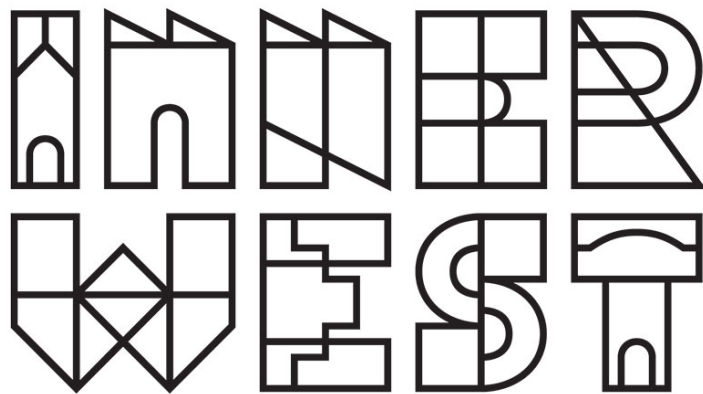


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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024

6:30 PM

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Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath/ Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the Inner West Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

It is also a requirement that the Mayor and Councillors disclose conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

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**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 September 2024 at
Ashfield Service Centre**

Meeting commenced at 6:35pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Justine Langford	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Kobi Shetty	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Timothy Stephens	Councillor
Zoi Tsardoulis	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Manod Wickramasinghe	Acting Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Melanie Gurney	Acting Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Ken Welsh	Coordinator Strategic Transport Planning
Chris Sleiman	Chief Financial Officer
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Motion: (Byrne/Howard)

That apologies from Councillor Griffiths be accepted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Atkins declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 - 2024 Inner West Council Annual Grants, as they are a member of the Older Women's Network which is a recipient of grants. They will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting, as they are a member only and not involved in management or administration, nor is there any reasonable likelihood of financial gain or loss to them nor a close associate.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 and Item 13 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 August 2024 as he works in the Ministerial Office of the Minister for Transport, who in his capacity as the Member for Summer Hill has a representative on the Local Traffic

Committee. He will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting as the vote of the State Member is exercised through a representative.

Councillor Howard declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 18 - Inner West Cycling Update as his primary residence is located on one of the streets where works are being discussed. He will leave the meeting for discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 19 - Pathway to a Safer Cooks River Walking and Cycling Trail as he works in the office of the Minister for Transport. This item references the closure of the T3 Bankstown Line but does not substantively regard that matter and as such, he does not believe it constitutes a significant conflict and so will remain in the meeting for discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility and Item 39 - Notice of Motion: Lewisham Town Centre Upgrade as he works in the office of the Minister for Transport and in that capacity has been directly engaged in work around station upgrades. Out of an abundance of caution, and to avoid any perception of risk, he will remove himself from the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 55 - Bridgewater Park Construction Lease to Transport for NSW, as he works in the Office of the Minister for Transport. As this is a legal matter that involves Transport for NSW, and out of an abundance of caution so as to avoid any perception of conflict, he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Smith declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 as her principal place of residence which she rents is on Railway Street, Petersham is within the Petersham North LATM Plan precinct (Item 4 of the LTC meeting minutes) and a number of treatments are recommended for that street within the report. As she does not own the property in question, she will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Shetty declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 and Item 13 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 August 2024 as she is the State Member for Balmain and has a representative on the Local Traffic Committee. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting as the vote of the State Member is exercised through a representative.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 1 - Draft Council Submission - Greater Sydney City Parklands and Callan Park Plan of Management and Item 44 - Notice of Motion: Callan Park Playing Fields out of abundance of caution due to his being Council's delegate to the Callan Park Community Board. However, he noted that Clause 4.6(o) of the Code of Conduct provides that an interest arising from the appointment of a councillor to a body as a representative or delegate of the Council, whether or not a fee or other recompense is payable to the representative or delegate, which in this case it does not, is not required to be disclosed and as such he will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Stamolis declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - Draft Council Submission - Greater Sydney Parklands and Callan Park Plan of Management and Item 44 - Notice of Motion: Callan Park Playing Fields, as he is a long standing member of the Friends of Callan Park.

Motion: (Stephens/Langford)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Scott/Langford)

That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 13 August 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

The registered speakers were asked to address the meeting. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these minutes.

C0924(1) Condolence Motion: Carol Carney

Motion: (Tsardoulis/Howard)

That the Inner West Council record our sadness of the passing of Carol Carney and write to the family expressing our condolences.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Atkins)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:

1. Item 3 Post Exhibition - Naming Policy
2. Item 6 Lunar New Year 2025 Celebrations Proposed Program
3. Item 7 Arts and Music Recovery Plan - Bi-Monthly Update
4. Item 10 Customer Service in Development Assessments - Bi-Monthly Report
5. Item 12 Direct Employment Of People With A Disability - Bi-Monthly Report
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18. Item 41 Notice of Motion: Polly's Club
19. Item 42 Notice of Motion: Taxis and abandoned vehicles in South Marrickville
20. Item 43 Notice of Motion: Rubbish in Tempe Reserve, Tempe; Peace Park, Marrickville; Sydenham Green and the Amy Street Playground, Marrickville (Henson Park)
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22. Item 47 Notice Of Motion: Temporary Use Of Hoskins Park And Laxton Reserve As Off-Leash
23. Item 48 Notice Of Motion: Livingstone Road And Hill Street, Marrickville
24. Item 54 Major Capital Projects Committee and Project Summary Report
25. Item 56 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report
26. Item 57 Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Members

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Atkins)

That the following items be moved in globo and the recommendations contained within the report be adopted:

1. Item 3 Post Exhibition - Naming Policy
2. Item 6 Lunar New Year 2025 Celebrations Proposed Program
3. Item 7 Arts and Music Recovery Plan - Bi-Monthly Update
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Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 3 Post Exhibition - Naming Policy

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

- 1. That Council adopt the Naming Policy.**
- 2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally, and externally the adopted Naming Policy.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 6 Lunar New Year 2025 Celebrations Proposed Program

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council approve the expanded Lunar New Year Celebrations for 2025.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 7 Arts and Music Recovery Plan - Bi-Monthly Update

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Arts and Music Recovery Plan will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation plan is being reported to Council quarterly via the operational plan.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 10 Customer Service in Development Assessments - Bi-Monthly Report

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Development Assessment Customer Service Action Plan will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation plan is being reported to Council quarterly via the operational plan.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 12 Direct Employment of people with a disability - Bi-monthly Report

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Direct Employment of People with a Disability will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation of the recommendations are being reported to Senior Executive Team of Council.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 13 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 August 2024

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 August 2024.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 16 Investment Report at 30 June 2024

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 20 Rezoning of Leichhardt Bowling Club

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 21 FOGO Monthly Update - August 2024

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 23 Councillor Expenses for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 24 2023-2024 Annual Disclosures of Interest and Designated Persons Disclosures of Interest

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 27 Notice of Motion: No Net Dwelling Loss Rules

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council prepare a planning proposal to include objectives and controls in the Inner West Local Environment Plan 2022 to protect against the net reduction of dwellings on a development site to be brought to Council early in 2025.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: St Peters Interchange Contamination

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

- 1. That Council notes that on 25 June 2024, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) declared the St Peters Interchange site significantly contaminated based on high methane and carbon dioxide concentrations stemming from historic use of the site as a landfill.**
- 2. That Council notes that concerns about pollution at the site have been raised by the community and Council for many years, and there has been a long history of**

unsafe and illegal contamination issues here.

3. That Council notes that Transport for NSW has consistently failed to publish all of the pollution data it is required to monitor and report as a condition of its Environment Protection Licence for the site, and that the reports it has published have had serious errors and omissions.
4. That Council notes that the EPA has consistently failed to take compliance action against Transport for NSW for these monitoring and reporting breaches, despite repeated requests from Council and the community.
5. That Council notes that the parklands that were supposed to be provided at the St Peters Interchange under the conditions of approval for WestConnex, including the park at the corner of Princes Highway and Canal Road that was due to open in 2019, have still not been delivered, and that no timeframe has been given for the delivery of these parklands.
6. That Council writes to the Minister for the Environment and the EPA to request that they:
 - a) provide an urgent briefing as to why the EPA has chosen to declare the site as significantly contaminated now, when pollution issues have existed here for many years, and what this will mean for the ongoing management of the site;
 - b) keep our local community fully informed of the actions the EPA will be taking to resolve contamination issues at the site, including regular updates to Council;
 - c) share any reports that the EPA has ordered Transport for NSW to provide in relation to the site with Council as soon as possible, as previously requested by Council on multiple occasions; and
 - d) take enforcement action on any breaches on any non-compliance issues and licence breaches at the site to protect our local community, and keep Council updated on those actions.
7. That Council continues to call on the NSW Government to work with Council to identify an alternative site to provide genuine parkland for the community as compensation for the impacts of WestConnex.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Supporting Visual Artists and Writers to find Affordable Spaces to Work in the Inner West

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council investigate and report back on Council-owned properties and spaces across the Inner West that are suitable for ongoing use by visual artists and writers.
2. That Council meet with Brand X, who collaborated with Council on the Tempe Jets live music hub, from 2014-2024, to discuss opportunities to re-purpose vacant Council properties and spaces into affordable cultural places where visual artists and writers have security of tenure.
3. That Council seek grants and opportunities from Federal and State arts agencies, including Creative Australia, to support artists to locate and establish affordable

creative spaces in the Local Government Area.

4. That Council investigate ways that Council can support artists and writers in the establishment of new creative spaces, such as education on permissible use and in sourcing specialist service providers including Building and Fire Safety Certifiers and Town Planners.
5. That Council suggest ways that Council can incentivise property owners to rent their premises to creatives.
6. That Council note the success of the Inner West Writer in Residence program for emerging writers, conducted recently at the NSW Writer's Centre.
7. That Council support local writers by identifying Council-owned spaces across the Inner West that are suitable for a Writer in Residence program for established writers over the age of 18.
8. That Council investigate opportunities for further collaboration with Writing NSW to support emerging and established writers across the Inner West.
9. That Council bring a report back to the November 2024 Council meeting on all the above.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety on Brighton Street, Petersham

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council notes the concerns of local residents about speeding vehicles on Brighton Street travelling from West Street, particularly given proximity to a pre-school and Petersham Park, and the frequency of heavy vehicles accessing Brighton Street as a rat run despite existing restrictions.
2. That as part of the Petersham North LATM Plan endorsed by the Traffic Committee, Council investigate and expedite measures to prevent speeding and improve pedestrian safety on Brighton Street, including but not limited to:
 - a) reducing the speed limit to 40km/h;
 - b) installation of raised pedestrian crossings on Brighton Street at the Petersham Park gate, Palace Street and Railway Street intersections;
 - c) installation of a pedestrian island; and
 - d) installation of additional speed humps and kerb blisters,
3. That Council write to Transport for NSW seeking advice on how existing heavy vehicle restrictions on Brighton Street can be better enforced and what other measures council can take to deter heavy vehicle through access.
4. That Council receive a report back on the above to the Traffic Committee.
5. That following endorsement of the Petersham North LATM Plan, Council write to residents on Brighton Street and neighbouring streets to advise them of what action Council is taking to improve pedestrian safety.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: West Street and Railway Terrace Intersection

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note long-standing concerns of and advocacy by local residents and the Petersham Public School P&C about pedestrian safety at the West Street and Railway Terrace intersection.
2. That Council note works that were completed by council in this term to improve safety, including kerb expansion and installation of fencing around the intersection.
3. That Council, noting that both roads concerned are state and regional roads, write to Transport for NSW:
 - a) advocating that the speed limit on Railway Terrace to be reduced to 50km/h;
 - b) requesting consideration of a scramble crossing at the intersection to provide additional and clearly marked pedestrian crossing options;
 - c) requesting a review of safety and performance of traffic light signals; and
 - d) consideration of other measures to help improve pedestrian safety at the intersection.
4. That Council receive a report back to the Traffic Committee on the above.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossings on Marrickville Road

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note resident concerns that motorists often speed through the pedestrian crossings in the town centre of Marrickville, including those at Marrickville Road/Despointes Street, Marrickville Road/Gladstone Street and Illawarra Road at the Calvert Street carpark.
2. That Council conduct a safety review of these pedestrian crossings with a view to making them safer for pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.
3. That Council report the safety review to the Local Traffic Committee by November 2024.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Pollys Club

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council congratulate the Pollys Club on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary, making them the longest continuously running LGBTIQA+ social group in Australia.
2. That Council recognise the extraordinary contribution the Pollys have made to the Marrickville and Inner West Community over many decades, including hosting their annual dances at Marrickville Town Hall, raising money for charities focused on men's health, women's health, youth health, mental health and animal welfare.
3. That Council thanks members of the Pollys Club, including the current President David Haynes, for their contribution to vulnerable people within the LGBTIQA+ community.
4. That Council notes there is a plaque on the Rainbow Seats on Marrickville Road recognising the Pollys Club and their ongoing connection to Marrickville Town Hall.
5. That Council includes a feature on the Pollys Club in an upcoming Council community news.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Taxis and abandoned vehicles in South Marrickville

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council notes the recent resolutions passed by Inner West Council to help manage the growing problem of abandoned taxis and vehicles in South Marrickville.
2. That Council acknowledges residents are understandably frustrated and eager for the issue to be resolved, with some cars reported left on residential streets for weeks and months.
3. That Council notes council staff are currently consulting residents on a resident parking scheme in affected streets in South Marrickville.
4. That Council requests staff continue engaging with businesses in Carrington Road about the impact of leaving taxis and abandoned vehicles on local streets, demand they cease this practice and work with them to find alternative options for parking to resolve the issue.
5. That Council requests staff write an urgent letter to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig, explaining the extent of the issue and seeking greater powers to act in instances where private businesses are impacting residential parking.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Rubbish in Tempe Reserve, Tempe; Peace Park, Marrickville; Sydenham Green and the Amy Street Playground, Marrickville (Henson Park)

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note the growing and persistent issue of rubbish being left in larger parks across the Marrickville-Midjubi Ward, including Tempe Reserve, Peace Park, Sydenham Green and the Amy Street playground.
2. That Council note resident frustration about this issue and the risks associated with accumulated garbage in these locations, particularly for the children, dogs and residents who use them throughout the week.
3. That Council request staff undertake regular, additional clean up and maintenance of these parks on weekends and Monday mornings and to review the capacity of the existing bins at each park, with services and additional or upgraded bins funded through the next quarterly budget review process.
4. That Council request that the red-lid garbage bins at the Amy Street Park be replaced with metal bins to limit illegal dumping at the location.
5. That Council report back to Councillors via councillor briefing about the additional actions being taken to resolve this issue.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: Hinsby Park and Piper Street North and South

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council convene an onsite meeting at Hinsby Park in Annandale to consult local residents about potential improvements to the Park as well as improving traffic management around the Park, including consideration of making Piper Street north and south one way.
2. That a report on the outcomes of the consultation be reported to the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 47 Notice of Motion: Temporary Use of Hoskins Park and Laxton Reserve as Off-Leash

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council allows the temporary use of Hoskins Park and Laxton Reserve as designated off-leash dog areas during specific hours on certain days while Johnson Park in Dulwich Hill is closed for essential construction works.
2. That Council sets the designated off-leash hours as follows:
 - a) Laxton Reserve: Monday to Friday, 6:00 am – 8:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - b) Hoskins Park: Saturday and Sunday 6:00 am – 8:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
3. That Council installs appropriate signage and facilities at Hoskins Park and Laxton Reserve to designate the area as off-leash during the period of Johnson Park's closure.
4. That Council ensures that nearby residents and park users are informed of the temporary change and that feedback from the community is considered throughout this period.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 48 Notice of Motion: Livingstone Road and Hill Street, Marrickville

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note that residents report a several accidents and incidents at the intersection of Hill Street and Livingstone Road, Marrickville.
2. That Council investigate the installation of a roundabout at the intersection to improve safety at the intersection.
3. That Council formally review safety at the intersection, including surveying local residents, and report back to the Local Traffic Committee by the end of 2024

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 54 Major Capital Projects Committee and Project Summary Report

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Major Capital Projects Committee meetings held on 27 May 2024 and 24 June 2024.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 56 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 57 Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Members

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council resolves to appoint Ms Emily Hodgson as an Independent Member to the Inner West Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for the remainder of ARIC's meeting for the 2024 calendar year.
2. That Council resolves to appoint Ms Heather Smith as an Independent Member to the Inner West Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for the remainder of ARIC's meeting for the 2024 calendar year.
3. That Council resolves to amend the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Terms of Reference, as attached to the report, to increase the number of Independent Members on Council's ARIC to three independent members.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 1 Draft Council Submission - Greater Sydney Parklands and Callan Park Plan of Management

Motion: (Scott/Stephens)

1. That Council endorse the draft Council officer submission on the Draft Plan of Management for Callan Park and submit this to the Greater Sydney Parklands for consideration.
2. That all references to the ownership of Callan Park should be corrected; noting that two-thirds or 38 ha of Callan Park is owned and managed by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CPMPT) under the guidance of the Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002. The remaining area is managed by NSW Health. Inner West Council is the planning consent authority.
3. That any activity on site must be approved by the Greater Sydney Parklands Authority (GSP).
4. That, in regard to Cycling Improvements and Opportunities (second last bullet, page 25), to reduce the speed limit to 25kms (rather than 30kms) noting that Callan Park roads are shared between cars, bicycles, scooters, pedestrians and many dog walkers on the site.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)

That Community Recreation and Wellness Projects (bullet point 7, page 23) to delete “putting synthetic sporting surfaces on the footprint of buildings which have been demolished”.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)

That Council note the high level of community concern and opposition in regard to the installation of synthetic turf in the historic and iconic parklands of Callan Park.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)

That Council note community concerns about lack of consultation in regard to Councils submission.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

C0924(1) Item 2 Public Exhibition - Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2036

Motion: (Smith/Langford)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Inner West Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2036 (*Attachment 1* of the Council report) for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Strategy, with the addition of information regarding the Inner West Council's trial of micro-forests in Section 3: Urban Ecology at Inner West Council and the continuation of the trials as an action point in theme 1 of the action plan.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Inner West Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2036 be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.
3. That feedback be sought specifically from local environmental organisations such as the Cooks River Alliance, the Parramatta River Catchment Group, the Australian Conservation Foundation Community Inner West and Climate Inner West as well as the noted previous contributors.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Amendment (Langford/Da Cruz)

That Council officers bring a report back to October 2024 Council meeting outlining how synthetic turf sporting fields impact on biodiversity.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Councillor Da Cruz left the meeting at 7:35pm

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Stephens)

That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 4.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Da Cruz

C0924(1) Item 4 Post Exhibition - Anti-Racism Strategy

Motion: (Howard/Lockie)

1. That Council adopt the Anti-Racism Strategy.
2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally, and externally the adopted Anti-Racism Strategy.
3. That Council report back on the progress of actions related to the Strategy bi-annually through a dedicated report to Council.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Da Cruz

Councillor Da Cruz returned to the meeting at 7:40pm

C0924(1) Item 5 2024 Inner West Council Annual Grants

Motion: (Howard/Scott)

1. That Council approves the funding recommendations for the Inner West Council 2024 Annual Grant Program in *Attachments 1-8* of the Council report.
2. That Council notes the second year of funding for the two-year 2023-2025 Community Wellbeing Grants in *Attachment 9* of the Council report, which were approved by Council in September 2023.

3. That Council conduct a workshop with potential applicants for grants in the multicultural program to build interest, understanding and capability in the application process, following the process undertaken to support potential applicants to the artistic program.
4. That Council investigate establishing a program of funding for organisations and individuals to specifically support local people with disability as part of the 2025-2026 grant program, providing a report to the November 2024 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Howard)

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 8.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 8 EV Public Charging Infrastructure - Bi-Monthly Report

Motion: (Smith/Howard)

1. That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation plan is being reported to Council quarterly via the operational plan.
2. That Council acknowledges the recent significant grant received by the NSW Government that will see the roll-out of 136 electric chargers across the Inner West.
3. That Council notes that of the 136 electric chargers, only 9 are located in the Marrickville-Midjubi Ward (7 are located in Marrickville, 2 in Tempe and none in St Peters or Sydenham) and of the 22 in Stanmore-Damun Ward, only 2 are located in Stanmore and 1 in Petersham.
4. That Council notes that staff report locations have been selected by the third party providers based in part on:
 - a) capacity of the electrical grid;
 - b) areas with high EV uptake and low access to off-street parking (as identified by the State Government and Council's charging partners);
 - c) site selection criteria to minimize inconvenience for residents (e.g. avoiding placing ports outside houses wherever possible); and
 - d) safety and accessibility requirements.
5. That Council requests council officers engage with third party providers to advocate for a more equal distribution of electric vehicle chargers across all wards within the current cohort of locations and for engagement with residents where charging ports are to be placed outside houses.
6. That Council notes that this is just the beginning of Council's work to expand electric charging infrastructure, that Council is applying for the next round of

grants to install chargers, and that the State Government has identified St Peters, Sydenham and Tempe in particular as having opportunities for increased funding.

7. That Council asks staff to undertake detailed work to create a strong evidence-base for third party providers to install chargers in locations in the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward and the western end of the Stanmore-Damun Ward.
8. That Council asks Council officers to investigate opportunities and constraints for residents to install infrastructure to charge electric vehicles, reporting back to Council by December 2024.
9. That Council officers review EV charging locations to ensure that they don't impact on cycling works and planned active transport routes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024

Motion: (Smith/Shetty)

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meetings held on 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 with the following amendments:

- a) That in reference to the Petersham North LATM Final Report, that Council allocate funding from the current budget for installation of the recommended raised pedestrian (zebra) crossings and speed humps on Brighton Street, in response to community concern about speeding and rat running, with funding to be diverted from another project in the Stanmore-Damun Ward;
- b) That Council include the proposed resident parking scheme in Glassop Street between Punch and White Streets as part of the approved residential parking scheme; and
- c) That Council allocate funding for the proposed pedestrian crossing at Mary Street, Lilyfield in this year's budget, to be funded by substituting another project from the Balmain-Baludarri Ward.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 11 Sustainability support for Inner West schools

Motion: (Howard/Langford)

1. That Council endorse the following initiatives as a standardised framework to support Inner West Schools and School events:
 - a) Inner West Sustainable Schools Network;
 - b) Council Grants program;
 - c) Quick response grants;
 - d) Garden Organics bins;
 - e) Annual native plant giveaway;
 - f) Free mulch; and
 - g) Gardening, composting and worm farming workshops.

- 2. That Council investigate options to provide FOGO services to local schools and child-care centres, including surveying principals and P&C's/P&F's as to whether there is interest, and provide a report back to Council in November 2024.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 14 Investment Report at 31 July 2024

Motion: (Drury/Lockie)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow Cllr Drury to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 15.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 15 Quarter four - Progress report on the Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2023/24

Motion: (Drury/Scott)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 17.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 17 SXSW Sydney

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

- 1. That Council receive and note the report.**

2. That Council endorse the naming of the event as 'Fest x Inner West presented by Inner West Council and SXSW Sydney'.
3. That Council partner with Century Venues to hold events at the Enmore Theatre, the Factory Theatre, and investigate opportunities to host affiliate events at other venues within the Enmore Road SEP.
4. That Council engage with the local business community and business chambers, including the Newtown Enmore Business Community, on opportunities to drive economic development and visitation as part of the event.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 8:18pm as he declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 18 - Inner West Cycling Update as his primary residence is located on one of the streets where works are being discussed.

C0924(1) Item 18 Inner West Cycling Update

Motion: (Stephens/Scott)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council identifies opportunities to install bicycle racks and bicycle pumps in any new capital works projects associated with the Cycling Action Plan.
3. That Council consider amendments to the Cycling Strategy and Action Plan, when next reviewed that include:
 - a) prioritisation of separated cycleways on busy roads as an alternative to the relying on painted logos;
 - b) deployment of modal filters to reduce rat running and to create a linked network of cul-de-sacs and quietways for on-road cycling where separated cycleways are impossible; and
 - c) installation of shared paths on state and regional roads and wherever the linked network cannot use modal filters or separated cycleways to reduce crashes and injury, while ensuring pedestrian safety and comfort is prioritised.
4. That Council will prepare to restart consultation on an Addison Rd separated cycleway as it is viewed as an important active transport missing link.
5. That Council investigate options for providing free or low-cost rider education courses to help children and adults build their skills and confidence in cycling in the Inner West, with recommendations to be reported to Council no later than December 2024.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 8:26pm

C0924(1) Item 19 Pathway to a Safer Cooks River Walking and Cycling Trail

Motion: (Langford/Drury)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council commits to urgently implement all the key priorities and observations from the Cooks River Walking and Commuter Safety Audit and NSW Police Security Assessment of Mackey Park to Steel Park, including essential lighting, signage through the park and pathways, space activation, regular trimming of trees and shrubs along the pathways and installation of handrails at Thornley Street access.
3. That Council officers review the budget at the next opportunity to identify funding for the key priorities and observations.
4. That Council requests NSW Police to conduct a further security assessment of the pathway along the Cooks River, from Kendrick Park to Tempe Train Station, and to bring this report back to Council to the November 2024 Council meeting.
5. That Council table the Cooks River Walking and Commuter Safety Audit and NSW Police letter of support for pathway lighting to the Minister for Transport, seeking urgent funding to implement the key priorities and observations in advance of the temporary closure of the T3 Line between Sydenham to Bankstown Train Stations.
6. That Council seeks State government support for the lighting upgrades, specifically, to negotiate with Jemena, owner of the utility pipeline which runs along the pathway, given Jemena's past objections to lighting upgrades by Council.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 22 Stopping the Spread of Tobacconist and Vape Stores

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Atkins)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council notes that on 1 July 2024 the Commonwealth reforms commenced, prohibiting non-pharmacy retailers, such as tobacconists, service stations, convenience stores and vape shops from supplying or possessing any type of vaping product.
3. That Council write to NSW Health seeking a report on compliance and enforcement activities in the Inner West since the commencement of the new vaping reforms.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 25 Mandatory Reporting of Reports received from Fire and Rescue NSW

Motion: (Scott/Drury)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Stephens/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow the Mayor, Cllr Byrne, to speak for 3 additional minutes on Item 26.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Stephens/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow the Mayor, Cllr Byrne to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 26.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Shetty/Atkins)

That Council allow Cllr Lockie to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 26.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 26 Notice of Motion: Invasion of Gaza and illegal occupation of Westbank - Council's investments and procurement relationships in relation to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign

Foreshadowed Motion (Byrne/Drury)

Supporting Peace between Palestine and Israel

- 1. That Council notes that foreign affairs is the responsibility of the Commonwealth government.**
- 2. That Council recalls and affirms Motions passed at the Ordinary Meetings of Council on 21 November 2023 and 5 December 2023 which condemned the 7 October 2023 attack by Hamas and called for the release of hostages, stated that Israel must comply with international humanitarian law, called for a ceasefire in Gaza, and supported a just and lasting peace between Israel and Palestine through a two-state solution and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.**

3. That Council notes the Provisional Measures orders of the International Court of Justice in *South Africa v Israel* of 26 January 2024 and 24 May 2024 which, inter alia, required Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of violations of the 1948 Genocide Convention.
4. That Council notes the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 19 July 2024 which found, inter alia, that Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful, and that Israel is under an obligation to end its unlawful occupation as rapidly as possible.
5. That Council joins with the Commonwealth government in calling:
 - a) for an immediate ceasefire;
 - b) for Israel to act in accordance with the rulings of the International Court of Justice;
 - c) for Israel to ensure accountability for ongoing acts of violence against Palestinians by extremist settlers;
 - d) for Israel to reverse the record expansion of settlements in the West Bank which are illegal under international law; and
 - e) for a two-state solution where Israelis and Palestinians can live securely within internationally recognised borders.
6. That Council reaffirm its sister city relationship with Bethlehem, and support people-to-people peace-building endeavours between the Palestinian and Jewish peoples and notifies the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the [*Australia's Foreign Relations \(State and Territory Arrangements\) Act 2020*](#).
7. That Council notes that under its Investment Policy all of its investments comply with relevant State and Commonwealth legislative frameworks, are made in consideration of the principles of ethical investment management, and consist entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits in non-fossil fuel aligned banks.
8. That Council notes that its Procurement Policy and Procurement Strategy was adopted unanimously by Councillors at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 May 2024 following a Councillor briefing on 2 April 2024. Under this policy Council integrates environmental, social and governance principles in its spending decisions, and preferences local contractors and organisations that employ people with disabilities, Indigenous contractors, or people who come from disadvantaged communities where possible. Council's Statement of Business Ethics also contains these commitments, and emphasises Council's commitment to ensuring that goods and services procured by Council are not the product of Modern Slavery.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Smith)

That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.59pm

The meeting recommenced at 9.07pm

C0924(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Electric Vehicle Charging Locations

The Chairperson ruled this item redundant.

C0924(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Railway Parade, Annandale

Motion: (Byrne/Shetty)

1. That Council note that the resheeting of Railway Parade Annandale is scheduled to take place in the current financial year.
2. That Council convene an on-site meeting with Ward Councillors and residents of Railway Parade to consult them on improvements needed throughout the street and adjoining public areas.
3. That Council incorporate the agreed improvements to gardens, grassed areas and paths into the overall resheeting of the road to achieve a full refurbishment of the street.
4. That Council identify funding through the next quarterly budget review to undertake these works.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Sister City Relationship with Bethlehem

The Chairperson ruled this item redundant.

Councillor Shetty left the meeting at 9:12pm

C0924(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: Gambling Harm Minimisation

Motion: (Atkins/Scott)

1. That Council notes that staff intend to bring a report on the Gambling Harm Minimisation Roundtable that was held 1 August 2024 to the October 2024 Council meeting.
2. That Council notes that Gambling Awareness Week 2024 will take place 21 to 27 October.
3. That Council supports Gambling Awareness Week 2024 by:
 - a) offering venues free of charge for events held by GambleAware and other not-for-profit organisations that aim to minimise gambling harm; and
 - b) promoting Gambling Awareness Week events in Council's communication channels, including Inner West News, Council's website and social media.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Shetty

Councillor Shetty returned to the meeting at 9:14pm

C0924(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Proposed Callan Park Swim Site Water Quality and Public Safety

Councillor Stamolis withdrew this motion.

C0924(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Supporting and Growing Reuse and the Inner West Circular Economy

Motion: (Langford/Howard)

1. That Council recognise the value and benefits of the emerging Circular Economy across the Inner West LGA and the positive social, environmental and economic benefits.
2. That Council continue to make the Inner West as a leader in waste avoidance, reuse and repair through support and expansion of Reuse activities.
3. That Council conduct a Roundtable with key local stakeholders in the Circular Economy by December 2024 and invite local not-for-profit, social enterprises, Reverse Garbage, Dress for Success, the Bower, Circle Paints, Among the Trees, local makers and representatives from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and other stakeholders. Topics could include grant funding, promotion, recognition and opportunities for partnerships and collaborations.
4. That Council create a pilot project to allow local paint reuse organisations to access paint that's been dropped off by Inner West residents.
5. That Council demonstrate support of the Circular Economy by encouraging the Perfect Match mural artists buy some or all their paint from Circle Paints.
6. That Council publish a story about the Inner West Reuse economy in the Inner West News by December 2024.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 9:19pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility and Item 39 - Notice of Motion: Lewisham Town Centre Upgrade as he works in the office of the Minister for Transport and in that capacity has been directly engaged in work around station upgrades.

C0924(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility

Motion: (Langford/Da Cruz)

1. That Council writes to the Minister for Transport to request the urgent installation of a lift at Tempe Train Station to make it accessible for everyone in our community.
2. That Council officers bring a report back to the November 2024 Council meeting, outlining the Minister's response to Council's request for a lift at Tempe train station.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Stephens)

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 39.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

C0924(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Lewisham Town Centre Upgrade

Motion: (Smith/Atkins)

1. That Council note the long-awaited commitment by the NSW Government and Transport Minister Jo Haylen to upgrade Lewisham Station to improve accessibility, safety, and prevent flooding in the underpass, and that this commitment is fully budgeted for delivery in this term of government.
2. That Council note that, as part of the planned upgrade, Transport for NSW is undertaking community engagement on design and placemaking enhancements for surrounding streets.
3. That Council investigate opportunities with Transport for NSW to align or coordinate these works with Council works to upgrade Lewisham Town Centre (on Victoria Street and Railway Terrace) as part of Council's Main Streets Revitalisation Project, including but not limited to:
 - a) footpath upgrades, traffic calming measures, and opportunities for increased pedestrianisation of the station precinct;
 - b) installation of planter boxes and kerbside gardens;
 - c) a public art program including engagement with local artists on placemaking and a mural for the station wall along Railway Terrace;
 - d) street furniture;
 - e) active transport upgrades to regional route 7 in Lewisham to enhance safety and encourage cycling,
 - f) other beautification, public amenity, and placemaking works.
4. That Council develop a master plan to achieve a coordinated approach to improving community amenity and economic development for Lewisham Town Centre, and in line with Council's Community Engagement Strategy.
5. That Council receive a report on the opportunity to undertake these upgrades in coordination with those planned by Transport for NSW as part of the station upgrade, the timeline for this, and associated costs.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 9:25pm

Procedural Motion (Drury/Lockie)

That Council allow Cllr Stamolis to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 44.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Howard)

That Council allow Cllr Stamolis to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 44.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 44 Notice of Motion: Callan Park Playing Fields

Motion: (Stamolis/Shetty)

1. That Council notes that the Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) is the landowner of Callan Park, and any changes to the playing fields would require the consent of the Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP).
2. That Council notes that GSP recently undertook early engagement to inform a Plan of Management for Callan Park, to be finalised in 2025, and early feedback indicates diverse views in relation to a synthetic sporting field in Callan Park.
3. That Council notes the findings of the NSW Chief Scientist's Report - Independent Review into the design, use and impacts of synthetic turf in public open spaces 2022, in particular:
 - a) that "the amount of turf fibres lost from a synthetic turf field is likely to be in the 100s of kilograms per year."
 - b) that "it is not clear whether expectations about the longevity and carrying capacity of synthetic fields can be met under Australian climatic conditions."
 - c) that "the social and environmental context of each playing field and its surrounds is different and the implications on the physical, mental and social dimensions of health cannot be drawn without research or surveying the community."
 - d) that "from a public health perspective, equity considerations are also important and any barriers to community's access to amenities, including for specific groups who may be deprived of other access to green space should be considered."
 - e) that "the adoption of best practice guidelines and benchmarks for natural turf in open spaces will support the capacity of natural turf sporting fields to meet the demands for use," and;
 - f) that "synthetic turf installation should be subject to a set of requirements to ensure best practice use during the product lifespan and appropriate end of life planning and disposal to avoid stranded assets."
4. That Council writes to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Roads for clarification about when Inner West Council will receive the promised \$20 million funding for the Rozelle Parklands, and what it can be used for.
5. That Council writes to the Heritage Council to seek advice about Inner West

Council's proposal to install synthetic turf in two locations within the parklands due to Callan Park's listing on the State Heritage Register.

- 6. That Council convenes a meeting(s) of local sporting groups in regard to sports field maintenance across the Inner West to determine what is required to improve the playability and maintenance of fields.**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis
Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

C0924(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Licence arrangements in parks

Motion: (Atkins/Smith)

- 1. That Council agree that staff work with the owner of 182 Australia Street, Newtown to defer installation of any infrastructure in the park and investigate revoking the short term lease to allow for community consultation to occur.**
- 2. That community consultation be used to inform a recommendation to be considered at a future Council meeting.**
- 3. That where Council considers licenses, leases, and temporary hire agreements concerning use of public space within Inner West parks, that this is done in accordance with Council's endorsed Community Engagement Strategy, encompassing the Your Say website, letterboxing, notices, and stalls, and includes engagement with residents, park users, and local businesses.**
- 4. That Council write to households in streets surrounding the Park informing them of the lease agreement and terms, how to provide feedback through the Your Say page and other Council channels, and inviting them to attend an on-site meeting at the Park with senior staff about the agreement - to be held within the next fortnight.**
- 5. That Council provide an urgent briefing to councillors on the terms of the lease agreement, including opportunities to defer installation of the temporary structure pending further community consultation, how similar agreements have operated elsewhere, and opportunities for further community consultation as part of the Park Plan of Management.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis
Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Comedor Cafe short-term lease agreement

Councillor Smith withdrew this motion.

Confidential session

Procedural Motion (Drury/Scott)

That Council enter into Confidential session.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Confidential Session

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reasons provided:

C0924(1) Item 55 Bridgewater Park - Construction Lease to Transport for NSW (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 9:57pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 55 - Bridgewater Park Construction Lease to Transport for NSW, as he works in the Office of the Minister for Transport.

Procedural Motion (Drury/Scott)

That Council move back into the Open Session of the Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0924(1) Item 55 Bridgewater Park - Construction Lease to Transport for NSW

Motion: (Drury/Shetty)

1. That Council approve a construction lease and licence to Transport for NSW for 45sqm and 660sqm respectively of land at Bridgewater Park, Rozelle used for an air quality motoring system associated with WestConnex M4-M5 Link (Stage 3 Rozelle to Iron Cove) and Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade.
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the terms of the construction lease and licence and associated agreement and execute the relevant documents.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 9:58pm

Procedural Motion (Howard/D'Arienzo)

That an Urgency Motion for Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ People in the Census be considered at this Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

The Chairperson ruled this matter urgent.

Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Stephens)

That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 2 additional minutes on the Urgency Motion.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ People in the Census

Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council notes councils including Inner West Council rely on accurate census data to plan and deliver critical social and public services for citizens.
2. That Council acknowledges the *Count Us In* campaign by Equality Australia and others, seeking for the 2026 Australian Census to include questions on sexual orientation, gender identity and variations of sex characteristics.
3. That Council supports the Commonwealth Government's decision to test a question on diverse sexuality for inclusion in the 2026 Census.
4. That Council calls on the Commonwealth Government to also include questions on gender identity and variations of sex characteristics to provide the clearest data possible on LGBTQIA+ communities across Australia, including the Inner West.
5. That Council ask the General Manager to write to the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and the Assistant Minister for Employment, the Hon. Andrew Leigh MP, to convey this motion.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 10.06pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 46:	Tom Patterson Amy Gray	Newtown Newtown
Item 47:	Deirdre O'Sullivan Penny Stringer	Dulwich Hill Dulwich Hill

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 October 2024 at
Ashfield Service Centre**

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Mat Howard	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ryann Midei	Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Beau-Jane De Costa	Acting Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

WELCOME TO COUNTRY:

Uncle Allan Murray conducted a Welcome to Country.

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Nil

C1024(1) Item 1 Oath Or Affirmation of Office for Councillors

Councillors Tastan, Barlow, Antoniou, Raciti and Macri read out an Oath of Office during the meeting.

Councillors Blake, Atkins, Smith, Fergusson, Howard, Clay, Scott, Carlisle, D'Arienzo and Byrne read out an Affirmation of Office during the meeting.

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

That Council note the taking of the Oath or making of the Affirmation of office undertaken by each Councillor.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C1024(1) Item 2 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The General Manager advised that the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That the method of voting for the Election of the Mayor be conducted by show of hands.
2. That the Mayor be elected for a period serving from 8 October 2024 until September 2026.
3. That council elect a Deputy Mayor for a term commencing 8 October 2024 until September 2025.
4. That the method of voting for the Election of the Deputy Mayor be conducted by show of hands.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Position of Mayor

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Mayor for Councillor Byrne and Councillor Atkins.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Byrne being the first nomination received for the position of Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Byrne received a total of 10 votes from Councillors Byrne, D'Arienzo, Carlisle, Scott, Clay, Howard, Fergusson, Smith, Macri and Raciti.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Atkins being the second nomination received for the position of Mayor, to raise their hands.

Councillor Atkins received a total of 5 votes from Councillors Blake, Tastan, Atkins, Barlow and Antoniou.

The General Manager declared that Councillor Byrne is elected as Mayor until September 2026.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the Chair.

Position of Deputy Mayor

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for Councillor Howard and Councillor Antoniou.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Howard being the first nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Howard received a total of 10 votes from Councillors Byrne, D'Arienzo, Carlisle, Scott, Clay, Howard, Fergusson, Smith, Macri and Raciti.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Antoniou being the second nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Antoniou received a total of 5 votes from Councillors Blake, Tastan, Atkins, Barlow and Antoniou.

The General Manager declared that Councillor Howard is elected Deputy Mayor until September 2025.

C1024(1) Item 3 Countback to fill any casual vacancy on Council

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), declare that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act.
2. That if Council determines to fill any casual vacancies by a countback election pursuant to section 291A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that Council directs the General Manager to notify the New South Wales Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision, as required by section 393C of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 7.04pm.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 1
Subject: DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/24
Prepared By: Chris Sleiman - Chief Financial Officer and Sajjad Ali - Financial Reporting and Control Manager
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the financial statements to be placed on public exhibition.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to put forward the Council's Annual Financial Statements, including:

- General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024,
- Permissible income for general rates for the financial year 2024/25,
- Report on Infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024 (unaudited).

Council will receive the Report on Conduct of the Audit for the year ended 30 June 2024 prepared by the Audit Office of New South Wales.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the regulations outlined in the *Local Government Act 1993*, Inner West Council is required to take the necessary measures to prepare a set of financial statements and engage the Audit Office of NSW to conduct an audit of the annual financial statements.

The audited financial statements are presented to Council following completion of the audit, and the endorsed financial statements accompanied by the Report on Conduct of the Audit must be provided to the Office of Local Government by 31 October. The audited financial statements will be placed on public exhibition with a report to be tabled at the November Council meeting presenting both the audited financial statements following exhibition and the Council Annual Report.

Council's Annual Report must contain a copy of the council's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (the Code).

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) met with the Audit Office of NSW and Council's officers to discuss the conduct of the audit and Council's financial position on 10 October 2024, which ARIC resolved to endorse.

DISCUSSION

Income Statement and Balance Sheet

Council's Income Statement for the year discloses that the Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations was a surplus of \$12.3m against an adopted budget surplus of \$35.6m.

The operating result for the year before capital grants and contributions was a deficit of \$12.7m against a budget deficit of \$2.2m.

The budget deficit was primarily due to the following:

1. Fair value adjustment to Council's Liverpool investment property of \$4.9m (noting that this could increase improve our income and balance sheet in future years)
2. Disposal of assets greater than budget of \$5.2m
3. Depreciation expenses predominately due to revaluations of Council's assets of \$2.0 million.

The first two variances are non-cash adjustments, has no impact on Council's reserves, and is not envisioned to have a recurring negative impact on Council's operating position.

The third variance allows Council to increase the Depreciation Reserve set aside to complete renewal works on Council's assets.

Inner West Council	2023/24 Actuals (\$'000)	2023/24 Budget (\$'000)	2023/24 Better/(Worse) (\$'000)
Income from Continuing Operations			
Rates and annual charges	173,458	172,988	470
User charges and fees	64,516	55,344	9,172
Other revenues	25,383	27,316	(1,933)
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	10,664	9,844	820
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	25,075	37,822	(12,747)
Interest and investment income	14,379	5,500	8,879
Other income	9,437	-	9,437
Total Income from Continuing Operations	322,912	308,814	14,098
Expenses from Continuing Operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	138,563	138,351	212
Materials and services	112,563	84,045	28,518
Borrowing costs	783	792	(9)
Depreciation	35,848	33,839	2,009
Other expenses	11,789	15,236	(3,447)
Net loss from the disposal of assets	6,146	920	5,226
Fair value decrement on investment properties	4,878	-	4,878
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	310,570	273,183	37,387
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	12,342	35,631	(23,289)
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions Provided for Capital Purposes	(12,733)	(2,191)	(10,542)

Council's cash and investments position sees it hold \$259.8m in cash and investments. The following table is a breakdown by reserve.

Reserve	Amount (\$'000)
External Restrictions	
Developer Contributions	72,655
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	3,916
Stormwater Management	4,623
Special Rate Variation Income	15,664
Mainstreet levy	95
3.5% Levy	1,121
Domestic Waste Management	11,973
Total External Restrictions	110,047
Internally Restricted	
Employees Leave Entitlement	15,638
Deposits, Retentions and Bonds	32,977
Investment Property Reserve	5,863
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	19,446
Depreciation Contra Reserve	68,468
Totally Internally Restricted	142,392
Unrestricted and Unallocated Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	7,399
Total Funds	259,838

Council's Balance Sheet discloses Net Assets of \$3.2b, an increase of \$0.2 million from the prior year and predominately made up of infrastructure related assets of \$2.9b. The other significant inclusion is the second investment property purchased by Council at Warrawong for \$21.3 million.

Each year Council is required to complete the fair valuation of its investment properties. Council's Liverpool investment property fair value reduced by \$4.9m as result. As this investment is a long term investment for Council as it assists Council to move towards surpluses for future years, there is no impact to Council. The investment has long term leases in place and is achieving higher yields than first expected and as compared to the market.

Local Government Industry Indicators

The Local Government indicators are determined by the Accounting Code and have been summarised below. The indicators allow for inter-council comparisons to be made consistently across the local government sector. The indicators are as follows:

Operating Performance Ratio

The purpose of the Operating Performance Ratio is to measure Council's achievement of containing operating expenses with operating revenue.

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
1. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1,2}	(1,941)	(0.65)%	(0.59)%	(3.25)%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	297,452				

The ratio is on par with the last financial year and close to the OLG benchmark, slightly off due to additional maintenance costs associated with Aquatic Facilities to ensure they are maintained at a high level.

Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio

The purpose of this ratio is to measure fiscal flexibility. The ratio highlights the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions.

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
2. Own source operating revenue ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions ¹	286,788	88.92%	85.56%	82.81%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue ¹	322,527				

The ratio has improved compared to previous year and continues to maintain a stable position above the OLG benchmark.

Unrestricted Current Ratio

The purpose of this ratio is to assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
3. Unrestricted current ratio					
Current assets less all external restrictions	171,618	2.38x	3.10x	3.85x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	72,098				

After considering both internal and external restrictions, Council still has the capacity to fulfil its obligations. The unrestricted current ratio consistently remains higher than the benchmark.

Debt Service Coverage Ratio

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principle, and lease payments.

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
4. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹	34,690	10.35x	9.22x	6.47x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	3,353				

The ratio remains significantly above the benchmark and demonstrates Council's ability to service its debts.

Rates, Annual Charges, Interest and Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage

The ratio helps assess the impact of unallocated rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage					
Rates and annual charges outstanding	14,260	7.50%	8.57%	7.91%	< 5.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	190,233				

The ratio improved from the prior year but is above the OLG benchmark. This will progressively improve as Council continues debt recovery.

Cash Expense Cover Ratio

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash flow.

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
6. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	137,260	5.82	8.72	12.13	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	23,604	months	months	months	months

The ratio remains comfortably higher than the OLG benchmark. The decrease is due to using the cash to purchase an investment property in the financial year 2023/24.

Council Infrastructure Industry Indicators

Council's Infrastructure assets indicators (found in Special Schedules – Report on Infrastructure Assets) are a summary of Council's infrastructure conditions for the financial year. Note that this Special Schedule is not audited by the Audit Office. These indicators are reviewed on an ongoing basis as part of the Long-Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan process.

Following the completion of a detailed condition audit and revaluation of all Council parks, sea walls, wharves, bridges and stormwater assets, the total infrastructure backlog increased from \$25.3m in 2022/23 to \$29.3 million in 2023/24, which is still less than the Office of Local Government Benchmark.

A summary of the indicators is presented below. Council performed better than the benchmark for each of the three ratios.

Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023 2022		Benchmark
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals ¹	23,783	75.04%	120.43%	32.51%	> 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	31,692				
Infrastructure backlog ratio					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	29,336	1.48%	1.46%	1.40%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	1,978,393				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	59,716	120.56%	110.55%	100.71%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	49,532				
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	29,336	1.11%	1.06%	0.89%	
Gross replacement cost	2,632,435				

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024](#)
2. [Special Purpose Financial Statements - Permissible income for general rates and Report on Infrastructure assets](#)

Inner West Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2024



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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2024



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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Overview

Inner West Council is constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and has its principal place of business at:

2-14 Fisher Street
Petersham NSW 2049

Council's guiding principles are detailed in Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and includes:

- principles applying to the exercise of functions generally by council,
- principles to be applied when making decisions,
- principles of community participation,
- principles of sound financial management, and
- principles for strategic planning relating to the development of an integrated planning and reporting framework.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note B1-2.

Through the use of the internet, we have ensured that our reporting is timely, complete and available at minimum cost. All press releases, financial statements and other information are publicly available on our website: www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Inner West Council

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

Understanding Council's Financial Statements

Introduction

Each year NSW local governments are required to present audited financial statements to their council and community.

What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

The format of the financial statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting and reporting requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the Office of Local Government (OLG).

About the Councillor/Management Statement

The financial statements must be certified by senior staff as 'presenting fairly' the Council's financial results for the year and are required to be adopted by Council – ensuring both responsibility for and ownership of the financial statements.

About the Primary Financial Statements

The financial statements incorporate five "primary" financial statements:

1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income and expenses. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair value of Council's Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its assets, liabilities and "net wealth".

4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

The overall change for the year (in dollars) of Council's "net wealth".

5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide greater detail and additional information on the five primary financial statements.

About the Auditor's Reports

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by the NSW Audit Office.

In NSW the auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance and position, and
2. their observations on the conduct of the audit, including commentary on the Council's financial performance and financial position.

Who uses the Financial Statements?

The financial statements are publicly available documents and must be presented at a Council meeting between seven days and five weeks after the date of the audit report. The public can make submissions to Council up to seven days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

Council is required to forward an audited set of financial statements to the Office of Local Government.

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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413 (2c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 22 October 2024.

Darcy Byrne
Mayor
22 October 2024

Mat Howard
Deputy Mayor
22 October 2024

Peter Gainsford
General Manager
22 October 2024

Chris Sleiman
Responsible Accounting Officer
22 October 2024

Inner West Council | Income Statement | for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024

<i>Original unaudited budget</i> 2024	\$ '000		<i>Actual</i> 2024	<i>Restated Actual</i> 2023
		Notes		
	Income from continuing operations			
172,988	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	173,458	166,293
55,344	User charges and fees	B2-2	64,516	55,874
27,316	Other revenues	B2-3	25,383	16,543
9,844	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	10,664	13,828
37,822	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	25,075	29,209
5,500	Interest and investment income	B2-5	14,379	10,966
–	Other income	B2-6	9,437	5,529
308,814	Total income from continuing operations		322,912	298,242
	Expenses from continuing operations			
138,351	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	138,563	124,862
84,045	Materials and services	B3-2	112,563	99,950
792	Borrowing costs	B3-3	783	859
33,839	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-4	35,848	33,356
15,236	Other expenses	B3-5	11,789	11,818
920	Net loss from the disposal of assets	B4-1	6,146	4,860
–	Fair value decrement on investment properties	C1-7	4,878	–
273,183	Total expenses from continuing operations		310,570	275,705
35,631	Operating result from continuing operations		12,342	22,537
35,631	Net operating result for the year attributable to Council		12,342	22,537
	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes			
(2,191)			(12,733)	(6,672)

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Inner West Council | Statement of Comprehensive Income | for the year ended 30 June 2024

Inner West Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2024

\$ '000	Notes	2024	Restated 2023
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement			
		12,342	22,537
Other comprehensive income:			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	116,587	328,827
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		116,587	328,827
Total other comprehensive income for the year		116,587	328,827
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		128,929	351,364

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Inner West Council | Statement of Financial Position | as at 30 June 2024

Inner West Council

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024

\$ '000	Notes	2024	Restated 2023	Restated 1 July 2022
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	27,510	75,413	75,586
Investments	C1-2	92,750	104,500	154,200
Receivables	C1-4	48,043	43,197	38,401
Inventories	C1-5	206	216	198
Contract assets and contract cost assets		–	–	219
Prepayments		3,109	3,153	2,838
Total current assets		171,618	226,479	271,442
Non-current assets				
Investments	C1-2	139,578	120,506	124,457
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	2,939,445	2,788,826	2,432,629
Investment property	C1-7	71,291	54,878	–
Intangible assets	C1-8	5,593	6,173	6,945
Right of use assets	C2-1	278	229	836
Total non-current assets		3,156,185	2,970,612	2,564,867
Total assets		3,327,803	3,197,091	2,836,309
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Payables	C3-1	55,708	49,994	44,128
Contract liabilities	C3-2	31,624	35,770	29,009
Lease liabilities	C2-1	116	82	187
Borrowings	C3-3	2,047	2,447	2,600
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	33,619	31,891	29,850
Total current liabilities		123,114	120,184	105,774
Non-current liabilities				
Contract liabilities	C3-2	–	778	1,972
Lease liabilities	C2-1	164	159	661
Borrowings	C3-3	30,740	32,788	35,234
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	3,117	1,443	2,293
Total non-current liabilities		34,021	35,168	40,160
Total liabilities		157,135	155,352	145,934
Net assets		3,170,668	3,041,739	2,690,375
EQUITY				
Accumulated surplus		2,428,850	2,416,508	2,393,971
IPPE revaluation reserve		741,818	625,231	296,404
Total equity		3,170,668	3,041,739	2,690,375

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Inner West Council | Statement of Changes in Equity | for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2024

		2024			2023		
		Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity	Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity
\$ '000	Notes				Restated	Restated	Restated
Opening balance at 1 July		2,416,508	625,231	3,041,739	2,382,614	296,404	2,679,018
Correction of prior period errors	F4-1	–	–	–	11,357	–	11,357
Opening balance at 1 July		2,416,508	625,231	3,041,739	2,393,971	296,404	2,690,375
Net operating result for the year		12,342	–	12,342	22,721	–	22,721
Correction of prior period errors	F4-1	–	–	–	(184)	–	(184)
Restated net operating result for the period		12,342	–	12,342	22,537	–	22,537
Other comprehensive income							
Restated gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	–	116,587	116,587	–	328,827	328,827
Other comprehensive income		–	116,587	116,587	–	328,827	328,827
Total other comprehensive income		12,342	116,587	128,929	22,537	328,827	351,364
Closing balance at 30 June		2,428,850	741,818	3,170,668	2,416,508	625,231	3,041,739

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Inner West Council | Statement of Cash Flows | for the year ended 30 June 2024

Inner West Council

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024

<i>Original unaudited budget</i> 2024	\$ '000	Notes	<i>Actual</i> 2024	<i>Actual</i> 2023
Cash flows from operating activities				
Receipts:				
172,988	Rates and annual charges		177,341	163,614
55,344	User charges and fees		63,266	63,310
5,500	Interest received		13,914	8,301
47,666	Grants and contributions		32,606	45,968
–	Bonds, deposits and retentions received		4,986	4,958
27,316	Other		46,795	31,321
Payments:				
(138,351)	Payments to employees		(136,204)	(124,448)
(84,045)	Payments for materials and services		(124,934)	(116,622)
(792)	Borrowing costs		(797)	(874)
(15,236)	Other		(18,744)	(7,161)
70,390	Net cash flows from operating activities	F1-1	58,229	68,367
Cash flows from investing activities				
Receipts:				
258,564	Sale of investments		161,041	292,700
1,645	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		2,555	2,820
Payments:				
(240,193)	Purchase of investments		(165,684)	(238,949)
–	Acquisition of term deposits		(2,250)	–
(111,163)	Purchase of investment property		(21,291)	(54,878)
–	Payments for IPPE		(77,583)	(67,415)
–	Purchase of intangible assets		(350)	(140)
(91,147)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(103,562)	(65,862)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Payments:				
(2,447)	Repayment of borrowings		(2,448)	(2,599)
–	Principal component of lease payments		(122)	(79)
(2,447)	Cash flows from financing activities		(2,570)	(2,678)
(23,204)	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(47,903)	(173)
123,028	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		75,413	75,586
99,824	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	27,510	75,413

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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A About Council and these financial statements

A1-1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on 22/10/2024. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

The material accounting policy information related to these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Regulation), and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. Council is a not for-profit entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts disclosed in the financial statements are actual amounts. Specific unaudited budgetary amounts (which are clearly marked) have been included for comparative analysis (to actuals) in the following reports and notes:

- Income statement
- Statement of cash flows
- Note B5-1 – Material Budget Variations

Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain infrastructure, property and plant and equipment.

Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Council and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

- (i) fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment – refer Notes C1-6 and D2-1.
- (ii) employee benefit provisions – refer Note C3-4.
- (iii) fair values of investment properties – refer note C1-7

Significant judgements in applying the Council's accounting policies

- (i) Impairment of receivables - refer Note C1-4
- (ii) Determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific and whether the contract is within the scope of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and / or AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities – refer to Notes B2-2 - B2-4
- (iii) Determination of the lease term, discount rate (when not implicit in the lease) and whether an arrangement contains a lease – refer to Note C2-1.

Monies and other assets received by Council

The Consolidated Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

The Consolidated Fund has been included in the financial statements of NSW Council.

Cash and other assets of the following activities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- General purpose operations

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A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

The Trust Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a separate and distinct Trust Fund is maintained to account for all money and other assets received by the Council in Trust which must be applied only for the purposes of, or in accordance with the trusts relating to those monies. Trust monies and other assets subject to Council's control have been included in these reports.

A separate statement of monies held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council office by any person free of charge.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities that are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Volunteer services

Council is supported by volunteer services in its community support programs. All volunteer services are not material and therefore have not been recognised in the income statement.

New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations (i.e. pronouncements) have been published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2024 reporting period. Council has elected not to apply any of these pronouncements in these financial statements before their operative dates.

These standards include:

Pronouncement	AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date
Nature of change in accounting policy	This Standard amends AASB 101 to clarify requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the statement of financial position as current or non-current.
Effective date	Annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 January 2024; i.e council's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
Expected impact on council financial statements	Little impact expected but Councils will consider the appropriate classification of liabilities as current or non-current.
Pronouncement	AASB 2022-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

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A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

Nature of change in accounting policy	This Standard amends AASB 16 to add subsequent measurement requirements for sale and leaseback transactions that satisfy the requirements in AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers to be accounted for as a sale. AASB 16 already requires a seller-lessee to recognise only the amount of any gain or loss that relates to the rights transferred to the buyer-lessor. The amendments made by this Standard ensure that a similar approach is applied by also requiring a seller-lessee to subsequently measure lease liabilities arising from a leaseback in a way that does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss related to the right of use it retains.
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A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

Effective date	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, i.e., councils' financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
Expected impact on council financial statements	Unlikely to be significant impact for councils, however requirements will be reviewed if councils are entering into sale and lease back arrangements.
Pronouncement	AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities.
Nature of change in accounting policy	This Standard amends AASB 13, including adding authoritative implementation guidance and providing related illustrative examples, for application by not-for-profit public sector entities. In particular, this standard provides guidance on: (a) highest and best use (b) financially feasible uses (c) use of assumptions (d) nature of costs to include in the replacement cost of a reference asset and on the identification of economic obsolescence when using the cost approach.
Effective date	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024; i.e., councils' financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
Expected impact on council financial statements	There is not expected to be significant impact on the Councils' reported financial position, however Councils will review their fair value methodology to ensure that it is in accordance with the guidance included in AASB 2022-10
Pronouncement	AASB2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture. AASB2015-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128. AASB 2017-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections
Nature of change in accounting policy	The amendments address an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in AASB10, and those in AASB128 (2011) in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not). A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary. AASB2015-10 has delayed the effective date of this standard. AASB 2017-5 defers the effective date of AASB 2014-10 to 1 January 2022 AASB 2021-7 defers the effective date of AASB 2014-10 to 1 January 2025
Effective date	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025; i.e., councils' financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.
Expected impact on council financial statements	No impact as this will only impact on councils with associates or joint ventures where there has been a sale or contribution of assets between the entity and its investor.

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A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

The following pronouncements are issued but not yet effective and are not expected to have relevance to councils but have been included for completeness:

Pronouncement	Nature of change in accounting policy	Effective date
AASB 17 Insurance Contracts and associated amendments	Changes to accounting for insurance contracts	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026 for public sector entities
AASB 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Supplier Finance Arrangements	Requires additional disclosures about an entity's supplier finance arrangements.	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024
AASB 2023-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lack of Exchangeability	Requires consistency in determining whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and the spot exchange rate to use when it is not exchangeable.	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

New accounting standards adopted during the year

During the year Council adopted all accounting standards and interpretations (as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board) which were mandatorily effective for the first time at 30 June 2024.

- AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates** Equivalent standard for JO's is AASB 2021-6 Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards.
 The most significant change introduced by these standards is to remove the requirement to disclose significant accounting policies and instead require disclosure of material accounting policy information. Council has disclosed material accounting policy information instead of significant accounting policies.
- AASB 2022-7 Editorial Corrections to Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards**
 Due to the nature of the changes, the adoption of this standard is unlikely to have any impact on Councils.

B Financial Performance

B1 Functions or activities

B1-1 Functions or activities – income, expenses and assets

Income, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions or activities. Details of those functions or activities are provided in Note B1-2.

	<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Operating result</i>		<i>Grants and contributions</i>		<i>Carrying amount of assets</i>	
	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>\$ '000</i>				<i>Restated</i>		<i>Restated</i>				<i>Restated</i>
Functions or activities										
General Manager	2,807	1,003	11,724	13,160	(8,917)	(12,157)	–	–	–	–
Community	21,240	20,267	45,483	44,443	(24,243)	(24,176)	2,052	1,843	867	358
Corporate	168,490	154,276	62,921	50,478	105,569	103,798	9,080	6,743	708,520	1,234,969
Infrastructure	69,842	82,663	124,884	111,594	(55,042)	(28,931)	12,142	31,960	1,746,913	1,587,059
Planning	60,533	40,033	65,558	56,030	(5,025)	(15,997)	12,465	2,491	869,258	366,563
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,245	8,142
Total functions and activities	322,912	298,242	310,570	275,705	12,342	22,537	35,739	43,037	3,327,803	3,197,091

B1-2 Components of functions or activities

Details relating to the Council's functions or activities as reported in B1-1 are as follows:

General Manager

- Legal Services
- People and Culture
- Strategic and Corporate Communications

Community

- Early Learning
- Community and Wellbeing
- Corporate Strategy and Engagement
- Events
- Libraries and History
- Living Arts
- Social and Cultural Planning

Corporate

- Customer Service
- Finance
- Governance and Risk
- Information and Communication Technology
- Procurement and Contracts
- Property and Strategic Investments
- Service Transformation
- Community Centres
- Community Venues

Infrastructure

- Capital Works
- Civil Maintenance
- Engineering Services
- Facilities and Management
- Fleet
- Parks and Streetscapes Operations
- Resource Recovery Operations
- Traffic and Transport Planning
- Urban Forest

Planning

- Aquatic Services
- Building Certification
- Development Assessment
- Economic Development
- Environmental Health and Building Regulation
- Parking and Ranger Services
- Parks Planning and Recreation
- Resource Recovery Planning
- Strategic Planning
- Urban Ecology
- Urban Sustainability

B2 Sources of income

B2-1 Rates and annual charges

\$ '000	2024	2023
Ordinary rates		
Residential	95,220	91,539
Business	38,596	37,519
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(1,550)	(1,619)
Rates levied to ratepayers	132,266	127,439
Pensioner rate subsidies received	845	887
Total ordinary rates	133,111	128,326
Annual charges (pursuant to s496, 496A, 496B, 501 & 611)		
Domestic waste management services	41,260	38,863
Stormwater management services	1,797	1,785
Section 611 charges	117	122
Less: pensioner rebates (Council policy)	(2,827)	(2,803)
Total annual charges	40,347	37,967
Total rates and annual charges	173,458	166,293

Council has used 2022 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

Material accounting policy information

Rates and annual charges are recognised as revenue at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

Pensioner rebates relate to reductions in rates and certain annual charges for eligible pensioners' place of residence in the local government council area .

Pensioner rate subsidies are received from the NSW Government to provide a contribution towards the pensioner rebates and are recognised within the underlying revenue item based on their substance.

B2-2 User charges and fees

\$ '000	2024	2023
Specific user charges (per s502 - specific 'actual use' charges)		
Domestic waste management services	244	243
Waste management services (non-domestic)	577	461
Total specific user charges	821	704
Other user charges and fees		
(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s608)		
Building services – other	873	1,287
Private works – section 67	8,626	5,370
Regulatory/ statutory fees	914	844
Section 10.7 certificates (EP&A Act)	579	595
Town planning	4,380	4,095
Regulatory – compliance	1,939	2,037
Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory	17,311	14,228
(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s608))		
Child care	19,005	17,482
Community centres	684	729
Leisure centre	9,108	7,609
Park rents	1,413	1,195
Parking fees	3,856	3,147
Hoarding fees	739	991
Pool (admissions)	11,488	9,739
Other	91	50
Total fees and charges – other	46,384	40,942
Total other user charges and fees	63,695	55,170
Total user charges and fees	64,516	55,874
Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees		
User charges and fees recognised over time	30,209	27,015
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time	34,307	28,859
Total user charges and fees	64,516	55,874

Material accounting policy information

Revenue arising from user charges and fees is recognised when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Where an upfront fee is charged such as membership fees for the leisure centre the fee is recognised on a straight-line basis over the expected life of the membership.

Licenses granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licenses is recognised at the time that the license is granted rather than over the term of the license.

B2-3 Other revenues

\$ '000	2024	2023
Fines – parking	16,530	11,023
Bus shelter income	1,285	1,118
Fines – other	2,687	1,059
Legal fees recovery – other	3,260	772
Ex gratia rates	170	336
Credit card transaction fee	114	107
Recycling income (non-domestic)	18	52
Diesel rebate	33	39
Insurance and tax recoveries	–	749
Other	1,286	1,288
Total other revenue	25,383	16,543
Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue		
Other revenue recognised over time	–	–
Other revenue recognised at a point in time	25,383	16,543
Total other revenue	25,383	16,543

Material accounting policy information for other revenue

Where the revenue is earned for the provision of specified goods / services under an enforceable contract, revenue is recognised when or as the obligations are satisfied.

Statutory fees and fines are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received or when the penalty has been applied, whichever occurs first.

Other revenue is recorded when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever occurs first.

B2-4 Grants and contributions

\$ '000	Operating 2024	Operating 2023	Capital 2024	Capital 2023
General purpose grants and non-developer contributions (untied)				
Financial Assistance Grant				
Relating to current year	52	2,677	–	–
Prepayment received in advance for subsequent year	5,509	5,456	–	–
Amount recognised as income during a year	5,561	8,133	–	–
Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)				
Cash contributions				
Child care	1,047	833	–	–
Community services	180	162	–	–
Greenway	–	–	–	3,640
Environmental programs	725	774	–	–
Floodplain management	–	80	–	–
Library	579	626	–	–
LIRS subsidy	29	51	–	–
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	–	–	–	5,896
Recreation and culture	17	20	135	1,973
Street lighting	676	670	–	–
Transport (other roads and bridges funding)	1,136	1,114	478	1,631
Transport (roads to recovery)	–	–	857	857
Urban Amenity Improvement Program	–	–	3,320	2,140
Other specific grants	702	1,354	1,076	2,881
Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions – cash	5,091	5,684	5,866	19,018
Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)	5,091	5,684	5,866	19,018
Total grants and non-developer contributions	10,652	13,817	5,866	19,018
Comprising:				
– Commonwealth funding	5,843	8,323	856	1,714
– State funding	4,524	5,492	4,596	13,701
– Other funding	285	2	414	3,603
	10,652	13,817	5,866	19,018

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B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

Developer contributions

\$ '000	Notes	Operating 2024	Operating 2023	Capital 2024	Capital 2023
Developer contributions: (s7.4 & s7.11 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):					
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Cash contributions					
S 7.4 – contributions using planning agreements		12	11	1,282	1,828
S 7.11 – contributions towards amenities/services		–	–	17,927	8,363
Total developer contributions – cash		12	11	19,209	10,191
Total developer contributions		12	11	19,209	10,191
Total grants and contributions		10,664	13,828	25,075	29,209
Timing of revenue recognition for grants and contributions					
Grants and contributions recognised over time		–	48	–	2,241
Grants and contributions recognised at a point in time		10,664	13,780	25,075	26,968
Total grants and contributions		10,664	13,828	25,075	29,209

Unspent grants and contributions

Certain grants and contributions are obtained by Council on the condition they be spent in a specified manner or in a future period but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions are as follows:

\$ '000	Operating 2024	Operating 2023	Capital 2024	Capital 2023
Unspent funds at 1 July	3,590	4,124	5,963	6,486
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	930	1,118	509	5,157
Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(1,355)	(1,652)	(5,721)	(5,680)
Unspent funds at 30 June	3,165	3,590	751	5,963

Material accounting policy information

Grants and contributions – enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations

Grant and contribution revenue from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised as or when control of each performance obligations is transferred.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement but include the provisioning of public artworks on non-Council owned property. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Performance obligations may be satisfied either at a point in time or over time and this is reflected in the revenue recognition pattern. Point in time recognition occurs when the beneficiary obtains control of the goods / services at a single time (e.g. completion of the project when a report / outcome is provided), whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project (e.g. provision of childcare services through the year).

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

Capital grants

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B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

Capital grants received by Council under an enforceable contract for the acquisition or construction of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be under Council's control on completion are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

Developer contributions

Council has obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenues levied on developers under the provisions of sections 7.4, 7.11 and 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

While Council generally incorporates these amounts as part of a Development Consents Order, such developer contributions are only recognised as income upon receipt by Council, due to the possibility that individual development consents may not be acted upon by the applicant and, accordingly, would not be payable to Council.

Developer contributions may only be expended for the purposes for which the contributions were required, but Council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules for the contribution plan.

Other grants and contributions

Assets, including cash, received from other grants and contributions are recognised at fair value when the asset is received. Council considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

B2-5 Interest and investment income

\$ '000	2024	2023
Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost		
– Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)	1,245	801
– Cash and investments	10,808	8,269
– Other	2,326	1,896
Total interest and investment income	14,379	10,966

Material accounting policy information

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

B2-6 Other income

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
Rental income			
Investment properties			
Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate)		5,342	1,380
Total Investment properties		5,342	1,380
Other lease income			
Leaseback fees - council vehicles		618	587
Other Council Properties			
Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate)		3,092	3,462
Lease income relating to variable lease payments not dependent on an index or a rate		–	–
Total other lease income		3,710	4,049
Total rental income	C2-2	9,052	5,429
Fair value increment on investments			
Fair value increment/ (decrement) on investments (other)		385	100
Total Fair value increment/ (decrement) on investments		385	100
Total other income		9,437	5,529

B3 Costs of providing services

B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs

\$ '000	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	109,227	99,938
Employee termination costs	511	745
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	13,758	12,133
Superannuation	12,973	11,531
Workers' compensation insurance	5,262	3,211
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	880	766
Other	1,297	1,314
Total employee costs	143,908	129,638
Less: capitalised costs	(5,345)	(4,776)
Total employee costs expensed	138,563	124,862
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	1,081	1,019

Material accounting policy information

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

Retirement benefit obligations

Council provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to eligible employees. It offers both defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans, making contributions on behalf of its employees.

Superannuation plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Council participates in a defined benefit plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, however, when sufficient information to account for the plan as a defined benefit is not available and therefore Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans, i.e. as an expense when it becomes payable – refer to Note D3-1 for more information.

B3-2 Materials and services

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
Cost of sales		392	363
Raw materials and consumables		8,319	8,148
Agency Staff		12,183	9,589
Consultants		3,501	4,322
Contractors		40,634	35,819
Infringement notice contract costs		2,232	1,551
Legal Fees		3,307	4,279
IT Expenses		6,460	5,932
Insurance		3,789	3,013
Street lighting		1,683	1,261
Electricity		3,372	3,683
Subscriptions and publications		1,045	883
Telephone and communications		579	579
Postage, Printing and stationery		1,289	1,232
Vehicle Costs		2,720	2,193
Bank charges		862	789
Audit Fees	E2-1	722	555
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	E1-2	629	628
Water rates		1,147	1,042
Tipping fees		12,227	10,101
Gas		700	660
Other expenses		3,282	2,060
Expenses from short-term leases		270	153
Expenses from leases of low value assets		1,219	1,115
Total materials and services		112,563	99,950

Material accounting policy information

Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis as the Council receives the goods or services.

B3-3 Borrowing costs

\$ '000	2024	2023
(i) Interest bearing liability costs		
Interest on leases	10	6
Interest on loans	773	853
Total interest bearing liability costs	783	859
Total interest bearing liability costs expensed	783	859

Material accounting policy information

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of any qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

B3-4 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023 Restated
Depreciation and amortisation			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	34,806	32,365
Right of use assets	C2-1	112	79
Intangible assets	C1-8	930	912
Total depreciation and amortisation costs		35,848	33,356

Material accounting policy information

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives are included in Note C1-7 for IPPE assets, Note C1-9 for intangible assets and Note C2-1 for right of use assets.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Council assets held at fair value that are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash flow, and that are deemed to be specialised, are not tested for impairment since these assets are assessed on an annual basis to ensure that the carrying amount is not materially different from fair value and therefore an impairment loss would be captured during this assessment.

Intangible assets not yet available for use, are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired.

Other non-financial assets that do not meet the criteria above are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units).

Impairment losses for revalued assets are firstly offset against the amount in the revaluation surplus for the class of asset, with only the excess to be recognised in the Income Statement.

B3-5 Other expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
Impairment of receivables	C1-4	153	325
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		1,100	1,157
Contributions/levies to other levels of government			
– Emergency services levy (includes FRNSW, SES and RFS levies)		5,777	4,773
– Waste levy		4,759	5,563
Total other expenses		11,789	11,818

Material accounting policy information

Other expenses are recorded on an accruals basis when Council has an obligation for the expenses.

Impairment expenses are recognised when identified.

B4 Gains or losses

B4-1 Gain or loss from the disposal, replacement and de-recognition of assets

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
Gain (or loss) on disposal of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment			
	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal		2,555	2,820
Less: carrying amount of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		(8,745)	(7,680)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(6,190)	(4,860)
Gain (or loss) on disposal of investments			
	C1-2		
Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – investments		44	–
Gain (or loss) on disposal		44	–

Material accounting policy information

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. The gain or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer and the asset is de-recognised.

B5 Performance against budget

B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 20 June 2023 and is not required to be audited. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include state and federal government decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors, and by decisions made by Council.

While these General Purpose Financial Statements include the original budget adopted by Council, the Act requires Council to review its financial budget on a quarterly basis, so it is able to manage the variation between actuals and budget that invariably occur during the year.

Material variations of more than 10% between original budget and actual results or where the variance is considered material by nature are explained below.

Variation Key: **F** = Favourable budget variation, **U** = Unfavourable budget variation.

\$ '000	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2024 ----- Variance -----	
Revenues				
Rates and annual charges	172,988	173,458	470	0% F
User charges and fees	55,344	64,516	9,172	17% F
Increase in restoration fees due to higher than anticipated works for the financial year, offset by increase in materials and services costs. Other increases include higher utilisation of aquatic facilities offset by increase in costs and higher parking fees returning to Pre-COVID level.				
Other revenues	27,316	25,383	(1,933)	(7)% U
Includes budget under 'Other Income' for lease rental income. Remaining variances above budget due to infringements income returning to Pre-COVID levels and one off legal settlements relating to the WestConnex.				
Operating grants and contributions	9,844	10,664	820	8% F
Capital grants and contributions	37,822	25,075	(12,747)	(34)% U
Timing in spending project expenditure for the Greenway resulted in lower grants received in the financial year. This will be received in the 2024-25 financial year. Lower grants received offset by higher than expected developer contributions received during the financial year.				
Interest and investment revenue	5,500	14,379	8,879	161% F
At the end of the 2022-23 financial year, Council was able to reinvest funds into higher earning term deposits and floating rate notes. This allowed Council to receive higher returns on investments. Investments maturing during the financial year were reinvested in higher earning investments allowing for greater returns.				
Other income	—	9,437	9,437	∞ F
Budget included under 'Other Revenue'.				
Expenses				
Employee benefits and on-costs	138,351	138,563	(212)	0% U
Materials and services	84,045	112,563	(28,518)	(34)% U
Overspend in agency costs to backfill vacant budgeted positions. Remaining variances relate to reactive maintenance costs on Council Aquatic facilities to ensure facilities are maintained at a high level, high tree maintenance costs due to an increase in Customer Request Management and higher tipping costs as a result of establishing Food Organics and Garden Organics in October 2023 offset by savings in section 88 levy under 'Other Expenses'.				
Borrowing costs	792	783	9	1% F
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	33,839	35,848	(2,009)	(6)% U
Other expenses	15,236	11,789	3,447	23% F
Net losses from disposal of assets	920	6,146	(5,226)	(568)% U

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B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

\$ '000	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2024 ----- Variance -----	
Disposal of components of assets from capital projects completed in prior years, specifically building components.				
Fair value decrement on investment property	–	4,878	(4,878)	∞ U
Revaluation of investment property at Liverpool.				

Statement of cash flows

Cash flows from operating activities	70,390	58,229	(12,161)	(17)% U
Net reduction due to the timing of receiving capital grants for GreenWay.				
Cash flows from investing activities	(91,147)	(103,562)	(12,415)	14% U
Lower sale of investments as compared to purchase of investments during the financial year.				
Cash flows from financing activities	(2,447)	(2,570)	(123)	5% U

C Financial position

C1 Assets we manage

C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

\$ '000	2024	2023
Cash assets		
Cash on hand and at bank	27,510	75,413
Total cash and cash equivalents	27,510	75,413

Material accounting policy information

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; deposits held at call with financial institutions; other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value; and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

C1-2 Financial investments

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss				
Mortgage backed securities	–	1,128	–	1,022
Other long term financial assets (Civic Risk)	–	3,200	–	2,984
Total	–	4,328	–	4,006
Debt securities at amortised cost				
Term deposits	86,750	23,000	104,500	3,000
NCD's, FRN's (with maturities > 3 months)	6,000	88,850	–	102,200
Fixed bonds (ADIs)	–	23,400	–	11,300
Total	92,750	135,250	104,500	116,500
Total financial investments	92,750	139,578	104,500	120,506

Material accounting policy information

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, Council classifies its financial assets into the following categories – those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)
- fair value through other comprehensive income – equity instrument (FVOCI-equity)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

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C1-2 Financial investments (continued)

Council's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits, floating rate notes, fixed rate notes and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position. Term deposits with an initial term of more than 3 months are classified as investments rather than cash and cash equivalents.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, impairment and gains or loss on de-recognition are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

Council's financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss comprise investments in Mortgage-Backed Securities and an investment in Civic Risk Mutual in the Statement of Financial Position.

C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

\$ '000 2024 2023

(a) Externally restricted cash,
cash equivalents and
investments

Total cash, cash equivalents and investments **259,838** **300,419**

Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments (110,047) (115,026)

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions **149,791** **185,393**

External restrictions

Developer contributions – general	72,655	63,886
Specific purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – general fund	3,916	9,553
Stormwater management	4,623	3,336
Special Rate Variation Income	15,664	13,331
Mainstreet levy	95	240
3.5% levy reserve	1,121	1,121
Domestic waste management	11,973	23,559

Total external restrictions **110,047** **115,026**

Cash, cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which are only available for specific use by Council due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.

\$ '000 2024 2023

(b) Internal allocations

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions **149,791** **185,393**

Less: Internally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments (142,392) (163,076)

Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments **7,399** **22,317**

Internal allocations

At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:

Employees leave entitlement	15,638	14,315
Deposits, retentions and bonds	32,977	28,306
Investment Property Reserve	5,863	24,928
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	19,446	19,446
Depreciation Contra Reserve	68,468	76,081
Total internal allocations	142,392	163,076

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions may be internally allocated by resolution or policy of the elected Council.

C1-4 Receivables

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
Rates and annual charges	12,634	–	14,251	–
Interest and extra charges	1,992	–	1,677	–
User charges and fees	18,534	–	19,619	–
Accrued revenues				
– Interest on investments	2,095	–	1,937	–
– Other income accruals	1,649	–	443	–
Fines	9,776	–	6,580	–
Net GST receivable	2,201	–	2,236	–
Other receivables	610	–	246	–
Total	49,491	–	46,989	–
Less: provision for impairment				
Rates and annual charges	(316)	–	(356)	–
Interest and extra charges	(50)	–	(42)	–
User charges and fees	(144)	–	(2,251)	–
Fines	(938)	–	(1,143)	–
Total provision for impairment – receivables	(1,448)	–	(3,792)	–
Total net receivables	48,043	–	43,197	–

\$ '000	2024	2023
Movement in provision for impairment of receivables		
Balance at the beginning of the year (calculated in accordance with AASB 9)	3,789	3,487
– Provisions recognised/(reduced) during the year	(2,341)	302
Balance at the end of the year	1,448	3,789

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C1-4 Receivables (continued)

Material accounting policy information

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Impairment

Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating the ECL, the Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience and informed credit assessment, and including forward-looking information.

Council uses the simplified approach for trade receivables where the expected lifetime credit losses are recognised on day 1.

When considering the ECL for rates debtors, Council takes into account that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold (i.e. these charges are secured against the property). For non-rates debtors, Council uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract, and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

The Council writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings.

Where the Council renegotiates the terms of receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

C1-5 Inventories

	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
\$ '000				
(i) Inventories at cost				
Stores, materials and trading stock	206	–	216	–
Total inventories at cost	206	–	216	–
Total inventories	206	–	216	–

Material accounting policy information

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting rebates and discounts. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2023			Asset movements during the reporting period								At 30 June 2024		
	Gross carrying amount Restated	Accumulated depreciation and impairment Restated	Net carrying amount Restated	Additions/transfers renewals ¹	Additions/transfers new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	WIP additions	Adjustments and transfers	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
\$ '000														
Capital work in progress	96,414	–	96,414	(23,782)	(50,353)	–	–	77,563	–	–	–	99,838	–	99,838
Plant and equipment	31,052	(20,553)	10,499	–	9,078	(934)	(2,353)	–	–	–	–	36,849	(20,559)	16,290
Domestic waste vehicles	3,953	(1,616)	2,337	–	–	(220)	(380)	–	–	–	–	3,330	(1,594)	1,736
Office equipment	4,486	(3,633)	853	–	191	(26)	(271)	–	–	–	–	4,237	(3,490)	747
Furniture and fittings	2,167	(1,928)	239	–	120	–	(111)	–	–	(15)	–	2,287	(2,039)	248
Land:														
– Crown Land	132,487	–	132,487	–	–	–	–	–	–	(6,363)	–	126,124	–	126,124
– Operational land	499,186	–	499,186	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	499,186	–	499,186
– Community land	225,840	–	225,840	–	1,365	–	–	–	–	(10,320)	–	216,886	–	216,886
Land improvements – non-depreciable	4,286	–	4,286	120	2	–	–	–	(290)	(3,562)	–	559	–	559
Land improvements – depreciable	133,314	(42,040)	91,274	654	15,682	(856)	(4,555)	–	89	–	40,726	193,802	(50,791)	143,011
Car parks – non-depreciable	17,714	–	17,714	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	605	18,320	–	18,320
Car parks – depreciable	14,850	(3,797)	11,053	64	59	–	(363)	–	–	–	1,608	16,916	(4,496)	12,420
Infrastructure:														
– Buildings	422,039	(111,328)	310,711	7,548	2,014	(4,382)	(8,222)	–	–	–	24,614	459,737	(127,455)	332,282
– Buildings and Aquatic Centres surrounding assets	12,168	–	12,168	–	–	–	(553)	–	–	–	929	19,922	(7,379)	12,543
– Aquatic Centres	109,557	(17,982)	91,575	–	–	–	(2,170)	–	–	–	7,152	118,322	(21,765)	96,557
– Roads	359,477	(125,836)	233,641	5,410	3,058	(911)	(6,899)	–	–	–	13,540	384,401	(136,554)	247,847
– Bridges	26,843	(10,281)	16,562	303	1,353	(50)	(341)	–	–	–	4,331	33,322	(11,164)	22,158
– Footpaths	251,612	(94,882)	156,730	6,541	2,271	(947)	(3,734)	–	–	–	8,043	271,640	(102,735)	168,905
– Kerb and gutter	213,648	(81,380)	132,268	1,903	533	(257)	(1,421)	–	–	–	7,981	228,654	(87,647)	141,007
– Other road assets	30,251	(5,365)	24,886	360	8,327	(33)	(1,242)	–	290	–	6,518	47,024	(7,917)	39,107
– Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	561,300	–	561,300	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	561,300	–	561,300
– Sea walls	40,700	(14,887)	25,813	–	–	–	(414)	–	–	–	22,375	73,934	(26,161)	47,773
– Wharves	13,226	(4,615)	8,611	–	–	–	(142)	–	–	–	1,215	14,431	(4,745)	9,686
– Stormwater drainage	182,766	(60,387)	122,379	879	6,300	(131)	(1,636)	–	(89)	(2,790)	–	190,150	(65,235)	124,915
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	3,389,336	(600,510)	2,788,826	–	–	(8,747)	(34,807)	77,563	–	(23,050)	139,637	3,621,171	(681,726)	2,939,445

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2022			Asset movements during the reporting period							At 30 June 2023		
	Gross carrying amount ³	Accumulated depreciation and impairment ₃	Net carrying amount	Additions/transfers renewals _{1,2}	Additions/transfers new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	WIP additions	Adjustments and transfers	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount ³	Accumulated depreciation and impairment ₃	Net carrying amount
\$ '000	Restated	Restated	Restated								Restated	Restated	Restated
Restated Capital work in progress	75,304	–	75,304	(38,215)	(8,593)	–	–	68,482	(564)	–	96,414	–	96,414
Plant and equipment	29,342	(19,899)	9,443	–	4,043	(670)	(2,317)	–	–	–	31,052	(20,553)	10,499
Office equipment	4,246	(3,373)	873	–	241	–	(261)	–	–	–	4,486	(3,633)	853
Furniture and fittings	2,167	(1,813)	354	–	–	–	(115)	–	–	–	2,167	(1,928)	239
Domestic waste vehicles	5,244	(1,699)	3,545	–	–	(256)	(388)	–	(565)	–	3,953	(1,616)	2,337
Land:													
– Operational land	394,950	–	394,950	–	–	–	–	–	(936)	105,172	499,186	–	499,186
– Community land	152,560	–	152,560	–	–	–	–	–	11,633	61,647	225,840	–	225,840
– Crown land	105,130	–	105,130	–	–	–	–	–	(10,697)	38,054	132,487	–	132,487
Land improvements – non-depreciable	4,286	–	4,286	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,286	–	4,286
Land improvements – depreciable	130,586	(40,877)	89,709	9,131	1,227	(1,330)	(3,694)	–	(3,769)	–	133,314	(42,040)	91,274
Car parks – non-depreciable	17,714	–	17,714	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17,714	–	17,714
Car parks – depreciable	10,786	(3,634)	7,152	6	7	–	(359)	–	4,246	–	14,850	(3,797)	11,053
Infrastructure:													
– Buildings	378,047	(114,881)	263,166	3,417	1,012	–	(7,947)	–	(148)	51,211	422,039	(111,328)	310,711
– Roads	426,804	(202,293)	224,511	9,490	–	(522)	(6,631)	–	(2,913)	9,706	359,477	(125,836)	233,641
– Bridges ³	26,843	(10,004)	16,839	–	–	–	(289)	–	13	–	26,843	(10,281)	16,562
– Footpaths	229,390	(88,494)	140,896	5,470	1,684	(704)	(3,258)	–	(34)	12,676	251,612	(94,882)	156,730
– Other road assets (including bulk earthworks)	35,520	(6,498)	29,022	1,840	33	(3,521)	(1,154)	–	(1,334)	–	30,251	(5,365)	24,886
– Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	525,843	–	525,843	55	–	–	–	–	–	35,402	561,300	–	561,300
– Stormwater drainage	179,340	(59,269)	120,071	3,961	–	(251)	(1,439)	–	37	–	182,766	(60,387)	122,379
– Aquatic Centres	102,112	(17,192)	84,920	3,482	109	–	(2,440)	–	269	5,235	109,557	(17,982)	91,575
– Kerb and gutter	224,359	(91,860)	132,499	1,363	237	(427)	(1,404)	–	–	–	213,648	(81,380)	132,268
– Sea walls	38,211	(13,126)	25,085	–	–	–	(395)	–	1,123	–	40,700	(14,887)	25,813
– Wharves ³	13,240	(4,483)	8,757	–	–	–	(136)	–	(9)	–	13,226	(4,615)	8,611
– Buildings and Aquatic Centres surrounding assets	–	–	–	–	–	–	(137)	–	2,582	9,724	12,168	–	12,168
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	3,112,024	(679,395)	2,432,629	–	–	(7,681)	(32,364)	68,482	(1,066)	328,827	3,389,336	(600,510)	2,788,826

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

(2) Council had performed a valuation of some of its infrastructure assets in the financial year 2022/23. At 30 June 2023, Council's Statement of Financial Position included \$3 million in work-in-progress related to Aquatic Centres that were carried at cost. The incorrect inclusion of the \$3 million WIP balance within revalued assets, while also being carried as WIP at cost, led to an overstatement of the IPPE and assets revaluation reserve. Council restated the IPPE and revaluation reserve balances by \$3 million at the end of the year 2022/23 in the Statement of Financial Position. In addition, the 2022/23 gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment within the Statement of Comprehensive Income was restated to \$329 million from \$332 million.

(3) Opening balances at 01/07/2022 and annual movement for Bridges and Wharves classes restated for 2022/23; refer Note F4-1 correction of errors.

C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

Material accounting policy information

Initial recognition of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)

IPPE is measured initially at cost. Cost includes the fair value of the consideration given to acquire the asset (net of discounts and rebates) and any directly attributable cost of bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use (inclusive of import duties and taxes).

When infrastructure, property, plant and equipment is acquired by Council at significantly below fair value, the assets are initially recognised at their fair value at acquisition date.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Income Statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Useful lives of IPPE

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment	Years	Property Assets	Years
Office equipment	5 to 10	Buildings	10 to 150
Office furniture	4 to 20	Aquatic Centres	10 to 120
Plant and Fleet	3 to 10		
Domestic Waste Vehicles	7 to 10	Play Spaces and Sporting Fields	Years
		Land Improvements Parks (Depreciable)	5 to 200
Transport Assets	Years	Seawalls	100 to 120
Roads	25 to 100	Wharves	10 to 100
Road Formation/Bulk Earthworks	Not depreciable		
Bridges	20 to 100		
Footpaths	30 to 80		
Kerb and Gutter	85 to 200		
Traffic Devices	20 to 80		
Other Road assets	10 to 100		
Car Parks (Non Depreciable)	Not Depreciable		
Car Parks (Depreciable)	10 to 100		
Stormwater Drainage	20 - 150		
Building Land Improvements	5 - 100		

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Revaluation model

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are held at fair value. Comprehensive valuations are performed at least every 5 years, however the carrying amount of assets is assessed by Council at each reporting date to confirm that it is not materially different from current fair value.

Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation are credited to the IPPE revaluation reserve. To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognising profit or loss relating to that asset class, the increase is first recognised as profit or loss. Decreases that reverse previous increases of assets in the same class are first charged against IPPE revaluation reserve to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the class; all other decreases are charged to the Income Statement.

Land under roads

Land under roads is land under roadways and road reserves including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips.

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008. Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with the IPPE accounting policy.

Crown reserves

Crown reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

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C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

Improvements on Crown reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating to the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

C1-7 Investment properties

Owned investment property

\$ '000	2024	2023
At fair value		
Opening balance at 1 July	54,878	–
Acquisitions	21,291	54,500
Capitalised subsequent expenditure	–	378
Net gain/(loss) from fair value adjustments	(4,878)	–
Closing balance at 30 June	71,291	54,878

Material accounting policy information

Investment property, principally comprising freehold office buildings, is held for long-term rental yields and is not occupied by the Council.

For the additional disclosures refer to the C2-2 Council as a Lessor and D2-1 Fair Value Measurement

C1-8 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are as follows:

\$ '000	2024	2023
Software		
Opening values at 1 July		
Gross book value	9,279	7,902
Accumulated amortisation	(3,821)	(2,909)
Software work in progress (WIP) balance	403	1,952
Net book value – opening balance	5,861	6,945
Movements for the year		
Other movements	662	140
Amortisation charges	(930)	(912)
Closing values at 30 June		
Gross book value	9,941	9,279
Accumulated amortisation	(4,751)	(3,821)
Software work in progress (WIP) balance	403	715
Total software – net book value	5,593	6,173
Total intangible assets – net book value	5,593	6,173

Material accounting policy information

IT development and software

Costs incurred in developing products or systems and costs incurred in acquiring software and licenses that will contribute to future period financial benefits through revenue generation and/or cost reduction are capitalised to software and systems.

Costs capitalised include external direct costs of materials and service, direct payroll, and payroll related costs of employees' time spent on the project. Amortisation is calculated on a straight line basis over periods generally ranging from three to ten years. IT development costs include only those costs directly attributable to the development phase and are only recognised following completion of technical feasibility, and where Council has an intention and ability to use the asset.

C2 Leasing activities

C2-1 Council as a lessee

Council leases a diverse range of equipment, including IT, Office, and Sports equipment. Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions is provided below.

Office, IT and Sport equipment

Leases for office and IT equipment are generally for low value assets, except for significant items such as photocopiers. The leases are for between 1 and 5 years with no renewal option and the payments are fixed.

(a) Right of use assets

\$ '000	Plant & Equipment	Buildings	Office, IT and Sport Equipment	Total
2024				
Opening balance at 1 July	–	66	163	229
Additions to right-of-use assets	–	3	158	161
Depreciation charge	–	(23)	(89)	(112)
Other movement	–	–	–	–
Balance at 30 June	–	46	232	278
2023				
Opening balance at 1 July	316	318	202	836
Additions to right-of-use assets	–	88	18	106
Depreciation charge	–	(22)	(57)	(79)
Other movement	(316)	(318)	–	(634)
Balance at 30 June	–	66	163	229

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C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

(b) Lease liabilities

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
Lease liabilities	116	164	82	159
Total lease liabilities	116	164	82	159

(c) (i) The maturity analysis

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

\$ '000	< 1 year	1 – 5 years	> 5 years	Total	Total per Statement of Financial Position
2024					
Cash flows	116	164	–	280	280
2023					
Cash flows	82	159	–	241	241

(d) Income Statement

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to leases where Council is a lessee are shown below:

\$ '000	2024	2023
Interest on lease liabilities	10	6
Depreciation of right of use assets	112	79
Expenses relating to short-term leases	270	153
Expenses relating to leases of low-value assets	1,219	1,115
	1,611	1,353

(e) Statement of Cash Flows

Total cash outflow for leases	(120)	(83)
	(120)	(83)

Material accounting policy information

At inception of a contract, Council assesses whether a lease exists – i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration?

At the lease commencement, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where Council believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises: the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Council's incremental borrowing rate for a similar term with similar security is used.

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C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is re-measured when there is a lease modification, or change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI).

Where the lease liability is re-measured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the re-measurement.

Exceptions to lease accounting

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

C2-2 Council as a lessor

Operating leases

Council leases out a number of properties and /or plant and equipment to community groups; these leases have been classified as operating leases for financial reporting purposes and the assets are included as investment property (refer note C1-8) and/or IPP&E (refer note c1-7) in the Statement of Financial Position.

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to operating leases where Council is a lessor are shown below:

\$ '000	2024	2023
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(i) Assets held as investment property

Lease income relating to variable lease payments not dependent on an index or a rate

Direct operating expenses from property that generated rental income

Direct operating expenses from property that generated rental income

	(988)	(74)
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Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate)	5,342	1,380
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Total income relating to operating leases for investment property assets	4,354	1,306
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(ii) Assets held as property, plant and equipment

Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate)	3,092	3,462
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Leaseback fees - council vehicles	618	587
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Total income relating to operating leases for Council assets	3,710	4,049
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(iii) Maturity analysis of undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for all operating leases:

Maturity analysis of future lease income receivable showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for operating leases:

< 1 year	1,912	1,147
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1-2 years	1,217	730
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Total undiscounted lease payments to be received	3,129	1,877
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Material accounting policy information

When Council is a lessor, the lease is classified as either an operating or finance lease at inception date, based on whether substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset have been transferred to the lessee. If the risks and rewards have been transferred then the lease is classified as a finance lease, otherwise it is an operating lease.

When Council has a sub-lease over an asset and is the intermediate lessor then the head lease and sub-lease are accounted for separately. The classification of the sub-lease is based on the right-of-use asset which arises from the head lease rather than the useful life of the underlying asset.

If the lease contains lease and non-lease components, the non-lease components are accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.

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C2-2 Council as a lessor (continued)

The lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term for an operating lease and as finance income using amortised cost basis for finance leases.

C3 Liabilities of Council

C3-1 Payables

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
Prepaid rates	2,306	–	–	–
Goods and services – operating expenditure	5,751	–	7,615	–
Accrued expenses:				
– Borrowings	258	–	272	–
– Salaries and wages	–	–	910	–
– Other expenditure accruals	11,717	–	11,189	–
Security bonds, deposits and retentions	32,887	–	27,901	–
Other	2,789	–	2,107	–
Total payables	55,708	–	49,994	–

Current payables not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

\$ '000	2024	2023
The following liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Payables – security bonds, deposits and retentions	28,945	24,536
Total payables	28,945	24,536

Material accounting policy information

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Payables

Payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to Council prior to the end of financial year that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

C3-2 Contract Liabilities

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
Grants and contributions received in advance:				
Unexpended capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets) ⁽ⁱ⁾	20,079	–	23,399	–
Total grants received in advance	20,079	–	23,399	–
Income in Advance	11,545	–	12,371	778
Total user fees and charges received in advance	11,545	–	12,371	778
Total contract liabilities	31,624	–	35,770	778

⁽ⁱ⁾ Council has received funding to construct transport assets. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which requires Council to construct assets which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognized as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognized as revenue. The revenue is expected to be recognized in the next 12 months.

Material accounting policy information

Contract liabilities are recorded when consideration is received from a customer / fund provider prior to Council transferring a good or service to the customer, Council presents the funds which exceed revenue recognised as a contract liability.

C3-3 Borrowings

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
Loans – secured ¹	2,047	30,740	2,447	32,788
Total borrowings	2,047	30,740	2,447	32,788

(1) Loans are secured over the general rating income of Council.
Disclosures on liability interest rate risk exposures, fair value disclosures and security can be found in Note D1-1.

(a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	2023		Non-cash movements				2024
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Remeasuremen t of Lease Liability	Closing balance
Loans – secured	35,235	(2,448)	–	–	–	–	32,787
Lease liability (Note C2-1b)	241	39	–	–	–	–	280
Total liabilities from financing activities	35,476	(2,409)	–	–	–	–	33,067

	2022		Non-cash movements				2023
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Remeasurement of Lease Liability	Closing balance
Loans – secured	37,834	(2,599)	–	–	–	–	35,235
Lease liability (Note C2-1b)	848	(607)	–	–	–	–	241
Total liabilities from financing activities	38,682	(3,206)	–	–	–	–	35,476

(b) Financing arrangements

\$ '000	2024	2023
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Total facilities

Total financing facilities available to Council at the reporting date are:

Bank overdraft facilities ¹	1,000	1,000
Credit cards/purchase cards	274	274
Total financing arrangements	1,274	1,274

Drawn facilities

Financing facilities drawn down at the reporting date are:

Undrawn facilities

Undrawn financing facilities available to Council at the reporting date are:

– Bank overdraft facilities	1,000	1,000
– Credit cards/purchase cards	274	274
Total undrawn financing arrangements	1,274	1,274

Additional financing arrangements information

Breaches and defaults

During the current and prior year, there were no defaults or breaches on any of the loans.

(1) The bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

C3-3 Borrowings (continued)

Material accounting policy information

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down.

Borrowings are removed from the Statement of Financial Position when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in other income or borrowing costs.

C3-4 Employee benefit provisions

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
Annual leave	10,082	–	9,799	–
Sick leave	224	–	213	–
Long service leave	19,815	2,885	18,959	1,355
Other leave	538	–	537	–
Employee Leave Entitlements on-costs	2,960	232	2,383	88
Total employee benefit provisions	33,619	3,117	31,891	1,443

Current employee benefit provisions not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

\$ '000	2024	2023
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employees benefits	22,071	22,530
	22,071	22,530

Material accounting policy information

Employee benefit provisions are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur and therefore all annual leave and vested long service leave (or that which vests within 12 months) is presented as current.

Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service) are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and accumulating sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long-service leave and annual leave that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

On-costs

The employee benefit provisions include the aggregate on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include superannuation, payroll tax and workers compensation expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain leave liabilities which employees are entitled to at the reporting period.

D Risks and accounting uncertainties

D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including (1) price risk, (2) credit risk, (3) liquidity risk and (4) interest rate risk.

The Council's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's finance section under policies approved by the Council.

The fair value of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying amount.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

\$ '000	Carrying value 2024	Carrying value 2023	Fair value 2024	Fair value 2023
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost				
Cash and cash equivalents	27,510	75,413	27,510	75,413
Receivables	48,043	43,197	45,798	43,199
Investments				
– Debt securities at amortised cost	228,000	221,000	228,000	221,000
Fair value through profit and loss				
Investments				
– Held for trading	4,328	4,006	4,328	3,921
Total financial assets	307,881	343,616	305,636	343,533
Financial liabilities				
Payables	55,708	49,994	55,708	49,994
Loans/advances	32,787	35,235	32,787	35,235
Total financial liabilities	88,495	85,229	88,495	85,229

Fair value is determined as follows:

- Cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables – are estimated to be the carrying value that approximates market value.
- Borrowings and held-to-maturity investments – are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current mkt interest rates applicable to assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial assets classified (i) 'at fair value through profit and loss' – are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital.

Council's finance area manages the cash and Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

Council has an investment policy which complies with the Local Government Act 1993 and Minister's investment order 625. This policy is regularly reviewed by Council and it's staff and an investment report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance as required by Local Government regulations.

The risks associated with the instruments held are:

- Price risk – the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.

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D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

- Interest rate risk – the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.
- Liquidity risk – the risk that Council will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- Credit risk – the risk that the investment counterparty will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council – be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any funds in cash equivalents and investments.

(a) Market risk – interest rate and price risk

\$ '000	2024	2023
The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.		
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates		
– Equity / Income Statement	127	1,276
Impact of a 10% movement in price of investments		
– Equity / Income Statement	7,565	5,867

(b) Credit risk

Council's major receivables comprise (i) rates and annual charges and (ii) user charges and fees.

Council manages the credit risk associated with these receivables by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. Council also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers or specific industry sectors.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

Council makes suitable provision for expected credit loss as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

Credit risk profile

Receivables – rates and annual charges

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to secure a charge over the land relating to the debts – that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates and annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages the payment of debt.

\$ '000	Not yet overdue	overdue rates and annual charges < 5 years	≥ 5 years	Total
2024				
Gross carrying amount	–	12,634	–	12,634
2023				
Gross carrying amount	–	12,204	2,047	14,251

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D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

Receivables - non-rates and annual charges and contract assets

Council applies the simplified approach for non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets to provide for expected credit losses, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision at inception. To measure the expected credit losses, non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The loss allowance provision is determined as follows. The expected credit losses incorporate forward-looking information.

\$ '000	Not yet overdue	0 - 30 days	Overdue debts			Total
			31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 91 days	
2024						
Gross carrying amount	11,712	10,392	608	7,600	6,545	36,857
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	5.28%	0.49%	0.50%	8.27%	3.07%
ECL provision	–	549	3	38	541	1,131
2023						
Gross carrying amount	8,899	13,185	835	850	8,969	32,738
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	7.10%	0.84%	3.18%	27.60%	10.52%
ECL provision	–	936	7	27	2,475	3,445

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D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Payables, lease liabilities and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk; that is, the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels, and by maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended, and overdraft facilities drawn upon in extenuating circumstances.

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk: the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. Council manages this risk through diversification of borrowing types, maturities and interest rate structures.

The finance team regularly reviews interest rate movements to determine if it would be advantageous to refinance or renegotiate part or all of the loan portfolio.

The timing of cash flows presented in the table below to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates. The timing of expected outflows is not expected to be materially different from contracted cashflows.

The amounts disclosed in the table are the undiscounted contracted cash flows for non-lease liabilities (refer to Note C2-1(b) for lease liabilities) and therefore the balances in the table may not equal the balances in the Statement of Financial Position due to the effect of discounting.

\$ '000	Weighted average interest rate	Subject to no maturity	≤ 1 Year	payable in: 1 - 5 Years	> 5 Years	Total cash outflows	Actual carrying values
2024							
Payables	0.00%	32,887	—	—	—	32,887	55,708
Borrowings	2.38%	—	2,047	9,504	21,236	32,787	32,787
Total financial liabilities		32,887	2,047	9,504	21,236	65,674	88,495
2023							
Payables	0.00%	27,901	—	—	—	27,901	49,994
Borrowings	2.44%	—	2,447	7,623	25,165	35,235	35,235
Total financial liabilities		27,901	2,447	7,623	25,165	63,136	85,229

D2-1 Fair value measurement

The Council measures the following asset and liability classes at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment
- Investments
- Investment property

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various accounting standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a 'level' in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Fair value measurement hierarchy							2023 Restated
		Level 1 Quoted prices in active mkts		Level 2 Significant observable inputs		Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs		Total 2024	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023 Restated		
Recurring fair value measurements									
Financial assets									
Financial investments	C1-2								
At fair value through profit or loss		–	–	1,128	1,022	3,200	2,984	4,328	4,006
Total financial assets		–	–	1,128	1,022	3,200	2,984	4,328	4,006
Investment property									
Investment Property	C1-7	–	–	71,291	–	–	54,666	71,291	54,666
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment									
Crown Land	C1-6	–	–	–	–	138,851	132,487	138,851	132,487
Operational land		–	–	499,186	499,186	–	–	499,186	499,186
Community land		–	–	–	–	204,159	225,840	204,159	225,840
Land improvements – non-depreciable		–	–	–	–	559	4,286	559	4,286
Land improvements – depreciable		–	–	–	–	143,018	91,274	143,018	91,274
Car parks – non-depreciable		–	–	–	–	18,320	17,714	18,320	17,714
Car parks – depreciable		–	–	–	–	12,420	11,053	12,420	11,053
Buildings		–	–	–	–	332,282	310,711	332,282	310,711
Buildings and Aquatic Centres surrounding assets		–	–	–	–	12,543	12,168	12,543	12,168
Aquatic Centres		–	–	–	–	96,557	91,575	96,557	91,575
Roads		–	–	–	–	247,847	233,641	247,847	233,641
Bridges		–	–	–	–	22,158	16,562	22,158	16,562
Footpaths		–	–	–	–	168,905	156,730	168,905	156,730
Kerb and Gutter		–	–	–	–	141,007	132,268	141,007	132,268
Other road assets		–	–	–	–	39,107	24,886	39,107	24,886
Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)		–	–	–	–	561,300	561,300	561,300	561,300
Sea walls		–	–	–	–	47,773	25,813	47,773	25,813
Wharves		–	–	–	–	9,686	8,611	9,686	8,611
Stormwater drainage		–	–	–	–	124,915	122,379	124,915	122,379
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		–	–	499,186	499,186	2,321,407	2,179,298	2,820,593	2,678,484

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D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

Valuation techniques

Where Council is unable to derive fair valuations using quoted market prices of identical assets (i.e. level 1 inputs) Council instead utilises a spread of both observable inputs (level 2 inputs) and unobservable inputs (level 3 inputs).

The fair valuation techniques Council has employed while utilising level 2 and level 3 inputs are as follows:

Investment property

Council acquired a commercial office building in January 2023 and another one in July 2023.

The January 2023 acquisition has been revalued as at 30 June 2024 by an Independent Valuer. The basis of the valuation is Market Value prepared in accordance with both AASB 13 (Fair Value) and AASB 140 (Investment Property) through comparison with sales and rental evidence.

Independent valuation advice was obtained prior to July 2023 acquisition which determined the purchase price. Due to the acquisition being in the same financial year and the absence of significant changes in the leasing and sales prices of comparable properties it is considered the value of the property remains unchanged as at 30 June 2024.

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)

Buildings, Aquatic Centres and surrounding assets

As of March 31, 2023, Knowledge Asset Management Pty Ltd conducted a valuation of the Buildings assets, including Aquatic Centres and surrounding assets owned by the council.

The valuation process involved a physical inspection and measurement of the assets. This approach aimed to maximize the use of observable inputs, which are readily available and can be directly observed in the market, while minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Based on the nature of the valuation inputs used, the assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs. Level 3 inputs typically involve significant unobservable inputs, requiring judgment and estimation to determine the fair value.

It is mentioned that there have been no changes to the valuation process during the reporting period, indicating consistency in the approach and methodology employed for valuing the council's buildings

Based on the Fair Value assessment conducted by Insight Valuations, the council has carried out an indexation valuation for the Buildings, Aquatic Centres and surrounding assets as at 30 June 2024.

Community & Crown Land

Valuation of all Council's Community Land and Council managed land were based on the land values provided by the Valuer-General as at 1 July 2023. As these rates were not considered to be observable market evidence they have been classified as Level 3.

Operational Land

The valuation of Council's operational land was undertaken as at 31 March 2023 by Knowledge Asset Management Pty Ltd.

Operational has been valued at market value, having regard to the "highest and best use", after identifying all elements that would be taken into account by buyers and sellers in settling the price, including but not limited to

- The land's description and/or dimensions;
- Planning and other constraints on development; and
- The potential for alternative use.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Transport Assets

Council undertook the valuation of the transport assets (roads, footpaths, kerbs and gutters and other road assets) as at 30 June 2022. The valuation was conducted by the Infrastructure Management Group Pty Ltd.

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D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

All infrastructure assets were valued using Level 3 valuation inputs using the cost approach. This approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset by componentising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and considering a range of factors.

While the unit rates are based on quantitative dimensional units such as square meters or lineal meters and can be supported from market evidence (level 2) other inputs (such as estimates of useful lives, remaining life profiles and asset conditions) required extensive professional judgment which impacts significantly on the final determination of the assets fair value.

Based on the Fair Value assessment conducted by Insight Valuations, the council has carried out an indexation valuation for the Roads, Footpath, Kerb & Gutter, Car Parks, Traffic Devices, and Other Road Assets asset classes as of 30 June 2024. This adjustment aims to align the asset costs with the changes in construction costs. All assets valued at fair value are being used for their highest and best use.

Stormwater Drainage

Council has conducted a comprehensive revaluation of stormwater drainage assets as of 30 June 2024, utilising Level 3 valuation inputs through a cost approach. The condition assessment was carried out internally, while the financial valuation was conducted by external consultants, Knowledge Asset Management Pty Ltd.

Parks, Seawalls, Wharves

Council has conducted a comprehensive revaluation of Parks, Seawalls and Wharves assets as of 30 June 2024, utilising Level 3 valuation inputs through a cost approach. The condition assessment was carried out by external consultant Knowledge Asset Management Pty Ltd, financial valuation was conducted by external consultant iinsight.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

A reconciliation of the movements in recurring fair value measurements allocated to Level 3 of the hierarchy is provided below:

	Level 2 Operational land		Level 3 Remaining assets		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
\$ '000				Restated		Restated
Opening balance	499,186	394,950	2,193,226	1,962,375	2,692,412	2,357,325
Total gains or losses for the period						
Recognised in other comprehensive income – revaluation surplus	–	105,172	116,614	223,654	116,614	328,826
Other movements						
Transfers from/(to) another asset class	–	(936)	–	434	–	(502)
Purchases (GBV)	–	–	74,135	46,808	74,135	46,808
Disposals (WDV)	–	–	(8,747)	(7,681)	(8,747)	(7,681)
Depreciation and impairment	–	–	(34,807)	(32,364)	(34,807)	(32,364)
Closing balance	499,186	499,186	2,340,421	2,193,226	2,839,607	2,692,412

Highest and best use

All of Council's non-financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.

D3-1 Contingencies

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but their knowledge and disclosure is considered relevant to the users of Council's financial report.

LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

1. Guarantees

(i) Defined benefit superannuation contribution plans

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named The Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B (the Scheme) which is a defined benefit plan that has been deemed to be a 'multi-employer fund' for purposes of AASB119 Employee Benefits for the following reasons:

- Assets are not segregated within the sub-group according to the employees of each sponsoring employer.
- The contribution rates have been the same for all sponsoring employers. That is, contribution rates have not varied for each sponsoring employer according to the experience relating to the employees of that sponsoring employer.
- Benefits for employees of all sponsoring employers are determined according to the same formulae and without regard to the sponsoring employer.
- The same actuarial assumptions are currently used in respect of the employees of each sponsoring employer.

Given the factors above, each sponsoring employer is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers, and hence shares in the associated gains and losses (to the extent that they are not borne by members).

Description of the funding arrangements.

Pooled employers are required to pay standard employer contributions and additional lump sum contributions to the fund.

The standard employer contributions were determined using the new entrant rate method under which a contribution rate sufficient to fund the total benefits over the working life-time of a typical new entrant is calculated. The current standard employer contribution rates are:

Division B	1.9 times member contributions for non-180 Point Members; Nil for 180 Point Members
Division C	2.5% salaries
Division D	1.64 times member contributions

* For 180 Point Members, Employers are required to contribute 8.5% of salaries for the year ending 30 June 2024.(increasing to 9.0% in line with the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee) to these members accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of the total past service contributions of \$20.0 million per annum for 1 January 2022 to 30 December 2024, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2023. These past service contributions are used to maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

The adequacy of contributions is assessed at each triennial actuarial investigation and monitored annually between triennials.

Description of the extent to which Council can be liable to the plan for other Council's obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan

As stated above, each sponsoring employer (Council) is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers and hence shares in the associated gains and losses.

However, there is no relief under the Fund's trust deed for employers to walk away from their defined benefit obligations. Under limited circumstances, an employer may withdraw from the plan when there are no active members, on full payment of outstanding additional contributions. There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of the Council.

There are no specific provisions under the Fund's trust deed dealing with deficits or surplus on wind-up.

The amount of employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Scheme and recognised as an expense for the year ending 30 June 2024 was \$523,541.

Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$541,217.76.

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D3-1 Contingencies (continued)

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2024 is:

Employer reserves only *	\$millions	Asset Coverage
Assets	2,237.5	
Past Service Liabilities	2,141.9	104.5%
Vested Benefits	2,159.8	103.6%

* excluding member accounts and reserves in both assets and liabilities.

The key economic long term assumptions used to calculate the present value of accrued benefits are:

Investment return	6.0% per annum
Salary inflation	3.5% per annum
Increase in CPI	3.5% for FY23/24 2.5% per annum thereafter

The contribution requirements may vary from the current rates if the overall sub-group experience is not in line with the actuarial assumptions in determining the funding program; however, any adjustment to the funding program would be the same for all sponsoring employers in the Pooled Employers group. Please note the estimated employer reserves financial position above is a preliminary calculation, and once all the relevant information has been received by the Funds Actuary, the final end of year review will be completed by December 2024.

(ii) Statewide Limited

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to local government.

Membership includes the potential to share in either the net assets or liabilities of the fund depending on its past performance. Council's share of the net assets or liabilities reflects Council's contributions to the pool and the result of insurance claims within each of the fund years.

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30 June this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively. The contingent liability is not quantifiable.

(iii) StateCover Limited

Council is a member of StateCover Mutual Limited and holds a partly paid share in the entity.

StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW local government industry and specifically Council.

Council has a contingent liability to contribute further equity in the event of the erosion of the company's capital base as a result of the company's past performance and/or claims experience or as a result of any increased prudential requirements from APRA. The contingent liability is not quantifiable.

These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of net assets in accordance with its license requirements.

(iv) Other guarantees

Council has provided no other guarantees other than those listed above.

2. Other liabilities

(i) Third party claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its insurance coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

(ii) Potential land acquisitions due to planning restrictions imposed by Council

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as local open space or bushland.

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D3-1 Contingencies (continued)

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (and subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED

(i) Land under roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account land under roads that it owned or controlled up to and including 30/6/2008.

E People and relationships

E1 Related party disclosures

E1-1 Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel (KMP) of the council are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the council, directly or indirectly.

- Mayor (1)
- Councillors (14)
- General Manager (1)
- Directors (4)

The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in the Income Statement is:

\$ '000	2024	2023
Compensation:		
Short-term benefits	2,103	1,992
Post-employment benefits	197	154
Termination benefits	–	362
Total	2,300	2,508

E1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses

\$ '000	2024	2023
The aggregate amount of Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:		
Councillor expenses – mayoral fee (incl deputy mayor)	111	101
Councillors' fees	501	508
Other Councillors' expenses (including Mayor)	17	19
Total	629	628

E2 Other relationships

E2-1 Audit fees

\$ '000	2024	2023
During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the auditor of Council, related practices and non-related audit firms		
Auditors of the Council - NSW Auditor-General:		
(i) Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	276	303
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	276	303
Total Auditor-General remuneration	276	303
Non NSW Auditor-General audit firms		
(i) Audit and other assurance services		
Internal Audit Services	446	252
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	446	252
Total remuneration of non NSW Auditor-General audit firms	446	252
Total audit fees	722	555

F Other matters

F1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

(a) Reconciliation of Operating Result

\$ '000	2024	2023
Net operating result from Income Statement	12,342	22,537
Add / (less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	35,848	33,356
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	6,146	4,860
Losses/(gains) recognised on fair value re-measurements through the P&L:		
– Investments classified as 'at fair value' or 'held for trading'	(385)	(100)
– Investment property	4,878	–
Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	(2,502)	(5,101)
Increase / (decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables	(2,344)	305
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	10	(18)
(Increase) / decrease of other current assets	44	(315)
(Increase) / decrease of contract asset	–	219
Increase / (decrease) in payables	(1,864)	(3,374)
Increase / (decrease) in accrued interest payable	(14)	(15)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	(382)	4,938
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	7,974	4,317
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	(4,924)	5,567
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision	3,402	1,191
Net cash flows from operating activities	58,229	68,367

(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities

Other Contributions	–	–
Total non-cash investing and financing activities	–	–

F2-1 Commitments

Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

\$ '000	2024	2023
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings	958	1,247
Plant and equipment	4,722	3,737
Infrastructure	45,611	52,199
ICT	349	83
Parks	13,015	2,965
Other	522	—
Total commitments	65,177	60,231

F3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

Council is unaware of any material or significant 'non-adjusting events' that should be disclosed.

F4 Changes from prior year statements

F4-1 Correction of errors

Council performed a revaluation of some of its infrastructure assets in the financial year 2022/23. As at 30 June 2023 Council's Statement of Financial Position included \$3 million in work-in-progress related to Aquatic Centres that were carried at cost. The incorrect inclusion of the \$3 million WIP balance within revalued assets, while also being carried as WIP at cost, led to an overstatement of the IPPE and assets revaluation reserve. Council has restated the IPPE and revaluation reserve balances by \$3 million at the end of the year 2022/23 in the Statement of Financial Position.

In addition, the 2022/23 gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment within the Statement of Comprehensive Income was restated to \$329 million from \$332 million.

During the current financial year a major asset condition survey was carried out in various asset classes in accordance with statutory requirements and Council's Asset Audit and Revaluation Schedule document. As a result of this survey the following assets were not found to be in Council's current asset register. These errors have been adjusted against the accumulated surplus to correct the error.

The balances are presented as of 30 June 2024:

Bridges \$6,685,000
Wharves \$4,304,000

The errors identified above have been corrected by restating the balances at the beginning of the earliest period (1 July 2022) and taking the adjustments through to accumulated surplus at that date. Comparatives have been changed to reflect the correction of errors. The impact on each line item is shown in the tables below.

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F4-1 Correction of errors (continued)

Changes to the opening Statement of Financial Position at 1 July 2022

Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	Original Balance 1 July, 2022	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 1 July, 2022
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	2,421,272	11,357	2,432,629
Total non-current assets	2,553,510	11,357	2,564,867
Total assets	2,824,952	11,357	2,836,309
Net assets	2,679,018	11,357	2,690,375
Accumulated Surplus	2,382,614	11,357	2,393,971
Revaluation Reserve	296,404	—	296,404
Total equity	2,679,018	11,357	2,690,375

Adjustments to the comparative figures for the year ended 30 June 2023

Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	Original Balance 30 June, 2023	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 30 June, 2023
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	2,780,684	8,142	2,788,826
Total non-current assets	2,962,470	8,142	2,970,612
Total assets	3,188,949	8,142	3,197,091
Net assets	3,033,597	8,142	3,041,739
Accumulated Surplus	2,405,335	11,173	2,416,508
Revaluation reserve	628,262	(3,031)	625,231
Total equity	3,033,597	8,142	3,041,739

Income Statement

\$ '000	Original Balance 30 June, 2023	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 30 June, 2023
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	33,172	184	33,356
Total expenses from continuing operations	275,521	184	275,705
Net operating result for the year	22,721	(184)	22,537

Statement of Comprehensive Income

\$ '000	Original Balance 30 June, 2023	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 30 June, 2023
Net operating result for the year	22,721	(184)	22,537

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F4-1 Correction of errors (continued)

<i>\$ '000</i>	<i>Original Balance 30 June, 2023</i>	<i>Impact Increase/ (decrease)</i>	<i>Restated Balance 30 June, 2023</i>
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	331,858	(3,031)	328,827
Other comprehensive income	331,858	(3,031)	328,827
Total comprehensive income for the year	354,579	(3,215)	351,364

F5 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2024

F5-1 Summary of developer contributions

	Opening balance at 1 July 2023	Contributions received during the year			Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2024	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash Land	Non-cash Other					
\$ '000									
Drainage	1	135	–	–	2	–	–	138	–
Roads	923	69	–	–	33	–	–	1,025	–
Traffic facilities	1,981	121	–	–	70	(96)	–	2,076	–
Parking	93	37	–	–	4	–	–	134	–
Open space	26,475	10,059	–	–	1,027	(6,521)	–	31,040	–
Community facilities	4,830	1,073	–	–	170	(1,995)	–	4,078	–
Open space and recreation	4,278	619	–	–	147	(2,026)	–	3,018	–
Community services and facilities	1,424	99	–	–	48	–	–	1,571	–
Transport and access	4,622	380	–	–	155	(401)	–	4,756	–
Administration	(161)	177	–	–	7	(190)	–	(167)	–
Plan preparation	654	94	–	–	25	(613)	–	160	–
Levy	445	1,423	–	–	64	–	–	1,932	–
S7.11 contributions – under a plan	45,565	14,286	–	–	1,752	(11,842)	–	49,761	–
S7.12 levies – under a plan	8,216	1,282	–	–	264	(656)	–	9,106	–
Total S7.11 and S7.12 revenue under plans	53,781	15,568	–	–	2,016	(12,498)	–	58,867	–
S7.4 planning agreements	10,105	3,638	–	–	320	(275)	–	13,788	–
Total contributions	63,886	19,206	–	–	2,336	(12,773)	–	72,655	–

Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Council has significant obligations to provide Section 7.11 (contributions towards provision or improvement of amenities or services) infrastructure in new release areas. It is possible that the funds contributed may be less than the cost of this infrastructure, requiring Council to borrow or use general revenue to fund the difference.

F5-2 Developer contributions by plan

	Opening balance at 1 July 2023	Contributions received during the year			Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2024	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
\$ '000		Cash	Non-cash Land	Non-cash Other					
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 1 - Open Space and Recreation (former Leichhardt)									
Effective 18 January 2005	4,278	619	-	-	147	(2,026)	-	3,018	-
Total	4,278	619	-	-	147	(2,026)	-	3,018	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 2 - Community Services and Facilities (former Leichhardt)									
Effective 23 August 2005	1,424	99	-	-	48	-	-	1,571	-
Total	1,424	99	-	-	48	-	-	1,571	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 3 - Transport and Access (former Leichhardt)									
Effective 3 November 1999	4,616	9	-	-	150	(401)	-	4,374	-
Total	4,616	9	-	-	150	(401)	-	4,374	-
2004 S94 Developer Contributions Plan (former Marrickville)									
Roads	159	-	-	-	5	-	-	164	-
Open space	871	-	-	-	28	-	-	899	-
Total	1,030	-	-	-	33	-	-	1,063	-
2014 S94 Developer Contributions Plan (former Marrickville)									
Traffic facilities	1,007	11	-	-	33	(96)	-	955	-
Open space	16,636	7,320	-	-	561	(3,501)	-	21,016	-
Community facilities	3,214	772	-	-	106	(1,995)	-	2,097	-
Administration	(165)	150	-	-	5	-	-	(10)	-
Total	20,692	8,253	-	-	705	(5,592)	-	24,058	-
S94 CONTRIBUTION PLAN (former Ashfield)									
Roads	764	69	-	-	28	-	-	861	-
Traffic facilities	974	110	-	-	37	-	-	1,121	-
Parking	93	37	-	-	4	-	-	134	-
Open space	8,756	1,503	-	-	366	(2,846)	-	7,779	-
Community facilities	1,588	88	-	-	55	-	-	1,731	-
Plan preparation	654	94	-	-	25	(613)	-	160	-
Total	12,829	1,901	-	-	515	(3,459)	-	11,786	-
Contribution Plan Inner West Council									
IWC Drainage	1	135	-	-	2	-	-	138	-
IWC Open space	212	1,236	-	-	72	(174)	-	1,346	-
IWC Community facilities	28	213	-	-	9	-	-	250	-
IWC Plan administration	4	27	-	-	2	(190)	-	(157)	-
IWC Transport	6	371	-	-	5	-	-	382	-
Levy	445	1,423	-	-	64	-	-	1,932	-
Total	696	3,405	-	-	154	(364)	-	3,891	-

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F5-2 Developer contributions by plan (continued)

	Opening balance at 1 July 2023	Contributions received during the year			Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2024	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash Land	Non-cash Other					
\$ '000									
S7.12 Levies – under a plan									
CONTRIBUTION PLAN (former Marrickville)									
s94A Levies	3,718	467	–	–	119	(656)	–	3,648	–
Total	3,718	467	–	–	119	(656)	–	3,648	–
CONTRIBUTION PLAN (former Ashfield)									
S94A	2,644	399	–	–	86	–	–	3,129	–
Total	2,644	399	–	–	86	–	–	3,129	–
CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN (former Leichhardt)									
S7.12	1,854	416	–	–	59	–	–	2,329	–
Total	1,854	416	–	–	59	–	–	2,329	–

F6 Statement of performance measures

F6-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

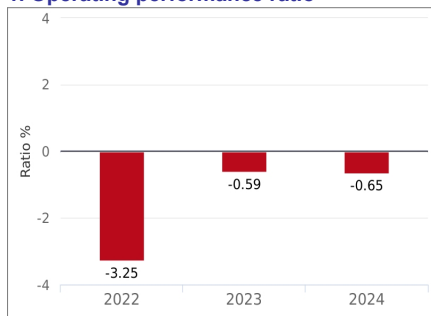
\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
1. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1, 2}	(1,941)	(0.65)%	(0.59)%	(3.25)%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	297,452				
2. Own source operating revenue ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions ¹	286,788	88.92%	85.56%	82.81%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue ¹	322,527				
3. Unrestricted current ratio					
Current assets less all external restrictions	171,618	2.38x	3.10x	3.85x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	72,098				
4. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹	34,690	10.35x	9.22x	6.47x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	3,353				
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage					
Rates and annual charges outstanding	14,260	7.50%	8.57%	7.91%	< 5.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	190,233				
6. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	137,260	5.82	8.72	12.13	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	23,604	months	months	months	months
<p>(1) Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies</p> <p>(2) Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method</p>					

End of the audited financial statements

G Additional Council disclosures (unaudited)

G1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs)

1. Operating performance ratio



Purpose of operating performance ratio

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

Commentary on 2023/24 result

2023/24 ratio (0.65)%

The ratio is on par with the last financial year and close to the OLG benchmark, slightly off due to additional maintenance costs associated with Aquatic Facilities to ensure they are maintained at a high level.

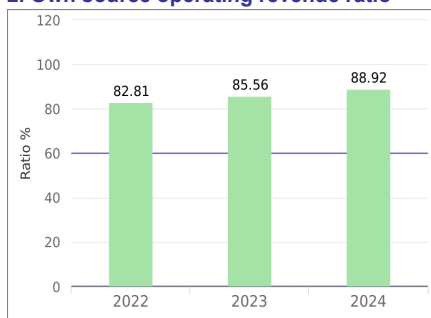
Benchmark: — > 0.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

2. Own source operating revenue ratio



Purpose of own source operating revenue ratio

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions.

Commentary on 2023/24 result

2023/24 ratio 88.92%

The ratio has improved compared to previous year and continues to maintain a stable position above the OLG benchmark.

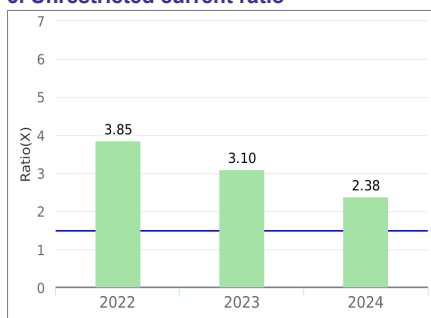
Benchmark: — > 60.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

3. Unrestricted current ratio



Purpose of unrestricted current ratio

To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

Commentary on 2023/24 result

2023/24 ratio 2.38x

After considering both internal and external restrictions, Council still has the capacity to fulfil its obligations. The unrestricted current ratio consistently remains higher than the benchmark.

Benchmark: — > 1.50x

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

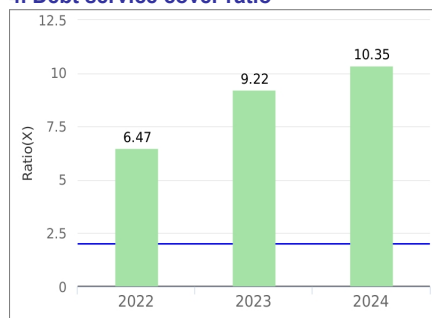
Ratio is outside benchmark

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G1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs) (continued)

4. Debt service cover ratio



Benchmark: — > 2.00x

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Purpose of debt service cover ratio

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments

Commentary on 2023/24 result

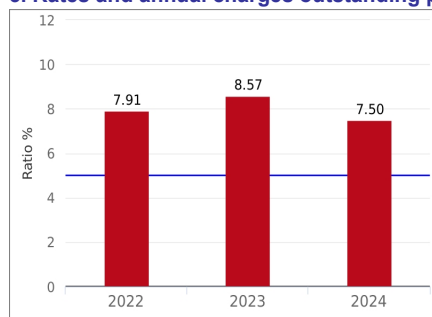
2023/24 ratio 10.35x

The ratio remains significantly above the benchmark and demonstrates Council's ability to service its debts.

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage



Benchmark: — < 5.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Purpose of rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

Commentary on 2023/24 result

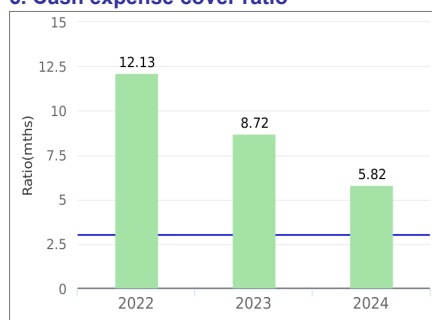
2023/24 ratio 7.50%

The ratio improved from the prior year but is above the OLG benchmark. This will progressively improve as Council continues debt recovery.

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

6. Cash expense cover ratio



Benchmark: — > 3.00months

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Purpose of cash expense cover ratio

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

Commentary on 2023/24 result

2023/24 ratio 5.82 months

The ratio remains comfortably higher than the OLG benchmark. The decrease is due to using the cash to purchase an investment property in the financial year 2023/24.

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

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for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Special Schedules
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Permissible income for general rates

\$ '000	Notes	Calculation 2023/24	Calculation 2024/25
Notional general income calculation ¹			
Last year notional general income yield	a	128,943	134,176
Plus or minus adjustments ²	b	332	(62)
Notional general income	c = a + b	129,275	134,114
Permissible income calculation			
Percentage increase	d	3.70%	4.90%
Plus percentage increase amount ³	f = d x (c + e)	4,783	6,572
Sub-total	g = (c + e + f)	134,058	140,686
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	h	112	(3)
Less valuation objections claimed in the previous year	i	—	(6)
Sub-total	j = (h + i)	112	(9)
Total permissible income	k = g + j	134,170	140,677
Less notional general income yield	l	134,176	140,730
Catch-up or (excess) result	m = k - l	(6)	(53)
Plus income lost due to valuation objections claimed ⁴	n	6	53
Carry forward to next year ⁶	p = m + n + o	—	—

Notes

- (1) The notional general income will not reconcile with rate income in the financial statements in the corresponding year. The statements are reported on an accrual accounting basis which include amounts that relate to prior years' rates income.
- (2) Adjustments account for changes in the number of assessments and any increase or decrease in land value occurring during the year. The adjustments are called 'supplementary valuations' as defined in the *Valuation of Land Act 1916 (NSW)*.
- (3) The 'percentage increase' is inclusive of the rate-peg percentage, and/or special variation and/or Crown land adjustment (where applicable).
- (4) Valuation objections are unexpected changes in land values as a result of land owners successfully objecting to the land value issued by the Valuer General. Councils can claim the value of the income lost due to valuation objections in any single year.
- (6) Carry-forward amounts which are in excess (an amount that exceeds the permissible income) require Ministerial approval by order published in the *NSW Government Gazette* in accordance with section 512 of the Act. The OLG will extract these amounts from Council's Permissible income for general rates Statement in the financial data return (FDR) to administer this process.

Inner West Council | Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

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Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard ¹		Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council ²		2023/24 Required maintenance ³	2023/24 Actual maintenance ⁴	Net carrying amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost				
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000			1	2	3	4	5
Buildings	Buildings	9,555	9,555	9,596	10,486	332,285	459,739			34.1%	27.4%	29.2%	8.2%	1.1%
	Sub-total	9,555	9,555	9,596	10,486	332,282	459,739			34.1%	27.4%	29.2%	8.2%	1.1%
Roads	Traffic Devices	108	108	—	—	38,066	48,954			28.1%	57.4%	13.4%	0.9%	0.2%
	Roads	7,673	7,673	17,294	18,764	209,781	335,446			15.4%	42.4%	31.0%	10.4%	0.8%
	Bridges	243	243	—	—	22,158	33,322			14.6%	71.1%	11.0%	2.9%	0.4%
	Kerb and gutter	263	263	—	—	141,007	228,654			2.1%	14.6%	82.7%	0.6%	0.0%
	Car parks - Depreciable	196	196	—	—	12,420	16,916			32.6%	39.8%	22.7%	4.1%	0.8%
	Other	—	—	—	—	—	—			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Car parks - Non-Depreciable	—	—	—	—	18,320	18,320			100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Footpaths	4,145	4,145	2,406	6,649	168,905	271,640			12.9%	23.9%	55.2%	7.6%	0.4%
	Other road assets	63	63	—	—	39,108	47,024			65.7%	28.0%	5.5%	0.8%	0.0%
	Bulk earthworks	—	—	—	—	561,300	561,300			100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	12,691	12,691	19,700	25,413	1,211,065	1,561,576			46.5%	20.0%	29.4%	3.8%	0.3%
Stormwater drainage	Stormwater drainage	3,584	3,584	1,774	1,464	124,914	190,150			14.4%	48.2%	28.9%	7.5%	1.0%
	Sub-total	3,584	3,584	1,774	1,464	124,915	190,150			14.4%	48.2%	28.9%	7.5%	1.0%
Open space / recreational assets	Aquatic Centres	181	181	2,969	4,347	96,557	118,322			48.0%	45.4%	5.9%	0.5%	0.2%
	Sub-total	181	181	2,969	4,347	96,557	118,322			48.0%	45.4%	5.9%	0.5%	0.2%
Other infrastructure assets	Seawalls	749	749	6	1	47,773	73,934			1.8%	62.2%	30.2%	5.8%	0.0%
	Wharves	319	319	30	44	9,685	14,431			0.5%	43.9%	48.4%	4.9%	2.3%
	Building & Aquatics Land Improvements Depreciable	282	282	—	—	12,544	19,922			11.9%	44.1%	39.1%	3.5%	1.4%
	Land Improvements - Depreciable	1,975	1,975	15,457	17,961	143,011	193,802			20.7%	43.8%	30.9%	4.0%	0.6%
	Land Improvements - Non Depreciable	—	—	—	—	559	559			100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	3,325	3,325	15,493	18,006	213,572	302,648			14.7%	48.2%	32.0%	4.4%	0.7%
	Total – all assets	29,336	29,336	49,532	59,716	1,978,391	2,632,435			38.4%	27.7%	28.6%	4.8%	0.5%

(1) "Satisfactory Standard" refers to the estimated cost for the renewal of Condition 4 and 5 assets i.e., the replacement value of Condition 4 and 5 assets to Condition 3.

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Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024 (continued)

- (2) As there are no agreed levels of service set by Inner West Council, the "Agreed Level" refers to the estimated cost for the renewal of individual asset categories as either condition 4 & 5 determined by the criticality of the asset category to condition 3. This figure will be refined as future agreed service levels are formulated by Council in consultation with the community
- (3) "Required Maintenance" for Roads and Stormwater Drainage is the amount identified for maintenance including related operational costs in Council's budget. For Other Infrastructure Assets it is the amount identified for maintenance including related operational costs plus a minor adjustment to the Required Maintenance.
- (4) "Actual Maintenance" is the amount of maintenance and related operational expenditure spent in the current year to maintain Council's assets.

Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

1	Excellent/very good	No work required (normal maintenance)
2	Good	Only minor maintenance work required
3	Satisfactory	Maintenance work required
4	Poor	Renewal required
5	Very poor	Urgent renewal/upgrading required

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Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023 2022		Benchmark
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals ¹	23,783	75.04%	120.43%	32.51%	> 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	31,692				
Infrastructure backlog ratio					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	29,336	1.48%	1.46%	1.40%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	1,978,393				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	59,716	120.56%	110.55%	100.71%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	49,532				
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	29,336	1.11%	1.06%	0.89%	
Gross replacement cost	2,632,435				

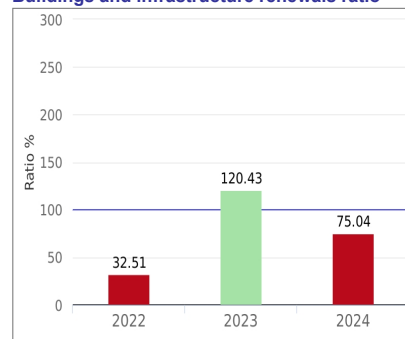
(*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

(1) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

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Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio



Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio

To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.

Commentary on result

23/24 ratio 75.04%

Increased budget funding for road and footpath renewal programs continued in 2023-24. Prioritising the capital works backlog from prior years, lead to 2023-24 renewal ratio decrease, averaging 76% over 3 years. Processing deadlines resulted in completed renewal projects worth \$14.8M for Transport, Parks & Buildings in FY24 not being capitalised. When capitalised in FY25, the renewals ratio is expected to exceed the 100% benchmark.

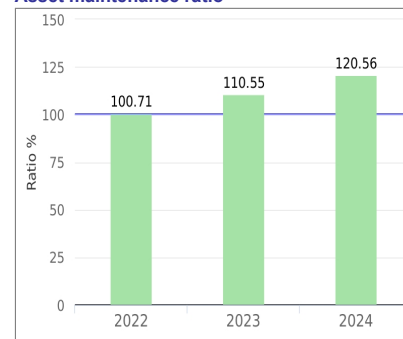
Benchmark: — > 100.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

Asset maintenance ratio



Asset maintenance ratio

Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the infrastructure backlog growing.

Commentary on result

23/24 ratio 120.56%

The maintenance budget continues to show upward trend which is also significantly lower than the actual maintenance expenditure during the same financial periods. The total variation between FY23 & FY24 is an increase of \$10.2M with \$6.4M alone spent on infrastructure maintenance with the remainder spent on tree planting & maintenance, Utility restorations, traffic signal amendments matched by grant funding, Streetlight replacement and asset condition audits.

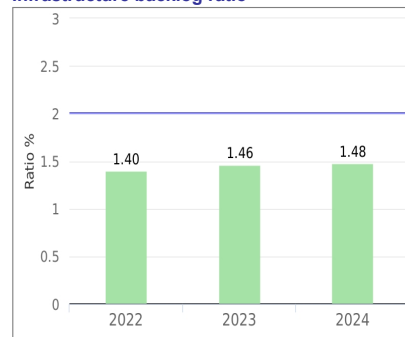
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Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

Infrastructure backlog ratio



Infrastructure backlog ratio

This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.

Commentary on result

23/24 ratio 1.48%

The overall total infrastructure backlog rose from \$25.29M in 2022/23 to \$29.34M in 2023/24, driven by 2024 condition audits for Parks, Seawalls & Marine Structures, and Bridges, which significantly increased asset values for Parks and Bridges. This included comprehensive revaluations for these assets, a desktop revaluation for Stormwater Drainage assets, and indexation of several other classes as recommended in the FY24 Fair Valuation review.

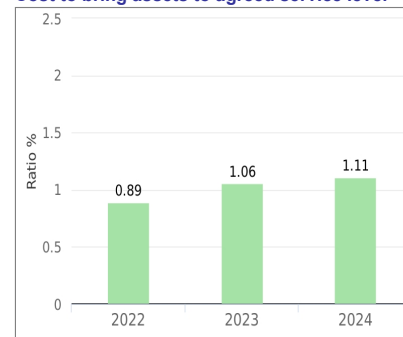
Benchmark: — < 2.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

Cost to bring assets to agreed service level



Cost to bring assets to agreed service level

This ratio provides a snapshot of the proportion of outstanding renewal works compared to the total value of assets under Council's care and stewardship.

Commentary on result

23/24 ratio 1.11%

Agreed service levels with the community are to be established. The percentage increased slightly by 0.05% from FY23 due to the increased backlog & Gross Replacement Cost of \$3.74M & \$250M, respectively, corrections to Unit Rates and Useful Life, Parks audit, Seawalls, Marine Structures & Bridges, comprehensive revaluations, and indexation. The backlog should decrease once the outstanding FY24 and FY25 capitalisations are processed.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 2
Subject: STATE OF THE INNER WEST REPORT
Prepared By: Prue Foreman - Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager
Authorised By: Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the 'State of the Inner West October 2024' report which outlines progress of implementation and the effectiveness of the Community Strategic Plan.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NSW Local Government Act requires all councils to undertake Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R).

One of the IP&R requirements is for each council to prepare a report, to be endorsed at the second meeting following local government elections. The report outlines progress of implementation and effectiveness of the Community Strategic Plan.

The attached report *State of the Inner West October 2024* outlines progress against the Inner West Community Strategic Plan *Our Inner West 2036* (CSP) during the previous term of the elected Council.

It documents progress in each of the five strategic directions of the CSP including Council's significant achievements in each of these areas.

The report provides information that sets the scene for the new Council including progress on high-level indicators, achievements to date, and future work to be undertaken. It assists the new Council to undertake a review of the CSP, which is an essential component of the IP&R cycle and is a key focus up until June 2025 when the revised CSP is required to be endorsed.

BACKGROUND

Integrated Planning and Reporting

Under the NSW Local Government Act, all councils are required to develop a suite of plans as part of the 'Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework' (IP&R). IP&R is a rigorous and consistent system of community planning across all NSW local councils which also takes into considerations state and regional priorities.

IP&R assists councils in delivering their community's vision through long, medium and short-term plans.

As part of IP&R, each council is required to prepare a report, to be endorsed at the second meeting following local government elections. The report outlines progress of implementation and effectiveness of the Community Strategic Plan.

DISCUSSION

The attached report *State of the Inner West October 2024* outlines progress against the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) during the previous term of the elected council.

Community Strategic Plan

The CSP is the highest-level plan that a council prepares, on behalf of the community. It identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and contains strategies for achieving those goals.

It is developed and delivered as a partnership between the council, state agencies, business and industry groups, community groups and individuals, and addresses a broad range of issues that are relevant to the whole community.

Inner West's current CSP – *Our Inner West 2036* was endorsed by Council in June 2018 and again in June 2022 following a review. It was shaped by a large and diverse range of people across all age groups, geographic areas, cultures and languages. More than 7,000 people over 18 months provided input which helped to determine the vision and strategic directions of the plan.

Our Inner West 2036 outlines five high level strategic directions that address social, environmental, economic and civic leadership objectives identified by the community (commonly referred to as “the quadruple bottom line”), and high level measures or indicators to track progress.

The five strategic directions are:

1. An ecologically sustainable Inner West
2. Liveable connected neighbourhoods and transport
3. Creative communities and a strong economy
4. Healthy, resilient and caring communities
5. Progressive, responsive and effective local leadership

While Council is responsible for developing the plan, with and on behalf of the community, many partners are required to deliver the vision for Inner West. These include Federal and State Government, business and industry, community organisations, residents and ratepayers.

Report for the incoming Council

It is a requirement under the Local Government Act that at the end of each term of the elected Council, a report is prepared which demonstrates progress in implementing the CSP. The report is presented to the incoming Council at its second meeting for endorsement. It provides information that sets the scene for the new Council including progress on high-level indicators, achievements to date, and future work to be undertaken.

The report assists the new Council to undertake a review of the CSP, which is an essential component of the IP&R cycle and is a key focus up until June 2025 when the revised CSP is required to be endorsed.

State of the Inner West October 2024

The *State of the Inner West October 2024* report (attached) documents progress in each of the five strategic directions including Council's significant achievements in each of these areas.

Council's contributions to achieving **An ecologically sustainable Inner West** include:

- First council in Australia to be 100% powered by renewable energy and 100% divested of fossil fuels

- Expanded food recycling (FOGO) to every home in the Inner West, massively reducing carbon emissions
- Achieved 56,574 kW of solar capacity across the LGA, helping to power homes, businesses, schools and Council operations
- Secured funding for 136 public electric vehicle charging stations across the Inner West
- Established the Inner West Sustainability Hub which co-locates the Green Living Centre, The Bower, Dress for Success and Re Place
- Planted over 1,000 trees each year

Council's contributions to achieving **Liveable connected neighbourhoods and transport** include:

- Created a \$7.5M main streets revitalisation fund to deliver improvements in partnership with local business
- Protected heritage pubs
- Substantially built the \$59M Cooks to Cove GreenWay (completion due 2025)
- Invested \$5.86M in the safe and accessible walking through the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan
- Adopted the Inner West Cycling Strategy and Action Plan

Council's contributions to achieving **Creative communities and a strong economy** include:

- Expanded the Perfect Match mural program to keep Inner West the street art capital of Australia
- Converted seven of our town halls to arts and cultural venues available free of charge for exhibitions, performance and rehearsal
- Made Enmore Road the first Special Entertainment Precinct in NSW
- Established the Inner West Film Festival
- Created street music festivals across all five wards
- Held Economic Development summits and created the Economic Development Strategy

Council's contributions to achieving **Healthy, resilient and caring communities** include:

- Celebrated World Pride and launched Pride Square, Newtown
- Delivered the Inner West Pride Centre with LGBTIQ+ organisation Twenty10, relocated Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and reopened Summer Hill Community Centre with operator 3Bridges
- Co-created the first Aboriginal Survival Memorial in Yeo Park Ashfield with Aboriginal community
- Delivered the Leichhardt Skate Park
- Delivered King George Park inclusive playground, the first of five inclusive playgrounds for children and young people with disability
- Secured a \$40M funding deal to save Leichhardt Oval

Council's contributions to achieving **Progressive, responsive and effective local leadership** include:

- Won the 2023 AR Bluett Award for most progressive council in NSW
- Trained over 1,000 local citizens as advocates for the Uluru Statement from the Heart
- Strengthened customer service including weekly mobile customer service stalls
- Provided over \$2M in grants funding for local projects and community organisations
- Held an innovative deliberative forum with a 'mini-public' of 100 residents
- Convened 13 Local Democracy Groups to provide input to Council's decision making and activities

The report details these and many more achievements towards each strategic direction. It also includes a range of indicators that together, provide a picture of life in the Inner West. The indicators measure outcomes for which many partners are responsible, not just Council. They include a range of objective and subjective (community perceptions) measures. The report also contains an overview of Council's finances over the previous term.

The information in the report will inform Council's review of the CSP. Under the Act, following each election all councils must review their CSP before 30 June the following year. Inner West Council may endorse the existing plan, endorse amendments to the existing plan, or develop and endorse a new CSP as appropriate to ensure that the area has a CSP covering at least the next 10 years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) State of the Inner West October 2024



State of the Inner West Report October 2024

Progress in delivering the Community
Strategic Plan – Our Inner West 2036





Fish Traps by Edwards Clarke, on the Bay Run

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Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Inner West local government area is situated.

We celebrate the survival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, heritage, beliefs and their relationship with the land and water. We acknowledge the continuing importance of this relationship to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living today, despite the devastating impacts of European invasion. We express our sorrow for past injustices and support the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to self-determination.



LGA Wards

- Balmain Ward – Baludarri (Leather Jacket)
- Leichhardt Ward – Gulgadya (Grass Tree)
- Ashfield Ward – Djarrawunang (Magpie)
- Stanmore Ward – Damun (Port Jackson Fig)
- Marrickville Ward – Midjuburi (Lillypilly)



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State of the Inner West October 2024

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About this report

The State of the Inner West Report 2021–24 outlines progress in implementing the Community Strategic Plan – *Our Inner West 2036* during the previous elected Council's term of office. The aim of the report is to provide the community and the new Council, elected in September 2024, with an update on how Council and other stakeholders are progressing towards achieving the community's vision and aspirations for the future.

The report provides key information for the newly elected Council which sets the scene for the term 2024–28 and assists it to review the Community Strategic Plan by June 2025.

The report highlights achievements against the five strategic directions of *Our Inner West 2036*, and progress towards or away from its indicators. These are a selected set of measures which indicate quality of life in the Inner West and progress on each of the strategic directions.

High level financial information for the period is contained in the final section of the report.

What is the Community Strategic Plan?

Every council in NSW creates a Community Strategic Plan, with and on behalf of the community. The plan sets out the community's vision and aspirations for the future, and strategies to achieve these.

While Council is the custodian of the plan, it is a whole-of-community-responsibility – many partners are needed to work together to accomplish the desired results. Partners include residents, ratepayers, local community organisations, businesses and industry groups, Council, State and Federal Governments.

The vision and strategies of the Community Strategic Plan cascade down to the Delivery Program, a four year plan created each new term, which guides all Council's work, in service of the Inner West community.

For further information about the planning process, visit Council's website www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/plans-performance-budget-and-reporting

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General Manager's Message

Inner West Council has worked hard in this term to achieve some remarkable results whilst also strengthening and consolidating our financial position. Together – our community, the Councillors and staff – can look back over this term with satisfaction at what has been achieved.

We have delivered some once in a generation projects such as the long awaited Leichhardt Skate Park and the newly refurbished Inner West Pride Centre in partnership with LGBTIQ+ organisation Twenty10, relocated the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and reopened the Summer Hill Community Centre with operator 3Bridges.

We also secured a \$40M funding deal to upgrade historic Leichhardt Oval as well as funding to install 136 Electric Vehicle charging stations throughout the Inner West. We have also converted 7 of our town halls to arts and cultural venues available free of charge for exhibition, performance and rehearsal.

We instituted the hugely successful Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP), the first in NSW, and are proposing further SEPs throughout the Inner West. We also provided a \$7.5M Main Streets Revitalisation Fund to deliver improvements to our main streets in partnership with local businesses.

We became the first Council in NSW to be powered by 100% renewable energy and 100% divested from fossil fuels. We created the Inner West Sustainability Hub in our old Summer Hill Depot, planted over 1000 trees a year and achieved 56,574 kW of solar capacity across the LGA, helping to power homes, businesses, schools and Council operations.

Our FOGO Food Recycling Service was introduced in October 2023 and to date has diverted 15,892 tonnes of food and garden waste from landfill, saving 33,469 tonnes of carbon emissions from our atmosphere. This is equivalent to taking 18,317 passenger vehicles off the road for a year.

We are close to completing construction of the magnificent \$59M GreenWay, an active transport and environmental corridor that links the Cooks River to Iron Cove, due to open in 2025. We have also co-created the state's first Aboriginal survival memorial in Yeo Park Ashfield with the Aboriginal community. We have also created the Lewis Herman Reserve in Ashfield, a purpose-built dementia park as well as King George Park inclusive playground, the first of 5 inclusive playgrounds planned for children and young people with disability.
















The focus on improving our service to residents has been realised with improvements to our customer service including, a Service Charter, Customer Experience Strategy, Mobile Customer Service Stalls and monthly Local Matters Forums. All of these achievements, innovations and improvements contributed to the Inner West winning the prestigious 2023 AR Bluett Award for most progressive council in NSW.

Council is in a strong financial position through prudent management and investments with surpluses forecast into the near future but there is more to do to ensure we can continue to deliver better services to the community. That's why we are following a program of continuous improvement and we will measure our progress in accordance with the Australian Business Excellence Framework.

I would like to thank the Councillors and staff for their hard work and dedication during this term and I am confident our residents will enjoy the benefits of all the hard work undertaken over the past three years.

Peter Gainsford
General Manager, Inner West Council

Our Councillors 2021 – 2024

Balmain Ward Beludarr (Leather Jacket)	 <p>Darcy Byrne (Labor) Mayor darcy.byrne@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 02 9335 2157</p>	 <p>Councillor Kobi Shetty (Green) kobi.shetty@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0417 427 654</p>	 <p>Councillor John Stamolis (Independent) john.stamolis@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0408 448 285</p>
Stannmore Ward Damun (Pelt Jackson Pig)	 <p>Councillor Liz Atkins (Green) liz.atkins@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0407 239 951</p>	 <p>Chloe Smith (Labor) Deputy Mayor 2023–24 chloe.smith@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0412 985 935</p>	 <p>Councillor Pauline Lockie (Independent) pauline.lockie@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0434 690 544</p>
Ashfield Ward Djarawunang (Magpie)	 <p>Councillor Dylan Griffiths (Green) dylan.griffiths@innerwest.nsw.gov.au</p>	 <p>Councillor Mark Drury (Labor) mark.drury@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0448 722 942</p>	 <p>Councillor Jessica D'Arienzo (Labor) Deputy Mayor 2021–22 jessica.darlenzo@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0408 505 622</p>
Leichhardt Ward Gulgabya (Grass Tree)	 <p>Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz (Green) marghanita.da.cruz@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0490 788 943</p>	 <p>Councillor Philippa Scott (Labor) Deputy Mayor 2022–23 philippa.scott@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0412 935 713</p>	 <p>Councillor Timothy Stephens (Labor) timothy.stephens@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0418 474 248</p>
Marrickville Ward Midjibun (Lillypilly)	 <p>Councillor Mat Howard (Labor) mat.howard@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0412 645 115</p>	 <p>Councillor Justine Langford (Green) justine.langford@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0481 452 283</p>	 <p>Councillor Zoi Tsardoulas (Labor) zoi.tsardoulas@innerwest.nsw.gov.au</p>

These councillors represented Inner West from December 2021 – September 2024.
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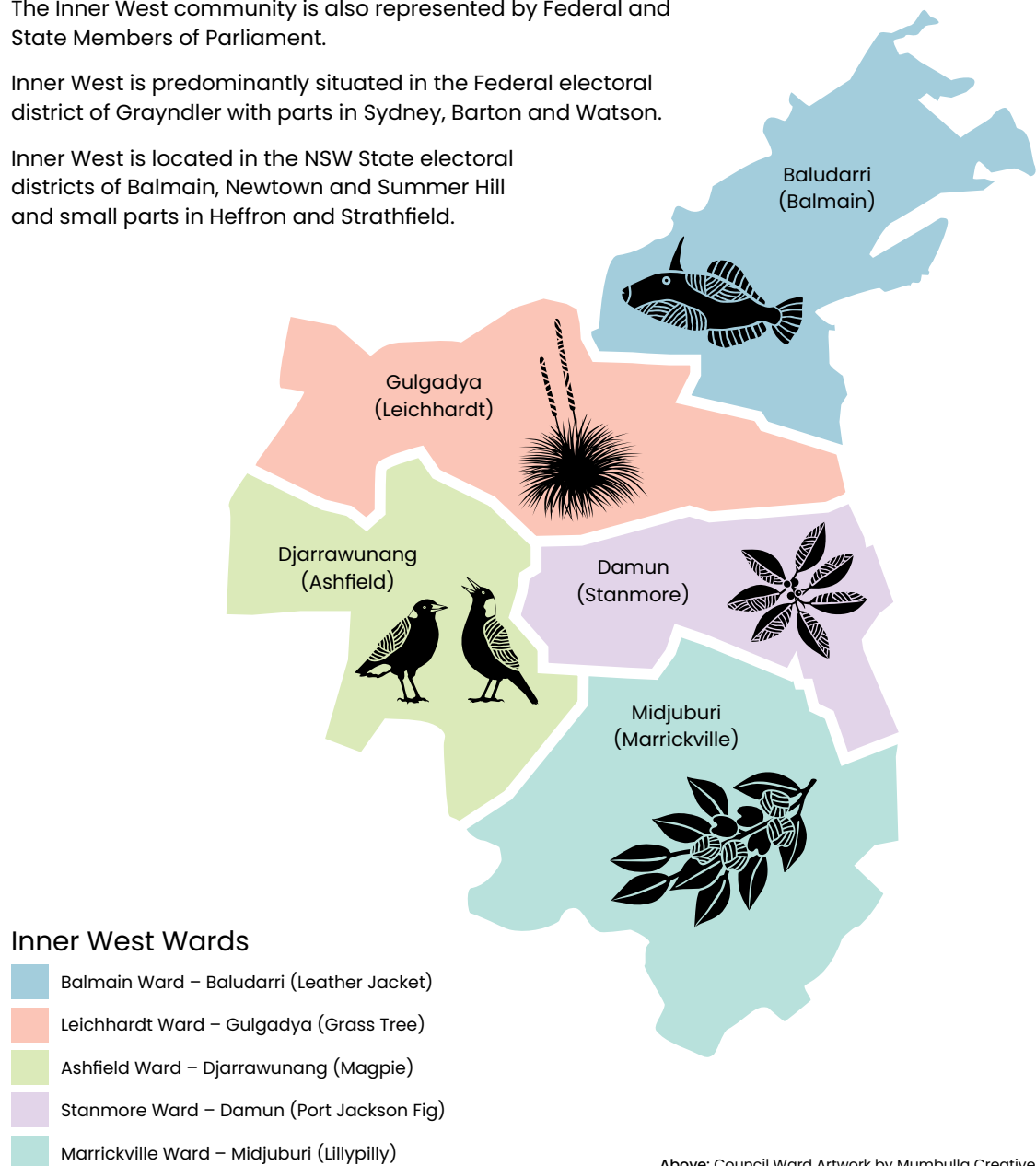
Inner West local government area wards

Inner West local government area is divided into five wards.
Three councillors are elected for each ward.

The Inner West community is also represented by Federal and
State Members of Parliament.

Inner West is predominantly situated in the Federal electoral
district of Grayndler with parts in Sydney, Barton and Watson.

Inner West is located in the NSW State electoral
districts of Balmain, Newtown and Summer Hill
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Above: Council Ward Artwork by Mumbulla Creative

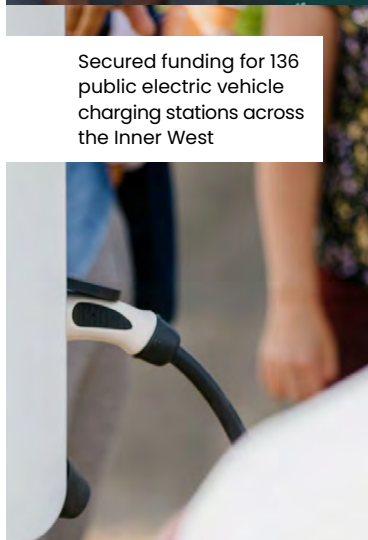
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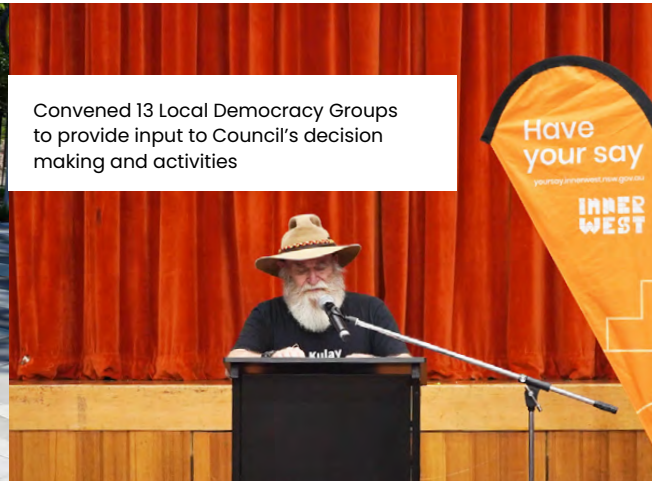
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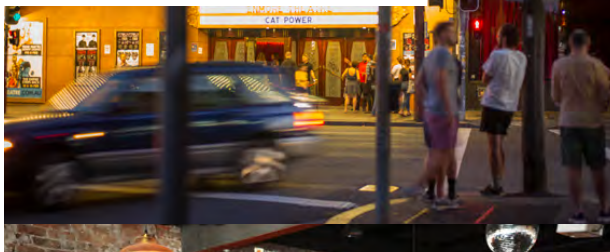
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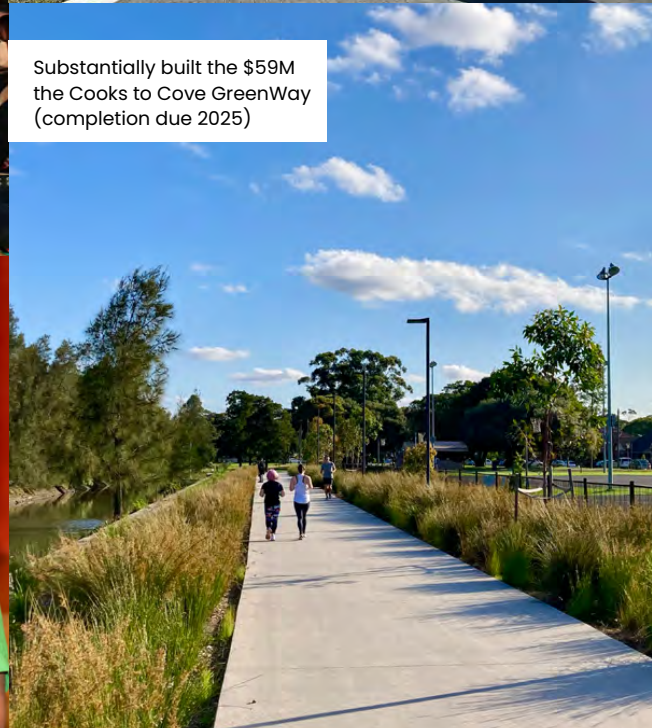
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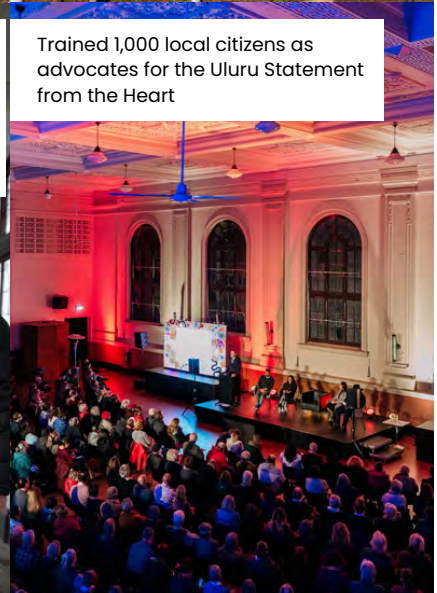
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Awards won

2024 Financial Review Sustainability Leaders

- Winner – Property and Construction

2024 LG NSW Excellence Awards

- Winner – Innovative Leadership (population over 150,000) Award for Lewis Herman Reserve – Creation of NSW's First Dementia-Friendly Park

2024 Australasian Reporting Awards

- Winner – Gold, Annual Report 2022/23 Annual Report

2024 National Awards for Local Government

- Winner Waste Management – Community Recycling Centre Rap Video

2023 AR Bluett Memorial Award

- Winner – 2023 AR Bluett Award Metro/Major Regional Award

2023 NSW Youth Work Awards

- Winner – Outstanding Partnership – Youth Week Working Group and local youth agencies

2023 ARI Awards of Excellence

- Winner – Accessibility Award, Ashfield Aquatic Centre
- Winner – Award of Excellence, Simon Duck

2023 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government

- Winner – Alternative Pathways Award (Metro) – Mary Boustani, ICT Systems Engineer
- Winner – Employment Diversity Award (Metro)

2023 Australian Business Awards

- Winner – The Australian Business Award for Employer of Choice

2023 Local Government Week Awards

- Winner, Most Inclusive Youth Week Program
- Highly commended, RH Dougherty Events and Communications Awards (Division C, population >70,000) – Uluru Training

2023 Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA)

- Winner, Bronze, Excellence in Reporting – 2021-22 Annual Report

2023 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards

- Winner, Community Partnerships (Population Over 150,000) – Love Your Home Ground (litter prevention project)

2023 National Trust Heritage Awards

- Highly Commended, Education and Interpretation, History Site Study – Marrickville Metro – Inner West Council Libraries

2023 Royal Life Saving Awards – 'The Aquas'

- Winner, Excellence in Aquatic Supervision

2022 Excellence in the Environment Awards

- Overall Category Winner and Winner – Division C (LGA with over 70,000 residents) – Local Sustainability Award for Powering Towards Zero Emissions
- Winner – Division C – Behaviour Change in Waste Award for Championing Food Recycling in Apartments

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2022 National Trust (New South Wales) Heritage Awards

- Winner – President's Prize – Dawn Fraser Baths

2022 Master Builders Awards

- Winner – Excellence in Construction (Sporting Facilities) – Ashfield Aquatic Centre
- Winner – Excellence in Construction (Refurbishment/ Renovation/Extension) – Haberfield Library
- Winner – Excellence in Construction (Restoration/ Adaptive Re-use of an Historic Building) – Dawn Fraser Baths

2022 Local Government Week Awards

- Winner – Most Inclusive Youth Week Program

Australian Library Design Awards

- Winner – Public Libraries – Marrickville Library
- Winner – Members' Choice – Marrickville Library

Local Government NSW Awards

- Winner – Leo Kelly OAM Arts and Culture Award – Gadigal-Wangal Wayfinding Project

Australian Institute of Project Management – Project Management Achievement Awards

- Winner – NSW Project of the Year (Government) – Ashfield Aquatic Centre redevelopment

The Salvation Army – Multicultural Awards

- Winner – Salvos Multicultural Welcome Project Award – Community Refugee Welcome Centre

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Progress on delivering our Community Strategic Plan

The Community Strategic Plan *Our Inner West 2036* sets out the community vision and five strategic directions for the future.

Each strategic direction has:

- outcomes that the community wants to achieve
- strategies to achieve the outcomes
- indicators – selected measures which indicate quality of life in the Inner West and progress on each of the strategic directions

The next pages contain a summary of *Our Inner West 2036* including the outcomes and strategies under each strategic direction.

The summary is followed by the strategic directions in detail, including the indicators of progress, graphs that show whether movement is towards, away from or maintain the desired direction, and achievements during the term.



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Our Inner West 2036 – plan on a page

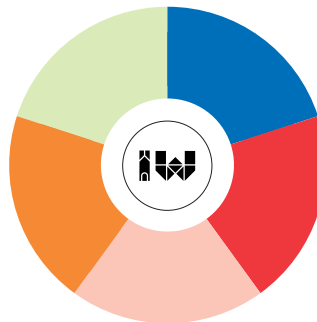
1. An ecologically sustainable Inner West.

Outcomes

- 1.1: The Inner West Community is recognised for its leadership in sustainability and tackling climate change.
- 1.2: An increasing and resilient network of green corridors provide habitat for plants and animals
- 1.3: Waterways are healthy and the community is water-sensitive, treating water as a precious resource
- 1.4 Air quality is good and air pollution is managed effectively
- 1.5 Inner West is zero emissions, climate adapted and resilient to the changing climate
- 1.6 Inner West is a zero waste community with an active share economy

The Inner West community wants to achieve five Strategic Directions by the year 2036. The Community Strategic Plan *Our Inner West 2036*, sets out the outcomes that describe success, and the strategies for how we will get there.

This high level plan, part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, guides all Council's work.



2. Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

Outcomes

- 2.1: Development is designed for sustainability, net zero and improves health and wellbeing of the community
- 2.2: The unique character and heritage of neighbourhoods is retained and enhanced
- 2.3: Public spaces are welcoming, accessible, clean and safe
- 2.4: People have a roof over their head and a safe, secure place to call home
- 2.5: Public transport is reliable, accessible, connected and interconnected
- 2.6: People walk, cycle and move around the Inner West with ease

3. Creative communities and a strong economy

Outcomes

- 3.1: Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated
- 3.2: Inner West remains the engine room of creative industries and services
- 3.3: The local economy is thriving
- 3.4: Employment is diverse and accessible

4. Healthy, resilient and caring communities

Outcomes

- 4.1: The Inner West community is welcoming and connected
- 4.2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and culture flourish and enrich the Inner West
- 4.3: People have opportunities to participate, and develop their health and wellbeing
- 4.4: People have access to the services and facilities they need at all stages of life and abilities

5. Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

Outcomes

- 5.1: Council is responsive and service-focused
- 5.2: Council makes responsible decisions to manage finite resources in the best interest of current and future communities
- 5.3: People are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving
- 5.4: Partnerships and collaboration are valued and enhance community leadership creating positive change

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Five strategic directions for Inner West's future

Our Inner West 2036 identifies five strategic directions for Council and its partners to focus on to achieve the community's vision.

Council's progress against each strategic direction is highlighted in this section.



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Strategic Direction 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West

**Satisfaction with
environmental education
programs and initiatives**
Mean ratings out of 5



**Satisfaction with
encouraging
recycling**
Mean ratings out of 5



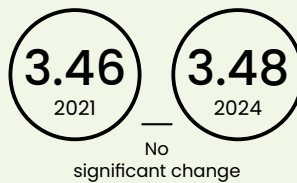
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**Satisfaction
with household
garbage collection**
Mean ratings out of 5



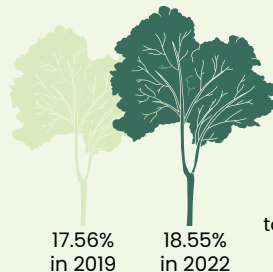
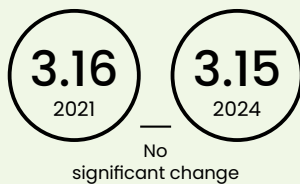
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Council's protection of the
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Mean ratings out of 5



**Satisfaction with
removal of illegally
dumped rubbish**
Mean ratings out of 5



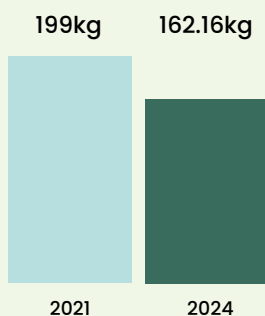
**Satisfaction with
tree management**
Mean ratings



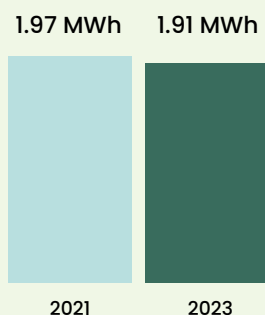
Tree canopy coverage

Council has adopted the State Government's SEED portal (the central resource for Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data) which provides a consistent approach to data collection across the Greater Sydney region. Tree canopy increased slightly from 2019 to 2022 and will be measured again in 2025.

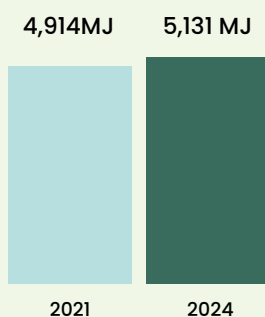
Annual residential waste to landfill Per resident



Annual grid-derived residential energy consumption Per resident



Residential gas consumption Per resident



21ha

of natural areas Council is protecting and restoring across the LGA.

There will be an increase of 1 ha once the NSW Government transfers Rozelle Parklands to Council.

100%

Inner West Council 100% divested from fossil fuels and uses 100% renewable electricity.

This was achieved in 2023 – 2 years ahead of the target!

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Swimming sites in Parramatta and Cooks Rivers in the Inner West.

Plans for Callan Park swim site is progressing and preparations have commenced for the Mort Bay swim site.



Achievements: An ecologically sustainable Inner West

The Inner West community is recognised for its leadership in sustainability and tackling climate change

Climate action and renewable energy

In the 2021-24 term, Inner West began purchasing 100% renewable electricity from NSW solar farms. Inner West was the first council in Australia to be powered by 100% renewable electricity and 100% divested of fossil fuels. Our 100% renewable electricity supply was achieved two years earlier than our target of 2025.

Council continued to increase rooftop solar PV on our properties, with capacity growing by 232kW to a total of 965kW. Solar energy is now helping to power Council's pools, libraries, early learning services and offices. Community solar capacity across the LGA grew to 56,574kW.

Council reduced its operational carbon emissions by 70% during the term and locked in policies to drive further reductions with our Fleet Transition and Gas Transition Plans.

Council's multi-year LED street lighting upgrade project with Ausgrid is 95% complete as of June 2024, reducing electricity from street lighting by almost 40% compared to the 2018/19 baseline.

Environment awards

Council has been acknowledged for its sustainability leadership and tackling climate change.

In 2022, Council was the overall category winner for Excellence in the Environment Awards, held by

Local Government NSW to recognise outstanding achievements in managing and protecting the environment. Council won awards for Community Partnerships for our 'Love Your Home Ground' (litter prevention project), Behaviour Change in Waste (precursor to FOGO) and the overall Local Sustainability Award for Powering Towards Zero Emissions.

The Australian Financial Review named Council as an Environmental Sustainability Leader in its annual Environmental Sustainability Awards. Council has also been the recipient of many other awards that recognise it as a leader at tackling climate change. This includes being the winner of Waste Management category of the National Local Government Awards for our Community Recycling Centre rap video.



Council providing more homes and hollows for local fauna

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An increasing and resilient network of green corridors provide habitat for plants and animals

Blue Green Grid Strategy

In December 2023, Council adopted its Blue-Green Grid Strategy. This strategy sets out and promotes the creation of a network of high-quality open spaces that support recreation, biodiversity, connectivity and waterway health and recognise and embrace Aboriginal culture. This is a place-based strategy that connects spaces with the wider public realm through enhancing creek corridors, transport routes, suburban streets, footpaths and cycleways.

The Blue-Green Grid Strategy responds to aspirations of the local community by creating a green trellis across the LGA, equipping pathways and active transport routes for better connectivity and improving access and interaction with green spaces and waterways. The Grid forms a web of 85 links across the Inner West and neighbouring council areas. The Iron Cove Creek Master Plan has also been adopted. This sets out the recommendations and actions for a green grid link approximately 2.5 kilometre long between Ashfield, Croydon and Iron Cove.

Bush care volunteers

Council has 13 active bush care sites that volunteers attend at various times throughout the week and on weekends. Each site is well attended and volunteers are engaged in the restoration and regeneration of natural areas and land conservation activities across the LGA. A trainer regularly provides training and assistance on the various bush care activities. From 2022 to 2024, there were over 13,000 volunteer attendances that assisted bush care sites to improve the natural environment.

Biodiversity Strategy

In 2024 Council completed a draft Biodiversity Strategy, which sets out the framework for protecting biodiversity, working with the community and leading by example. The Biodiversity Strategy includes revised threatened species mapping across the LGA. Council actively participates in the Parramatta River Catchment Group and the Cooks River Alliance to highlight and protect threatened species.

Council has commenced development of a draft Urban Forest Policy and Strategy that will integrate with other tree related strategic directions of Council. Operation plans are being developed for public tree development consistent with the NSW Government's Sydney Green Grid.

Council's community nurseries collect seed, propagate and supply local provenance plants for Council's natural areas including for the GreenWay and restoration work across the LGA. These community nurseries also supply plants for residents and events such as for National Tree Day and at local schools as well as for volunteer activities. Residents are also able to access plants from these nurseries.

Two micro forest sites have been installed and will be evaluated once the sites are established.



Powerful Owl

By David Noble

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Tree planting

Council recognises that trees are essential green infrastructure particularly in highly urbanised areas and are vital to creating a healthy and sustainable city. Street trees provide multiple benefits, including shade, cooling, reducing pollution, habitat, improved mental health and giving our streets a sense of character. Council has planted over 1,000 trees every year with a budget of \$2M per year in recurrent funding since 2022. Each year Council invites the community to National Tree Day plantings and provides locally sourced, endemic flora for the community to plant.

Despite a significant loss of trees from State Government infrastructure projects including WestConnex, we grew our overall tree canopy from 17.56% in 2019 to 18.55% in 2022. The canopy coverage will be measured again in 2025.

Verge Gardening Policy

The Verge Gardening Policy has been adopted and Council staff continue to work with residents to bring new 'sustainable streets' projects online. A competition is held annually in the Inner West to recognise verge gardeners and to encourage participation in the program.



Waterways are healthy and the community is water sensitive, treating water as a precious resource

Council has recently completed a \$15M stormwater and relining replacement program and incorporates water sensitive urban design features in our streetscapes and parks. Water sensitive features include rain gardens, bioswales, constructed wetlands, stormwater harvesting schemes and, of course, rainwater tanks.

Council runs a three-part workshop series for residents called 'water sensitive design on your property' that introduces water sensitive urban design principles. It includes a practical hands-on workshop that uses these design principles to build a water sensitive feature on a participant's property.

Air quality is good and air pollution is managed effectively

Electric vehicles

Council has committed to transitioning its entire fleet to electric vehicles before 2030/31 – already 100% of Council's leaseback vehicles are hybrid. Council has developed a Fleet Transition Plan and has purchased 39 electric cars as a start to achieving a fully electric fleet.

Council has adopted an Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy and secured funding for 136 public electric vehicle charging stations to be rolled out across the Inner West. The new chargers will range from 7-75 kilowatts and will include pole-mounted, pedestal and 'kiosk' EV chargers. They will be installed over the next 12 months on kerbsides and in Council car parks and be open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They are particularly designed for drivers without off-street parking. Installation of the chargers will help to make the Inner West one of the most sustainable LGAs in Australia.

Inner West is a zero-waste community with an active share economy

The Inner West Sustainability Hub

The Sustainability Hub stands out as a key, practical measure that brings to life the community's environmental vision. Council's former depot at Summer Hill has been transformed into a sustainability hub that is an important mechanism to develop a circular economy and achieve our zero waste targets. It provides infrastructure, facilities and opportunities where Council can engage practically with local residents with circular economy objectives. It hosts markets, workshops and community meetings focused on reducing waste and living more sustainably at home in the Inner West and connects sustainability start-ups.

Community partners are co-located with Council's Green Living Centre. Each partner has their own venture, programs and clientele. These have grown alongside each other, as customers of each service cross-pollinate and learn about new approaches to sustainability and the circular economy. This co-location supports cross organisation volunteering and sharing or swapping of donated resources. The Sustainability Hub strongly embeds important circular economy principles and actions such as keeping materials in use and reusing materials.

A key objective of the Sustainability Hub is to make the circular economy and sustainable living accessible to all members of our community and not just those who can afford it. Council supports organisations financially through our accommodation grants, allowing not-for-profits to build their capacity within the Inner West.

Council created a rap video to promote its Community Recycling Centres to younger people in the community. This target audience were underrepresented users of the two Community Recycling Centres. The rap video starring Council's Resource Recovery team was used to promote understanding that problem wastes do not belong in the bin. The video features diverse people and

has been publicised extensively through Council's social media channels and showcased through local cinema advertising.

Food Organics Garden Organics

In October 2023 Council rolled out the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) collection to all households across the Inner West. This was the most impactful resource recovery service change for residents in 30 years. The primary objective for FOGO is to reduce waste to landfill and its associated financial and environmental costs including reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

Before the service commenced, Council estimated (using tonnage and audit data) that a 50% FOGO recovery rate would equate to 1,112 tonnes per month. The service has exceeded this rate, recovering an average of 1,405 tonnes of FOGO per month. Between 9 October 2023 and 17 September 2024, 15,461 tonnes of FOGO have been collected which equates to 5.2 Olympic swimming pools of avoided waste.

