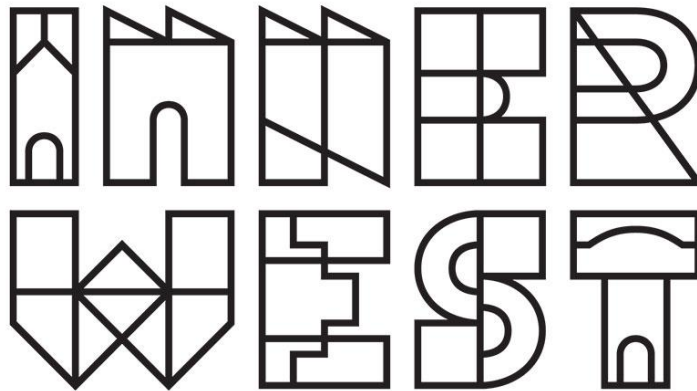


AGENDA



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

6.30pm

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Nil at the time of printing.

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Item No: C1021(1) Item 1

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCILLORS NOT ADVISED

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Julie Passas

MOTION:

THAT an explanation be provided as to who was acting at the time of the absence of the Mayor, General Manager and Senior Staff for up to four (4) days from 23 June 2021. Councillors are to be made aware when senior staff or Councillors alike are absent and who is acting in the role during this period in the case of an emergency such as lockdown.

Background

Councillors are aware that on Wednesday 23 June 2021, the Mayor, General Manager and Senior Staff were absent from Council duties for up to four (4) working days.

Councillors were not advised of this and it was during a critical time for council as we were heading into lockdown.

There needs to be an explanation as to who was acting at the time?

If there was an emergency and Councillors needed to make contact what arrangements were in place and who was in charge.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from General Manager:

The General Manager and senior staff were working during this period and were able to fulfill their duties.

The Mayor was not absent for any Council meetings and isn't required to notify Councillors if he isn't going to be in the office.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Sydney Morning Herald - 11 July 2021 - Emerald City

The Sydney Morning Herald

Lockdown breachers



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When it comes to the state government's public health orders it seems there are rules for some and different rules for celebrities.

Triple M breakfast host **Lawrence Mooney** copped a \$1000 fine for breaching NSW lockdown orders after travelling to Byron Bay for a two-week holiday while he was supposed to be locked down in Sydney.



Lawrence Mooney and family during recent Byron Bay holiday.

Emerald City was sent pictures uploaded by his wife **Lou Mooney**, who shared photos of their lavish Byron getaway on her private Instagram.

The Harbour City has been in lockdown since June 26 to combat the growing outbreak of the highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant.

Meanwhile, Inner West mayor **Darcy Byrne** skipped town in the hours before it was banned. His local government area was one of seven affected by a public health order announced at 11 am on June 25 that prevented people who live or work in those LGAs from leaving metropolitan Sydney.

But at lunchtime that day Byrne jetted off to Queensland with the intention of watching State of Origin game two on June 27 at Suncorp, much to the chagrin of some of his fellow councillors.

"I flew out of Sydney at lunchtime on Wednesday, June 23 for a long-planned trip to Queensland to watch the State of Origin," Byrne told Emerald City. "As the COVID situation evolved I made the decision not to attend the game. I flew back to Sydney on Monday June 28."

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Item No: C1021(1) Item 2

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: WEAR IT PURPLE

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Mark Drury

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Notes and celebrates the 12th annual Wear it Purple Day, to be held this Friday, 27 August, with the 2021 theme being “Start the conversation. Keep it going”; and**
2. **In recognising and promoting this message notes the decision of Comensoli v Passas [2019] NSWCATAD 155, handed down by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal during this term of Council which found that a complaint of homosexual vilification in breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act by Councillor Passas had been substantiated.**

Background

Wear it Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers, real heartache and their very real responses. In 2010, several rainbow young people took their own lives following bullying and harassment resulting from the lack of acceptance of their sexuality or gender identity.

