Australia in May 2000.

Background

National Reconciliation Week, which runs from 27 May to 3 June, is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each and every one of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Reconciliation Walks of 2000.

As always, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and Australians now benefit from the efforts and contributions of people committed to reconciliation in the past.

Today we work together to further that national journey towards a fully reconciled country.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We strive towards a more just, equitable nation by championing unity and mutual respect as we come together and connect with one another. On this journey, Australians are all In This Together; every one of us has a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

The timing of the week from 27 May to 3 June commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

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Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Council is a partner of the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum (ERLGATSIF), a network of six Councils: Waverley, Bayside, City of Sydney, Randwick, Inner West, and Woollahra.

Every year Reconciliation Week is marked by the Pauline McLeod Awards, which are hosted by an ERLGATSIF member Council. The awards recognise the "silent achievers" who have worked diligently in promoting Reconciliation through selfless acts.

Unfortunately, the Awards have been cancelled this year.

Residents can celebrate Reconciliation Week by watching a virtual cinema screening of the documentary film, In My Blood It Runs, and then tune in to a livestream interactive Q&A afterwards on Wednesday 3 June, 6.30pm and Thursday 4 June, 6.30pm. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/in-my-blood-it-runs-virtual-cinema-w-filmmaker-qa-tickets-103071266934.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No:C0520(2) Item 23Subject:MAYORAL MINUTE: SUPPORTING INNER WEST NGOS AND CHARITIESFrom:The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Immediately makes available the \$250,000 which was allocated to establishing a large-scale volunteer coordination service in the Inner West at the 7 April Extraordinary Council Meeting to local NGOs and charities to be used as grants to cover operational costs incurred by these organisations as result of them providing vital services during the COVID-19 crisis;
- 2. Meets with local NGOs, including but not limited to Addison Road Community Centre, the Exodus Foundation, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Inner West Neighbour Aid, Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, St Vinnies Rozelle and the Asylum Seekers Centre, within one week to discuss how the \$250,000 can be distributed to these organisations within 14 business days of this resolution; and
- 3. Notes that a report detailing the allocation of \$250,000 for the funding and the establishment of the volunteer service has not been tabled for consideration at a Council meeting nor has been it tabled for subsequent Council meetings.

Background

At the 7 April Extraordinary Council meeting, Councillors unanimously passed a mayoral minute allocating \$250,000 as an initial investment in establishing a large-scale volunteer coordination service in the Inner West, which would be aimed at mobilising the community to help alleviate hunger and isolation.

The motion also stated that following Council consultation with local NGOs and charities, a report with the details of the volunteer plan be tabled at the April 28 Council meeting. The report is yet to be tabled.

A number of staff and volunteers at these organisations have contacted me seeking to understand why these funds have not been allocated as required by the resolution of Council.

It is clear to me from my ongoing liaison with these organisations that Inner West NGOs and charities have an urgent need for additional resources to address unprecedented community need.

Given that a report and recommendations on how the funding could be used for volunteer coordination has not been produced in the intervening period and the funding commitment has been made already, it is now necessary to simply make the funds available for costs incurred by these organisations in responding to the crisis.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item 23

Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: CALLAN PARK TRUST

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Notes the University of Sydney's decision to vacate the heritage listed Kirkbride Buildings in Callan Park from April 30 2020;
- 2. Writes to the NSW Government:
 - a) Registering its disappointment that the they have encouraged the University to leave and have not arranged for a new tenant or use of the Kirkbride precinct and concerns that buildings.
 - b) Seeking clarification about the process and timeline for attracting a new tenant for the site.
- 3. Calling for the immediate establishment of a Callan Park Public Trust to secure the future of Callan Park and protect it in perpetuity.

Background

Council received correspondence dated 1 April 2020 from Dr Michael Spence AC, Vice- Chancellor and Principal of the University of Sydney, informing Council of the University's decision to permanently depart the Kirkbride Buildings from 30 April 2020.

With no new tenancy agreement secured, these amazing heritage buildings are now at risk of the same demolition by neglect that has seen the rest of the park fall into shocking disrepair over the past decade.

The establishment of the Callan Park Trust to protect and maintain Callan Park has been a long running request from the Inner West community and was a central tenant of the award-winning Callan Park Master Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Dr Michael Spence AC, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Sydney (which included a copy of the Notice of Termination sent to NSW Health)





Dr Michael Spence AC Vice-Chancellor and Principal

1 April 2020

Councillor Darcy Byrne Mayor Inner West Council PO Box 14 Petersham NSW 2049

By email: darcy.byrne@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Dear Councillor Byrne,

I write to advise you that the University of Sydney is set to permanently depart the 'Kirkbride buildings' within the historic Callan Park precinct.

The University occupies the 'Kirkbride buildings' - referred to as its Rozelle Campus - pursuant to an implied common law tenancy at will, terminable by one month's notice by either party under section 127(1) of the Conveyancing Act 1919 (NSW).

Yesterday, Chief University Infrastructure Officer Greg Robinson wrote to Property NSW to give notice that the date of termination will be 30 April 2020. (Attached)

The University's Sydney College of the Arts has been relocated to our main campus at Camperdown/Darlington, where it will continue to train exceptional, contemporary artists, researchers and curators.

Should you wish to know more about this matter, please contact Liz Hannan, Director, Government Relations, in the first instance. (liz.hannan@sydney.edu.au or 0409 587 949).

I sign off wishing you and your colleagues well during these extraordinary times.

Yours sincerely,

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Michael Spence

Attachment: Chief University Infrastructure Office to Property NSW - Notice of termination Rozelle (31 March 2020)

cc: Mr Michael Deegan, Chief Executive Officer, Inner West Council

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