A total of 32,469 tonnes CO₂-e has been avoided which is the equivalent carbon emissions of:

- Powering 9,386 residential homes
- Taking 18,317 passenger vehicles off the road
- Powering 73,214 domestic fridges

The recent community satisfaction survey found that nearly 90% of Inner West residents are aware of the food and organic waste recycling service and 90% stated that they are at least somewhat committed to food recycling.

As the FOGO collected is being composted to support food growing, collection quality is essential. Inner West has been applauded by the processor, TopSoil Organics, who estimated an average contamination rate of around 2%, and reported the impressively clean product to the EPA and industry. This contamination rate is significantly lower than many councils that have had FOGO embedded for many years (up to 18%) and lower than the NSW average rate of 3%.

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Footprints EcoFestival

Each spring, Council hosts the successful Footprints EcoFestival which promotes sustainable living at Whites Creek Valley Park in Annandale. Stallholders from community and school groups and businesses present talks and performances that celebrate sustainable futures and environmental awareness.

All stallholder products, operations and activities at the EcoFestival, must be consistent with a commitment to environmental and social sustainability and minimise the impact of the festival especially in relation to waste management. In 2024 Council included food and recycling at the event to minimise waste to landfill. As with all Council events, the festival was free of plastic single use balloons, plastic straws, cutlery, cups, bags, containers and bottles. By agreement with the coffee vendor, hot drinks were only served in reusable Inner West coffee cups which were collected onsite and washed for reuse at other events. The site was dressed with reusable materials including fabric bunting, chalkboards and flags.

Very little waste was generated from the event, with an estimated 481 litres of garbage and 337 litres of compostable/recyclable materials. Based on an estimated 2,000 patrons, each produced approximately 240 grams of garbage and 170 grams of recoverable resources (organics/recyclables).



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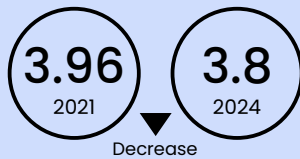


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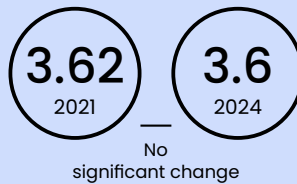


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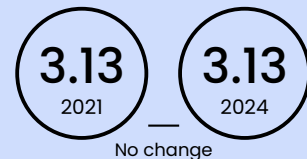
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Mean ratings out of 5



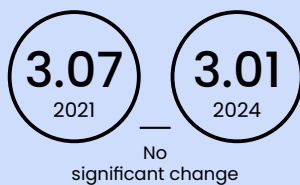
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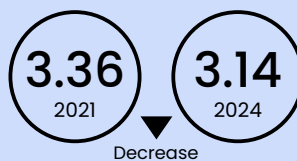
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town centres**
Mean ratings out of 5



**Satisfaction with
cycleways**
Mean ratings out of 5



**Satisfaction with
graffiti removal**
Mean ratings out of 5



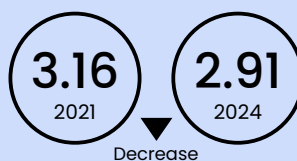
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Council area**
Mean ratings out of 5



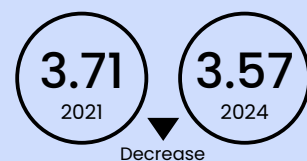
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Mean ratings out of 5



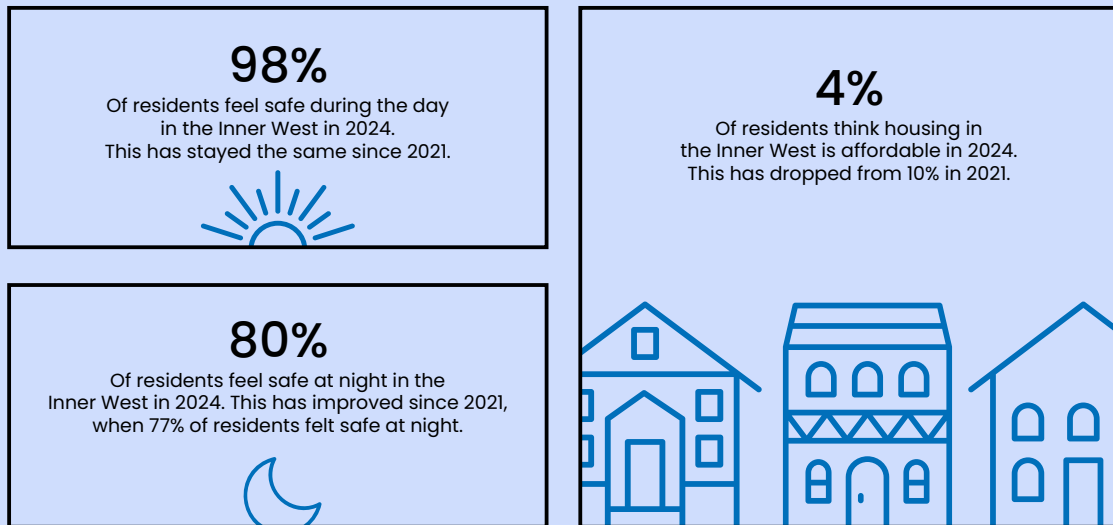
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excluding major routes**
Mean ratings out of 5



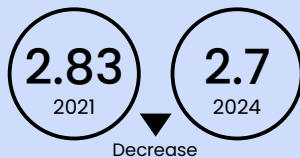
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maintenance and cleaning
of town centres**
Mean ratings out of 5



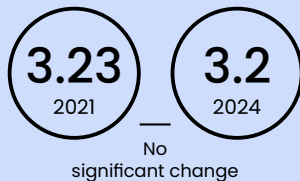
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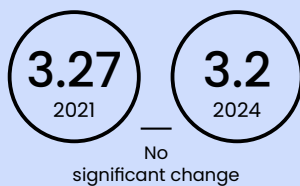
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Mean ratings out of 5



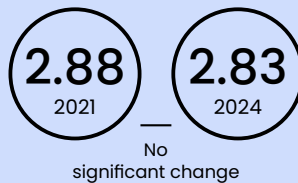
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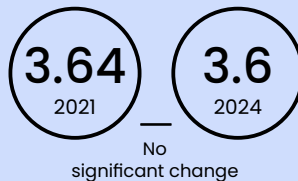
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Mean ratings out of 5



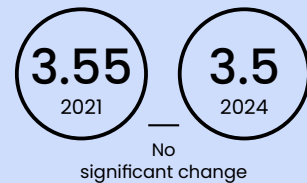
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Mean ratings out of 5



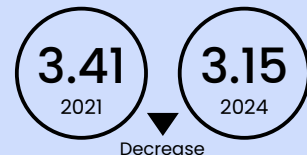
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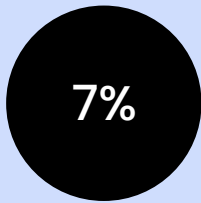
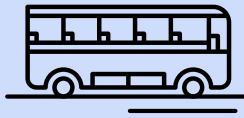


Satisfaction with protection of heritage buildings and items
Mean ratings out of 5



Satisfaction with stormwater management and flood mitigation
Mean ratings out of 5



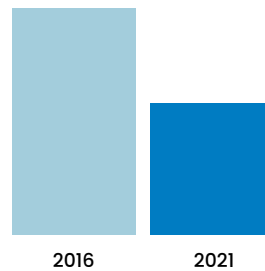


Of residents travelled to work by public transport when surveyed in 2021 as part of the ABS census. This exceptionally low result was due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 when few people travelled to work. In the previous survey results in 2016, 38.2% of residents travelled to work by public transport.

People who travel to work by car, as driver

From ABS census data

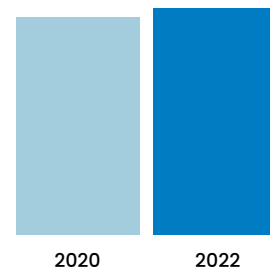
35.4% 20.6%



Serious road injuries in the Inner West

NSW Centre for Road Safety data

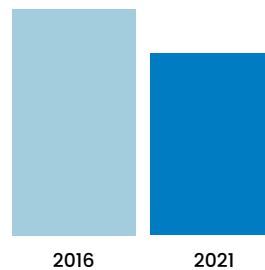
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Car ownership

From ABS census data

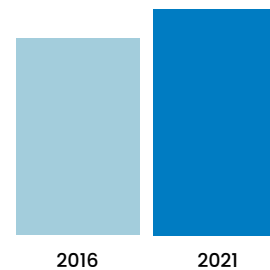
28% 22.5%



Estimate of homeless persons

From ABS census data

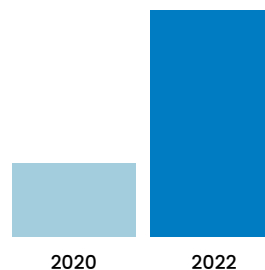
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Road fatalities in the Inner West

NSW Centre for Road Safety data

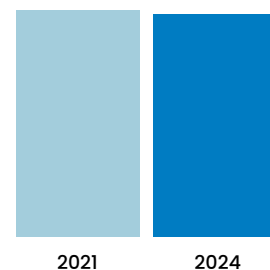
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Open space

Per resident

16.8 sqm 16.5 sqm



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Achievements: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

Development is designed for sustainability, net zero, and improves health and wellbeing of the community

Main Street revitalisation

Council created a main streets revitalisation fund for main street improvements in partnership with the Inner West community. This was a partnership opportunity for organisations to work together with Council, through new funding for improved infrastructure, public art and street furniture.

Local businesses and organisations such as chambers of commerce, community and arts organisations came together to suggest and make plans on how their main street could be revitalised. There was total funding of \$7.5M available for projects with up to \$1.5M allocated per project including quick improvements that have been undertaken while longer term master plans are developed.

Council also delivered a \$329K main street beautification program across the LGA with planting and paving improvements, fairy lights wrapping on trees, distinctive artworks including on street bins, upgrades to the Summer Hill Plaza and new banner designs along our main streets.

Development contributions plan adopted

In late 2022 Council adopted its Inner West Contributions Plan, which was recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia as best practice. The plan enables Council to collect contributions from new developments to help fund local infrastructure and services for residents and workers. It consolidated the nine existing plans from the Ashfield, Marrickville and Leichhardt local government areas. The plan contains approximately \$597M of local infrastructure to be delivered up until 2036 and guides investment to ensure that our growing community has adequate and equitable access to local infrastructure.

Parramatta Road revitalisation

In 2016, the State Government endorsed the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy (PRCUTS). This is a 30-year plan to renew the Parramatta Road Corridor including Leichhardt, Taverners Hill and Kings Bay/Croydon precincts in the Inner West. In the last term, Council undertook an extensive public consultation process to ensure that the community's voice was heard. Council then resolved to send the planning proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Industry to be finalised.

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The 2023 Marrickville Medal winning house in Balmain

The unique character and heritage of neighbourhoods is retained and enhanced

New heritage pub trails

As part of the \$7.5M Main Streets Revitalisation program, Council created a first-ever Heritage Pub Trail of famous Balmain and Rozelle pubs. Heritage Trail plaques include a QR code that takes people to a map of all the heritage pubs. The project recognises the historic contribution pubs have made to area and invites people to support the local economy.

Heritage pubs protection

The Inner West is home to some of Sydney's most iconic pubs and it is important to protect these vital community assets into the future. Council is committed to preserving and nurturing these heritage pubs and their unique heritage. Council has resolved to add 22 local pubs to the heritage register (in addition to the 26 hotels that already had heritage protection) to protect these long-standing institutions and keep the community's famous pub culture alive.

Whether it's the atmosphere, the food, the music, or the social connection, these listings are designed to preserve the Inner West's thriving pub culture.

Built Environment Awards

Council has two programs that contribute to and celebrate our understanding of the Inner West's built heritage: the Marrickville Medal for Conservation and the Inner West Urban Photography Competition.

The 2022 Marrickville Medal winners were:

- Winner - 29 Kingston Street, Haberfield
- Commendation for conservation - Callan Park Gates, Balmain Road, Lilyfield
- Commendation for Commercial Adaptive Reuse - 94 Illawarra Road, Marrickville
- Commendation for Community Project - 35-37 Dickson Street, Newtown
- Commendation for Interior Adaption - 118-132 Enmore Road, Newtown

The 2023 Marrickville Medal winners were:

- Winner - 59a Reynolds Street, Balmain
- Commendation for sustainability - 26 Silver Street, St Peters
- Commendation for Maintenance, Restoration & Reconstruction - 55 Livingstone Road, Petersham
- Commendation for Interpretive Adaption - 27 Kintore Street, Dulwich Hill

The 2024 winners will be announced at an awards event on 19 October 2024.



**Public spaces are
welcoming, accessible,
clean and safe**

Main street cleaning and verge mowing

Inner West Council is one of the only councils that mows the verges. Street sweeping of residential streets is undertaken on a 40 working day cycle. Verge maintenance (mowing) is undertaken on a 20 working day cycle from October to March, and a 40 working day cycle from April to September. In this term Council introduced transparent information for the community to access schedules for verge mowing and street cleaning.

Public toilet strategy

Council continues to implement its public toilet strategy to upgrade and improve public spaces. Public toilet upgrades include HJ Mahoney Reserve completed in February 2024, Pioneers Park in December 2023, Easton Park in May 2023, and Camperdown Memorial Rest Park completed in 2022. Work began on the King Georges Park and Camdenville Park upgrades in 2024.

People have a roof over their head and a safe, secure place to call home

Housing challenges

Housing affordability and availability is one of the top challenges nominated by residents in the recent community satisfaction survey and only 4% agreed with the statement "Housing in the area is affordable", down from 10% in 2021.

Council successfully fought to keep local planning controls rather than having State Government-led rezonings imposed on our community. Council has strongly advocated for affordable housing and renters' rights and provided \$150,000 in emergency funding to Marrickville Legal Centre's Inner West Tenants Advice Service to enable thousands of Inner West renters to receive advice and representation.

Affordable Housing Policy

Council's Affordable Housing Policy, which was adopted in May 2022 aims to address the ongoing challenges associated with the need for affordable housing for low-income households particularly key workers. Council is now actively seeking to increase affordable housing supply through planning instruments and policies.

By October 2024, Council had acquired 25 affordable housing units through planning agreements. All surplus funds from these units are transferred to Council's Affordable Housing Fund for future expenditure on affordable housing.

Housing Support Program

The Inner West faces the challenge of increased competition for land and housing resources within a highly urbanised area. Following an audit of Council-owned land, three sites are being progressed as opportunities for the development of affordable housing. Council is evaluating proposals from a number of Community Housing Providers to build more affordable housing on these sites.

Delivery of affordable housing on the Hay Street car park in partnership with Community Housing Provider, Link Wentworth is progressing with design concepts and feasibility studies for the development. Council is collaborating with the NSW Government to investigate opportunities to build more affordable housing on both Council and government owned sites within the Inner West.

Homelessness

Homelessness takes many forms, including sleeping rough, couch surfing and staying in unstable or overcrowded accommodation. The drivers of homelessness are complex and include a shortage of stable and affordable housing, family violence, long-term unemployment, family breakdown, mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse.

Council has also developed a short online course on homelessness for residents to give guidance on the best way for them to help. Council has strong partnerships with a range of local expert homelessness services and State Government agencies to form multi-agency outreach teams. These teams patrol the streets and parks of the Inner West early in the morning, mostly around Ashfield and Newtown, and provide support and referrals.

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Public transport is reliable, accessible and interconnected

Sustainable transport

Sustainable transport – reducing car use and increasing the use of public transport, walking and cycling – is key to increasing the vibrancy of local neighbourhoods, reducing traffic congestion, enabling better parking options, improving air quality and improving access to local places.

Council has a Car Sharing Policy to reduce car ownership, the demand for street parking, reduce transport emissions and provide an additional transport option for the Inner West's growing population. Car sharing is well established in the Inner West and is an additional transport option for the growing population in the LGA.

Public transport

The Inner West is well served by public transport including buses, trains, light rail and ferries. The NSW Government provides public transport services.

Council supports active transport options across the LGA with construction of a safer cycling and walking network across the LGA that intersects with public transport options and new housing development. Council also has a role in advocating strongly for the Inner West community, including for the significant changes as the heavy rail line from Sydenham to Bankstown is converted to a Metro line and the Bays Precinct is developed.

People walk, cycle and move around the Inner West with ease

The GreenWay

The GreenWay is a once in a generation project that will positively change the Inner West forever. It is a 5.8 kilometre biodiversity and active transport corridor linking the Cooks River to Iron Cove, along the Inner West light rail route and Hawthorne Canal. Council has actively engaged with the community on all stages of the GreenWay construction to ensure that this significant project delivers the community vision.

After extensive community consultation on the master plan (2018) and concept design (2020), the construction of the GreenWay missing links commenced in 2023. At a total cost of \$59M, the works will be finished in 2025 with funding from the State Government and Inner West Council.

Completion of the missing links will unlock approximately 3ha of open space and enable the community to walk or ride easily and safely from the Cooks River to Iron Cove. The works include engineering feats such as microbat protective design and smart solar lighting at the Longport Street tunnel and a suspended walkway under Parramatta Road along Hawthorne Canal, which retains the heritage brick canal wall and features public art. Current work sites are Constitution Road, Cadigal Reserve, Lewisham West and Hercules parklands.

In late 2023, the GreenWay connection with the Bay Run was opened, further expanding this popular and essential shared bike/pedestrian project. The Davis Street tunnel work for the GreenWay began in early April 2024.

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Inner West Cycling Strategy and Action Plan

In June 2023 Council adopted its Inner West Cycling Strategy and Action Plan. The aim is to expand the bike network across the Inner West and support more people riding a bike by making it a low stress and convenient transport option. This recognises and supports the growing use of different bikes and mobility devices including electric bikes and trikes, child and dog carriers, assisted wheelchairs and electric mobility scooters.

Completed bike links include the Lewisham to Newtown route with separated cycleways in Longport Street, Trafalgar Street and Railway Terrace Stanmore, and the Livingstone Road cycleway between Marrickville Park and the rail line. The new Bedwin Road Bridge provides dedicated cycling access between Edgeware Road and the Campbell Road cycleway and, as part of the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program, infrastructure to improve cycling access has been installed along the Parramatta Road corridor.

Other significant projects are in progress. Delivery of the GreenWay missing links will provide a cycling path within the light rail corridor between Parramatta Road and Dulwich Hill as well as road crossings. In combination with previously completed works in Richard Murden Reserve Haberfield and on local roads in Dulwich Hill, the GreenWay will provide a safe and continuous cycling link between Victoria Road Rozelle and the Cooks River cycleway.

The Pyrmont Bridge Road cycleway was delayed by the WestConnex tunnelling site which resulted in a high number of heavy vehicles using the exit point on Pyrmont Bridge Road. With construction of the WestConnex mainline tunnels now complete, Council is working with Transport for NSW to finalise an agreement for design and construction of "pop-up" style cycleway by Transport for NSW, with Council as project manager.

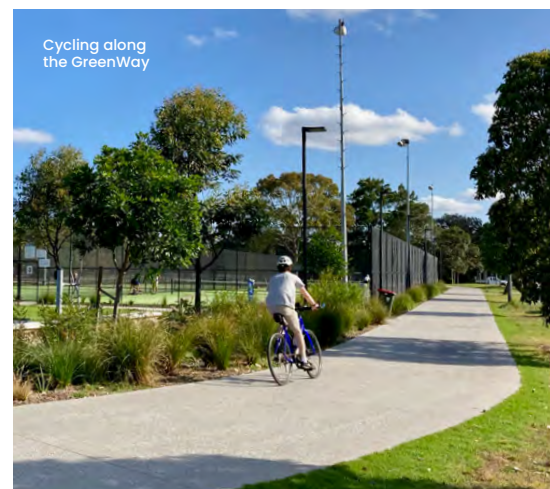
The St Peters to Sydenham Station bike link will connect the Campbell Street cycleway and Sydenham station via a pathway delivered by the WestConnex M8 project. The project includes on-road (mixed traffic) links between Mary Street, St Peters and Unwins Bridge

Road, a new crossing of Unwins Bridge Road at George Street and a separated cycleway in Burrows Avenue Sydenham. Progress has been impacted by Sydney Metro works at Sydenham Station and construction is expected to commence in 2025.

Council is working with Transport for NSW on the East-West Pedestrian and Cycle Link, a walking and cycling link alongside the T3 rail line which is currently undergoing conversion to Metro between Sydenham and Bankstown. Council has engaged consultants to complete the design of on-street links in the Inner West between Sydenham and Dulwich Hill.

Work on the Lilyfield Road bike link has been delayed by the significant construction impacts of the WestConnex Rozelle Interchange project. With the reopening of the Rozelle Parklands in April 2024 following the replacement of contaminated mulch, works to finalise the design are underway to provide a cycling link between the GreenWay and Bay Run as well as Annandale and Sydney city via Rozelle Parklands.

Other key projects in design include a connection between Ashfield Aquatic Centre and the Bay Run, guided by the Iron Cove Creek Masterplan which was adopted in April 2024, a bike link connecting Parramatta Road and Marrickville Park along West St (Regional Route 2) and upgrades to the Livingstone Road cycleway.



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Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

Council is working towards making all Inner West footpaths well-maintained, level and accessible so that everyone can safely travel around their local communities.

Council has a continuing program of renewal of condition 4 and 5 footpaths and invested \$6.3M from 2021-2024 to make footpaths safe and accessible for the community.

The Inner West Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) adopted by Council in November 2021 provides a comprehensive strategic action plan for improved pedestrian facilities. It aims to:

- improve pedestrian access and priority, particularly in areas of pedestrian concentration
- reduce pedestrian access severance and enhance safe and convenient crossing opportunities
- identify and resolve pedestrian crash clusters
- ensure that pedestrian facilities remain appropriate and relevant to the surrounding land use and pedestrian user groups

The Plan includes an audit of all pedestrian facilities, identification of key pedestrian routes and prioritised pedestrian safety improvements including:

- footpath and pedestrian crossing maintenance
- new and upgraded kerb ramps at intersections and other crossing points. Kerb ramp improvements are typically undertaken in association with nearby footpath renewal projects
- raised pedestrian crossings and other crossing improvements

Council has invested \$3.7M in delivering the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) since its adoption.

InnerWest@40

The Inner West has many local centres, urban hubs and main streets that are vibrant, walkable, and attractive. Council's Integrated Transport Strategy has presented the concept of 'InnerWest@40', proposing to adopt area-wide 40 kilometre per hour speed limits on local roads to improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. Council has built the evidence base and applied to Transport NSW for approval of the reduced speed limit on all local roads to improve safety for all road users.

Safe walking around schools

Council is supporting safe walking around schools through the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and ongoing series of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) studies. Council is also undertaking the Active Travel to Schools study.

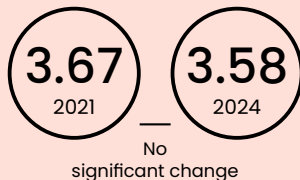


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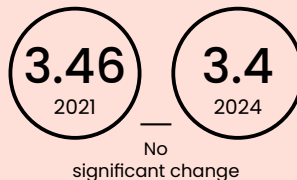


Strategic Direction 3: Creative communities and a strong economy

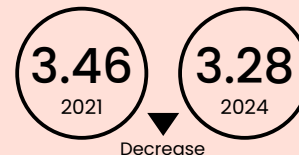
**Satisfaction with
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programs in the Inner West**
Mean ratings out of 5



**Satisfaction with
support for local artists
and creative industries**
Mean ratings out of 5

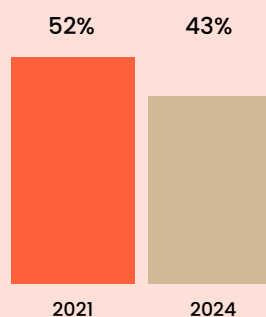


**Satisfaction with
support for local jobs
and business**
Mean ratings out of 5



**Residents who agree
that local town centres
are vibrant and
economically healthy**

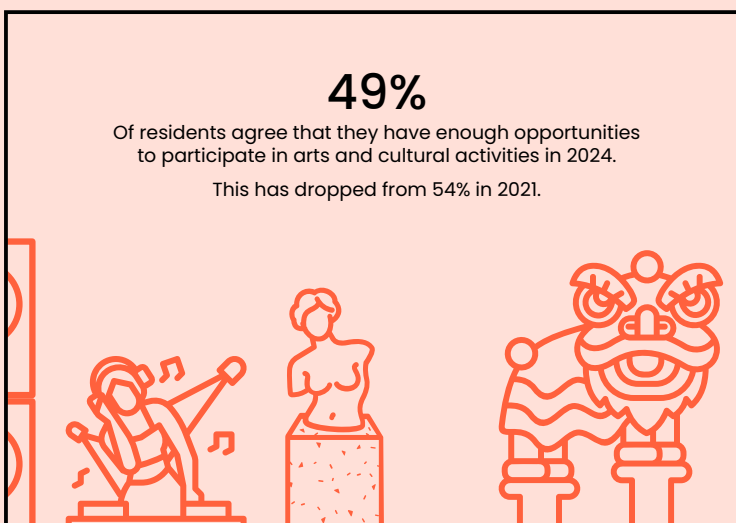
From Community
Satisfaction Survey data



49%

Of residents agree that they have enough opportunities
to participate in arts and cultural activities in 2024.

This has dropped from 54% in 2021.



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Achievements: Creative communities and a strong economy

Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated

Arts and Music Recovery Plan

In June 2022, Council partnered with the Sydney Fringe Festival and the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance to bring together over 200 representatives of the creative community and political leaders for the Inner West Arts Recovery Summit. The Summit aimed to mobilise local artists, creative businesses and supporters of the arts to resuscitate the sector and initiated the development of an Arts and Music Recovery Plan.

The Plan sets out a range of practical initiatives to ensure that the Inner West remains an innovative and sustainable creative force in the future. It has driven the reinvigoration of the Inner West creative sector over the last two years. A number of priorities coming out of the plan included prioritising Inner West creatives for all Council programs, provision of Council owned spaces to local creatives, focus on developing Aboriginal creatives, enhancing mentoring pathways and opportunities for young people in the arts, and making it easier to navigate processes for creatives to perform and exhibit in new ways.



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Perfect Match

Our Perfect Match program goes from strength to strength with a total of over 170 site specific contemporary artworks enlivening Inner West walls since its inception in 2014. Originating as a unique initiative tackling unwanted tagging and graffiti, the program has quickly grown to mentoring emerging artists, fostering legitimate creative expression and creating meaningful site-specific large scale paintings in public spaces.

In 2022, Council was awarded a NSW Government grant of \$100,000 under its Graffiti Management scheme to boost the output of the already thriving Perfect Match program. This led to the commissioning of additional high profile street art works along major transport corridors. Council successfully demonstrated that 95% of the spaces are not tagged with graffiti again after an artwork is in place. In 2023, Council doubled the funding available for the Perfect Match program.

People with a visual disability can now appreciate the Perfect Match art with audio descriptions voiced by ABC presenter Nas Campanella provided for 20 works.

Cultural festivals and recognition

In 2023, after a three-year COVID hiatus, over 20,000 people flocked to Petersham's centre, Little Portugal, to experience the return of Bairro Português. This annual

festival has attracted thousands to the Inner West, where local businesses and performers showcase the finest Portuguese handicrafts, traditional dance, Fado music, and local food and wine.

In February 2021, Council voted to recognise the significant contributions of the Vietnamese community to the Inner West's cultural and economic life by renaming a precinct in the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward. Following extensive engagement in 2021, the area between Marrickville Road and Warren Road, Marrickville, which houses many thriving businesses, including Vietnamese eateries and grocers, was selected. In April 2022, the name 'Little Vietnam' was approved. The Little Vietnam precinct was formally launched with a community celebration at Marrickville Pavilion in December 2022.

An artwork celebrating Vietnam's national flower featured on the launch invitation and has been rolled out on bin decals across the precinct. The work 'Dancing Goldies' by local artist, Christina Huynh depicts the two goldfish journeying between water and floating lotus flowers, paying homage to the Vietnamese migration story.

The renaming of Little Vietnam honours the stories of the many brave migrants who resettled here in the 1980s, enriching Australian society and helping to establish the Inner West as a vibrant multicultural hub.

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Inner West remains the engine room of creative industries and services

Inner West Film Festival

In March 2023, Council brought its own Inner West Film Festival to the community. Launched by local resident and theatre great Miranda Otto, the festival was held at venues across the Inner West. It boasted an eclectic and fascinating selection of local premieres and retrospectives from Australia and abroad. From documentaries to short films, world and Australian premieres, award winners and major international film festival selections it reflected in the diversity of the Inner West community.

The film festival included a 35mm retro screening of Erskineville Kings, a star-studded feature film shot in the heart of the Inner West. A short film competition showcased works made in and around the Inner West from the best up and coming film makers in the local areas. A new film category has now become a permanent fixture in Council's Young Creatives Awards.

White Bay Power Station

The conversion of the White Bay Power Station into an arts, live performance and cultural venue has turned it into the new jewel in the crown for Inner West arts and cultural activities.

The Biennale was the perfect partner to launch this new creative precinct. The Biennale program Ten Thousand Suns was presented from March to June 2024 with free admission for all. Council worked with the Biennale to curate and expand our EDGE program of site-specific artistic installations, community and cultural activities at White Bay as part of the 2024 Biennale.

Town halls

To support our creative community, Council has opened up all seven town halls free-for-use as cultural and creative spaces. The town halls have all been converted to arts and cultural venues for live performance, rehearsal and exhibition. An \$800,000 investment in sound systems and audio-visual equipment to be used across all the venues and performance and recording studios has made the town halls even more attractive for artists to use. Staff provide a "concierge" service by assisting artists and organisations to identify the best venue for them and to curate effective use of these spaces.

The converted Marrickville Town Hall is the flagship for the program with the basement to be reinvented as a major performance space. It will be further upgraded in the coming months to finalise its conversion to a live performance venue. Rather than sitting empty for much of the time, the town halls will now be filled with music, dance, theatre and film. The initiative is breathing life back into them and welcoming more residents back through their doors. It will transform the capacity of local arts and creative industries and both professional and community arts organisations.

Community festivals and activations

Council delivered a wide range of festivals including Dulwich Hill Festival, Inner West Kids Fest, Summer Hill Festival, Lunar New Year and Jazz in the Park. Council also partnered with business, chambers and local organisations to support community-led events such as Norton Street Italian Festa and Stanmore Music Festival.

Marrickville Music Festival is a much loved flagship event that brings artists and community together to celebrate live music. It has a diverse program that showcases music in the Inner West and champions artists across multiple stages of unique programming and a variety of musical genres.

In this term Council expanded street music festivals across all five wards to harness and promote the creative power of live music in the Inner West. The live music activations have included the Inner West

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Chamber Music Festival at Leichhardt Town Hall, the Generate Youth Festival, 2SER in Your Hood, Marrickville Pause and a two-day music activation event – Sham Fest – at Petersham Bowling Club.

EDGE is Council's major initiative to profile, support and empower the arts sector with new opportunities and audiences. The program provides funding and resources to experiment with new ideas and engage with diverse creative communities in the development and presentation of new works. In 2023, EDGE GreenWay hosted shipping containers set up for artists to develop their work while immersed in the sights and sounds of the GreenWay. In 2024 EDGE Inner West was presented in partnership with the Biennale of Sydney across three weekends in April. EDGE Inner West featured a program of works by performance artists that considered the White Bay Power Station and Petersham Town Hall sites. The selected artists represented a roll call of excellence from a diverse cross section of art forms including the famous Legs on the Wall and Force Majeure. Well-known broadcasters and writers Benjamin Law and Yumi Stynes curated the talks program.

Council also commemorated significant civic events including ANZAC Day, International Women's Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Remembrance Day and International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia.

Young Creatives Award

The Young Creatives Award continues to showcase the talent and creativity for which the Inner West is known. The Award nurtures and creates opportunities for youth in creative industries, connections to Inner West creative networks and engages with the library collections and is open to all talented creatives aged 12-24 that live work or study in the Inner West in the categories of writing, visual arts and film. The Young Creatives was shortlisted at the NSW Local Government Awards in 2022 and the Youth Work Awards and won highly commended for the RH Dougherty Award in the Innovation in Special Events category of the NSW Local Government Week Awards.



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The local economy is thriving

Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct

To support the revitalisation of entertainment and hospitality destinations post COVID, the NSW Government introduced special entertainment precincts to provide a different way for councils to manage amplified noise from licensed premises.

Beginning as a three-month trial in September 2022, Council created the Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct. Enmore Road provides a range of services such as cafes, restaurants, take away food and drink, retail, and other commercial services. At night it comes alive as one of Sydney's premier entertainment districts with pubs, small bars, restaurants, and the historic Enmore Theatre. Alongside this commercial mix is a dense residential neighbourhood made up of flats, shop top housing, Victorian terraces, and detached houses. The vibrancy and offerings that attract residents and businesses to the area, are often also sources of amenity conflict.

The pilot special entertainment precinct gave the Council the opportunity to explore solutions to these amenity conflicts. Community consultation after the initial pilot showed the community overwhelmingly supported Enmore Road being designated a special entertainment precinct. Enmore Road was subsequently designated a permanent Special Entertainment Precinct, the first in Australia. Using Enmore Road as an example more special entertainment precincts will be initiated in Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt, Balmain and Rozelle.

The special entertainment precincts are an important part of the Main Streets revitalisation, improving employment opportunities and stimulating the local economies.

Purple Flag

The NSW Government has recently accredited the Marrickville precinct which includes Illawarra and Marrickville Roads, with the Purple Flag accreditation. This is awarded to vibrant night-time economies that meet standards of excellence in vibrancy, diversity and safety at night. This includes good access to public transport, street lighting and great food and beverage. Over 20 businesses have worked with council and contributed to the achievement of the accreditation.

Economic development summits

Early in March and April 2023, Council hosted Erica Berholdt, CEO The Iconic and Michael Rodrigues, NSW 24 hour Economy Commissioner as guest speakers at its two economic development summits. The aim of the summits was to generate discussions on:

- how the local economy is performing post COVID 19
- how Council and stakeholders can work better together
- What opportunities can be identified to improve conditions for business to thrive.



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Employment is diverse and accessible

Draft Economic Development Strategy

Data from the Economic Development summits was used to develop Council's draft Economic Development Strategy, in mid-2024. Based on community wealth building principles, the role of the strategy is to help create jobs by supporting the growth of the local economy and making it more competitive and resilient. Council will continue to foster a strong relationship with local business chambers and the business community to help deliver on the various actions identified in the Strategic Plan, including working closely in partnership to help ensure the best possible outcomes are achieved.

Protecting industrial and employment lands

Protecting and enhancing the economic base that our industrial and employment lands provide is fundamentally important to supporting our local economy. While the Inner West only has an extremely small amount of undeveloped employment lands, our existing industrial lands form a strong economic base. Some industrial areas have a thriving manufacturing sector that remains a significant employer in the suburbs of Marrickville, St Peters and Sydenham. The top employing industries in the LGA are healthcare, retail, construction, education/training and arts/creative industries. Council is working actively to support these industries.



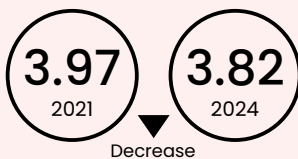
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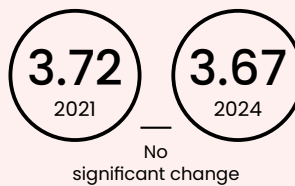


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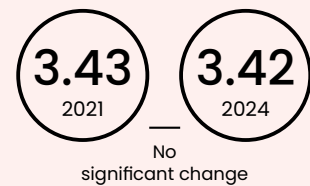
Satisfaction with the
availability of sporting
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Mean ratings out of 5



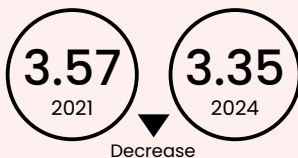
Satisfaction with
community centres
and facilities
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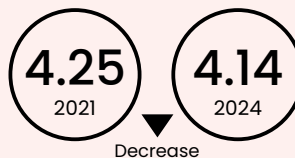
Satisfaction with
community education
programs e.g. English
classes, author talks, cycling
Mean ratings out of 5



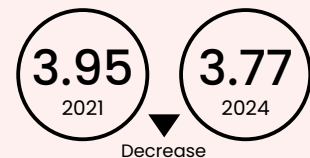
Satisfaction with
Council's childcare
service and programs
Mean ratings out of 5



Satisfaction with
library services
Mean ratings out of 5



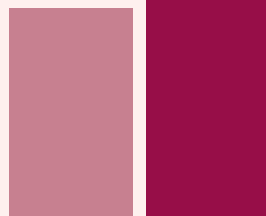
Satisfaction with
maintenance of local
parks, playgrounds and
sporting fields
Mean ratings out of 5



Areas of the Inner West within a 400m walkable catchment of a sizeable public park

From GIS map data

26,486,695 sqm 27,788,967 sqm



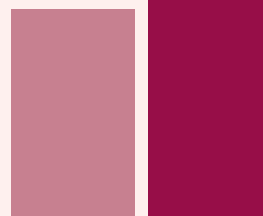
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Percentage of children who are developmentally vulnerable

From the Australian Early Childhood developmental data

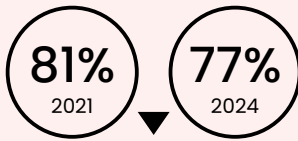
6.2% 6.8%



2018

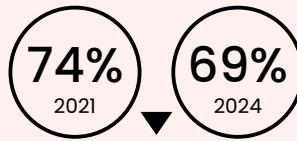
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Residents who agree that the Inner West is a harmonious, respectful and inclusive community



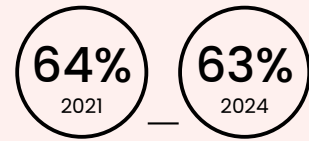
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Residents who agree that they feel part of their local community



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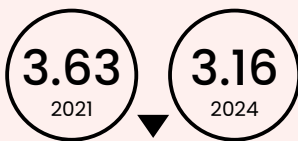
Residents who agree that they have enough opportunities to participate in sporting or recreational activities



No significant change

Satisfaction with programs and support for newly arrived and migrant communities

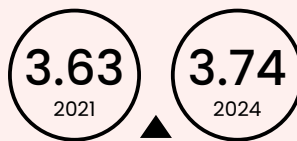
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Satisfaction with promotion of pride in the community

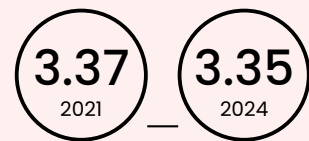
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Satisfaction with provision of services for older residents

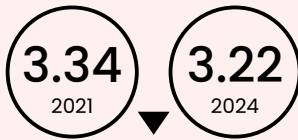
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No significant change

Satisfaction with Supports for people with a disability

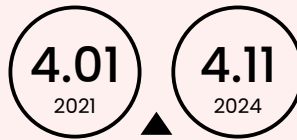
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Satisfaction with swimming pools and aquatic centres

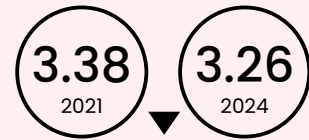
Mean ratings out of 5



Increase

Satisfaction with youth programs and activities

Mean ratings out of 5



Decrease

Achievements: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

The Inner West community is welcoming and connected

has contracted to operate the centre. Twenty10 is a respected service provider for LGBTQIA+ people, their families and communities.

World Pride

Pride Inner West was a vibrant celebration of our local LGBTQ+ community presented in February/March 2023 with a celebration program that promoted our community with national and international media coverage. The community was invited to make a splash in our aquatic centres, honour LGBTQ trailblazers in our libraries, compete for the top title on our sporting fields and discover legendary legacies in our art spaces. Parks and aquatic centres were decorated with uniquely commissioned pride seats and art works in the public domain.

Pride Square

Council successfully applied to the NSW Geographic Naming Board to rename the public square in front of Newtown Town Hall to 'Pride Square' leading up to Sydney World Pride.

Pride Square was refurbished and a permanent Pride Beacon, a highly visible, 3-dimensional artwork, which celebrates and showcases diversity installed. The project featured strong community governance with a community-based working group overseeing each project stage.

Inner West Pride Centre

In August 2024, the Inner West Pride Centre was officially opened in the former Newtown Town Hall. The building has been completely restored to be fit for purpose for the community and Twenty10 who Council

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

Council collaborated with Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to turn the former Tom Foster Centre in Newtown into a purpose-built facility. The works created modern, accessible office spaces, a landscaped rear courtyard, large community hall and meeting rooms for hire, and a dedicated wing for walk-in services. In December 2022, Council handed the building to the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to continue their important community work.

Summer Hill Community Centre

Following community engagement in 2020/21 Council sought a new operator of the Summer Hill Community Centre, located in the grounds of Darrell Jackson Memorial Gardens, Summer Hill. The Summer Hill Community Centre reopened in 2022 and is now home to 3Bridges, a not-for-profit organisation which, on behalf of Council, offers a range of programs and activities to help people be connected to the community – from Tai Chi and Aboriginal yarnning circles to programs for children and art groups.

Community Refugee Welcome Centre

Council partners with Settlement Services International to provide the Community Refugee Welcome Centre (CRWC), a place for connection between the local community and refugees, and people seeking asylum. After a pause in programming due to COVID, the CRWC

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recommended programs in the second half of 2022, delivering English and fitness classes, a TAFE course and a school holiday fun day.

In 2024 over 800 people visited the CRWC and participated in programs including three large events: International Women Day, Nowruz celebration (Persian New Year) and The Spirit of Welcome that marked Refugee Week.

First Council to raise the Disability Pride Flag

Inner West was the first council in Australia to raise the Disability Pride Flag for the International Day of People with Disability. A Disability Employment Forum was hosted and an Inclusive Festival was held to showcase programs and events.

Enhancing accessibility

Council is committed to delivering welcoming, inclusive and accessible events for all our community. While each festival or event is different, delivery now includes Auslan interpretation, and use of ramps and mobile matting for easier access for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. The introduction of sensory spaces has also been a major success. They improve inclusion for people with cognitive or sensory disability in loud or overwhelming environments.

Seniors' Festival

Council delivered activities and events annually, as part of the NSW Seniors Festival. Initiatives included a Healthy Ageing community hub map and digital literacy resource circulated to local service providers. Two seven-week Local Health District falls prevention programs were delivered as part of the festival in 2024.



The Pride beacon is unveiled at Pride Square, Newtown

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The Buuja Buuja dancers perform at the launch of Creative Town Halls at Petersham Town Hall

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture flourish and enrich the Inner West

Reconciliation Action Plan

A significant milestone was Council's adoption of its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan in September 2022. The Plan provides a Reconciliation approach for our whole community and Council. It has four focus areas – relationships, respect, opportunities and governance. It has been endorsed by Reconciliation Australia.

Aboriginal Survival Memorials

Council and community collaborated to design and create the first of three Aboriginal Survival Memorials. This first Memorial, Breathe, by artists Nicole Monks and Maddison Gibbs, is in Yeo Park, Ashfield and reaffirms the community's commitment to the journey of Reconciliation. The innovative design practice saw community members work on-site with the Aboriginal horticulturalist and artists to create a place of safety and reflection, where engraved sandstone boulders act as portals to ancient stories. This is a place for non-Indigenous people to listen and understand the past and move towards a deeper understanding of the multi-generational impacts of colonial invasion.

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People have opportunities to participate and develop their health and wellbeing

Leichhardt Skate Park

The new Leichhardt Skate Park is an example of Council's commitment to provide exceptional recreational spaces for our community. Launched in July 2023, the skate park includes a top-class skating bowl that can be used for skateboarding, bike riding and scootering. Council also delivered LED lighting for visual surveillance and safety, a shared path connecting to the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and a car park upgrade.

New tidal pool at Callan Park

After an exhaustive testing process, Council continues to work toward a new tidal pool at Callan Park. The draft plan is for a fifty-metre pool incorporating an

accessible jetty and two moored pontoons that bathers and families can use for sunbathing and diving. The pool is proposed to be located on the popular Bay Run and will be a modern counterpart to the nearby, historic Dawn Fraser Baths. Work so far includes two years of extensive water quality testing, environmental impact research, river depth and floor quality testing.

Fitness Passport

Council has created and launched the new all-encompassing Fitness Passport to make it easy for residents to use our active facilities and services. The Passport gives unlimited access to our five aquatic centres, three gyms and 250 group fitness classes. Our recreation classes have also expanded to include six free, weekly post-natal Pilates classes, Zumba Gold for older people and Women's Dance Fit.



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Active Inner West portal

The Active Inner West portal promotes delivers 350 different aquatic, sport and recreational offerings across the LGA to help our residents discover everything on offer at their fingertips. The portal is a one-stop visual guide to the sport and recreation activities of the Inner West. Over 100 different sporting clubs, using 29 sports grounds and two recreation centres across 31 different sports are featured on the portal.

Aquatic centres

Our five aquatic centres attract over 2 million visitors per year representing some of the most industry leading facilities of their type in Australia. Collectively they promote a wide variety of sports, active recreation and healthy living. Visitor safety is assured as we consistently deliver high levels of aquatic supervision across all our aquatic centres. This is reflected in Council achieving the Royal Life Saving NSW 5-star Water Safety Partners rating under their Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment.

Recreation Strategy

Council's Recreation Strategy was adopted in October 2023 and it provides the strategic direction for providing and enhancing recreation and open spaces within the Inner West over the next ten years. The strategy has three themes – an Active Inner West, Active Lives, and Active Neighbourhoods.

Leichhardt Oval upgrade

A joint funding arrangement between the Federal Government (\$20M), Inner West Council (\$10M) and the NSW Government (\$10M) has been secured to upgrade Leichhardt Oval. Over 370 local residents, spectators and athletes contributed to planning the Master Plan which will guide Council's upgrade. It seeks to preserve and protect the heritage of the ground, including the Wayne Pearce Hill and Keith Barnes Stand, while providing the modern seating and facilities the ground desperately needs.



Henson Park, Marrickville

Council's vision for Henson Park to become the home ground of the Sydney Swans women's team and home of the mighty Newtown Jets has been cemented in a 21-year agreement. This innovative project is being delivered as a Public Private Partnership with the AFL and Council with funding from Commonwealth and State Governments and in collaboration with the Newtown Jets. The plan existing King George V Memorial Grandstand will be upgraded and a new multi-purpose building constructed alongside it.

King George Park, Rozelle

King George Park is one of the Inner West's most popular sporting grounds with thousands of locals using the park through organised soccer, rugby league or little athletics. Council regraded the sports fields, installed new sub-surface drainage and new turf, upgraded the lighting to LEDs, improved and refurbished the park seating and substantially upgraded the long jump. The works also included upgrading the car park, ensuring the pathways are accessible and undertaking tree and garden planting to provide shade and habitat for wildlife.

RH Mahoney Memorial Park

RH Mahoney Memorial Park was upgraded in 2023 with the assistance of a NSW Government grant under the Female Friendly Sporting Facilities program and the Australian Football Facilities Fund. The upgrades totalling \$2.3M support men's and women's AFL and the Sydney Women's Baseball League. Local schools also use the grounds for sporting activities and these upgrades are a welcome addition to the sporting community.

Inclusive playgrounds

In September 2024, Council officially opened the new King George Park Inclusive Playground, the first of five flagship inclusive playgrounds that Council will deliver across the Inner West. With extensive feedback from locals and inclusive play experts at Touched by Olivia Foundation, this high-quality, fully inclusive playground allows all children to experience the joys and benefits of play together.

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Inclusive playgrounds are vital to our community as they provide a space that is accessible to not only children but people of all ages and abilities. These playgrounds also offer a happy and safe space for children where difference is not a factor, and a range of play types are catered to with areas for stimulation, quiet time and socialisation.

Council invested in and delivered this \$2.9M project, with the State Government contributing \$156,000 toward the total project cost through a Crown Reserves Improvement Fund grant.

- Pioneers Memorial Park, Lambert Park, North Street, War Memorial Park and Wangal Nura Park playgrounds in Leichhardt
- Maundrell Park at Petersham
- Darrell Jackson Gardens, John Paton Reserve, Rose Street and Kensington Road playgrounds in Summer Hill
- Kendrick Park playground in Tempe

A new playground was also delivered in Lewis Herman Reserve, Ashfield.

Playground upgrades

Council has an ongoing program to maintain and upgrade playgrounds across the Inner West. In this term playgrounds that Council upgraded include:

- Cahill Street Reserve in Annandale
- Gladstone Park in Balmain
- Lion Street Playground in Croydon
- Rowe playground in Dulwich Hill
- Algie Park playground in Haberfield

New dementia friendly public park

The Lewis Herman Reserve in Ashfield is a new all ages recreation space and is the first dementia-friendly park in NSW. The community and Council worked together on achieving a park where 'everyone can play'. The new park is not only inclusive and responsive to the needs of both current and future users, but also meets intergenerational recreational needs.



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People have access to the services and facilities they need at all stages of life and abilities

Early learning and care

The 17 early learning and care services that Council operates makes it one of the largest local government early childhood education providers across Australia. Council aims to provide excellent local early learning services to the local community. The most recent survey (2022) achieved 92.8% parent satisfaction rating across all the services.

In January 2022, the Globe Preschool, located at Wilkins Public School in Marrickville re-opened its doors in new purpose-built premises. By June 2023, it had attained an Exceeding rating across all elements of the Australian Quality Education Standard, which less than 10% of all early learning centres achieve. Over half of Council's services have achieved Exceeding ratings in the National Quality Standard, including the recently opened Yirran Gumal at Marrickville.

Libraries

Council's eight libraries are significant community meeting places with over one million visitors each year. The libraries delivered services to over 2.5M users including more than 1,900 carefully curated programs, access to digital and physical collections and provision of free wifi and public computers in the Council term.

Programs included author talks, schools' engagement and technology classes. A growing collection of histories, podcasts and videos capture the stories of people who have lived and worked in the area and have a deep connection giving the community access to immediate lived history. There has been an expansion in the robotics collection, musical instrument library at Ashfield which features instruments from around the world and digital e-collections. Council

developed learning resources, including the Marrickville Metro Site Study to promote local heritage. The National Trust recognised this project, awarding it Highly Commended in the Education and Interpretation category of the 2023 Heritage Awards.

The heritage Balmain Library and Town Hall was refurbished, delivering a more contemporary space with areas for quiet and group study and places to meet. The library reopened in August 2024.

Youth Week

In 2023 Council won the Local Government Award for Youth Week – Most Inclusive Program for its Queer Prom. This event was held for 12-18 year old LGBTQ+ people and allies from across the Inner West. It provided a safe and fun way for Inner West young people to celebrate and connect with fellow members of the Rainbow community. Council provided free entry and complimentary transport home within the Inner West.

Free period products

In a NSW first, Council has made period products free at pools and other community locations. In 2023, Council installed 10 contactless vending machines dispensing free pads and tampons at sites in Ashfield, Marrickville, Leichhardt and Balmain including swimming pools, libraries and a youth centre.

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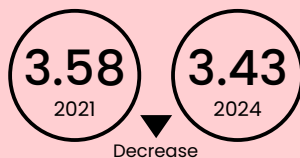
Community leader at Council Grant Reception at Ashfield Town Hall

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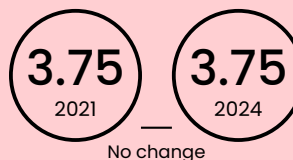


Strategic Direction 5: Progressive responsive and effective civic leadership

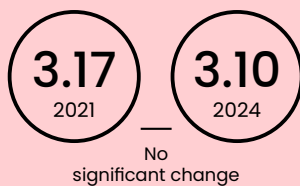
Overall community satisfaction with Council
Mean ratings out of 5



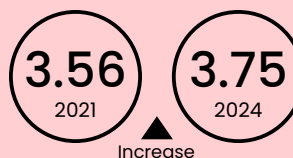
Community rating of Council's community engagement
Mean ratings out of 5



Community satisfaction with Council's integrity and decision-making
Mean ratings out of 5



Community satisfaction with Council contact
Mean ratings out of 5

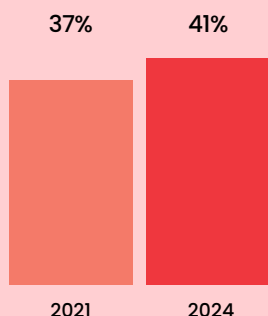


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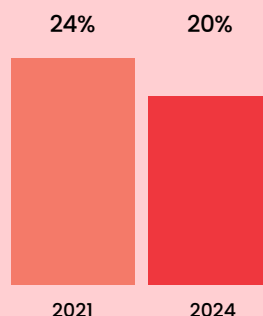
of residents are at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of Council.

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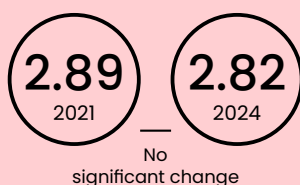
Residents who agree that they have enough opportunities to participate in Council's community consultation



Residents who agree that Council manages its finances well



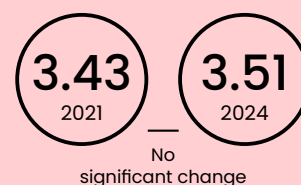
Satisfaction with community's ability to influence Council's decision making
Mean ratings out of 5



Satisfaction with provision of Council information to the community
Mean ratings out of 5



Satisfaction with support and programs for volunteers and community groups
Mean ratings out of 5



Achievements – Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

Council is responsive and service focused

Recognising excellence

In November 2023, Council was awarded the prestigious AR Bluett Memorial Award. Since 1945, this annual award has acknowledged outstanding achievements in local government and is the greatest accolade that a local council can achieve.

On issuing the award, Chairman of the judging panel, Les McMahon said:

“Inner West Council had forged three previous inner west councils into a vibrant, responsive and community focused organisation. Customer experiences have outperformed against other like sized councils. Environmental leadership is paramount to the success of the council, being the first council to be powered with 100% renewable energy and be 100% divested from fossil fuels. Inner West Council had also delivered \$22 million in savings since amalgamation.”

In 2023, Council was awarded the Australian Business Employer of Choice Award. This Award recognizes organisations that develop leading workplaces that maximise the full potential of their workforce through established policies and practices.

Customer service improvements

Improving customer experience has been a high priority for Council and practical steps have been taken to deliver excellent customer service. The Customer Service Charter was launched in June 2023 following extensive consultation to develop service standards that the community can expect when interacting with Council. Over 400 staff have completed a customer service writing program to improve their written interactions with residents. The Customer Service Charter has been shared with all staff to ensure its promise is met and it is continuously promoted via Council’s communication channels.

Weekly mobile customer service stalls have proven very popular with residents. These are held in key locations across all suburbs of the Inner West to facilitate easy interactions between residents and Council. In the most recent Community Satisfaction Survey, 81% of residents who had contacted Council in the last year were satisfied with the way their contact was handled, up 7% from 2021.

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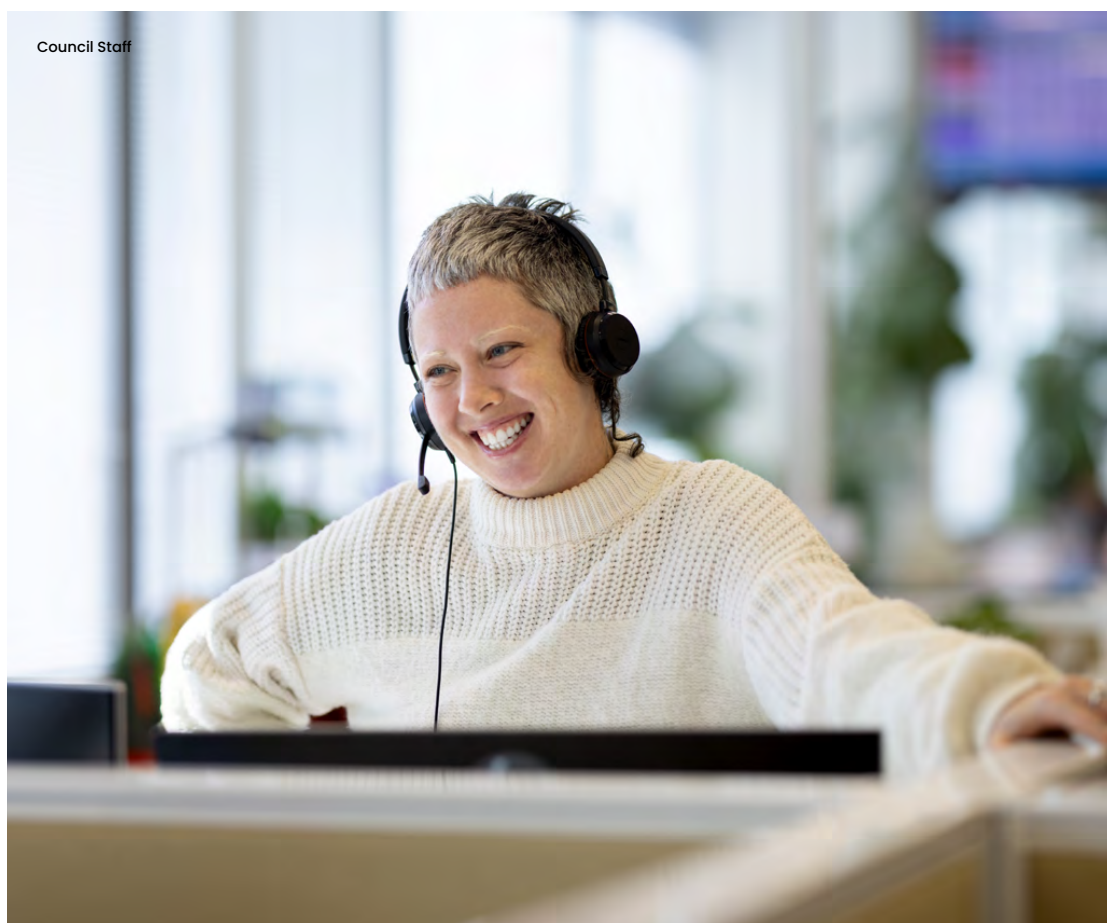
Inner West website

The Inner West Council website has been improved with simplified navigation to make it easier for residents to log requests for information and make online payments. Innovations for work order processes and streamlining the management of infrastructure related requests such as civil works have been introduced successfully.

Parking permit application processes have been simplified along with supplying instructions on the process and requirements for parking permits. Back-office processing of electronic emails, applications, payments and forms have a 100% response rate within the target range of five business days.

Gender Equity Strategy

Inner West is one of only two Councils in NSW to develop a gender equity strategy. A key Gender Equity Strategy action has been to produce a video showcasing Women in STEM and non-traditional roles. The video aims to challenge gender stereotypes, encourage gender diversity and the diversity of roles that Council has available while showcasing the Inner West Council as a great place to work.



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Council makes responsible decisions to manage finite resources in the best interest of current and future communities

Financial sustainability

Council has continued to work toward our strategic priority of financial sustainability. Following significant financial, technical and legal due diligence, Council acquired two properties outside the LGA. These two properties will provide a combined annual return of \$4.695M. The Land and Property Strategy is now being reviewed with a new Property Strategy under development. This will guide future planning and management of the property portfolio.

Council remains focused on identifying opportunities to deliver additional revenue to ensure we achieve financial surpluses in the coming years, while delivering high quality services and facilities to meet community needs. See the Finance section of this report for further detail.

People are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving

Community engagement

Council's community engagement provides opportunities for the Inner West's broad and diverse community to participate in and influence Council decision making and activities. People who rated Council's community engagement as 'good to excellent' increased from 60% to 65% from 2021 to 2024.

The community has the opportunity to engage with Council through both digital and in-person methods. Since July 2022 when Council's Your Say Inner West engagement website moved to a new platform, there have been nearly 400,000 views and over 17,000 contributions to engagement projects.

Council held 21 Local Matters forums across the Inner West where ward councillors and the Executive staff listened to the community's ideas and concerns about how their local area can be improved and presented projects of local interest.

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In August 2024, Council held an innovative deliberative forum which brought together a 'mini-public' of 100 residents to inform the review of the Community Strategic Plan and Community Engagement Strategy. The residents were randomly recruited and representative of the Inner West demographic.

Local Democracy Groups

Members of the Inner West community joined Council's Local Democracy Groups which provide ongoing advice and input to support Council's decision making and actions. They support Council to implement the Community Strategic Plan through the actions outlined in Council's Delivery Program and Annual Operational Plan and provide a range of input into topical issues. There are 13 Local Democracy Groups aligned to the term of the elected Council.

Communication

Council continued to communicate with the Inner West community through a range of ways including print, digital and through the media. The most recent Community Satisfaction Survey showed that the most common ways that people receive information about Council is through a flyer/letter from Council to their home (90%), word of mouth (74%), the monthly printed newsletter Inner West News (64%), Council's website (61%), notices/posters (56%) and through Libraries (54%). People aged 25-34 were more likely to receive information through social media than all other age groups.



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Partnerships and collaboration are valued and recognised as vital for community leadership and making positive changes

Advocacy for emerging community issues

Council successfully fought to keep local planning controls rather than having State Government-led rezonings imposed on our community. Strong advocacy against unacceptable impacts from State projects such as the Rozelle Interchange and asbestos in Rozelle Parklands featured during this term.

Council followed up the successful #racismnotwelcome street sign campaign with the development of an Anti-Racism Strategy, adopted in September 2024 following extensive community input – a NSW council first.

Council strongly advocated for affordable housing and renters' rights including offering council-owned car parks and depots for conversion to public housing by the State Government.

Uluru Statement from the Heart

To build recognition and reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Council undertook a unique initiative to promote and build community awareness of the Uluru Statement From The Heart. The project was created collaboratively with Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee. Its aim was for citizens to be able to take practical steps towards reconciliation and educate the wider community about the crucial importance of building civic leadership at the grass roots level.

Council recruited over 1,100 volunteers for the project, engaged Youth Off the Streets to deliver their Walking Together training package, and ran train-the-trainer sessions for interested volunteers. As a result of the training, more than 10,000 conversations occurred and 160 people participated in the train-the-trainer community

of practice. They shared insights and practice on what works communicating with groups of people in workplaces, schools, clubs and voluntary associations.

Council hosted a Voice to Parliament BBQ in February 2023 to bring the community together. Local churches, schools, sports clubs and ethnic community organisations all supported the BBQ. Over 1,000 community members attended the event at Petersham Park with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Linda Burney, then Minister for Indigenous Australians and Aunty Pat Anderson, co-author of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, Mayor Darcy Byrne and Inner West Councillors.

Leading the way in sustainable procurement

Council participated in the Sustainable Choice performance comparison, which measures our performance against the elements of ISO 20400. While Council's progress against ISO 20400 is currently assessed as being at an Intermediate level, which just fell short of an Advanced rating, our score was double the council average with further improvements underway.

Council adopted the Procurement Strategy in May 2024, which has a compulsory 15% weighting for Ethical, Environmental, Local, Social, Indigenous (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) procurement.

Building community capacity through Council's grants program

Council provides grants to community groups for projects that enrich the Inner West across a range of social, cultural, environmental and economic areas. In the last three years, Council has invested over \$2M in building community capacity through grants and contributions.

- In 2021/22, Council awarded \$937,000 in grants to individuals and community groups, including special COVID-19 grants.
- In 2022/23, Council awarded \$458,000 in grants to individuals and community groups.
- In 2023/24, Council awarded \$638,000 in grants to individuals and community groups.

Balmain Town Hall
and Library



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Financial performance

Objective

Council's overall guiding principle is to maintain a strong and sustainable financial position, underpinned by a sound income base and commitment to financial control to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of services, facilities and infrastructure required by the community.

Councils current financial position

Council's financial position remains strong with cash and investments totaling \$259.8 million against total liabilities of \$157.1 million.

Our income comes from rates on properties, user fees and charges, government grants, interest on investments, leasing of properties and other sources. This includes the purchase of two investment properties that assisted Council in funding operations from the net income received. Expenditure includes wages, construction, maintenance, materials, grants provided to community groups, and other services to the community such as Council libraries and aquatic centres.

Council manages circa \$2.9 billion of infrastructure assets that includes parks, roads, bridges, community and recreation facilities, drains, property, plant and equipment. In the 2021-2024 of Council, it was the first time since Council amalgamated that all assets were revalued, and condition assessments determined. This will assist in Council planning for the renewal of assets in the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Challenges for Council include increasing demand and levels of services, facilities and infrastructure from the community with restricted Council revenue, along with rising costs and supply chain issues.

Council has undertaken significant work to improve on its Long-Term Financial Plan to ensure that it is financially sustainable moving forward while not impacting on Council's operations or services provided to the community. From 2025/26 financial year, Council is projected to have surpluses moving forward in the next nine years of the Long-Term Financial Plan.



2023 Economic Summit

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Operating results in the last 3 years before capital grants and contributions

In 2021/22, Council achieved an operating surplus of \$20.0 million, including capital grants and contributions. The operating result before capital grants and contributions was a deficit of \$10.8 million. The budget deficit was primarily due to further COVID-19 related Public Health Order restrictions and lockdowns, which subsequently occurred from late June 2021.

In 2022/23, Council achieved an operating surplus of \$22.7 million, including capital grants and contributions. The operating result before capital grants and contributions was a deficit of \$6.5 million. The budget deficit was primarily due to an increase in expenditure associated with:

- Additional maintenance being undertaken on Council buildings to ensure our facilities remain fit-for-purpose for community use
- Grants which were initially classified as capital budget and but were ultimately used for operational purposes resulted in a reclassification of expenditure
- A comprehensive asset revaluation process resulted in a higher write-off of assets than was budgeted

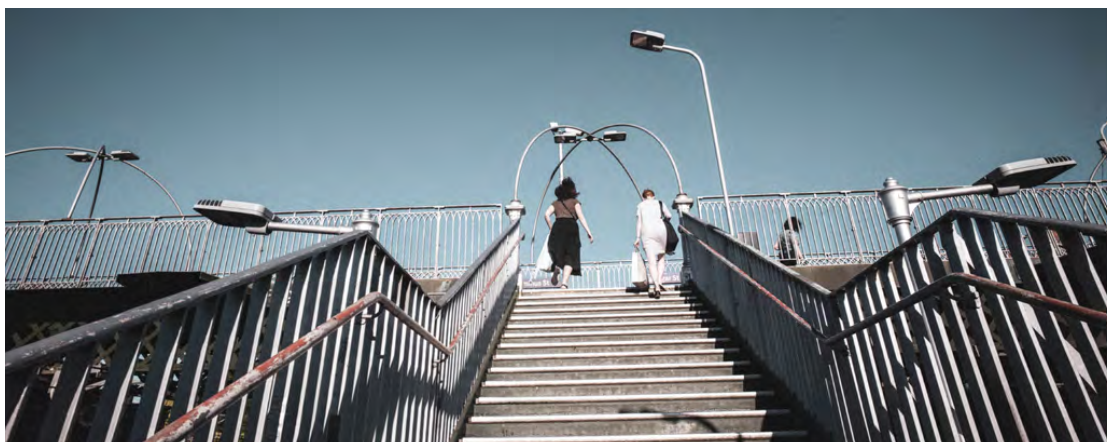
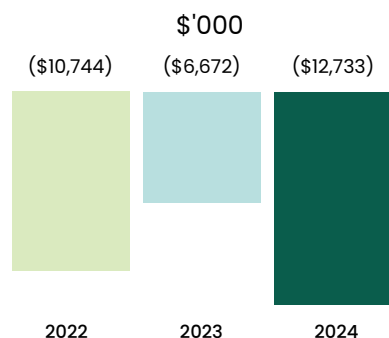
Although the 2022/23 financial year resulted in an operational deficit, Council is working towards achieving surpluses each year in our Long-Term Financial Plan.

In 2023/24, Council achieved an operating surplus of \$12.3 million including capital grants and contributions. The operating result before capital grants and contributions was a deficit of \$12.7 million.

The budget deficit was primarily due to an increase in expenditure for:

- Fair value adjustment to Council's Liverpool investment property of \$4.9 million
- Disposal of assets greater than budget of \$5.2 million
- Depreciation expenses mostly due to revaluations of Council's assets of \$2.0 million.

The first two variances are non-cash adjustments and have no impact on Council's reserves, where the third variance allows Council to increase the Depreciation Reserve set aside to complete renewal works on Council's assets.



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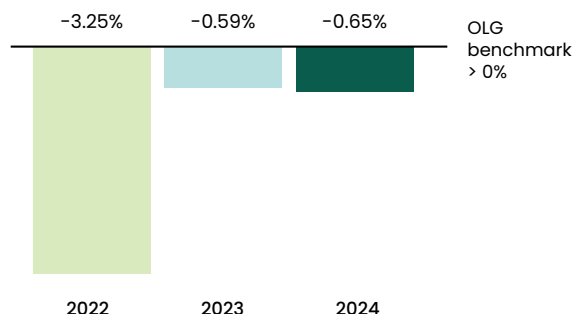
Achieved performance measures and benchmarks

Council achieved four of the six performance measures and benchmarks between 2022–2024, the exceptions being operating performance and outstanding rates and charges.

The following section provides an overview of Council's performance against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG).

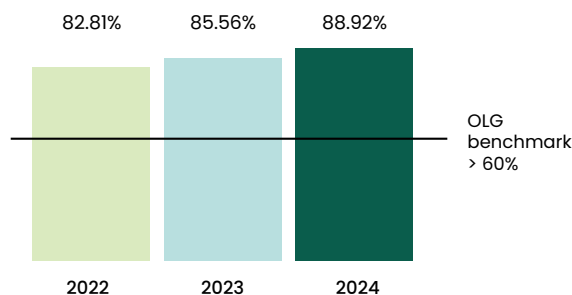
1. Operating performance ratio

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue. 2022 ratio was impacted from the COVID-19 Public Health Order restrictions and lockdowns in June 2021 and improved to almost meet OLG benchmarks the final two years. Future years are moving towards meeting OLG benchmarks.



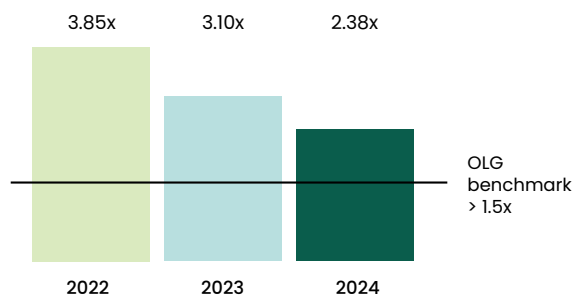
2. Own source operating revenue ratio

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The ratio has improved each year and is positioned above the OLG benchmark.



3. Unrestricted current ratio

This ratio assesses the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council. The ratio has reduced over the three years due to Council's acquisition of investment properties in 2023 and 2024.



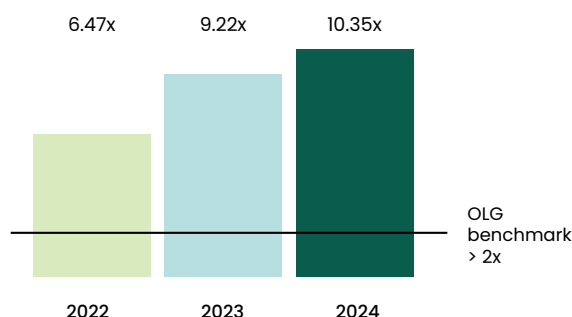
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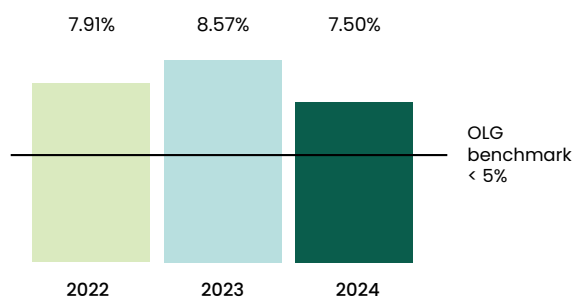
4. Debt service cover ratio

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal, and lease payments. The ratio over the three years grows and is significantly above the benchmark, demonstrating Council's ability to service its debt.



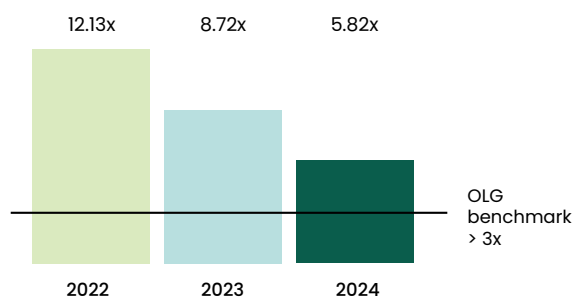
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

This ratio assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts. Council did not actively complete debt recovery of rates and annual charges due to the COVID-19 pandemic until late in the 2023 financial year, as shown in the improvement in 2024.

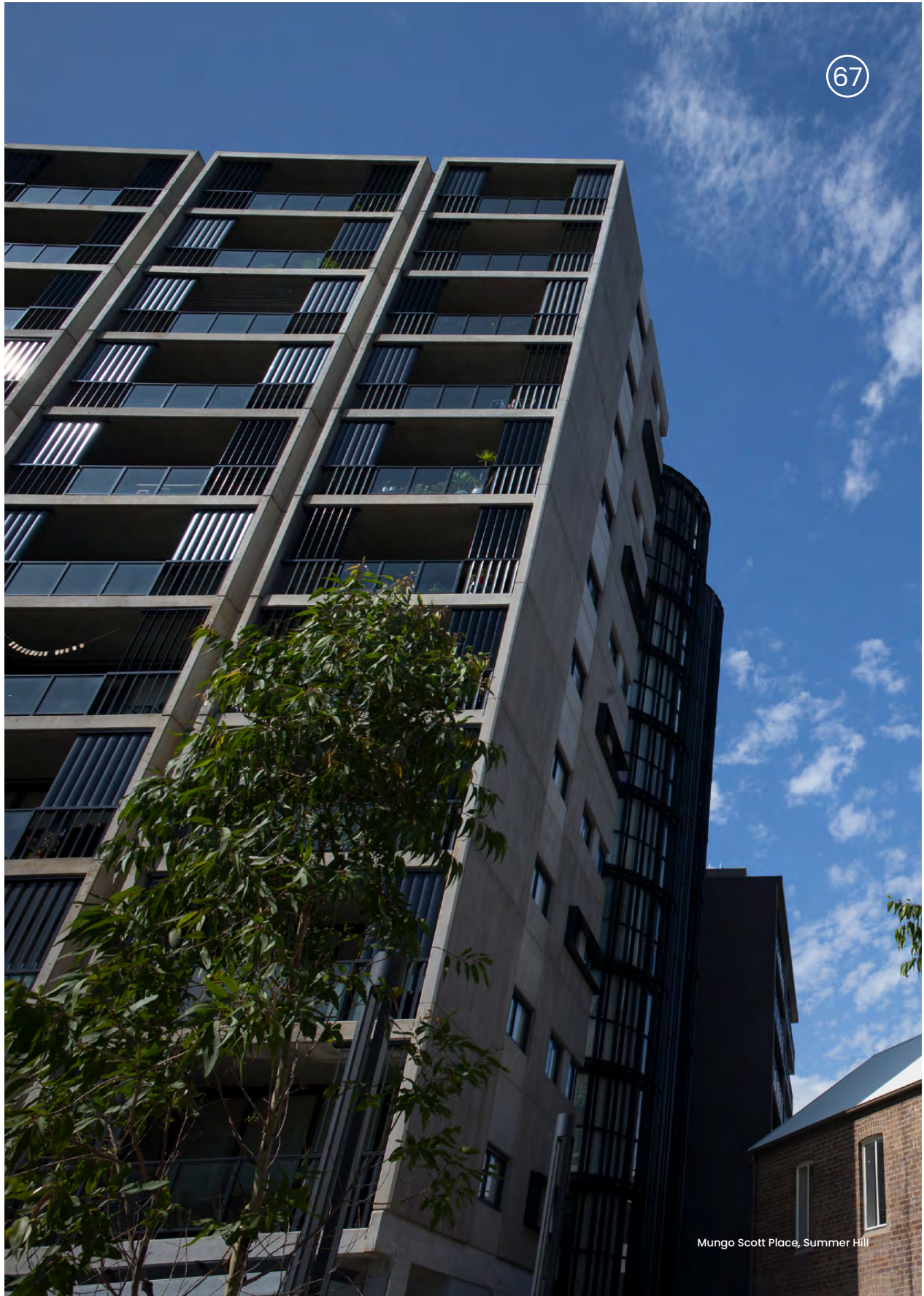


6. Cash expense cover ratio

This ratio assesses the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council. The ratio has reduced over the three years due to Council's acquisition of investment properties in 2023 and 2024.



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Next Steps – where we are headed and future challenges



Strategic Direction 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West

Where we are headed

We need to continue to protect our environment and adapt to a changing climate. Council is working towards achieving an ecologically sustainable Inner West in the term including through encouraging electric vehicles, installing EV charging and continuing to roll-out our Fleet Transition Plan. Council will also review the Climate and Renewables Strategy, progress the second stage of the Climate Adaptation Plan and roll out the Gas Transition Plan.

There is also a need to embed food recycling (FOGO) to increase participation and recovery of organics and support the community to live sustainability including through Council's sustainability programs and the Inner West Sustainability Hub.

The Inner West community has expressed a keen desire for more river swimming sites, and in this term, Council will focus on progressing the proposed swim site at Callan Park and preparing for the Mort Bay swim site. Council will implement the Biodiversity Strategy and develop an Urban Forest Strategy to protect and enhance tree canopy.

Future challenges

Adapting to our changing climate and achieving net zero carbon community before 2050 is a key challenge for the community. Future challenges of managing climate change risks include uncertainty about the precise nature and timing of climatic changes, particularly at regional and local scales, uncertainty regarding societal, economic, and technological changes that may influence global emissions over time, and long-term horizons that may not align to other planning timeframes.

Pressure from development including the need to plan for future population growth through increased housing supply and major infrastructure projects creates challenges for protecting and increasing local biodiversity and increasing tree canopy. Investment is required to continue the rollout of solar and electric vehicles and to prepare for a transition away from gas.

Supporting the Inner West community to work towards a "circular economy" where waste is recognised as a resource is another key challenge.

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Strategic Direction 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

Where we are headed

We need housing and infrastructure to meet the needs of the growing population. And we continue to move towards a future with less reliance on private motor vehicle use and more sustainable active and public transport.

Council is investigating the impact of the proposed housing reform measures on existing transport hubs and impact on heritage areas as part of the State Government's Transport Oriented Development and Low to Medium Rise reforms. The State Government has set an increased target of 7,800 dwellings by 2029 in the Inner West.

Council has received a Federal Government grant of \$2.6M to investigate and master plan areas in the Inner West where there may be future housing potential to reach dwelling targets.

In this term Council will deliver the Cooks to Cove GreenWay and Pyrmont Bridge Road Cycleway, implement the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan and build more bike paths and cycling infrastructure in accordance with the Cycling Strategy and Action Plan. Council will also refresh the Integrated Transport Strategy, prepare a Parking Strategy and continue our strong advocacy to the State Government on public transport provision.

Future challenges

Housing and associated infrastructure to meet the needs of the growing population is a key future challenge, particularly identifying where future housing can be located in an already densely populated Inner West. Provision of affordable housing for key workers and low-income households is essential to achieving an equitable society where everyone has a suitable place to live.

Challenges include potential and future high rise developments that may conflict with existing local area character, existing housing styles and heritage and impacts on transport, the environment, trees and biodiversity, and flooding and safety risks.

Future challenges include transport issues around the M4 tunnel locations at Rozelle and Balmain and impacts of the rollout of new metro stations while catering for bus transitions during construction.



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Strategic Direction 3: Creative communities and a strong economy

Where we are headed

Population growth will drive the local economy with increasing need for local services, entertainment and hospitality, but also put pressure on spaces for economic and cultural activity.

Council will continue to deliver the Main Streets Strategy, create town centre master plans, finalise the Economic Development Strategy using the principles of community wealth building and partner with local business and industry on initiatives to improve the local economy. Having delivered NSW's first special entertainment precinct in Enmore Road during the previous term, Council will progress additional precincts.

The Inner West community values diversity which Council will continue to celebrate through local events delivered in partnership with a diverse array of local and creative businesses. There is a strong sense of Aboriginal culture that will continue to be channelled in event programs, together with our highly creative and literary community, creative industries, artists, and community stakeholders.

Cultural enlivenment will bring a new appreciation of the Inner West's local streets, neighbourhoods and suburbs. Council will scope new opportunities and community partnerships to co-design, improve and strengthen the Inner West's cultural offerings. Just some of the cultural initiatives Council will deliver in the term include opening our town halls to creative uses, continuation of the Perfect Match street arts program, annual Young Creatives Awards Program, and new creative commissions and activations through the EDGE program.

Future challenges

Challenges include striking the right balance between promoting and supporting a vibrant night time economy and maintaining neighbourhood amenity including noise levels, through the special entertainment precincts.

Retention of industrial land is a key challenge given pressures to provide new housing, land costs and infrastructure demands, particularly in the Marrickville, Camperdown, Leichhardt and St Peters areas. Availability of affordable places and spaces for creatives and other small businesses seeking to establish themselves is a challenge as pressure on development continues.

The changing global economy, rising costs and supply chain issues all impact the local Inner West economy. Council will continue to advocate to improve local economic and employment conditions that stimulate and support the growth of local businesses.

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Strategic Direction 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

Where we are headed

Council will continue to provide opportunities for the community to participate in recreation and exercise to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle. The upgrade of Leichhardt Park and Oval, and finalisation of the Cooks to Cove GreenWay are two major projects for the term.

Council will implement the Anti-Racism Strategy, partner with Twenty10 for the ongoing operation of the Inner West Pride Centre, finalise and implement the Community Safety Action Plan and deliver inclusive playgrounds in all wards of the Inner West so that everyone can play.

Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Council will establish the Aboriginal Community Hub at Tempe and deliver Aboriginal Survival Memorials, with the second Memorial planned for Illoura Reserve, East Balmain in 2025.

Delivering high quality early learning and children's services will continue to be a priority over the next term, including exceeding the National Quality Standards. Council will continue to deliver excellent library and history services and plan for the needs of new communities including in the Bays Precinct.

Future challenges

Responding to and resourcing the evolving social, recreational and health needs of the community are the key challenges for the future. Building a more inclusive Inner West where everyone can participate is a key focus for the community, as is addressing racism, supporting social cohesion, and working on Reconciliation and greater justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Supporting our youngest citizens to have the best start possible and providing services as the population ages will continue to be challenges for service delivery including the need to adapt to suit diverse and changing community needs.

Ensuring equitable and balanced access to passive and active recreational spaces is a challenge as the population increases, in an increasingly dense urban environment.



Leichhardt Skate Park

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Strategic Direction 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

Where we are headed

Council is committed to providing effective civic leadership through improved customer service, good governance and financial sustainability in the long term. Council will communicate effectively and provide opportunities for the community to influence Council's decision making and activities through transparent community engagement.

Continued delivery of our Customer Experience Strategy will improve digital transactions while maintaining face to face and responsive customer services in and around the Inner West.

Council will continue strengthening our financial and budget management, maximising strategic procurement, implementing the Australian Business Excellence Framework, strategically planning for the future, enhancing asset management practices, implementing our Land and Property Strategy and leveraging technology. Together, these will deliver better community outcomes, engagement, services, processes and efficiency improvements.

Future challenges

Citizens expect seamless digital experiences and easy transactions enabled by technological advances. Adapting to changing technology including harnessing new AI technologies and addressing the need for increased cybersecurity is a challenge for the future.

Meeting community expectations in an environment of increasing costs and budget constraints is a challenge for all levels of government, that Council will address through financial sustainability measures and more efficient ways of working including productivity improvements and service reviews.

Building a resilient community is a key challenge for the future. Community resilience is central to being prepared for the chronic stresses and acute shocks that the Inner West is likely to face in the future. Acute shocks are sudden events such as heatwaves, floods and cyberattacks while chronic stresses are day to day challenges such as rising inequity, family violence and cost of living. Partnering with other levels of government, stakeholders and community will be essential to solve problems and address emerging needs.



Community Languages

Talk free with an interpreter call 131 450

Chinese Simplified	我们说普通话。如需免费传译服务，请致电131 450，然后请传译员致电02 9392 5000 接通 Inner West市政府。
Traditional Chinese	我們能說您的語言。如需免費傳譯服務，請致電131 450，然後請傳譯員致電02 9392 5000 接通 Inner West市政府。
Greek	Μιλάμε τη γλώσσα σας. Για να μιλήσετε δωρεάν σε διερμηνέα καλέστε το 131 450. Ζητήστε τους να καλέσουν το Δήμο Inner West Council στο 02 9392 5000.
Italian	Parliamo la vostra lingua. Per parlare gratuitamente con un interprete chiamate il numero 131 450. Chiedetegli di chiamare il Comune di Inner West al numero 02 9392 5000.
Vietnamese	Chúng tôi nói ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Muốn nói chuyện có thông dịch viên miễn phí, hãy gọi số 131 450. Yêu cầu họ gọi cho Hội đồng Thành phố Inner West qua số 02 9392 5000.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 3
Subject: LOCAL DEMOCRACY GROUPS 2024-28 AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS TERM
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RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the proposed structure of new Local Democracy Groups (LDG) for the Council term 2024-28.
2. That Council endorse the process and timeline for recruiting and inducting new LDG members for the new Council term.
3. That Council determine the three Councillor representatives to participate in the selection process and panel.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out the process and timeframe for the establishment of Local Democracy Groups for the new term of Council 2024-28, including the selection process and Terms of Reference already resolved by Council for these groups.

Local Democracy Groups (LDGs) were first established for Inner West Council in 2018. LDGs are part of Council's Community Engagement Strategy. They consist of community members with subject matter expertise or lived experience, who are selected through an open Expression of Interest process to provide input to support Council's decision-making and activities. LDGs do not have delegation or decision-making powers, and membership is on a voluntary basis. Local people apply to be members on LDG's. They were established by a resolution of Council and provide ongoing input throughout the term of Council unless otherwise resolved.

The Inner West community has a strong desire for participation in Council's decision-making. Council recognises that local knowledge, ideas and input from the community are essential to ensure Council's decisions and actions improve community wellbeing and long-term sustainability.

For the previous Council term 2021-24 there were 13 LDGs established. It is proposed that Council resolve to establish 13 LDGs for the 2024-28 term with some changes to ensure that the groups align with current policies and projects.

For the 2024-28 Council term, the following changes would be in place:

- Consolidate two former LDGs (Planning and Heritage, and Housing and Affordability) into one Planning LDG to provide better alignment with recent changes in this policy area
- Establish a new Customer Experience LDG to bring the existing Customer Service Review Sub-Committee into the LDG framework and support the implementation of the Customer Experience Strategy as resolved by Council in November 2023.

The proposed structure for Council's endorsement for the 2024-28 term is the following 13 LDGs:

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
2. Access
3. Arts and Culture
4. Bicycle
5. Customer Experience
6. Environment
7. LGBTQ+
8. Multicultural
9. Planning
10. Seniors
11. Social Strategy
12. Transport
13. Young Leaders

Following the resignation of members of the former Multicultural Advisory Committee present at their meeting on 22 November 2023, Council recruited new members for what will now be the Multicultural Local Democracy group. The group were inducted on 24 September 2024. The new group need to be confirmed for the new term.

As required by previous council resolution this report also includes the final progress report of the previous term of LDGs summarising discussions and work undertaken from 1 May 2024–31 August 2024. LDG members made strong contributions to Council's plans, policies and activities during the previous term of Council and will continue to do so with the new structure for the new term.

BACKGROUND

Inner West Council established Local Democracy Groups (LDGs) in September 2018.

In August 2022 Council recruited members to serve on the LDGs. The groups commenced meetings in October 2022 and their term concluded in September 2024 in alignment with the conclusion of the Council term.

In early 2024, work was undertaken to strengthen the governance provisions of the terms of reference.

At the Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

1. *That Council adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the Local Democracy Groups.*

The adopted Terms of Reference now in place for all Local Democracy Groups is attached (refer to Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION

In the previous term Council resolved that in accordance with the adopted terms of reference, all groups are now referred to as Local Democracy Groups, replacing the former names of advisory committee and working groups. This clarifies that LDGs are ongoing, providing input to Council throughout the Council term.

Structure of LDGs for Current Council Term

The proposed structure for Council's endorsement for the 2024-28 term is the following 13 LDGs:

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
2. Access
3. Arts and Culture
4. Bicycle
5. Customer Experience
6. Environment
7. LGBTQ+
8. Multicultural
9. Planning
10. Seniors
11. Social Strategy
12. Transport
13. Young Leaders

For the 2024-28 Council term, the following two changes would be in place from the previous term:

- a) Consolidate two former LDGs (Planning and Heritage, and Housing and Affordability) into one Planning LDG.

The Federal Government has announced a national housing accord target of the creation of 1.2 million housing in Australia by 2029. To achieve this target, the State Government has a suite of planning reforms which will be transformational for the Inner West. Greater development around transport nodes have been the focus as well as the need to create more affordable housing in these locations.

As housing becomes more unaffordable, creating new planning controls that offer incentives for affordable housing through redevelopment will be key. In the previous LDG structure, these aspects would have been discussed separately within the Housing and Affordability, and Planning and Heritage groups. Consolidating the LDGs will allow these matters to be discussed concurrently which will allow comprehensive and representative advice to be provided more efficiently and effectively.

- b) Establish a new Customer Experience LDG to bring the existing Customer Service Review Sub-Committee into the LDG framework.

The Customer Service Review Sub-Committee, set up in 2022 to focus on improving customer experience with Council, will be transitioned into the Local Democracy Group structure following its adoption by Council. A Customer Experience LDG will support the implementation of the Customer Experience Strategy 2024-2027 and serve as a sounding board for customer experience improvements.

Consistent with the adopted governance process the Multicultural LDG was recently re-established following an Expression of Interest (EOI) process in April/May 2024 and selection by a panel comprising councillors and the relevant Director's delegate in July 2024. The

induction meeting was held on Tuesday 24 September 2024. It is proposed that Council endorses its establishment as part of the new structure for the new term.

Recruitment process

The process for recruiting and selecting LDG members will be the same as that previously adopted by Council and include the revised Terms of Reference also endorsed by Council. Members will be selected by a panel comprising a Council official (the relevant Director or their delegate) and up to three Councillors (determined by Council resolution).

Should applications exceed places, an eligibility list will be established. If vacancies arise throughout the term, such as by resignation of a member, new members will be appointed from the eligibility list.