Wear it Purple Day 2021's theme is focused on the important and necessary conversations we have in our daily life; that centre around sexual orientation and gender identity. It aims to remind people that the issues we reflect on Wear it Purple Day should not only be considered on that particular day... but every day.

In the 2019 case of Comensoli v Passas [2019] NSWCATAD 155, the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal found a complaint of homosexual vilification in breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act by Councillor Passas had been substantiated following a range of derogatory comments made by Councillor Passas to her neighbour following the successful Marriage Equality Plebiscite in 2017 and his flying of the Rainbow Flag on his property in celebration of the result

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Senior HR Business Partner:

Inner West Council proudly supports and celebrates its LGBTIQ community and staff, which includes continued promotion in the provision of a safe place for young rainbow people. On Friday 27 August, Council will again be supporting the Wear It Purple (WIP) community with the 2021 theme of “Start the conversation...Keep it going”.

Along with wearing purple clothing, a range of initiatives will be promoted and encouraged for staff to participate. Particularly matching the WIP theme, information will be made available for all staff, inviting to update and permanently change their Council email signature with their personal pronouns. Displaying your personal pronouns is a simple and effective way to use inclusive language, be respectful and continue ‘the important and necessary conversations we have in our daily life; that centre around sexual orientation and gender identity’.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 3

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: FLYING THE ITALIAN FLAG ON FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Lucille McKenna OAM

MOTION:

THAT Council each year on Festa della Repubblica (Italian National Day), 2 June, the Italian flag be raised on the Leichhardt Town Hall

Background

On Friday 11 June, a ceremony was held at Leichhardt Town Hall to launch “Little Italy”. The area bounds Norton St and Marion St between Hawthorne Parade and Balmain Rd.

The recognition of this small section of Leichhardt as Little Italy is a fitting tribute to the Italian community who have made and will continue to make a significant change contribution to Australia.

Following the Second World War many Italians migrated to Australia. Those who came to Sydney initially settled in Leichhardt, moving to other suburbs over time.

Many residents with strong connections to Leichhardt and of Italian heritage live in the near suburbs of Haberfield, Five Dock and Concord.

Leichhardt, the home of Co.As.It, the community organisation providing a myriad of services to old and young residents of Italian heritage, provides a strong Link to present and former residents of Leichhardt.

Flying the Italian flag above Leichhardt Town Hall will honour the many thousands of Italian migrants who have built this country after landing in Leichhardt.

Officer’s Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 4

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: REFUGEE ARTS PROJECT AT THIRNING VILLA

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Tom Kiat

MOTION:

THAT Council endorse the Refugee Arts Project as a tenant in Thirning Villa.

Background

In May 2021, Councillors received a briefing for the proposed uses of Thirning Villa and Elkington Cottage. A range of options were presented for the future use of these facilities.

Thirning Villa, based at Pratten Park in Ashfield, is one of Inner West Council’s Artists in Residence creative spaces and the only community cultural facility in the Ashfield Ward.

The Refugee Arts Project, a non-profit, community arts organisation established in 2010 facilitates art workshops, mentoring and skills programs for Refugees from Thirning Villa. The group is seeking an ongoing commitment from Council in the form of a lease / license so they can continue operating out of Thirning Villa.

As Council is a Refugee Welcome Zone Council, it is important Council demonstrate its commitment to the Refugee Arts Project by providing them surety with regards to their future use of the site

Officer’s Comments:

Comment from Creative Spaces Project Officer:

There are currently three tenants at Thirning Villa Ashfield District Historic Society, New Moon Collective and Refugee Arts Project.

The Refugee Arts Project has been an artist in residence in Thirning Villa since June 2018. As part of their residency, up to four groups of refugees and asylum seekers meet for creative and wellbeing activities. The artworks produced within their workshops are curated and shown in public exhibitions, online and in self-published zines.