Following the Council resolution to establish the LDG structure, Council staff will undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to recruit members. The EOI process will be promoted in Council's digital and print channels and applications will be open for 21 days. Applicants will be assessed on selection criteria.

In accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference, LDGs comprise up to 10 members (ideally at least one from each ward) and the selection process aims to achieve membership that is broadly representative across wards, age range and gender.

Proposed Timeline

22 Oct 2024	Council meeting establishes LDGs for the 2024-28 term
11 Nov–2 Dec 2024	Recruitment
2–23 Dec 24	Staff assessment against criteria and preparation of summaries for Selection Panel (3 Councillors plus Directors)
Mid-late Jan 2025	Selection Panel assesses applications (3 Councillors plus Directors)
Mid-Feb 2025	Members are offered/accept positions
Feb/Mar 2025	Induction / First meetings to be held
Mar 2025	Welcome event for combined Local Democracy Group members

Following commencement of LDG meetings, Council will receive six-monthly progress updates in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Final report of previous term

The fifth progress report (*refer to Attachment 2*) provides an overview of discussions and work completed by the LDGs from 1 May to 31 August 2024. LDGs held one to two meetings each during the reporting period and in total, 22 meetings across all groups were held. This report was previously scheduled to go to Council's September 2024 meeting but was deferred. The Social Strategy Group prepared a Briefing Paper which is also attached at their request.

Local Democracy Group collaborative workshop

On May 14, 2024, at Ashfield Town Hall, Council held a combined workshop for members of the Local Democracy Groups as part of wider engagement to review and refresh the Community Strategic Plan.

Attendees took part in an exercise about the vision statement, considered future challenges, and discussed what makes the Inner West special or unique. They also considered how the results of their deliberations undertaken through the term on policy challenges would inform

input into the CSP review and priorities for the new Council term.

The workshop responded to a key theme arising from the member survey, undertaken in November 2023, which was a desire for collaboration across groups. Participants were invited to evaluate the evening, with 96% stating that they were moderately, very, or extremely satisfied with the activities and the organisation of the workshop. The qualitative data gathered during the workshop is being considered in development of the new Community Strategic Plan, which will be submitted to Council for endorsement in 2025.

New LDGs will be engaged on the Community Strategic Plan in 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Adopted Terms of Reference (September 2022 - Local Democracy Groups)
2. [↓](#) LDG progress update - May-Aug 2024
3. [↓](#) Social Strategy Advisory Committee briefing paper



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Attachment 1



1 Scope

The Inner West community has a strong desire for participation in Council's decision-making. Council recognises that local knowledge, ideas and input from the community are essential to ensure Council's decisions and actions improve community wellbeing and long-term sustainability. Council's Community Engagement Strategy guides how Council engages with the community.

Local Democracy Groups (LDG) are part of Council's Community Engagement Strategy. They consist of community members with subject matter expertise or lived experience, who are selected by an Expression of Interest process to provide input to support Council's decision-making and actions. LDGs do not have delegation or decision-making powers, and membership is on a voluntary basis.

2 Definitions

In these terms of reference, the following terms have the following meanings:

Councillor	Inner West Council elected representative.
Council officer	Inner West Council members of staff (including full-time, part-time, casual and contracted staff).
Council official	Councillors, Council officers and delegates of Council.
Delegated officer	<p>A Delegated Officer is an officer delegated by the Council to undertake and/or manage specific functions on behalf of Council in relation to certain activities.</p> <p>The Delegated Officers in relation to Council's LDG activities are delegated authority to manage any complaints or concerns regarding the conduct of any Chairperson, LDG member, Convenor or Council Official or an alleged breach of the LDG Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The General Manager and Senior Manager Governance and Risk are delegated officers in relation to all Local Democracy Groups.</p>
LDG member	A person other than a Councillor or Council officer who is a member of a Council Local Democracy Group.
LDG	Local Democracy Group
LGA	The Inner West local government area.

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3 Establishment and duration

Council convenes LDGs to provide input about specific areas relating to Council business or to enhance community wellbeing. LDGs are established by a resolution of Council. LDGs provide ongoing input throughout the term of Council unless otherwise resolved.

Type of input	Term	Conclusion
i. Ongoing	Aligned to the term of the current Council*	At the end of the current Council's term*
ii. Time-limited	As specified by the Council resolution	As specified by the Council resolution

*unless otherwise resolved by Council

Following a Local Government election, at its second meeting the new Council receives a report and:

- resolves to establish LDGs for its term; and
- determines the councillor representatives on the selection panel.

A recruitment and selection process commences after the Council resolution to establish the LDGs (see Selection section for detail).

Council resolved on [Insert date] to establish the [Insert group name] LDG for [insert period of time (or) for the duration of xxx Project (or) the current term of Council being xx/xx/xx until xx/xx/xx.]

“[Insert resolution details]”

4 Purpose Statement

The purpose of the [Insert name of] LDG is to: (This will also be included on Council's LDG website page).

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- Contribute to achieving community outcomes as set out in the Inner West Community Strategic Plan and implementation of Council's four-year Delivery Program
- Provide input into development and implementation of Inner West policies, strategic plans and/or programs as related to [insert areas of expertise for advisory committee] as requested.
- Serve as a resource for Council in relation to matters which Council resolves to bring before the LDG for input.
- [Add more as required to appropriately reflect Council's intent]

The [insert name LDG] may also:

- Be asked to provide input to inform Council's response to regional, State or Federal policies, strategic plans and/or programs as related to [insert areas of expertise for advisory committee].
- Be invited to participate in specific Council consultations.

5 Access and inclusion statement

Council is committed to an inclusive approach in its LDGs. Diversity, equity and accessibility is at the core of our approach to community engagement. A variety of perspectives helps generate better ideas and outcomes for the whole community.

Council specifically encourages people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to apply to join its LDGs.

6 Model Code of Conduct

Council's [Model Code of Conduct](#) applies to all Council officials and Council LDG members.

Failure by a Council official or Council LDG member to comply with the standards of conduct prescribed under the Model Code of Conduct may constitute misconduct and could result in suspension or removal from the LDG.

Failure by a member of staff to comply with Council's Model Code of Conduct may also give rise to disciplinary action.

Council has zero tolerance for aggressive, humiliating, bullying, intimidatory or violent behaviour towards Council officials or Council LDG members.

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Respect is one of our core values and Council officials and LDG members are required to:

- Treat everyone equitably and fairly
- Embrace diversity
- Acknowledge and value the needs of community members
- Actively listen, and seek to understand each other's point of view
- Value feedback and respond constructively

7 Timing of meetings

The [Insert name of LDG] will:

- Meet a minimum of four times annually, with dates determined at the start of each calendar year and provided to Council's Governance team via support.councillors@innerwest.nsw.gov.au for inclusion in the councillor events calendar
- Additional meetings can be scheduled if determined by a majority of LDG members or if required by Council.

LDG meeting dates, times and venues are posted on Council's website.

Meetings that are in-person must also allow for hybrid attendance (in-person and online) to provide flexibility and convenience for membersmembers..



8 Selection

Following the Council resolution to establish an LDG, Council staff undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to recruit members. The EOI process is promoted in Council's digital and print channels and applications are open for 28 days.

LDG applications are assessed by staff, and members are selected by a recruitment panel comprising a Council official (the relevant Director or their delegate) and up to three Councillors (determined by Council resolution when the LDG is created).

LDGs comprise up to 10 members (ideally at least one from each ward) and the selection process aims to achieve membership that is broadly representative across wards, age range and gender.

Should applications exceed places, an eligibility list will be established. Should vacancies arise throughout the term, such as by resignation of a member, new members will be recruited in the first instance from the eligibility list, with the approval of the relevant Director. In the second instance, if required, an annual recruitment drive and selection process will be undertaken concurrently for all LDGs requiring new members, as outlined above.

9 Membership

The [Insert name of LDG] consists of:

LDG members

- [insert list of community representatives (EOI selected) and date of appointment].

Council officers

- [insert relevant Director (mandatory)]
- [insert Convenor/s (mandatory)]

Delegated officers

- Peter Gainsford – General Manager
- Beau-Jane Da Costa – Senior Manager Governance and Risk

10 Roles

Convenor

One or more Council officers will be appointed as Convenors of the LDG, by the relevant Council Director. The Convenor will develop meeting agendas in consultation

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with LDG members, attend meetings, take minutes, advise LDG members about Council policy where relevant, prepare updates for six-monthly progress reports to Council, and communicate outcomes of decisions back to members.

Chairperson

LDG members appoint a Chairperson at their first meeting via a vote. If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, the Chairperson is to be the candidate who is chosen by a lot. The Convenor arranges for the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes to be written on similar slips. The slips must then be folded and mixed, with one then drawn. The candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is the candidate who is to be the Chairperson. If the elected Chairperson is absent, members will elect a Chairperson for that meeting. If a Chairperson resigns the Committee will need to appoint a new Chairperson in the same manner.

LDG members

LDG members contribute through subject matter expertise or lived experience. Members are required to attend meetings and actively participate in discussion.

If an LDG member is absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable grounds and agreed prior notification to the Chairperson or Convenor, their membership will lapse and they will be notified by email or letter.

Any member may, by giving notice in writing addressed to the Chairperson or Convenor, resign their LDG membership.

Membership lapses or resignations are recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting and the Membership section of the Terms of Reference updated accordingly.

Councillors

Councillors are encouraged to attend LDG meetings. If attending, Councillors should accept the invitation in the Outlook Councillor Events calendar.

However, Councillors must not propose new business or vote at a LDG meeting as these forums are for community representation and as elected officials, Councillors may be required to make formal decisions at a meeting of Council on matters on which input has been received from an LDG.



Council staff

Staff from across Council may attend from time to time to present and/or consult the LDG on relevant matters.

External Participants

External participants such as subject matter experts may be invited to a LDG meeting if prior approval from the applicable Director is obtained.

Delegated Officers

A Delegated Officer is an officer delegated by the Council to undertake and/or manage specific functions on behalf of Council in relation to certain activities.

The Delegated Officers in relation to Council's LDG activities have delegated authority to manage any complaints or concerns regarding the conduct of any Chairperson, LDG member, Convenor or Council Official or an alleged breach of the LDG Terms of Reference.

11 Meeting principles

Meeting Conduct

Council Officials and LDG members shall respect the views and opinions of each other, allowing for one person to speak at a time and participate in the meeting with decorum. The Chairperson will facilitate the meeting to ensure the meeting keeps to the agenda allowing for all agenda items to be considered.

When the Chairperson rises or speaks during a meeting:

- Any member then speaking or seeking to speak must cease speaking.
- Every member present must be silent to enable the Chairperson to be heard without interruption.

Council officials and LDG members may not be asked to leave a LDG meeting unless an Act of Disorder has been committed and the Chairperson or Convenor has expelled the Council official or LDG member from the meeting.

Council officials do not have authority to direct an LDG member unless the direction relates to upholding the requirements of the LDG Terms of Reference (ToR). LDG members do not have authority to direct Council officials unless they are the Chairperson of the LDG and the direction is in accordance with the LDG ToR.

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Acts of Disorder

A Council official or LDG member commits an Act of Disorder if they:

- contravene the Local Government Act, the Regulation or LDG Terms of Reference
- assault or threaten to assault a Council Official or LDG member
- provide input that has an unlawful purpose or that deals with a matter that is outside the jurisdiction of the LDG
- insults, or makes unfavourable personal remarks about, or imputes improper motives to any other Council official or LDG member
- or does anything that is inconsistent with maintaining order at the meeting or is likely to bring the Council or the LDG into disrepute.

Where a Council official or LDG member commits an act of disorder, the Chairperson in conjunction with the Convenor, reserves the right to expel any person from the meeting. Acts of Disorder (which result in a Council official or LDG member being expelled from a meeting) will be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

Conflicts of interest

All LDG members are required to disclose conflicts of interest in accordance with the [Conflict of Interest Policy](#). All LDG Members are required to undertake an initial Disclosure of Interests upon commencement as a LDG Member and annually thereafter. Any new Conflict of Interest that arises must be disclosed as soon as practicable and no more than one month after becoming aware of the new interest. Refer to Schedule 3 Disclosure of Interest form.

Voting Process

Input will be determined by general consensus of LDG members in attendance. If consensus cannot be reached, a vote will be called by the Chairperson and the outcome will be determined by a majority of members present at that meeting.

LDG members cannot vote on behalf of other members.

If the situation occurs where there is a tied vote the Chairperson will have the casting vote.



12 Agendas

Convenors prepare and circulate agendas to all members of the LDG one week prior to the meeting. The agenda must be prepared using the template contained in Schedule 1. The Convenor also uploads the agenda to the Council website and provides a copy to Council's Governance staff for distribution to councillors via the Outlook invitation, one week prior to the meeting.

If a LDG is deliberating on a significant matter, documents may be provided to members with additional notice.

Council may resolve to refer items to the LDG for input as required.

13 Meeting minutes

LDGs are to keep accurate minutes of their meetings, in accordance with the template contained in Schedule 2.

Each agenda item will have a brief discussion summary recorded against it and item outcome/action as required. Minutes will not include verbatim or detailed discussion, reflecting contemporary minute-taking practise.

The minutes of a LDG meeting will be confirmed out-of-session via email circulated by the Convenor and approved unanimously by all LDG members in attendance for that meeting at which time they will be published on Council's website by the LDG Convenor within 10 business days of approval.

14 Media

The Mayor and the General Manager are the designated media spokespeople for Council in accordance with Council's Media Policy. LDG members may speak to the media about their own views but must not purport to represent Council.

15 Reporting and transparency

Council receives a six-monthly progress report on all LDGs based on meeting minutes.

Should Council resolve to request input from LDGs required outside the six-monthly progress report timeline, Convenors will prepare a separate report, in conjunction with the relevant Director, to be presented at a Council meeting.

Convenors will monitor the progress of input to Council and report the outcomes back to the LDG.

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16 Maintaining the Integrity of the [Insert name of LDG]

Training

In order to ensure Council Officials, Convenor, Chairpersons and LDG Members can participate in LDGs in the most effective way, training is available on the following:

1. Understanding the Terms of Reference for the [Insert name of LDG]
2. Model Code of Conduct
3. Conflicts of Interest
4. Effective Chairing
5. Effective Participation

Training for the above is not mandatory, however can be organised upon request to the Convenor of the [Insert name LDG]. All Council Officials, Chairpersons and LDG members are still required to uphold the requirements of the Terms of Reference, Model Code of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest Policy, as provided as part of the Induction pack, regardless of undertaking the above mentioned available training.

Communication

The Chairperson will liaise directly with the appointed Convenor of the LDG regarding LDG matters, in the first instance.

LDG members should liaise directly with the Chairperson regarding LDG matters, which as required can be escalated by the Chairperson to the Convenor.

If a Council Official, Chairperson or LDG member has concerns regarding the conduct of the Chairperson, LDG member, Convenor or Council Official then they must contact a Delegated Officer to discuss the matter.

Complaints or Concerns

Complaints alleging a breach of the [Insert name of LDG] Terms of Reference by the Chairperson, Council Official or LDG member must be made to a Delegated Officer.

Concerns in relation to the conduct of the Chairperson, Council Official or LDG member must be made to a Delegated Officer.



17 Breaches of this Terms of Reference

Breaches of this Terms of Reference may result in an investigation of the alleged breach in line with relevant Council policies including the Model Code of Conduct.

Any alleged criminal offence or allegation of corrupt conduct will be referred to the relevant external agency.

18 Administrative Changes

From time-to-time circumstances may change, leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document. Where an update does not materially alter this document, such a change may be made including branding, Council Officer titles or department changes and legislative name or title changes which are considered minor in nature and not required to be formally endorsed.

19 Version Control – LDG Terms of Reference History

This LDG Terms of Reference will be formally reviewed each Council term or as required.

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Schedule 1 – Template Meeting Agenda

Event: [Insert name of LDG] meeting

Date:

Time:

Location:

Running Order:	Time	Items for Discussion
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Attendees

Community members	Council officers	Councillors

Chairperson

Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies and membership changes

Disclosures of conflicts of interest

Endorse previous meeting minutes

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Discussion Items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Agenda item outcome/action (as required)

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Schedule 3 – Disclosure of Interest Form

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(Meetings of Council)

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Local Democracy Groups quarterly reports for 1 May–
31 August 2024



Local Democracy Group collaborative workshop held on 14 May 2024 at Ashfield Town Hall

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 18 June
- 6 August

Policy challenges:

1. *How does the current Advisory Committee change to a 'Voice' to Council, based on the principles of the Uluru Statement from the Heart – Voice, Treaty, Truth?*
2. *Provide input and assistance in the development of Council's Anti-Racism Strategy, including identifying effective existing and potential strategies.*

During this period the Committee focused on a range of issues and opportunities including:

- Members were invited to attend the Mayoral forum on Indigenous Justice
- Community engagement from 2-30 August on Aboriginal Survival Memorial: Gunya Jia at Illoura Reserve. There are 3 potential locations in the park.
- Drafts of the Anti-Racism Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy and the Naming Policy are returning to Council following engagement.
- An update on Reconciliation Action Plan implementation.
- An update on the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Tempe Reserve.
- An update on the Koori Knockout memorialisation work at Camdenville Oval.

Access Advisory Committee

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 15 May
- 7 August

Policy challenges:

1. *What strategies can be considered by local businesses and by Council to better support employment for people with disability?*
2. *How do we give life to the Disability Inclusion Action Plan?*

The Committee focused on projects in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan including a presentation on inclusive playgrounds, Callan Park tidal baths (C0624(2) Item 6),

customer experience and communications, and support for disability employment in Council's workforce (C0324(1) Item 24).

Richard Murden Reserve inclusive playground

Council's Parks Project Manager, other staff and consultants presented on the Richard Murden Reserve inclusive playground project (refer to C0522(1) Item 25).

The Committee made the following comments:

- Members liked the idea of a Ninja Warrior obstacle course though stressed the playground overall should cater to children with disability as a primary design principle. This would make the most of the opportunity to normalise disability rather than encourage segregation.
- Consider impacts of co-location of activities and avoid conflicts to either the experience or the user group. Similarly avoid locating loud activities near quiet or sensory spaces including discreet retreats.
- A central design principle should be how does this feature advance the inclusive experience across all the participants?
- A determination needs to be made on the level of tranquillity, the extent of structured activity, and the amount of passive open space enjoyment.
- Inclusion of the cultural aspect of disability including the nature of informative signage/formats used.
- Provide a space for people with dementia and cognitive impairment
- Fences are important to delineate space, and provide secure play for very active children, along with the need to provide multiple entry points for people with ambulant disability.
- Improve the navigation and condition of paths from light rail stations.

Council communications and customer experience for people with disability

Council's Customer Experience team presented on accessibility improvements following adoption of the Customer Experience Strategy:

- 118 staff trained in plain English communication and accessible formatting, another 100+ by end 2024.
- Council for Intellectual Disability engaged to train 10 staff on writing Easy Read documents.
- 65% of correspondence reaches accessibility standards.
- 50 standard letter templates have been rewritten in Plain English across teams including: building certification, environmental health, waste, planning, parking and rangers.
- Council website is being redeveloped. An accessibility audit was undertaken on the existing site and will inform the new design, and extensive engagement will support development of the new site.
- Collaborated with the Centre for Accessibility to consult on website design.

Committee members were invited to nominate for a Digital Experience focus group.

Callan Park Tidal Baths

Council's Director Planning and consultant architect presented on the Callan Park Tidal Baths project background and key accessible design elements. It was noted that the proposed tidal baths have been designed to comply with the requirements and standards set by Royal Life Saving Australia regarding unpatrolled swimming. Watsons Bay Baths accessible pontoon is the closest similar facility in design and purpose. Council is using this example to inform the design.

A separate governance structure is being established with Greater Sydney Parklands for coordination of land-based amenities, operational elements and project delivery.

The Committee's feedback was sought on improvements to the current design features, any additional features that should be considered, and any access and safety treatments that may be needed for the pontoon edge.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Aquatic access hoist and accessible adult changing facilities to be investigated to ensure widespread access to all in the community.
- Safe secure/lockable storage options for mobility aids/devices.
- Suggestion of lifeguards or staffing for key high traffic times.
- Consider roping off specific areas to ensure children/swimmers are not blocking accessible features.
- Slippage, floor texture and strategically placed handrails to cater to the needs of people with balance issues.
- Shade/sun cover provision to be considered along with fresh drinking water.
- Provision of parking area for strollers/prams/bicycles to be considered.
- Emergency access needs to be available as well as general improved public access (parking and drop off).

Initiatives to improve Council employment for people with disability

Council's Senior Manager People and Culture gave two updates during the period. They advised that staff who identified as living with disability had increased from 3% to 5% following the most recent staff engagement survey in 2023. The highest groupings were in the younger age group of workers indicating the increase is not a result of age-related disability.

The following Disability Inclusion Action Plan commitments were highlighted:

- Launched a Disability Employee Network.
- Council Reasonable Adjustments commitment and practice to be reviewed.
- Collaborating with disability specialists including Get Skilled Access founded by Dylan Alcott.
- Engaging a Churchill Fellowship recipient who studied disability employment practice to guide development of inclusive strategy.
- Developing and launching of a staff with disability mentoring program.
- Working with disability and employment providers to connect with school leavers and trainees.
- In partnership with Ability Advocates launched a traineeship program for candidates with disability. 730 applicants across several industries – 10% were council specific from which Council to support 6 trainees over 12 months.
- Partnering with *in the field*, a disability job board. Positions are filtered so the access and inclusion elements are listed and explained for each job.
- Ensuring Council technology platform for recruitment is up to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines standard. All advertised jobs include mandatory questions on reasonable adjustment.
- Council is now a silver member of the Australian Disability Network which assists organisations to be inclusive and improve employment for people with disability.
- Introduction of a mandatory Human Rights Commission training program on *Building a Culture of Accessibility and Inclusion*, 815 employees completed the training (200 outdoor staff provided in person over 7 sessions) and 13 Councillors.
- Council has joined the *Hidden Disability Sunflower* campaign and will train frontline staff that can assist people with a hidden disability.

The Committee congratulated staff on the comprehensive work done to progress opportunity and thanked them for incorporating many ideas suggested by the Committee. The complexity of the task was acknowledged, and the Committee expressed high confidence that any difficulties along the journey can be resolved through the inclusive culture being formed through this work and learning.

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 19 June
- 31 July

In its 18-month tenure, the Committee has discussed and provided expert opinion on multiple considerations, under the umbrella of policy challenges set by Council:

1. *How do we cut red tape from the arts sector to better enable creativity in the Inner West including Town Halls activities and creative spaces?*
2. *What elements of the plan resulting from the Arts Summit should be progressed by Council and how?*

Specific considerations and briefing to the Committee included the *Inner West Arts and Music Recovery Plan*, the *Inner West Creative and Cultural Sector Report* (Profile.id); new proposed Inner West Special Entertainment Precincts, White Bay Power station and EDGE 2024, Creative Use of Council Venues, next-gen creative mentoring, themes for Inner West submission for the NSW Government's *New Look at Culture* policy and more.

Ideas integrated into Inner West Council Arts Recovery Plan:

Council Owned Creative Spaces: early in their tenure, the Committee made a case for the promotion and ongoing servicing of Council-owned spaces such as town halls to be repurposed as subsidised creative space, including a concierge service and open days to encourage more creatives to use spaces. This was integrated into the Inner West Arts and Music Recovery Plan and had significant outcomes, including Town Hall open days during April - June 2023. In total, over the eight months of the Creative Use of Council Venues Pilot program, seven town halls were activated by local creatives for approximately 2,817 hours through a range of activities

Detailed in Inner West Council Arts Recovery Plan, progress so far, and further implementation in 2024:

- The Committee requested that more work be put into ensuring that Council-owned/ operated spaces are user-friendly and fit-for-purpose. These included:
 - Checklists, user guides and information sheets for creatives running events in Council-owned/ operated venues, public spaces, and parks.
 - A user experience (UX) focused initiative to streamline contact with Council, based on a need analysis. This resulted in a template landing page where creatives can choose what services they are seeking based on their needs, as opposed to 'what Council offers'.
 - Further development, including brainstorming sessions with the creative community to assist in the development of helpful and relevant info sheets.
 - Mentoring sessions and support, potentially via an intermediary organisation.

- Venue 'open days' where creatives can pitch for support to produce an event
- Vacant properties: it was noted that these are largely out of Council's control, but advocacy and support would be helpful to build capacity for creative space.
- It was noted insurance costs and noise issues were also concerns. The Committee suggested Council cover venue insurance.
- 'Speed dating': This matchmaking idea was proposed to connect performers, musicians, visual artists etc with local businesses to develop ideas for collaboration, using Route 66 and their schedule of live bands as a model:
 - The speed dating concept was developed with internal and external stakeholders identified.
 - Further development and ideas for roll-out and implementation have been discussed. These could include a sticker campaign to easily identify businesses that are open to the idea of collaboration, as well as geo-locators, maps, and QR codes.
 - Clear mapping of Inner West business/ creative collaboration provides inherent cultural and community benefits, including for visitors to the area, increasing opportunities and accessibility for all stakeholders, and creating a blueprint for a marketable Inner-West concept that sells the strong creative identity of the LGA while promoting business.

Strategic feedback, advice, and sector information:

- Feedback on Rozelle Masterplan; new opportunities for tactical urbanism and creative placemaking, including temporary pop-up plazas, parklets, and busking zones. Pedestrianisation of Hancock Lane and Mathilda Street, with opportunity to include performance space for live music or street theatre. Activation of kerb blisters and other areas where the streetscape can be expanded. Increased mobilisation of Callan Park (Greater Sydney Parklands; Callan Park Community Trustee Board) for arts events, residencies etc.
- Input into Creative and Cultural Sector Report: including recognition of 'ghost' creative sector (arts occupations often a second/ third job, or unpaid and therefore not part of the census of business data); terminology of 'creativity' and need to standardise language in order that it doesn't exclude participation.
- Chair participation in Marrickville Town Hall Steering Committee.
- Briefing and consideration of themes for Council's NSW Cultural Policy *A New Look at Culture* submission, with particular mention of the need to support the cultural production sector and small-to-medium sector;

education and career pathways; equitable access to creative spaces; affordable housing; and safe 24hr travel.

- Discussion and input to Council staff for partnership meetings with Placemaking NSW on the future of the White Bay Power station. The Committee recommended that post Biennale there could be a focus on continued multi-arts use with artists/ end users being involved in the design process to help see it become an iconic multipurpose, multi-arts space for production and presentation, as an operational space – not simply a ‘destination’. The Committee expressed a strong desire to be part of discussions on the future of the White Bay Power Station with Placemaking NSW and Council.
- Briefing on the Creative Use of Council Venues initiative and outcomes
- Briefing on the Grants and Fee Scale Policy Amendment for Creatives
- The Committee noted the ‘CityTalks: Making Space for Culture’ held by the City of Sydney (21 June 2024) and the City’s Draft Cultural Strategy, which reflected ideas raised on the current crisis within the arts sector and in support of possible ideas to support these, such as the Creative Land Trust/ the ‘Bat Phone’. The Committee strongly requested proactive collaboration between Council and City of Sydney. It was noted that the Inner West LGA is home to significant industrial infrastructure essential to cultural production and that this land stock could be of interest to the City’s proposed Creative Land Trust.

In conclusion, the Committee appreciates Inner West Council’s support of arts and culture. During the time of the Committee, it is noted that Council has achieved progress, such as more venues with music and entertainment precincts and noise regulations, Creative Town Halls, the State Government exempt and complying development amendments to encourage creatives and the Committee is feeling hopeful that creative sector support is going in the right direction.

In the future, the Committee would like to see more focus on creative skills for school leavers/ next-gen career pathways, youth initiatives, supporting cultural production spaces and assistance and funding for existing and new creative spaces, affordable housing for creatives, advocacy and networking, affordable arts education, and knowledge sharing.

Bicycle Working Group

Meeting held this reporting period:

- 31 July

Policy challenges:

1. *How do we achieve an equitable balance between curb side parking and separated cycleways/bike parking?*
2. *How do we make the Inner West the best LGA in NSW for people who want to ride and walk?*
3. *How can IWC integrate its commitment to enhancing active transport in relevant infrastructure decisions?*

At the meeting held on 31 July 2024, the Active Travel to Schools Study and two proposed bike routes were presented to the group.

The Active Travel to Schools Study is an education campaign with Dulwich Hill, Kegworth and Summer Hill Public Schools to take advantage of the GreenWay opening in 2025. The Group said walking and cycling infrastructure linking the schools with the GreenWay is a critical component and suggestions were made for infrastructure connecting Summer Hill Public School because it's located furthest from the GreenWay.

Two proposed bike routes were also presented. The St Peters-Sydenham Station route will soon be placed on public exhibition. The plans were presented, and members were encouraged to provide feedback during the exhibition period. Works endorsed by an Extraordinary Traffic Committee meeting held on 3 June 2024 were also presented. These are minor works associated with the temporary closure of the T3 rail line (Sydenham to Bankstown) which aim to support walking and cycling as a transport option during the shutdown.

The Group again expressed its frustration on the slow work to provide a safer bike network in the Inner West. At the Council meeting on 4 June 2024 a petition was tabled calling on Council to build a safe, separated, and connected bike network and Council asked for report responding to the petition, C0624(1) Item 15. A report outlining work currently underway on cycling routes was scheduled for the August Council meeting.

Environment Advisory Committee

Meeting held this reporting period:

- 20 June

Policy challenge:

1. *How do we support a network of green habitat for plants, microforests, trees and animals when we have limited open space?*

The Committee received a presentation from Council's Parks Planning and Ecology staff on the Draft Biodiversity Strategy. A facilitated discussion included the questions:

- Do you support the scope of issues the strategy proposes to address?
- Do you support the proposed strategies/actions?
- Have we missed anything – issues, strategies, and actions?

The Committee followed up with written feedback on the Draft Biodiversity Strategy on 23 July 2024 for consideration during the exhibition period and to inform the final version of the Strategy to be reported back to Council.

Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 29 May 2024
- 7 August 2024

Policy challenges:

1. *How can we increase social, community and affordable housing with good amenity, across the Inner West?*
2. *How do we deliver housing for key workers in the Inner West?*
3. *The need for legislative and regulatory change to protect renters' rights*

Over this period, the Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee (HAAC) had extensive discussions about the policy challenges set for the LDG. They received presentations from Council's Strategic Planning, Development Assessment, and Strategic Property teams about Council initiatives to support affordable, social and community housing in the Inner West.

In the May meeting, members provided advice on an active Development Application that contained affordable housing and provided a submission encouraging good design and amenity for the units. They also received an update on the following Council motion: C0823(1) Item 58 Update on the audit of Council Land for Affordable Housing, including an explanation of the expression of interest (EOI) process for affordable housing on Council lands. They were asked to provide a submission on the 'four potential levers to increase feasibility'. Both items were led by Council officers from the Development Assessment and Strategic Property teams.

In the August meeting, HAAC received a presentation from the Strategic Planning team about the upcoming Faith Housing Alliance Workshop on 15 August that Council is hosting in collaboration with the Faith Housing Alliance. HAAC provided

advice on the plan for the meeting which officers took on board. They also received an update on the Affordable Housing Fund and Hay Street Carpark from the Strategic property team.

HAAC members were asked to provide comments on the following Council motion: C0823(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Affordable Housing Fund and Land Audit:

That in consultation with the Housing and Affordability Action Committee (HAAC), will develop a webpage about the council's affordable housing fund. The webpage will be updated quarterly and feature the amount of money in the fund, expenditure from the fund, revenue into the fund including funds from VPAs.

They provided advice recommending that all non-confidential information should be made publicly available in an accessible format as it represented a success story for Inner West Council.

LGBTQ+ Working Group

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 17 June
- 5 August

Policy challenges:

- 1. To enhance the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of the LGBTQ+ community through targeted initiatives and community engagement.*
- 2. Address issues related to LGBTQ+ rights, inclusivity, and access to services within the community. Reaching under-served areas within the community continues to be a priority.*

The LGBTQ+ Working Group was established to advance the community's inclusion and support initiatives. This report summarises the outcomes for the period.

The 2023/2024 LGBTQ+ Working Group has made significant strides in enhancing the wellbeing and inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ community. The successful launch of the Inner West Pride Centre and the positive outcomes from various initiatives underscore the group's effectiveness. Moving forward, continued focus on funding, outreach, and policy improvement will be essential to build on these achievements and address remaining challenges.

Over the term, the working group has contributed and provided input on a number of events, initiatives and discussions including:

- Queer PowerPoint – August 2024 libraries
- Rainbow Community Angels
- Inner West Pride Centre
- Safety concerns in Newtown
- Mardi Gras 2024 – Feel the Love
- Trans and Gender Diverse swim event 2024
- Live screening of Mardi Gras in Camperdown Park
- Rainbow stickers on events
- NNC social support group for LGBTQ+ seniors
- ACON Safety Workshops
- Gender Centre – rear of Marrickville library
- Stepping On program – falls prevention initiative Ashfield library

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 24 June
- 5 August

Policy challenge:

1. *How do we provide for more housing and jobs that are supported by appropriate infrastructure in a way that achieves environmental outcomes and design excellence while protecting our heritage and employment lands?*

At its final meeting on 5 August, the Committee was invited to look back over the term's activities and discussions, including Policy Challenge exercises. The Policy Challenge was also broken down into individual planning topics – housing, jobs / employment lands, infrastructure, environmental outcomes, design excellence and heritage. In this regard, the Policy Challenge was viewed more as an umbrella question for a variety of planning discussions to be held and that feedback served to address the Policy Challenge from different perspectives. The Committee's activities for the term were allocated to the above topics and the Committee was then asked which topics had been well covered and which could be covered further in future terms.

Committee members generally felt there was a good mix of topics covered and a good level of detail provided, including from experts working on specific projects. It was requested that future discussions try to avoid 'planning vs heritage' debates. It was also suggested that Council officers be clearer about the type of feedback

requested, such as direct feedback on specific projects, or general roundtable discussions. Members suggested that officers set expectations about what Council can and cannot influence in planning, but also that discussions could still appreciate issues from different geographic and government perspectives, rather than just through the local Inner West lens.

It was noted that the Policy Challenge question was difficult to answer but that it was essential to consider all of the above topics. On this, it was also suggested that there were opportunities for collaboration between different Local Democracy Groups where planning topics overlapped with other groups.

At its meeting on 24 June 2024, the Committee was briefed on the recent NSW Government housing reforms and Council's response, including Council's resolution of 21 May 2024, under *C0524(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Planning Reforms and Inner West Council LEP*. This included Council's ongoing housing investigations and recent community consultation: *Principles for planning in the Inner West*.

A general discussion was held on both the investigations and consultation and Committee members commented on various aspects of both. Members generally agreed that the online interactive map was a helpful tool to get the community engaged and seek a variety of location and topic-based opinions. Concerns were raised about the wording of some online survey questions and that it may not properly capture the public's views. It was also queried how Croydon precinct will be considered, given half of the precinct is located in Burwood Council area.

Staff also presented on Council's Main Streets Revitalisation program. This included a Q&A session with Committee members relating to locations and elements of the program and how community feedback has been considered to date.

Seniors Working Group

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 20 June 2024
- 1 August 2024

Policy challenge:

1. *How can we improve communication with older people to enhance their participation in the Inner West community, including the initiatives outlined in the Healthy Ageing Strategy?*

Members agreed improving communication with older people is a work in progress. A mixed media approach is essential to ensure older people know what is happening in their community, including social media, website, printed material, and printed newsletter. In addition, the group discussed information in diverse languages, and easy read, large print documents to be inclusive of culture, age, and diverse abilities. The group recognised the willingness of the Communications team to receive feedback about the website and look forward to seeing the improvements to site navigation and access to information. Recommendations were added for marketing images to include a diversity of ages, cultures, and abilities.

June meeting: Richard Murden Reserve presentation and consultation

Members were invited to provide feedback on the redevelopment of the park, to make it more inclusive of all ages and abilities. Isolation, ageism, and invisibility have been ongoing discussions in the working group.

August meeting: Recap and farewell

At this meeting the Group recapped the importance of community events that are age inclusive and intergenerational. Members acknowledged that the Ageism workshops resulted in an increase of intergenerational programs and events hosted across Council. Other outcomes include the launch of a web-based community hub map on Council's website, and scoping water safety programs for older culturally diverse communities in response to the comparatively high rates of drownings amongst culturally diverse carers in NSW.

Social Strategy Advisory Committee

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 15 May
- 26 June

Policy challenges

1. *How do we improve Council communication and community engagement with residents?*
2. *How do we improve Council engagement to build preparedness and social resilience in the face of emergencies and extreme weather events?*

May meeting:

Members considered the initial draft of their social briefing paper to Council, and allocated tasks for further work to be brought together for June 2024.

June meeting:

Members considered and agreed on the final draft of their social resilience briefing paper, brought together by Chair Sandra Triulzi.

The Committee recognises that urban resilience is complex and involves the social, economic and environmental systems that support urban areas, including physical infrastructure. The goal of urban resilience is to create adaptive, robust and secure environments that effectively respond to and recover from challenges.

The Committee's report is based on extensive research undertaken by a small taskforce from the group; and draws attention to seven pathways to address resilience challenges identified in the 2021 Global Risks Report produced by the World Economic Forum.

The Committee recommends the following resilience principles for Council's consideration including:

- Embeds resilience as a core principle across the full spectrum of its strategic and operational activities
- Is knowledgeable and healthy: nurtures the ability to assess, manage and monitor risks
- Is organised: nurtures the capacity to identify problems, establish priorities and act
- Is connected within and across all communities: considers the needs of communities within communities
- Has infrastructure and services: nurtures the ability to maintain, repair and renovate
- Enables economic opportunities: supports a diverse range of business and employment opportunities, income and associated services
- Can manage its natural resources: recognises their value and has the ability to protect, enhance and maintain these resources.

See Report to Council Attachment 2.

Transport Advisory Committee

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 6 May
- 22 July

Policy challenges:

1. *How do we help to improve air quality and reduce road noise in the LGA by facilitating the uptake of electric vehicles and by other measures, including*

providing electric vehicle charging for residents who do not have off-street parking?

2. *Should IWC adopt targets for the percentage of trips by active and public transport, and if so, what should these be?*

Discussion on Policy Challenges

- The challenge questions should recognise that all of the transport initiatives being proposed (by Council) assist in achieving improved air quality by prioritising active and public transport ahead of private cars. Electric vehicles are only one component of the transport mix.
- An electric car is better, than an ICE (in relation to air quality) however there are still embedded issues that should be considered, consequently active transport and public transport should be prioritised wherever possible.
- Electric public transport should be considered.
- Targets are very hard to set and can require a strong evidence base, which may be difficult or expensive to gather.
- Targets should include qualitative as well as quantitative assessment.
- Consideration should be given to building perception of active and public transport improvements into the LGA wide Satisfaction Survey, to assist in developing the qualitative targets.
- Consideration should be given to building qualitative targets into the future integrated transport plan or strategy.
- Council's adopted Road User Hierarchy and the State's Movement-Place Framework should be considered in developing these targets.
- Members requested that items and actions raised during their consideration of the Policy Challenge questions should be incorporated into future Council strategies, policies and plans.

Input into Council plans, policies, or proposals

Council officers provided presentations on the following projects, as well as an overview of existing and likely future strategic transport planning projects.

In summary Committee Members provided input/comments relating to:

- Public Transport Position Statement (PTPS) draft scope:
 - Identifying gaps in the existing network.
 - Where likely future demand could occur.
 - Public transport changes that have occurred since Council's Integrated Transport Strategy proposed the PTPS.
 - Key points to consider in the study.
- EV kerbside public charging:
 - Types of chargers required – why and where.

- Issues with existing chargers.
- Mixed views were expressed regarding how homes without off-street parking should be able to charge EVs (e.g., use of public chargers or being able to have their own private charging on council land outside their house).
- EV Car Park public charging:
 - Which car parks could be used and why.
 - Timing of the project and its relationship to the kerbside public charging project.
 - Relationship with other charging initiatives.

Closing Statement

Committee members considered the Transport Advisory Committee was highly worthwhile and productive. The Committee's overall involvement in actively advising Council on its various strategic transport planning projects (from scopes to drafts to final studies) was considered extremely valuable by both Committee members and Council staff.

Young Leaders Working Group

Meetings held this reporting period:

- 13 May
- 5 August

Policy challenges:

1. *How do we better support the mental health and wellbeing of young people in the inner west?*
2. *How can Council engage with young people and develop initiatives and programs that will align with our Children and Youth strategy.*

13 May 2024

- Council's Senior Planning and Policy Officer, Environment and Sustainability presented Council's approach to Biodiversity Strategy 2036. This aims to communicate conservation and ecological values to the wider community and build a framework to address biodiversity decline. It was recommended by the Young Leaders Working Group (YLWG) that targets are set.
- Council's Coordinator Parks Projects, Parks Project Manager and consultant architects Fiona Robbe and Zoe Marris presented the proposed Richard Murden Inclusive playground. The YLWG provided suggestions about what

creates a fun space for all ages and abilities and how to ensure people stay longer. These included flying fox with a harness, picnic tables that are wheelchair friendly, available food, places for imaginative play and hiding, a 'bunny bench' to make friends, mini gyms, obstacle courses, sensible risk taking like high swings, spinning, and climbing frames, undercover spaces, and spaces for organised games.

- Discussed supporting mental health and wellbeing of young people, Suggestions included:
 - triage for the Kids Helpline to reduce waiting times
 - age-appropriate ears so 'peers as volunteers
 - need to address the epidemic of sexism
 - increase safe spaces after school, example: extending library hours.

5 August 2024

- Council's Parks Engagement Officer consulted the members about Council's Sporting Grounds floodlighting trial, extending the lighting hours until 9pm 7 days a week for the winter months. Discussed the advantages and disadvantages.
YLWG Members recommendations included:
 - young people want to utilise sports grounds safely on weeknights
 - light up skate parks
 - toilets are a safety concern and should be locked out of hours
 The members were asked to make comments on Your Say Inner West and share with community and friends.
- Discussed mental health and wellbeing of young people, Mental Health Month, programs available to young people in the Inner West, engagement of and promoting programs to young people
- Discussed intergenerational activities to combat ageism. volunteering opportunities for young people, and programs addressing far right extremism in online gaming
- Some members indicated interest in continuing next term.

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Executive Summary

The essence of a strategy is that every solution needs to be human-centric

The Social Strategy Advisory Council (SSAC) was formed in October 2022. The Committee was tasked with two interconnected projects, being:

- Establish a planning framework to facilitate resilience and sustainability in the face of emergencies and extreme weather events; and
- Improve Council's communication and engagement with its community.

The SSAC met in February 2023 to workshop the projects and develop a project plan. Observations from the workshop identified that urban resilience is complex and involves the social, economic and environmental systems that support urban areas, including physical infrastructure.

The goal of urban resilience is to create adaptive, robust and secure environments that effectively respond to and recover from challenges. An overview of these challenges can be found under *Appendix A* of this report.

Acute shocks are sudden, sharp events that threaten our local environment, such as heatwaves, floods, disease outbreaks and cyberattacks. Chronic stressors weaken the fabric of a local community on a day-to-day or cyclical basis, such as rising inequity, lack of social cohesion and inadequate transport options.

Improving the systems and networks of the Inner West Council will increase urban resilience and support people in our community to adapt, thrive and survive. These systems and networks rely upon the Council abiding by the following guiding principles: That the Inner West Council:

- Embeds resilience as a core principle across the full spectrum of its strategic and operational activities
- Is knowledgeable and healthy: ability to assess, manage and monitor risks
- Is organised: has the capacity to identify problems, establish priorities and act
- Is connected within and across all communities: communities within communities
- Has infrastructure and services: has the ability to maintain, repair and renovate
- Enables economic opportunities: supports a diverse range of business and employment opportunities, income and associated services
- Can manage its natural resources: recognises their value and has the ability to protect, enhance and maintain these resources

The SSAC report is based on extensive research undertaken by a small taskforce from the SSAC membership; and draws attention to seven pathways to address resilience challenges identified in the 2021 Global Risks Report produced by the World Economic Forum.

The SSAC team focused on the first pathway, *Planning for the Future*. Although there is general consensus that community resilience is important to national health security (and security generally), there is less clarity about what communities can do to build resilience. The report outlines the scope, purpose and objectives, our findings and a roadmap with recommendations for action based on a set of levers.

As Chair of the SSAC and the taskforce, I acknowledge the contributions of team members, William Domanski, Tina Kao and Stevan Untaru.

We commend the report to the Inner West Council and trust that the content serves to inform, engage and inspire action to expand on the SSAC's preliminary work, towards the development of an innovative, community-led resilience strategy.

The key message is to start **before** a disaster.

Sandra Triulzi
Chair, Social Strategy Advisory Council

Introduction

The project undertaken by the Social Strategy Advisory Committee (SSAC) aimed at developing better understanding of the role of social resilience by communities in emergency response and recovery situations in order to inform Inner West Council (IWC) policy on social resilience, and to inform the development of future initiatives.

There were three aspects to the research:

- 1) Evidence Review: A desktop-based review of existing evidence on community resilience and emergency preparedness examining two key issues:
 - a. The importance of community resilience to emergency response
 - b. The factors that promote or inhibit community resilience, including why some people choose to engage and others do not.
- 2) Case Study Review: An examination of the role of community resilience in the context of emergencies in a number of case studies bearing relevance to the Australian physical environment, revealing several common themes.
- 3) Stakeholder Consultation: Engagement with subject matter experts (from within IWC and consulting firms) to align SSAC research outcomes with IWCs strategy plan objectives.

Finally, core focus area priorities for enhancing community resilience and emergency preparedness responses were proposed in response to a key finding, regarding the need to understand the structures and processes that constitute "community", so that resilience to hazards is embedded within current networks and practices, drawing effectively on available and appropriate resources during emergencies.





ABSTRACT (Background)

Resilience is ordinary, not extraordinary and like building a muscle, increasing community resilience takes time and intentionality.

Resilience is the ability of communities to withstand and recover from acute stressors and chronic shocks to the community, as well as to learn from past events to strengthen future response and recovery efforts. A resilient community can:

- 1) Determine what it needs to reduce damage and to use its assets or resources wisely.
- 2) Not only bounce back quickly, but take the opportunity to continue to strengthen health, social, and economic systems.
- 3) Learn from past emergencies so that it can be better prepared for the next response.

Resilience is a way of linking disaster preparedness with all of the other activities that help a community flourish socially and economically. The idea is that healthy communities can respond to and recover far more quickly from any type of disaster – big or small.

Different communities are stressed by different things. Whatever the stressors or shocks are, we all want to deal with them quickly and effectively. Doing things in our daily life through work, volunteering, or social activities all help to build a more resilient community.

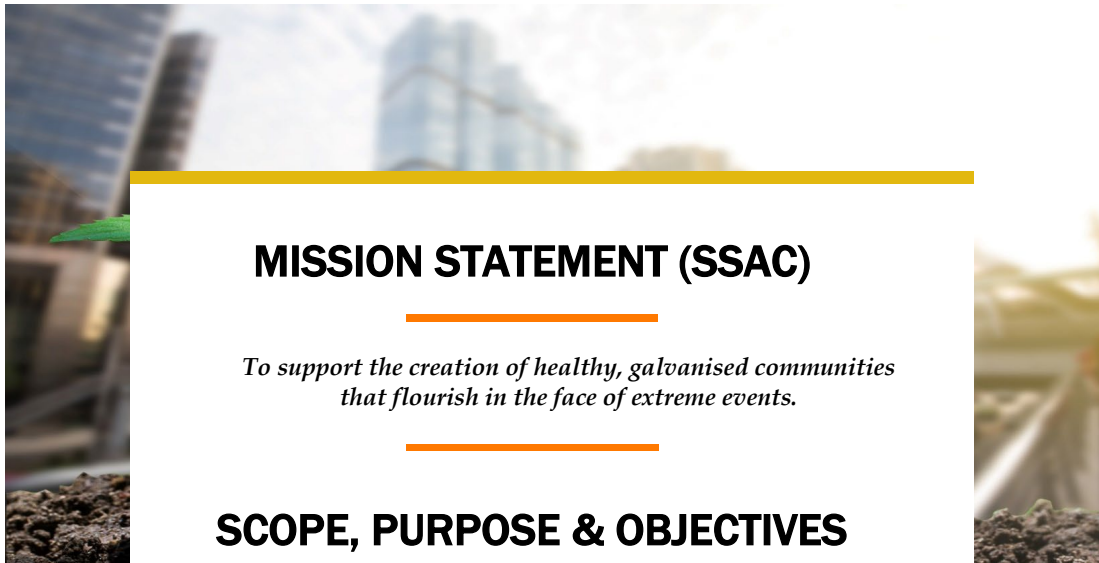
Local government agencies do the best job they can to address these emergencies, but they can't get to everyone right away. That's why the Social Strategic Advisory Committee (SSAC) was commissioned by the Inner West Council (IWC) to think about how we can build more resilient communities.



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work with
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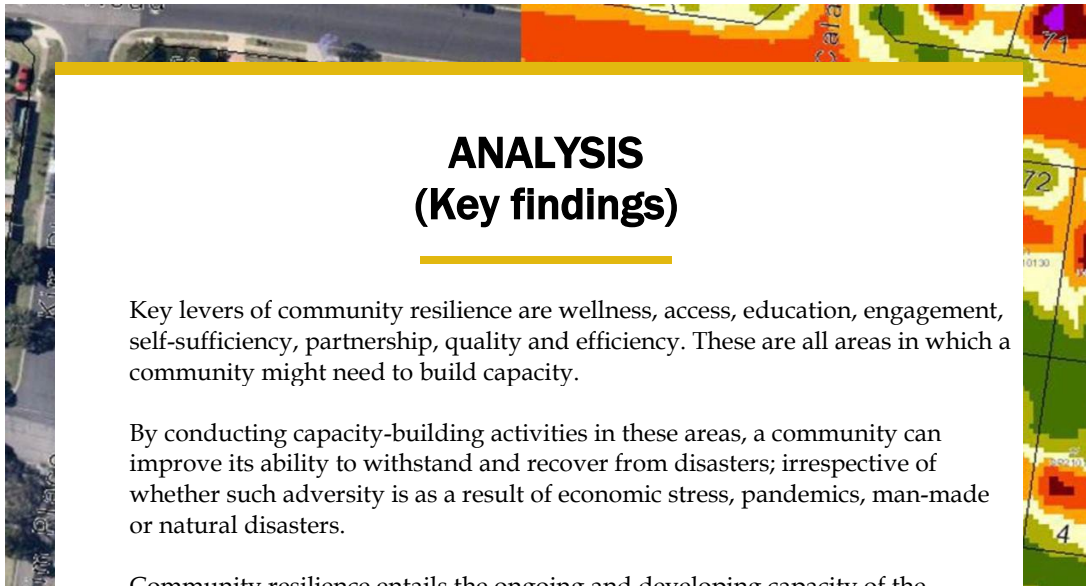
To support the creation of healthy, galvanised communities that flourish in the face of extreme events.

SCOPE, PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

A resilient community is also a healthy community. To ensure residents of the IWC municipality can create a resilient and healthy community, the SSAC observes the following key objectives as the basis for its proposed Social Resilience Strategy and Action Plan for implementation by the IWC:

- I. Developing and maintaining connectedness and cohesion in the community through meaningful engagement and 'in-time' communication.
- II. Establishing multi-stakeholder partnerships that include emergency services, allied health professionals and informed and educated volunteers and first responders.
- III. Supporting community members' physical and mental wellbeing by enabling their access to health care, healthy foods and core services.
- IV. Facilitating the promotion and empowerment of residents to be self-sufficient and to take care of each other during tough times





ANALYSIS (Key findings)

Key levers of community resilience are wellness, access, education, engagement, self-sufficiency, partnership, quality and efficiency. These are all areas in which a community might need to build capacity.

By conducting capacity-building activities in these areas, a community can improve its ability to withstand and recover from disasters; irrespective of whether such adversity is as a result of economic stress, pandemics, man-made or natural disasters.

Community resilience entails the ongoing and developing capacity of the community to account for its vulnerabilities and develop capabilities that aid that community in:

- 1) Preventing, withstanding and mitigating the stress of a health incident;
- 2) Recovering in a way that restores the community to a state of self-sufficiency and at least the same level of health and social functioning after a health incident;
- 3) Using knowledge from a past response to strengthen the community's ability to withstand the next health incident; and
- 4) Developing a better understanding of how a community's existing programs and resources can be leveraged to build resilience.

The foundation for identifying community resilience-building activities is based on several key concepts, including engagement at the community level, partnership amongst organisations, sustained local leadership, culturally relevant education about risks, and individual-level and community-level preparedness and self-sufficiency.

It is recommended that the Inner West Council develop a roadmap for building community resilience based on the eight levers.

EIGHT LEVERS OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

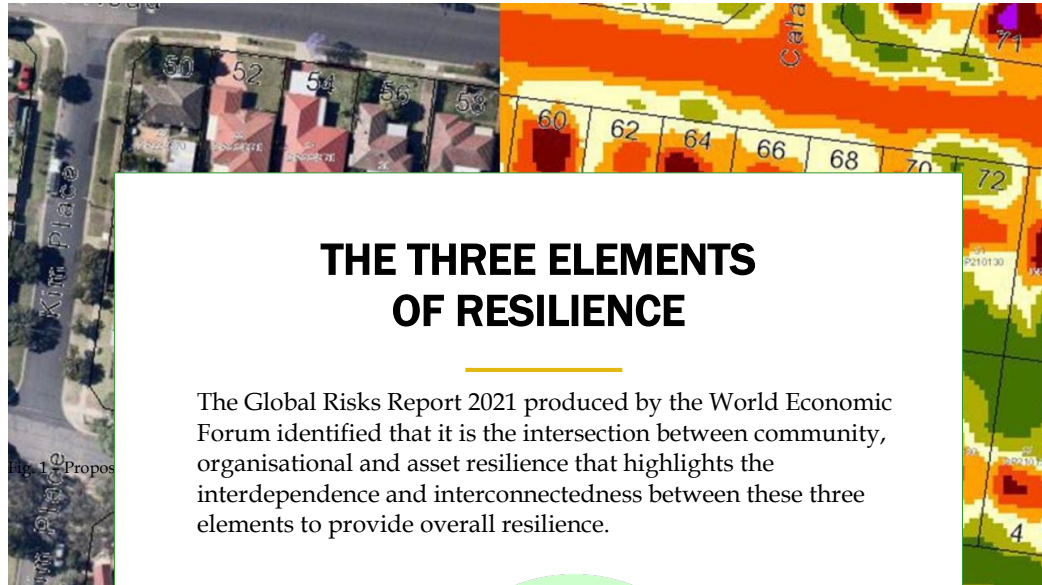
1. **Wellness and access** contribute to the development of the social and economic well-being of a community and the physical and psychological health of the population.
2. **Education** can be used to support effective risk communication.
3. **Engagement and self-sufficiency** are needed to build social connectedness.
4. **Partnership** helps ensure that governmental and non-governmental organisations are integrated and involved in resilience-building and disaster planning **before** a disaster.
5. **Quality and efficiency** are important to all areas of community resilience.

A ROADMAP FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Example activities: any or all of the activities can be adapted to local needs

Lever	Activities
Wellness	Ensure pre-health incident access to health services and post-health incident continuity of care
Access	Provide 'psychological first aid' interventions or other early psychological or behavioural health interventions after disaster.
Education	Bolster coping skills and psychological wellness by developing public health campaigns focused on these messages.
Engagement	Build the capacity of social and volunteer organisations (ie non-governmental organisations) to engage citizens in collective action to address an issue or problem, eg a community development or service project.
Self-sufficiency	Develop programs that recognise the vital role citizens can and must play as 'first responders' to help their own families and neighbours in the first hours and days of a major disaster.
Partnership	Engage established and local organisations, (eg cultural, civic and faith-based groups, schools and businesses) and social networks to develop and disseminate preparedness information and supplies.
Quality	Ensure that all disaster plans have identified common data elements (eg benchmarks for disaster operations) to facilitate seamless monitoring and evaluation of health, behavioural health and social services pre-incident, during and post-incident.
Efficiency	Develop policies for effective donation management and provide the community with clear guidance on donations.

Ref: RAND Corporation research




THE THREE ELEMENTS OF RESILIENCE

The Global Risks Report 2021 produced by the World Economic Forum identified that it is the intersection between community, organisational and asset resilience that highlights the interdependence and interconnectedness between these three elements to provide overall resilience.



The Report provided a comprehensive outline of stressors and shocks (*see Appendix A*) and identified that a multi-faceted approach will be required to address the risks and vulnerabilities, based on seven pathways (*see Appendix B*). This report prepared by the SSAC addresses pathway 1, *Planning for the future*.






CONSIDERATIONS

In identifying our suggested actions in pathway 1, the SSAC considered the following:


- What assets within the community are fit-for-purpose or have the capacity for *versatility enhancement* that can provide increased benefit to the community?
- What steps for long-term recovery planning has the community not yet taken?
- What else can be done to support social and economic recovery after a disaster?
- What else can be done to help address behavioural health issues within the community?
- How do we build or strengthen data systems to provide on-time socio-demographic information, especially data that identifies vulnerable communities within Council's area of responsibility?
- What else can be done to plan for smart rebuilding after a disaster?


Pathway 1 Roadmap Recommendations for Action


The SSAC team chose four key actions to complement initiatives currently in place or in consideration by the Inner West Council. As stated in the Abstract (page 5) of this report, building community resilience takes time and intentionality. The chosen actions engage with all eight levers of community resilience and are also aligned with the Council's CSP strategic directions.

Action 1: Community Planning for long Term Social and Economic Recovery			
Lever/CSP Strategy	Heading	Activities	Status
Lever 1/3 Direction 2	Community Assets Places, spaces and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for disasters: Identify availability of places, spaces for community use; improve buildings and facilities for climate resilience. Invest in tools and equipment for storage dissemination at key locations. Develop a register of locations and communicate these to local community, including businesses. This may include both hard and soft infrastructure. Consider versatility of places, spaces and infrastructure for multiple uses 	
Lever 4/5/6 Direction 2	Community Long-term Recovery Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with the LEMP to improve the community's long-term recovery plan by planning an exercise drill, conducting it and using findings to improve the plan. Adopt a community continuity planning approach in partnership with government and non-government bodies. Develop the plan for disseminating information about economic preparedness and recovery. Develop IWC welcome packs/starter kits as part of a 'community induction'. Include evaluation checklists in the welcome packs/starter kits for residents to confirm their emergency preparedness capabilities and measures. 	
Lever 4/5/6 Direction 2	Resident Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with LEMP to create opportunities for residents to gain practical experience in simulated environments. Consider risk scenarios and responses, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury sustained by resident during 'drill' exercise Residents failing to respond appropriately Drill not executed effectively to adequately ensure safety of residents 	

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Action 2: Smart rebuilding to address climate change			
Lever/CSP Strategy	Heading	Activities	Status
Lever 7/8 Direction 1	Data Management Systems	Multi-stakeholder Coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse assets and vulnerabilities data to inform community planning and decision-making. Develop or build upon a local area resilience risk assessment to identify current and emerging community shocks, stressors and future considerations for the Inner West local municipality. Develop plans for supporting innovative building in the community, eg more efficient street drainage. 	

Action 3: Address behavioural health issues within the community			
Lever/CSP Strategy	Heading	Activities	Status
Lever 1/4/5 Direction 4	Support social and economic recovery after a disaster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community resilience Business recovery 	Multi-stakeholder Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand partnership with sociodemographic consultants (ie id.Informed Decisions) to undertake research to assess community wellbeing prior to/during/after major shocks and or stressors events. Research to emphasise 'vulnerabilities' within the community; LEMP to consider 'special needs' in the development of recovery plans. Develop and/or build stronger partnerships with therapeutic and allied health professional organisations; consider their inclusion on LEMP committees. 	

Action 4: Communication and Engagement			
Lever/CSP Strategy	Heading	Activities	Status
Lever 4/5/6 Direction 2/3/4	Building social resilience awareness and response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate community awareness and response to building social resilience by embedding creative activities throughout the Communication and Engagement mediums. Spread the news and themes on a quarterly basis, using themes tied to prompting social resilience awareness. Position the messaging as a 'social challenge' aimed at fostering connectedness and communication amongst residents. Encourage residents to use the 'social challenge' to meet 'new' residents, in other streets or other suburbs within the IWC municipality. 	

A CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

The SSAC team is of the view that the four actions identified represent the first step in developing smart solutions to establishing strong community resilience.

The SSAC team does not however, presume that the activities presented are new or have not previously been considered by Council; nor are these activities finite.

The SSAC is firmly of the view that Council adhere to a change management process that is ongoing, with aims to achieve continuous improvement. We commend the use of model below:

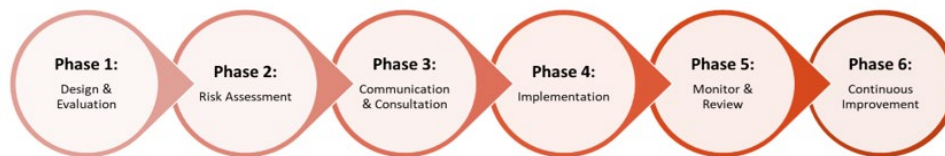


Fig. 1 – Proposed methodology for delivering a Community Resilience Strategy of the IWC comprising of the defined Focus Areas.

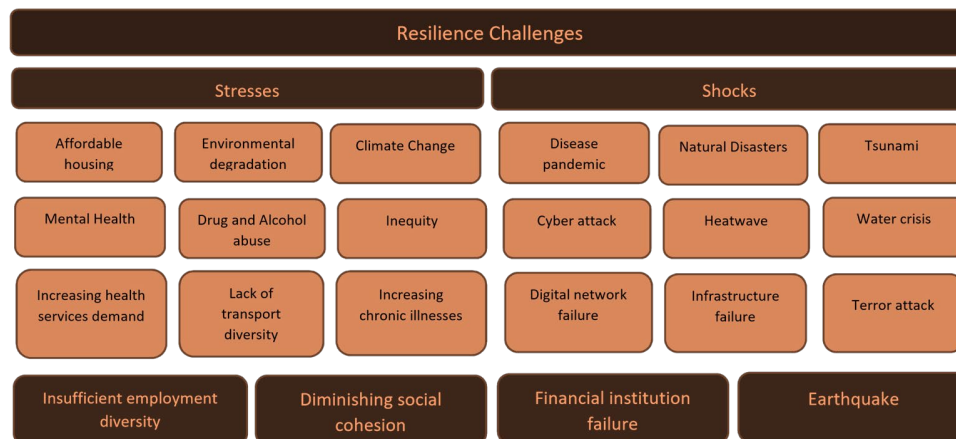
CONCLUSION - KEY POINTS

1. Identifying community shocks and stressors is the first step to developing smart solutions. Not every shock or stressor is an event that begins and ends. Sometimes shocks or stressors need long-term interventions; they are also not just limited to disaster events!
2. Emphasise to residents the importance of doing things or taking action that they already know how to do when a community shock or stressor happens.
3. Building social resilience in communities is about working together; working with what you have and action steps linked to things we do every day. It makes sense to start coordinating now so that the community will feel safe and ready for the next shock or stressor event that may happen.
4. Some community shocks and stressors need support from people or organisations outside of the community. In such situations, a community may need to draw from advocacy, development or other practices to effectively engage external support.
5. Create and distribute guidance for residents on how to join a 'Social Resilience 'resident-led' or organisation-led enterprise under the auspices of the Inner West Council.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

- Global Risks Report (2021), World Economic Forum, *Resilience Challenges: stressors and shocks*



Appendix B

- Global Risks Report (2021), World Economic Forum, *Resilience Challenges: stressors and shocks: The 7 Pathways to Social Resilience*



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Item No: C1024(2) Item 4
Subject: ALCOHOL FREE ZONES AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS FOR THE BALMAIN PENINSULA NEW YEAR'S EVE
Prepared By: Michael Daly - Creative Communities Manager
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve public consultation on whether Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas should be re-introduced for the Balmain Peninsula for 2025 New Year's Eve celebrations.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas have previously been in place for New Year's Eve celebrations on the Balmain Peninsula. In 2023, Council did not approve the continuation of the zones and areas. In May 2024, the Leichhardt Local Area Police Command wrote to Council, requesting that the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas be returned in 2024, based on their experience, on the ground in 2023.

This report seeks permission from Council to undertake public consultation on whether the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas should be returned to the Balmain Peninsula in 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027. Under the Local Government Act there is a formal notification process which must be undertaken to establish Alcohol Free and Alcohol Prohibited Areas.

BACKGROUND

Council has implemented alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas for New Year's Eve celebrations in several parks, reserves and roads on the Balmain Peninsula from 2011 to 2022. In 2023, public consultation was undertaken, and it was recommended to Council that the zones and areas be implemented. At its August 2023 meeting, Council did not endorse the implementation of alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas.

Following representations and meetings with Police, this report requests approval to seek public feedback on the Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas for New Year's Eve **2025, 2026 & 2027** at Yurulbin, Birchgrove, Miklouho-Maclay, Mort Bay, 2-8 Weston Street and Thornton Parks, College Street Playground, Simmons Point, Lookes Avenue, Illoura, Harris and Brownlee Reserves, Darling Street Wharf, Weston Street, Lookes Avenue and Darling Street between Duke Street and Darling Street Wharf.

Under the Local Government Act 1993 there is a formal community notification process which has to be undertaken to re-establish alcohol free and alcohol prohibited areas. Should Council endorse, the proposal, the community would be notified and consulted. A report on the

consultation would then be provided to Council for a final determination on whether to proceed with alcohol free and alcohol prohibited areas for the New Year's Eve celebrations from 2025.

DISCUSSION

Following Council's decision not to endorse the alcohol-free zones and areas in 2023, Council parks and roads did not implement any alcohol free and alcohol prohibited areas for that year.

In May 2024, the Leichhardt Local Area Police Command wrote to Council, expressing concern about New Year's Eve celebrations and "increase in assaults, brawls, and similar violence related offences.[a] risk that can be reduced with the re-introduction of Alcohol-Free Zones". The Commander also noted that the removal of Alcohol-Free Zones "exponentially increased the workload of emergency services" and there needs to be a balanced approach to enabling the enjoyment of public space whilst ensuring public safety and amenity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Letter from Leichhardt Local Area Command Regarding 2023 NYE
2. [↓](#) Balmain NYE Zones and Areas Map

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15 May 2024

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Mr Peter Gainsford
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Dear Mr Gainsford

Re Alcohol-free zone – New Year's Eve - Balmain Peninsula

Leichhardt Police Area Command places the safety of the community above all, however the removal of the Alcohol-Free Zones on New Years Eve 2023, resulted in a significant increase in violent and alcohol related crime in the Balmain Peninsula, placing an unnecessary strain on our already stretched resources. Police expect to respond to alcohol related incidents on any New Years Eve however, 2023 was unprecedented, with seasoned officers claiming it was the busiest New Years Eve for Police, and likely NSW Ambulance, in recent memory. SES Staff at Birchgrove Oval advised they were also kept busier than in previous years. The increase in assaults, brawls, and similar violence related offences, provided an additional risk for Police, a risk that can be reduced with the re-introduction of Alcohol-Free Zones.

On New Years Eve 2023, Police arrested 3 offenders, responded to assaults, brawls, intoxicated persons, and were involved in a foot pursuit with a group of unknown persons randomly assaulting people in Darling Street, Balmain. The increase in crowd numbers, estimated to be close to 20,000, provided an additional impediment for Police. A large proportion of the crowd were affected by alcohol and many of those chose to ignore simple directions issued by Police for their safety. The lack of compliance with Police resulted in blocked roadways and a crowd crush at the Darling Street bus stop.

The incidents of intoxicated persons and offensive behaviour offences i.e., persons urinating or swearing in public, were not accurately recorded in 2023 due to the sheer volume. Please refer to table below for comparison of previous years New Years Eve's incidents, however this is not a true reflection for 2023 New Years Eve, as many incidents were not reported. Numerous incidents that occurred on 2023 New Years Eve were of assaults and brawls which were responded to but not recorded, as the involved persons dispersed before Police arrival. During the after action debrief with stakeholders, John Flynn of SES made a strong comment that there was a high volume of intoxicated persons who required medical intervention, as well a large number of assaults and brawls, which was unparalleled from previous New Year Eves.

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Assault		2			1	6
Brawl	1					2
Robbery				1		
Intoxicated person		3	2	1		Multiple
Move on Direction		9		12		8
Offensive Behaviour		1				Multiple
Sexual Touching						1

While I concede that revellers may consume alcohol prior to attending, the removal of Alcohol-Free zones allowed them to continue that consumption without restriction. The lack of amenities and bins in the parks, all but encouraged offensive behaviour offences with numerous reports of people urinating, and in some instances defecating, in view of the public. There is a direct correlation between the consumption of alcohol and an increase in the frequency of amenities usage. Police staffing the parks, primarily Thornton Park and Lookes Avenue Reserve, subsequently became Port-a-loo line monitors, bearing the brunt of disgruntled members of the community, while they monitored crowd behaviour.

While it's important to respect individual's rights and freedom to enjoy themselves responsibly, it is equally important to strike a balance between personal enjoyment and public safety. The removal of the Alcohol-Free Zones exponentially increased the workload for Emergency Services who are already experiencing reduced staffing numbers. Ultimately, the objective for 2024 New Years Eve should be to ensure a safe and enjoyable New Years Eve for all. By working together, Inner West Council, Leichhardt Police Area Command and other key stakeholders need to find a balanced approach that minimises alcohol related crime while still allowing individuals to celebrate.

In an attempt to avoid a repeat of the violence experienced in 2023, I respectfully request that Alcohol-Free Zones are enforced on 2024 New Years Eve, allowing families to celebrate without fear and reducing the workload for Emergency Services. I look forward to continuing the important relationship between Inner West Council and Leichhardt Police Area Command moving forward.

Yours sincerely,



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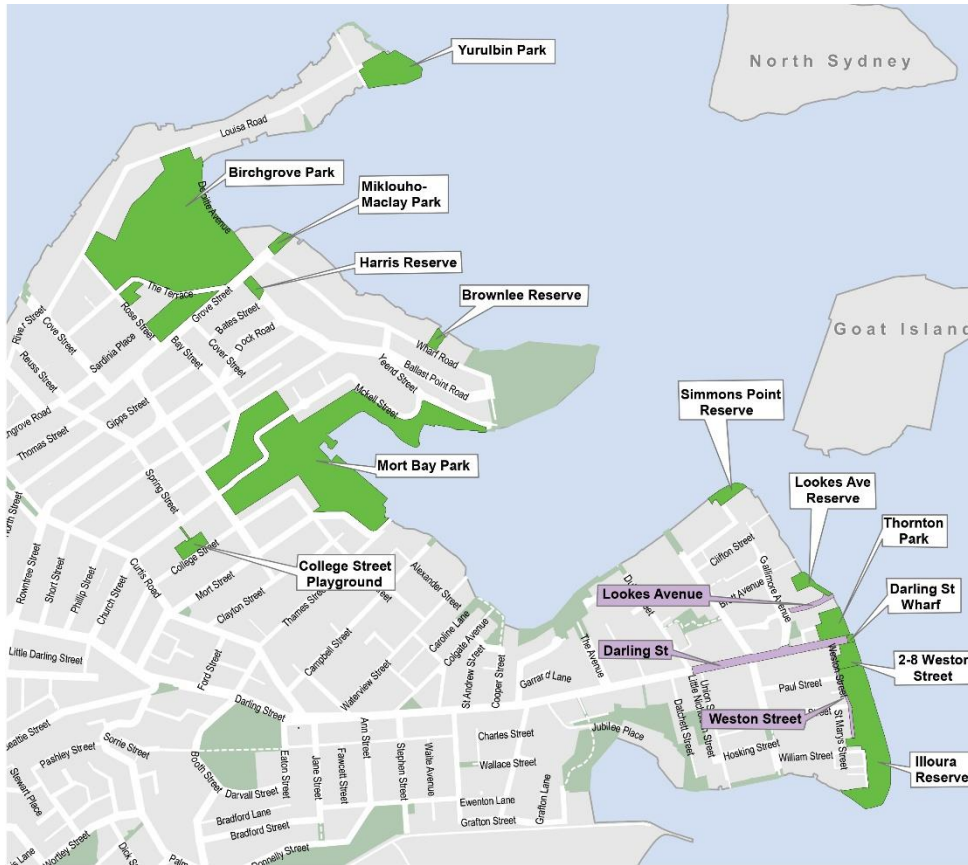
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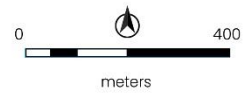


Alcohol Free and Alcohol Prohibited Areas for New Year's Eve 2024-2027

Alcohol Restrictions
12:00pm (noon) 31st Dec
to 3:00am 1st Jan

Legend

- Parks - Alcohol Prohibited
- Streets - Alcohol Free



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Item No: C1024(2) Item 5
Subject: QUONG TART PLAZA
Prepared By: Adele Pittaway - Community Wellbeing Manager
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse an application to the Geographical Names Board to allow for Quong Tart Plaza to be an additional name given to Hercules Street Ashfield in recognition of the long contribution of people of Chinese backgrounds to Ashfield.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolved in October 2023 that community engagement be sought on the co-naming of Hercules Street Ashfield, with the co-name of Quong Tart Plaza.

Results from the community engagement indicate that the majority of respondents support the dual naming proposal.

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 9 May 2023, Council resolved the following in part:

- That Council consult with the local Chinese residents and business community to identify ways the Council can recognise and celebrate Chinese culture including through the built environment and place naming.*

Additionally, at the Council meeting held on 10 October 2023, Council resolved the following:

That the Inner West Council commence consultation with the Ashfield resident community, AshBiz Chamber of Commerce, the Ashfield and District Historical Society, and local Chinese community organisations in order to lodge an application to the Geographical Names Board to allow for Quong Tart Plaza to be an additional name given to Hercules Street Ashfield in recognition of the long contribution of people of Chinese backgrounds to Ashfield.

Engagement occurred between 20 March and 17 April 2024 to consult with the community regarding these resolutions.

DISCUSSION

The community engagement was promoted to Ashfield residents and businesses, local community groups and services as required by Council's resolution. Promotions were included in Council's social media and website, a Mayoral Notice, printed posters, and email to stakeholders. Promotional material was published in both English and Simplified Chinese.

Responses in Simplified Chinese were translated by an accredited interpreter. Feedback from the community was provided via Your Say Inner West online survey, email, and phone.

Responses received were from residents and community members, and key stakeholders including AshBiz Chamber of Commerce, the Ashfield and District Historical Society, and local Chinese community organisations. A total of 47 participants completed the online survey. The majority of those respondents (79%) supported the co-naming of Hercules Street Ashfield with Quong Tart Plaza. The proposal was not supported by 19% of respondents and 2% stated they were unsure/don't know.

An online meeting with local Chinese community organisation CASS Care was held on 17 April 2024. Overall, participants were very supportive of Council's recognition of the Chinese contribution to Ashfield and the Inner West and supported the co-naming of Hercules Street, as Quong Tart Plaza. In addition, CASS Care reported that from attendees of their programs, held in Ashfield Town Hall and Activity Rooms, over 60 respondents supported the co-naming.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

Attachment 1 has been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Engagement Outcomes Report - **Published separately on Council's website**

Item No: C1024(2) Item 6
Subject: LEICHHARDT PARK AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADE
Prepared By: Stuart Hull - Senior Manager Capital Works
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RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council publicly exhibit the conceptual designs for Stage 2 of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) Upgrade and seek community feedback on the design.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the conceptual designs for Stage 2 of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) be brought back to Council for adoption.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) was constructed in the early 1960's and has had a number of upgrades over its life.

Council endorsed the LPAC Masterplan in 2020. In 2022, a budget was made available in the long-term financial plan for the outdoor elements (and associated plant) of the Masterplan. These works were estimated to be \$40.5M.

A structural engineering consultant was engaged to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the structural integrity of the existing 50-metre and diving pools and concluded that the two existing concrete pool shells are at the end of their useful life and need to be fully replaced as part of the planned upgrade works.

Council has appointed a Project Assurance Consultant to have oversight of the project and ensure the highest standards of project integrity and risk management. Project assurance also includes an independent Quantity Surveyor to prepare cost estimates during design development, and a further level of project assurance through the engagement of a project specific external Project Manager.

An extensive value engineering and cost saving exercise has been undertaken to the project with oversight by the external Project Assurance Consultant to ensure that the project can be delivered as cost effective as possible.

The project is currently estimated to cost \$55.5M. The increase in cost is largely attributed to external economic factors, such as market inflation and price escalation in materials and labour, and not due to any expansion in the scope of the project. Council's Chief Financial Officer confirms that Council has the capacity to adequately fund the project.

The Project Assurance Consultant has noted their high level of confidence in the total forecasted cost, including an appropriate level of contingency being applied for a project in the planning phase.

It is now considered that all avenues to reduce the total cost of the project have been explored, and the scope reduced as much as practical which still achieving community outcomes.

There is a strong need for functional, sustainable and accessible aquatics facilities for the Inner West Council community that the LPAC needs to respond to. There is significant current and projected future demand for the facility.

To respond to asset and community needs, the LPAC upgrade is clearly justified as a priority.

It is proposed to deliver the works generally in two stages due to construction practicalities, and ensuring as many facilities at LPAC are open as possible during construction. It is also proposed to commence construction works during the winter months to minimise impacts on community pool users, sport groups, swim learners and LPAC operations.

It is recommended that Council publicly exhibit the conceptual designs for Stage 2 of the LPAC Upgrade and seek community feedback on the design. Following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the conceptual designs for Stage 2 of the LPAC be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

The community engagement process for Stage 2 is scheduled to begin in November 2024 and run until the end of January 2025.

It is envisaged that the engagement outcomes will be reported back to Council in time to inform the 2025/26 budget planning process.

BACKGROUND

The Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) was constructed in the early 1960's and has had a number of upgrades over its life. This generally includes:

Timeline - LPAC Historical Upgrades	
Indicative Timeline	Scope of Works
Early 1960s	The original Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre constructed featuring a 50m pool, indoor program (learners) pool, diving pool, and children's indoor pool (wading pool), which became central to the Inner West community's sporting activities.
1982	Pool side disabled toilets added
1992	Substantial facility upgrade with provision of pool heating for all year round swimming, a dedicated learn to swim pool, gym, creche and a café.
1998	Upgrade of stairs and access improvement to pool concourse area
2009	A major reconfiguration and upgrade with Health Club facility (gym) and program pool no. 2 (or hydrotherapy pool). This project aimed to enhance energy efficiency with features like mixed-mode air conditioning, solar heating, and sustainable use of natural lighting and ventilation

2015	Indoor program pool enclosure upgrade and indoor program pool plant room extension including mechanical and electrical upgrades.
2016	Solar PV System for LPAC Pool Buildings (on the roof of Gym building and indoor program pool building)

Regarding the LPAC Masterplan, at the Council meeting held on 8 September 2020, Council resolved the following:

THAT Council endorse the LPAC Masterplan, noting that:

- 1. Depth of the proposed 25m pool needs to be resolved throughout the design process once more information is known about the constraints at site (if any) and other potential considerations. Council should wait until we have a report on the effectiveness of the new moving floor in the Ashfield Aquatic Centre before we determine the depth of the 25 metre pool in LAC; and*
- 2. The final cost of the overall project be reported to Council once confirmed within the initial planning stages.*

At the Council meeting held on 14 June 2022, Council resolved the following:

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the depth of the proposed 25 metre Outdoor Program Pool at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre to be 2.1 metres with a movable floor; and*
- 2. Endorses the funding outline for the outdoor elements of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre*

The works proposed as a part of the LPAC Upgrade are the outdoor elements and associated plant. These works are generally described as:

- replacement of the original outdoor swimming pools,
- corresponding work on pool plant and heating systems and
- a new splash play area and upgrade of the outdoor children's pool.

These works were estimated to be \$40.5M, with an associated budget made available in the long-term financial plan in 2022. It should be noted that since this time there has been significant market inflation placing pressure on the project which is discussed further in the report.

Following Council's endorsement of the masterplan, a structural engineering consultant was engaged to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the structural integrity of the existing 50-metre and diving pools. This report concluded that the two existing concrete pool shells have reached the end of their useful life and need to be fully replaced as part of the planned upgrade works. There is noticeable increased settlement at the perimeters of both pools, specifically adjacent to the pool shells, which is currently visible on site. It is anticipated that substantial and expensive maintenance will be necessary within the next 3 years due to this settlement.

There is a strong need for functional, sustainable and accessible aquatics facilities for the Inner West Council community that the LPAC needs to respond to. It's worth noting that there is significant current demand for the facility as detailed below:

	Annual Attendance	Mon- Fri	Sat/Sun
LPAC Annual Attendance	763,000	545000	218000
Total	763000	545000	218000
Per Day		20185	27250

% Annual attendance	6%	6%	8%	9%	9%	11%
Days in month	31	31	30	31	30	31
Month	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Monthly Visits	45,780	45,780	61,040	68,670	68,670	83,930
Average Daily visits	1477	1477	2035	2215	2289	2707

% Annual attendance	12%	12%	8%	7%	6%	6%
Days in month	31	28	31	30	31	30
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Monthly Visits	91,560	91,560	61,040	53,410	45,780	45,780
Average Daily visits	2954	3270	1969	1780	1477	1526

In addition, the Inner West population grew by around 14% over the 10 years between 2006 and 2016. In the next 20 years it is projected to grow by a further 22% to around 232,100 people. As a result of this, the demand for access to Aquatic facilities and associated programs will continue to increase into both the short and medium-term future and may continue throughout the asset life of the upgraded LPAC of approximately 50 years.

The proposed upgrade creates lasting benefits for the community with new and improved outdoor pool facilities.

A key consideration in planning any proposed upgrades to LPAC is the facility's primary user base, with learn-to-swim programs and gym members accounting for approximately 82% of its total revenue. As such, it is essential that any planned works take into account the potential operational disruptions to these core services. The focus should be on minimising the loss of revenue and ensuring the continued availability of critical community amenities during the upgrade process. Careful scheduling and phased construction is required to strike a balance between delivering the much-needed improvements and maintaining a steady flow of services for the community.

In December 2023, Council endorsed a Gas Transition Plan that relies on the LPAC plant upgrade to reduce gas use by 46% which has been incorporated into the project.

To respond to asset and community needs, the LPAC upgrade is clearly justified as a priority.

It is proposed to deliver the works generally in two stages due to construction practicalities, and ensuring as many facilities at LPAC are open as possible during construction. It is also proposed to commence construction works during the winter months to minimise impacts on community pool users, sport groups, swim learners and LPAC operations.

A business case for Stage 2 of the project has been developed and will be tabled at the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee once the community engagement has been completed.

DISCUSSION

Stage 1

This includes refurbishment of the outdoor kid's pool known as mushroom pool and a new kids' splash play area that will have a BBQ area, seating, and shade structures.

The indoor program pool hall will have HVAC upgrades, alongside the construction of a new fully electrified heating and filtration plant for the indoor program pool and kid's pool.

It is worth noting that the masterplan originally showed the splash pad located in the rear turf area. To improve its connection to the indoor pools and general facilities, it has been relocated between the indoor pools which is considered a more practical position alongside the existing mushroom pool.

Council has received a \$1M Commonwealth grant through the Invest in Our Communities (IIOC) grant program. This funding has been allocated for the development of the BBQ and Kids' Splash Play area as a part of Stage 1.

Also, and in line with Council's commitment to secure additional funding for the upgrade and electrification, an application for the Community Energy Upgrade Fund (CEUF) Commonwealth Grant Round 1 was submitted, with outcomes expected by the end of October 2024.

From 20 November 2023 to 31 January 2024, the community was given an opportunity to provide feedback on the stage 1 layout and design renders. This was undertaken through online surveys, direct emails, and on-site pop-up sessions. The community's response was largely positive, with appreciation for the improved shade and seating arrangements. A detailed community engagement outcome report was subsequently published on the Inner West Councils Have Your Say page ([Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre stage one upgrades | Your Say Inner West \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.innerwestcouncils.nsw.gov.au/your-say/leichhardt-park-aquatic-centre-stage-one-upgrades)).

Council has awarded the Stage 1 heat pump supply and delivery which is a long lead-time item.

The detailed design for the remaining Stage 1 works has been finalised, and the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) document completed. It is planned to publish the REF on the project's webpage in compliance with clause 171, section 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

The public tender was released in July 2024, with the tender report scheduled to be presented for endorsement at the December 2024 Council Meeting. The works are planned to commence in April 2025, with completion anticipated by the end of October 2025.

Stage 2

This includes the construction of new heated 8-lane 50m pool (1.1 to 1.8m deep) with fully accessible ramp and a 25m pool (from zero to 2.2m depth with movable floor and accessible hoist), spectator seating and shade structures, new first aid, lifeguard, and storage rooms, new fully electrified pool heating system and filtration plants for 50 m and 25 m pools, accessibility lift and upgraded stairs to access the rear turfed area along with re-turfing, accessible pathway link and new picnic shelter.

The design provides for greater circulation around the pools, and a greater user experience with seating and shade adjacent to the pools. The design also provides an additional lane to make the new pools an 8-lane pool in line with best practice.

There are currently no applicable funding grants that could assist Stage 2 at this time, though it is anticipated that during 2025 there will be some opportunities available.

It is recommended that Council publicly exhibit the conceptual designs for Stage 2 of the LPAC Upgrade and seek community feedback on the design. Following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the conceptual designs for Stage 2 of the LPAC be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

The community engagement process for Stage 2 is scheduled to begin in November 2024 and run until the end of January 2025. Engagement will involve distribution of invitation letters and flyers, on-site pop-up sessions, promotions on Facebook and Instagram, e-blasts to customers and pool users, and on-site signage. The draft conceptual plans and renders which will be included in the engagement are attached to this report.

It is envisaged that the engagement outcomes will be reported back to Council in time to inform the 2025/26 budget planning process.

It is anticipated that the procurement phase will commence in mid-2025 and conclude in March 2026. Construction is expected to begin in May 2026, with completion anticipated in September 2027.

Project Assurance

Council has appointed a Project Assurance Consultant to have oversight of Stages 1 and 2 and ensure the highest standards of project integrity and risk management. The scope of services for the assurance consultant includes:

- Undertake high level review of how the project is performing and managing its risks and identify if a more detailed review is required in any area.
- Review the project scope to ensure it is clear and establishes clear and controlled baseline requirements, objectives, and success criteria.
- Review cost estimates and budgets to ensure they are reasonable and identify any missing cost items or flawed cost estimates.
- Review program to ensure it is reasonable and identify any missing activities or activities with flawed durations.
- Provide clear recommendations to improve delivery.
- Prepare a Project Assurance Plan
- Undertake periodic assessment for compliance with the adopted Project Assurance Plan and provide independent evaluation of the project's performance and outputs.
- Apply assurance at appropriate level and intervals to ensure project success.
- Prepare monthly reports and present them to the Inner West Council Major Capital Projects Committee.

An independent Quantity Surveyor (QS) has also been engaged to prepare cost estimates for the design of Stage 1 and 2 through its development.

The QS will also have an on-going role through the construction stages in assessing progress claims and variation costs, and monitoring cash flows.

A further level of project assurance will be gained through the appointment of a project specific external Project Manager which is planned to commence by December 2024.

Project Assurance Activities

Council officers have been collaboratively working with all technical stakeholders, the Project Assurance Consultant, Architect and QS to focus on, amongst other items, cost outcomes, the program and procurement strategy to optimise each of these functions to benefit the project. In this regard, the following information is provided to these functions:

Project Cost Assurance

In 2022, the proposed works were estimated to be \$40.5M, with an associated budget made available in the long-term financial plan in 2022.

Further design work has since been undertaken to aid a more detailed cost estimation being developed, with new QS reports being prepared at each stage.

To address the identified budgetary issues, Council officers and all consultants re-assessed the scope of works, with an initial cost saving of \$2.2M achieved through design modifications. This included reducing the overall width of the 50m and 25m pools while still achieving adequate width for 8 lanes, optimising plant areas, a redesign of connections to the rear turfed area, reusing excavated material in the rear turf area, retaining the existing gas co-generation/boiler room, adjusted treatment for the rear area and excluding the entry foyer relocation works.

A QS report was then undertaken, with an assessment made to the financial risks based upon the level of detail available at the time. This analysis identified that the estimated cost to undertake the works had risen to approximately \$56.28M. This rise compared to the initially cost estimate of \$40.5M is attributed to external economic factors, such as market inflation and price escalation in materials and labour, and not due to any expansion in the scope of the project.

To further explore all avenues to reduce the cost of the project, a series of cost-planning workshops were held with the Architect, QS and Project Assurance Consultant tasked to assess further cost-saving measures. These workshops led to multiple strategies, including a rationalisation of the pool foundations, and expanding the excavated material footprint by disposing soil in the rear turf area, this resulted in further savings in the order of \$860,000.

QS reports have been regularly obtained through the design development process, and most recently in July 2024 which resulted in further cost increases with a greater level of design work having been undertaken to cost. This further increase, along with the appointment of an external project manager and cost savings from the cost planning workshop brings the estimated project cost to \$55.5M.

The Project Assurance Consultant has noted their high level of confidence in the total forecasted cost, including an appropriate level of contingency being applied for a project in the planning phase.

It is now considered that all avenues to reduce the total cost of the project have been explored, and the scope reduced as much as practical which still achieving community outcomes.

Project Program

The proposed timeframes have been considered carefully in consultation with all stakeholders to ensure minimal disruption to the operations with realistic construction timeframes.

The timeframes have been independently checked by a construction scheduler with only minor changes noted to the duration of some activities, and additional time contingencies for Stage 2 works. This has been considered with the timeframes noted earlier in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Considering the proposed design adjustments noted in the project assurance process, the estimated project cost stands at \$55.5M, as outlined below:

Cost Estimate	
Description	Amount
Current Cost Estimate – Stage 1	\$9.78M
Current Cost Estimate - Stage 2 (Including all cost reductions)	\$45.72M
Total Cost Estimate	\$55.5M

The Inner West Council's Long Term Financial Plan includes an allocation of \$40.5M for the LPAC Upgrade as follows:

Existing Funding Sources	
Description	Amount
Included in 10 Year LTFP - June 2022	\$9.5M
Federal Government Grant (liOC)	\$1.0M
Section 7.11 Funding	\$16.4M
Depreciation Reserve	\$5.0M
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	\$8.6M
Included in Current LTFP (2023/24)	\$40.50M

The current level of funding results in an estimated budget shortfall of \$15M. The Chief Financial Officer has confirmed that this shortfall can be sourced through funding derived from the Depreciation Reserve, Section 7.11 and VPA funds from Leichhardt Plans as follows.