RAP have collaborated regularly with the other Artist in Residence group New Moon Collective to develop, produce and exhibit at Thirning Villa. These exhibitions and projects successfully engage local communities and major organisations, such as:

- *I am Not a Virus* collaboration with Diversity Arts and #RacismNOTwelcome forum and exhibition (postponed due to Covid),
- *52 ARTISTS 52 ACTIONS* online exhibition, curated by RAP with Artspace Gallery,
- Damon Amb’s photography exhibition *Night*,
- Read to Me’s live visual storytelling *The politics of representation* and

UNSW's Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law's podcast storytelling project *Temporary* (both collaborations with RAP).

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 5

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: FEE WAIVER FOR SPORTING FIELDS GROUND HIRE

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council prepare a report on the ability to wave the fees for ground hire of sports fields as per the Canterbury Bankstown Council approach to assist our sporting clubs.

Background

See attachment

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Parks and Recreation Planning Manager:

The 2021 winter sporting season (training and competition) commenced in mid-March 2021 and ceased on Saturday June 26th 2021 when the Greater Sydney metropolitan area went into mandatory lockdown.

Council's Sporting Ground Allocations policy requires that winter sporting clubs are invoiced one month after the commencement of the respective sporting season. The majority of Inner West winter sporting clubs are financial and have paid the full amount of their seasonal winter allocations. Sporting fees for ground allocations for 2021 were based on old fees and charges (as per the adopted budget) which were not harmonised.

The 2021 winter sporting season has been cancelled for the remainder of 2021 with all parent sporting associations announcing that winter sport will not resume this year. In line with a whole of Council approach Council officers have advised all winter sporting clubs that they will be issued allocation credits for the 2022 Winter sporting season. The financial impact to Council is approximately \$200K in lost revenue. It needs to be noted that the sporting grounds have been maintained throughout the lockdown period and a full spring renovation programme has also commenced.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Football NSW Command CBC Decision to Waiver Field Hire Costs

3:38



footballnsw.com.au

FOOTBALL NSW COMMEND CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO WAIVE FIELD HIRE COSTS



30 August , 2021 By [Mark Stavroulakis](#)

Item No: C1021(1) Item 6

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: KEEP INNER WEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA NUCLEAR FREE

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Louise Steer

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Writes to the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Minister for Defence Peter Dutton expressing Inner West Council’s opposition to the presence of nuclear submarines in Sydney Harbour, noting the risks to human, animal and plant life posed by nuclear submarines and requesting that the Australian government ratify the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.**
2. **Notes the ‘nuclear free zone’ signs throughout the LGA;**
3. **Informs residents of its resolution via a media release and information in the next newsletter; and**
4. **Puts forward the following motion to the LGNSW Conference 2021**
 - a) **NSW Councils oppose nuclear submarines in Sydney Harbour;**
 - b) **That LGNSW writes to the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Minister for Defence Peter Dutton expressing opposition to the presence nuclear submarines in New South Wales waters, in particular Sydney Harbour, noting the risks to human, animal and plant life posed by nuclear submarines, and requesting that the Australian government ratify the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.**

Background

On 16 September 2021, the Australian government announced that it would build nuclear submarines in Adelaide. If nuclear submarines enter Sydney Harbour, they will create a significant risk to human life if there is an accident, or they are attacked by an enemy, or if they simply sink.

Nuclear submarines do not have a peaceful purpose. Their sole purpose is for military uses. At the end of 2014, the United States had 73 nuclear submarines in its fleet; 55 Fast-attack SSNs, 14 Ballistic missile SSBNs, and four guided missile SSGNs. The latter two submarines have the ability to launch nuclear missiles from under water onto land and have been in service since the 1980s.

<http://large.stanford.edu/courses/2019/ph241/woodhead2/>

If nuclear submarines are sunk, they leak radiation via the spent nuclear fuel, into the ocean for decades, which endangers human, animal and plant life. Even very small levels of

radiation can become concentrated in animals at the top of the food chain through “bioaccumulation” – and then be ingested by humans.

There have been numerous nuclear submarine disasters around the world, including an Indonesian submarine close to Australia off the Bali coast.

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2021/04/22/sinking-feeling-list-of-major-submarine-disasters.html>

Inner West Council and the former councils of Marrickville, Leichhardt and Ashfield have firmly established opposition to nuclear weapons and uranium mining as summarised briefly below.