Proposed Additional Funding Sources	
Description	Amount
Depreciation Reserve	\$5.1M
Section 7.11	\$4.1M
VPA Funding from Leichhardt Plans	\$5.8M
Total Budget Adjustment	\$15M

With the additional funding sources, the total budget allocation for the LPAC Upgrade (Stage 1 and 2) would increase to \$55.5M.

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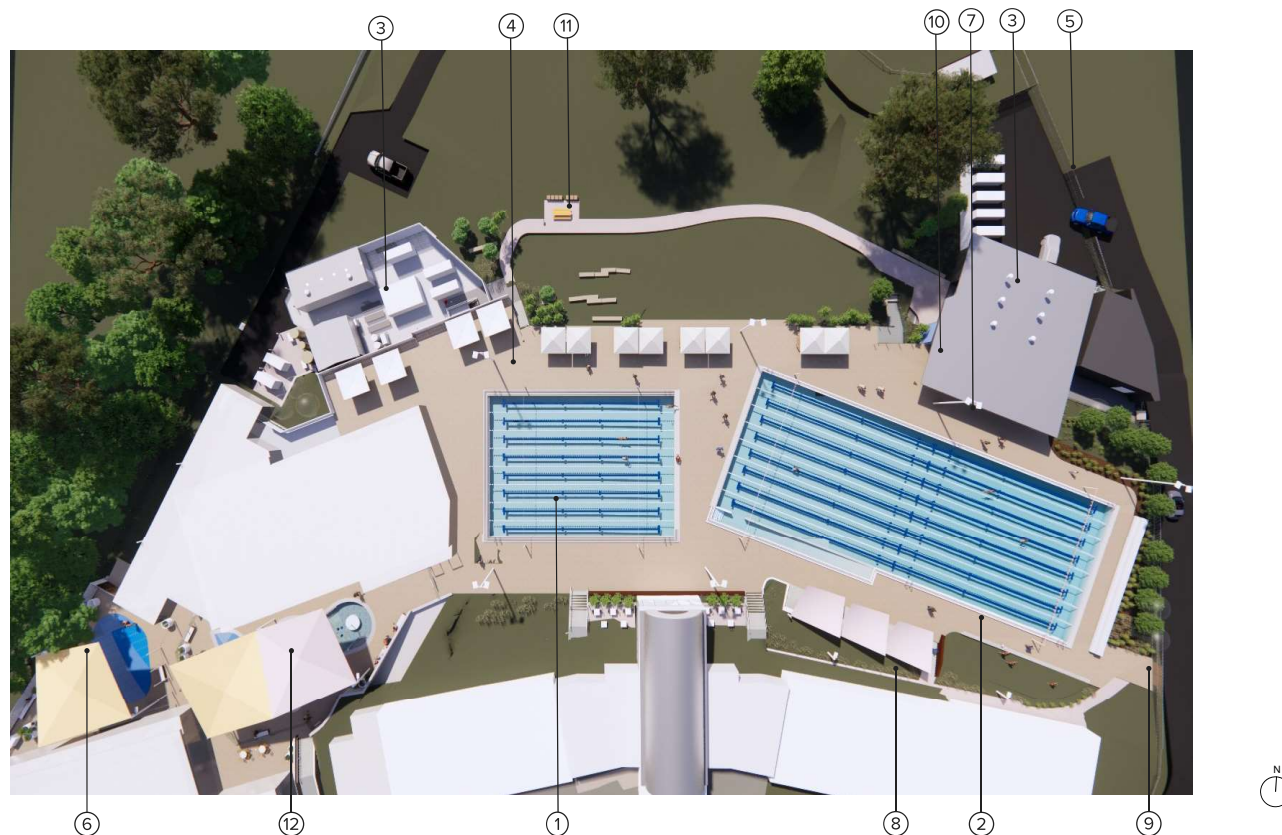
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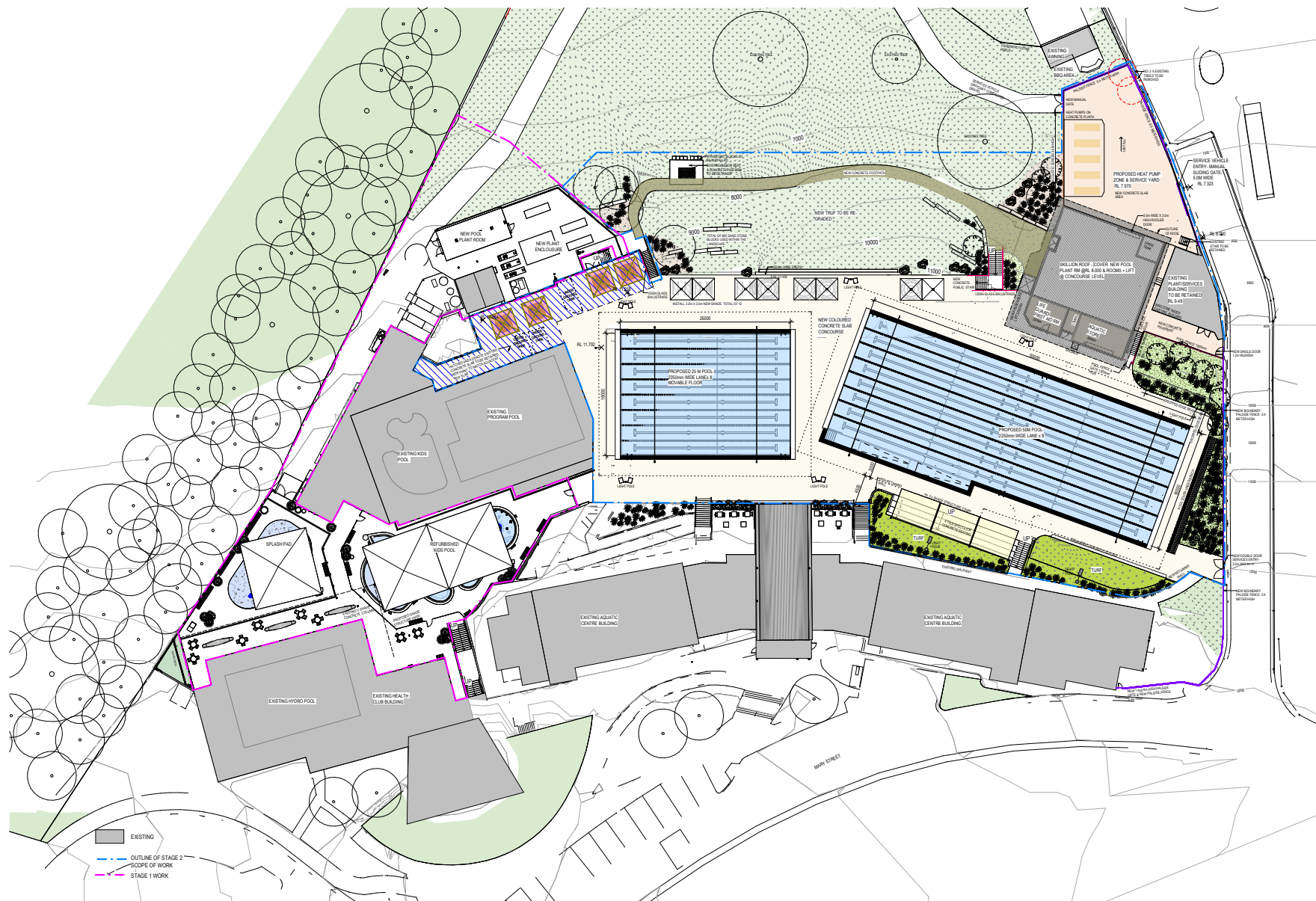
1. Design Progress

1.2 Concept Plan

Design Approach

1. New 25m pool with moveable floor.
2. New 8 lane 50m pool with swim wall
3. New dedicated plant zones
4. New expanded concrete concourse allow for greater circulation and safety with mixed shading and seating options
5. New service yard accessed off laneway with bin storage area
6. New dedicated splash play, BBQ zone & shade over
7. New Lifeguard/First Aid room and Pool storage building at concourse level.
8. New retaining wall with integrated tiered seating and shade structure over
9. Proposed soft landscaping with new boundary fencing and service gate access
10. New accessible lift
11. New accessible pathway to existing seating and regrading of levels to improve access
12. Upgraded kids pool with new splash play and shade structure





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Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Stage 2 Concept

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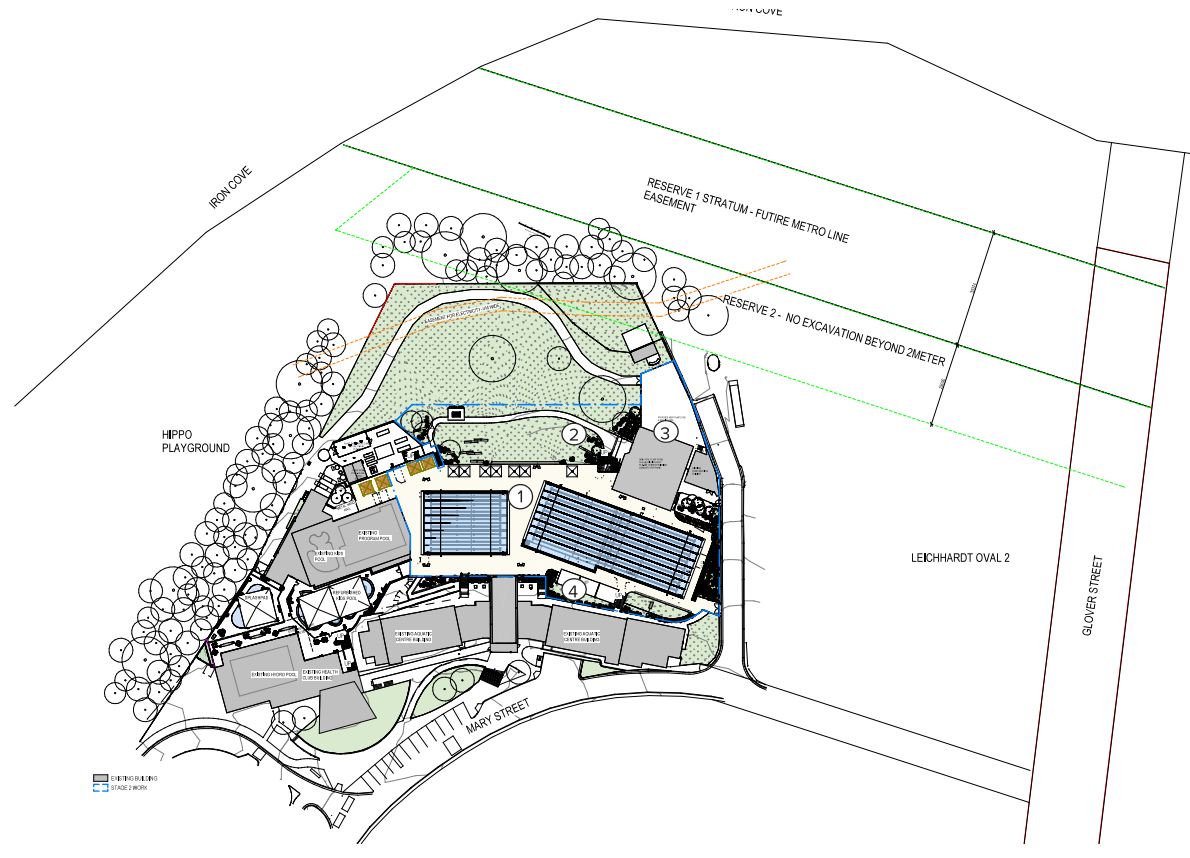
1. Stage 2 Concept Design

1. Design Progress

1.1 Stage 2 – Site Plan

Design Approach

1. Stage 2: 25m and 50m pools with new Plantroom, First Aid, Storeroom, extended Concourse and associated Landscaping
2. Improve access to Landscape
3. New efficient plant and dedicated service entry
4. Upgraded landscaping with terraced seating and shade structure

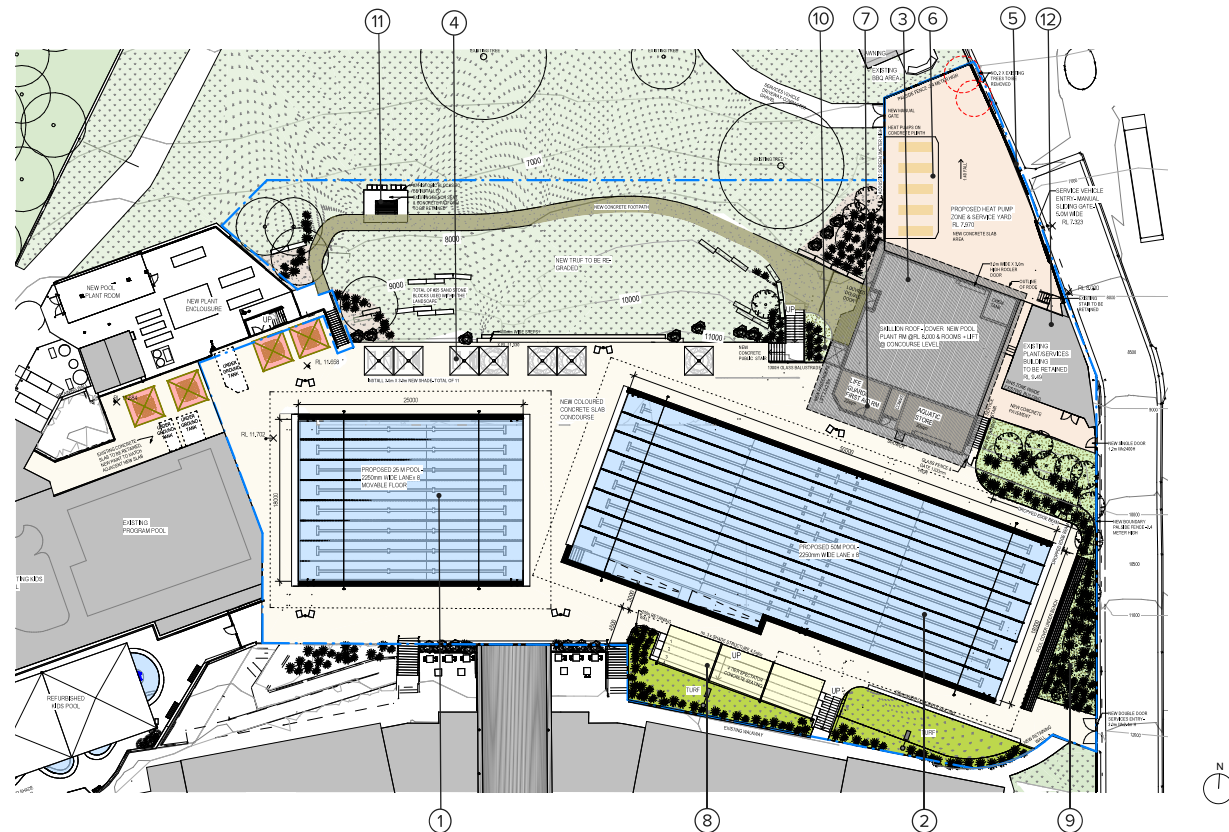


1. Design Progress

1.2 Stage 2 – Concept Plan

Design Approach

1. Creation of new 25m pool with moveable floor.
2. Creation of new 8 lane 50m pool with swim wall
3. New Plant room positioned under concourse with dedicated staff entry point.
4. New expanded concrete concourse allow for greater circulation and safety with mixed shading and seating options
5. New service yard accessed off laneway with bin storage area
6. Dedicated Heat pump zone screened from public areas
7. New Lifeguard/First Aid room and Pool storage building at concourse level.
8. New retaining wall with integrated seating and shade structure over
9. Proposed soft landscaping with new boundary fencing and service gate access
10. New accessible lift access
11. New accessible pathway to existing seating and regrading of levels
12. Future potential to repurpose existing plant rooms

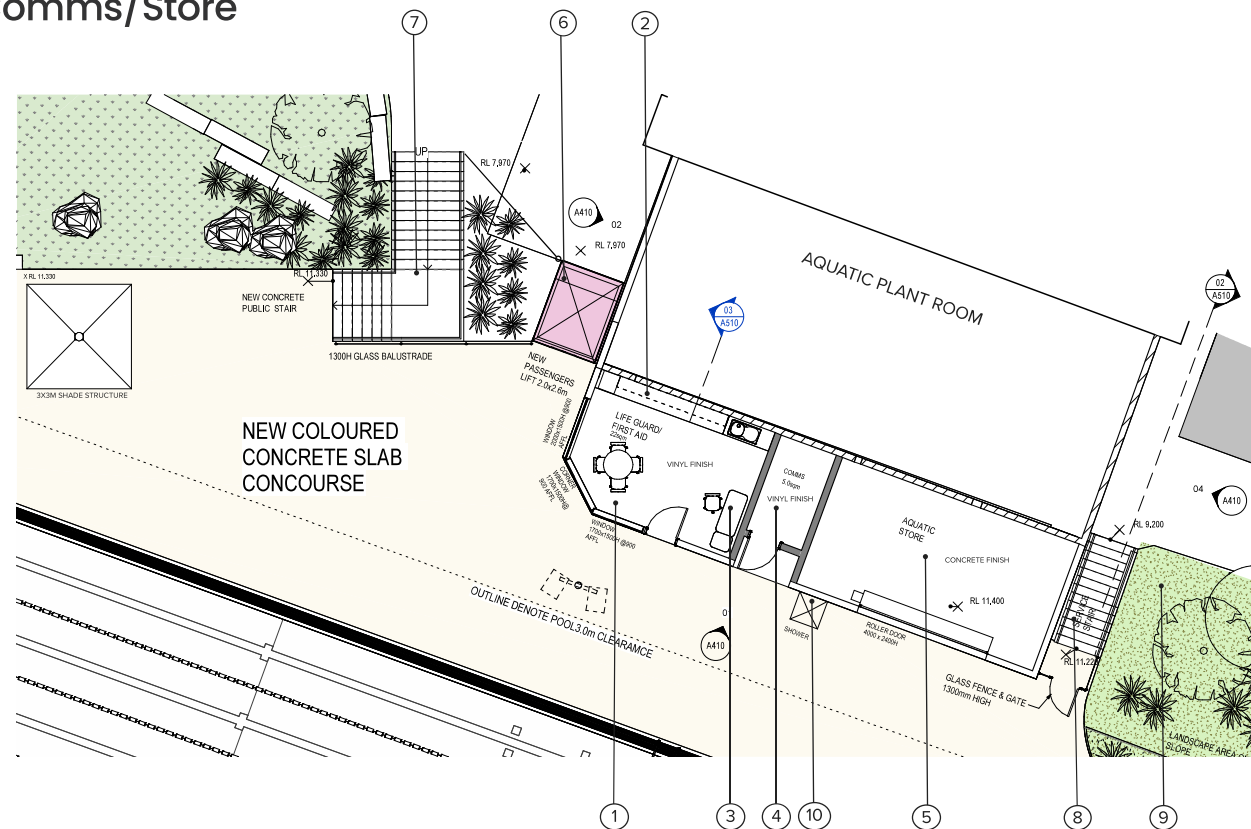


1. Design Progress

1.3 Stage 2 – First Aid/Comms/Store

Design Approach

1. Combined First Aid room and Life guard room centrally located to 50m pool with unobstructed vision of 50 & 25m pools. Passive surveillance of Lift and new steps to Northern landscaping zone.
2. Joinery bench with basin. Wall unit storage at high level.
3. First Aid trolley bed
4. Secure Comms and security room. Air conditioned.
5. New 30sqm storage room at concourse level. Secure, wide format roller shutter access door.
6. DDA compliant glazed lift to provide equal access between concourse, plantroom and Northern landscape area.
7. New step access to Northern landscaping area and plantroom
8. Service steps to existing plantroom and services yard with secure pool fence/gate access direct from concourse
9. Native screen planting to boundary

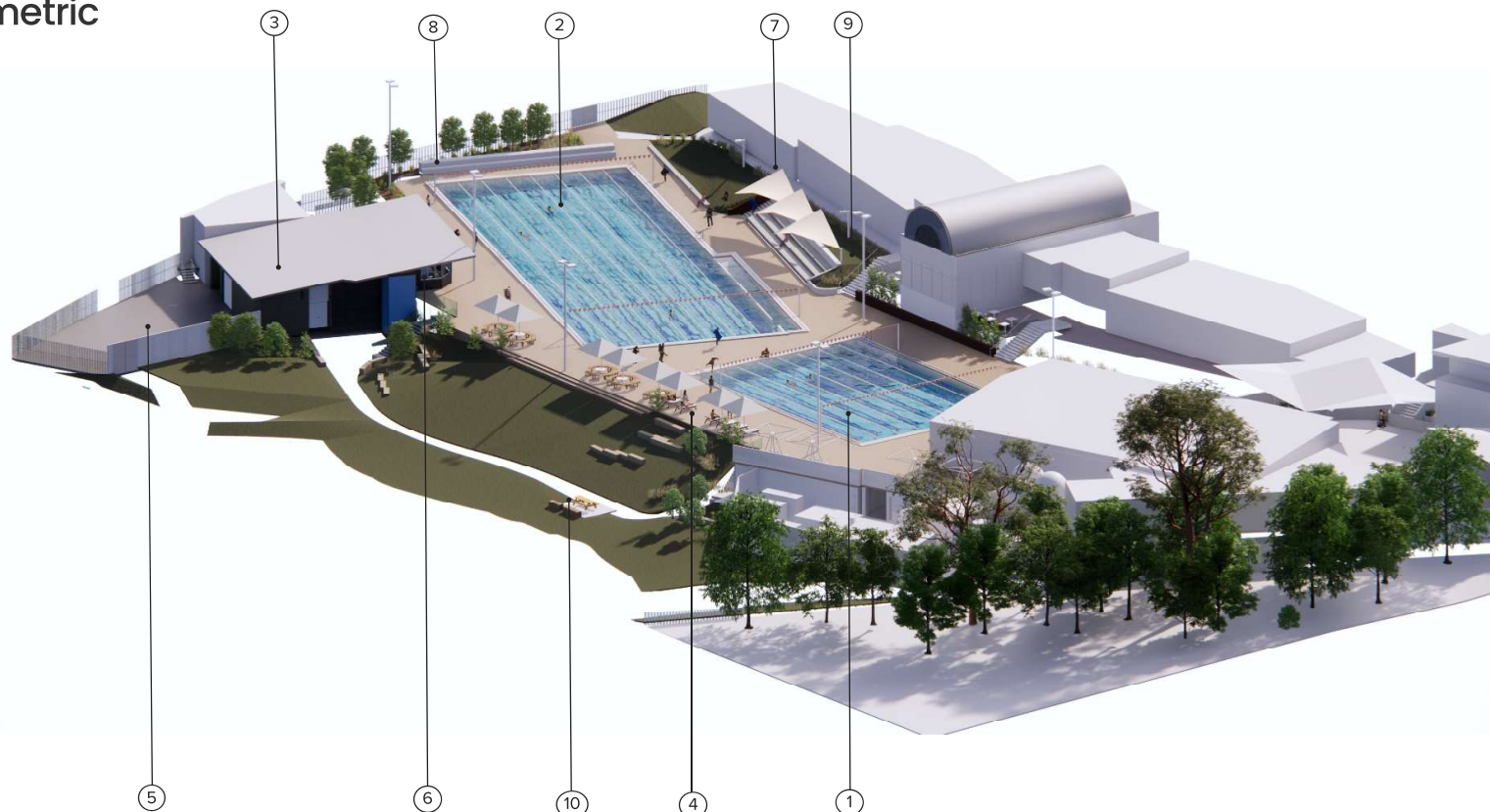


1. Design Progress

1.4 Stage 2 – Isometric

Design Approach

1. Creation of new 25m pool with moveable floor.
2. Creation of new 8 lane 50m pool with swim wall
3. New Plant room terraced into natural slope with PV comtable roof.
4. New expanded concrete concourse allow for greater culation and safety with mixed shading and seating options
5. New service yard accessed off laneway with bin storage area and dedicated Heat pump zone screened from public areas
6. New Lifeguard/First Aid room and Pool storage building at concourse level with accessible lift to landscaping zone
7. New retaining wall with integrated seating and shade structure over
8. Proposed soft landscaping with new boundary fencing and seating on pool covers
9. Soft landscape existing embankment
10. New accessible pathway to existing seating and regrading of existing landscape



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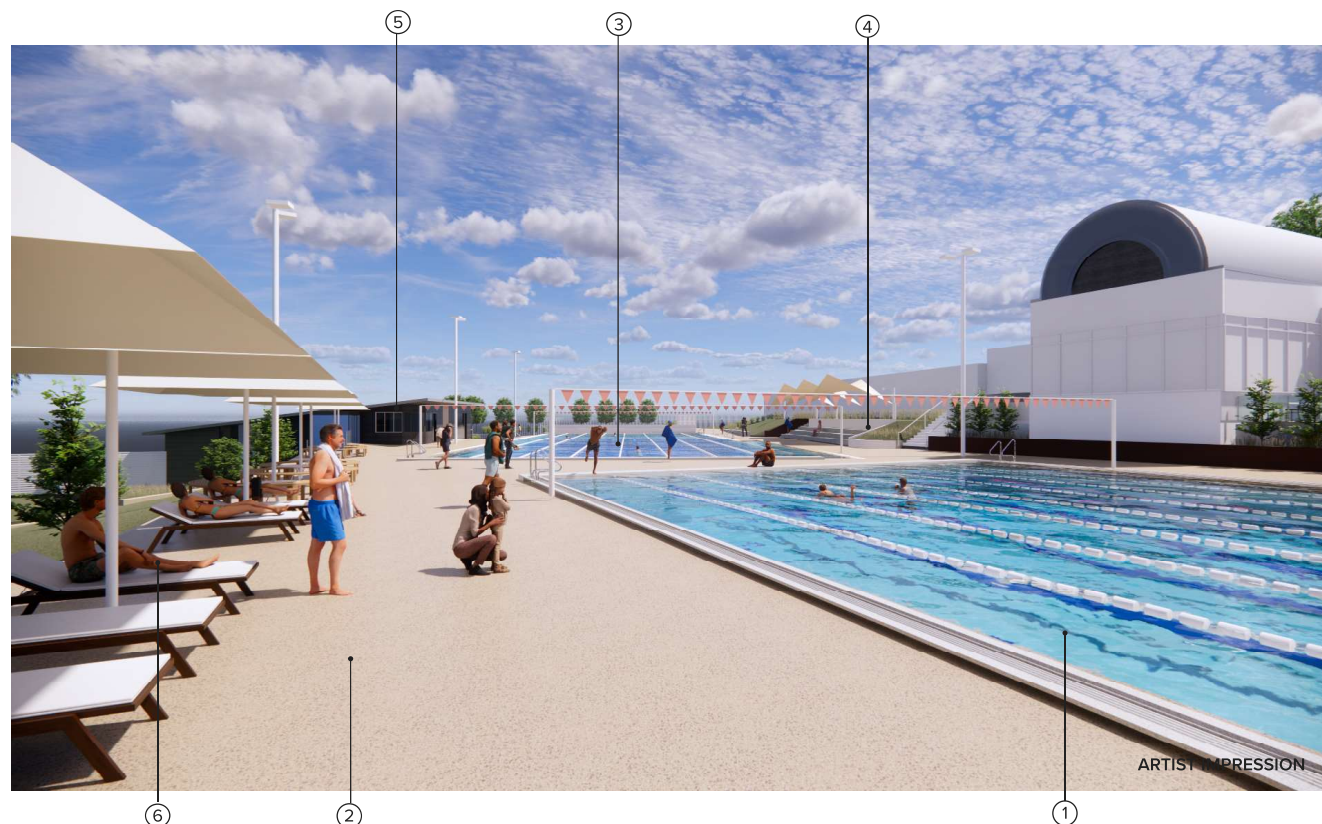
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1. Design Progress

1.5 3D View One

Design Approach

1. Proposed new 25m pool with moveable floor allows maximum flexibility for different users
2. New extended concrete concourse allows for safe circulation and shaded seating areas around pools
3. New 50m pool positioned to East of site to maximise site circulation
4. New retaining wall and integrated tiered seating with shade structure over. Allows for spectator viewing of 50m pool. New soft landscaping will soften the space.
5. Combined Lifeguard and First aid room has good passive surveillance of the new pools. Concourse level storage is also provided with wide roller door access
6. Mixed seating and Shade structures to North of Concourse overlooking Pools and existing landscape to the North.



1. Design Progress

1.6 3D View Two

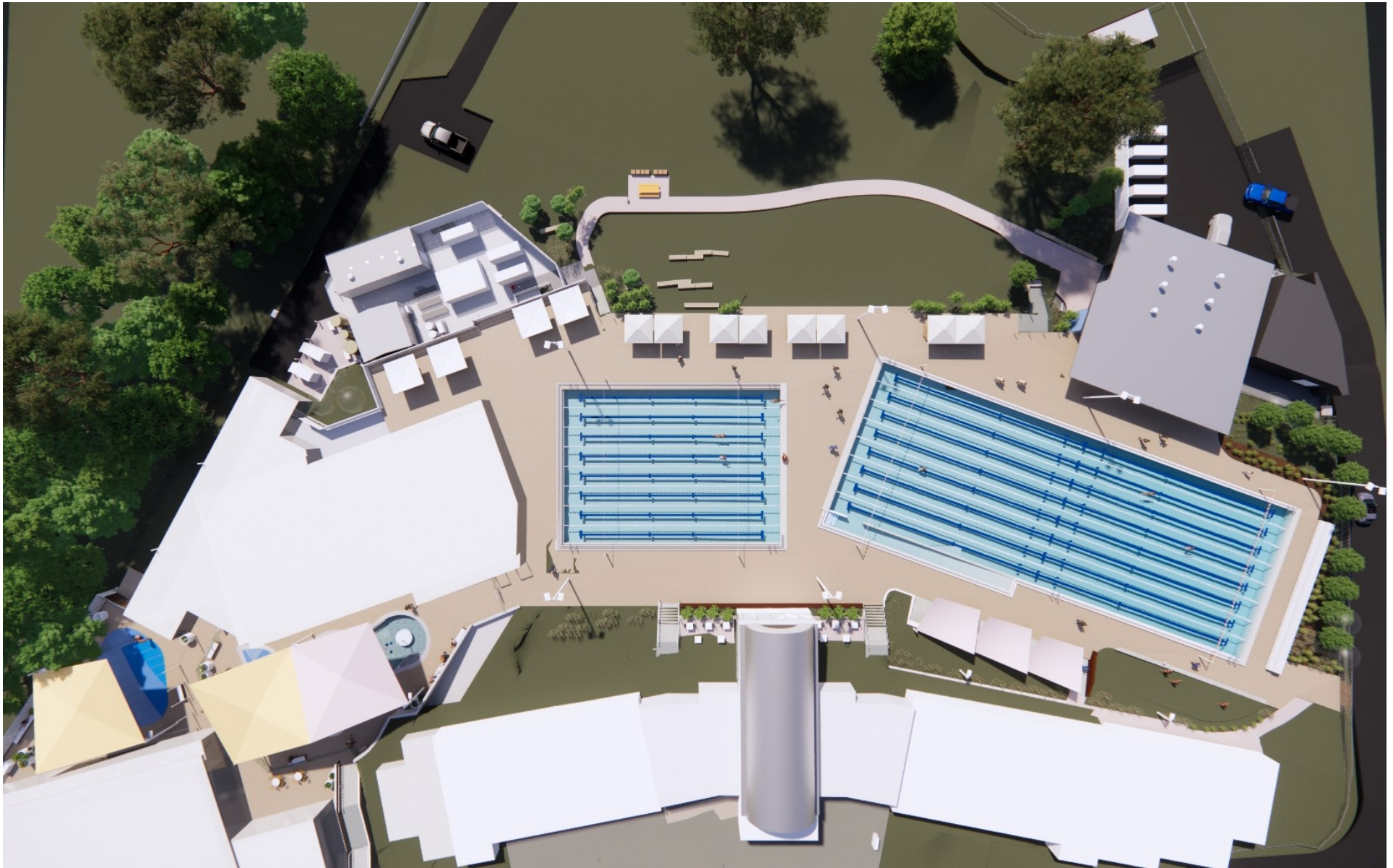
Design Approach

1. 50m pool positioned to Eastern end of site allowing for larger concourse zones and greater flexibility of use
2. New integrated seating into retaining wall with soft landscaping and shade structure. Seating provides excellent spectator viewing of 50m pool
3. 25m pool with moveable floor
4. Single post shade structure with integrated lighting to provide shade to concourse
5. Combined Lifeguard and First Aid Station
6. Pool concourse level storage with roller shutter
7. New soft landscaping and fencing to boundary













Item No: C1024(2) Item 7
Subject: IMPACT OF TOTTI'S ON SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
Prepared By: Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Authorised By: Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council commence the review of parking restrictions by engaging with residents on extended parking restrictions in Evans Street (between Denison Street and Victoria Road), Kenniff Street, Charlotte Street, Elizabeth Street, and Catherine Street and subsequently refer the traffic and parking matters to the Local Traffic Committee.
2. That Council note that increased enforcement of the existing Resident Parking Restrictions in the local area has commenced to ensure there is adequate turnover of non-resident parking and note that this will continue to be maintained whilst significant non-compliance is evident.
3. That Council note that ongoing advocacy is being undertaken with Transport for NSW and their contractor to minimise the impact of ongoing trenching works in the Evans Street and surrounds.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An on-site meeting was held in August 2024 with residents, Council staff and representatives of Totti's/Three Weeds Rozelle in order to commence an open dialogue on resident concerns in the area. This is in line with Council's Good Neighbour Policy. Concerns raised related to Planning, Enforcement, Traffic Parking and the venue.

Totti's/Three Weeds Rozelle have prepared an action plan to address a number of the concerns with actions relating to staff parking, security, parking, deliveries and local discounts.

Parking in the Rozelle in the immediate streets surrounding the Totti's and Three Weeds Hotel is generally restricted and feature a combination of metered, time limited, and Resident Parking Scheme restrictions. Parking demand is high in this area as observed during an on street parking survey undertaken.

It should be noted that Western Harbour Tunnel enabling works are currently being undertaken in the area which contributes to increased parking demand due to the removal of parking as works progress.

A review of the parking restrictions indicate that the existing restrictions in the immediate streets surrounding the Totti's and Three Weeds have an inconsistent finishing time. The parking data suggest that Charlotte Street, Elizabeth Street, Catherine Street and Kenniff

Street indicate it could benefit from additional parking turnover, which could provide more parking opportunities for residents across the precinct.

It is proposed that Council undertake community consultation to change the existing '2P 8am-8pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area R1' restrictions to '2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area R1' in Evans Street (between Denison Street and Victoria Road), Kenniff Street, Charlotte Street, Elizabeth Street, and Catherine Street' and continue to monitor traffic conditions in the area.

Changes to the parking times to 10pm would require support from the directly impacted residents prior to implementation.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a range of traffic and parking concerns from residents in the vicinity of Evans Street, Rozelle (south of Victoria Road) due to the operations of Totti's and Three Weeds Rozelle. These concerns have included the following:

- Patrons occupying on-street parking in the surrounding residential street network,
- Localised traffic issues with patrons' vehicles circulating to find available spaces,
- On-street truck and van loading arrangements for the premises and safety concerns,
- Illegal parking and parking enforcement, and
- Noise disruptions from patrons.

In response, Council officers and the Mayor attended an on-site meeting in August 2024 with residents and representatives of Totti's and Three Weeds Rozelle in order to commence an open dialogue with residents on the concerns. This is in line with Council's Good Neighbour Policy.

The concerns discussed at the on-site meeting have been categorized and summarized below.

Planning

- Concerns as to how Totti's could have been approved in a residential area
- Alleged increase in patronage despite previous DA indicating no increase to patronage

Enforcement

- Request to review consent for off-street parking and how deliveries are to occur
- Lack of enforcement presence and enforcement action on non-residents
- Need to extend parking enforcement hours into the evenings

Traffic

- Taxi and rideshare drivers not familiar with area and causing a hazard when driving and parking
- Dangerous driving by patrons in the area
- Footpaths are unusable due to patrons congregating on the footpath and unloading on to footpath (delivery truck)
- Need to consider one-way restrictions in narrow streets such as Ellen Street and Percy Street

Parking

- Impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel works and loss of additional parking
- Limited available parking being taken by patrons of the business
- Totti's staff parking in residential areas and overstaying time limit on the Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) restrictions
- Request to review recently installed 'No Stopping' zones
- Inefficient parking of some vehicles resulting in fewer spaces

- Patrons illegally park including double parking, parking on footpath etc
- Reallocation of permits to allow parking in adjacent permit areas (R5 areas)
- Need for linemarking of parking spaces
- Request to move the dedicated EV charging space in Evans Street
- Need to review parking restriction hours
- Request to increase off-street car parking in area

Venue

- Need to incentivise patrons to take public transport
- Need to incentivize locals to visit the venue
- Overall comments of support for the business
- Noise concerns from venue and patrons
- Concerns regarding intoxicated patrons
- Concerns regarding patrons overstaying parking restrictions
- Security staff understaffed and require further training and responsibilities to manage patrons
- Security staff need to work longer hours to match the businesses operational hours

DISCUSSION

Totti's Action Plan

The Totti's representative advised that Totti's wants to be part of the community and desire to work with the residents, especially around compliance, safety, and access to venue for all, parking etc.

Following the meeting, Totti's Rozelle reviewed the concerns raised by residents and Council and have advised that they will be undertaking the following actions:

Staff Parking

- Totti's staff have been briefed about not parking within the vicinity of the hotel and directed towards public transport options and all day spots further away from the venue.

Security

- Security hours have been increased to assist with patrons arriving and leaving the hotel. They have been re-briefed on their responsibilities regarding neighbourhood amenity and parking concerns.
- After 10pm the main role of the security guard is to assist with patrons leaving the venue and to manage noise.
- The security guards are rostered from 5.30pm Friday and 4pm Saturday and Sunday. They work until the last patron has left the vicinity of the hotel after the venue has closed which is around 12:30am on Friday and Saturday nights, earlier on Sunday.

Parking

- Re-briefed reservations and the events teams on group bookings using mass transport. They will be advised to pick up and drop off in locations that will not restrict traffic flow and to be aware of resident's safety and parking concerns.
- Investigating engaging a local private parking facility for the Three Weeds to use in the evenings, this is early stages as yet with no definite plans.
- Asked council for a contact regarding an escalation channel for parking violations that impact the Three Weeds.
- Amended the details on our website relating to driving to the Three Weeds to note that parking is limited in the area and suggesting alternate transport (buses) be used and that patrons be respectful of local residents.

- Updated the booking form that is sent to guests after making a reservation at Totti's to display: "Parking is limited in the area, we recommend using an alternative mode of transport where possible."

Deliveries

- Management team working with the delivery drivers to make sure goods are delivered within the agreed timeframes, safely and as quietly as possible.

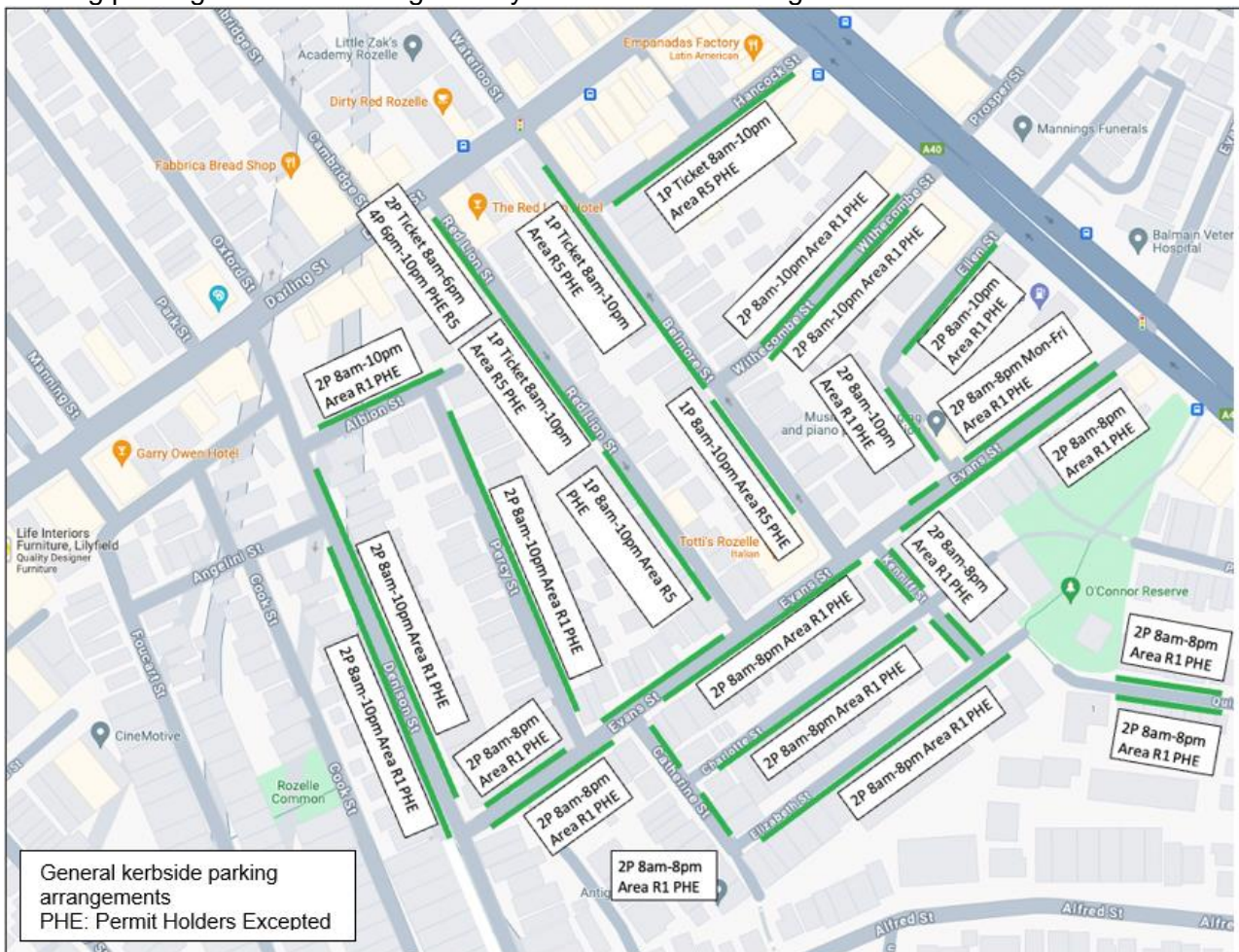
Locals Discount

- Discussing some options for local's nights and/or a local's discount and will communicate this with the residents once we have agreed on an approach. One suggestion is a 10% discount in The Three Weeds pub on house wines and tap beers.

Parking Management

Parking in the Rozelle in the immediate streets surrounding the Totti's and Three Weeds Hotel is generally restricted and feature a combination of metered, time limited, and Resident Parking Scheme restrictions. Parking demand is high in this area, with a tiered parking zone established to balance the competing parking needs of the community.

Existing parking restrictions are generally summarised in the figure below:



Initial parking occupancy and duration surveys have been undertaken in late July 2024 on both weekdays and weekends. At the time, the 33kV Utility Works had commenced by Acciona, contractors for the Western Harbour Tunnel in Rozelle however, the size of the work site was relatively small, commencing in Belmore Street near Darling Street and so the data was not significantly impacted by this work.

The parking data indicates the following parking characteristics during the daytime (10am-4pm) and weekend evenings (6pm-10pm on Saturdays and Sundays) on key streets in the precinct:

- On Charlotte Street, Elizabeth Street, Catherine Street and Kenniff Street, daytime parking levels range between 60-80%, increasing to 85-95% during weekend evenings
- On Percy Street, daytime parking levels range between 70-90%, increasing to 90-95% during weekend evenings.
- Evans Street, Belmore Street, and Red Lion Street generally had daytime parking levels range between 65-85%, increasing to 80-95% during weekend evenings.

The existing parking restrictions in the immediate streets surrounding the Totti's and Three Weeds has an inconsistent finishing time, for example streets north of Evans Street having a 2P 8am-10pm restriction, whilst Evans Street and streets south Evans Street generally has a 2P 8am-8pm restriction. Extending the Resident Parking Scheme times to 10pm on these streets would allow for a parking turnover opportunity at 8pm if patrons makes a booking at 6pm, where has previously patrons were able to park indefinitely on these streets after 6pm. The parking data suggest that Charlotte Street, Elizabeth Street, Catherine Street and Kenniff Street could benefit from additional parking turnover, which could provide more opportunities for residents.

It is proposed that Council undertake community consultation to change the existing '2P 8am-8pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area R1' to '2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area R1' in Evans Street (between Denison Street and Victoria Road), Kenniff Street, Charlotte Street, Elizabeth Street, and Catherine Street'

Changes to the parking times to 10pm would require support from the directly impacted residents.

It is proposed to furth monitor these parking occupancy in the precinct following the updated parking restrictions being installed.

Linemarking Parking Bays in surrounding Streets

Council staff have undertaken an assessment of three parking areas near Totti's and Three Weeds to gauge the efficiency of parking in the area. Council typically linemarks high turnover areas such as Norton Street or Darling Street, with residential areas having a longer parking duration and typically a closer parking arrangement. Linemarked parking bays are required to conform to the Australian Standards AS2890.5:2020, requiring end parking bays to be 5.4m length as a minimum, and intermediate space to be 6.0m in length as a minimum. These are considered generous lengths for the Inner West where a small hatchback could reasonably fit in a parking space shorter than the required standard.

A combination of three kerbside streets were chosen, and the assessment gauged the efficiency of the street with existing supply compared to one with linemarking in accordance with Australian Standards:

1. South side of Evans Street, between Kenniff Street and Catherine Street – example of kerbside without driveways
2. West side of Red Lion Street – example of kerbside with driveways
3. North side of Evans Street between Percy Street and Red Lion Street - example of kerbside with combination of driveways and properties with no off-street parking

The parking efficiency for the sampled kerbside areas are tabled below.

Street	Section	Existing Observed Parking Supply	Line marked Parking Bay Supply	Existing Parking Efficiency	Total Spaces Gained/Lost with linemarking
Red Lion St	Darling St to Evans St	34	29	117%	-5
Evans St	Percy St to Red Lion St	10	9	111%	-1
Evans St	Catherine St to Keniff St	19	18	106%	-1
Total		63	56	113%	-7

The above results indicate that there would be a detrimental impact to parking efficiency by linemarking parking bays in the residential streets. This is a common occurrence in residential areas of the Inner West as it is often feasible to accommodate more small and medium sized vehicles in a section of a residential street than what standard bays would otherwise allow. This is attributed to, parking in residential areas tend to be for longer durations and undertaken by motorist familiar with the area which tend to lead to more efficient parking.

In this respect, parking bays tend to provide greater benefits on mainstreet areas and in car parks where there is high turnover of parking and a greater proportion of visitors.

Parking capacity lost due to 33KV Works

Transport for NSW and Acciona (Transport for NSW's contractor) have commenced works in Rozelle and Lilyfield to install a 33kV permanent power supply for the construction and operation of the Western Harbour Tunnel Stage 2.

Trenching works have been progressively undertaken along the following local streets:

- Belmore Street, between Darling Street and Evans Street
- Evans Street, between Belmore Street and Denison Street
- Denison Street, between Evans Street and Cheltenham Street
- Cheltenham Street, between Denison Street and Foucart Street
- O'Neill Street, between Foucart Street and Lamb Street
- Lamb Street, between O'Neill Street and Lilyfield Road

The trenching and conduit installation component of the works (Phase 1) are the most impactful part of the project and is expected to be completed by November 2024 with the peak parking impact to be completed by mid-October. Phase 2 works including cable pulling will then commence with completion expected by February with permanent restoration works expected to commence in February 2025.

Throughout the works, there will be temporary detours and traffic control in place which will be managed by Transport for NSW and Acciona. This will include some road closures and changes to the on-street parking regime.

Council has sought a number of project changes which has involved ensuring:

- That impacts associated with the temporary removal of on-street parking, access and traffic changes are minimised. This has led Transport for NSW to consider a different project approach which has yielded greater on street parking numbers during the works.

- Transport for NSW and Acciona are informed of waste collection dates, and that arrangements for waste collections are in place throughout each stage of the project.
- That both construction and restoration works will have minimum impacts to residents.
- That the best outcomes are achieved for the permanent restoration work once the trenching work has been completed.
- Minimal impact to street trees.
- Our community is well informed.

One of the other issues raised by residents were the current inefficient use of the kerb space due to the temporary Traffic Guidance Scheme signs required for temporary construction work, as shown in Figure below.



Council has discussed this issue with Acciona who are managing the temporary signs and have advised that long-term signage have all been placed on temporary signage legs. For the short term signs, due to their large size two poles per sign would have been required to install the signs in the verge. Due to the impact to the footpath width and pedestrian access with two poles being installed, this option was not supported. Additionally, the signs need to be relocated daily due to the changing traffic schemes as works progress along the street. Acciona's Traffic Controllers will attempt to limit the impact of these signs by placing them at strategic locations where possible.

Traffic changes and dangerous driving

Traffic Data collection is being arranged to be collected in Percy Street and Ellen Street to review vehicle movements noting request for one-way restrictions. It should be noted that one-way restrictions simplify movements and remove conflict points but this needs to be assessed against the dis-benefits of restricted resident access opportunities, increased vehicle speeds, increased circulation and therefore increased traffic volumes in the subject street and adjacent network.

With regard to dangerous driving from the venue, Council does not have jurisdiction to enforce driving offences and so the NSW Police have been contacted with a request to review dangerous driving in the area.

EV Charging space on Evans Street

Because of the low level of support, for the proposed dedicated EV charging space in Evans Street, indicated by Council's recent community consultation; Council has recommended to PLUS ES that the charger be moved and has indicated that signposting of this space is not supported.

However, as the previous survey conducted by Ausgrid and the State Government's analysis, sighted it as a high demand location, PLUS ES is intending to make the site an undedicated

“opportunity” charging space which would only be available for charging if no other vehicle is occupying the space.

Enforcement

Council has arranged increased enforcement of the existing Resident Parking Restrictions in the local area to ensure there is adequate turnover of non-resident parking and this increased enforcement presence will continue to be maintained whilst significant non-compliance is still evident.

This additional enforcement would complement the proposed extended hours of Resident Parking Scheme restrictions in providing improved parking opportunities for residents.

This information has been provided to the business to give their staff and clientele the opportunity to change behaviour.

Planning

Council has reviewed the liquor licence and the consents that set out hours of operation and patron numbers. Consent for these are from the 2003 approval, they were not modified by the 2020 approval, which was for minor alterations and additions to the existing pub and restaurant with a minor additional FSR enclosing a courtyard to provide an increased prep space (see existing and approved floor plans below). One submission was received in response to the notification.

As mentioned, the capacity of the pub or restaurant for patrons did not increase as part of the DA, the only increase was to the prep area (15.67m²). The assessment report concluded that the proposed development would not have any adverse impact on surrounding properties, or additional parking/traffic generation. There are no conditions relating to parking or a Plan of Management with this 2020 approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 8
Subject: LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 16 SEPTEMBER 2024
Prepared By: Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Authorised By: Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 September 2024.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The September 2024 meeting of the Local Traffic Committee was held at the Ashfield Service Centre and have made recommendations for Council consideration and adoption.

DISCUSSION

The September 2024 meeting of the Local Traffic Committee was held at the Ashfield Service Centre. The minutes of the meeting are shown in Attachment 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projects proposed for implementation are funded within existing budget allocations.

ITEMS BY WARD – SEPTEMBER 2024

Ward	Item
Baludarri (Balmain)	The Boulevarde, Lilyfield - Proposed Streetscape improvements and Civil Works
	Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt - Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt - Proposed Kerb Extension
	Ryan Street, Lilyfield (at Joseph Street) – Proposed Landscaped Kerb Blister Island
Gulgadya (Leichhardt)	Flood Street, Leichhardt – Proposed Slow Point at Regent Street
	Alt Street, south of Albert Parade, Ashfield-Proposed raising of existing pedestrian (zebra) crossing adjacent to St. Vincent's College
Midjuburi (Marrickville)	InnerWest@40 (IW@40) - Area 6 Enmore & Marrickville East; Area 7 Marrickville & Tempe - Proposed speed limit reduction from 50km/h to 40 km/h
	Marrickville Road at Despointes Street, Marrickville – Proposed new raised pedestrian crossing - Design Plan 10297
Djarrawunang (Ashfield)	Clissold Street, between Queen Street and Victoria Street, Ashfield-Proposed removal of existing at-grade crossing and provide a new

	raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing
Damun (Stanmore)	InnerWest@40 (IW@40) - Area 6 Enmore & Marrickville East; Area 7 Marrickville & Tempe - Proposed speed limit reduction from 50km/h to 40 km/h
	Newtown South Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) Final Report
All Wards	Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Local Traffic Committee minutes- 16 September 2024

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 September 2024

Meeting commenced at 11:01 AM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Manod Wickramasinghe	IWC's Traffic and Transport Planning Manager (Chair)
Graeme McKay	Representative for Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill
Eleanor Nurse	Representative for Jenny Leong MP, Member for Newtown
Nina Fard	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Jones	Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition (IWBC)
Michael Takla	Representative for Transit Systems
Sunny Jo	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (North)
George Tsaprounis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (South)
Jason Scoufis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Studies & Road Safety
Christy Li	IWC's Business Administration Officer

VISITORS

John Parrington	Resident (Item 4)
Kate Parrington	Resident (Item 4)

APOLOGIES:

Bill Holliday	Representative for Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain
Ben Walters	Representative for NSW Police – Inner West Police Area Command

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on Monday, 19 August 2024 be confirmed.



MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 June 2024 were adopted at Council's meeting held on 03 September 2024 subject to the following:

- a. That in reference to the Petersham North LATM Final Report, that Council allocate funding from the current budget for installation of the recommended raised pedestrian (zebra) crossings and speed humps on Brighton Street, in response to community concern about speeding and rat running, with funding to be diverted from another project in the Stanmore-Damun Ward.

The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 July 2024 were adopted at Council's meeting held on 03 September 2024 subject to the following:

- b. That Council include the proposed resident parking scheme in Glassop Street between Punch and White Streets as part of the approved residential parking scheme; and
- c. That Council allocate funding for the proposed pedestrian crossing at Mary Street, Lilyfield in this year's budget, to be funded by substituting another project from the Balmain-Baludarri Ward.

The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 August 2024 were adopted at Council's meeting held on 03 September 2024.

LTC0924(1) Item 1 The Boulevard, Lilyfield - Proposed Streetscape improvements and Civil Works (Baludarri - Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

The Council is planning to undertake streetscape improvement works in The Boulevard, Lilyfield. The works are intended to improve pedestrian and motorist safety at the intersection of the Boulevard and Balmain Road by constructing kerb extensions as well as improving the general amenity of the street by providing in-road trees, including repairing the road and footpaths.

The proposal works does not change the existing parking spaces in the street.

Officers Recommendation:

That the attached detailed design plan No.10278-A for the proposed streetscape improvements and civil works on The Boulevard between Balmain Road and Joseph Street, Lilyfield be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached detailed design plan No.10278-A for the proposed streetscape improvements and civil works on The Boulevard between Balmain Road and Joseph Street, Lilyfield be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 2 Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt - Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt - Proposed Kerb Extension (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

This report outlines the pedestrian safety issues raised by Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt on Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt between Pioneer Memorial Park and the rear gate of the school. It is proposed that a kerb extension be installed as a long-term treatment to assist pedestrians crossing Derbyshire Road during community, sporting and school events. A short term proposed 'No Stopping' zone, warning signs and line marking is recommended to be installed as an interim measure.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That the proposed kerb extension, footpath, and ramps on Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt between Pioneer Memorial Park and the rear gate of Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt as shown in *Figure 1* be supported in principle and included for consideration in Council's Capital Works program.
2. That the interim measures, including a painted chevron, two W6-1A pedestrian warning signs, and an 8.0m length 'No Stopping' zone at the east side of Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt near the rear gate of Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt as shown in *Figure 2* be approved for installation.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition questioned if Council could clean the grated gutter crossing at the entry to the footpath between the north side of the school and the sports field from Balmain Road and noted that the gutter on the south side gets covered in leaves. The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition added that the bollards are far placed that cyclists turning left onto Derbyshire Road tend to cut the corner and crash into the gutter.

Council Officers advised that they would investigate the issue as a separate matter and advised the Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition to forward the related correspondence to Council Officers for review.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the proposed kerb extension, footpath, and ramps on Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt between Pioneer Memorial Park and the rear gate of Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt as shown in *Figure 1* be supported in principle and included for consideration in Council's Capital Works program.
2. That the interim measures, including a painted chevron, two W6-1A pedestrian warning signs, and an 8.0m length 'No Stopping' zone at the east side of Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt near the rear gate of Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt as shown in *Figure 2* be approved for installation.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 3 InnerWest@40 - Area 6 Enmore & Marrickville East; Area 7



Marrickville & Tempe - Proposed speed limit reduction from 50km/h to 40 km/h (Midjuburi-Marrickville & Damun-Stanmore Wards/ Heffron, Summer Hill & Newtown Electorates/Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

At the Council meeting on Tuesday 5 March 2024, Council adopted the *Inner West@40 "Investigation in Potential Local Road Speed Limit Reductions"* Study and would seek approval and funding from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to expedite the implementation of 40km/h speed limits on all local streets within the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA).

TfNSW have approved the reduction in speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h on all local streets within the Inner West LGA and Council was successful in receiving grant funding (approximately \$1.8M) under the 2024-2025 Safe Speed Program to undertake the necessary implementation work (signage and linemarking) for two of the high priority areas: Area 6 – Enmore & Marrickville East and Area 7 – Marrickville & Tempe.

Proposed signs and linemarking plans are enclosed.

Officers Recommendation:

That the proposed signage and line marking plans for the reduction in posted speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h in all local roads in Areas 6 and 7 of the Innerwest@40study of Enmore, Marrickville and Tempe be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition suggested that Council investigate implementing 30km/h speed limits due to narrow streets and high pedestrian and cyclist activities. Council Officers advised that the InnerWest@40 strategy was only recently adopted by Council and is still to be implemented across the LGA. It was noted that once the InnerWest@40 had been implemented, Council could then investigate 30km/h speed limits. The Representative for Transport for NSW advised that they required the work instructions for all the proposed signage changes so they could update their systems. Council Officers advised they will forward those documents to TfNSW.

The Representative for the Member of Summer Hill questioned what the proposed timeline was for the completion of this project. Council Officers advised that it was estimated that the project would be completed in early 2025.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed signage and line marking plans for the reduction in posted speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h in all local roads in Areas 6 and 7 of the InnerWest@40study of Enmore, Marrickville and Tempe be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 4 Newtown South Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) Final Report (Damun-Stanmore Ward/Newtown Electorate/Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

This report outlines the findings of the Final Newtown South LATM Study report.

The final draft report was placed on public exhibition in May 2024. A total of 30 contributions were made through YSIW. An additional 39 emails were received regarding the final draft report during the public exhibition period. All recommendations noted in the final draft have been included in the final report with some adjustments.

The response results indicate that the community generally supported all the proposed changes with a support rate through Yoursay Inner West of 57% to 86% for each of the recommendations.

After considering the Public Exhibition feedback, a review on the proposed scheme was undertaken with adjustments made to a few of the LATM Study recommendations.

The recommended treatments will be included for consideration for funding in Council's Capital Works Program and submitted for State/Federal Government Funding Programs where possible. Minor changes to signs and linemarking will be funded out of Council's Operational Budgets.

Officers Recommendation:

That the treatments listed below from the Newtown South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Final Report be listed for consideration in Council's Traffic Facilities Program and Operational linemarking/signposting program and prioritised as identified in the attached report:

- a) Reconstruct the existing raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing incorporating kerb extensions in Alice Street west of Hawken Street.
- b) Upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge in Alice Street west of Pearl Street into a raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing.
- c) Upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge in Alice Street west of Walenore Avenue into a raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing and upgrade the median island in Walenore Avenue.
- d) That widened median island be installed to cross Dickson Street at King Street.
- e) That a continuous footpath treatment be installed to cross Wells Street at King Street.
- f) That a continuous footpath treatment be installed to cross Darley Lane at King Street.
- g) That a raised platform be installed at the John Street/Darley Street intersection including No Stopping at the intersection subject to a risk assessment to determine length of No Stopping.
- h) That a raised platform be installed at the John Street/Lord Street intersection including No Stopping subject to a risk assessment to determine length of No Stopping.
- i) That subject to TfNSW approval, a 10km/h Shared Zone be installed in Alice Lane between Walenore Avenue and Holmwood Street and Alice Lane be converted to one way eastbound between Pearl Lane and Walenore Avenue.
- j) The footpath be widened on the southern side of Lord Street between King Street and the railway station access.
- k) Install statutory 10 metres of No Stopping restrictions at the Pearl Street/Wells Street intersection.
- l) Install No Stopping restrictions at the Laura Street/Commodore Street intersection.
- m) Modify the existing timed parking restrictions from 'No Parking 8:30am-6:00pm Mon-Fri' to 'No Parking 8:30am-6:00pm Mon-Sat' on the eastern side of Edgeware Road between Llewellyn Street and Victoria Road.
- n) Install a raised pedestrian/cyclist crossing in Edgeware Road south of Bedwin Road with kerb extensions and median splitter island.
- o) Paint road bends red in Wells Street at Commodore Street and Wells Street at John Street and improve pedestrian connection through the road closure by removing step.
- p) Install Pedestrian Warning (I) sign and supplementary 'disabled' sign at Edgeware

- Road/Llewellyn Street/Alice Street intersection facing northbound motorists in Edgeware Road
- q) Replace existing road closure gate in Pearl Lane at Dickson Street to allow for cyclist's access through the road closure.
 - r) Request TfNSW implement 40 km/h speed limit on Local Roads within the study area and a reduced speed limit on Regional Roads as per innerwest@40 study.
 - s) Linemark additional bicycle logos in Alice Street, Pearl Street, John Street, Darley Street, Lord Street and Edgeware Road.
 - t) Request TfNSW investigate installing a signalised pedestrian crossing on the southern leg of the King Street/Alice Street traffic signals.
 - u) Further investigation into road safety improvements at the Victoria Road/Edgeware Road intersection to improve conditions for right turn movements from Victoria Road into Edgeware Road be undertaken.

DISCUSSION:

Public Speakers John Parrington and Kate Parrington entered the meeting at 11:04am.

Mr and Ms Parrington supported the recommendations made by Council however raised concerns regarding the recommendations that affect Alice Lane. Mr Parrington advised he supported the recommendation to convert Alice Lane to 'One Way' however, he was concerned regarding the position of the marked parking spaces outside of No. 8A/8B Alice Lane noting that having parked cars outside 8A Alice Lane affects the turning circle for garaged parking at his property, as well as impedes the front gate pedestrian access to his property. Mr Parrington noted that when he exits his property, he is unable to turn eastbound due to parked cars restricting sightlines and suggested the possibility of removing parking in front of their property. Ms Parrington also raised concerns regarding vehicles sometimes being parked too close to the kerb which further restricts pedestrian access and makes it harder for them to use the already narrow footpath.

Council Officers advised that they have received similar concerns from residents regarding access to Alice Lane and noted that the final recommendation takes into consideration these concerns by retaining 'two-way' traffic flow in Alice Lane between Walenore Avenue and Holmwood Street to improve resident access. Council Officers noted that the current recommendation is still conceptual and that once the detailed design is drafted, residents will be consulted and be provided a chance to have a say in the final design. It was also noted that Council will take into consideration the concerns raised by the residents and ensure that pedestrian and vehicular access is maintained when marking where parking is permitted.

Ms Parrington asked what plans Council had to highlight the proposed 'Shared Zone.' Council Officers advised that the entrance points will be signposted with 'Shared Zone' signage and that the pavement would be a different colour to assist with highlighting the 'Shared Zone.'

Mr Parrington suggested the possibility of looking into angled parking on one side of Walenore Avenue. Council Officers advised Council is looking into the possibility of angled parking in the area as part of another study.

Public Speakers John Parrington and Kate Parrington left the meeting at 11:15am.

Council Officers tabled correspondence submitted by a resident regarding concerns for the safety of cyclists on Alice Street, Newtown noting they had several near misses whilst taking their children to school by bike. The resident noted that in the final LATM report, suggestions for a separate cycleway along Alice Street were rejected to preserve parking and advised that this goes against the Road User Prioritisation Hierarchy which both the Inner West Council and Transport for NSW endorse, with pedestrians being the highest priority road user, followed by bikes, buses, and then private vehicles. The resident acknowledged that a separated cycleway is a major project and may be out of scope for this work, however,

simply adding painted bike symbols on a busy road does not increase safety. The resident requested that Council consider more impactful improvements such as lowering the speed limit or adding a protected bike lane.

Council Officers advised that the recommendation includes proposals for upgrades of level pedestrian crossings to raised pedestrian crossings on Alice Street which will assist with reducing the speed of travelling vehicles and enhancing pedestrian safety. It was noted that there were currently no plans for a separate cycleway as that would require the removal of a considerable number of parking spaces which will have a significant impact to the community. It was noted that the implementation of a cycle route would usually be a part of a larger project that will look into extending existing cycle routes.

Council Officers advised that Council is reviewing the Cycling Action Plan, and that the resident's suggestion can be forwarded to the Strategic Transport Planning team to be investigated as part of the Cycling Action Plan and review.

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition raised concerns regarding vehicles speeding on Alice Street and Camden Street, Newtown. The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition noted that these streets were busy streets, with Camden Street also being quite narrow, and suggested reducing the speed limits to enhance pedestrian safety.

Council Officers advised that Camden Street will have its speed limit reduced to 40km/h as part of the InnerWest@40 project.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the treatments listed below from the Newtown South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Final Report be listed for consideration in Council's Traffic Facilities Program and Operational linemarking/signposting program and prioritised as identified in the attached report:

- a) Reconstruct the existing raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing incorporating kerb extensions in Alice Street west of Hawken Street.
- b) Upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge in Alice Street west of Pearl Street into a raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing.
- c) Upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge in Alice Street west of Walenore Avenue into a raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing and upgrade the median island in Walenore Avenue.
- d) That widened median island be installed to cross Dickson Street at King Street.
- e) That a continuous footpath treatment be installed to cross Wells Street at King Street.
- f) That a continuous footpath treatment be installed to cross Darley Lane at King Street.
- g) That a raised platform be installed at the John Street/Darley Street intersection including No Stopping at the intersection subject to a risk assessment to determine length of No Stopping.
- h) That a raised platform be installed at the John Street/Lord Street intersection including No Stopping subject to a risk assessment to determine length of No Stopping.
- i) That subject to TfNSW approval, a 10km/h Shared Zone be installed in Alice Lane between Walenore Avenue and Holmwood Street and Alice Lane be converted to one way eastbound between Pearl Lane and Walenore Avenue.
- j) The footpath be widened on the southern side of Lord Street between King Street and the railway station access.
- k) Install statutory 10 metres of No Stopping restrictions at the Pearl Street/Wells Street intersection.

- l) Install No Stopping restrictions at the Laura Street/Commodore Street intersection.
- m) Modify the existing timed parking restrictions from 'No Parking 8:30am-6:00pm Mon-Fri' to 'No Parking 8:30am-6:00pm Mon-Sat' on the eastern side of Edgeware Road between Llewellyn Street and Victoria Road.
- n) Install a raised pedestrian/cyclist crossing in Edgeware Road south of Bedwin Road with kerb extensions and median splitter island.
- o) Paint road bends red in Wells Street at Commodore Street and Wells Street at John Street and improve pedestrian connection through the road closure by removing step.
- p) Install Pedestrian Warning (I) sign and supplementary 'disabled' sign at Edgeware Road/Llewellyn Street/Alice Street intersection facing northbound motorists in Edgeware Road
- q) Replace existing road closure gate in Pearl Lane at Dickson Street to allow for cyclist's access through the road closure.
- r) Request TfNSW implement 40 km/h speed limit on Local Roads within the study area and a reduced speed limit on Regional Roads as per innerwest@40 study.
- s) Linemark additional bicycle logos in Alice Street, Pearl Street, John Street, Darley Street, Lord Street and Edgeware Road.
- t) Request TfNSW investigate installing a signalised pedestrian crossing on the southern leg of the King Street/Alice Street traffic signals.
- u) Further investigation into road safety improvements at the Victoria Road/Edgeware Road intersection to improve conditions for right turn movements from Victoria Road into Edgeware Road be undertaken.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 5 Marrickville Road at Despointes Street, Marrickville – Proposed new raised pedestrian crossing - Design Plan 10297 (MIDJUBURI-MARRICKVILLE WARD / SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE / INNER WEST PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is planning to improve safety in Marrickville Road, Marrickville by constructing a new raised pedestrian crossing near Despointes Street to replace the existing "at-grade" flat pedestrian crossing. The proposal aims to improve pedestrian safety by better defining the safe pedestrian crossing point and addresses concerns for pedestrian safety and driver behaviour at this location. It is noted that Council has received Blackspot funding to raise the crossing.

Officers Recommendation:

That the detailed design plan for the proposed new raised pedestrian crossing on Marrickville Road at Despointes Street, Marrickville and associated signs and line markings (as per Design Plan No.10297) be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for the Member of Summer Hill noted that the vegetation near the pedestrian crossing sometimes obstructs the driver's sightlines, making it difficult to spot pedestrians at times, and questioned if Council could trim the vegetation near the crossings.

Council advised they will have the vegetation near the crossing reviewed and trimmed back where necessary.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the detailed design plan for the proposed new raised pedestrian crossing on Marrickville Road at Despointes Street, Marrickville and associated signs and line markings (as per Design Plan No.10297) be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 6 Clissold Street, between Queen Street and Victoria Street, Ashfield - Proposed removal of existing at-grade crossing and provide a new raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

Council at its meetings on the 18 March 2024 (through its Traffic Committee 11 December 2023) approved in principle, subject to detailed design, a series of proposed pedestrian (zebra) crossings and kerb extension treatments (under concept) for improved pedestrian and road safety around and near to the Cardinal Freeman (Retirement) Village, Ashfield.

This report describes and shows the detailed design plan of one of the proposed treatments, i.e. install a proposed new raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing in Clissold Street, just east of gate No.11 to the Cardinal Freeman Village (near William Street), and the removal of the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing further east in Clissold Street, between Queen Street and Victoria Road. This work is programmed and envisaged to be constructed in the 2024/2025 financial year, subject to funding.

Officers Recommendation:

That the detailed design plan (10296) for the proposed new raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing in Clissold Street, just east of gate No.11 to the Cardinal Freeman Village (near William Street), and the removal of the at-grade pedestrian crossing further east in Clissold Street, between Queen Street and Victoria Road, Ashfield, as shown in *Attachment 1* be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition questioned if Council has resolved the issue regarding Guide Dogs not being able to sense the pedestrian crossing if there is no dip in the gutter. Council Officers advised that the designers were advised of the residents' concerns and that they have been taken into consideration for the detailed design.

Council Officers advised that the final design of the pedestrian crossings may vary depending on circumstances (i.e. height of the footpath, width of the footpath, width of the road, and the height of the raised pedestrian crossing).

It was noted that traffic treatments will be included in the design where possible so the guide dogs can differentiate the raised pedestrian crossing from the normal road. It was also noted that tactile dots were implemented into the design plan to assist vision-impaired pedestrians using canes. It was noted that tactile dots are used as a standard throughout the state at

present.

The Representative for the Member of Summer Hill raised concerns from a resident noting that the report for this agenda item does not mention the vision concerns being specifically addressed.

Council Officers advised they would pass on the concerns to the designers.

The Representative for Transit Systems advised that he had met with a Council Officer earlier in the year regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing. It was noted that the pedestrian crossing would not work unless the current bus stop was moved. The Representative for Transit Systems advised that there are still concerns with the specific location of the crossing and associated street furniture that need to be reviewed.

The Representative for Transport for NSW suggested that the item be deferred so that further investigations regarding the raised concerns can take place.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed removal of existing at-grade crossing and construction of a new raised pedestrian (zebra) crossing at Clissold Street, between Queen Street and Victoria Street, Ashfield be deferred.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 7 Flood Street, Leichhardt – Proposed Slow Point at Regent Street (GULGADYA-LEICHHARDT WARD/BALMAIN ELECTORATE/ LEICHHARDT PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is planning to improve safety in Flood Street, Leichhardt by constructing a slow point treatment at Regent Street. The proposal aims to improve cyclist and motorist safety at the intersection by reducing vehicle speeds at this location.

The proposed slow point will have no impact on the existing parking arrangements in the street.

Officers Recommendation:

That the attached detailed design plan No.10269 for the proposed slow point on Flood Street at the intersection with Regent Street in Leichhardt be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for Transit Systems noted that Flood Street was a main thoroughfare for a few bus services and noted that with the upcoming Norton Street Festa event, bus services will be diverted down Flood Street. He questioned if the heavy vehicles would be able to fit through the proposed slow point.

Council Officers advised that the designers have done a swept path analysis and there should not be issues for heavy vehicles.

The Representative for Transport for NSW requested that moving forward, Council include

the swept path analysis in the reports.

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition raised concerns regarding the provision of bicycle lanes being in the door zone of parked cars and requested that a mixed traffic arrangement be made for the whole route in Flood Street. The Chair advised that the existing arrangement has been installed in the past with consultation undertaken with the Bicycle User Groups. Changes to the bicycle route would be outside the scope of the proposed project and that this can be considered in the Cycling Strategy and Action Plan.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached detailed design plan No.10269 for the proposed slow point on Flood Street at the intersection with Regent Street in Leichhardt be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 8 Alt Street, south of Albert Parade, Ashfield-Proposed raising of existing pedestrian (zebra) crossing adjacent to St. Vincent's College. (Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is planning to improve safety in Alt Street, Ashfield by constructing a new Raised Pedestrian Crossing near Albert Parade to replace the existing "at-grade" flat pedestrian crossing adjacent to St Vincent's College (formerly De La Salle College).

The proposal aims to improve pedestrian and motorist safety by better defining safe pedestrian crossing points and addresses pedestrian safety and driver behaviour at this location.

Officers Recommendation:

That the detailed design plan (10256) to raise the existing at-grade pedestrian (zebra) crossing with associated signs and markings in Alt Street, Ashfield, just south of Albert Parade and adjacent to St Vincent's College (including the 'No Stopping at other times' restriction at the rear of the part-time Bus zone being removed) be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the detailed design plan (10256) to raise the existing at-grade pedestrian (zebra) crossing with associated signs and markings in Alt Street, Ashfield, just south of Albert Parade and adjacent to St Vincent's College (including the 'No Stopping at other times' restriction at the rear of the part-time Bus zone being removed be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0924(1) Item 9 Ryan Street, Lilyfield (at Joseph Street) – Proposed Landscaped Kerb Blister Island (BALUDARRI-BALMAIN WARD/BALMAIN ELECTORATE/LEICHHARDT PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is planning to construct a landscaped kerb blister island outside the property No. 62 Ryan Street, Lilyfield. The proposal aims to protect the heritage awning and its posts from turning vehicles at this intersection.

It is noted that there will be no loss of on-street parking due position of the kerb blister island being installed within the existing 'No Stopping' zone.

Officers Recommendation:

That the attached detailed design plan No.10299 for the proposed landscaped kerb blister island, bollards, road re-sheeting and associated new signage on Ryan Street at the intersection with Joseph Street, Lilyfield be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition raised concerns regarding nose-in angled parking and the dangers it poses to cyclists and requested a review of current nose-in angled parking.

Council Officers advised that generally all new angled parking restrictions are installed as 'rear to kerb parking', particularly on a cycle route however, there are some historic angled parking restrictions that were installed as 'front to kerb' such as Ryan Street. Council Officers advised that this would be reviewed as part of the next LATM.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached detailed design plan No.10299 for the proposed landscaped kerb blister island, bollards, road re-sheeting and associated new signage on Ryan Street at the intersection with Joseph Street, Lilyfield be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

General Business

Item 10 - Frederick Street and John Street, Ashfield traffic signal update

The Representative for the Member for Summer Hill requested an update on the traffic signals at the intersection of Fredrick Street and John Street, Ashfield. The Representative for Transport for NSW advised that the project is currently in the detailed design stage and that Transport for NSW has applied for funding for the next two financial years for construction. The Representative for Transport for NSW advised that the construction would have to be staged over two years as it is a difficult site for the construction of traffic signals.

Item 11 - Edward Street at Old Canterbury Road signalised intersection update



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The Representative for the Bicycle Coalition requested an update on the traffic signals on the intersection of Edward Street at Old Canterbury Road. Council Officers advised they are currently in the design stage and are currently negotiating final approvals with Transport for NSW. Council Officers noted that the works are proposed to be completed this financial year as part of the Greenway project.

Meeting closed at 12.05 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

Manod Wickramasinghe

Item No: C1024(2) Item 9

Subject: MINUTES OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FRMAC) HELD ON 24 JULY 2024 INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF THE EXHIBITION OF THE ALEXANDRA CANAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY & PLAN AND THE JOHNSTONS CREEK & WHITES CREEK FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY & PLAN

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Authorised By: Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 July 2024.
2. That Council adopt the Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.
3. That Council adopt the Johnstons Creek and Whites Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Inner West Council has a responsibility and obligation under the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the NSW Flood Risk Management Manual to carry out studies to understand flood risk, examine options to manage flood risk, keep community informed about flooding, and support emergency management planning.

In the Inner West Council, this function is provided within the Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee (FRMAC).

Under the Policy and Manual the management of flood prone land is the responsibility of local councils, including the establishment of flood risk management (FRM) governance through the establishment and management of committees. The committee provides an avenue to enable contribution by agencies, key stakeholders and the community to studies and the development of FRM plans under the FRM process.'

This report details the minutes of the Flood Management Advisory Committee dated 24 July 2024, including:

- An update on ongoing flood management
- Response to the April 2024 storm event
- A report back to the Committee of the Outcomes of the exhibition of the final Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP) and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

The draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and draft Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan was placed on public exhibition for five weeks from the 4 June to the 12 July 2024.

As part of the exhibition, Council wrote to 2,445 property owners and residents within the flood affected areas of the three catchments. This resulted in a total of 708 visits to the exhibition page on Your Say Inner West, and 23 formal responses across the study areas.

The Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek FRMSP reviews 20 options and considers seven options to have a high implementation priority including:

- Drainage Upgrade at Probert Street (\$500,000)
- Detention Basin at Bridge Road (\$1.4 million)
- Drainage Upgrade at Lennox Street (\$2.3 million)
- Drainage Upgrade at Gladstone Street (\$1.6 million)
- Data Coordination with NSW SES
- Community Flood Awareness Strategies
- Implementation of Flood Markers & Signage

The Alexandra Canal FRMSP reviews nine options and considers four options to have a high implementation priority including:

- Drainage Upgrade at Bay Street (\$1.1 million)
- Data Coordination with NSW SES
- Community Flood Awareness Strategies
- Implementation of Flood Markers & Signage

The Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans do not propose any changes to the status of properties that have previously been identified as flood affected and nor do they recommend mitigation options involving the acquisition of any properties.

The Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans provide a mechanism to identify projects for further investigation and prioritise their inclusion in Council's Capital Works program. They also provide a basis to apply for grant funding under ongoing and future State and Federal Flood Resilience programs.

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 9 April 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

3. *That Council publicly exhibit the draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on it.*
4. *That Council publicly exhibit the draft Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on it.*
5. *That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and the Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.*

Council has completed five Flood Risk Management Study and Plans across eight of its catchments, covering almost 80% of the Local Government Area (LGA). After adoption of the Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and the Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, 90% of the LGA will have been completed.

The Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan have been developed by Council

Engineers, representatives from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, and specialist flood modelling consultants Stantec.

The studies include a comprehensive review of the existing flood models for these catchments and further modelling to assess the impacts of possible upgrade measures to reduce flooding across the catchments.

An initial count of 40 possible flood mitigation works, including pipe upgrades, road modifications, detention basins and pit improvements were assessed for overall impact and improvement to flood risk in the community, in conjunction with 6 options for Council-led property modification and 6 options for emergency management improvements.

The assessment resulted in a shortlist of six mitigation options for Alexandra Canal, 13 mitigation options for Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek, and five property and emergency management measures for both studies.

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- Drainage Upgrade at Lennox Street (\$2.3 million)
- Drainage Upgrade at Gladstone Street (\$1.6 million)
- Data Coordination with NSW SES
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- Implementation of Flood Markers & Signage

The Alexandra Canal FRMSP reviews nine options and considers four options to have a high implementation priority including:

- Drainage Upgrade at Bay Street (\$1.1 million)
- Data Coordination with NSW SES
- Community Flood Awareness Strategies
- Implementation of Flood Markers & Signage

Of the non-capital options – i.e., Data Coordination, Community Flood Awareness, and Flood Markers, Council Engineers will continue to work with NSW SES to further develop and implement these strategies. Data Coordination takes place as part of the overall handover of materials following completion of a Flood Risk Management Study and provides NSW SES with flood depths, response times, isolated areas, and road cutoffs to inform their decision-making.

Beyond capital works upgrades, the reports also provide a review of current planning controls, and a review of Emergency Management information, including response times, isolated areas, and road cutoffs to inform their decision making and planning.

The outcomes of the exhibition for the draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and draft Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan report was tabled at the Flood Advisory Committee on 24 July 2024 who endorsed them being tabling to Council.

DISCUSSION

Community engagement is identified in the NSW Flood Risk Management Manual as an integral part of the flood risk management process as it raises awareness and can provide base information for further community flood awareness activities.

The draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and the Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan was placed on public exhibition for

a period of five weeks from the 4 June to 12 July 2024. The exhibition was coordinated through Council's Your Say Inner West community engagement page, with 2,445 letters of notification extended to the owners and residents of properties identified as Flood Affected Properties within the three catchments.

During the public exhibition period these community members, as well representatives from Council's local SES units, NSW State Government agencies and utilities, and interested parties were invited to review the study and plan, submit comments, and indicate the extent of their support for the study, plan and its outcomes. Community members were also able to provide comment on which options they support, which options they do not support, and any matters related to flood mitigations and management that had not been addressed in the study and plan.

Four community workshops were held during the public exhibition period to present the findings of the study and plan and sought input from the community. The workshops were held at Marrickville SES on 13 June and 20 June 2024 and at Marrickville Library, The Pavilion on 24 June and 2 July 2024. Draft documents and printed flood mitigation options maps were also displayed as part of the exhibition.

Public Exhibition Response Statistics

Across the public exhibition period there were 23 recorded responses across both Alexandra Canal FRMSP and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek FRMSP through one of four response methods:

- Phone calls to Council by 4 different respondents in relation to the public exhibition of the study.
- Your Say comment uploads (3 participants) and Your Say questionnaire responses (1 participant) by 4 total participants.
- Email responses submitted to Council by 4 respondents.
- 11 in-person attendees at the information sessions. These attendees consisted of 1 at the first session, 2 at the second, 7 at the third, and 1 at the fourth session.

Across all response methods, 1 comment (Your Say upload) related to Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan. All other responses were related to Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek catchment areas.

Although this represents a total of 23 engagements, it should be noted a number of households made several engagements for some households, most commonly residents attending in-person sessions often completed another form of response such as a Your Say written response or email.

With respect to Your Say outcomes from the public exhibition period, there were a total of 708 visits across both Alexandra Canal FRMSP and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan project pages. 459 of these visits were for Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, with 68 downloads, and 249 were for Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, with no downloads.

During the public exhibition period, Council provided stakeholders with the draft final Flood Risk Management Study and Plan report. As part of this engagement:

- One comment was received from Sydney Water regarding the number of overfloor flooded buildings reported. A clarifying response was provided to Council via an email, to be passed onto Sydney Water.

- Council's Strategic Planning team commented on the report. Clarifying responses were provided to Council via an email, and updates to the report were made where necessary.

Whites Creek and Johnston Creek – Summary of Comments from the Public

The most common concerns received across the various forms related to the following:

- Localised stormwater issues not within the scope of flood risk, i.e. maintenance or drainage issues to be addressed by means of temporary solutions prior to the implementation of mitigation options or otherwise captured under Council's capital works
- General enquiries either outside of the catchment subject areas or requesting information about the FRSMP and the proposed mitigation options.

Specifically relating to the flood risk management options, the following comments were received during public exhibition:

Resident Comments	Consultant Response
A concern was raised about flooding in the junction of Gladstone Street and Phillip Street in Enmore. The attendee communicated that the flooding was caused by insufficient drainage on King Street.	There is a valid flood risk concern to properties further downstream of this intersection, which are subject to low flood island effects. These properties have been assessed to benefit from Option JC13. However, at the intersection where the concern was raised, the observed H5 hazard category within a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) event is contained within the road corridor. It is also understood that the further upstream King Street is a TfNSW owned asset. Due to these factors affecting feasibility comparative to flood risk benefits, it is unlikely for further proposed solutions in this location to be scored favourably in terms of Cost Benefit Ratio (CBR) and Multi Criteria Assessment (MCA).
A concern was raised about flooding to a property on Salisbury Road, Camperdown near Church Street in the Johnstons Creek catchment.	There is a valid flood risk concern to these properties due to the trapped low point with H4-H5 hazard category of flooding within a 1% AEP event. No solution was proposed during option development due to high level feasibility issues resulting from the limited diameter of downstream pipes. It is noted that the subject pits are part of Council's capital works program, and that Council is currently progressing longer term feasibility assessments as part of a separate study. In the meantime, Council may implement an interim approach to mitigate flooding in the short-term including investigating the inlet capacity at that location.
A concern was raised about Salisbury Lane, Stanmore near the inlets to the Johnstons Creek stormwater channel. The attendee provided images showing flooding of the street, caused by the invert levels of the inlet pipes sitting	The subject location is mostly H2 hazard, with minor spots of H3-H4 within a 1% AEP event. The feedback provided by the attendee merits public safety concerns, and it is understood that Council will investigate inlet capacity or drainage upgrades in this area separate from the FRMSP and as part of their capital works.

above the existing street surface level.	
Two concerns were raised regarding flood risk classification, insurance premiums and property values in the Johnstons Creek catchment. The community members for these areas did not consider their property to be flood affected.	The Flood Study model has been reviewed as part of the Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, and the assumptions used were found to be generally reasonable in line with industry best practice and guidelines. It is noted that these types of concerns relate to the previous Flood Study process where flood affectation of properties was assessed, whereas the focus of the FRMS&P engagement was on the proposed flood risk management options. On Australia Street, there is a proposed JC20 drainage upgrade option directly benefiting the affected properties in this subject area, which are subject to H4 hazard category of flooding within a 1% AEP event.
A concern was raised regarding Corunna Street in the Whites Creek catchment. The attendee suggested the installation of raingardens additional to the proposed WC1 drainage upgrade option.	The option types (i.e. drainage upgrade, road regrading, detention basin, etc) were developed with consideration of feasibility, cost and likelihood of scoring favourably in terms of CBR and MCA. The introduction of a raingarden, though may slow flows and improve water quality treatment in higher frequency events, is not likely to cause reductions to flooding downstream in larger rare events such as the 1% AEP. Council may wish to consider the benefits of installing raingardens as part of a separate feasibility study or included within the capital works program.

Alexandra Canal – Summary of Comments from the Public

The concerns received across the various forms related to the following:

- Localised stormwater issues not within the scope of flood risk, i.e. maintenance or drainage issues to be addressed by means of temporary solutions prior to the implementation of mitigation options or otherwise captured under Council's capital works.
- General enquiries either outside of the catchment subject areas or requesting information about the FRSMF and the proposed mitigation options.
- The only response related to Alexandra Canal FRMSF via upload to Your Say, generally supporting the measures outlined in the report. The response highlights the 2017 Cooks River Flood Study and recommends an overall LGA wide list of prioritised projects for residents. Council is considering consolidation of a list of the flood risk management options across the LGA to present to FRMAC.

Outcome of Consultation

The consultation process was well received, with strong engagement achieved through the Your Say webpages, combined with moderate attendance at the information sessions and other modes of communication.

Overall, the submissions received were supportive of the two draft Studies and Plans. Where concerns were raised, the reports have been updated to summarise them, and provide an explanation of how they were answered or will be addressed, as above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan recommends four infrastructure upgrade projects at a total cost to Council of \$5 million.




The Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan recommends twelve infrastructure upgrade projects at a total of \$15 million.

Council spends approximately \$1.5 million on stormwater upgrades each year through its Capital Works program, funded by the Stormwater Services Levy. The Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans provide a mechanism to identify projects for further investigation and prioritise their inclusion in this program.

The Plans also provides a basis to apply for grant funding under ongoing and future State and Federal Flood Resilience programs.

Attachments 2 and 3 have been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Minutes of the Flood Management Advisory Committee - 24 July 2024
2.  Johnstons Creek & Whites Creek Flood Risk Management Study & Plan – Final - ***Published separately on Council's website***
3.  Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study & Plan – Final - ***Published separately on Council's website***



Minutes of the Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee Meeting 24 July 2024

Directorate Name	Infrastructure		
Date / Time	24 July 2024 - 2:00 PM		
Venue	Microsoft Teams		
Chairperson	Councillor Mat Howard		
Voting Attendees	Clr Mat Howard	Clr Marghanita Da Cruz	Tim Harnett (CR)
	Shad Wall (CR)	Michael Carney (SES)	
Non – Voting Technical Advisory Attendees	Ryann Midei (IWC)	David Paton (IWC)	James Ogg (IWC)
	Rafaah Georges (IWC)	Sadeq Zaman (DCCEEW)	Martin Griffin (Stantec)
	Alireza Pouya (Stantec)		
Observers	Klaus Neuscheler (SES)	Helen Slater (SES)	Robert Baker (SES)
	Cian Currie (SES)	Habba Rahimi (Stantec)	Jogo Jayanti (City of Sydney)
	Tiffanie Ong (IWC)	Adriana Fiorussi (IWC)	Christy Li (IWC)
	Alexander Bailey (SES)		
Apologies			

2. Acknowledgement Of Country – Clr Howard

I acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation and pay my respects to the elders past and present and I extend that respect and acknowledgement to any Aboriginal people who are here with us today.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 29 February 2024 Flood Management Advisory Committee

That the Minutes of the Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2023 be confirmed

The minutes were confirmed by Councillor Da Cruz and seconded by Councillor Howard.