In response to a widespread community campaign during the Cold War period of the 1980s and early 1990s, Marrickville, Leichhardt and Ashfield Councils opposed uranium mining and nuclear energy. The councils erected signs informing residents and visitors of their position.

On 13 November 2018, the Inner West Council joined eighteen Australian cities and local councils calling on the Australian government to join the United Nations Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

C1118(1) Item 12 Notice of Motion: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal

https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/11/C_13112018_MIN_2656_WEB.htm

On 22 September 2020, Council voted unanimously to oppose uranium mining in NSW.

C0920(2) Item 13 Notice of Motion: Uranium mining ban in NSW must stay

https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2020/09/C_22092020_MIN_3756_WEB.htm

On 8 December 2020, Council again voted to support the ICAN campaign to support the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to ask the Prime Minister to ratify the treaty.

C1220(1) Item 25 Notice of Motion: Support for the Ratifying of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapon

https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2020/12/C_08122020_MIN_3761_WEB.htm

On 21 June 2021, The Australian Local Government Association voted to support the UN Treaty against Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as national local government policy.

<https://icanw.org.au/alga-endorses-the-ban/>

In 2017, Local Government Super (LGS) reinstated its investment restriction on nuclear energy and uranium industries. LG Super has adopted Negative screens which include "We will not actively invest in companies that derive 10% or more of their revenue from Uranium mining/nuclear" Investment restrictions LG Super, viewed 10 Sep 2020,

<https://www.lgsuper.com.au/investments/responsible-investment/investment-restrictions/>.

In 2015, the City of Sydney and Leichhardt Council resolved to call on Local Government Super to reverse its decision to invest in nuclear despite claiming an ethically sound investment policies.

Fission over Local Government Super policy, 15 Jan 2015, City Hub
<https://cityhubsydney.com.au/2015/01/nuclear-council/>

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 7

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MANAGEMENT OF DISABILITY PARKING SPACES

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor John Stamolis

Item 7

MOTION:

THAT Council receive a report back on its management of disability parking spaces:

- a) number of disability parking spaces in the Inner West, new applications and closed permits (over time);
- b) how people can apply for these spaces;
- c) renewal processes for disability parking spaces;
- d) what process is in place when these spaces are no longer needed; and
- e) whether there is a process to open up use of these spaces if the permit holder is away for extended times.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 8

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: STREET TREE PLANTING UPDATE

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council receive a report on:

- a) on its street tree planting over 2020 and 2021;
- b) where this activity has taken place (by suburb or ward);
- c) how streets are selected for tree planting;
- d) how consultation with residents takes place; and
- e) how narrow footpaths and pedestrian access are managed.

Background

Councils street tree planting appears to be progressing well with increased investment as part of the Covid stimulus package.

Residents see this as a very positive program. The only concerns arise where footpaths appear too narrow to allow tree planting and pedestrian access.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 9

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SYDNEY SWAN'S WOMEN'S TEAM, NEWTOWN JETS AND HENSON PARK

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Welcome the announcement by the AFL that the Sydney Swans will be admitted to the AFLW league;**
2. **Recommit to hosting the Newtown Jets and Sydney Swans Women's professional sporting teams at Henson Park and seek to make the ground an official home ground for the Swans Women's team;**
3. **Work with the Newtown Jets and Sydney Swans to prepare a development application and submit a grant application to the NSW Government for the upgrade of facilities to allow both teams to play elite sport at Henson Park into the future; and**
4. **Commit to maintaining ongoing, unfettered public access to Henson Park for the community as occurs currently.**

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Director Infrastructure:

The Plan of Management for Henson Park has been adopted and permits the proposed upgrade. Council staff have been meeting with AFL and the Jets to discuss a pathway forward to progress their proposed development.

AFL are currently preparing a Heritage Study, which is a requirement for a pre-DA meeting.

Council staff intend to put a report to Council in October to outline further details on the proposed development. Specifically, the report will address:

- Legal advice is currently being acquired to determine if a public-private partnership (PPP) is required.
- The report will seek formal endorsement from Council to sign Owner's Consent (prior to lodgement of the DA)
- An estimated cost of works. It is noted that the proposed development is not currently funded.
- An estimated timeframe for the works.

Depending on the PPP, an Agreement to Licence and Heads of Agreement with AFL and Newtown Jets will need to be negotiated regarding the future Licence and sharing of the grounds. The Agreement to Licence needs to also outline the ongoing community access to the grounds.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 10

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CODE RED FOR HUMANITY

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Note the United Nations (UN) has issued a code Red for Humanity advising that only with immediate, deep and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, including methane gas, is it possible to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius and avoid the consequences of greater global warming including intense and frequent hot extremes, heatwaves, and heavy precipitation and, in some regions, agricultural and ecological droughts;**
2. **Note that if other countries were to adopt emissions targets similar to our own, it is very likely that global temperatures would increase by at least 2 degrees, and possibly by as much as 3 degrees;**
3. **Write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Energy and Emission Reductions asking the Government commit to a 2030 target for at least a 75% reduction in emissions;**
4. **Call on our local Federal Members for Grayndler, Barton, Reid and Sydney to take the Community Protection Pledge;**
5. **Note the “NSW Audit Report: Managing climate risks to assets and services” and and call on the Premier, the Treasurer and Minister of Planning to urgently adopt the recommendations; and**
6. **While preparing Council’s next Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Short and Long Term Financial Plans, Planning Instruments consideration will be given to the *Climate Risk Ready NSW Guide and Course* and the improvement of council’s overall and interim net zero targets, in line with the “Race to Zero Starting Line” criteria, and other initiatives for keeping global warming to 1.5 degrees**

Background

Here in the Inner West we are already feeling the effects of Global Warming, with inundation of the Marrickville Golf Course and the need to raise the changerooms at the Dawn Fraser Baths. Our storm water and sewerage systems will fail more often due to heavier rainfall and higher sea levels. Our air quality was severely impacted by the bushfires in early 2019 and our tree canopy and vegetation will suffer in prolonged periods drought. Our food supply is also at risk.

Climate Emergency

On 14 May 2019 Inner West Council unanimously declared a Climate Emergency including Council’s key performance indicators and policies by May 2020 - C0519(1) Item 7 Notice of Motion: Declaration of Climate Emergency, Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14

May 2019,

https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/05/C_14052019_MIN_3696_WEB.htm

“Code Red for Humanity” - Secretary-General, UN

“We must act decisively now to keep 1.5°C alive. We are already at 1.2°C and rising. Warming has accelerated in recent decades. Every fraction of a degree counts. Greenhouse- gas concentrations are at record levels. Extreme weather and climate disasters are increasing in frequency and intensity. That is why this year’s United Nations climate conference in Glasgow is so important.” - Secretary-General Calls Latest IPCC Climate Report ‘Code Red for Humanity’, Stressing ‘Irrefutable’ Evidence of Human Influence
<https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sqsm20847.doc.htm> (viewed 17 September 2021)

The IPCC’s ‘code red’: On 9 August 2021, the IPCC released its [latest report](#), which is a comprehensive assessment of the physical science of climate change. It is the most important climate science update for almost a decade.

[The report shows](#) that terrible and irreversible changes to our planet can be avoided only with immediate, deep and sustained emissions reductions. The report clearly states that the climate is changing at a rate unprecedented in at least the last 2000 years, and that the change is being driven in large part by the burning of [fossil fuels](#).

The report makes clear that every tonne of greenhouse gas emitted matters: ‘[With every additional](#) increment of global warming, changes in extremes continue to become larger. For example, every additional 0.5°C of global warming causes clearly discernible increases in the intensity and frequency of hot extremes, including heatwaves, and heavy precipitation, as well as agricultural and ecological droughts in some regions.’