5. Staff Reports

5.1- FMACC0724(1) Item 1 Outstanding Actions Register

SUMMARY

The following table provides the status of outstanding actions from previous Flood Management Advisory Committee meetings.

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Meeting	Item	Actions	Comments	Status
29/2/24	4.1	That the Flood Management Advisory Committee endorse the updated Terms of Reference subject to replacing Transport for NSW Roads with Transport for NSW.	The Terms of Reference were adopted by Council at its meeting on 9 April 2024	Completed
29/2/24	5.1	That the Flood Management Advisory Committee support the schedule of actions to be taken to facilitate flood education within Inner West Council.	Noted	No action required
29/2/24	5.2	That Council develop communications regarding flooding and relevant services in the local area including the SES that can be made available through customer service centres, libraries and be made available to local real estate or rental agencies for new residents to the local community	An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting	In Progress
29/2/24	5.3	That Council better support and promote the activities of the SES, including in our local newsletter.	An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting	In Progress
29/2/24	5.4	That in the development of the Flood Information Hub, Council work to make emergency information for accessible and visible, that Council investigates the reporting of local road closure information.	An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting	In Progress
29/2/24	5.5	That the proposed information sessions undertaken with the Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and Johnstons Creek Whites Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan be undertaken with SES Officers.	SES Officers participated in the four information sessions during the exhibition period.	Completed
29/2/24	5.6	That Council investigate the publication of evacuation routes among consideration of public signage.	An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting	In Progress
29/2/24	5.7	That Council engage directly with community groups on the foreshore impacted by flooding.	An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting	In Progress
29/2/24	7.1	That the Flood Management Advisory Committee endorse the public exhibition of the Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.	Council resolved to exhibit the Study and Plan at its meeting on 9 April 2024. Exhibition is now complete, with its outcomes being tabled at July committee meeting	Completed
29/2/24	7.2	That the Flood Management Advisory Committee endorse the public exhibition of the Johnstons Creek and Whites Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan	Council resolved to exhibit the Study and Plan at its meeting on 9 April 2024. Exhibition is now complete, with its outcomes being tabled at July committee meeting	Completed

INNER WEST

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Outstanding Actions Register be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

Council Officers advised that there were 10 actions that came from the previous meeting, one of which was just for noting therefore no further action was required. It was noted that items 4.1, 5.5, 7.1, and 7.2 have been completed and there are currently 5 remaining actions.

Council Officers advised that items 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, and 5.7 were currently in progress and that an update will be provided at the next Committee meeting. It was advised that the 'Outstanding Actions Register' will remain on the agenda as a reoccurring item so that Council can provide progress updates on outstanding items to the Committee.

Councillor Da Cruz and Councillor Howard questioned whether the invitation to the Footprints festival and other events had been sent to the Ashfield, Leichhardt, and Marrickville SES teams.

Robert Baker advised that he was unaware the Marrickville SES had received any invitations.

Councillor Howard requested that Council Officers send the event invitations to the Ashfield, Leichhardt, and Marrickville SES teams.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Outstanding Actions Register be received and noted.

For Motion: Unanimous

5.2 – FMACC0724(1) Item 2 Flood Mitigation and Upcoming Projects

SUMMARY

Council have adopted four Flood Risk Management Study and Plans to date, with an additional two to be reported to Council for adoption in September 2024. These Flood Risk Management Study and Plans outline proposed flood mitigation options across the Local Government Area in order of priority or in accordance with cost benefit throughout their relevant catchments.

Council have implemented a number of flood mitigation actions across the Local Government Area, including:

- A review of structural mitigation options identified in Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans
- A grant application for the Marrickville South Flood Study,
- Progressed grant funded flood mitigation designs at Lord Street Newtown and three other locations in Marrickville and Newtown,
- Responded to a significant flood event in April 2024, and
- CCTV inspections, cleaning and maintenance to stormwater assets.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

The Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note this report.



DISCUSSION

Council Officers advised that there are a total of 6 Flood Risk management studies; these include the Eastern Channel Subcatchment study, Marrickville Valley study, Leichhardt (whole former LGA area) study, Dobroyd Canal and Hawthorne Canal study, Alexandra Canal study, and the Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek study. It was noted that these 6 studies have come up with almost 100 projects altogether with a total estimated cost of \$350 million. Council Officers advised they are continuing to prioritise these projects and noted that the outcomes of the exhibition of the final Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan would be up for discussion and endorsement later in the agenda.

Council Officers noted in the report that the Marrickville South area is the last major area in the LGA in which we do not have a modern flood study. Council Officers advised they have applied for a grant with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water to undertake that study between this year and next year. It was noted Council are currently waiting on confirmation of that grant which usually comes in October.

Council Officers advised that there were 2 designs from the Eastern Channel Subcatchment study and 2 designs from the Marrickville Valley Flood Risk Management Study they were progressing. One of the designs is the Lord Street truck drainage duplication which arose from the Eastern Channel study. It was noted that the Metro works had provided an extension and duplication of the pipe to Bedwin Road and Council are currently doing the second half of the works from Bedwin Road to Lord Street so that options can be reviewed for a Lord Street extension in future years. Council Officers advised they were successful in a grant this year for the progression of 3 further designs; 2 from the Marrickville Valley Flood Risk Management Study and one which extends from the Eastern Channel Flood Risk Management plan to extend the pipeline on Edgware Road coming down to Alice Street to create additional capacity and drain the water from the street into the Sydney Water pipeline. The 2 designs from the Marrickville Valley Flood Risk Management study consist of proposed pipe inlet upgrades and pipe extensions to the existing networks to capture more flow in the upper catchments rather than having the water sit on the surface. It was noted that this grant was part of the Disaster Recovery Fund and that Council has 12 months to complete the design work. It was advised that moving forward the list of projects will be prioritised in conjunction with strategic planning whilst factoring potential issues to create a prioritised delivery plan of projects.

Councillor Da Cruz noted that there were comments from the Community regarding flooding in Weekley park and questioned if there were any works proposed for that area.

Council Officers advised that it was a very localised issue around the overflow of water that sits above a property however it was not at a level which gets captured by the flood risk management studies and plans as the issues were more localised and the cost benefit was contained to the area rather than across the catchment. Council Officers advised that they were progressing the designs into future financial year design programs to get the localised upgrades.

Councillor Howard queried what upgrades were planned for Malakoff Street, Marrickville.

Council Officers advised that there were plans to extend the existing trunk drainage line with small inlets going into the line with the proposed concept design being about extending the pipeline up and down the streets to get more catchments going into the large canal to prevent the canals from filling up and flooding.

Councillor Howard noted that residents have advised that Jarvie Lane near the bottom of Malakoff Street is also experiencing similar issues and questioned whether the proposed upgrades will assist with the issues in Jarvie Lane.

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Council Officers advised that the upgrades should assist with more frequent floods however with larger events there will still be some overflow. It was advised that the idea is to pick up the water at the higher points of the street so it is not running down that road and sitting at the local low points of the road.

Councillor Howard questioned whether the proposed works will also assist with the similar issues experienced in Northcote Street adjacent to Malakoff Street.

Council Officers advised that Northcote Street is experiencing similar issues to Malakoff Street whereby the water cannot get into the pipe so it is sitting on the road. It was noted that the proposed works should assist with alleviating the issues experienced in Northcote Street.

Robert Baker noted there reportedly may be a new Cooks River Flood Study and questioned if Council could provide some more details on that.

Council Officers advised that the Cooks River Flood Study will not be progressing this year. It was advised that the Department of Planning and the Councils that make up the Cooks River alliance were not able to progress a full catchment study this year. Council Officers noted that there is a Cooks River Rhine study that had been done 15 years ago that takes that whole Cooks River catchment and runs it as one catchment to see when the river is breaking its banks and rising from the banks. It was noted that Council's current flood studies look more into the overland flow catchments which looks at how the rain comes down and what happens locally. Council Officers advised there is a desire to update the old study with new rainfall data and new modelling techniques. It was advised that there has been some scoping studies that were done last year within the Cooks River Alliance to take into account what Councils have done, (i.e. what studies and overland studies in the local area have been done) to be able to build from those studies but there won't be progress on that this year. Council Officers noted that have been in discussion with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment, and Water and they also wish to see that study happen so currently it is about finding the right partner that Council can work with to complete the study.

Robert Baker questioned if the SES will be involved in that study.

Council Officers advised that it would be similar to the standard local flood studies where Council will seek to get feedback and input from the SES regarding where they were aware of the flood risks in the area and what issues need to be addressed.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note this report.

For Motion: Unanimous

5.3 FMACC0724(1) Item 3 Outcomes of the exhibition of the final Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan

SUMMARY

The draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and draft Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan was placed on public exhibition for five weeks from the 4 June to the 12 July 2024.



This report discusses the outcomes of the community engagement held for the Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and the Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and seeks the endorsement of both documents for adoption by Council.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Flood Management Advisory Committee note the outcomes of the exhibition of the final draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and endorse them to be tabled at Council.

DISCUSSION

Council Officers advised that Alireza Pouya, a representative of Stantec who led the engagement with Council Officer Rafaah Georges will provide a presentation for the Committee.

Alireza Pouya advised that we are currently at stage 7 of the project timeline, being the completion of the Flood Risk Management Study and Plan. It was noted that since the last the last Committee meeting, stage 6 (Public Exhibition of Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan) had been completed on 12 July 2024. It was noted that as part of stage 7 (Completion of Flood Risk Management Study and Plan), the final reports were submitted to Council last week.

Alireza Pouya advised that he would present the outcomes of the public exhibition, the comments received from the community, and how these were applied in the final Flood Risk Management Study and Plans (FRMS&P) reports. It was noted that the public exhibition period for both these studies were conducted from 4 June to 12 July 2024 (total period of 5 weeks). During this period the following materials were made available to the community;

- An updated Your Say page was posted for the project, with links to the Draft Final FRMS&P reports including appendices, background information for the study, frequently asked questions, an interactive map showing 1% AEP flood extents and sub-catchment boundaries, a study timeline, details of in-person sessions and a feedback submission section for any comments,
- Notification letters were mailed to all owners and occupants of flood-affected properties in the study area (including the 1 in 100 Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood extent and the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) extent), which involved an extensive mailout (318 letters mailed out to Alexandra Canal catchment residents/owners and 2,127 letters mailed out to Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek catchment residents/owners. The letter also notified of the draft report completion and provided a link to the Your Say page for further information and details of the 4 in-person sessions.

Alireza Pouya advised there were 4 in-person information sessions hosted by Council with the attendance of Stantec flood engineers and Council representatives. It was advised that public exhibition materials remained on display for SES representatives and volunteers in between the 2 in-person information sessions held at Marrickville SES (from 13 to 20 June 2024).

Alireza Pouya noted that the Your Say platform received a total of 708 visits across both the Alexandra Canal FRMS&P and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek FRMS&P project pages with 249 visits for the Alexandra Canal FRMS&P and 459 visits for the Whites Creek and Johnstons Creeks FRMS&P. It was noted that across the public exhibition period, there were 23 recorded responses across both studies through one of the following methods: via phone calls to Council, Your Say comment uploads and questionnaire responses, email responses, or comments made at the in-person sessions held. It was noted that 23 responses translate to a response rate of 1% compared to the 2,445 total mailouts but this is consistent with the response rate received during the initial consultation period for these study areas. It was noted that out of all recorded

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responses 1 comment related to the Alexandra Canal FRMS&P whilst the remaining comments were related to the Whites Creek and Johnston Creek catchment areas.

Alireza Pouya advised that Council had provided stakeholder with the draft final FRMSP report and as part of this engagement received 2 comments. One comment came from Sydney Water regarding the number of overfloor flooded buildings reported. A clarifying response was provided to Council via an email, to be passed onto Sydney Water. The other comment came from Council's Strategic Planning team; clarifying responses were provided to Council via email and minor updates to the report were made where necessary, in particular 2 figures and some minor changes to the text.

Alireza Pouya noted that the most common concerns received across the various related to the following:

Not relating to the Flood Risk Management options:

- Localised stormwater issues (not within scope of flood risk), ie. Maintenance or drainage issues. To be addressed by means of temporary solutions prior to the implementation of mitigation options or otherwise to be captured under Council's Capital Works.
- General inquiries requesting information about the FRSM&P and clarifications on the proposed mitigation options.
- Recommendations that an overall LGA-wide list of prioritised projects for residents. It is noted that Council is considering consolidating a list of the flood risk management options across the LGA.

Relating to the Flood Risk Management options:

- 5 concerns were raised regarding the flooding (1 within Whites Creek catchment and 4 withing Johnstons Creek catchments)
- Options had been investigated either through preliminary optioneering or detailed option assessment stage at the location mentioned, or
- Council is currently progressing longer term feasibility assessments as part of a separate study, or Council is investigating the issues as part of their capital works program when stormwater or maintenance issues arise (separate from the FRMS&P).

Alireza Pouya advised that upon the public exhibition outcomes and discussion with Council, the following changes to the Draft Final FRMS&P report were made; Sub-heading 4.6 was drafted and added to the report. This subheading articulates public exhibition response outcomes and provides a summary of public comments and some minor updates to the report were made as necessary, like tense of verbs or conclusions and next steps. Alireza Pouya noted that no major changes to the analysis or reporting were required in response to any comments from stakeholder agencies or the community and no changes were made to options proposed or option scoring as a result of community comments. It was also noted that a PDF version of the final FRMS&P report and a Word version with track changes on was shared with Council in an email link last week leading to this meeting.

Tim Harnett questioned if there were any changes to the report following the feedback from the community,

Council Officers advised that the only difference between the report that was provided in the last meeting and the report provided in this meeting was the addition of sub-heading 4.6 which articulates public exhibition response outcomes and provides a summary of public comments. It was advised that other than the addition of the public exhibition comments, the only other changes were minor wording changes, but these did not change the analysis of options provided in the report.



COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Flood Management Advisory Committee note the outcomes of the exhibition of the final draft Alexandra Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and Whites Creek and Johnstons Creek Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and endorse them to be tabled at Council.

For Motion: Unanimous

6. General Business

Update from SES Representative

Michael Carney advised that the SES are currently reviewing the flood plans that are in place. It was noted that there was a bit of flooding in the month of April and the SES have been monitoring those areas.

Councillor Howard asked if there was anything Council could do to be of assistance.

Michael Carney advised that Council has been helpful and have been able to provide assistance in a timely manner and noted that it would be helpful if Council could assist with providing road closure information online in the future.

Meeting Closed 2.45pm– Cllr Howard

Item No: C1024(2) Item 10
Subject: SUMMER HILL - LEWISHAM SUBURB REALIGNMENT AFFECTING 2 MALTHOUSE WAY
Prepared By: Darren Morris - Chief Information Officer
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the change to the suburb boundary of Summer Hill – Lewisham adjacent to 2 Malthouse Way and submit a formal proposal to the Geographic Names Board.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the results of a community engagement survey conducted between 2 May 2024 and 2 June 2024 regarding a proposal to re-align the Summer Hill - Lewisham suburb boundary: adjacent to 2 Malthouse Way Lewisham.

The proposal aims to:

- Correct the suburb boundary currently affecting 2 Malthouse Way, Lewisham which will be changed to 2 Malthouse Way, Summer Hill
- Provide consistent addressing for the complex known as the Flour Mill
- Improve accessibility and response for Emergency Services and Utilities
- Improve the reliability of mail.

The proposal aligns with the current NSW Addressing Policy.

Responses from the community engagement survey indicate public support in favour of the proposal.

To proceed with submission to the Geographic Names Board (GNB), who is the authority in this matter, this report will recommend Council endorse the proposal to re-align the Summer Hill – Lewisham Suburb Boundary.

BACKGROUND

This matter was previously raised in the form of a Briefing Note to Councillors in April 2024.

Council previously received a request from the Owners Corporation (Strata Committee) of 2 Flour Mill Way, Lewisham to change the suburb for all properties in the building from Lewisham to Summer Hill as this would address issues relating to:

- Accessibility and reliability for Emergency Services and Utilities
- Lost or undeliverable mail
- Address inconsistency amongst buildings within the Flour Mill complex.

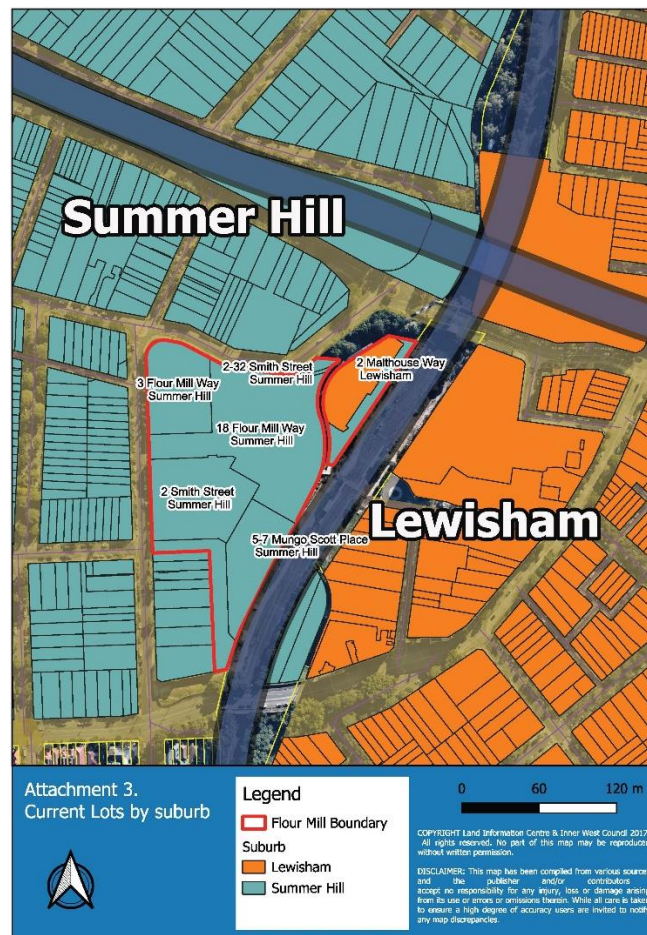
The current boundary between Summer Hill and Lewisham suburbs follows the Hawthorne Canal. Since the opening of the Inner West Light Rail Extension in 2014, the canal is no longer suitable as a suburb divider and needs to be replaced by the more visible Light Rail Corridor. Realigning the suburb boundary to a more prominent geographical feature is in line with the NSW Addressing Policy.



Current suburb boundary



Proposed suburb boundary



Summer Hill/Dulwich Hill Suburb distribution in Flour Mill Development

DISCUSSION

Following a request from the owner's corporation of 2 Malthouse Way, Lewisham, Councils Geographic Information System (GIS) team reviewed the request and determined the appropriate remediation was to re-align the Summer Hill – Lewisham suburb boundary which requires a determination from the Geographical Names Board (GNB) who is the authority in these matters.

The GNB requires Local Councils to undertake preliminary engagement with the community and seek council endorsement before formal submissions to the GNB.

Between 2 May 2024 – 2 June 2024, owners and residents from 2 Malthouse Way, Lewisham were invited to provide feedback on a proposal to re-align the suburb boundary and therefore change their address from Lewisham to Summer Hill.

Consultation was undertaken by sending 98 letters to affected owners and residents seeking feedback through an online survey.

During the engagement period, 4 people visited the 'Your Say' project page, 35 people completed the online survey and 7 people emailed their feedback. 100% of respondents supported the proposal.

Once Council endorses the suburb boundary change, the GIS team will formally lodge the proposal with the GNB. Once GNB has reviewed and formally approved the change will be published in the NSW Government Gazette, where the change will be made public.

Council will inform all owners affected and make any required changes to Council systems including rates information and maps.



Council will also notify Australia Post, Emergency Services, Utility and Telecommunication Services, the Australia Electoral Commission and the Valuer General's Office NSW.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

Attachment 1 has been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>






ATTACHMENTS

1.  Engagement Outcomes Report - 2 Malthouse Way - **Published separately on Council's website**
2.  Geographic Names Board - Address Locality Naming



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An address locality is a named geographical area with defined boundaries which represents a community or area of interest, and may be rural or urban in character (where urban it is usually defined as a 'suburb'). Address localities enable addresses to be uniquely identified.

The Geographical Names Board manages address locality names and boundaries for NSW. To achieve comprehensive addressing objectives it is vital that address locality names and boundaries are clear and unambiguous.

Proposals to amend address locality boundaries or names must be lodged by the relevant [local government council](#) or have endorsement from the relevant local government council.

Section 6.8 of the [NSW Address Policy and User Manual](#) provides policy and guidelines related to Address Locality Naming and Boundaries.

Local Government councils can lodge Address Locality Naming and Boundary proposals via the NSW Place and Road Naming Proposal System.

NSW Place and Road Naming
Proposal System

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and User Manual

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Item No: C1024(2) Item 11
Subject: AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Prepared By: Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024 and 10 October 2024 (Special Meeting).
2. That Council adopt the draft Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Strategic Work Plan, which has been reviewed and approved by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
3. That Council endorse the draft Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Annual Work Plan, which has been reviewed and approved by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Terms of Reference, copies of the minutes of ARIC are to be provided to the Council. The confirmed minutes of the ARIC meeting held on 17 September and 10 October 2024 are attached.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) November 2023 Guidelines on Internal Audit and Risk Management (Guidelines), which are in force from 1 July 2024, require that the Strategic Work Plan be "adopted by the governing body of the council at the start of the council term". The draft Strategic Work Plan also includes a draft Annual Work Plan, which will guide ARIC's work over the forward year, as required by the Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

The ARIC is established in accordance with section 428A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act). The objective of Council's ARIC is to provide independent assurance to Council by monitoring, reviewing and providing advice about the Council's governance processes, compliance, risk management and control frameworks, external accountability obligations and overall performance.

The Office of Local Government issued the Guidelines in December 2023. In July 2024, amendments came into force which substantively amended the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (Regulations). Together, the Guidelines and amendments to the Regulations introduced significant new requirements in respect of audit, risk management and related matters. One of the new requirements is that a Council's audit, risk and improvement committee must develop a strategic work plan every four years to ensure that all the matters listed in section 428A of the Act are reviewed by the committee and considered by the internal

audit function. The Strategic Work Plan must be adopted by the governing body of the council at the start of the council term. The adoption by the governing body of the ARIC Strategic Work Plan will be reflected in the annual attestation that Council's General Manager is required to complete, in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (Regulations).

A council's audit, risk and improvement committee must also develop an annual work plan to guide its work over the forward year.

DISCUSSION

ARIC Minutes

In accordance with the ARIC Terms of Reference, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2024 and 10 October 2024 (Special Meeting) were approved Out of Session.

Strategic Work Plan and Annual Work Plan

The draft Strategic Work Plan is a best practice document designed to align with the Guidelines and ARIC's Terms of Reference. It includes a new draft Annual Work Plan.

The draft Strategic Work Plan and Annual Work Plan, address the following factors required by the Guidelines:

- Council's five strategic directions, as tabled in regular Integrated Planning and Reporting reports provided to ARIC.
- risks facing Council, as tabled in quarterly reports provided to ARIC.
- the work of other review activities or functions (for example, external and performance audits, and reviews or audits by other government agencies), including service reviews, internal audit reports, and Internal Ombudsman/integrity agency reports tabled to ARIC.
- an assurance map of Council's assurance activities which may assist to determine areas of focus for ARIC and Council's internal audit function, including the approved Internal Audit Charter, Internal Audit Universe, and the Internal Audit Forward Plan.
- stakeholder expectations, including the need for reporting to be provided to ARIC and Council to provide assurance in relation to regulatory compliance.

The Guidelines provide that ARIC may vary the adopted Strategic Work Plan at any time to address new or emerging risks, in consultation with the Council. Council may, also, by resolution, request the Committee to approve a variation to the Strategic Work Plan.

At its meeting on 17 September 2024 ARIC considered and approved the draft Strategic Work Plan and its referral to Council for adoption at the start of the Council term.

The Regulations require Council's General Manager to publish an attestation statement in Council's Annual Report, indicating whether during the preceding financial year, Council's ARIC, risk management framework, and internal audit function complied with the requirements in the Regulations. The first annual attestation must appear in Council's 2024-2025 Annual Report. The final matters in the attestation statement which are required to be met at the start of the new Council term are Council's adoption of the Strategic Work Plan and noting of the Annual Work Plan. If so adopted and noted, Council will include this in the attestation statement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Download](#) Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes 17 September 2024
2. [Download](#) Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes 10 October 2024 (Special Meeting - Financial Statements)
3. [Download](#) Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - draft Strategic Work Plan and Annual Work Plan

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting commenced at 2:45 PM

Prior to the meeting the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC or Committee) met in-camera online, where it considered and discussed the draft financial statements circulated to members on 4 September 2024.

PRESENT

Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members	
Independent Member - Chair	Ilona Meyer
Independent Member	Mark Sercombe
Independent Member	Emily Hodgson
Other attendees	
General Manager	Peter Gainsford
Acting Director Corporate	Beau-Jane De Costa
Director Planning	Simone Plummer
Acting Director Community	Michael Daly
Director Infrastructure	Ryann Midei
Senior Manager Capital Works	Stuart Hull
Chief Financial Officer	Chris Sleiman
Financial Reporting and Control Manager	Sajjad Ali
Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager	Prue Foreman
Senior Manager Capital Works	Stuart Hull
Manager Strategic Investments and Property	Scott Mullen
Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk	Julian Sakarai
Risk, WHS and Audit Manager	Justin Lucas
Risk Management and Audit Officer – Minute taker	Ngaire Meekan
Governance Manager	Patricia Clive
Director, Financial Audit, NSW Audit Office	Manuel Moncada
Audit Leader for IWC, NSW Audit Office	Chariee Bultitude
KPMG	Aisling Kilgannon
KPMG	Adriana Marques
Internal Ombudsman	Elizabeth Renneberg
Observer	Nil

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair, Ilona Meyer, acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting took place and paid her respects to elders past, present and emerging.

The Chair welcomed Committee members and attendees to the meeting.

The Chair noted recent Council meeting appointments:

- Ilona Meyer as the Chair of the Inner West Council ARIC
- Cllr Philippa Scott as a non-voting Councillor member to the ARIC, for the remaining ARIC meetings in the term of Council (prior to September 2024 election).
- Two independent ARIC members, Emily Hodgson and Heather Smith, for the remainder of the meetings for the 2024 calendar year.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies from Heather Smith (Independent member) and Ruth Callaghan, Director Community.

Members noted that there was no Councillor member on the ARIC at today's meeting, as the Council term has concluded and all Councillor positions are vacant. A new Councillor ARIC member will be appointed shortly after the commencement of the new Council term.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

The Committee Members confirmed there were no changes to their disclosures of interests. The new independent member Emily Hodgson noted she had yet to complete the onboarding disclosures.

All members confirmed they had no conflicts of interest in relation to any matter before the ARIC.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION

That the ARIC note the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on Wednesday, 29 May 2024 were adopted by the ARIC out of session on 17 June 2024 and by Council at the meeting held on 25 June 2024. Accordingly, they will be signed by the Acting Chair, per the Terms of Reference for the Committee

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Ilona Meyer
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 1 ARIC Recommendations (Action Items) and 2024 Forward Agenda

DISCUSSION

Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk, Julian Sakarai provided an update on the outstanding ARIC Action Items and confirmed for the Committee the dates for certain reports to be made. The discussion confirmed the timing for regular updates on Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Operation Hector Action items and a matter pending a response from the Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) NSW. Members noted the new format for the 2024 Forward Agenda in Item 16 ARIC and OLG Guideline Requirements.

The Committee noted that since the last ARIC meeting held on 29 May 2024, members received the following documents out of session:

- Audit Office provided Auditor-General's Reports to Parliament
- Draft IWC ARIC Strategic Work Plan and Annual Plan
- Draft IWC Financial Statements FY 2024.



Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting

17 September 2024

The Committee noted that at the in-camera meeting held 17 September 2024, the Committee considered and discussed the draft financial statements with the Chief Financial Officer, Director Corporate, the General Manager and the Director, Financial Audit and the Audit Leader for IWC, NSW Audit Office.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the Report.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 2 General Manager Verbal Update

DISCUSSION

The General Manager welcomed back our ARIC members Emily and Heather and provided an update to the Committee on some of the activities of Council over the past two years.

The General Manager discussed key activities to deliver improvements in customer service including the digital experience platform project and the Project Management Software rollout.

The General Manager discussed service reviews and the adoption of the service excellence framework. Within the Infrastructure directorate, he noted the Resource Recovery's Food Organics and Garden Organics roll out is now running more smoothly, and that Council's significant capital works project, the Greenway, is due for completion in May 2025 and has secured additional funding. He noted newer major capital works programs including the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre upgrade and the Leichhardt Oval redevelopment, which recently secured \$30 million in State and Federal Government funding.

The General Manager then discussed other projects including Council's commitment to deliver five inclusive playgrounds, one in each ward, with the first being delivered at King George Park in Rozelle. He advised that the Planning Directorate are reviewing the new Transport Oriented Development planning controls, which will increase density around train lines and will factor into the development of a future Masterplan.

The General Manager noted that the outcome of the Local Government election was not yet finalised, and that Council has prepared a program of induction for the incoming Councillors. The General Manager discussed work undertaken on the End of Term Report, Community Strategic Plan, community perception survey and citizen jury outcomes, which will inform the new Councillors and assist in considering the priorities for the Council term.

The Committee discussed the significant changes introduced by the Office of Local Government in relation to the Committee's operations, reporting to and from it, and the changes to the Councillor member role on the Committee.

The Committee discussed the nature, structure, role and responsibilities of different Council committees and their role in ensuring effective governance of Council projects and functions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the verbal update.

Moved: Emily Hodgson
Seconded: Mark Sercombe
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 3 Engineering Services and Asset Management - Service Review

DISCUSSION

The Director Infrastructure provided an overview of the review of engineering services and asset management undertaken by Morrison Lowe. He advised that a number of recommendations are being implemented, which will make adjustments in relation to the Asset Steering Committee, the reporting lines for some teams and the road access application process.

The Committee noted the areas of improvement identified in the report, which include structural changes and service delivery improvement actions. The Committee noted the very significant program of work undertaken in relation to the review of asset valuations by Council.

The Committee considered the report in light of its responsibility under the OLG Guidelines to advise on the systems in place to set objectives and goals, and assess reporting and monitoring mechanisms.

The Committee discussed and provided feedback in relation to the prioritisation of recommendations and the support provided for change management and communication planning, to ensure the Council can improve its service delivery and performance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 4 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service Update

DISCUSSION

The Internal Ombudsman referred to the paper, including a Customer Service Review being undertaken by the Ombudsman, and it was taken as read. The Committee discussed trends in complaints, differentiation between Ombudsman handled Complaints and Council's Complaints Coordinator and regulator reporting.

The Committee raised a specific question about a matter noted in the report and the Internal Ombudsman confirmed that, in its view, Council has handled the matter appropriately and in accordance with regulations.

The Internal Ombudsman Shared Service Annual Report is due to be reported at the November meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Emily Hodgson
Seconded: Mark Sercombe
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 5 KPMG - Internal Audit Status Update

DISCUSSION

The KPMG Internal Audit Partner referred to the paper and it was taken as read.

The Committee discussed information required for the Fraud & Corruption Control Internal Audit, information required to assess Council's progress in implementing ICAC Operation Hector actions, and future reporting to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 6 Audit Office of NSW Verbal Update

DISCUSSION

Director Financial Audit, Audit Office provided the committee with an update on the progress of the audit of the financial statements, areas of primary focus and testing, and the associated timelines for providing clearance and the closing report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the verbal update.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

The Chair changed the order of business, such that the next Agenda items are as follows:

- Item 15 Safety and Wellbeing update for the year ending 30 June 2024
- Item 14 Governance, Risk, Compliance and Audit
- Item 16 ARIC and OLG Guideline Requirements

RIS0924 Item 15 Safety and Wellbeing update for the year ending 30 June 2024

DISCUSSION

The Senior Manager Governance and Risk referred to the paper and it was taken as read. The Committee noted improvements in incident reporting, regulator requirements, the wellbeing strategy, and programs and training employed by Council for the management of psychosocial risks. The Committee discussed strategies for managing work health and safety risks affecting service areas.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 14 Governance, Risk, Compliance and Audit

DISCUSSION

The Senior Manager Governance and Risk referred to the paper and it was taken as read and provided an overview of key items in the paper.

The Committee noted the progress of framework implementation, planned projects, resourcing and delivery of the ethics and compliance e-learning suite. The Committee discussed the strategic risk register, mitigating controls and Council's commercial insurance policies and portfolio report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 16 ARIC and OLG Guideline Requirements

DISCUSSION

The Senior Manager Governance and Risk referred to the paper and it was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the Strategic Work plan, key performance measures and progress tracking. The Committee considered how the Strategic Work Plan supports the Committee to meet new ARIC regulatory requirements and OLG Guidelines obligations, and provided feedback in relation to changes that could be made to the next version of the Strategic Work Plan. The Senior Manager Governance and Risk confirmed compliance with obligations in relation to ARIC independent member appointments.

The Committee noted references in the checklist for the attestation statement to a formerly scheduled ARIC meeting on 21 August 2024 should refer to the meeting held on 17 September 2024 and confirmed corrections should be made to this attachment.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee approve the draft Strategic Work Plan and refer it to Council for endorsement at the start of the new Council term.
2. That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee approve the draft Annual Work Plan and refer it to Council for comment and noting at the start of the new Council term.
3. That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the checklist for the attestation statement required by the Regulation and Guidelines.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

The Committee returned to the order of business, with Agenda item 7.

RIS0924 Item 7 Integrated Planning and Reporting update

DISCUSSION

The Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager referred to the paper and it was taken as read. The Committee noted the key documents prepared for the end of current year and Council term and the Integrated Planning and Reporting self-assessment against the Local Government Maturity Framework.

The Committee discussed the use of a range social media tools to support community engagement, improvements in quarterly measures, and sources of consistent local government data for the development of the new Operational Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 8 Quarterly Major Projects Report

DISCUSSION

The Senior Manager Capital Works and Director Infrastructure referred to the paper and it was taken as read.

The Committee considered the capital projects and upgrade costs and their treatment in financial statements for current for future years. The Committee discussed the process to embed project learnings into the planning for future projects and noted continuous improvement is inbuilt into the project management framework and new project management system.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Mark Sercombe
Seconded: Emily Hodgson
Carried

RIS0924 Item 9 Investment Report as at July 2024

DISCUSSION

The Chief Financial Officer referred to the paper and it was taken as read. The Committee discussed Council's environmental investment commitments and measures to ensure compliance with those commitments and restrictions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Emily Hodgson
Seconded: Mark Sercombe
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 10 Delivery Program 2022-26 (Year 3), Operational Plan and Budget 2024/25, Long Term Financial Plan 2024-34

DISCUSSION

The Chief Financial Officer referred to the paper and it was taken as read. The Committee discussed matters including changes to the Rate-Peg resulting from NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal decisions and implications for the Long Term Financial Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the adopted documents.

Moved: Emily Hodgson
Seconded: Mark Sercombe
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 11 Planning for Financial Statements for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2024

DISCUSSION

The Chief Financial Officer referred to the paper and it was taken as read. The Committee discussed whether there is any foreseeable requirement for climate reporting by local government. The Committee discussed notes to the accounts and matters relevant to budgeting for leasing activities. The Committee noted they had discussed infrastructure

assets at the in-camera meeting (in which, as noted at Item 1, the Committee reviewed the draft Financial Statements).

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Emily Hodgson
Seconded: Mark Sercombe
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 12 Asset Revaluations for the financial year Ending 30 June 2024

DISCUSSION

The Chief Financial Officer referred to the paper and it was taken as read. The Committee noted that all assets have now been revalued. The Committee discussed Council's valuation approach to land under roads and inquired into the treatment of certain assets omitted from the asset register which the Chief Financial Officer confirmed were neither significant nor material as defined in relevant financial reporting thresholds.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Emily Hodgson
Seconded: Mark Sercombe
Carried.

RIS0924 Item 13 Quarterly Investment Properties Update

DISCUSSION

The Manager Strategic Investment Property referred to the paper and it was taken as read.

The Committee discussed Council's strategies for managing leasing movements and associated revenue and expense management including its forward planning for lease management. The Committee identified a calculation error in an analytical paper which does not impact financial statements and will be corrected.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Emily Hodgson
Seconded: Mark Sercombe
Carried.

Meeting closed at 5:02 pm .

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on 10 October 2024 via Microsoft Teams

Meeting commenced at 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members	
Independent Member – Chair	Ilona Meyer
Independent Member	Emily Hodgson
Independent Member	Heather Smith
Independent Member	Mark Sercombe
Other attendees	
Councillor (Observer)	Clr Philippa Scott
General Manager	Peter Gainsford
Acting Director Corporate	Beau-Jane de Costa
Director Planning	Simone Plummer
Director Infrastructure	Ryann Midei
Director Community	Ruth Callaghan
Chief Financial Officer	Chris Sleiman
Financial Reporting and Control Manager	Sajjad Ali
Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk	Julian Sakarai
Governance Manager	Patricia Clive
Risk WHS and Audit Manager	Justin Lucas
Risk Management and Audit Officer (minute taker)	Ngaire Meekan
Director, Financial Audit, NSW Audit Office	Manuel Moncada
Audit Leader for IWC, NSW Audit Office	Chariee Bultitude

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair, Ilona Meyer, acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting took place and paid her respects to elders past and present.

The Chair welcomed Committee members and attendees to the meeting. Attendees online introduced themselves to the Committee.

The Chair noted that the focus was on the review and endorsement of the Draft Annual Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2024.

APOLOGIES

Not applicable.



Extraordinary Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting

10 October 2024

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Independent Member Mark Sercombe notified the Committee that he is the preferred candidate for a Commonwealth Government agency Audit and Risk Committee and will notify the Committee if appointed. He confirmed he had no conflicts.

The other ARIC Members confirmed there were no changes to their disclosures of interests. All members confirmed they had no conflicts in relation to any matter before the ARIC.

RIS1024(1) Item 1 General Manager Verbal Update

DISCUSSION

The General Manager noted that the immediate focus for Council is undertaking the induction program for new Councillors. He advised that the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections had been held on Tuesday 8 October 2024, and that Councillor Darcy Byrne has been elected as Mayor and Councillor Mat Howard as Deputy Mayor. The General Manager discussed the continuing work on major capital projects, including the Greenway, the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre upgrade, and the Leichhardt Oval redevelopment. The General Manager noted that from a financial perspective, Council is now focussed on developing the budget for the next financial period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the verbal update.

Mover: Emily Hodgson
Seconder: Heather Smith
Carried

RIS1024(1) Item 2 Draft 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements

DISCUSSION

The Chief Financial Officer referred to the paper and it was taken as read.

The Chief Financial Officer discussed the process undertaken this year to produce the draft financial statements, and the audit process. The Chief Financial Officer and the Financial Reporting and Control Manager addressed the following:

- the operating results
- cash flow and restricted cash asset levels
- revaluations and the expert advice received from financial advisors and engineers
- specific questions, corrections and comments from members of the ARIC.

The Director, Financial Audit, NSW Audit Office provided a report on the conduct of the audit and noted matters which appear in the Closing Report.

The NSW Audit Office representatives stated they received suitable access as needed to Council's financial records and personnel.

The Committee discussed its:

- function under section 428A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to keep under

review certain aspects of Council's operations, including Council's financial management; and

- role, as specified under the Financial Management Framework section of page 80 of the Guidelines on Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW issued by the Office of Local Government (Guidelines) to advise the General Manager and governing body of the Council about Council's external accountability and financial reporting framework, financial management framework, financial position and performance, and grant and tied funding policies and procedures.

The Chief Financial Officer:

- provided the Committee with information about Council's external accountability and financial reporting framework, financial management framework, financial position and performance, and grant and tied funding policies and procedures; and
- provided assurance to the Committee that it has been provided with information and that Council has appropriate processes in place to ensure the Committee discharges its role in relation to each of the matters specified under the Financial Management Framework section of page 80 of the Guidelines, encompassing the external accountability and financial reporting framework, the financial management framework, financial position and performance and grants and tied funding policies and procedures.

The ARIC Members acknowledged the effort of Council's staff and the NSW Audit Office to deliver the audited draft Financial Statements and to receive an unqualified opinion.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee endorse:

- **General Purpose Financial Statements (GPFS) for the year ended 30 June 2024,**
- **Permissible income for general rates for the financial year 2024/25,**
- **Report on Infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024 (unaudited).**

The Committee noted that its endorsement has been provided without consideration of the NSW Audit Office Management Letter, which will be issued by the NSW Audit Office at a later date.

Mover: Mark Sercombe
Seconder: Emily Hodgson

Carried.

Manuel Moncada left the meeting at 6.33 pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no further General Business discussion.

Meeting closed at 6.46 pm.



Inner West Council
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC)

Strategic Workplan

Financial Years 2024-25 to 2028-29

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1. Introduction

Inner West Council (Council) has established an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC or Committee) in compliance with section 428A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) and the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for risk management and internal audit for local government in NSW (Guidelines).

2. Background

The objective of Council's ARIC is to provide independent assurance to Council by monitoring, reviewing and providing advice about Council's governance processes, compliance, risk management and control frameworks, external accountability obligations and overall performance.

3. Purpose

The strategic workplan has been developed to ensure the Committee meets its legislative obligations under section 428A of the Act. The strategic and annual workplans are subject to change and are amended as required to respond to emerging areas of concern to the Committee.

4. Responsibilities

ARIC plays a key role assisting Council to fulfil its corporate governance and oversight responsibilities by reviewing and providing independent advice to Council regarding the following aspects of Council's operations as required under section 428A of the Act:

- compliance,
- risk management,
- fraud control,
- financial management,
- governance,
- implementation of the strategic plan, delivery program and strategies,
- service reviews,
- collection of performance measurement data by Council, and
- internal audit.

5. Meetings

The Committee meets at least four (4) times per year with one (1) additional special meeting to review the Council's draft financial statements. Meetings are scheduled to ensure the Committee can adequately address its responsibilities.

6. Strategic Workplan approach

The Strategic Workplan sets out a rolling four-year program to ensure coverage of the Committee's responsibilities, via the Meeting Planner (section 7), which distinguishes:

- Standard agenda items – Items that are examined at each (or most) meetings.
- Special agenda items – Items that are scheduled regularly over a year and examined once per year (minimum).
- Special meeting – Items for review for the end of year financial statements.
- Annual reporting requirements – Items required under the Committee Charter.
- End of Council term agenda items – Items required under the Committee Charter.

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Standard Agenda Items – All Meetings		
Welcome and Administrative Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledgement of Country Apologies and leave of absence Disclosures of interest / Designated Persons Interest Returns Roll call Confirmation of minutes 	Typical content – GRCA Report <p><i>Governance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policies for review (as required) or noting Governance update Emerging matters <p><i>Fraud and Corruption Control</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report on implementation <p><i>GIPA and Privacy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Performance Metrics ICT / data breach reports <p><i>Risk</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress Report on implementation (Risk, Business Continuity Plan, Incident Management) Strategic Risk report Risks above appetite and strategies to address Emerging risks WHS statistics (our people and public safety) Insurance (claims insights and claim portfolio status) 	Typical content – GRCA Report (cont.) <p><i>Compliance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report on implementation Compliance Register – obligations above appetite and strategies to address <p><i>Internal Audit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any material matters not covered in internal audit service provider update Internal Audit Action progress report Internal Audit closed actions External Audit Action progress report IOSS recommendation progress report <p><i>Prior to each scheduled ARIC meeting ARIC members hold an in-camera meeting</i></p>
Standing Reports and ARIC Administration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ARIC Recommendations and Report Calendar (Annual Workplan) General Manager Verbal Update IOSS Shared Service Update Internal Audit Service Provider Update (including report against IA Forward Calendar and Finalised Audit Reports) NSW Audit Office Update Major Projects Update Integrated Planning and Reporting (Delivery and Operational Plan) including drafts and post-exhibition update Investment Report (as at preceding period) Quarterly Budget Review Statement (ongoing Financial Reporting) Investment Property Reporting Governance, Risk Management, Compliance and Audit (GRCA) Report General Business Next meeting 		



Special Meeting (October) – Draft Financial Statements		
Agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and apologies Acknowledgement of Country Confirmation of minutes Disclosure of interests 		Finance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Financial Statements Audit Office of NSW – Engagement Closing Report (if available)
Annual Reports	End of Council Term Reports – Strategic Assessments	
Audit and Risk Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report to Council (against s.428A of LGA) Progress against KPIs General Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Plan Annual attestations* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Risk and Improvement committee Risk Management Internal Audit 	Audit and Risk Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic self-assessment of effectiveness of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> risk management framework internal audit function Committee performance (against s.428A of LGA). 	Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent strategic assessments of the effectiveness of the ARIC in conformance with the International Professional Practice Framework.
* From 2024–2025 Annual Report		



8. Annual Workplan

The Annual Workplan aligns to Schedule 1 of the ARIC TOR to ensure the Committee meets its responsibilities under legislation:

ARIC Responsibility	Activity	When	Meetings				
			Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
Audit – Internal Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide overall strategic oversight of internal audit activities Act as a forum for communication between the governing body, General Manager, senior management, the internal audit function and external audit Coordinate, as far as is practicable, the work programs of internal audit and other assurance and review functions Review and advise the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on whether the Council is providing the resources necessary to successfully deliver the internal audit function if the Council is complying with internal audit requirements, including conformance with the International Professional Practices Framework if the Council's internal audit charter is appropriate and whether the internal audit policies and procedures and audit/risk methodologies used by the Council are suitable of the strategic four-year work plan and annual work plan of internal audits to be undertaken by the Council's internal audit function if the Council's internal audit activities are effective, including the performance of the internal audit coordinator and the internal audit function of the findings and recommendations of internal audits conducted, and corrective actions needed to address issues raised of the implementation by the Council of these corrective actions on the appointment of the internal audit coordinator and external providers, and if the internal audit function is structured appropriately and has sufficient skills and expertise to meet its responsibilities 	Quarterly Internal Audit Report (within GRCA report)	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Audit Action tracking and completion reports	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	ARIC assessment of internal audit function (within ARIC Annual Report)	Annual	✓				
	Annual Internal Audit Report (from KPMG)	Annual	✓				
	Internal Audit Forward Plan	Annual					✓
	4-year Strategic Work Plan for Internal Audit (KPMG Report ARIC 20 March 2024 – Internal Audit Forward Plan)	Annual					✓



ARIC Responsibility	Activity	When	Meetings				
			Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
Audit – External Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act as a forum for communication between the governing body, General Manager, senior management, the internal audit function and external audit Coordinate as far as is practicable, the work programs of internal audit and external audit Provide input and feedback on the financial statement and performance audit coverage proposed by external audit and provide feedback on the audit services provided Review all external plans and reports in respect of planned or completed audits and monitor Council's implementation of audit recommendations Provide advice to the governing body and/or General Manager on action taken on significant issues raised in relevant external audit reports and better practice guide 	Review Draft Annual Financial Statements	Annual		✓			
	Client Engagement Plan	Annual				✓	
	Interim Management Letter	Annual	✓				
	Engagement Closing Report	Annual		✓ (if avail)			
	Final Management Letter	Annual			✓		
Risk Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if the Council's has in place a current and appropriate risk management framework that is consistent with the Australian risk management standard whether the Council is providing the resources necessary to successfully implement its risk management framework whether the Council's risk management framework is adequate and effective for identifying and managing the risks the Council faces, including those associated with individual projects, programs and other activities if risk management is integrated across all levels of the Council and across all processes, operations, services, decision-making, functions and reporting of the adequacy of risk reports and documentation, for example, the Council's risk register and risk profile whether a sound approach has been followed in developing risk management plans for major projects or undertakings whether appropriate policies and procedures are in place for the management and exercise of delegations 	(All within GRCA report)	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Governance	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	GIPA and Privacy	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Risk Management	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓

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ARIC Responsibility	Activity	When	Meetings				
			Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if the Council has taken steps to embed a culture which is committed to ethical and lawful behaviour if there is a positive risk culture within the Council and strong leadership that supports effective risk management of the adequacy of staff training and induction in risk management how the Council's risk management approach impacts on the Council's insurance arrangements of the effectiveness of the Council's management of its assets, and of the effectiveness of business continuity arrangements, including business continuity plans, disaster recovery plans and the periodic testing of these plans. if Council has taken steps to embed a culture which is committed to ethical and lawful behaviour if there is a positive risk culture within Council and strong leadership that supports effective risk management of the adequacy of staff training and induction in risk management how Council's risk management approach impacts on Council's insurance arrangements of the effectiveness of Council's management of its assets, and of the effectiveness of business continuity arrangements, including business continuity plans, disaster recovery plans and the periodic testing of these plans. 	Compliance and Fraud & Corruption Control	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Insurance report	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	WHS (including public safety)	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Business Continuity Management	Annual	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Major Projects Update report	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
Internal controls Review and advise Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether Council's approach to maintaining an effective internal audit framework, including over external parties such as contractors and advisors, is sound and effective whether Council has in place relevant policies and procedures and that these are periodically reviewed and updated whether appropriate policies and procedures are in place for the management and exercise of delegations 	Review Internal Audit Charter, including Audit Universe and Forward Plan	Annual				✓	
	Governance report (GRCA report)	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓

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ARIC Responsibility	Activity	When	Meetings				
			Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether staff are informed of their responsibilities and processes and procedures to implement controls are complied with if Council's monitoring and review of controls is sufficient, and if internal and external audit recommendations to correct internal control weaknesses are implemented appropriately. 	Internal Audit Reports	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
Corporate Governance Compliance Review and advise Council of the adequacy and effectiveness of Council's compliance framework, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if Council has appropriately considered legal and compliance risks as part of Council's risk management framework how Council manages its compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, procedures, codes, and contractual arrangements, and whether appropriate processes are in place to assess compliance. Fraud and corruption Review and advise the Council of the adequacy and effectiveness of Council's fraud and corruption prevention framework and activities, including whether the Council has appropriate processes and systems in place to capture and effectively investigate fraud-related information.	Legislative Compliance	Annual				✓	
	GRCA report	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Fraud Control and Corruption Prevention Framework	Annual			✓		
	Complaints Management Framework	Annual			✓		
	Internal Ombudsman Standing Report	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Information Technology – Cybersecurity, Risk	Semi-Annual			✓		
Financial Management Review and advise the Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if Council is complying with accounting standards and external accountability requirements of the appropriateness of Council's accounting policies and disclosures of the implications for Council of the findings of external audits and performance audits and Council's responses and implementation of recommendations 	Quarterly Budget Review Statement	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Operational Budget	Annual					✓

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ARIC Responsibility	Activity	When	Meetings				
			Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether Council's financial statement preparation procedures and timelines are sound the accuracy of Council's annual financial statements prior to external audit, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> management compliance/representations significant accounting and reporting issues the methods used by the Council to account for significant or unusual transactions and areas of significant estimates or judgements appropriate management signoff on the statements if effective processes are in place to ensure financial information included in Council's annual report is consistent with signed financial statements if Council's financial management processes are adequate the adequacy of cash management policies and procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if there are adequate controls over financial processes, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) appropriate authorisation and approval of payments and transactions b) adequate segregation of duties c) timely reconciliation of accounts and balances d) review of unusual and high value purchases if policies and procedures for management review and consideration of the financial position and performance of Council are adequate if Council's grants and tied funding policies and procedures are sound. 	Corporate Credit Cards	Annual				✓	
	Investment management Reporting	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Investment Property Reporting	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Finance policies and accounting positions	As required					
	Financial Statement Annual Planning	As scheduled				✓	✓
	Review Draft Financial Statements	Annual		✓			
Governance Review and advise Council regarding its governance framework, including Council's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> decision-making processes implementation of governance policies and procedures reporting lines and accountability assignment of key roles and responsibilities Committee structure management oversight responsibilities 	Governance Report Updating Ethical Behaviour Framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gifts & Benefits - Delegations - Written Returns - Code of Conduct - Conflicts of Interest 	Annual				✓	



ARIC Responsibility	Activity	When	Meetings				
			Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> human resources and performance management activities reporting and communication activities information and communications technology (ICT) governance, and management and governance of the use of data, information and knowledge 	Legal Services / Legal update	Annual				✓	
	Customer Service	Semi-Annual			✓		✓
	People and Culture Semi-Annual Report	Semi-Annual			✓		✓
	ICT Semi-Annual report	Semi-Annual	✓			✓	
<p>Improvement</p> <p>Strategic planning</p> <p>Review and advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> of the adequacy and effectiveness of council's integrated, planning and reporting (IP&R) processes if appropriate reporting and monitoring mechanisms are in place to measure progress against objectives, and whether council is successfully implementing and achieving its IP&R objectives and strategies. <p>Service reviews and business improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act as a forum for communication and monitoring of any audits conducted by external bodies and the implementation of corrective actions (for example, NSW government agencies, Commonwealth government agencies, insurance bodies) 	IP&R Annual Report & 6 Monthly Report	Quarterly			✓		✓
	External Regulator Findings Reports and Audit Action Monitoring	Quarterly	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Operational Plan	Annual	✓				
	Community Strategic Plan	Once each Council Term			✓		

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ARIC Responsibility	Activity	When	Meetings				
			Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
<p>Review and advise the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the Council has robust systems to set objectives and goals to determine and deliver appropriate levels of service to the community and business performance if appropriate reporting and monitoring mechanisms are in place to measure service delivery to the community and overall performance, and how the Council can improve its service delivery and the Council's performance of its business and functions generally <p>Performance data and measurement</p> <p>Review and advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if council has a robust system to determine appropriate performance indicators to measure the achievement of its strategic objectives if the performance indicators council uses are effective, and of the adequacy of performance data collection and reporting. 	Service Reviews	Semi-annual			✓		✓
<p>Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ARIC TOR must be reviewed annually by the Committee and once each Council term by the governing body. 	Review ARIC TOR	Annual				✓	
<p>Work Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee must develop a strategic work plan every four years to ensure that the matters listed in Schedule 1 are reviewed by the Committee and considered by the internal audit function when developing their risk-based program of internal audits.1 The strategic work plan must be reviewed at least annually to ensure it remains appropriate and takes into account Council's emerging risks. The Committee must also develop an annual work plan to guide its work, and the work of the internal audit function over the forward year. 	Review Strategic and Annual Workplan	Annual	✓				
<p>Assurance reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee must regularly report to the Council to ensure that it is kept informed of matters considered by the committee and any emerging issues 	Committee Meetings Minutes and reports	Quarterly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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ARIC Responsibility	Activity		When	Meetings				
				Q1 Aug 1	Q2 (FS) Oct	Q2 Nov 2	Q3 Mar 3	Q4 May 4
<p>that may influence the strategic direction of the Council or the achievement of the Council's goals and objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee will provide an annual assessment to the governing body and the General Manager on the Committee's work and its opinion on how Council is performing The Chair will initiate a review of the Committee's performance annually The Chair shall make an annual presentation to Council, preferably when Council considers the Committee's annual report. A report on Committee operations, including Members' attendance, will be included in Committee's annual report. 	ARIC Annual Self-assessment	Initiate	Annual				✓	
		Discuss						✓
		Report		✓				
	ARIC Annual Report to Council		Annual	✓				
	*Outside of ARIC meeting schedule Semi-Annual Councillor Workshop (ARIC Chair to present) including report on Committee operations		Semi-Annual	✓			✓	
<p>Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee can hold closed meetings whenever it needs to discuss confidential or sensitive issues with only voting members of the committee present. The committee must meet separately with the Internal Audit Coordinators and the Council's external auditor at least once each year. 	In camera session and Ad hoc meetings requested by Chair		Quarterly and Ad hoc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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9. ARIC Key Performance Measures

Ref	What we want to achieve	Baseline	Target	Status	Comment
1	Number of ordinary meetings held	4	≥4		
2	Terms of Reference are compliant with the Guidelines	new	100%		
3	Annual Workplan reviewed at each ARIC meeting to allow forward planning	New or 4	≥4		
4	Audit actions presented and reviewed at each ARIC meeting	4	≥4		
5	In-camera closed session held with internal auditor	1	≥1		
6	In-camera closed session held with external auditor	1	≥1		
7	Internal Auditor attends each ordinary ARIC meeting	4	≥4		
8	External auditor attends each ordinary ARIC meeting	4	≥4		
10	Average annual rating of ARIC self-assessment				(to be further developed)
11	Member attendance at ARIC meetings	80%	80%		
12	% compliance against legislated requirements in attestation statement	95%	100%		



10. Related Documents

The following related documents should be read in conjunction with this Work Plan

ARIC Documents

- ARIC Terms of Reference
- ARIC Annual Report
- ARIC Report Calendar

Council Documents

- Internal Audit Charter
- Internal Audit Plan
- Risk Registers
- IWC integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) framework. comprising: Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, operation Plan and Budget and Resourcing Strategy. IWC Quarterly Performance Reporting; and IWC Annual Report.

11. Administrative changes

From time-to-time circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document. Where an update does not materially alter this document, such a change may be made including branding, Council Officer titles or department changes and legislative name or title changes which are considered minor in nature and not required to be formally endorsed.

12. Version control – policy history

This strategic work plan will be reviewed annually by ARIC and formally reviewed every four years from the date of adoption or as required.

Governance use only:

Document	ARIC Strategic Workplan	Uncontrolled Copy When Printed	
Custodian	Senior Manager Governance and Risk	Version #	Version 1
Adopted By	Council	ECM Document #	39675658
Next Review Date	One year from the date of adoption		

Amended by	Changes made	Date
ARIC	Developed and endorsed for Council	17 September 2024
Council	Adopted by Council	TBC

Item No: C1024(2) Item 12
Subject: COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES
Prepared By: Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine Councillor representation on Council and External Committees until September 2025, as detailed in this report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has established committees to provide advice or exercise decision making functions in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act). Councillors can attend these committees as observers or be appointed by Council as members of these committees and exercise voting rights. Councillors may also be appointed to represent Council on external committees. This report lists Council's internal committees and those external committees to which Council may appoint members, to enable Council to determine its representatives until September 2025.

BACKGROUND

For the duration of this Council term, a report on Councillor representation on internal and external committees will be provided to Council annually in September each year, to enable Council to review the appointments.

DISCUSSION

The charters of the following committees or the resolutions establishing these committees require formal appointment of Councillors as members of these committees. In some instances, the Terms of Reference or document establishing the committee permit or require an alternate Councillor to be appointed. An alternate Councillor can attend meetings when the substantively appointed Councillor is unable to attend. Where the committee's procedures involve voting as part of decision making, an alternate can also vote on behalf of the substantively appointed Councillor, where permitted to do so by the committee's constituting document. In some instances, an alternate Councillor will need to be appointed to ensure that the Committee or Panel is able to meet quorum requirements in the absence of the substantively appointed Councillor.

Council Committees				
Name of Committee	Purpose	Meeting Time and Frequency	Reporting Framework	Councillor Representation
Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC)	<p>ARIC is a committee required by the Act. It provides independent specialist assurance, audit, oversight and advice to Council. The Committee's work supports Council to effectively discharge its responsibilities for financial reporting, risk management, internal controls, governance, improvement and internal and external audit.</p> <p>The Committee's membership includes an independent Chairperson and three independent members in accordance with the ARIC Terms of Reference (attached).</p>	Quarterly plus option for additional Annual Financial Statements meeting	Minutes of the Committee are reported to Council for noting.	1 Councillor representative (non-voting member).
General Manager's Performance Assessment Panel	<p>The Panel and an appointed facilitator review the performance of the General Manager.</p> <p>The Panel does not have a Terms of Reference, but is guided by the OLG's Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers (attached).</p> <p>Councillors determine, by way of Council resolution, the Panel members for the Panel.</p> <p>The Office of Local Government's Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers 2022 provide that Panels should be comprised of the mayor, the deputy mayor, another councillor nominated by council and a councillor nominated by the general manager.</p> <p>The General Manager has identified that the Councillor elected as Mayor is the most appropriate Councillor to be nominated to the Panel by the General Manager, in recognition of the relationship between the two roles, as recognised in the Act.</p>	Annually	As required	Mayor and Deputy Mayor + 1 additional Councillor

Flood Management Advisory Committee	<p>The Committee assists Council to prepare floodplain management studies and plans for the Inner West local government area. It acts as both a focus and forum for the discussion of technical, social, economic and environmental matters, and for the distillation of viewpoints on these matters into a management plan.</p> <p>The Committee's Terms of Reference are attached.</p>	Minimum of twice a year at the Petersham Service Centre.	Minutes of the Committee are reported to Council for adoption.	No minimum number needs to be appointed. Up to 3 Councillors may be appointed.
Local Traffic Committee	<p>The Committee advises Council on traffic and parking control matters. It is primarily a technical review and advisory committee that considers the technical merits of proposals and ensures current technical guidelines are considered. It provides recommendations to Council on traffic and parking control matters and on the provision of traffic control facilities and prescribed traffic control devices for which Council has delegated authority. The Committee also advises on traffic matters arising from development applications.</p> <p>The Committee's Terms of Reference are (attached).</p>	Third Monday of each month at the Ashfield Service Centre.	Minutes of the Committee are reported to Council for adoption.	1 Councillor; 1 Alternate Councillor.
Major Capital Projects Committee	<p>The Committee reviews, discusses and makes recommendations to Council on all major capital projects with a value over \$1million.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference are attached.</p>	Monthly	Minutes of the Committee are reported to Council for adoption.	The number of committee members is at Council's discretion. The current Terms of Reference include provision for 5 representatives.

Councillors can be appointed to represent Council on external committees in line with constituting document of each committee. The responsibility for and operation of these committees are set by the host organisation.

External Committees			
Name of Committee	Charter / Purpose	Meeting and Frequency	Current Councillor Representation
Callan Park Community Trustee Board	<p>The Board provides key advice to Greater Sydney Parklands in respect of Callan Park.</p> <p>The role of the board is to provide advice, input and recommendations to planning, processes and policies that may impact future amenity and public access to the parklands as well as the ongoing management of the parklands. In performing this role, the community trustee board will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide informed strategic advice to the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Board on matters relating to Callan Park • Advise, share information and facilitate partnerships that assist Greater Sydney Parklands to develop its plans and increase community connections • Advocate on behalf of and promote understanding of the needs of and issues affecting the local community, ensuring inclusion and equity of access for community members • Contribute local knowledge on relevant issues, emerging trends, opportunities and community needs. <p>The Board's Terms of Reference are attached.</p>	As required.	1 Councillor.
Cooks River Alliance Management Committee	<p>The Cooks River Alliance is a partnership between councils in the Cooks River Catchment – Bayside, Canterbury-Bankstown, Inner West, and Strathfield. The Alliance uses the combined resources, experience, knowledge and skills within the councils and the community to address the complex environmental problems of the Cooks River and its catchment. The Management Committee provides strategic direction, makes decisions and provides approvals for all key Alliance activities. The Management Committee is comprised of Councillor delegates from participating Councils, Sydney Water representatives, and observers.</p> <p>The Committee's Terms of Reference are attached.</p>	Meetings are quarterly and hosted by rotating member councils.	1 Councillor; 1 Alternate Councillor.

NSW Public Libraries Association	<p>The Association is the peak body for public libraries in NSW and advocates on behalf of the library sector to strengthen the public library network.</p> <p>The Association's Constitution is attached.</p>	As required.	1 Councillor.
Parramatta River Catchment Group	<p>The Group is a regional organisation of local councils, State agencies and community representatives whose aim is to work together to improve the health of the Parramatta River and its catchment.</p> <p>The Group's Terms of Reference are attached.</p>	<p>Meetings are held quarterly on the first Thursday of March, June, September and December from 5.30pm.</p> <p>The venue rotates between member councils.</p>	1 Councillor; 1 Alternate Councillor.
Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF)	<p>SACF is the main consultation body for the Sydney Airport Long Term Operating Plan. The Forum includes representatives from the community, councils, industry and State and Federal Parliaments.</p> <p>The Forum does not have a Terms of Reference.</p>	As required	Council membership on SAFC is limited to each Council's Mayor (or their representative).
Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)	<p>SSROC has 12 member councils that interact, exchange ideas and work collaboratively to solve regional issues and to contribute to the future sustainability of the region. The group advocates on behalf of the region to ensure that the major issues are addressed by all levels of government.</p> <p>The SSROC's Constitution is attached.</p>	Meetings held quarterly on first or third Thursday evening.	2 delegates – 1 of whom is to be the Mayor and any amount of alternates, noting that only 2 representatives can attend each meeting.
Sydney Coastal Council Group (SCCG)	<p>The SCCG promotes coordination between member councils on environmental issues relating to the sustainable management of the urban coastal and estuarine environment.</p> <p>The SCCG consists of 9 Councils adjacent to Sydney's marine and estuarine environments and associated waterways.</p> <p>The SCCG's Constitution is attached.</p>	Meetings are held quarterly on Saturday and hosted by rotating member council facilities.	1 delegate from each member council.
Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (Panel)	<p>The Panel is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> determining 'regionally significant' development applications (DAs) and other Major DAs and modification applications acting as the Planning Proposal authority when directed reviewing Planning Proposals providing advice on other planning and development 	As required.	2 community representatives, who may be Councillors.

	<p>matters when requested</p> <p>The Sydney District & Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedures November 2022 are attached. Please refer to the further information below about the Panel's decision making processes.</p>		
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Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel

When exercising their functions as Panel members, councillor members must comply with the provisions of the Sydney District and Regional Planning Panels Code of Conduct (Code) (attached). The Code provides that Panel members must ensure that any employment, business or other roles or activities they engage in, including acting as a Councillor, will not conflict with, impair or otherwise prevent the full exercise of their functions as Panel members. The Code further provides that the following situations are considered to represent a conflict of duties for Panel members (on a non-exhaustive basis):

- members who have current or previous involvement in a specific project, or site, that is subject of a DA for regional development, or a planning proposal that is subsequently reviewed by a planning panel, for example as a consultant.
- councillor members where they have deliberated or voted on, or otherwise considered, a matter, and/or been present when such consideration is undertaken, in their role at council and that matter, or a related matter, subsequently comes before the panel. Matters which are considered to be related to a panel matter include, but are not limited to:
 - a planning proposal for the site
 - a voluntary planning agreement for the development or planning proposal
 - a Masterplan for the development or planning proposal
 - a Plan of Management for the development
 - property matters related to the site, including leases, licences, purchase of land, disposal of land and management of lands
 - legal matters related to the site, development or proposal

The Code also makes specific provision for instances where a councillor member who is a Panel member has previously deliberated or voted on a matter in their role at Council. Specifically, the Code states that where that matter, or a related matter, subsequently comes before the Panel, the Panel member is to stand aside from their place on the Panel. The other councillor member nominated by Council is to take their place, to avoid any perceptions of bias or pre-judgement.

Gender Equal Representation Policy

The Gender Equal Representation Policy (Policy) was adopted by Council on 3 August 2021. The aim of the Policy is to provide Council with a framework to improve and achieve equal opportunity outcomes.

It applies to Councillor representation on Council committees, external committees, boards and panels. It states that, to ensure fair and equitable participation, Council will encourage nominations to achieve holistic gender representation that includes transgender and gender-diverse/non-binary people, with a 50% male-female gender balance if transgender and gender-diverse/non-binary groups are not represented.

The Policy requires that Council review the nominations to the positions available with a view to achieving gender equal representation appointments. The Policy does however note that

where there is an odd number of positions, diversity and equality may not be achieved. For example, if an existing committee of five members, already had three men, and there are two vacancies, women/transgender/gender diverse/non-binary councillors should be actively prioritised.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications associated with the identified Committees is captured within the adopted budget.

All Attachments to this report have been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS

1. ➡ Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Terms of Reference - ***Published separately on Council's website***
2. ➡ Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers - ***Published separately on Council's website***
3. ➡ Flood Management Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference - ***Published separately on Council's website***
4. ➡ Local Traffic Committee - Terms of Reference - ***Published separately on Council's website***
5. ➡ Major Capital Projects Committee - Terms of Reference - ***Published separately on Council's website***
6. ➡ Community trustee board for Callan Park - Terms of Reference - ***Published separately on Council's website***
7. ➡ Cooks River Alliance - Terms of Reference - ***Published separately on Council's website***
8. ➡ New South Wales Public Libraries Association Inc – Constitution - ***Published separately on Council's website***
9. ➡ Parramatta River Catchment Group - Terms of Reference - ***Published separately on Council's website***
10. ➡ Southern Sydney Regional Organisations of Councils - SSROC Constitution - ***Published separately on Council's website***
11. ➡ Sydney Coastal Councils Group Incorporated - SCCG – Constitution - ***Published separately on Council's website***
12. ➡ Sydney District and Regional Planning Panels - Operational Procedures (Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel) - ***Published separately on Council's website***
13. ➡ Sydney District and Regional Planning Panels - Code of Conduct - ***Published separately on Council's website***

Item No: C1024(2) Item 13
Subject: RESCHEDULING OF NOVEMBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING
Prepared By: Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council reschedule the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 5 November 2024 to Tuesday 12 November 2024 and publish these changes to the Meeting Schedule on Council's website.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Officers recommend rescheduling the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 5 November 2024 to Tuesday 12 November 2024 to provide Councillors with additional time to manage induction, Council, and personal commitments.

BACKGROUND

At the Council Meeting held on 5 December 2023, Council resolved the following:

1. That Council endorse the following Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule in 2024:

January – Recess
Tuesday 13 February
Tuesday 5 March
Tuesday 9 April
Tuesday 21 May
Tuesday 25 June
July – Recess
Tuesday 13 August
Tuesday 3 September (Caretaker)
Tuesday 8 October (Mayor and Deputy Mayor Election)
Tuesday 22 October
Tuesday 5 November
Tuesday 3 December

2. That Council approve the publication of the Council Meeting Schedule on Council's website and Service Centres.

DISCUSSION

Following the local government elections in September 2024, Council has commenced implementing its Councillor Induction Program (Program), in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Part 8A of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. The Program is complemented and supplemented by external training and professional

development opportunities. The requirements of the Program, and the additional training opportunities, impose a significant time commitment on Councillors, with most of the scheduled commitments occurring outside of business hours. In addition, Councillors play an important community role at community events, many of which have been scheduled for directly after the election. As a result, Councillors have significant demands on their time, particularly in the period directly after the election.

To enable Councillors to meaningfully participate in the Program, and provide them with the opportunity to receive information about the functions, obligations, and operations of Council, Officers recommend moving the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled on Tuesday 5 November 2024 to Tuesday 12 November 2024.

This will provide Councillors with additional time to manage their induction, Council, and personal commitments. In addition, the timing of the local government elections in September 2024 has resulted in the 22 October 2024 Council Meeting and the scheduled 5 November 2024 Council meeting being only two weeks apart. Moving the November Council meeting to 12 November 2024 will provide Councillors with the opportunity, if required, to seek further information about matters to be considered at the November Council meeting, so that they are able to make considered and well informed decisions.

If endorsed, details of the new November Ordinary Council Meeting date will be placed on Council's website and notified to the public through the usual channels.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 14
Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Prepared By: Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council determine the 9 voting delegates for voting on motions at the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.
2. That Council nominate Councillors to attend the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference (Conference) will be held at Tamworth from Sunday 17 November to Tuesday 19 November 2024. Council is entitled to nominate nine (9) voting delegates at attend the Conference.

The purpose of the report is to provide information in relation to the Conference, seek the appointment of voting delegates, and identify any other Councillors wishing to attend in a non-voting capacity.

BACKGROUND

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is the peak body representing New South Wales local councils. LGNSW holds an annual conference, which is the main policy making event for NSW Councils where issues are debated and motions put forward for consideration by delegates.

The number of delegates that each paying member of LGNSW can appoint to attend an annual conference is based on a formula in the LGNSW Rules. Council is entitled to nominate nine (9) voting delegates at attend the Conference.

DISCUSSION

This report deals with the following two components:

1. Motions for the Conference; and
2. Appointment of voting delegates.

Motions for the Conference

LGNSW had previously advised Councils to submit any motions by **Friday 16 August 2024** to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Conference agenda before the Conference. Under the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is **Sunday 20 October 2024**.

In the previous term of Council, Councillors were advised that, in order to meet LGNSW's timeframes, motions for the Conference would need to be endorsed at the 3 September Ordinary Council Meeting. No motions were lodged by Councillors for inclusion the Conference agenda.

The Draft Program for the Conference is provided in *Attachment 1*. LGNSW will distribute the Conference agenda in the week commencing 28 October 2024. The Conference agenda will include all the motions to be considered.

Voting Delegates

Inner West Council is entitled to nine voting delegates for voting on motions at the Conference.

Council needs to advise LGNSW of Council's nine voting delegates for the Conference by Wednesday 6 November 2024. In addition to Council's nine voting delegates, it is recommended Council also identify any other Councillors who wish to attend in a non-voting capacity, so that Council can make administrative arrangements for all Councillors attending as soon as possible.

In 2023, Council resolved that nine Councillors attend the Conference each of whom were a voting delegate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Registration costs are \$1,115 per delegate for early bird registration (by 25 September 2024) and \$230 for the optional Conference dinner. A number of placeholder refundable early bird registrations have already been made in anticipation of Councillors attending the Conference. Costs associated with the Conference will be funded from the adopted budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [LGNSW Annual Conference Draft Program](#)



Draft Program

Sunday, 17 November 2024

Time TBC Bus transfers from selected hotels to TRECC

REGISTRATION

12.30pm Registration operational - TRECC foyer

1.00pm Trade Exhibition Open

PLENARY & BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1.30pm-2.30pm Breakout Session:
Professional Development Session for new Councillors
A Day in the Life of a councillor
Location: STAR Room (off TRECC Foyer)

1.30pm-2.30pm Plenary session: PANEL WITH Q&A
SESSION SPEAKERS: Brett Whitworth, OLG / Helen Murrell,
ICAC / Bola Oyetunji, Auditor General

2.30pm-3.00pm Refreshment break
Location: Trade Exhibition

3.00pm-5.00pm Plenary sessions | AR Bluett memorial Awards | President's
Welcome Reception address | Ministerial Speakers

5.00pm Bus transfers to Tamworth Town Hall (CBD Tamworth)

WELCOME RECEPTION

5.30pm-7.30pm President's Welcome Reception partnered by Landcom
Location: Tamworth Town Hall

7.30pm Bus transfers to selected hotels

Monday, 18 November 2024

Time TBC Bus transfers from selected hotels to TRECC

REGISTRATION

7.30am Registration operational - TRECC foyer
Light refreshments
Location: Trade Exhibition

BREAKFAST

7.30am-8.45am ALGWA NSW Breakfast partnered by Maddocks
Location: TRECC

Time TBC Bus transfers from selected hotels to TRECC

CONFERENCE

9.00am Conference introduction, Conference Welcome | Opening address

- Opening of the Federal & State Conferences adoption of standing orders, business sessions and consideration of motions and conference business.
- LGNSW Treasurer presentation of financial reports
- Commencement of consideration of motions and conference business

Morning refreshments
Location: Trade Exhibition, by Distinguished partner, Active Super

9.25am-5.00pm

- Consideration of Conference Business continued
- Delegate lunch in Exhibition area
- General Managers' Lunch partners with StateCover
- Consideration of Conference Business continued

Afternoon refreshments
Location: Trade Exhibition

Consideration of Conference Business continued

Networking with refreshments
Location: Trade Exhibition

5.00pm - Time TBC Bus transfers to selected hotels and return to TRECC

CONFERENCE DINNER

6.30pm-10.30pm LGNSW Conference Dinner, elite partner Statewide Mutual.
Presentation LG Service Awards.
Location: TRECC

Times TBC Bus transfers to selected hotels

Tuesday, 19 November 2024	
Time TBC	Bus transfers from selected hotels to TRECC
INFORMATION DESK and REGISTRATION	
7.30am	LGNSW Information Desk and Exhibition Light refreshments in exhibition area available
PLENARY SESSIONS	
9.00am-9.05am	Introduction, housekeeping – Peter Evans MC
9.05am-9.50am	Keynote Address followed by Q&A SESSION TITLE: Local government finance: challenges and opportunities SESSION SPEAKER: Andy Johnston – LGUI
9.50am-10.35am	Keynote Address followed by Q&A SESSION TITLE: Countering cyber threats – Protecting Your Council and Community SESSION SPEAKERS: Arjun Ramacandran and Jonathan Topham – elevenM
10.35am-11.05am	Refreshment Break Location: Trade Exhibition
11.05am-11.50am	Keynote Address followed by Q&A SESSION TITLE: TBC SESSION SPEAKER: Infrastructure Australia
11.50am-12.50pm	CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS
12.50pm-1.00pm	Final remarks & announcement of location for Annual Conference 2025
1.00pm-1.45pm	Lunch Location: Trade Exhibition
2.00pm	Conference concludes
2.00pm	Bus transfers to selected hotels

Item No: C1024(2) Item 15
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
Prepared By: Chris Sleiman - Chief Financial Officer
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the sale of the Suncorp investments, as detailed in the report, in accordance with Council's Investment Policy to ensure Council's investment portfolio consist entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits in non-fossil fuel aligned banks.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A monthly investment report is provided to Council detailing the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of the total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value. During the month of September 2024:

- Council matured investments:
 - \$5.0M 1 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.35%pa
 - \$12.5M 12 month Term Deposit with Bendigo and Adelaide at fixed rate of 5.00%pa
 - \$10.0M 12 month Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 5.21%pa
 - \$10.0M 12 month Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 5.22%pa
- Council invested:
 - \$5.0M 1 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.34%pa
 - \$3.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.90%pa
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 - \$3.0M 12 month Term Deposit with Bank of Us at fixed rate of 4.82%pa
 - \$5.0M 12 month Term Deposit with Bank of Us at fixed rate of 4.78%pa
 - \$6.5M 12 month Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 4.74%pa
 - \$10.0M 12 month Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 4.76%pa
 - \$1.5M 4 Year Floating Rate Note with Bank Australia at a current rate of 6.08%pa (purchased in the secondary market)
- Council is preparing for the maturity of further investments in October 2024, and it appears the rates are declining compared with prior months.
- Following ANZ's completion of the takeover of Suncorp on 31 July 2024, all of Suncorp's assets previously classified as Non-Fossil Fuel Lending is now flagged as Fossil Fuel Lending. The notifications of such a takeover were publicly made, Council made the active decision to reduce its exposure to Suncorp and not invest 'new' funds with Suncorp. There are five Term Deposits and two Bonds with Suncorp that mature between 2026 through to 2027.

- Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 32% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel Lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 7% in Socially Responsible Investments, 43% in Green investments and 18% in Fossil Fuel Lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs).

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.

BACKGROUND

A monthly investment report is provided to Council detailing the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value.

The intention of investing Council's funds is to seek the most favourable return available, whilst having due consideration of risk and security for that investment type and ensuring that its liquidity requirements are being maintained; with consideration given to the preservation of capital, liquidity, and the return on investment.

Preservation of capital is the principal objective of the investment portfolio. Investments are placed in a manner that seeks to ensure security and safeguard the investment portfolio. This includes managing credit and interest rate risk within identified thresholds and parameters.

Council determined to proactively invest in a non-fossil fuel investment portfolio.

Legislative Requirements

All investments are to comply with the following:

- *Local Government Act 1993*;
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*;
- *Ministerial Investment Order dated 17 February 2011*;
- *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting*;
- *Australian Accounting Standards*; and
- *Division of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines May 2010*

Council's Socially Responsible Investments consist of Green Term Deposits/Floating Rate Notes from otherwise fossil fuel lending banks, such as CBA and Westpac and also long dated bond issues from a range of institutions and government agencies. These investments provide targeted funding to a wide range of green and socially responsible projects and initiatives. Council also utilises these investments to remain within the credit rating policy guidelines imposed by the NSW TCorp loan covenant requirements.

Certification

The Chief Financial Officer Chris Sleiman as the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 212 of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.

DISCUSSION

Council's investments are held in various investment categories which are listed in the table below. Council's market value investment portfolio size is \$230.0M, \$1.6M higher than the prior month market value of \$228.4M. All Socially Responsible Investments (SRI's) are investments that comply with the Non-Fossil Fuel standards. Council's portfolio during the month had a return of 5.06% pa, against the 'AusBond Bank Bill Index' Benchmark (4.45% pa)

on a marked-to-market basis. For the past 12 months, the portfolio has returned 4.98% pa on a marked-to-market basis.

In September, risk markets continued their positive momentum, welcoming the US Federal Reserve's decision to commence their easing cycle. Other developed central banks are poised to follow or continue in the same path over coming months. As interest rates rise/fall the dollar valuations of existing bonds rise/fall in the market. While Fixed Rate Bond's (or Floating Rates Notes) market value may drop below its face value (or par value) during the life of a security, providing Council does not sell the security and the issuer is sound (which all of Council's holdings are) then the bond's market value will come back to the face value by the time it matures.

Suncorp Bank investments

In the June Investment Report, an update of the ANZ takeover of Suncorp was provided. Since the report, on 31 July 2024, ANZ's takeover of Suncorp Bank was formalised, and ratings agency S&P upgraded Suncorp's long-term credit rating to that of its parent company immediately (now rated AA-). Council's exposure to Suncorp is now reflected under the parent company ANZ.

Since ANZ Bank is classified as a lender in the fossil-fuel industry, the completion of the Suncorp Bank takeover has resulted in these investments contravening the ethical investment category. This is supported in Council's Investment Policy under Clause 14:

"Within the limits of prevailing Legislation and this investment Policy, Council's investments will be made in consideration of the principles of ethical investment management."

Council's investment portfolio is to consist entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits in non-fossil fuel aligned banks."

Council currently holds a mixture of fixed rate bonds and floating rate notes which are currently showing an unrealised loss of \$116,510 as of 3 October 2024.

Issuer Name	Rating	Instrument Code	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Purchase Price	Unrealised Gain/(Loss)	Coupon %
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	1,272,955	1,427,881	(154,926)	3.2500
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	5/05/2020	24/08/2026	489,598	549,310	(59,712)	3.2500
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	6,393,293	6,400,000	(6,707)	4.8011
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	9,989,520	9,927,200	62,320	4.8011
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	3,741,930	3,750,000	(8,070)	4.8961
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	9,989,520	9,962,700	26,820	4.8011
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	8,773,765	8,750,000	23,765	5.2705
Total					40,650,581	40,767,091	(116,510)	

Council's Investment Policy under Clause 11 also notes that:

"Investments are expected to achieve a market average rate of return in line with Council's risk appetite. Investments are to be considered in the light of the following criteria:

- Preservation of Capital – the requirement for preventing losses in an investment portfolio's total value;"*

Accordingly we recommend that Council consider selling the Suncorp investments at a net loss, noting the value of loss will change depending on the date of sale, to align with Council's current policy stance on Council's investment portfolio consisting entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits in non-fossil fuel aligned banks.

Alternatively Council could determine to hold the Suncorp investments until maturity, noting the investments are classified Fossil Fuel Lending.

Changes in the value of our portfolio

The maturities were:

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New trades were:

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Council has two Emerald Investments that were purchased by the former Marrickville Council in July 2006 with maturity dates of August 2051 and August 2056 representing a market value \$1.1M of Councils invested funds.

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The attachments to this report summarise all investments held by Council and interest returns for the period ending 30 September 2024.

The Current Market value is required to be accounted for. The Current Market Value is a likely outcome if Council were to consider recalling the investment prior to its due date.

All investments held in the month of August were in accordance with the *Local Government Act, Local Government Regulations*. As noted above, the Suncorp investments now classified as Fossil Fuel Investments are not in line with the Inner West Council Investment Policy.

External / Internal Restrictions & Working Funds

Council's external restriction reserves are funds that are restricted for use by external entities and have a specific purpose. Examples of such reserves include:

- Developer Contributions
- Grants
- Domestic Waste Reserve
- Stormwater Levy.

Internal Restriction reserves are reserves created internally by Council for a specific purpose. Examples include:

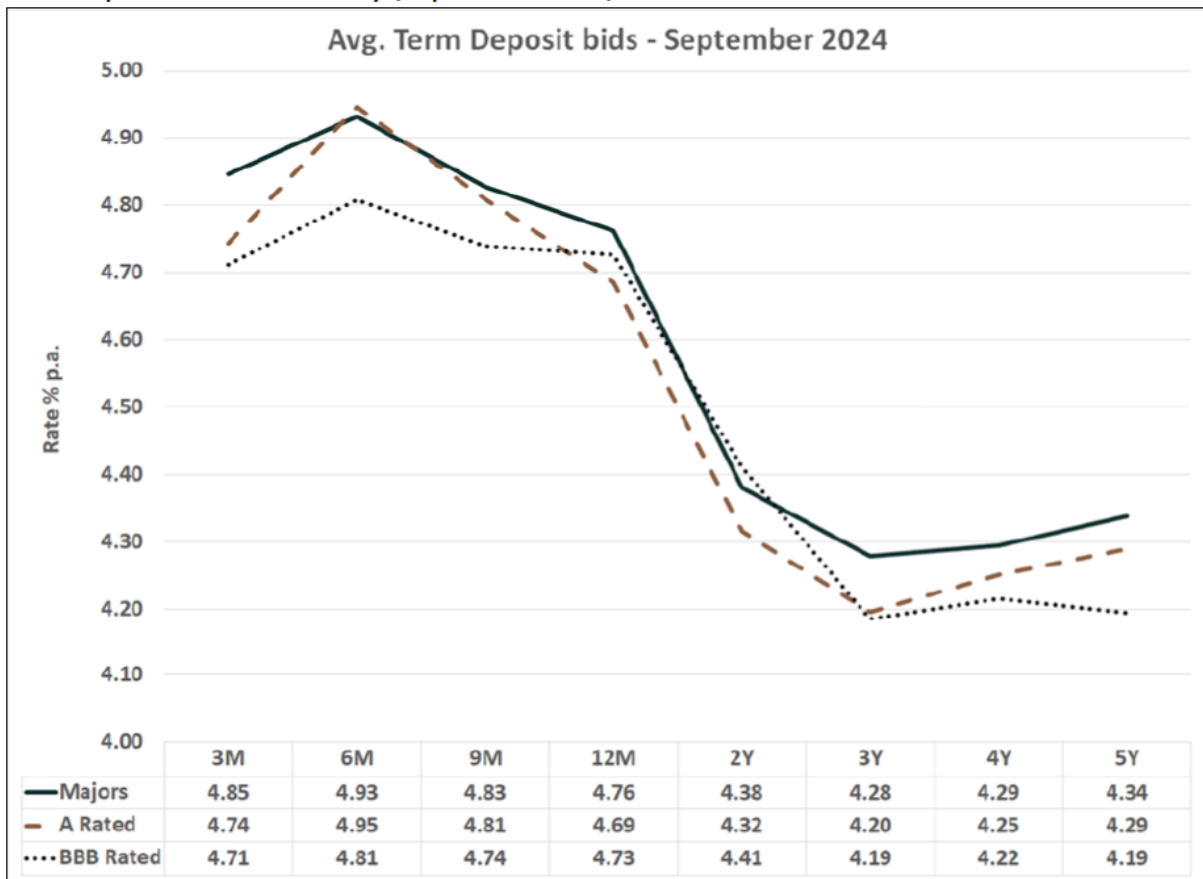
- Employment Leave Entitlements
- Investment Property Reserve
- Infrastructure Renewal Reserve
- Depreciation Contra Reserve.

Due to the 2023/24 Financial Year End process currently in progress, the split between the External and Internal Restrictions are not available at this time.

Other Investment Information

The chart below shows the average Term Deposit bids available for Council over the next five years.

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (September 2024)



Source: Imperium Markets

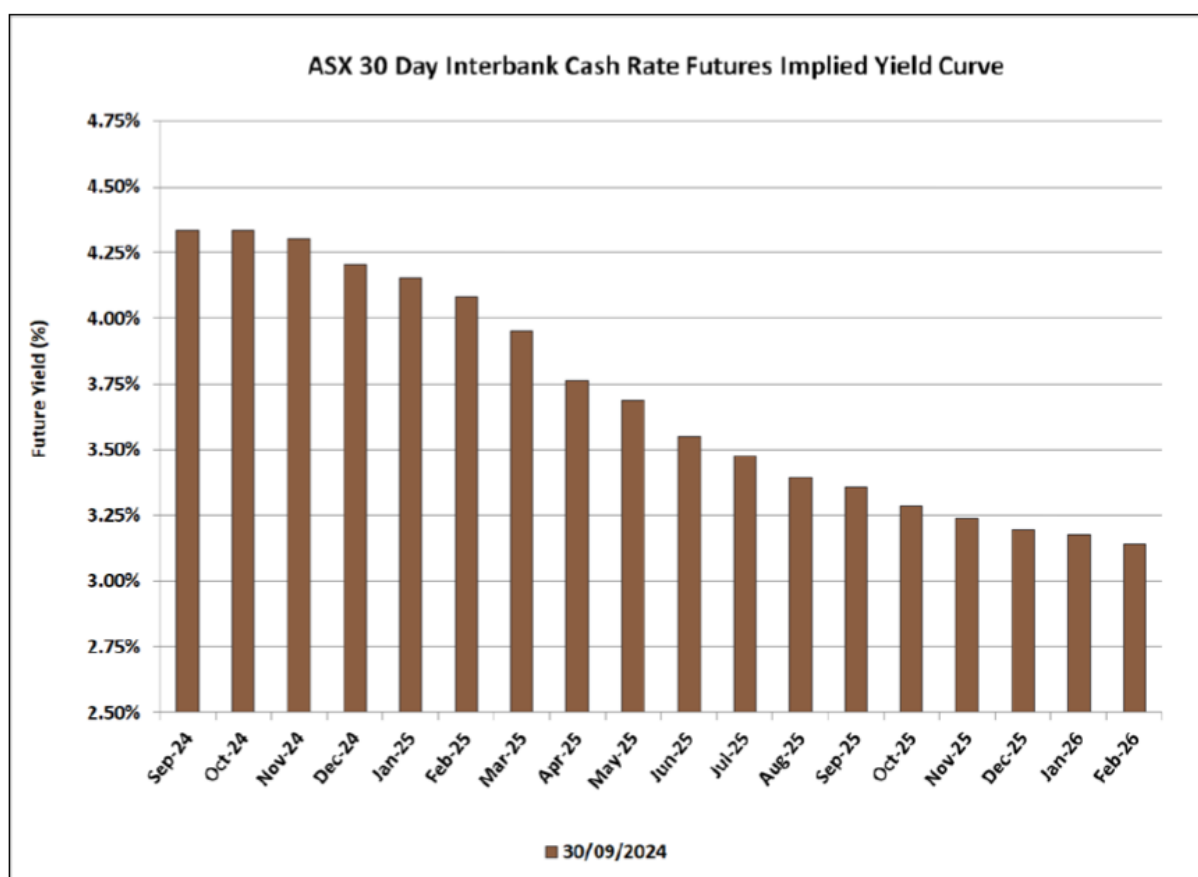
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Domestic issues:

- The RBA kept rates on hold at 4.35% as expected. The post-Meeting Statement was broadly in line with the Governor's recent remarks where Ms Bullock again pushed back on market pricing for near-term cuts. The Statement also noted that "*headline inflation will decline for a time, [but] underlying inflation is more indicative of inflation momentum, and it remains too high.*"
- The Monthly CPI Indicator fell to +2.7% y/y from +3.5% y/y as expected on fuel base effects and electricity subsidies. Services inflation remained elevated at +4.2% y/y, while goods and non-tradables inflation fell, also driven by electricity.
- The unemployment rate remained at 4.2% (falling from 4.24% to 4.16% at the second decimal place). Employment growth was a strong +47k. With trend employment growth

steady near +40k, the labour market has been ably absorbing strong supply growth amid high participation and elevated population growth.