Source: Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis, IPCC, August 2021

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-i/>

Statement by the Secretary-General on the report by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (17 September 2021)

Today’s report from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the Nationally Determined Contributions of all Parties to the Paris Agreement shows that the world is on a catastrophic pathway to 2.7-degrees of heating...
<https://www.un.org/sg/en/node/259106> (viewed 18 Sep 2021)

Community Protection Pledge: Taking Action on Extreme Weather - Emergency Leaders for Climate Action

Australians are experiencing disaster after disaster – from bushfires to deadly heatwaves to more intense rainfall and greater risk of floods. The impacts are being felt all over Australia, with some communities facing a cascade of disasters.

The Community Protection Pledge is a set of **10 commitments that every Federal MP can sign** to commit to protecting Australians now, and into the future.

Community Protection Pledge: Taking Action on Extreme Weather, Emergency Leaders for Climate Action (ELCA), <https://emergencyleadersforclimateaction.org.au/community-protection-pledge/> (viewed 17 September 2021)

NSW Auditor: Managing climate risks to assets and services (7 Sep '21)

DPIE and NSW Treasury's support to agencies to manage climate risks to their assets and services has been insufficient.

In 2021, key agencies with critical assets and services have not conducted climate risk assessments, and most lack adaptation plans.

DPIE has not delivered on the NSW Government commitment to develop a state-wide climate change adaptation action plan. This was to be complete in 2017.

There is also no adaptation strategy for the state. These have been released in all other Australian jurisdictions. The NSW Government's draft strategic plan for its Climate Change Fund was also never finalised.

DPIE's approach to developing climate projections is robust, but it hasn't effectively educated agencies in how to use this information to assess climate risk. NSW Treasury did not consistently apply dedicated resourcing to support agencies' climate risk management until late 2019.

In March 2021, DPIE and NSW Treasury released the Climate Risk Ready NSW Guide and Course. These are designed to improve support to agencies.

What we recommended

DPIE and NSW Treasury should, in partnership:

- enhance the coordination of climate risk management across agencies
- implement climate risk management across their clusters.

DPIE should:

- update information and strengthen education to agencies, and monitor progress
- review relevant land-use planning, development and building guidance
- deliver a climate change adaptation action plan for the state.

NSW Treasury should:

- strengthen climate risk-related guidance to agencies
- coordinate guidance on resilience in infrastructure planning
- review how climate risks have been assured in agencies' asset management plans.

Source viewed 17 Sep 2021, <https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/our-work/reports/managing-climate-risks-to-assets-and-services>

Race To Zero

Race To Zero is a global campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth.

It mobilizes a coalition of leading net zero initiatives, representing **733 cities, 31 regions, 3,067 businesses, 173 of the biggest investors, and 622 Higher Education Institutions**. These 'real economy' actors join 120 countries in the [largest ever alliance](#)

committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest. Collectively these actors now cover nearly 25% global CO₂ emissions and over 50% GDP.

The objective is to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy ahead of COP26, where governments must strengthen their contributions to the Paris Agreement. This will send governments a resounding signal that business, cities, regions and investors are united in meeting the Paris goals and creating a more inclusive and resilient economy.

More about Race To Zero Campaign at <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/race-to-zero-campaign>

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Urban Sustainability Manager:

Staff have no comment for points 1-5.

Comment for point 6 - In December 2019 Council adopted the Inner West Climate and Renewables Strategy which targets a 75% reduction in community emissions by 2036 and zero emissions before 2050. The community target is based on the *Inner West Pathway to Zero Emissions* (2019) report prepared by Kinesis. This report quantifies and describes the Inner West community carbon footprint, models future scenarios, considers Council's areas of influence, and makes recommendations for key actions that support community emissions reduction. Refer <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/live/environment-and-sustainability/at-council/response-to-climate-change/climate-and-renewables-strategy>. The recommended targets and key actions were incorporated into the adopted Climate and Renewables Strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 11

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENTS' PRECINCT COMMITTEES FOR THE INNER WEST COUNCIL

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Porteous

MOTION:

THAT:

1. Council consult with the inner west community in October on:
 - a) Whether they would like to see Residents' Precinct Committees (RPCs) established;
 - b) Which areas the RPCs could represent;
 - c) Where RPC meetings could be held locally;
 - d) How often they would like to see their local RPC meet;
 - e) How much support they want the RPCs to have from council; and
 - f) What they would like the role Councillors to be in their local RPC.
2. Relevant Council staff are also consulted on how best they can work with local RPCs:
 - a) To share information and seek feedback; and
 - b) To consult on local issues including: development applications in the area; traffic management proposals; proposed council policies and plans; changes to local services; plans of management and all of council issues such as our strategic planning documents, budget and delivery plan.
3. The results of the consultation to be brought to Council in a report to the Ordinary Council meeting on 9 November 2021 with recommendations on the establishment of RPCs where there is support; and
4. Noting that council will be in the caretaker period from November 5, council provides clear direction now that pending support being demonstrated from community consultation, Council gives in principle support to the establishment of Residents' Precinct Committees for the Inner West Council.

Background

Residents' Precinct Committees are committees of residents who meet regularly to discuss matters of concern in the local area. They are usually run and chaired by local residents.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has really highlighted the importance of local. The establishment of Residents' Precinct Committees (RPCs) will help further connect and support local

communities. RPCs are an anchor for the local community, bringing neighbours together; helping new arrivals to the area settle in; providing local information and advice and helping to identify those who need help. They are also an important voice for the local community and a bridge between council and local communities.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Communications and Engagement Manager:

The current Council considered a report on advisory committees in December 2017 and adopted a structure of local democracy groups in May 2018 that did not include Resident Precinct Committees. Consideration of establishment of Resident Precinct Committees should be a matter for the new Council, to be elected in December 2021.

Under S402A of the Local Government Act, Councils are required to “prepare a Community Engagement Strategy to support the development of all their plans, policies, programs and key activities. This includes those relating to IP&R, as well as strategic plans and programs required under other legislation. Engagement activities should be incorporated into one overarching strategy, to be endorsed by council.” Under the recent amendments to the Act, Councils are required to establish and implement a Community Engagement Strategy in accordance with section 402A, within 12 months after the next election.”*

Council staff will be reviewing our practice and researching other Council's engagement strategies to inform the new Council's development of its Community Engagement Strategy.

* [IPR - Guidelines \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/ipr-guidelines)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1021(1) Item 12

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: ENDING PERIOD POVERTY IN THE INNER WEST

Council Meeting at its meeting on 28 September 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

From: Councillor Lucille McKenna OAM

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive a report from Council Officers on a pilot program of supplying free period products in Council-run libraries, pools, community centres, sporting ground change rooms, and highly utilised public toilets. The report include an assessment of the need for the service and the costs; and**
- 2. Consult with relevant community organisations, health services, schools and sports clubs about the pilot in developing the report.**

Background

Period poverty describes the effect of girls and women missing out on community engagement and educational opportunities because of being unable to afford or ask for menstrual products. Period poverty has a particularly detrimental effect on women who are homeless, whether that means sleeping rough, couch surfing or staying in unstable or overcrowded accommodation excluding them from employment and social opportunities.

Governments at many levels are taking action to address this inequality. Free menstrual products are supplied in Scotland (all public buildings, under Scottish legislation) New Zealand (schools) and Victoria (schools) The NSW Department of Education is trialling a schools program in 2021. Melbourne City Council agreed in April 2021 to fund a year-long pilot program to make sanitary products available in public change rooms, recreation centres, swimming pools, community centres and libraries.

The Inner West Council could adopt a similar program, making free period products available in Council run libraries, pools, community centres, highly-utilised public toilets.

The benefits of initiating such a program would include:

- Ensuring supply of essential hygiene products to people in need
- Facilitating increased community and educational engagement by girls and women, reducing barriers to education (library) and sporting opportunities (pools, public toilets at sports grounds)
- Reducing the stigma associated with periods

Melbourne City Council’s trial program for 6 sites for one year was reported to cost \$10 000 for the year.

Appropriate sites could include a mix of Council’s facilities frequented by young people such as libraries and pools; community facilities, accessible public toilets and change rooms at sporting grounds.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.