- The RBA continues to push back on any immediate talks of rate cuts. Governor Bullock reiterated that official rates are not as restrictive in Australia as offshore: *“Most of those countries had official interest rates up around five or over 5% so in our judgment, we look at how restrictive some of those countries are relative to us...we’re restrictive, but we think they’re more restrictive than us”*.
- Financial markets have pushed forward their expectations of rate cuts, with the first cut pencilled in by Q1 2025, with 100-125bp of cuts priced by the end of 2025.



Source: ASX

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications to be considered are the net loss from the sale of Suncorp Bank bonds and Floating Rate Notes which equate to \$116,510 as of 03 October 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Inner West Council Economic and Investment Portfolio Commentary - September 2024](#)
2. [Inner West Council Investment Report - September 2024](#)



Monthly Investment Review



September 2024

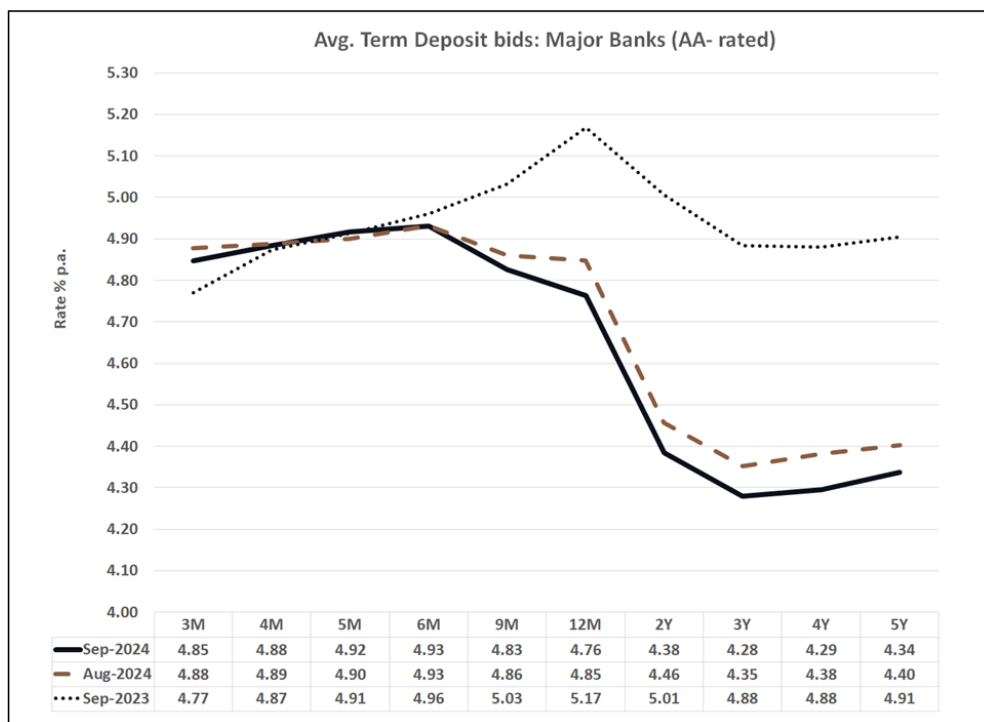
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Market Update Summary

In September, risk markets continued their positive momentum, welcoming the US Federal Reserve's decision to commence their easing cycle. Other developed central banks are poised to follow or continue in the same path over coming months.

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With a global economic downturn and multiple interest rate cuts being priced in 2025, investors should consider diversifying and taking an 'insurance policy' against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits, targeting rates close to or above 4½% p.a. (small allocation only).



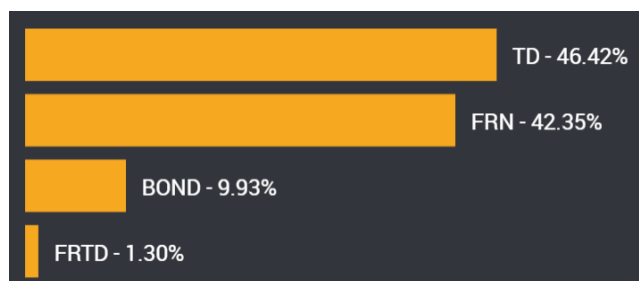
Inner West Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

A large proportion of the portfolio is directed to fixed and floating rate term deposits (~47.7%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in FRNs (~42.4%), which includes a residual exposure to the grandfathered mortgage backed securities, and fixed bonds (~9.9%).

Senior FRNs remain relatively attractive as spreads have generally widened over the past 3 years. New issuances may be considered again on a case by case scenario. In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 9-12 months to 3 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

Should inflation be within the RBA's target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, targeting yields around 4% p.a. or higher should outperform the benchmark. Fixed term deposits spread across 1-5 year horizons (staggered approach) would be suitable to address the potential for a lower rate environment in coming years.





Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 40.3% of assets maturing within 12 months, which is just above the minimum 40% required level.

There is significant capacity to invest in short-medium (1-3 years), which is where we see the current value to optimise returns in the longer-run once the immediate capital projects are delivered. Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed term deposits or newly issued FRNs (refer to respective sections below).

The non-compliance in the +10 year category reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities which have a final maturity date of +2050.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 12 months	\$92,758,788	40.33%	40%	100%	\$137,223,918
✓	1 – 3 years	\$110,872,055	48.21%	0%	60%	\$27,117,569
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X	+10 years	\$1,101,487	0.48%	0%	0%	-\$1,101,487
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Counterparty

Capacity limits are often dependent on the overall movement in the portfolio's balances (inflows or capital expenditures). Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to unrated ADIs. The exposure to "Unrated" assets reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities.

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Ethical (Environmentally, Socially Responsible or Fossil Fuel Free) Investments

Council has made the active decision to divest from the current portfolio of investments which have exposure to fossil fuels. Council will continue to favour newly issued fossil fuel-free investment products and/or ethical investments, providing it does not significantly compromise the risk and return profile of the overall investment portfolio.

The overall summary of Council's investments can be categorised as follows:

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Unfortunately, following ANZ's takeover of Suncorp on 31st July 2024, all of Suncorp's assets previously classified as Non-Fossil Fuel Lending is now flagged as Fossil Fuel Lending. However, we stress that as soon as the notifications of such a takeover were publicly made, management at Council made the active decision to not only reduce its exposure to Suncorp, but also did not invest any 'new' funds with Suncorp. There was no way in which investors could potentially foresee such a takeover take place.

Going forward, Council will look to reduce its exposure to Suncorp at an appropriate time should it not jeopardise the risk or return profile of Council's investment portfolio.



Credit Quality

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The portfolio is mainly directed amongst the investment grade spectrum. All aggregate ratings categories are within the adopted Policy limits. The exposures to "Unrated" investments comprise of the grandfathered MBS investments.

There is now much higher capacity to invest with the "BBB" rated ADIs following the ratings upgrade for BoQ and Bendigo-Adelaide (moved up from BBB to A category range).

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested (\$) ^	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA Category	\$8,195,639	3.56%	100%	\$221,787,067
✓	AA Category	\$147,008,726	63.92%	100%	\$82,973,980
✓	A Category	\$41,293,758	17.96%	70%	\$119,694,136
✓	BBB Category	\$32,383,096	14.08%	20%	\$13,613,445
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Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending September 2024 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.35%	1.08%	2.16%	1.08%	4.34%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.36%	1.11%	2.21%	1.11%	4.41%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.42%	1.25%	2.52%	1.25%	5.11%
Council's FRTD Portfolio	0.40%	1.21%	2.38%	1.21%	4.77%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.42%	1.26%	2.56%	1.26%	5.12%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.31%	0.93%	1.70%	0.93%	2.99%
Council's Total Portfolio [^]	0.41%	1.23%	2.47%	1.23%	4.98%
Relative (to Bank Bills)	0.05%	0.11%	0.26%	0.11%	0.57%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	4.34%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	4.45%	4.50%	4.45%	4.50%	4.41%
Council's T/D Portfolio	5.17%	5.07%	5.08%	5.07%	5.11%
Council's FRTD Portfolio	5.00%	4.89%	4.81%	4.89%	4.77%
Council's FRN Portfolio	5.23%	5.11%	5.17%	5.11%	5.12%
Council's Bond Portfolio	3.85%	3.76%	3.43%	3.76%	2.99%
Council's Total Portfolio [^]	5.06%	4.95%	4.99%	4.95%	4.98%
Relative (to Bank Bills)	0.60%	0.46%	0.54%	0.46%	0.57%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

For the month of September, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.41% (actual) or +5.06% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.36% (actual) or +4.45% p.a. (annualised).



Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Going forward, over the long-run, Council's interest income can be increased by undertaking a slightly longer duration position (spread across 1-3 years), with rates on offer along this part of the curve likely to be offered up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is growing belief that interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn is imminent and so locking in rates close to or above 4½% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors (staggered approach) may provide some income protection against a potentially lower rate environment.

As at the end of September, Council's **deposit** portfolio was yielding 4.92% p.a. (down 10bp from the previous month) with a weighted average duration of around 341 days (~11 months). **We continue to recommend Council to maintain this duration (with a view to extending closer to 12 months).**

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) continue to be appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario.

Council FRNs – Recommendations for Sale/Switches

We now recommend Council sells/switches out of the following FRN(s):

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	Trade Reference	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	Capital Price (\$)	Unrealised Gain (\$)
Ben. Adel.	A-	17/03/2025	542439	AU3FN0067401	\$4,000,000	+44.8bp	\$100.213	\$8,528
Suncorp	AA-	24/02/2026	542349	AU3FN0058343	\$10,000,000	+50.6bp	\$99.890 [^]	\$62,570
Suncorp	AA-	24/02/2026	542015	AU3FN0058343	\$10,000,000	+50.6bp	\$99.890*	\$34,590

[^] This parcel (reference 542349) was invested at a discounted capital price of \$99.264

* This parcel (reference 542015) was invested at a discounted capital price of \$99.544

The above sales would result in a capital gain of ~\$105.7k and could easily be switched into higher yielding complying assets. We will inform Council when the opportunity arises.

During FY2023-24, Council sold the securities below resulting in capital gains totalling ~\$44.2k. These FRN sales also resulted in the reduced aggregate exposure to Suncorp whilst lifting overall returns.

Issuer	Maturity Date	Month Sold	Face Value	Sale Capital Price	Realised Capital Gains
Suncorp (A+)	25/01/2027	June 2024	\$5,000,000	\$100.113	\$5,650
Suncorp (AAA)	24/04/2025	April 2024	\$3,700,000	\$100.711	\$26,307
Suncorp (A+)	30/07/2024	Mar 2024	\$6,000,000	\$100.182	\$10,920
Suncorp (A+)	30/07/2024	Mar 2024	\$750,000	\$100.182	\$1,365
Total Realised Capital Gains FY2023-24					\$44,242



Council's Fixed Bonds

The majority of Councils' fixed bonds are now at a discount to par given the rise in bond yields over the past few years. Council is likely to hold to maturity to receive its original face value back. If there is an opportunity to sell prior to maturity (if official rates fall to an attractive level), we will inform Council accordingly.

Grandfathered Investments

Council holds the following 'grandfathered' Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS). The valuation as at the end of September 2024 is shown as follows:

Asset	Maturity Date	ISIN	Face Value	Current Value	Coupon Margin	~Current Trading Margin	Monthly Actual Return (%)
2006-1A*	21/08/2051	AU300EMER013	\$332,763*	\$308,172	+45bp	+145bp	+0.11%
2006-1B	21/08/2056	AU300EMER021	\$1,000,000	\$793,315	+75bp	+305bp	+0.16%

* Emerald MBS 2006-1A paid out a distribution of \$27,822.63 in August 2024 which resulted in the decline in the face value to \$332,763 from \$360,586

The MBS2006-1A security should pay its capital well before the final maturity date.

We note the liquidity of assets such as the above in the secondary market is considered very poor with large bid-ask spreads (we would indicatively suggest a bid-ask spread of around \$5-\$10 either side of the current 'fair' value). In most circumstances, bids are well below the indicated "mid" or "fair" values. As such, Council is expected to hold this asset for the long-term, potentially until it makes its final payment.

Third Party Valuer ("Arms-Length")

Imperium Markets uses an external third party provider (IBS Capital¹) who has started valuing (effective 31st March 2022) Council's holding of this asset on a daily basis (end-of-business day valuations).

IBS Capital prices all investor's securities (FRNs, bonds, mortgage backed securities) on a daily basis. We believe this is important for auditing purposes, especially when investors revalue their assets at the end of every financial year. The revaluations of all securities on the Imperium Markets platform is NOT biased i.e. they are not provided by the bank or financial intermediary that sold the security to the client.

IBS Capital's methodology is based on extensive experience in financial markets, and it has been developed by an AFMA accredited principal. In designing the valuation methodology the following AASB directives were used - market approach valuation technique as per paragraphs 61-66 of the AASB13 Standard as well as Appendix B, Application guidance, Valuation techniques paragraph of the same document.

Where applicable, end-of-day closing prices (trading margins and yields) are crossed checked and compared with other external data providers including YieldBroker, Refinitiv and/or Bloomberg's. To make sure that adverse liquidity conditions do not influence closing prices, changes to each day's closing prices

¹ <http://ibscapital.com.au/>



from the previous trading date are analysed. If the changes are considerably different to changes in benchmark rates, the use of interpolation, based on securities with similar characteristics such as credit rating, maturity and capital structure (level of seniority), are applied.



Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of September, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
Rabobank	A	5 years	4.70%
ING	A	5 years	4.51%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.50%
BoQ	A-	5 years	4.40%
Rabobank	A	4 years	4.55%
ING	A	4 years	4.42%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	4.40%
BoQ	A-	4 years	4.35%
Rabobank	A	3 years	4.40%
ING	A	3 years	4.36%
Westpac	AA-	3 years	4.35%
ING	A	2 years	4.43%
Westpac	AA-	2 years	4.42%
Hume Bank	BBB+	2 years	4.40%
NAB	AA-	2 years	4.35%
BoQ	A-	2 years	4.35%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (*we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments*):



ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
Arab Bank	Unrated	12 months	5.00%
ICBC	A	12 months	4.92%
NAB	AA-	12 months	4.90%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	12 months	4.90%
Westpac	AA-	12 months	4.82%
Hume Bank	BBB+	12 months	4.78%
Arab Bank	Unrated	9 months	5.05%
ICBC	A	9 months	4.98%
NAB	AA-	9 months	4.95%
BoQ	A-	9 months	4.90%
Arab Bank	Unrated	6 months	5.10%
Suncorp	AA-	6 months	5.06%
NAB	AA-	6 months	5.05%
ICBC	A	6 months	5.04%
BoQ	A-	6 months	5.01%
Arab Bank	Unrated	3 months	5.10%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.95%
Westpac	AA-	3 months	4.93%

If Council does not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger a proportion of its investments across the longer term horizons (1-5 years), it will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle. Investing a spread of 12 months to 3 year horizons can likely yield up to, on average, an extra ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits (under 6-9 months).

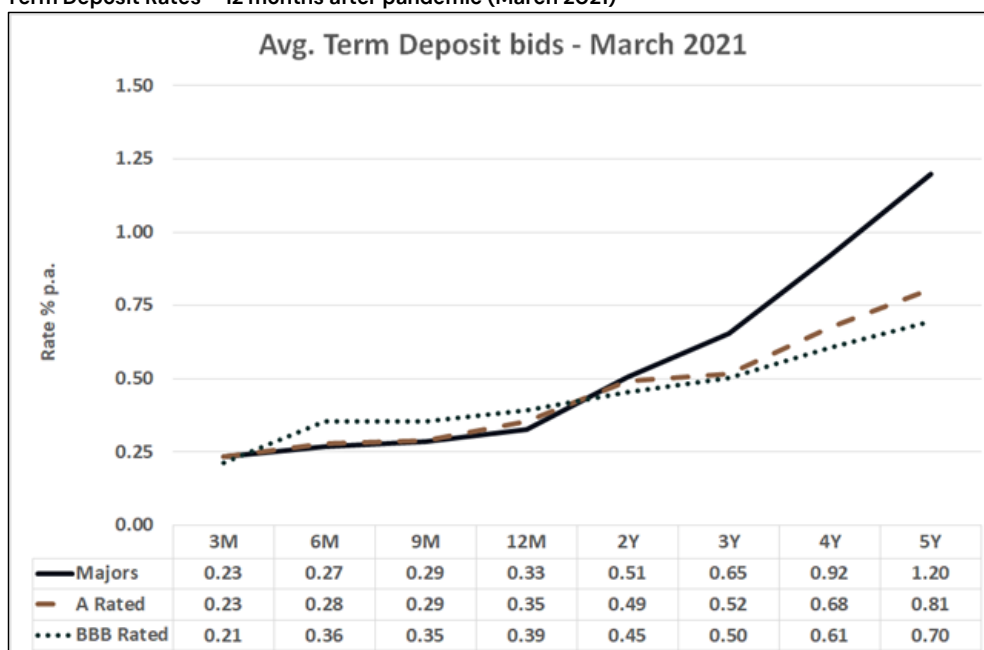
With a global economic slowdown and multiple interest rate cuts being priced over 2025, investors should strongly consider diversifying by allocating some longer term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above or close to 4½% p.a. This will provide some income protection with the RBA now potentially looking to cut rates in coming months.



Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



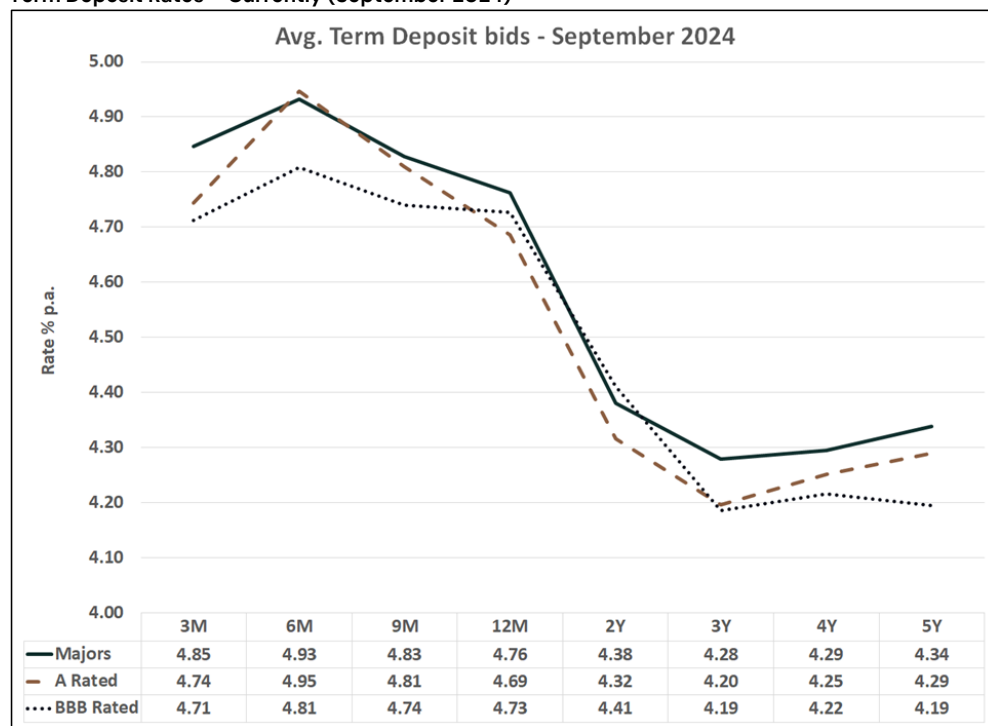
Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.



Going forward, Council should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (September 2024)



Source: Imperium Markets

Regional & Unrated ADI Sector

Ratings agency S&P has commented that "*mergers remain compelling for mutual lenders*" in providing smaller lenders greater economies of scale and assisting them in being able to price competitively and will see "*the banking landscape will settle with a small number of larger mutual players*". S&P expects that consolidation to continue over the next two years.

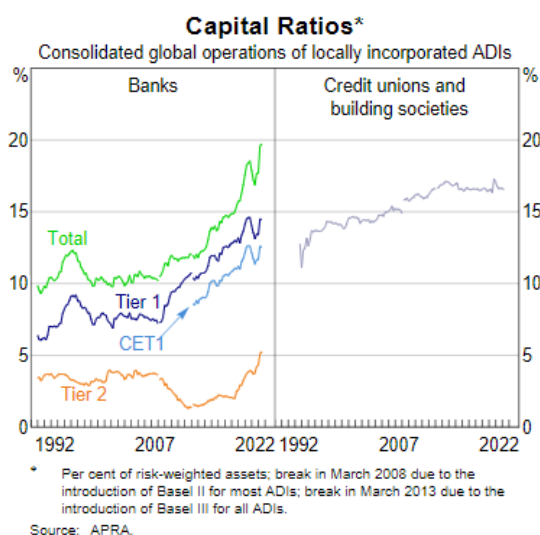
We remain supportive of the regional and unrated ADI sector (and have been even throughout the post-GFC period). They continue to remain solid, incorporate strong balance sheets, while exhibiting high levels of capital – typically, much higher compared to the higher rated ADIs. Some unrated ADIs have up to 25-40% more capital than the domestic major banks, and well above the Basel III requirements.



Overall, the lower rated ADIs (BBB and unrated) are generally now in a better financial position than they have been historically (see the Capital Ratio figure below). The financial regulator, APRA has noted that the Common Equity Tier 1 capital of Australian banks now exceeds a quarter of a trillion dollars. It has increased by \$110 billion, or more than 70%, over the past decade. Over the same time, banks' assets have grown by 44%. Some of the extra capital is supporting growth in the banking system itself but clearly, there has been a strengthening in overall resilience and leverage in the system is lower.

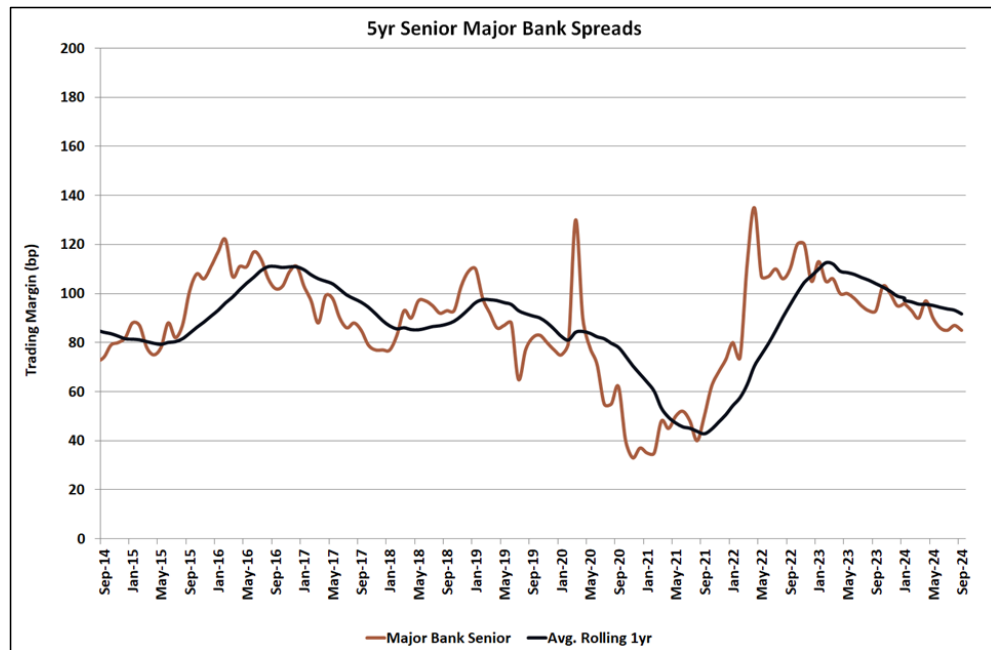
We believe that deposit investments with the lower rated ADIs should be considered going forward, particularly when they offer 'above market' specials. Not only would it diversify the investment portfolio and reduce credit risk, it would also improve the portfolio's overall returns. The lower rated entities are generally deemed to be the more 'ethical' ADIs compared to the higher rated ADIs.

In the current environment of high regulation and scrutiny, all domestic (and international) ADIs continue to carry high levels of capital. There is minimal (if any) probability of any ADI defaulting on their deposits going forward – this was stress tested during the GFC and the pandemic period. APRA's mandate is to "protect depositors" and provide "financial stability".



Senior FRNs Market Review

Over September, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities remained relatively flat at the long-end of the curve. During the month, WBC (AA-) issued a 5 year senior deal at +85bp, whilst Suncorp (AA-) issued a dual 3 & 5 year senior FRN at +74bp and +92bp respectively. Major bank senior securities remain at fair value on a historical basis although looking fairly expensive if the 5yr margin tightens to +80bp in the near future.



Source: IBS Capital

There was minimal issuance again during the month apart from:

- Auswide (BBB) 3 year senior FRN at +133bp
- AMP (BBB+) 3 year senior FRN at +127bp

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sector, the securities marginally tightened at the longer-end of the curve. Overall, credit securities are looking more attractive given the widening of spreads over the past 3 years. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly on the basis of their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.



Senior FRNs (ADIs)	30/09/2024	30/08/2024
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+85bp	+87bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+66bp	+65bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+102bp	+102bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+82bp	+87bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+127bp	+130bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before 2026 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before 2025 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6–9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.



Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation still high by historical standards, this has seen a significant lift in longer-term bond yields over the past 2-3 years (valuations have fallen) as markets have reacted sharply.

This has resulted in some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines, with the majority now being marked at a significant discount to par (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0278174	UBS	A+	Senior	26/02/2026	1.41	1.1000%	4.35%
AU3CB0280030	BoQ	A-	Senior	06/05/2026	1.60	1.4000%	4.72%
AU3CB0299337	Bendigo	A-	Senior	15/05/2026	1.62	4.7000%	4.60%
AU3CB0296168	BoQ	A-	Senior	27/01/2027	2.33	4.7000%	4.64%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	4.59	5.3580%	4.76%



Economic Commentary

International Market

In September, risk markets continued their positive momentum, welcoming the US Federal Reserve's decision to commence their easing cycle. Other developed central banks are poised to follow or continue in the same path over coming months.

Across equity markets, the S&P 500 Index rose +2.02% over the month, whilst the NASDAQ gained +2.68%. Europe's main indices were mixed, with positive returns in Germany's DAX (+2.21%) and France's CAC (+0.06%). UK's FTSE fell -1.67% for the month.

The US Fed opted for a 50bp rate cut, which was largely expected (and it's first cut since March 2020). Markets responded sharply, but then rowed back shortly afterwards as US Fed Chair Jerome Powell tried to downplay the significance of the move at the ensuing press conference, saying this was not a new pace, just a recalibration of policy.

The US economy added 142k jobs in August, slightly below the 163k forecast by economists. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in August, down from 4.3% in July.

US headline inflation rate was +0.2% m/m for August as expected, while core inflation came in slightly higher than expected at +0.3% m/m. The inflation rate was +2.5% y/y in August (down from +2.9% y/y in July), marking the slowest pace since February 2021.

The European Central Bank (ECB) cut rates by another 25bp to 3.50% as widely expected. An additional rate cut is expected in Q4.

The Bank of England (BoE) held rates steady at 5.00% as expected. Services inflation for August was up +0.4% to +5.6% y/y and core inflation was up +0.3% to +3.6% y/y.

Sweden's Riksbank cut rates by 25bp as expected. The statement said that *"if the outlook for inflation and economic activity remains unchanged, the policy rate may also be cut at the two remaining monetary policy meetings this year"*.

China consumer prices rose by +0.6% y/y in August, which was below expectations as transportation, home goods prices and rents declined. On a monthly basis, CPI grew +0.4% in August, slightly lower than the +0.5% recorded in July.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +1.64% for the month of September:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	+2.02%	+5.53%	+34.38%	+10.19%	+14.12%	+11.32%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+1.64%	+5.94%	+30.56%	+7.46%	+11.44%	+8.32%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+2.97%	+7.79%	+21.77%	+8.45%	+8.38%	+8.93%

Source: S&P, MSCI



Domestic Market

The RBA kept rates on hold at 4.35% as expected. The post-Meeting Statement was broadly in line with the Governor's recent remarks where Ms Bullock again pushed back on market pricing for near-term cuts. The Statement also noted that *"headline inflation will decline for a time, [but] underlying inflation is more indicative of inflation momentum, and it remains too high"*.

The Monthly CPI Indicator fell to +2.7% y/y from +3.5% y/y as expected on fuel base effects and electricity subsidies. Services inflation remained elevated at +4.2% y/y, while goods and non-tradables inflation fell, also driven by electricity.

The unemployment rate remained at 4.2% (falling from 4.24% to 4.16% at the second decimal place). Employment growth was a strong +47k. With trend employment growth steady near +40k, the labour market has been ably absorbing strong supply growth amid high participation and elevated population growth.

GDP rose by +0.2% q/q (+1.0% y/y), which was in line with consensus. Consumption was weaker than expected, while the other components were largely in line with the partials – business and dwelling investment made no contribution while net exports and public demand were key supports.

Export values rose +0.8% to \$43.8bn in July, remaining comfortably higher than pre-pandemic peak of \$36 billion, but are now well below the peak of \$55bn in June 2022 that was driven by the short-lived surge in coal export values.

Dwelling approvals bounced +10.4% higher in June (consensus +3% m/m). That more than unwinds the 6.4% fall in June.

The Australian dollar gained another +1.85%, finishing the month at US69.32 cents (from US68.06 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices marginally widened in September. They remain at their levels in early 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	September 2024	August 2024
CDX North American 5yr CDS	53bp	50bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	59bp	52bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	63bp	64bp

Source: Markit



Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	September 2024	August 2024
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.36%	+0.38%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+0.31%	+1.21%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.43%	+0.43%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.54%	+0.93%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+0.24%	+1.16%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.63%	+0.57%

Source: Bloomberg

Other Key Rates

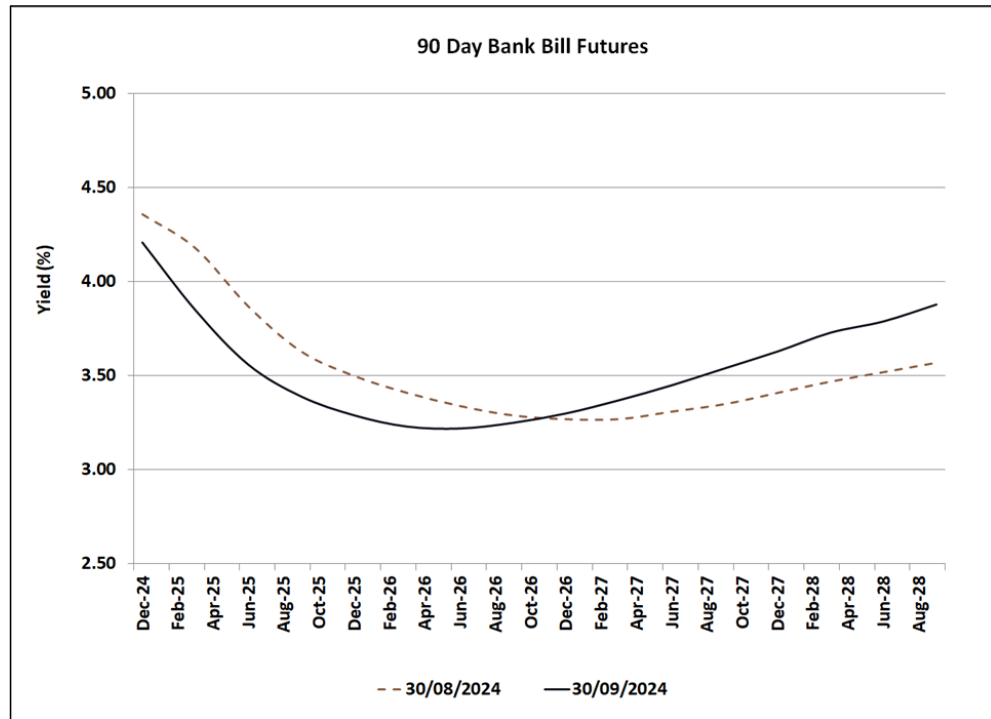
Index	September 2024	August 2024
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	4.43%	4.39%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.53%	3.54%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	3.99%	3.93%
US Fed Funds Rate	4.75%-5.00%	5.25%-5.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.66%	3.91%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	3.81%	3.91%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury



90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures fell at the short-end this month in response to expectations of impending interest rate cuts in early 2025.



Source: ASX

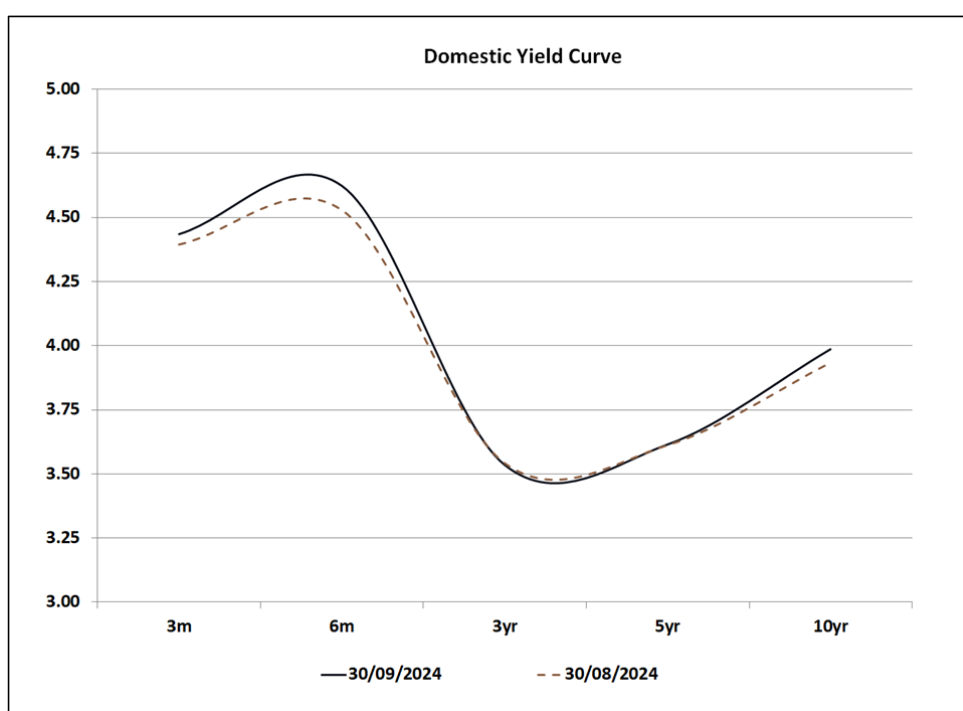


Fixed Interest Outlook

The updated US Fed dot plot shows a median rate of 4.375% by the end of 2024, implying a further 50bp of cuts out of the remaining two meetings of the year. For 2025, the median dot is for a further 100bp of cuts (to 3.375%), then a further 50bp in 2026 (to 2.875%) in 2026. This 2.875% level is also now the new Fed estimate of the 'long run' or neutral rate.

The RBA continues to push back on any immediate talks of rate cuts. Governor Bullock reiterated that official rates are not as restrictive in Australia as offshore: *"Most of those countries had official interest rates up around five or over 5% so in our judgment, we look at how restrictive some of those countries are relative to us...we're restrictive, but we think they're more restrictive than us"*.

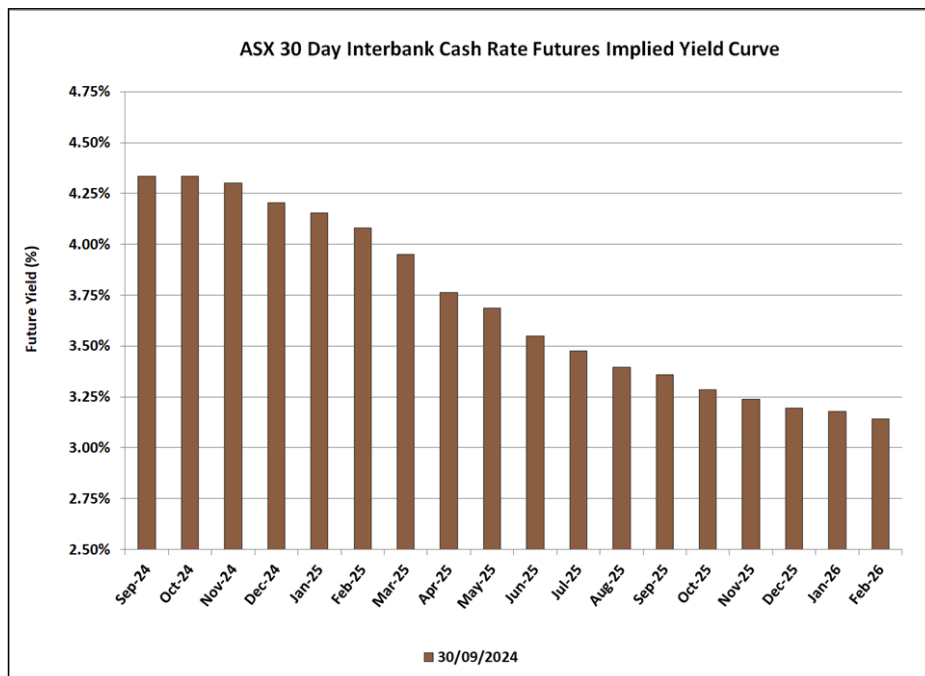
Over the month, longer-term yields remained relatively flat at the very long end of the curve (but remains an inverse yield curve):



Source: ASX, RBA



Financial markets have pushed forward their expectations of rate cuts, with the first cut pencilled in by Q1 2025, with 100-125bp of cuts priced by the end of 2025.



Source: ASX

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Investment Report

01/09/2024 to 30/09/2024

Financial Report

Portfolio Valuation as at 30/09/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	5.5900	2,000,260.00	2,000,000.00	21,134.79	9,189.04
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/09/2024	30/10/2024	4.3400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	594.52	594.52
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	06/12/2023	06/12/2024	5.2600	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	216,164.38	21,616.44
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	67,368.49	20,835.62
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	18,500,000.00	18,500,000.00	249,263.42	77,091.78
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	28/06/2024	30/12/2024	5.1300	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	53,408.22	16,865.75
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/07/2024	09/01/2025	5.2500	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	120,821.92	43,150.68
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	15/03/2024	17/03/2025	5.0800	6,750,000.00	6,750,000.00	187,890.41	28,183.56
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	5.3977	4,008,528.00	4,000,000.00	8,281.40	8,281.40
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/06/2025	4.9000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,235.62	5,235.62
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/06/2025	4.9000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	3,356.16	3,356.16
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,150.14	5,150.14
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	10,973.42	10,973.42
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	3,273.97	3,273.97
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	6,520.55	6,520.55

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.9166	5,594,909.60	5,600,000.00	21,875.50	21,875.50
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,988,960.00	10,000,000.00	47,353.32	39,461.10
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,988,960.00	10,000,000.00	47,353.32	39,461.10
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	6,392,934.40	6,400,000.00	30,306.12	25,255.10
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	5.0394	9,959,100.00	10,000,000.00	37,277.75	37,277.75
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.8341	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	397.32	397.32
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	489,841.00	500,000.00	1,602.74	1,335.62
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	1,273,586.60	1,300,000.00	4,167.12	3,472.60
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	4.8961	3,741,150.00	3,750,000.00	7,545.36	7,545.36
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.9910	1,659,951.15	1,650,000.00	17,062.04	8,124.78
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.8383	9,964,130.00	10,000,000.00	10,604.49	10,604.49
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.8383	4,982,065.00	5,000,000.00	5,302.25	5,302.25
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.8383	1,494,619.50	1,500,000.00	1,590.67	1,590.67
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.8383	4,982,065.00	5,000,000.00	5,302.25	5,302.25
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	5.2705	8,771,647.50	8,750,000.00	85,916.37	37,904.28
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	5.3729	4,740,143.75	4,750,000.00	34,960.65	20,976.39

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.9875	2,218,304.00	2,200,000.00	9,383.15	9,383.15
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	18,542.47	18,542.47
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,622,779.20	1,600,000.00	31,298.63	6,706.85
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.3563	2,006,908.00	2,000,000.00	14,087.80	8,804.88
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	6.0793	1,518,379.50	1,500,000.00	10,243.20	7,495.03
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	6.0793	1,366,541.55	1,350,000.00	9,218.88	6,745.52
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,833,435.00	5,000,000.00	57,123.29	12,328.77
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	6.2063	920,416.50	900,000.00	7,345.54	4,590.96
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	51,677.26	8,202.74
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,060,633.00	3,000,000.00	67,084.93	13,068.49
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,309,582.50	1,500,000.00	7,933.15	1,873.97
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,118,760.00	5,000,000.00	59,178.08	18,493.15
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,568,066.00	3,000,000.00	13,157.26	4,290.41
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,554,562.50	2,500,000.00	31,729.45	8,732.88
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.8293	308,171.84	332,763.03	1,805.14	1,320.83

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	5.1293	793,315.00	1,000,000.00	5,761.68	4,215.86
TOTALS								229,982,706.09	230,832,763.03	1,713,624.62	661,001.19

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Portfolio by Asset as at 30/09/2024

Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/09/2024	30/10/2024	4.3400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	594.52	594.52
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	06/12/2023	06/12/2024	5.2600	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	216,164.38	21,616.44
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	67,368.49	20,835.62
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	18,500,000.00	18,500,000.00	249,263.42	77,091.78
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	28/06/2024	30/12/2024	5.1300	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	53,408.22	16,865.75
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/07/2024	09/01/2025	5.2500	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	120,821.92	43,150.68
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	15/03/2024	17/03/2025	5.0800	6,750,000.00	6,750,000.00	187,890.41	28,183.56
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/06/2025	4.9000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,235.62	5,235.62
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/06/2025	4.9000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	3,356.16	3,356.16
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,150.14	5,150.14
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	10,973.42	10,973.42
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	3,273.97	3,273.97
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	6,520.55	6,520.55
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	18,542.47	18,542.47
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	51,677.26	8,202.74

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
LENDING											
TD SUBTOTALS								106,750,000.00	106,750,000.00	1,000,240.96	269,593.42

Asset Type: FRTD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.8341	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	397.32	397.32
FRTD SUBTOTALS								3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	397.32	397.32

Asset Type: FRN

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	5.5900	2,000,260.00	2,000,000.00	21,134.79	9,189.04
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	5.3977	4,008,528.00	4,000,000.00	8,281.40	8,281.40
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.9166	5,594,909.60	5,600,000.00	21,875.50	21,875.50
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,988,960.00	10,000,000.00	47,353.32	39,461.10
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,988,960.00	10,000,000.00	47,353.32	39,461.10
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	6,392,934.40	6,400,000.00	30,306.12	25,255.10

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	5.0394	9,959,100.00	10,000,000.00	37,277.75	37,277.75
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	4.8961	3,741,150.00	3,750,000.00	7,545.36	7,545.36
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.9910	1,659,951.15	1,650,000.00	17,062.04	8,124.78
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.8383	9,964,130.00	10,000,000.00	10,604.49	10,604.49
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.8383	4,982,065.00	5,000,000.00	5,302.25	5,302.25
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.8383	1,494,619.50	1,500,000.00	1,590.67	1,590.67
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.8383	4,982,065.00	5,000,000.00	5,302.25	5,302.25
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	5.2705	8,771,647.50	8,750,000.00	85,916.37	37,904.28
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	5.3729	4,740,143.75	4,750,000.00	34,960.65	20,976.39
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.9875	2,218,304.00	2,200,000.00	9,383.15	9,383.15
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.3563	2,006,908.00	2,000,000.00	14,087.80	8,804.88
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	6.0793	1,518,379.50	1,500,000.00	10,243.20	7,495.03
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	6.0793	1,366,541.55	1,350,000.00	9,218.88	6,745.52
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	6.2063	920,416.50	900,000.00	7,345.54	4,590.96
EmeraldMBS2006-	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.8293	308,171.84	332,763.03	1,805.14	1,320.83

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
1A											
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	5.1293	793,315.00	1,000,000.00	5,761.68	4,215.86
FRN SUBTOTALS								97,401,460.29	97,682,763.03	439,711.68	320,707.70

Asset Type: BOND

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	489,841.00	500,000.00	1,602.74	1,335.62
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	1,273,586.60	1,300,000.00	4,167.12	3,472.60
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,622,779.20	1,600,000.00	31,298.63	6,706.85
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,833,435.00	5,000,000.00	57,123.29	12,328.77
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,060,633.00	3,000,000.00	67,084.93	13,068.49
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,309,582.50	1,500,000.00	7,933.15	1,873.97
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,118,760.00	5,000,000.00	59,178.08	18,493.15
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,568,066.00	3,000,000.00	13,157.26	4,290.41
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,554,562.50	2,500,000.00	31,729.45	8,732.88

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
BOND SUBTOTALS								22,831,245.80	23,400,000.00	273,274.66	70,302.74

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Portfolio by Asset Totals as at 30/09/2024

Type	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
TD	106,750,000.00	106,750,000.00	1,000,240.96	269,593.42
FRTD	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	397.32	397.32
FRN	97,401,460.29	97,682,763.03	439,711.68	320,707.70
BOND	22,831,245.80	23,400,000.00	273,274.66	70,302.74
TOTALS	229,982,706.09	230,832,763.03	1,713,624.62	661,001.19

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Counterparty Compliance as at 30/09/2024

Long Term Investments

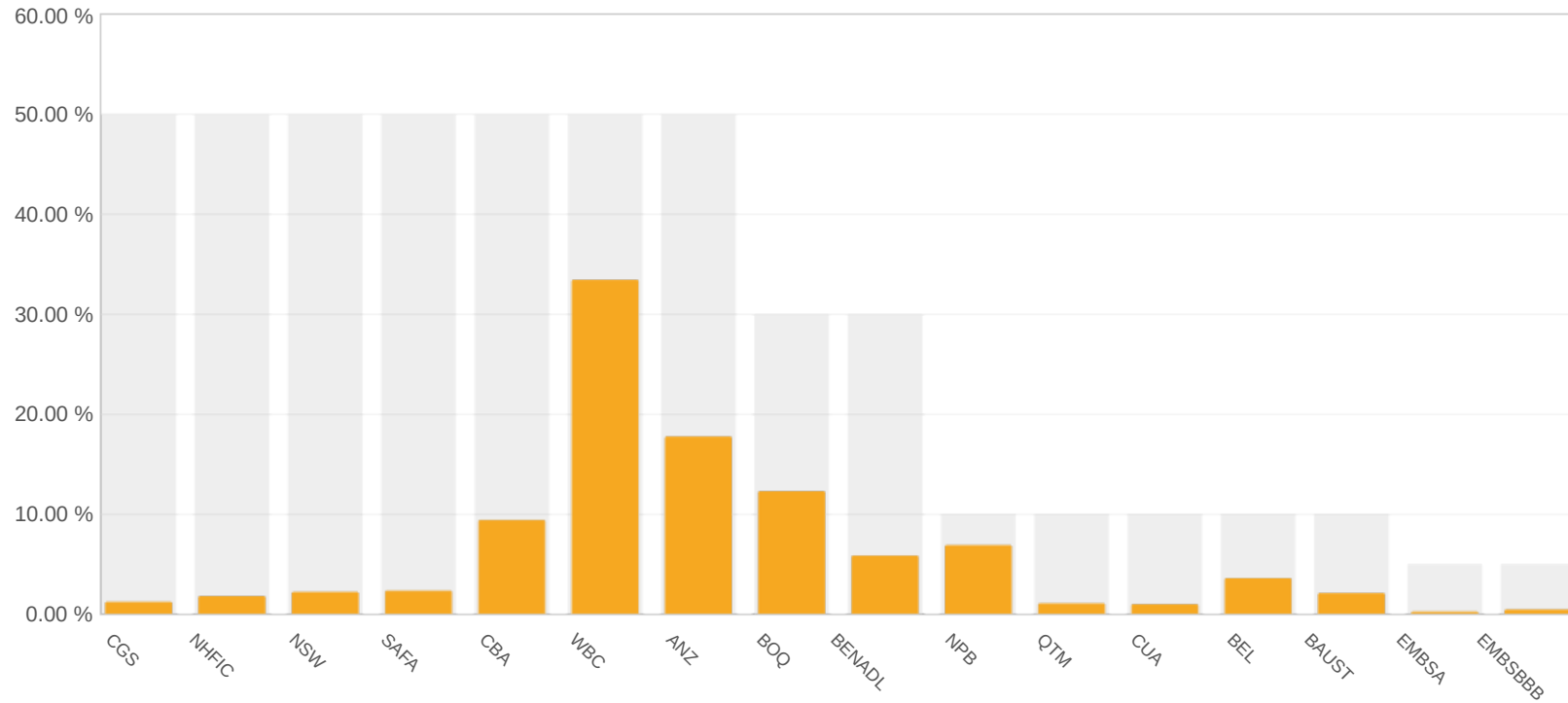
Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	Commonwealth Government	Long	AAA	2,554,562.50	1.11	50.00	-	112,436,790.55
✓	NHFIC	Long	AAA	3,877,648.50	1.69	50.00	-	111,113,704.55
✓	NSW Treasury Corp	Long	AA+	4,833,435.00	2.10	50.00	-	110,157,918.05
✓	South Australian Government	Long	AA+	5,118,760.00	2.23	50.00	-	109,872,593.05
✓	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	21,422,879.50	9.31	50.00	-	93,568,473.55
✓	Westpac	Long	AA-	76,750,000.00	33.37	50.00	-	38,241,353.05
✓	ANZ Bank	Long	AA-	40,647,079.50	17.67	50.00	-	74,344,273.55
✓	BOQ	Long	A-	28,060,633.00	12.20	30.00	-	40,934,178.83
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	Long	A-	13,233,124.80	5.75	30.00	-	55,761,687.03
✓	Newcastle Permanent	Long	BBB+	15,619,660.25	6.79	10.00	-	7,378,610.36
✓	RACQ Bank	Long	BBB+	2,218,304.00	0.96	10.00	-	20,779,966.61
✓	Great Southern Bank	Long	BBB+	2,000,260.00	0.87	10.00	-	20,998,010.61
✓	Bank of Us	Long	BBB+	8,000,000.00	3.48	10.00	-	14,998,270.61
✓	Bank Australia	Long	BBB+	4,544,872.20	1.98	10.00	-	18,453,398.41

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Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Long	Unrated	308,171.84	0.13	5.00	-	11,190,963.46
✓	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Long	Unrated	793,315.00	0.34	5.00	-	10,705,820.31
TOTALS				229,982,706.09	100.00			

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Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



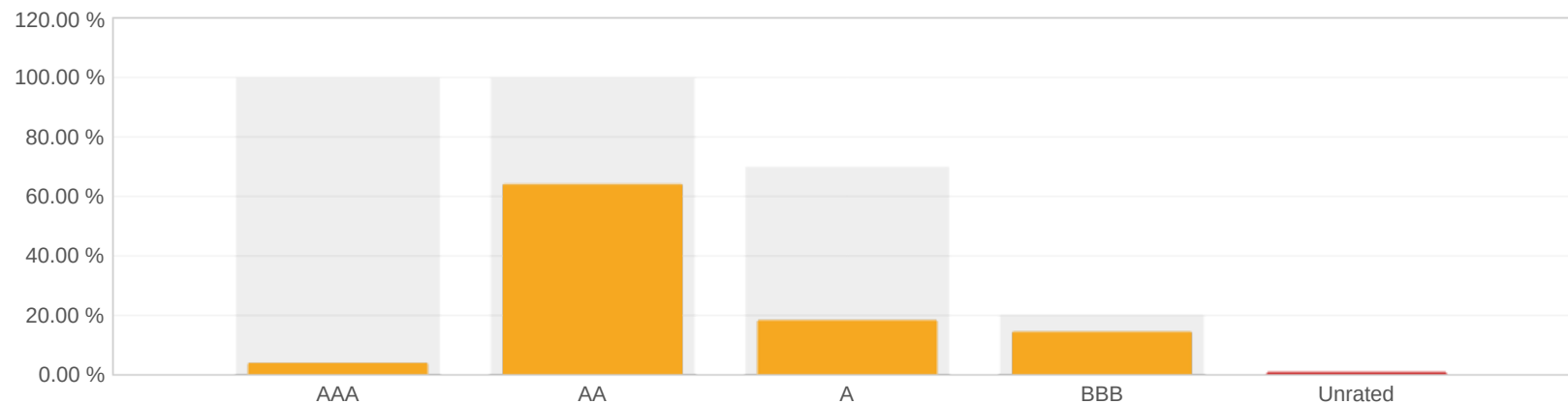
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Credit Quality Compliance as at 30/09/2024

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA	8,195,638.60	3.56	100.00	221,787,067.49
✓	AA	147,008,726.40	63.92	100.00	82,973,979.69
✓	A	41,293,757.80	17.95	70.00	119,694,136.46
✓	BBB	32,383,096.45	14.08	20.00	13,613,444.77
✗	Unrated	1,101,486.84	0.48	0.00	-1,101,486.84
TOTALS		229,982,706.09	100.00		

Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments

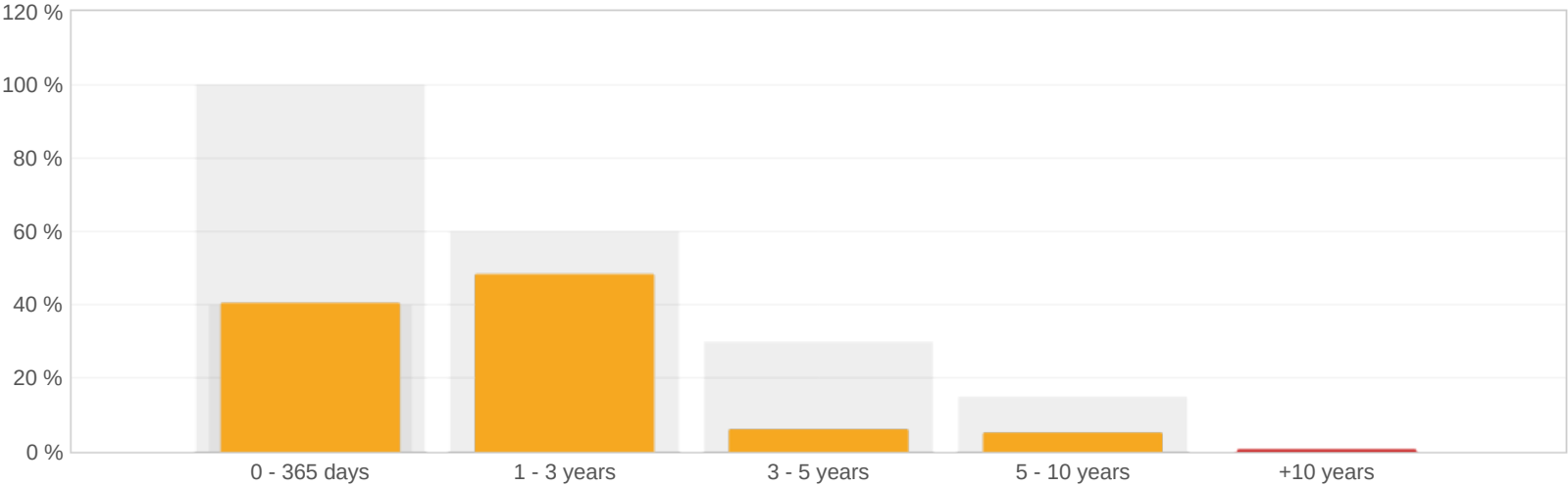


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Maturity Compliance as at 30/09/2024

Compliant	Term	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 365 days	92,758,788.00	40.33	40.00	100.00	137,223,918.09
✓	1 - 3 years	110,872,054.70	48.21	0.00	60.00	27,117,568.96
✓	3 - 5 years	13,699,405.55	5.96	0.00	30.00	55,295,406.28
✓	5 - 10 years	11,550,971.00	5.02	0.00	15.00	22,946,434.91
✗	+10 years	1,101,486.84	0.48	0.00	0.00	-1,101,486.84
TOTALS		229,982,706.09	100.00			

Maturity Compliance



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Trades in Period

From: 01/09/2024 To: 30/09/2024

New Trades - From: 01/09/2024 To: 30/09/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/06/2025	4.9000	3,000,000.00	1034836
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	4670
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	11887542
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/06/2025	4.9000	5,000,000.00	1032950
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	4681
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	11908815
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	6.0793	1,500,000.00	11497365
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/09/2024	30/10/2024	4.3400	5,000,000.00	1034154
TOTALS								39,000,000.00	

INNER WEST

Sell Trades - From: 01/09/2024 To: 30/09/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Yield/Margin (%)	Face Value (\$)	Gross Value (\$)	Capital Value (\$)	Reference
No entries for this item												
TOTALS									0			

INNER WEST

Matured Trades - From: 01/09/2024 To: 30/09/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	20/09/2023	18/09/2024	5.0000	12,500,000.00	544516
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	27/09/2023	26/09/2024	5.2100	10,000,000.00	544540
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2023	26/09/2024	5.2200	10,000,000.00	544525
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	29/08/2024	30/09/2024	4.3500	5,000,000.00	BoQ 1mth TD
TOTALS								37,500,000.00	

Financial Statement

Unrealised Gains / Losses as at 30/09/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss (\$)
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,000,260.00	100.0000	100.0130	260.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	4,000,000.00	4,008,528.00	100.0000	100.2132	8,528.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	5,600,000.00	5,594,909.60	100.0000	99.9091	-5,090.40
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	9,954,370.00	9,988,960.00	99.5437	99.8896	34,590.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	9,926,390.00	9,988,960.00	99.2639	99.8896	62,570.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	6,400,000.00	6,392,934.40	100.0000	99.8896	-7,065.60
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	10,000,000.00	9,959,100.00	100.0000	99.5910	-40,900.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	BOND	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	546,140.50	489,841.00	109.2281	97.9682	-56,299.50
Suncorp Bank	AA-	BOND	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,420,220.10	1,273,586.60	109.2477	97.9682	-146,633.50
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	3,750,000.00	3,741,150.00	100.0000	99.7640	-8,850.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,650,000.00	1,659,951.15	100.0000	100.6031	9,951.15
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	GREEN	9,848,540.00	9,964,130.00	98.4854	99.6413	115,590.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	4,966,070.00	4,982,065.00	99.3214	99.6413	15,995.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	1,491,930.00	1,494,619.50	99.4620	99.6413	2,689.50
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	5,000,000.00	4,982,065.00	100.0000	99.6413	-17,935.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	8,750,000.00	8,771,647.50	100.0000	100.2474	21,647.50
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	4,750,000.00	4,740,143.75	100.0000	99.7925	-9,856.25

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss (\$)
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,200,000.00	2,218,304.00	100.0000	100.8320	18,304.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,597,888.00	1,622,779.20	99.8680	101.4237	24,891.20
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,006,908.00	100.0000	100.3454	6,908.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,521,030.00	1,518,379.50	101.4020	101.2253	-2,650.50
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,350,000.00	1,366,541.55	100.0000	101.2253	16,541.55
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	4,833,435.00	100.0000	96.6687	-166,565.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	900,000.00	920,416.50	100.0000	102.2685	20,416.50
BOQ	A-	BOND	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,992,470.00	3,060,633.00	99.7490	102.0211	68,163.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,535,415.00	1,309,582.50	102.3610	87.3055	-225,832.50
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	5,118,760.00	100.0000	102.3752	118,760.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	3,000,000.00	2,568,066.00	100.0000	85.6022	-431,934.00
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	2,492,450.00	2,554,562.50	99.6980	102.1825	62,112.50
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	MBS	332,763.03	308,171.84	100.0000	92.6100	-24,591.19
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	MBS	1,000,000.00	793,315.00	100.0000	79.3315	-206,685.00
TOTALS						120,975,676.63	120,232,706.09			-742,970.54



Realised Gains / Losses

From: 01/09/2024 To: 30/09/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Cost Price	Current Price	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Realised	Type
No entries for this item											
TOTALS						0	0			0	



Interest Received in Period

From: 01/09/2024 To: 30/09/2024

Periodic Interest

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value (\$)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	12,500,000.00	20/09/2023	18/09/2024	18/09/2024	Maturity	5.0000	623,287.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	10,000,000.00	26/09/2023	26/09/2024	26/09/2024	Maturity	5.2200	523,430.14
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	10,000,000.00	27/09/2023	26/09/2024	26/09/2024	Maturity	5.2100	521,000.00
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	29/08/2024	30/09/2024	30/09/2024	Maturity	4.3500	19,068.49
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	4,000,000.00	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	17/09/2024	Periodic	5.3509	53,948.80
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	5,600,000.00	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	02/09/2024	Periodic	4.8692	67,982.04
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10,000,000.00	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	04/09/2024	Periodic	4.9847	125,641.75
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	3,000,000.00	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	30/09/2024	Periodic	4.8453	37,434.92
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	3,750,000.00	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	16/09/2024	Periodic	4.8509	45,352.59
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	23/09/2024	Periodic	4.8023	59,864.29
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	23/09/2024	Periodic	4.8023	59,864.29
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	1,500,000.00	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	23/09/2024	Periodic	4.8023	17,959.29
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10,000,000.00	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	23/09/2024	Periodic	4.8023	119,728.58
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	2,200,000.00	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	05/09/2024	Periodic	5.9519	33,004.51

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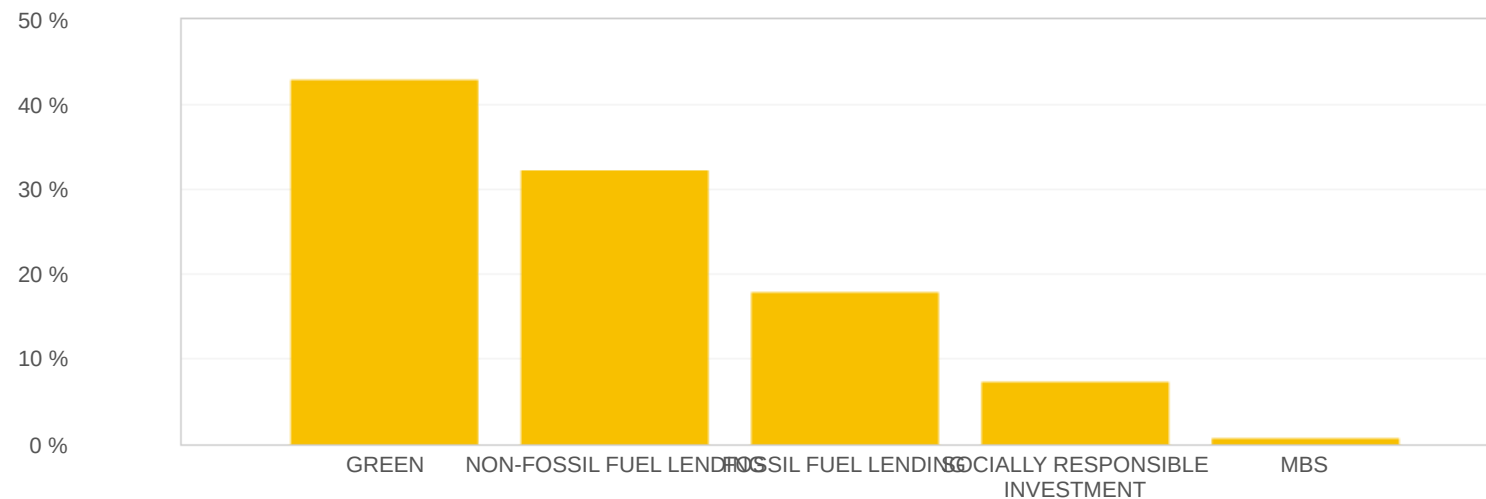
Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value (\$)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received (\$)
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	18,000,000.00	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	23/09/2024	Periodic	4.7000	217,873.97
TOTALS					105,550,000.00						2,525,441.32

INNER WEST

Allocation as at 30/09/2024

Code	Number of trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
GREEN	13	98,172,879.50	42.69
NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	20	73,676,854.25	32.04
FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	7	40,647,079.50	17.67
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5	16,384,406.00	7.12
MBS	2	1,101,486.84	0.48
TOTALS	47	229,982,706.09	100.0

Allocation Distribution as at 30/09/2024

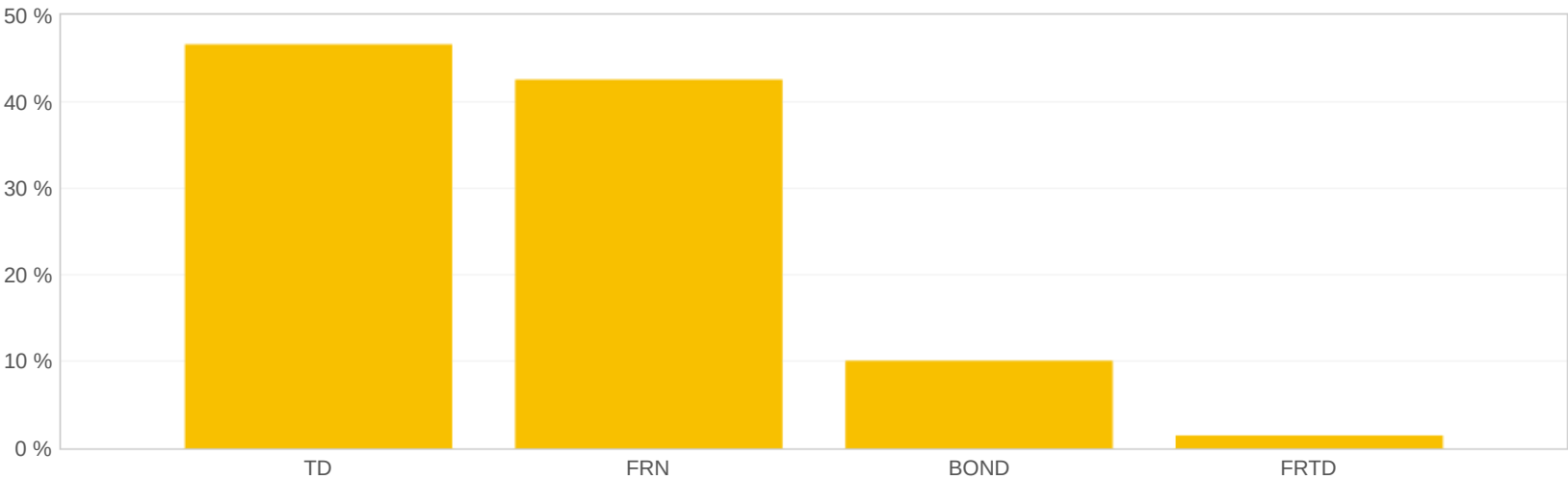


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Asset Class as at 30/09/2024

Code	Number of Trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
TD	15	106,750,000.00	46.42
FRN	22	97,401,460.29	42.35
BOND	9	22,831,245.80	9.93
FRTD	1	3,000,000.00	1.30
TOTALS	47	229,982,706.09	100.0

Asset Class Distribution



Item No: C1024(2) Item 16
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT AT 31 AUGUST 2024
Prepared By: Chris Sleiman - Chief Financial Officer
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A monthly investment report is provided to Council detailing the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of the total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value. During the month of August 2024:

Council matured investments:

- \$5.0M 1 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.34%pa
- Council invested:
 - \$5.0M 1 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.35%pa
- Council is preparing for the maturity of further investments in September and October 2024, and it appears the rates are declining compared with prior months.
- Following ANZ's completion of the takeover of Suncorp on 31 July 2024, all of Suncorp's assets previously classified as Non-Fossil Fuel Lending is now flagged as Fossil Fuel Lending. The notifications of such a takeover were publicly made, Council made the active decision to reduce its exposure to Suncorp and not invest 'new' funds with Suncorp. There are five Term Deposits and two Bonds with Suncorp that mature between 2026 through to 2027.
- Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 30% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel Lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 7% in Socially Responsible Investments, 45% in Green investments and 18% in Fossil Fuel Lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs).

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.

BACKGROUND

A monthly investment report is provided to Council detailing the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value.

The intention of investing Council's funds is to seek the most favourable return available, whilst having due consideration of risk and security for that investment type and ensuring that its liquidity requirements are being maintained; with consideration given to the preservation of capital, liquidity, and the return on investment.

Preservation of capital is the principal objective of the investment portfolio. Investments are placed in a manner that seeks to ensure security and safeguard the investment portfolio. This includes managing credit and interest rate risk within identified thresholds and parameters.

Council determined to proactively invest in a non-fossil fuel investment portfolio.

Legislative Requirements

All investments are to comply with the following:

- *Local Government Act 1993;*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021;*
- *Ministerial Investment Order dated 17 February 2011;*
- *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;*
- *Australian Accounting Standards; and*
- *Division of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines May 2010*

Council's Socially Responsible Investments consist of Green Term Deposits/Floating Rate Notes from otherwise fossil fuel lending banks, such as CBA and Westpac and also long dated bond issues from a range of institutions and government agencies. These investments provide targeted funding to a wide range of green and socially responsible projects and initiatives. Council also utilises these investments to remain within the credit rating policy guidelines imposed by the NSW TCorp loan covenant requirements.

Certification

The Chief Financial Officer Chris Sleiman as the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Section 212 of the Local Government General Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

DISCUSSION

Council's investments are held in various investment categories which are listed in the table below. Council's market value investment portfolio size is \$228.3M, \$0.2M higher than the prior month market value of \$228.1M. All Socially Responsible Investments (SRI's) are investments that comply with the Non-Fossil Fuel standards. Council's portfolio during the month had a return of 5.05% pa, against the 'AusBond Bank Bill Index' Benchmark (4.54% pa) on a marked-to-market basis. For the past 12 months, the portfolio has returned 4.96% pa on a marked-to-market basis.

In August, it was a tale of two halves as financial markets were sold off early in the month before recovering in the final two weeks. Key economic indicators continue to point towards a soft landing and markets have been quick to position for a lower interest rate environment. As interest rates rise/fall the dollar valuations of existing bonds rise/fall in the market. While Fixed Rate Bond's (or Floating Rates Notes) market value may drop below its face value (or par value) during the life of a security, providing Council does not sell the security and the issuer is

sound (which all of Council's holdings are) then the bond's market value will come back to the face value by the time it matures.

Suncorp Bank investments

In the June Investment report, an update of the ANZ takeover of Suncorp was provided. Since the report, on 31 July 2024, ANZ's takeover of Suncorp Bank was formalised, and ratings agency S&P upgraded Suncorp's long-term credit rating to that of its parent company immediately (now rated AA-). Council's exposure to Suncorp is now reflected under the parent company being ANZ.

Since ANZ Bank is classified as a lender in the fossil-fuel industry, the completion of the Suncorp Bank takeover has resulted in these investments contravening the ethical investment category. This is supported in Council's Investment Policy under Clause 14:

"Within the limits of prevailing Legislation and this investment Policy, Council's investments will be made in consideration of the principles of ethical investment management."

Council's investment portfolio is to consist entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits in non-fossil fuel aligned banks."

Council currently holds a mixture of fixed rate bonds and floating rate notes which are currently showing an unrealised loss of \$142,303 as of 10 September 2024.

Issuer Name	Rating	Instrument Code	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Purchase Price	Unrealised Gain/(Loss)	Coupon %
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	1,271,962	1,427,881	(155,919)	3.25
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	5/05/2020	24/08/2026	489,216	549,310	(60,094)	3.25
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	6,388,992	6,400,000	(11,008)	4.80
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	9,982,800	9,927,200	55,600	4.80
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	3,739,489	3,750,000	(10,511)	4.85
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	9,982,800	9,962,700	20,100	4.80
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	8,769,530	8,750,000	19,530	5.27
Total					40,624,788	40,767,091	(142,303)	

Council's Investment Policy under Clause 11 also notes that:

"Investments are expected to achieve a market average rate of return in line with Council's risk appetite. Investments are to be considered in the light of the following criteria:

- Preservation of Capital – the requirement for preventing losses in an investment portfolio's total value;"*

Subsequently, please refer to the September 2024 Investment report for an update.

Changes in the value of our portfolio

The maturities were:

- Bank of Queensland TD (\$5.0M 1 month 4.34%pa).

New trades were:

- Bank of Queensland TDs (\$5.0M 1 month 4.35%pa).

Council is looking to lock in rates close to or above 4.50% p.a. across a 1–5 year tenure (staggered approach) that may provide some income protection against a potentially lower rate environment in the future.

Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 30% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 7% of the portfolio in Socially Responsible Investments, 45% of the portfolio in Green investments and 18% in Fossil Fuel lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs).

Category	Amount	%
Green	\$101,658,023	44.52%
Socially Responsible	\$16,361,259	7.16%
Non Fossil Fuel Lending	\$69,711,161	30.53%
Fossil Fuel Lending [^]	\$40,624,222	17.79%
Total	\$228,354,664	100.00%

[^]Reflects the assets with Suncorp, which is now owned by ANZ

Following ANZ's takeover of Suncorp on 31 July 2024, all of Suncorp's assets previously classified as Non-Fossil Fuel Lending is now flagged as Fossil Fuel Lending.

Council has two Emerald Investments that were purchased by the former Marrickville Council in July 2006 with maturity dates of August 2051 and August 2056 representing a market value \$1.1M of Councils invested funds.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$) [^]	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	Commonwealth Govt	AAA	\$2,564,628	1.12%	50%	\$111,612,704
✓	National Housing FIC	AAA	\$3,857,451	1.69%	50%	\$110,319,881
✓	NSW TCorp	AA+	\$4,827,255	2.11%	50%	\$109,350,077
✓	South Aust. Govt.	AA+	\$5,111,925	2.24%	50%	\$109,065,407
✓	ANZ (Suncorp) Cov. ^{^^}	AAA	\$1,758,980	0.77%	32.98%	\$73,553,110
✓	ANZ (Suncorp) ^{^^}	AA-	\$38,865,242	17.02%	50%	\$75,312,090
✓	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$21,408,023	9.37%	50%	\$92,769,309
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$80,250,000	35.14%	50%	\$33,927,332
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	\$25,724,464	11.27%	30%	\$42,781,935
✓	BOQ	A-	\$20,054,447	8.78%	30%	\$48,451,952
✓	Bank Australia	BBB+	\$3,018,610	1.32%	10%	\$19,816,856
✓	Great Southern Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,518	0.88%	10%	\$20,834,948
✓	Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	\$15,597,211	6.83%	10%	\$7,238,256
✓	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,216,062	0.97%	10%	\$20,619,404
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	\$307,838	0.13%	0%	-\$307,838
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	\$792,011	0.35%	0%	-\$792,011
			\$228,354,664	100.00%		

[^]Note valuations of Council's securities on the Imperium Markets platform are marked-to-market and priced on a daily basis from an independent third party provider.

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The attachments to this report summarise all investments held by Council and interest returns for the period ending 31 August 2024.

The Current Market value is required to be accounted for. The Current Market Value is a likely outcome if Council were to consider recalling the investment prior to its due date.

All investments held in the month of August were in accordance with the *Local Government Act, Local Government Regulations*. As noted above, the Suncorp investments now classified as Fossil Fuel Investments are not in line with the Inner West Council Investment Policy.

External / Internal Restrictions & Working Funds

Council's external restriction reserves are funds that are restricted for use by external entities and have a specific purpose. Examples of such reserves include:

- Developer Contributions
- Grants
- Domestic Waste Reserve
- Stormwater Levy.

Internal Restriction reserves are reserves created internally by Council for a specific purpose. Examples include:

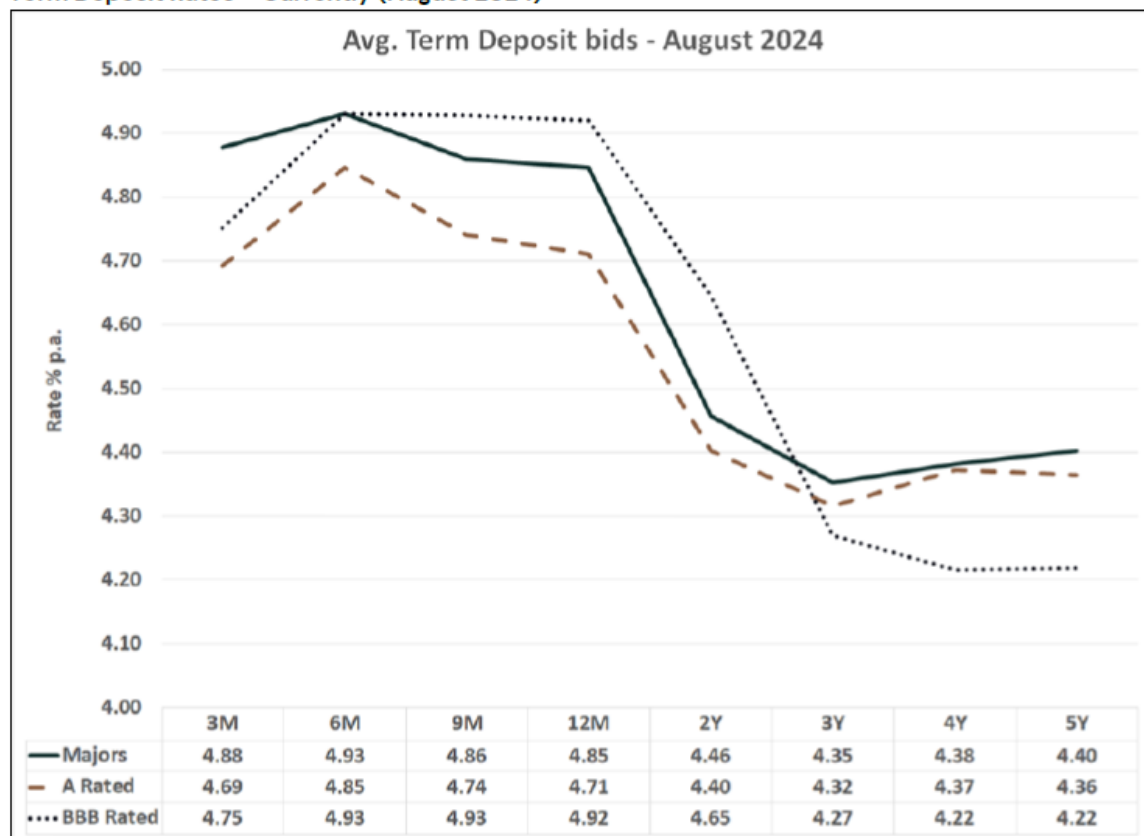
- Employment Leave Entitlements
- Investment Property Reserve
- Infrastructure Renewal Reserve
- Depreciation Contra Reserve.

Due to the 2023/24 Financial Year End process currently in progress, the split between the External and Internal Restrictions are not available at this time.

Other Investment Information

The chart below shows the average Term Deposit bids available for Council over the next five years.

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (August 2024)

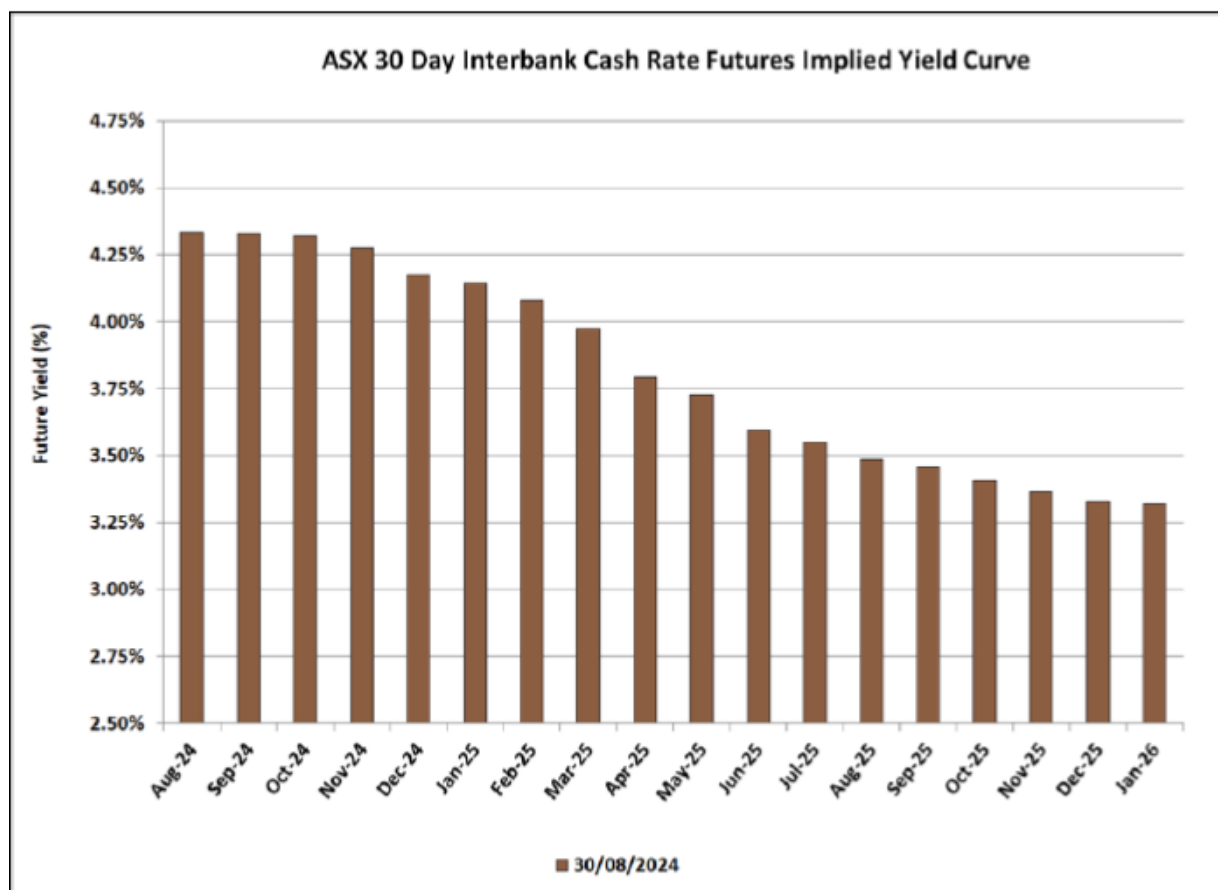


Source: Imperium Markets

In the deposit market, over August, the average deposit rates offered by the major banks dropped significantly as rate cut expectations were brought forward. Most notably, at the longer end of the curve (1-5 years), the average bids offered by the major banks dropped between 40-60 basis points from where they were in July. The deposit curve is significantly inverse with rates now peaking at the 6 month term and then dropping across 1-5 year horizon (with the lowest rates offered in the 3 year tenor), as the market aggressively factors in multiple rate cuts over the coming year.

Domestic issues:

- The RBA kept rates on hold in its meeting in August as widely expected, saying it remains “*vigilant to upside risks to inflation*”. The most important addition to the post-Meeting Statement was the line “*policy will need to be sufficiently restrictive until the Board is confident that inflation is moving sustainably towards the target range*”, suggesting the RBA’s default is to keep policy unchanged until that confidence builds.
- The Monthly CPI indicator fell to +3.5% y/y in July from +3.8% (consensus +3.4%), driven by the fall in electricity prices following the introduction of new subsidies (electricity fell -6.4% m/m, vs +0.9% without the subsidies).
- Australia’s employment growth for July rose by 58.2k vs. 20k expected. Despite this strong employment growth, the unemployment rate increased to 4.2% (rising 0.1% from June) reflective of the increase in the participation rate to a record level of 67.1%.
- The RBA remains on a tightening bias after keeping rates on hold in August. The Governor again pushed back against market pricing for immediate rate cuts. The Board’s conditions for a cut are unlikely to be in place in the near-term. Governor Bullock, while affirming the RBA assessed policy as restrictive, acknowledged they were perhaps less restrictive than other central banks, and as a result had less room to cut rates while maintaining restrictive settings.
- Financial markets have pushed forward their expectations of rate cuts, with the first cut pencilled in by February 2025, and around 100 basis points of cuts priced by the end of 2025.



Source: ASX

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications to be considered are the net loss from the sale of Suncorp Bank bonds and Floating Rate Notes which equate to \$142,303 as of 10 September 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Inner West Council Economic and Investment Portfolio Commentary - August 2024](#)
2. [Inner West Council Investment Report - August 2024](#)



Monthly Investment Review



August 2024

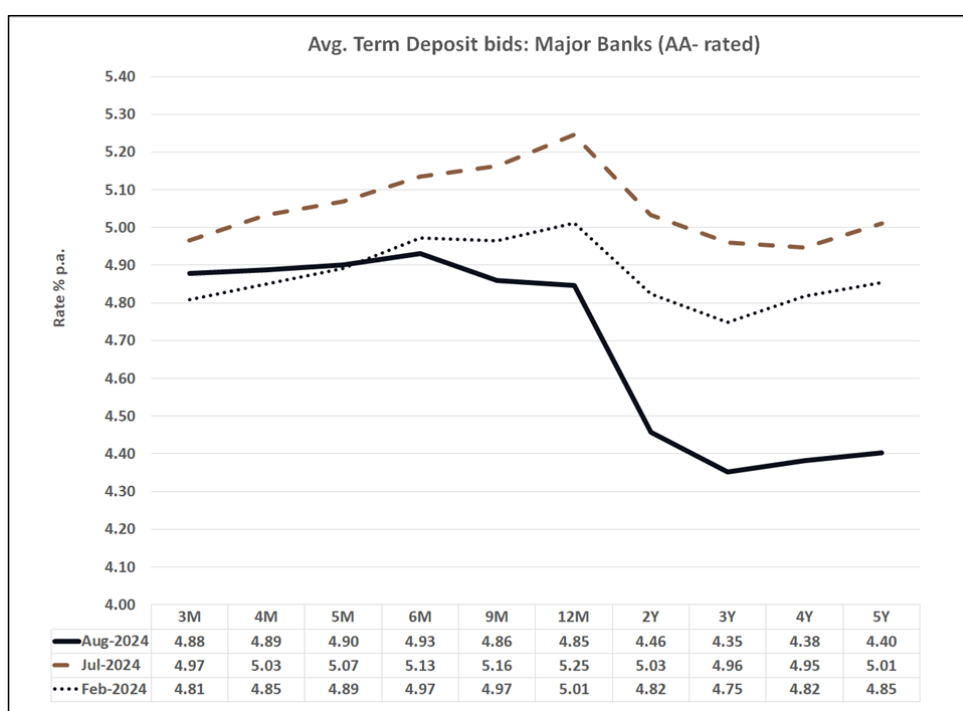
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Market Update Summary

In August, it was a tale of two halves as financial markets were sold off early in the month before recovering in the final two weeks. Key economic indicators continue to point towards a soft landing and markets have been quick to position for a lower interest rate environment.

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Source: Imperium Markets

With a global economic downturn and multiple interest rate cuts still being priced over the next 6-12 months, investors should consider diversifying and taking an 'insurance policy' against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 2-5 year fixed deposits, targeting rates above 4% p.a. (small allocation only).



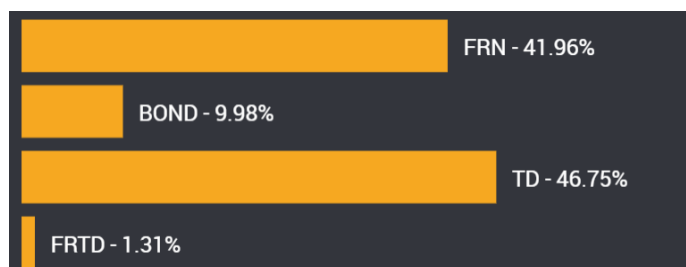
Inner West Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

A large proportion of the portfolio is directed to fixed and floating rate term deposits (~48%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in FRNs (~42%), which includes a residual exposure to the grandfathered mortgage backed securities, and fixed bonds (~10%).

Senior FRNs remain relatively attractive as spreads have generally widened over the past 2-3 years. New issuances may be considered again on a case by case scenario. In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 9-12 months to 3 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

Should inflation be within the RBA's target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, targeting yields around 4½% p.a. or higher should outperform benchmark. Fixed term deposits spread across 1-5 year horizons (staggered approach) would be suitable to address the potential for a lower rate environment in coming years.



Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 40.6% of assets maturing within 12 months, which is just above the minimum 40% required level.

There is significant capacity to invest in short-medium (1-3 years), which is where we see the current value to optimise returns in the longer-run once the immediate capital projects are delivered. Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed term deposits or newly issued FRNs (refer to respective sections below).

The non-compliance in the +10 year category reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities which have a final maturity date of +2050.



Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 12 months	\$92,759,170	40.62%	40%	100%	\$135,595,494
✓	1 – 3 years	\$110,799,148	48.52%	0%	60%	\$26,213,650
✓	3 – 5 years	\$12,162,493	5.33%	0%	30%	\$56,343,906
✓	5 – 10 years	\$11,534,004	5.05%	0%	15%	\$22,719,196
X	+10 years	\$1,099,849	0.48%	0%	0%	-\$1,099,849
		\$228,354,664	100.00%			



Counterparty

Capacity limits are often dependent on the overall movement in the portfolio's balances (inflows or capital expenditures). Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to unrated ADIs. The exposure to "Unrated" assets reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$) ^	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	Commonwealth Govt	AAA	\$2,564,628	1.12%	50%	\$111,612,704
✓	National Housing FIC	AAA	\$3,857,451	1.69%	50%	\$110,319,881
✓	NSW TCorp	AA+	\$4,827,255	2.11%	50%	\$109,350,077
✓	South Aust. Govt.	AA+	\$5,111,925	2.24%	50%	\$109,065,407
✓	ANZ (Suncorp) Cov.^	AAA	\$1,758,980	0.77%	32.98%	\$73,553,110
✓	ANZ (Suncorp)^	AA-	\$38,865,242	17.02%	50%	\$75,312,090
✓	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$21,408,023	9.37%	50%	\$92,769,309
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$80,250,000	35.14%	50%	\$33,927,332
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	\$25,724,464	11.27%	30%	\$42,781,935
✓	BOQ	A-	\$20,054,447	8.78%	30%	\$48,451,952
✓	Bank Australia	BBB+	\$3,018,610	1.32%	10%	\$19,816,856
✓	Great Southern Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,518	0.88%	10%	\$20,834,948
✓	Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	\$15,597,211	6.83%	10%	\$7,238,256
✓	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,216,062	0.97%	10%	\$20,619,404
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	\$307,838	0.13%	0%	-\$307,838
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	\$792,011	0.35%	0%	-\$792,011
			\$228,354,664	100.00%		

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^^Combined Suncorp assets (Covered & Term Deposits/Senior Securities): max limit is 50%. Effective 31st July 2024, Suncorp-Metway was formally acquired by ANZ.

On 31st July 2024, ANZ's takeover of Suncorp Bank was formalised, and ratings agency S&P upgraded Suncorp's long-term credit rating to that of its parent company immediately (now rated AA-). Council's exposure to Suncorp is now reflected under the parent company being ANZ.



Ethical (Environmentally, Socially Responsible or Fossil Fuel Free) Investments

Council has made the active decision to divest from the current portfolio of investments which have exposure to fossil fuels. Council will continue to favour newly issued fossil fuel-free investment products and/or ethical investments, providing it does not significantly compromise the risk and return profile of the overall investment portfolio.

The overall summary of Council's investments can be categorised as follows:

Category	Amount	%
Green	\$101,658,023	44.52%
Socially Responsible	\$16,361,259	7.16%
Non Fossil Fuel Lending	\$69,711,161	30.53%
Fossil Fuel Lending^	\$40,624,222	17.79%
Total	\$228,354,664	100.00%

[^]Reflects the assets with Suncorp, which is now owned by ANZ

Unfortunately, following ANZ's takeover of Suncorp on 31st July 2024, all of Suncorp's assets previously classified as Non-Fossil Fuel Lending is now flagged as Fossil Fuel Lending. However, we stress that as soon as the notifications of such a takeover were publicly made, management at Council made the active decision to not only reduce its exposure to Suncorp, but also did not invest any 'new' funds with Suncorp. There was no way in which investors could potentially foresee such a takeover take place.

Going forward, Council will look to reduce its exposure to Suncorp at an appropriate time should it not jeopardise the risk or return profile of Council's investment portfolio.



Credit Quality

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The portfolio is mainly directed amongst the investment grade spectrum. All aggregate ratings categories are within the adopted Policy limits. The exposures to "Unrated" investments comprise of the grandfathered MBS investments.

There is now much higher capacity to invest with the "BBB" rated ADIs following the ratings upgrade for BoQ and Bendigo-Adelaide (moved up from BBB to A category range).

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested (\$) ^	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA Category	\$8,181,058	3.58%	100%	\$220,173,606
✓	AA Category	\$150,462,445	65.89%	100%	\$77,892,219
✓	A Category	\$45,778,911	20.05%	70%	\$114,069,354
✓	BBB Category	\$22,832,401	10.00%	20%	\$22,838,532
✓	Unrated Category	\$1,099,849	0.48%	10%	\$21,735,618
		\$228,354,664	100.00%		

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Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending August 2024 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.36%	1.08%	2.17%	0.73%	4.32%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.38%	1.11%	2.22%	0.75%	4.39%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.43%	1.26%	2.54%	0.85%	5.09%
Council's FRTD Portfolio	0.42%	1.20%	2.39%	0.82%	4.77%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.43%	1.27%	2.58%	0.85%	5.10%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.32%	0.91%	1.62%	0.63%	2.89%
Council's Total Portfolio [^]	0.42%	1.23%	2.49%	0.83%	4.96%
Relative (to Bank Bills)	0.04%	0.13%	0.28%	0.07%	0.58%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	4.32%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	4.54%	4.46%	4.44%	4.52%	4.39%
Council's T/D Portfolio	5.18%	5.10%	5.11%	5.10%	5.09%
Council's FRTD Portfolio	5.01%	4.86%	4.80%	4.93%	4.77%
Council's FRN Portfolio	5.20%	5.15%	5.18%	5.11%	5.10%
Council's Bond Portfolio	3.84%	3.68%	3.23%	3.78%	2.89%
Council's Total Portfolio [^]	5.05%	4.99%	5.01%	4.97%	4.96%
Relative (to Bank Bills)	0.51%	0.53%	0.57%	0.46%	0.58%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

For the month of August, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.42% (actual) or +5.05% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.38% (actual) or +4.54% p.a. (annualised).



Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Going forward, over the long-run, Council's interest income can be increased by undertaking a slightly longer duration position (spread across 1-3 years), with rates on offer along this part of the curve likely to be offered up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is growing belief that interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn is imminent and so locking in rates above 4½% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors (staggered approach) may provide some income protection against a potentially lower rate environment.

As at the end of August, Council's **deposit** portfolio was yielding 5.02% p.a. (up 1bp from the previous month) with a weighted average duration of around 268 days (~8½ months). **We continue to recommend Council to maintain this duration (with a view to extending closer to 12 months in the medium-term).**

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) continue to be appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario.

Council FRNs – Recommendations for Sale/Switches

We now recommend Council sells/switches out of the following FRN(s):

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	Trade Reference	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	Capital Price (\$)	Unrealised Gain (\$)
Ben. Adel.	A-	17/03/2025	542439	AU3FN0067401	\$4,000,000	+48.0bp	\$100.216	\$8,652
Suncorp	AA-	24/02/2026	542349	AU3FN0058343	\$10,000,000	+53.0bp	\$99.831 [^]	\$56,740

[^]This parcel was invested at a discounted capital price of \$99.264

The above sales would result in a capital gain of ~\$65k and could easily be switched into higher yielding complying assets. We will inform Council when the opportunity arises.

During FY2023-24, Council sold the securities below resulting in capital gains totalling ~\$44.2k. These FRN sales also resulted in the reduced aggregate exposure to Suncorp whilst lifting overall returns.

Issuer	Maturity Date	Month Sold	Face Value	Sale Capital Price	Realised Capital Gains
Suncorp (A+)	25/01/2027	June 2024	\$5,000,000	\$100.113	\$5,650
Suncorp (AAA)	24/04/2025	April 2024	\$3,700,000	\$100.711	\$26,307
Suncorp (A+)	30/07/2024	Mar 2024	\$6,000,000	\$100.182	\$10,920
Suncorp (A+)	30/07/2024	Mar 2024	\$750,000	\$100.182	\$1,365
Total Realised Capital Gains FY2023-24					\$44,242



Council's Fixed Bonds

The majority of Councils' fixed bonds are now at a discount to par given the rise in bond yields over the past few years. Council is likely to hold to maturity to receive its original face value back. If there is an opportunity to sell prior to maturity (if official rates fall to an attractive level), we will inform Council accordingly.

Grandfathered Investments

Council holds the following 'grandfathered' Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS). The valuation as at the end of August 2024 is shown as follows:

Asset	Maturity Date	ISIN	Face Value	Current Value	Coupon Margin	~Current Trading Margin	Monthly Actual Return (%)
2006-1A*	21/08/2051	AU300EMER013	\$332,763	\$307,838	+45bp	+145bp	+0.61%*
2006-1B	21/08/2056	AU300EMER021	\$1,000,000	\$792,011	+75bp	+305bp	-0.13%

* Emerald MBS 2006-1A paid out a distribution of \$27,822.63 in August 2024 which resulted in the decline in the face value to \$332,763 from \$360,586

The MBS2006-1A security should pay its capital well before the final maturity date.

We note the liquidity of assets such as the above in the secondary market is considered very poor with large bid-ask spreads (we would indicatively suggest a bid-ask spread of around \$5-\$10 either side of the current 'fair' value). In most circumstances, bids are well below the indicated "mid" or "fair" values. As such, Council is expected to hold this asset for the long-term, potentially until it makes its final payment.

Third Party Valuer ("Arms-Length")

Imperium Markets uses an external third party provider (IBS Capital¹) who has started valuing (effective 31st March 2022) Council's holding of this asset on a daily basis (end-of-business day valuations).

IBS Capital prices all investor's securities (FRNs, bonds, mortgage backed securities) on a daily basis. We believe this is important for auditing purposes, especially when investors revalue their assets at the end of every financial year. The revaluations of all securities on the Imperium Markets platform is NOT biased i.e. they are not provided by the bank or financial intermediary that sold the security to the client.

IBS Capital's methodology is based on extensive experience in financial markets, and it has been developed by an AFMA accredited principal. In designing the valuation methodology the following AASB directives were used - market approach valuation technique as per paragraphs 61-66 of the AASB13 Standard as well as Appendix B, Application guidance, Valuation techniques paragraph of the same document.

Where applicable, end-of-day closing prices (trading margins and yields) are crossed checked and compared with other external data providers including YieldBroker, Refinitiv and/or Bloomberg's. To make sure that adverse liquidity conditions do not influence closing prices, changes to each day's closing prices

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from the previous trading date are analysed. If the changes are considerably different to changes in benchmark rates, the use of interpolation, based on securities with similar characteristics such as credit rating, maturity and capital structure (level of seniority), are applied.



Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of August, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING	A	5 years	4.67%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.50%
ING	A	4 years	4.59%
Westpac	A-	4 years	4.45%
Hume	BBB+	4 years	4.45%
ING	A	3 years	4.54%
Westpac	A-	3 years	4.45%
Hume	BBB+	3 years	4.45%
Bank of Us	BBB+	2 years	4.65%
ING	A	2 years	4.63%
Westpac	AA-	2 years	4.55%
Hume	BBB+	2 years	4.55%
NAB	AA-	2 years	4.50%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments):



ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
NAB	AA-	12 months	5.00%
Hume	BBB+	12 months	4.94%
ING	A	12 months	4.93%
ICBC	A	12 months	4.91%
Westpac	AA-	12 months	4.90%
NAB	AA-	9 months	5.00%
Hume	BBB+	9 months	4.96%
Bank of Us	BBB+	9 months	4.90%
ING	A	9 months	4.89%
NAB	AA-	6 months	5.00%
Suncorp	AA-	6 months	5.00%
Hume	BBB+	6 months	4.96%
Westpac	AA-	6 months	4.95%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.95%
Westpac	AA-	3 months	4.89%

If Council does not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger a proportion of its investments across the longer term horizons (1-5 years), it will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle. Investing a spread of 12 months to 3 year horizons can likely yield up to, on average, an extra ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits (under 6-9 months).

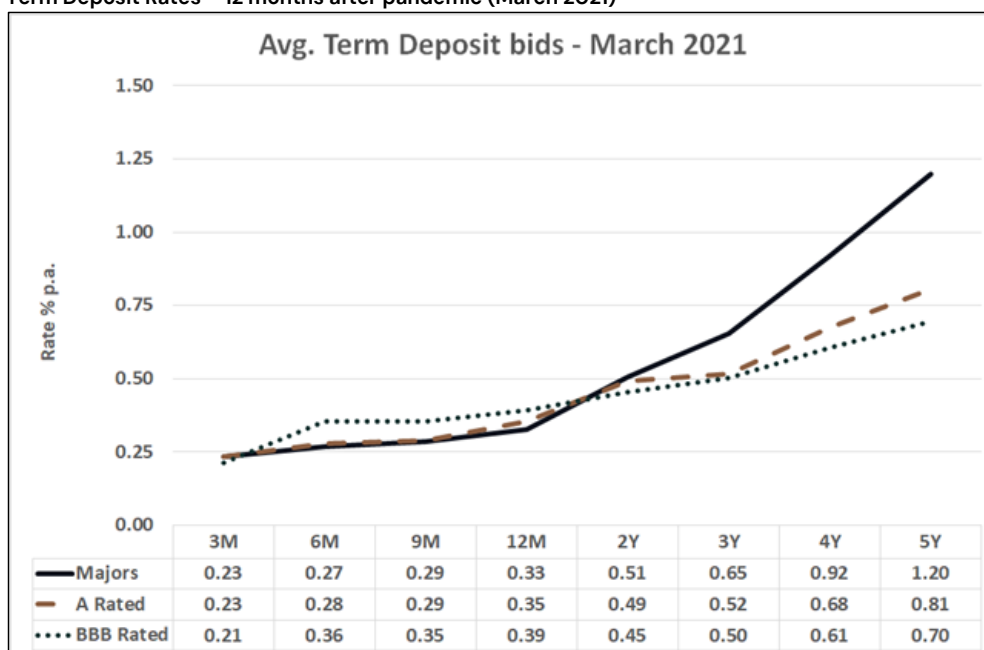
With a global economic slowdown and multiple interest rate cuts being priced over the next few years, investors should strongly consider diversifying by allocating some longer term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 2-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4½% p.a. This will provide some income protection with central banks now potentially looking to cut rates in coming months.



Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



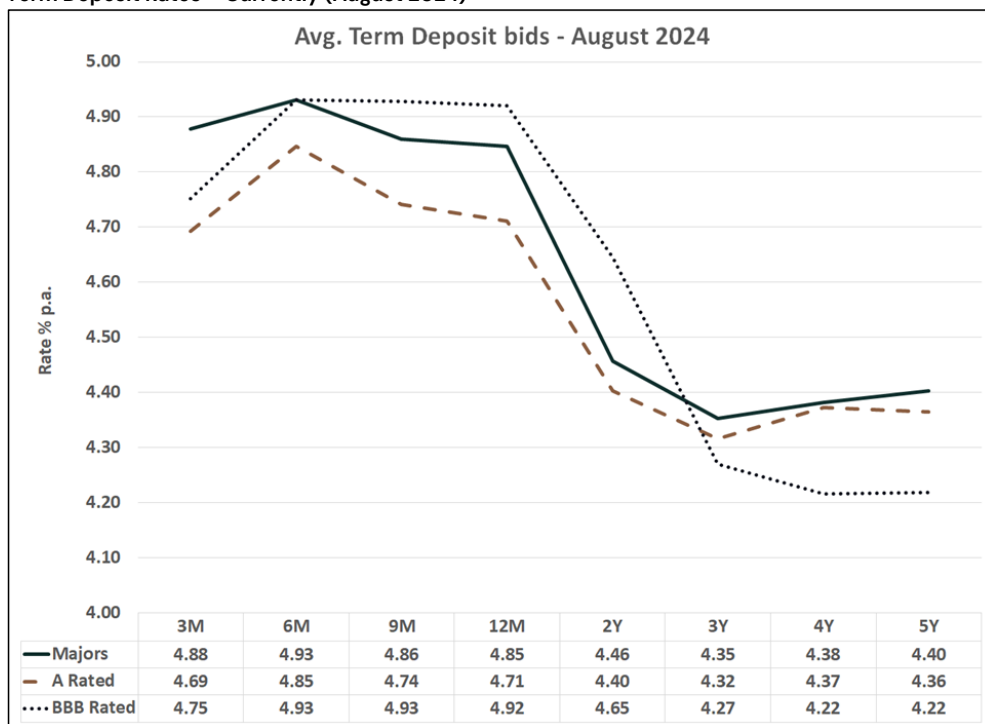
Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.



Going forward, Council should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge (as was the case this month at the short-end of the curve), although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (August 2024)



Source: Imperium Markets

Regional & Unrated ADI Sector

Ratings agency S&P has commented that "*mergers remain compelling for mutual lenders*" in providing smaller lenders greater economies of scale and assisting them in being able to price competitively and will see "*the banking landscape will settle with a small number of larger mutual players*". S&P expects that consolidation to continue over the next two years.

We remain supportive of the regional and unrated ADI sector (and have been even throughout the post-GFC period). They continue to remain solid, incorporate strong balance sheets, while exhibiting high levels

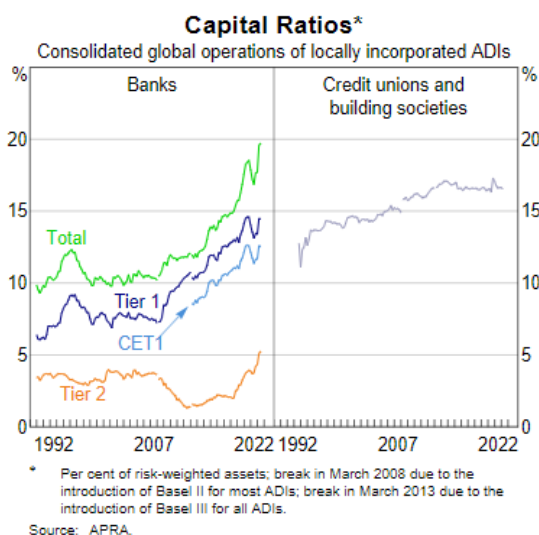


of capital – typically, much higher compared to the higher rated ADIs. Some unrated ADIs have up to 25–40% more capital than the domestic major banks, and well above the Basel III requirements.

Overall, the lower rated ADIs (BBB and unrated) are generally now in a better financial position than they have been historically (see the Capital Ratio figure below). The financial regulator, APRA has noted that the Common Equity Tier 1 capital of Australian banks now exceeds a quarter of a trillion dollars. It has increased by \$110 billion, or more than 70%, over the past decade. Over the same time, banks' assets have grown by 44%. Some of the extra capital is supporting growth in the banking system itself but clearly, there has been a strengthening in overall resilience and leverage in the system is lower.

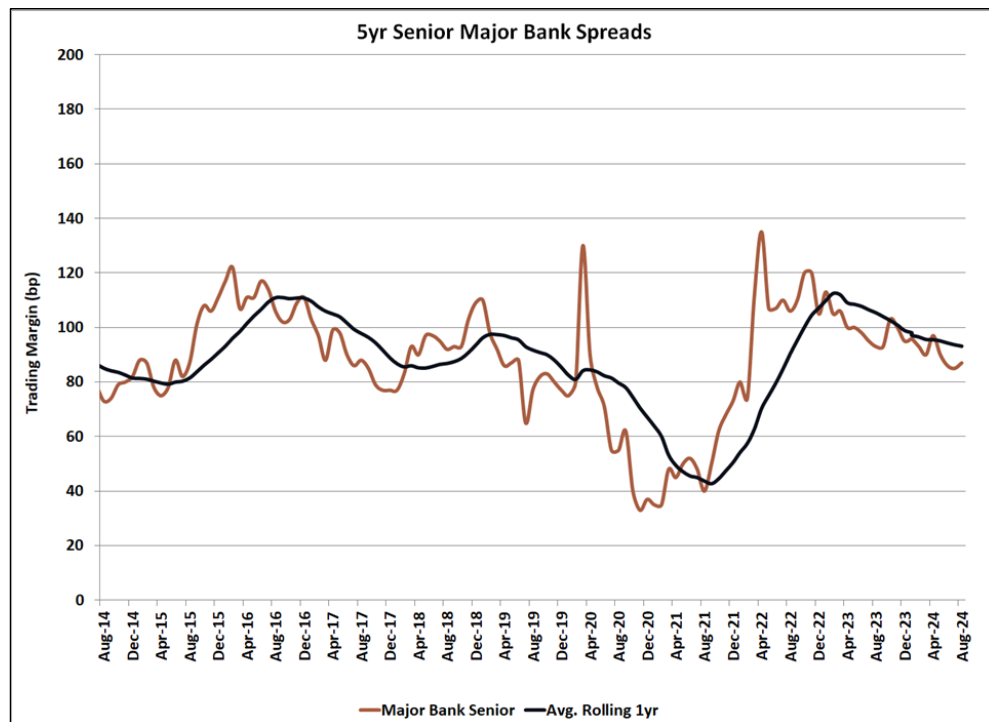
We believe that deposit investments with the lower rated ADIs should be considered going forward, particularly when they offer 'above market' specials. Not only would it diversify the investment portfolio and reduce credit risk, it would also improve the portfolio's overall returns. The lower rated entities are generally deemed to be the more 'ethical' ADIs compared to the higher rated ADIs.

In the current environment of high regulation and scrutiny, all domestic (and international) ADIs continue to carry high levels of capital. There is minimal (if any) probability of any ADI defaulting on their deposits going forward – this was stress tested during the GFC and the pandemic period. APRA's mandate is to "protect depositors" and provide "financial stability".



Senior FRNs Market Review

Over August, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities remained relatively flat at the long-end of the curve. During the month, CBA (AA-) issued a dual 3 & 5 year senior deal at +70bp and +87bp respectively. Major bank senior securities remain at fair value on a historical basis although looking fairly expensive if the 5yr margin tightens to +80bp in the near future.



Source: IBS Capital

There was minimal issuance again during the month apart from:

- OCBC (AA-) 3 year senior FRN at +69bp
- Mizuho (A) 3 year senior FRN at +75bp

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sector, the securities remained flat at the longer-end of the curve. Overall, credit securities are looking more attractive given the widening of spreads over the past 2-3 years. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly on the basis of their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.



Senior FRNs (ADIs)	30/08/2024	31/07/2024
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+87bp	+85bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+65bp	+65bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+102bp	+100bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+87bp	+80bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+130bp	+130bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before 2026 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before late-2025 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6–9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.



Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation still high by historical standards, this has seen a significant lift in longer-term bond yields over the past 2–3 years (valuations have fallen) as markets have reacted sharply.

This has resulted in some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines, with the majority now being marked at a significant discount to par (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0278174	UBS	A+	Senior	26/02/2026	1.50	1.1000%	4.59%
AU3CB0280030	BoQ	A-	Senior	06/05/2026	1.68	1.4000%	4.83%
AU3CB0299337	Bendigo	A-	Senior	15/05/2026	1.71	4.7000%	4.72%
AU3CB0296168	BoQ	A-	Senior	27/01/2027	2.41	4.7000%	4.76%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	4.67	5.3580%	4.89%



Economic Commentary

International Market

In August, it was a tale of two halves as financial markets were sold off early in the month before recovering in the final two weeks. Key economic indicators continue to point towards a soft landing and markets have been quick to position for a lower interest rate environment.

Across equity markets, the S&P 500 Index rose +2.28% over the month, whilst the NASDAQ gained +0.65%. Europe's main indices also provided positive returns, led by Germany's DAX (+2.15%), France's CAC (+1.32%) and UK's FTSE (+0.10%).

The US Fed left rates unchanged in August but there were some tweaks to the wording in the post meeting statement (most notably that the committee is "*attentive to the risks to both sides of its dual mandate*", whereas previously it was focused on inflation risks), which is seen as a high prospect of a September rate cut.

The US unemployment rate rose 0.2% to 4.3% (versus 4.1% expected). US consumer prices gained +0.2% m/m in July and +2.9% y/y, which came in as expected. Core CPI rose to an annual rate of +3.2% in July (from +3.3% in June), its lowest level since April 2021.

Both of Bank of Canada's preferred core measures of inflation eased during the month averaging +2.55% y/y, from a downwardly revised +2.70% a month earlier.

The Bank of England kicked off its easing cycle with a 25bp cut to the policy rate to 5.00%, as widely expected, but in rather balanced 5-4 vote.

Sweden's central bank—the Riksbank—lowered its policy rate by 25bps to 3.50%. The move was widely expected, but the surprise came from the Bank's dovish forward guidance.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index plunged more than -12% in a single day in early August, surpassing the -11.4% drop in October 2008 during the GFC, as investors were concerned that the US economy may be in worse shape than had been expected.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand surprised markets by lowering its cash rate by 25bp to 5.25% as it stated headline inflation is returning to its target band.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +2.49% for the month of August:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	+2.28%	+7.03%	+25.31%	+7.69%	+14.06%	+10.92%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+2.49%	+6.25%	+22.72%	+5.33%	+11.51%	+7.86%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+0.47%	+5.74%	+16.49%	+6.73%	+8.14%	+8.02%

Source: S&P, MSCI



Domestic Market

The RBA kept rates on hold in its meeting in August as widely expected and kept its tightening bias, saying it remains “vigilant to upside risks to inflation”. The most important addition to the post-Meeting Statement was the line “policy will need to be sufficiently restrictive until the Board is confident that inflation is moving sustainably towards the target range”, suggesting the RBA’s default is to keep policy unchanged until that confidence builds.

RBA Governor Bullock pushed back on market pricing, which was again highlighted in the latest Minutes: “based on the information available at the time of the meeting, it was unlikely that the cash rate target would be reduced in the short term”.

The Monthly CPI indicator fell to +3.5% y/y in July from +3.8% (consensus +3.4%), driven by the fall in electricity prices following the introduction of new subsidies (electricity fell –6.4% m/m, vs +0.9% without the subsidies).

Australia’s employment growth for July rose by 58.2k vs. 20k expected. Despite this strong employment growth, the unemployment rate increased to 4.2% (rising 0.1% from June) reflective of the increase in the participation rate to a record level of 67.1%.

Wage inflation continues to moderate as Q2 WPI growth rose +0.8% q/q (+4.1% y/y), in line with expectations.

Retail Sales for July rose +0.0% m/m, weaker than the +0.3% consensus.

Regional Queensland bank Auswide and Tasmania’s MyState have entered into a binding Scheme Implementation Agreement under which the two banks will merge.

The Australian dollar surged +4.85%, finishing the month at US68.06 cents (from US64.91 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices marginally tightened across the board in August. They remain at their levels in early 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	August 2024	July 2024
CDX North American 5yr CDS	50bp	52bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	52bp	55bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	64bp	65bp

Source: Markit



Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	August 2024	July 2024
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.38%	+0.37%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+1.21%	+1.48%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.43%	+0.52%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.93%	+1.56%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+1.16%	+1.48%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.57%	+1.74%

Source: Bloomberg

Other Key Rates

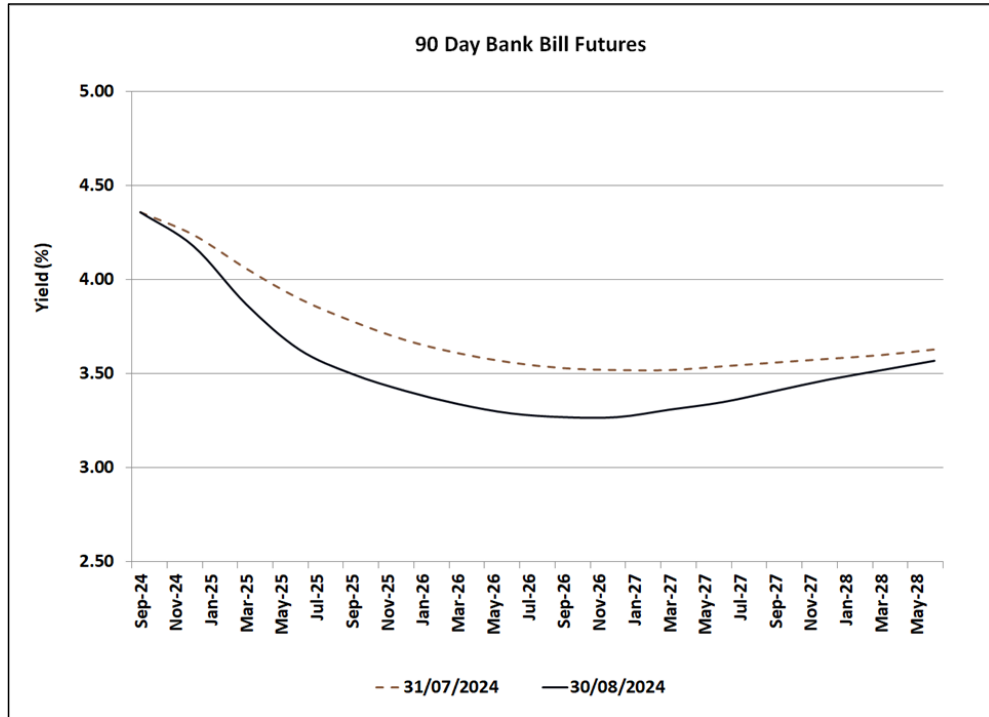
Index	August 2024	July 2024
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	4.39%	4.49%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.54%	3.76%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	3.93%	4.11%
US Fed Funds Rate	5.25%-5.50%	5.25%-5.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.91%	4.29%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	3.91%	4.09%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury



90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures fell across the board this month, following the movement in the global bond market. Rate cut expectations have moved forward over the past month.



Source: ASX

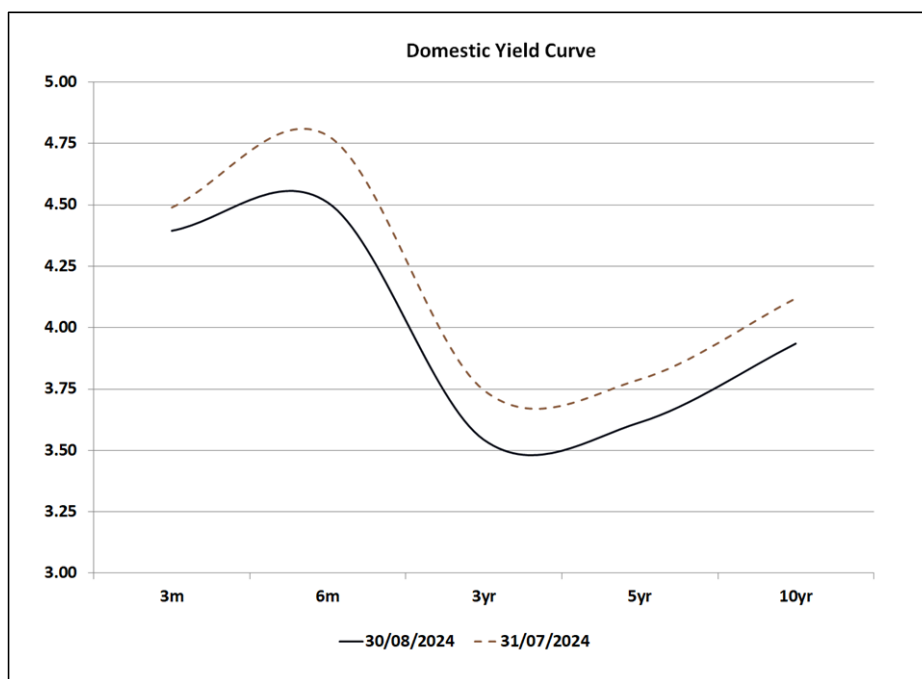


Fixed Interest Outlook

The steady rise in the unemployment rate may accelerate the US Fed's easing cycle, with markets now all but pricing in a rate cut in September. This is supported by the latest CPI data, which showed the annual inflation rate in July falling to its lowest level since April 2021. The futures market expects official interest rates in the US to be cut by up to 100bp by December 2024 and up to 200bp by July 2025, with the terminal FOMC rate of 3.00% priced by June 2026.

Domestically, the RBA remains on a tightening bias after keeping rates on hold in August. The Governor again pushed back against market pricing for immediate rate cuts, stating *"a near-term reduction in the cash rate doesn't align with the board's current thinking"* and that markets *"are a bit ahead of themselves"*. This suggests the Board's conditions for a cut are unlikely to be in place in the near-term. Governor Bullock, while affirming the RBA assessed policy as restrictive, acknowledged they were perhaps less restrictive than some other central banks, and as a result had less room to cut rates while maintaining restrictive settings.

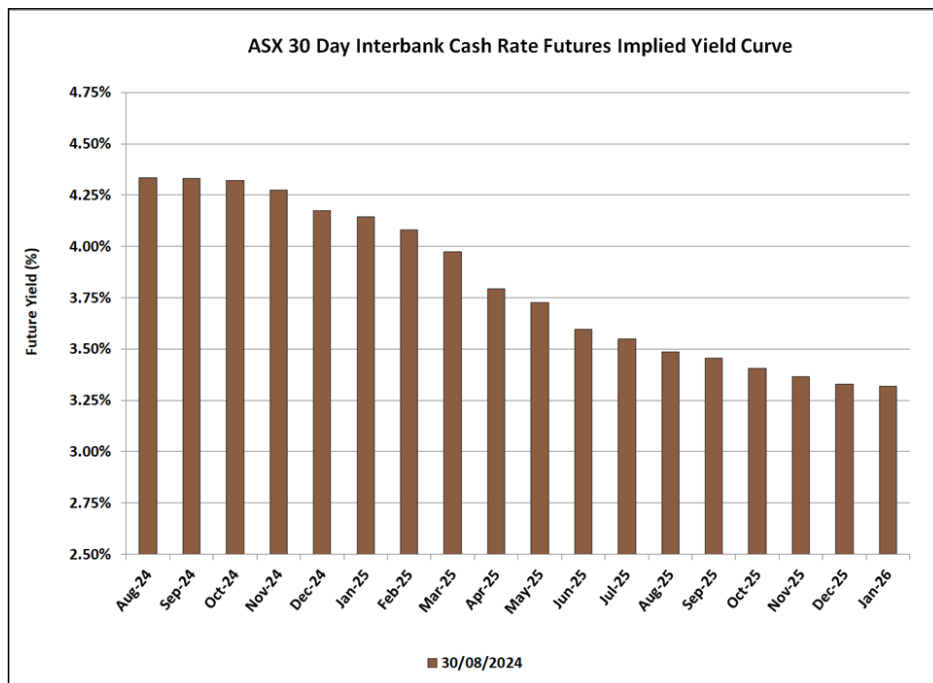
Over the month, longer-term yields fell up to 20bp at the very long end of the curve (remains an inverse yield curve):



Source: ASX, RBA



Financial markets have pushed forward their expectations of rate cuts, with the first cut pencilled in by February, and around 100bp of cuts priced by the end of 2025.



Source: ASX

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Investment Report

01/08/2024 to 31/08/2024

Inner West Council

Portfolio Valuation as at 31/08/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	20/09/2023	18/09/2024	5.0000	12,500,000.00	12,500,000.00	594,178.08	53,082.19
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2023	26/09/2024	5.2200	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	487,676.71	44,334.25
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	27/09/2023	26/09/2024	5.2100	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	485,315.07	44,249.32
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	29/08/2024	30/09/2024	4.3500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1,787.67	1,787.67
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	5.5900	2,000,518.00	2,000,000.00	11,945.75	9,495.34
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	06/12/2023	06/12/2024	5.2600	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	194,547.95	22,336.99
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	46,532.88	21,530.14
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	18,500,000.00	18,500,000.00	172,171.64	79,661.51
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	28/06/2024	30/12/2024	5.1300	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	36,542.47	17,427.95
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/07/2024	09/01/2025	5.2500	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	77,671.23	44,589.04
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	15/03/2024	17/03/2025	5.0800	6,750,000.00	6,750,000.00	159,706.85	29,123.01
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	5.3509	4,008,652.00	4,000,000.00	44,566.40	18,178.40
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.8692	5,588,968.00	5,600,000.00	67,234.98	23,158.72
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,983,130.00	10,000,000.00	7,892.22	7,892.22
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,983,130.00	10,000,000.00	7,892.22	7,892.22
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	6,389,203.20	6,400,000.00	5,051.02	5,051.02

Financial Statement

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.9847	9,945,700.00	10,000,000.00	121,544.74	42,335.81
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.8453	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	25,885.85	12,345.56
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	488,605.50	500,000.00	267.12	267.12
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	1,270,374.30	1,300,000.00	694.52	694.52
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	4.8509	3,739,391.25	3,750,000.00	37,876.89	15,449.78
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.9910	1,656,609.90	1,650,000.00	8,937.26	8,395.61
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.8023	9,957,220.00	10,000,000.00	90,783.21	40,786.66
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.8023	4,978,610.00	5,000,000.00	45,391.60	20,393.33
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.8023	1,493,583.00	1,500,000.00	13,617.48	6,118.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.8023	4,978,610.00	5,000,000.00	45,391.60	20,393.33
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	5.2705	8,770,387.50	8,750,000.00	48,012.09	39,167.76
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	5.3729	4,732,719.50	4,750,000.00	13,984.26	13,984.26
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.9519	2,216,062.20	2,200,000.00	31,569.53	11,121.08
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	166,882.19	71,852.05
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,620,824.00	1,600,000.00	24,591.78	6,930.41
Bendigo and	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.3563	2,006,020.00	2,000,000.00	5,282.93	5,282.93

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Adelaide			LENDING								
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	6.0793	1,362,000.15	1,350,000.00	2,473.36	2,473.36
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,827,255.00	5,000,000.00	44,794.52	12,739.73
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	6.2063	918,791.10	900,000.00	2,754.58	2,754.58
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	43,474.52	8,476.16
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,054,447.00	3,000,000.00	54,016.44	13,504.11
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,303,959.00	1,500,000.00	6,059.18	1,936.44
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,111,925.00	5,000,000.00	40,684.93	19,109.59
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,553,492.00	3,000,000.00	8,866.85	4,433.42
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,564,627.50	2,500,000.00	22,996.58	9,023.97
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.8293	307,837.75	332,763.03	484.31	484.31
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	5.1293	792,011.00	1,000,000.00	1,545.82	1,545.82
TOTALS								228,354,663.85	229,332,763.03	3,309,577.26	821,789.66

Inner West Council

Portfolio by Asset as at 31/08/2024

Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	20/09/2023	18/09/2024	5.0000	12,500,000.00	12,500,000.00	594,178.08	53,082.19
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2023	26/09/2024	5.2200	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	487,676.71	44,334.25
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	27/09/2023	26/09/2024	5.2100	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	485,315.07	44,249.32
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	29/08/2024	30/09/2024	4.3500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1,787.67	1,787.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	06/12/2023	06/12/2024	5.2600	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	194,547.95	22,336.99
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	46,532.88	21,530.14
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	5.0700	18,500,000.00	18,500,000.00	172,171.64	79,661.51
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	28/06/2024	30/12/2024	5.1300	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	36,542.47	17,427.95
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/07/2024	09/01/2025	5.2500	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	77,671.23	44,589.04
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	15/03/2024	17/03/2025	5.0800	6,750,000.00	6,750,000.00	159,706.85	29,123.01
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	166,882.19	71,852.05
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	43,474.52	8,476.16
TD SUBTOTALS								106,750,000.00	106,750,000.00	2,466,487.26	438,450.27

Asset Type: FRTD

Inner West Council

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.8453	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	25,885.85	12,345.56
FRTD SUBTOTALS								3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	25,885.85	12,345.56

Asset Type: FRN

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	5.5900	2,000,518.00	2,000,000.00	11,945.75	9,495.34
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	5.3509	4,008,652.00	4,000,000.00	44,566.40	18,178.40
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.8692	5,588,968.00	5,600,000.00	67,234.98	23,158.72
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,983,130.00	10,000,000.00	7,892.22	7,892.22
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	4.8011	9,983,130.00	10,000,000.00	7,892.22	7,892.22
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	4.8011	6,389,203.20	6,400,000.00	5,051.02	5,051.02
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.9847	9,945,700.00	10,000,000.00	121,544.74	42,335.81
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	4.8509	3,739,391.25	3,750,000.00	37,876.89	15,449.78
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.9910	1,656,609.90	1,650,000.00	8,937.26	8,395.61
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.8023	9,957,220.00	10,000,000.00	90,783.21	40,786.66

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.8023	4,978,610.00	5,000,000.00	45,391.60	20,393.33
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.8023	1,493,583.00	1,500,000.00	13,617.48	6,118.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.8023	4,978,610.00	5,000,000.00	45,391.60	20,393.33
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	5.2705	8,770,387.50	8,750,000.00	48,012.09	39,167.76
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	5.3729	4,732,719.50	4,750,000.00	13,984.26	13,984.26
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.9519	2,216,062.20	2,200,000.00	31,569.53	11,121.08
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.3563	2,006,020.00	2,000,000.00	5,282.93	5,282.93
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	6.0793	1,362,000.15	1,350,000.00	2,473.36	2,473.36
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	6.2063	918,791.10	900,000.00	2,754.58	2,754.58
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.8293	307,837.75	332,763.03	484.31	484.31
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	5.1293	792,011.00	1,000,000.00	1,545.82	1,545.82
FRN SUBTOTALS								95,809,154.55	96,182,763.03	614,232.24	302,354.51

Asset Type: BOND

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	488,605.50	500,000.00	267.12	267.12
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	3.2500	1,270,374.30	1,300,000.00	694.52	694.52
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,620,824.00	1,600,000.00	24,591.78	6,930.41
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,827,255.00	5,000,000.00	44,794.52	12,739.73
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,054,447.00	3,000,000.00	54,016.44	13,504.11
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,303,959.00	1,500,000.00	6,059.18	1,936.44
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,111,925.00	5,000,000.00	40,684.93	19,109.59
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,553,492.00	3,000,000.00	8,866.85	4,433.42
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,564,627.50	2,500,000.00	22,996.58	9,023.97
BOND SUBTOTALS								22,795,509.30	23,400,000.00	202,971.92	68,639.32

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Portfolio by Asset Totals as at 31/08/2024

Type	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
TD	106,750,000.00	106,750,000.00	2,466,487.26	438,450.27
FRTD	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	25,885.85	12,345.56
FRN	95,809,154.55	96,182,763.03	614,232.24	302,354.51
BOND	22,795,509.30	23,400,000.00	202,971.92	68,639.32
TOTALS	228,354,663.85	229,332,763.03	3,309,577.26	821,789.66

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Counterparty Compliance as at 31/08/2024

Long Term Investments

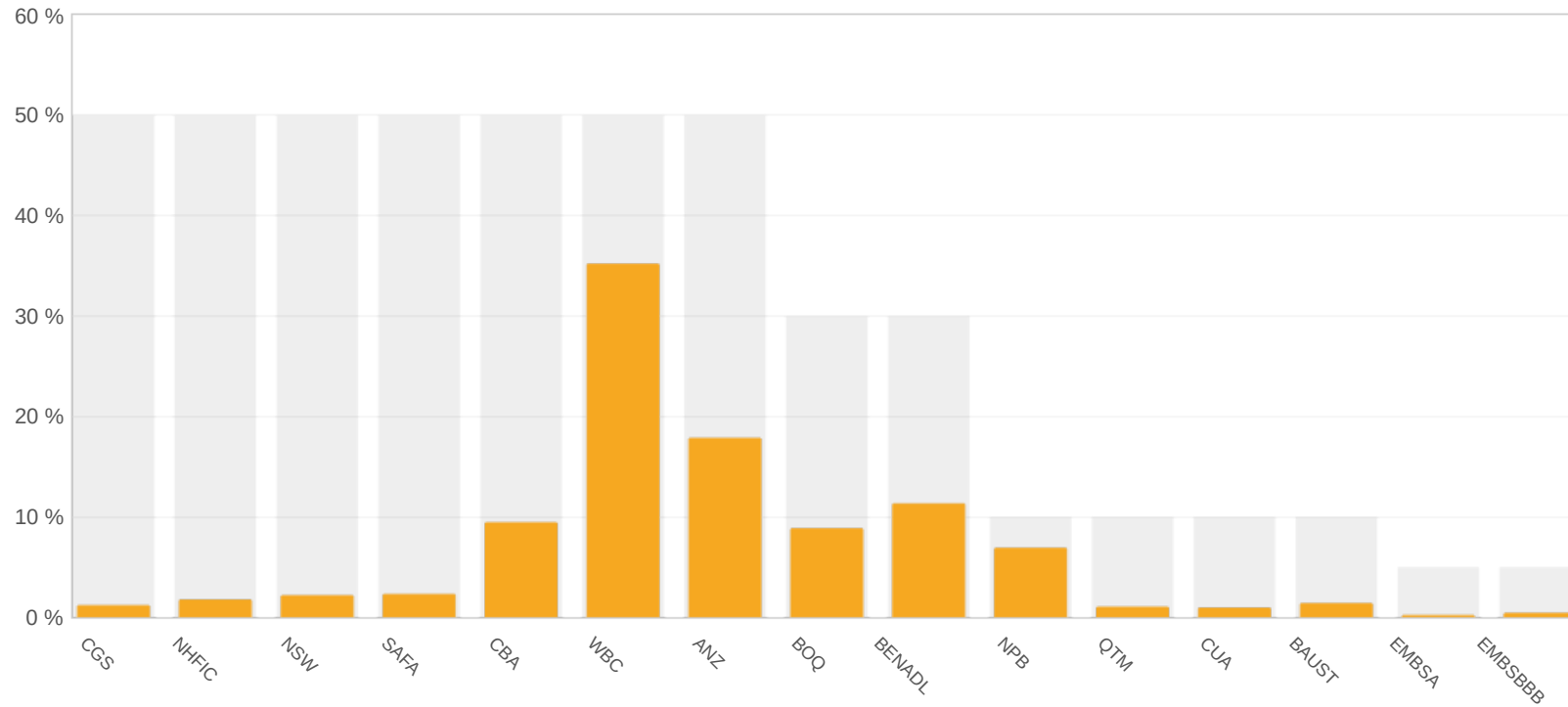
Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	Commonwealth Government	Long	AAA	2,564,627.50	1.12	50.00	-	111,612,704.42
✓	NHFIC	Long	AAA	3,857,451.00	1.69	50.00	-	110,319,880.92
✓	NSW Treasury Corp	Long	AA+	4,827,255.00	2.11	50.00	-	109,350,076.92
✓	South Australian Government	Long	AA+	5,111,925.00	2.24	50.00	-	109,065,406.92
✓	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	21,408,023.00	9.38	50.00	-	92,769,308.92
✓	Westpac	Long	AA-	80,250,000.00	35.14	50.00	-	33,927,331.92
✓	ANZ Bank	Long	AA-	40,624,221.75	17.79	50.00	-	73,553,110.17
✓	BOQ	Long	A-	20,054,447.00	8.78	30.00	-	48,451,952.15
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	Long	A-	25,724,464.00	11.27	30.00	-	42,781,935.15
✓	Newcastle Permanent	Long	BBB+	15,597,210.60	6.83	10.00	-	7,238,255.79
✓	RACQ Bank	Long	BBB+	2,216,062.20	0.97	10.00	-	20,619,404.19
✓	Great Southern Bank	Long	BBB+	2,000,518.00	0.88	10.00	-	20,834,948.39
✓	Bank Australia	Long	BBB+	3,018,610.05	1.32	10.00	-	19,816,856.34
✓	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Long	Unrated	307,837.75	0.14	5.00	-	11,109,895.44

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Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Long	Unrated	792,011.00	0.35	5.00	-	10,625,722.19
TOTALS				228,354,663.85	100.00			

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Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



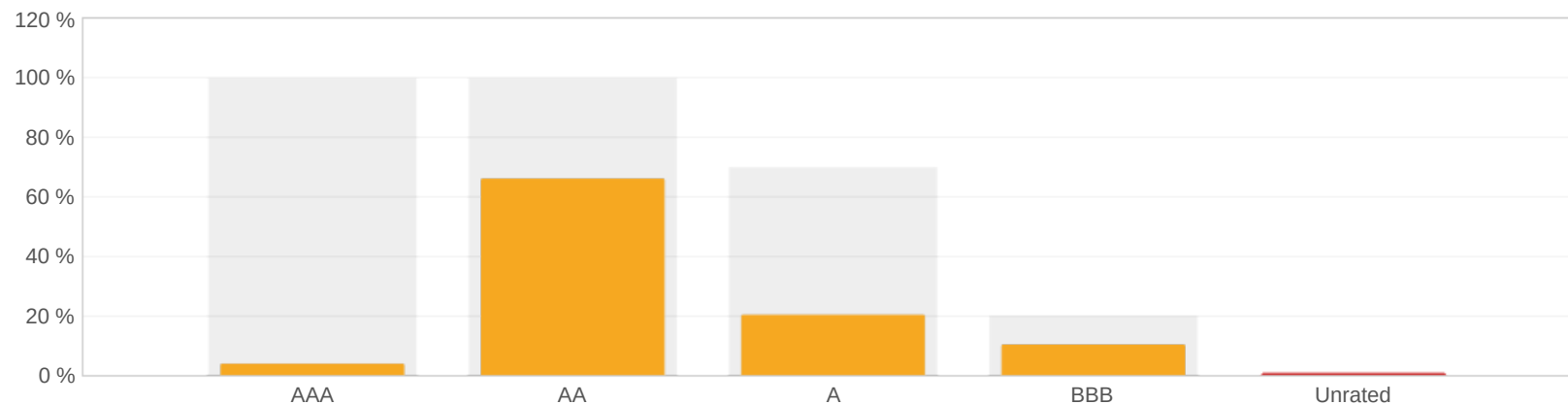
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Credit Quality Compliance as at 31/08/2024

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA	8,181,058.30	3.58	100.00	220,173,605.55
✓	AA	150,462,444.95	65.89	100.00	77,892,218.90
✓	A	45,778,911.00	20.05	70.00	114,069,353.69
✓	BBB	22,832,400.85	10.00	20.00	22,838,531.92
✗	Unrated	1,099,848.75	0.48	0.00	-1,099,848.75
TOTALS		228,354,663.85	100.00		

Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments

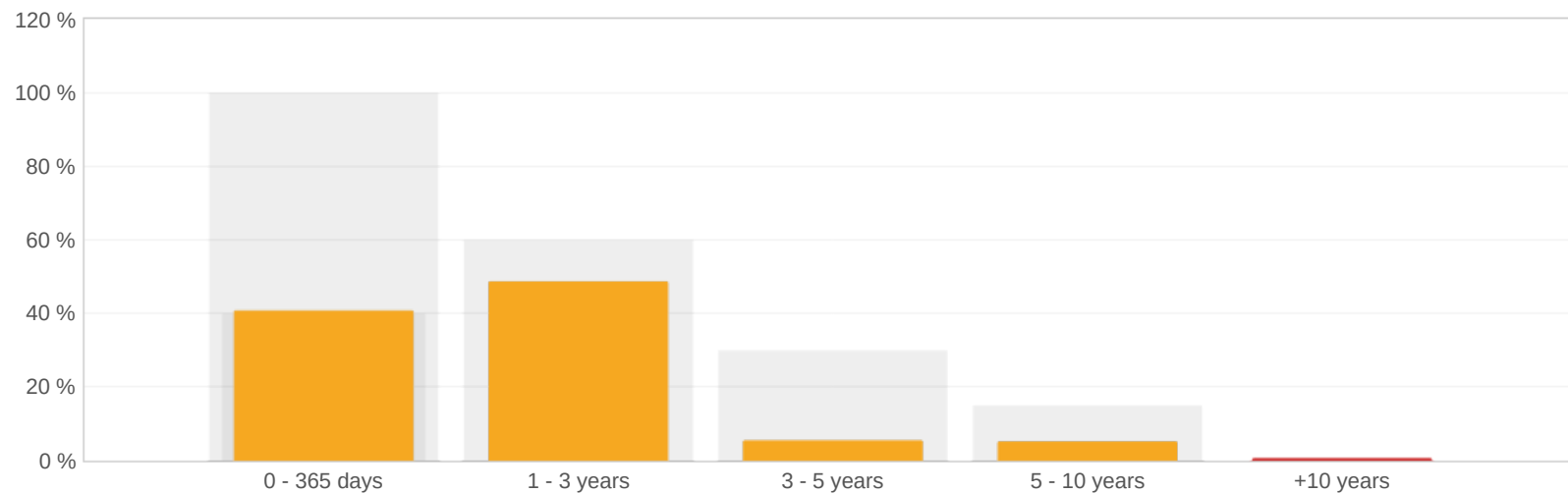


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Maturity Compliance as at 31/08/2024

Compliant	Term	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 365 days	92,759,170.00	40.62	40.00	100.00	135,595,493.85
✓	1 - 3 years	110,799,148.35	48.52	0.00	60.00	26,213,649.96
✓	3 - 5 years	12,162,493.25	5.33	0.00	30.00	56,343,905.90
✓	5 - 10 years	11,534,003.50	5.05	0.00	15.00	22,719,196.08
✗	+10 years	1,099,848.75	0.48	0.00	0.00	-1,099,848.75
TOTALS		228,354,663.85	100.00			

Maturity Compliance



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Portfolio Comparison

From: 31/07/2024 To: 31/08/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Rate (%)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest (%)	31/07/2024 (\$)	31/08/2024 (\$)	Difference (\$)
BOQ	A-	TD	4.3400	29/07/2024	29/08/2024	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	-	-5,000,000.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	5.0000	20/09/2023	18/09/2024	At Maturity	12,500,000.00	12,500,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	5.2200	26/09/2023	26/09/2024	At Maturity	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	5.2100	27/09/2023	26/09/2024	At Maturity	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.3500	29/08/2024	30/09/2024	At Maturity	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	5.5900	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	Quarterly	2,001,240.00	2,000,518.00	-722.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	5.2600	06/12/2023	06/12/2024	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	5.0700	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	5.0700	26/06/2024	27/12/2024	At Maturity	18,500,000.00	18,500,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	5.1300	28/06/2024	30/12/2024	At Maturity	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	5.2500	09/07/2024	09/01/2025	At Maturity	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	5.0800	15/03/2024	17/03/2025	At Maturity	6,750,000.00	6,750,000.00	-
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	5.3509	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	Quarterly	4,009,808.00	4,008,652.00	-1,156.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	4.8692	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	Quarterly	5,586,308.00	5,588,968.00	2,660.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	4.7903	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	Quarterly	9,985,400.00	9,983,130.00	-2,270.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	4.7903	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	Quarterly	9,985,400.00	9,983,130.00	-2,270.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	4.7903	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	Quarterly	6,390,656.00	6,389,203.20	-1,452.80

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Rate (%)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest (%)	31/07/2024 (\$)	31/08/2024 (\$)	Difference (\$)
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	4.9847	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	Quarterly	9,928,530.00	9,945,700.00	17,170.00
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	4.8453	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	Quarterly	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	3.2500	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	Semi-Annual	486,404.00	488,605.50	2,201.50
Suncorp Bank	AAA	BOND	3.2500	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	Semi-Annual	1,264,650.40	1,270,374.30	5,723.90
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	4.8509	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	Quarterly	3,739,230.00	3,739,391.25	161.25
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	5.9910	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	Quarterly	1,656,402.00	1,656,609.90	207.90
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	4.8023	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	Quarterly	9,956,220.00	9,957,220.00	1,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	4.8023	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	Quarterly	4,978,110.00	4,978,610.00	500.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	4.8023	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	Quarterly	1,493,433.00	1,493,583.00	150.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	4.8023	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	Quarterly	4,978,110.00	4,978,610.00	500.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	5.2705	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	Quarterly	8,772,610.00	8,770,387.50	-2,222.50
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	5.3818	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	Quarterly	4,725,642.00	4,732,719.50	7,077.50
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	5.9519	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	Quarterly	2,216,698.00	2,216,062.20	-635.80
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.7000	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	Quarterly	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	-
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	5.1000	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	Semi-Annual	1,612,852.80	1,620,824.00	7,971.20
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	5.3703	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	Quarterly	2,005,194.00	2,006,020.00	826.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	6.0426	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	Quarterly	1,362,002.85	1,362,000.15	-2.70
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	3.0000	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	Semi-Annual	4,783,560.00	4,827,255.00	43,695.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	6.2203	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	Quarterly	916,848.90	918,791.10	1,942.20

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Rate (%)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest (%)	31/07/2024 (\$)	31/08/2024 (\$)	Difference (\$)
BOQ	A-	TD	4.9900	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	BOND	5.3000	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	Semi-Annual	3,032,391.00	3,054,447.00	22,056.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	1.5200	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	Semi-Annual	1,300,644.00	1,303,959.00	3,315.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	4.5000	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	Semi-Annual	5,022,490.00	5,111,925.00	89,435.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	1.7400	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	Semi-Annual	2,545,539.00	2,553,492.00	7,953.00
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	4.2500	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	Semi-Annual	2,529,037.50	2,564,627.50	35,590.00
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	4.7926	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	Quarterly	333,617.10	307,837.75	-25,779.35
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	5.0926	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	Quarterly	793,011.00	792,011.00	-1,000.00
TOTALS							228,142,039.55	228,354,663.85	212,624.30

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Trades in Period

From: 01/08/2024 To: 31/08/2024

New Trades - From: 01/08/2024 To: 31/08/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	29/08/2024	30/09/2024	4.3500	5,000,000.00	BoQ 1mth TD
TOTALS								5,000,000.00	

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Sell Trades - From: 01/08/2024 To: 31/08/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Yield/Margin (%)	Face Value (\$)	Gross Value (\$)	Capital Value (\$)	Reference
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	21/08/2024	4.8293 bp	27,822.63	27,822.63	27,822.63	310321
TOTALS									27,822.63			

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Matured Trades - From: 01/08/2024 To: 31/08/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	29/07/2024	29/08/2024	4.3400	5,000,000.00	BoQ 1mth TD
TOTALS								5,000,000.00	

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Unrealised Gains / Losses as at 31/08/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss (\$)
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	24/10/2019	24/10/2024	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,000,518.00	100.0000	100.0259	518.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	4,000,000.00	4,008,652.00	100.0000	100.2163	8,652.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	5,600,000.00	5,588,968.00	100.0000	99.8030	-11,032.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	9,954,370.00	9,983,130.00	99.5437	99.8313	28,760.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	9,926,390.00	9,983,130.00	99.2639	99.8313	56,740.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	6,400,000.00	6,389,203.20	100.0000	99.8313	-10,796.80
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	10,000,000.00	9,945,700.00	100.0000	99.4570	-54,300.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	BOND	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	546,140.50	488,605.50	109.2281	97.7211	-57,535.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	BOND	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,420,220.10	1,270,374.30	109.2477	97.7211	-149,845.80
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	3,750,000.00	3,739,391.25	100.0000	99.7171	-10,608.75
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,650,000.00	1,656,609.90	100.0000	100.4006	6,609.90
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	GREEN	9,848,540.00	9,957,220.00	98.4854	99.5722	108,680.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	4,966,070.00	4,978,610.00	99.3214	99.5722	12,540.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	1,491,930.00	1,493,583.00	99.4620	99.5722	1,653.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	5,000,000.00	4,978,610.00	100.0000	99.5722	-21,390.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	8,750,000.00	8,770,387.50	100.0000	100.2330	20,387.50
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	4,750,000.00	4,732,719.50	100.0000	99.6362	-17,280.50

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss (\$)
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,200,000.00	2,216,062.20	100.0000	100.7301	16,062.20
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,597,888.00	1,620,824.00	99.8680	101.3015	22,936.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,006,020.00	100.0000	100.3010	6,020.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,350,000.00	1,362,000.15	100.0000	100.8889	12,000.15
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	4,827,255.00	100.0000	96.5451	-172,745.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	900,000.00	918,791.10	100.0000	102.0879	18,791.10
BOQ	A-	BOND	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,992,470.00	3,054,447.00	99.7490	101.8149	61,977.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,535,415.00	1,303,959.00	102.3610	86.9306	-231,456.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	5,111,925.00	100.0000	102.2385	111,925.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	3,000,000.00	2,553,492.00	100.0000	85.1164	-446,508.00
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	2,492,450.00	2,564,627.50	99.6980	102.5851	72,177.50
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	MBS	332,763.03	307,837.75	100.0000	92.5096	-24,925.28
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	MBS	1,000,000.00	792,011.00	100.0000	79.2011	-207,989.00
TOTALS						119,454,646.63	118,604,663.85			-849,982.78



Realised Gains / Losses

From: 01/08/2024 To: 31/08/2024

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Cost Price	Current Price	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Realised	Type
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	21/08/2024	27,822.63	27,822.63		100.0000	-	Sale
TOTALS						27,822.63	27,822.63			-	

Interest Received

Interest Received in Period

From: 01/08/2024 To: 31/08/2024

Periodic Interest

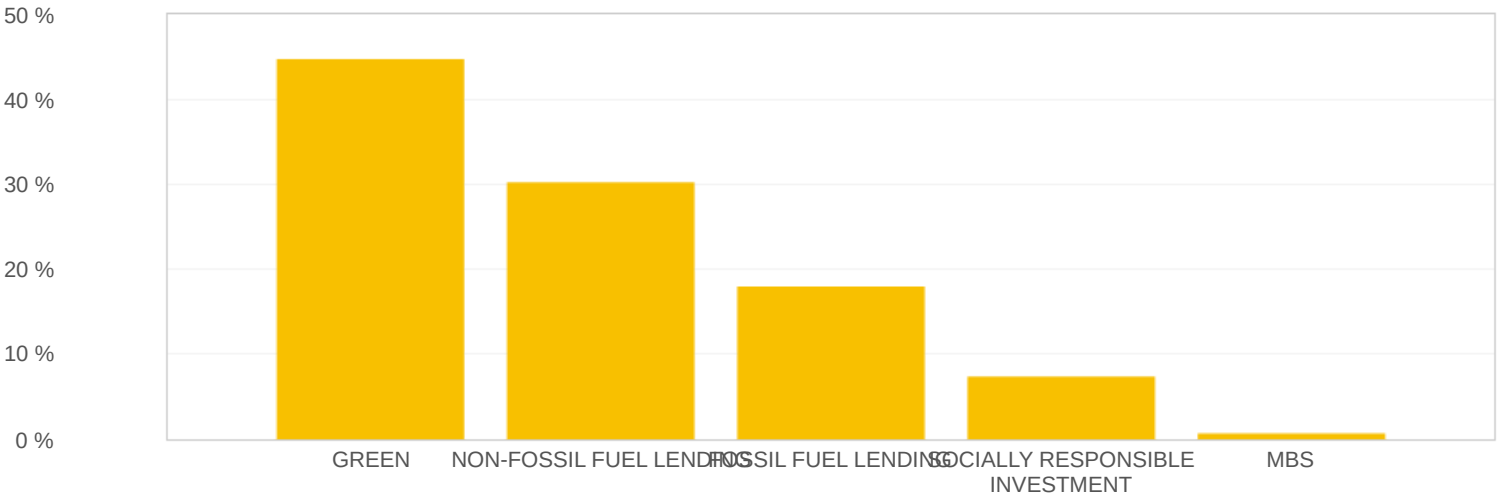
Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value (\$)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received (\$)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	29/07/2024	29/08/2024	29/08/2024	Maturity	4.3400	18,430.14
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10,000,000.00	18/02/2022	24/02/2026	26/08/2024	Periodic	4.7903	123,366.63
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10,000,000.00	29/10/2021	24/02/2026	26/08/2024	Periodic	4.7903	123,366.63
Suncorp Bank	AA-	FRN	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	6,400,000.00	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	26/08/2024	Periodic	4.7903	78,954.64
Suncorp Bank	AA-	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	500,000.00	05/05/2020	24/08/2026	26/08/2024	Periodic	3.2500	8,125.00
Suncorp Bank	AA-	BOND	FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	1,300,000.00	30/04/2020	24/08/2026	26/08/2024	Periodic	3.2500	21,125.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	4,750,000.00	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	12/08/2024	Periodic	5.3818	65,834.90
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	14/08/2024	Periodic	5.3703	27,072.20
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	1,350,000.00	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	21/08/2024	Periodic	6.0426	20,561.40
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	900,000.00	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	14/08/2024	Periodic	6.2203	14,110.71
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	360,585.66	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	21/08/2024	Periodic	4.7926	4,355.87
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	21/08/2024	Periodic	5.0926	12,836.14
TOTALS					43,560,585.66						518,139.25

INNER WEST

Allocation as at 31/08/2024

Code	Number of trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
GREEN	13	101,658,023.00	44.52
NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	16	68,611,311.85	30.05
FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	7	40,624,221.75	17.79
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5	16,361,258.50	7.16
MBS	2	1,099,848.75	0.48
TOTALS	43	228,354,663.85	100.0

Allocation Distribution as at 31/08/2024

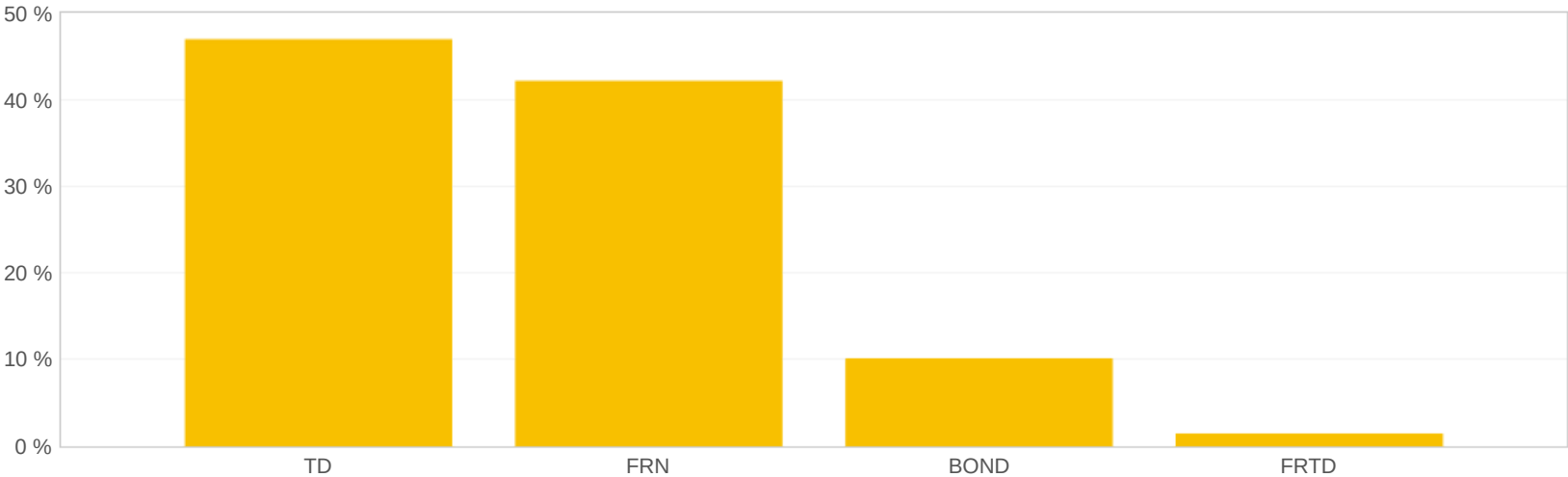


INNER WEST

Asset Class as at 31/08/2024

Code	Number of Trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
TD	12	106,750,000.00	46.75
FRN	21	95,809,154.55	41.96
BOND	9	22,795,509.30	9.98
FRTD	1	3,000,000.00	1.31
TOTALS	43	228,354,663.85	100.0

Asset Class Distribution



Item No: C1024(2) Item 17

Subject: TEMPE TRAIN STATION

Prepared By: Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager and David Paton - Engineering Services Manager

Authorised By: Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has written to the Minister for Transport regarding the urgent need for safety and accessibility upgrades at Tempe Train Station.

Subsequently, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has been working with Inner West Council (IWC), Sydney Trains and Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) to identify and implement quick delivery improvements to Tempe Station and surrounds to facilitate the expected increase in active transport journeys to Tempe Station during Sydenham to Bankstown line closure.

This includes, maintenance of light fittings, surface repairs, vegetation trimming, refreshed line marking and general clean up, review of station lighting and CCTV, and removal of graffiti and rubbish from railway infrastructure.

Council officers have also reviewed the feasibility of upgrading the existing shared path under the Illawarra Line Railway Bridge and it was noted that the path was upgraded in 2016 and further upgrades are not feasible due to the adjacent railway infrastructure, services and tidal effects. However, a number of improvements have been undertaken to the shared path including improved linemarking and signage, replacement of the damaged convex safety mirror and trimming of vegetation to improve pedestrian and cyclist sightlines.

The upgrade of the Griffiths Street stairs was also reviewed and is constrained by topography and the presence of trees. An upgrade of the stairs is not feasible in the short term and the project will be further reviewed for inclusion in a future capital works program.

Transport for NSW deliver accessibility upgrades at stations across NSW under the Safe Accessible Transport program.

Tempe and Lewisham Train Stations are the last remaining stations in the LGA that do not have lift access and Transport for NSW have announced that planning is underway to install lifts at Lewisham Station under the Safe Accessible Transport program.

Council has been advised by Transport for NSW that Tempe Station is not currently scheduled for an accessibility upgrade, but it is being considered for future accessibility upgrades.

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 25 June 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council writes to the Minister for Transport to request the following urgent upgrades to Tempe Train Station to increase safety and amenity in response to serious safety concerns raised by the community:*
 - a) *Install safe lighting and security cameras around the station;*
 - b) *Open view-lines and connections, including widening the pathway and stairs up to Griffiths Street;*
 - c) *Thin the now dense forest of mainly casuarinas around the Griffiths Street entrance to improve sightlines;*
 - d) *Improve landscaping and bike facilities;*
 - e) *Fix broken fences and barriers; and*
 - f) *Remove graffiti from the railway infrastructure.*
2. *That Council officers bring a report back to the August meeting of Council, providing outcomes of discussions with TfNSW including the Minister's response to Council's request for urgent upgrades to Tempe train station.*
3. *That Council investigates widening the shared bike and pedestrian pathway around Tempe Station and under the Bayview Street Railway Bridge to create a safer environment and to cater for the anticipated increase in journeys to and from Tempe Station during the proposed temporary closure of the T3 Line.*
4. *That Council officers bring a report back to the August meeting of Council about the proposed widening of the shared bike and pedestrian pathway around Tempe Station and under Bayview Street Railway Bridge.*

It is noted that the urgency of this work was driven by the 12-month closure of the T3 Sydenham to Bankstown rail line which occurred 30 September 2024. The closure of the line is required to facilitate the upgrade of the line to Metro rail and is expected to increase patronage at the Tempe Train Station.

At the Council meeting held 3 September 2024, Council additionally resolved:

1. *That Council writes to the Minister for Transport to request the urgent installation of a lift at Tempe Train Station to make it accessible for everyone in our community.*
2. *That Council officers bring a report back to the November 2024 Council meeting, outlining the Minister's response to Council's request for a lift at Tempe train station.*

DISCUSSION

As per the Council resolutions, Council wrote to the Minister for Transport regarding the need for urgent safety and accessibility upgrades to Tempe Station. Following this, Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) project team have been working closely with Council officers, Sydney Trains and Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) to deliver improvements to Tempe Station and surrounds as a part of the Sydenham to Bankstown line closure, and supporting activities to promote walking and bike riding across Sydney's southwest and the Inner West.

The response from the Minister for Transport has been provided in *Attachment 1*.



Figure 1 – Locality Plan

Tempe Train Station Car Park

A range of maintenance and repair activities have been completed by Transport for NSW at Tempe Station car park including replacing light fittings, surface repairs, vegetation trimming and tree trimming around light fittings, refreshed line marking and general clean up, review of station lighting and CCTV, and removal of graffiti and rubbish from railway infrastructure.

Transport notes that maintenance of the car park is Inner West Council's responsibility under a pre-existing lease arrangement with Marrickville Council from 1982. Council officers are currently investigating and will work through this arrangement with TfNSW and TAHE.

With regard to bicycle facilities, TfNSW has also installed new bike parking at Tempe Station including 9 new bike hoops and a demarcated area allocated for shared e-bike parking. TfNSW is also reviewing potential upgrades to the pedestrian and bicycle facilities that pass through the car park which connect to the shared path along Cooks River to the Richardsons Crescent shared path and Tempe Station.



Image 1a and 1b – Tempe Station Car Park – Post works

Shared Bike and Pedestrian Path under Illawarra Line Railway Bridge

The existing shared bicycle and pedestrian pathway was upgraded in 2016 with a project budget of \$400,000, taking 6 months to complete. The pathway under the bridge is highly constrained, which required a complex design to maximise the path width, avoid services (including gas main) and prevent inundation of the path from tidal impacts. This was achieved through the construction of a waterproof retaining wall (levee wall) and pump system.

It is therefore not considered feasible to widen the path further. However, a number of improvements have been undertaken to the shared path including refreshing shared path linemarking and signage, replacing the damaged convex safety mirror and trimming of vegetation to improve pedestrian and cyclist sightlines. In addition, a rumble strip linemarking treatment has been provided to identify the conflict point and slow cyclists on approach to the pathway under the Illawarra Line Railway Bridge.

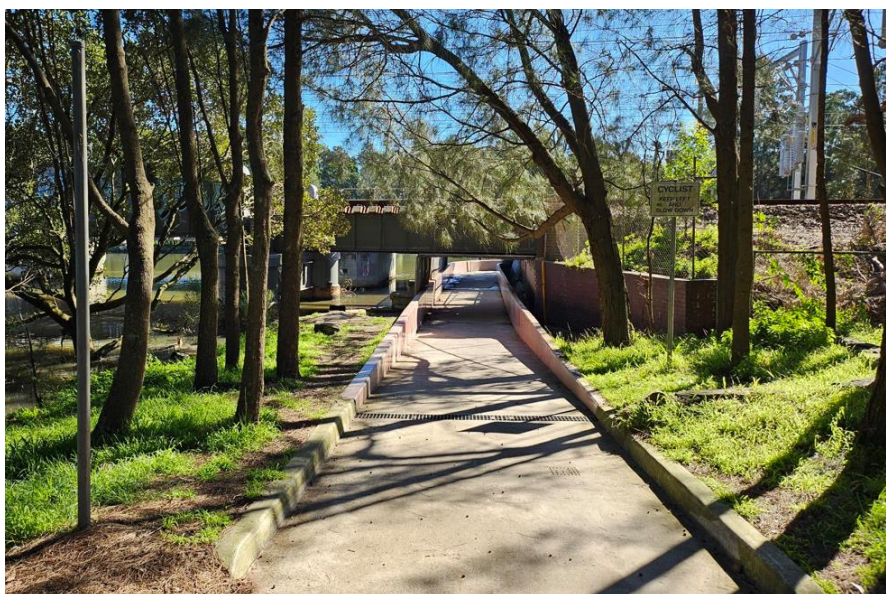


Image 2 – Shared Bike path under Illawarra line Railway Bridge (Tempe)



Image 3 – Approach to Shared Bike path under Illawarra line Railway Bridge (Tempe) – Post linemarking works

Griffiths Street stairs

There is an existing sandstone staircase connecting pedestrians from the lower-level Kendrick Park through to Griffiths Street. There would be substantial amount of work required to upgrade these stairs given site topography, the presence of existing trees and the condition of the existing staircase.

These works have not been budgeted for and it is not feasible to undertake the design and delivery work required to upgrade this staircase during the Sydenham to Bankstown closure. Council officers are currently scoping the project for consideration in a future capital works program.



Image 4 – Griffiths Street stairs

Tempe Train Station Lifts

Transport for NSW deliver accessibility upgrades at stations across NSW under the Safe Accessible Transport program which aims to make public transport safe, inclusive and easy to use for all passengers, especially people with disability, older people, people with prams or luggage and others who may be experiencing mobility problems.

Tempe and Lewisham Train Stations are the last remaining stations in the LGA that do not have lift access and Transport for NSW have announced that planning is underway to install lifts at Lewisham Station under the Safe Accessible Transport program.

Council has been advised by Transport for NSW that Tempe Station is not currently scheduled for an accessibility upgrade, but it is being considered for future accessibility upgrades. Transport for NSW has undertaken a strategic assessment to identify the work required for an accessibility upgrade at the station should funding be provided for delivery of an upgrade in future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Linemarking and signage works noted along the Shared Path around Tempe Station have been funded from Council's operational budgets.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Response from the Minister for Transport regarding Tempe Train Station

The Hon Jo Haylen MP
Minister for Transport



Ref: 02158018

Ms Ruth Callaghan
Acting General Manager
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Dear Ms Callaghan,

Thank you for your correspondence about Tempe Station.

I am always grateful to hear about ways we can improve our public transport system and appreciate Council's request for safety upgrades to be undertaken at Tempe Station.

Transport for NSW advises an audit of the car park at Tempe Station was undertaken in June 2024 and it identified a range of initiatives to improve safety, access and amenity of the site. The program of works seek to mitigate antisocial behaviour through lighting improvements and general maintenance and repairs of the station and amenities. The initiatives that are being undertaken include:

- Replacing and upgrading light fittings in the car park to LED to improve lighting levels;
- Pruning vegetation particularly around light poles that are impinging on light spill;
- Surface patch repairs to repair damaged asphalt and potholes;
- Refreshed line markings on all existing markings;
- Undertaking a general clean-up of the site including removal of graffiti and replacement of broken fences;
- Installation of nine additional bike hoops and dedicated shared bike parking.

Transport for NSW is progressing the above scope of works to support Southwest Link. Tempe Station is one of the key destinations for the Southwest Link riding routes. These initiatives are coupled with the Southwest Link riding route upgrades from Campsie and Canterbury to Tempe via the Cooks River, which will improve safety and access to Tempe Station for pedestrians and cyclists.

Noting that Inner West Council has a lease over the Tempe Station car park area, I understand a separate discussion between relevant officers is underway regarding maintenance roles and responsibilities under the lease, and the future of the lease arrangement.

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The NSW Government is committed to delivering accessibility upgrades at stations across NSW under the Safe Accessible Transport program. While Tempe Station is not currently scheduled for an accessibility upgrade, it is being considered for future accessibility upgrades. Transport for NSW has undertaken a strategic assessment to identify the work required for an accessibility upgrade at this station however, the project is currently not funded for development or delivery. You may be assured that your feedback will be considered in any future plans.

Should Tempe Station receive funding for an upgrade, station precinct safety will also be improved with additional lighting, CCTV and improved passive surveillance. In conjunction with the NSW Government's Safer Cities Program, projects being developed and delivered under the Safe Accessible Transport program include engagement with local women, girls and gender diverse people to understand lived experience and opportunities to enhance safety in and around the stations that are being upgraded.

Further, the NSW Government supports cycling as an affordable and sustainable transport choice. As part of its efforts to encourage cycling, Transport for NSW provides bike parking facilities at train stations and other public transport interchanges. This includes communal bike sheds, individual bike lockers for hire, and bike racks. The existing bike parking at Tempe has a capacity of five bikes in total.

I am advised Transport for NSW commenced auditing and assessing the suitability of bike parking provision at train stations across NSW in 2023. This audit included Tempe. The audit and the subsequent development of an agreed prioritisation process includes a consideration of existing and future forecast demand, the number and type of existing facilities including levels of security for bikes parked at train stations as well as previous requests for new or upgraded facilities. This work will continue in 2024 to inform the prioritisation of any potential future bike parking upgrades at transport interchanges such as Tempe Station.

Transport for NSW will seek to provide new or upgrades to existing bike parking based on the prioritisation process in order to encourage cycling to occur as a convenient choice and option as part of a first-mile and last-mile trips to transport hubs. Passengers have an opportunity to request secure bike storage via www.bikelocker.transport.nsw.gov.au/suggest-new-location, with requests being considered as part of a periodic review of bike parking requirements across the public transport network.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if there is anything further I can do to be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Jo Haylen MP
Minister for Transport

05/10/2024

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Item No: C1024(2) Item 18
Subject: POST EXHIBITION - PLANNING PRINCIPLES FOR THE INNER WEST
Prepared By: Daniel East - Acting Senior Manager Strategic Planning
Authorised By: Simone Plummer - Director Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Between 21 June and 6 August 2024, engagement was undertaken on Principles for Planning in the Inner West to address Council resolution (C0524(1) Item 49). In total 1,221 submissions were received through the Your Say Inner West (YSIW) page survey, email, and interactive map. The Engagement Outcomes Report for this engagement is provided in *Attachment 1*.

There was general support from the community for the following planning principles:

- Council support of the NSW Government's Policy to provide 30% of housing on government owned land to be maintained in perpetuity as public housing (77%)
- Incentives for conversion of land owned by religious and faith-based organisations to social and affordable housing (75%)
- Setting a target of 1000 more new public housing dwellings being delivered on government and Inner West Council owned land (72%)
- Deliver local place-based planning controls (70%)
- Protecting and expanding existing employment lands to attract increased employment and new industries (64%)
- Upzoning of precincts around the following train stations
 - Ashfield (75%)
 - Marrickville (71%)
 - Dulwich Hill (66%)
 - Croydon (64%)

BACKGROUND

At the Council Meeting held on 21 May 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

3. *The proposed principles of the Local Environmental Plan will include:*
 - a) *delivering place-based planning through local planning controls;*
 - b) *upzoning of precincts around Ashfield, Croydon, Dulwich Hill, and Marrickville train stations;*
 - c) *support for increased densities on main streets through shop top housing in order to protect high value heritage conservation areas from upzoning;*
 - d) *providing density incentives for the amalgamation of lands in areas identified for upzoning;*

- e) increased residential densities around light rail stations;
- f) the finalisation of the Parramatta Road Corridor Stage 1 program through the rezoning of parts of Leichhardt, Taverners Hill and Kings Bay precincts;
- g) support for the suburb of Haberfield being listed on the State Heritage register and being excluded from upzoning;
- h) support for the Master Planning of the Bays Precinct with dwelling targets to be determined on Government owned land prior to consideration of any additional rezoning in adjoining suburbs;
- i) support for the NSW Government policy of 30% of all new housing on government owned land to be maintained in perpetuity as public housing;
- j) setting a target of 1,000 or more new public housing dwellings to be delivered on State Government and Council owned land;
- k) incentives for the conversion of land owned by religious and faith-based organisations for social and affordable housing;
- l) progression of the new Special Entertainment Precincts which Council is currently undertaking consultation on;
- m) protecting and expanding existing employment lands to attract increased employment and new industries; and
- n) incorporating the State Government's Pattern Book for improved design into Council's planning controls.

5. That Council undertake community consultation and engagement on the principles of the Local Environmental Plan.

DISCUSSION

Public notification for the Principles for Planning in the Inner West included:

- Letterbox drop of notification flyer to every property in the Inner West (118,698 properties)
- Mail out of notification flyer to every property owner residing outside the Inner West (approximately 21,000 letters)

The flyer directed the community to the Your Say Inner West webpage - Principles for Planning in the Inner West, which included background information for the consultation, including a document library and timeline of key dates.

The community was able to provide feedback via an online survey and interactive map on the Your Say page, or by written submissions to Council.

The community response to the consultation resulted in:

- 924 online surveys completed
- 260 contributions on the interactive map
- 37 written submissions by email

The general community sentiment acknowledges the need to increase housing supply whilst balancing the conservation of local heritage and character of the Inner West. It also recognises the need for additional infrastructure and community facilities to support growth in the Inner West.

The key findings from the consultation are summarised below.

There was general support from the community for the following planning principles:

- Council support of the NSW Government's Policy to provide 30% of housing on government owned land to be maintained in perpetuity as public housing (77%)

- Incentives for conversion of land owned by religious and faith-based organisations to social and affordable housing (75%)
- Setting a target of 1000 more new public housing dwellings being delivered on government and Inner West Council owned land (72%)
- Deliver local place-based planning controls (70%)
- Protecting and expanding existing employment lands to attract increased employment and new industries (64%)
- Upzoning of precincts around the following train stations
 - Ashfield (75%)
 - Marrickville (71%)
 - Dulwich Hill (66%)
 - Croydon (64%)

Note: General support refers to those who answered agree completely, very much agree, or moderately agree to the relevant survey question.

While there was general support from the community for the following planning principles, there was also a significant portion of the community who did not agree with the statement at all:

- Increased densities in town centres and on main streets through shop top housing should be investigated in order to protect high value heritage conservation areas from upzoning (66% agree; 20% do not agree at all)
- Increased residential densities around light rail stations (64% agree; 21% do not agree at all)
- High value heritage conservation areas should be protected from upzoning (62% agree; 28% do not agree at all)
- Providing density incentives to amalgamate lots in areas identified for upzoning (59% agree, 25% do not agree at all)
- Government owned land in the Bays Precinct should be the focus of upzoning prior to consideration of any additional rezoning in adjoining suburbs (58% agree; 28% do not agree at all)
- Upzoning of precincts around the following train stations
 - Croydon (64% agree; 21% do not agree at all)

While there was majority support for increasing residential densities around light rail stations support for specific stations ranged from 32-46%. The light rail stations where over 40% of respondents though residential densities should be increase included Leichhardt North, Lilyfield, Dulwich Hill, Rozelle Bay, and Taverners Hill.

Although 61% of the respondents agreed with incorporating the State Government's Pattern Book for improved design into Council's planning controls; 14% did not agree at all and 16% did not know or were unsure.

While 48% of respondents agreed with Council's support of Haberfield heritage conservation area being listed on the State Heritage Register and excluded from any change in density, 36% of respondents did not agree at all.

The additional infrastructure and community facilities identified as most required to support the higher population resulting from increased housing supply in the Inner West were:

- Open and recreational spaces
- Public transport
- Schools
- Active transport

The key themes to consider as part of future planning work relating to housing and employment investigations include:

- locate new housing and additional density near transport hubs
- provide adequate infrastructure for new residents
- provide a range of diverse and accessible housing typologies
- provision of public, social, and affordable housing
- balance the heritage values of the area with new development; this includes protecting existing heritage in addition to reviewing the existing heritage significance in some areas
- maintain on-street parking provisions for existing residents and balance the need to provide off-street parking for new residents
- commitment to sustainability including provision for EV charging in new developments
- expand tree canopy in the Inner West.

Other key considerations include:

- manage adverse impact on existing residents / neighbourhood character
- improve development assessment and strategic planning processes including community engagement
- improve quality of buildings / more regulation

Next Steps

The outcomes of this engagement will inform the housing investigations currently being undertaken to meet the NSW Government's deadline of December 2024 for the alternate approach to Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in Ashfield, Croydon, Marrickville, and Dulwich Hill. Council's future housing investigation work will also consider the areas and themes raised by the community as part of this engagement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

Attachment 1 has been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Engagement Outcomes Report - Planning Principles](#) - **Published separately on Council's website**

Item No: C1024(2) Item 19
Subject: FAITH BASED HOUSING ROUNDTABLE
Prepared By: Daniel East - Acting Senior Manager Strategic Planning
Authorised By: Simone Plummer - Director Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 15 August 2024, Council held an Affordable Housing Roundtable in partnership with Faith Housing Alliance at Marrickville Pavilion. It is estimated that approximately 228 properties in the Inner West are owned by religious organisations.

Councillors and Council officers were able to discuss genuine changes to the planning system in the Inner West that could assist in the delivery of affordable housing in land owned by faith-based organisations.

BACKGROUND

Facilitating affordable housing on land owned by faith-based organisations is a key component of Inner West's response to the current housing crisis. This is reflected in the following Council resolutions:

At the Council meeting held on 8 August 2023, Council resolved the following in part:

3. *That Council investigate opportunities to work with churches and other religious organisations and charities that own land in the Inner West Local Government Area on how this land could be utilised to deliver affordable and community-based housing.*

At the Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

2. *That Council finalise a new Local Environmental Plan to be submitted to the NSW Government by the end of 2024. The principles of the Local Environmental Plan will include:*
 - k) *incentives for the conversion of land owned by religious and faith-based organisations for social and affordable housing*

To better understand the types of incentives that would assist faith-based organisations deliver affordable housing on their land, invitations were extended to member organisations of Faith Housing Alliance including community housing providers and non-government organisations (NGOs) to attend a roundtable with Inner West Council staff.

DISCUSSION

Councillors, Council officers and members of Faith Housing Alliance gathered at Marrickville Pavilion on 15 August 2024 for the roundtable. Speakers from the Faith Housing Alliance included:

- Rose Thomson – CEO, Faith Housing Alliance
- Dr Rob Stokes – Chair, Faith Housing Alliance
- Priscilla Tran – Manager, Urban Renewal – Sydney Anglican Property
- James Bichard – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
- Scott Griffiths – Fresh Hope

Participants engaged in a group discussion about opportunities for the conversion of land owned by faith-based organisations for social and affordable housing.

What we heard

Participants aspire to deliver residential development that ranges from specialist housing, such as emergency housing and aged care, to larger, mixed tenure developments that cater to a diverse range of occupants. Participants envision developments that retain and incorporate existing infrastructure, such as childcare centres and community halls, as well as provide new facilities to support the densification of the precincts.

Participants expressed interest in incentives to encourage greater faith based social and affordable housing to include:

- Reducing or waiving fees associated with assessment and operation of affordable housing including development application fees, council rates, parking space levies, and development contributions given the social benefits associated with their use
- Changes to planning controls in both the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan. Specific suggested changes include:
 - Allowing housing generally as a permitted use on faith-based land. There was a concern that only permitting affordable housing could compromise the feasibility of a project which may require a component of market housing to be incorporated to support the overall project.
 - Lower or more flexible minimum parking requirements as this can significantly reduce building costs as typically a basement and the associated earthworks is not required.
 - Incentive density, floor space ratio and building height bonuses to encourage the provision of affordable housing. This would need to be beyond the existing bonuses available in the Housing State Environmental Planning Policy that already is available to encourage social and affordable housing in NSW
 - Exclusion of community facilities from floor space ratio calculations given their social benefit
- Increased collaboration with Council which could be achieved through a concierge service that assists community housing providers throughout the development application process and to act as one stop shop dedicated resource to assist the sector
- Flexibility in application of development controls e.g. parking requirements determined according to site conditions, proximity to alternative transport and expected demand given the focus of the proposed uses being social and affordable housing which generally have lower car parking desire profiles than market housing.

Participants identified barriers to the delivery of housing on faith-based land. These include:

- Challenges with site amalgamation due to smaller allotments and fragmented ownership in the surrounding area
- Complex development assessment process and rigid application of development controls which make it difficult to achieve the desired design outcome of community housing providers

- Restrictions on heritage listed properties – e.g. protection of building interiors – which do not allow for adaptive reuse which is critical to allow affordable residential uses into the site
- Development controls restricting floor space ratio (FSR) and height of buildings to levels that are not feasible
- Managing resistance to change and community opposition to increased density in their area
- Achieving feasibility is a challenge in many developments in the inner city given high land prices, including for faith based housing projects
- Length of time taken to rezone land and the potential for delays
- Inconsistent standards for community housing providers depending on their tier (size). Council should note that lower tier providers can provide a targeted local benefit.

Next steps

Council will review the current planning framework of land owned by faith-based organisations as part of a future administrative review of Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022. The feedback provided at the roundtable will be relied upon to inform the approaches developed, as consideration is being given to the most efficient and effective way of providing for social and affordable housing on this land. Council officers will continue to work with landowners and the faith housing alliance to achieve this goal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Presentations - Faith Housing Alliance Roundtable

15 August 2024

FHA & IWC Housing Roundtable



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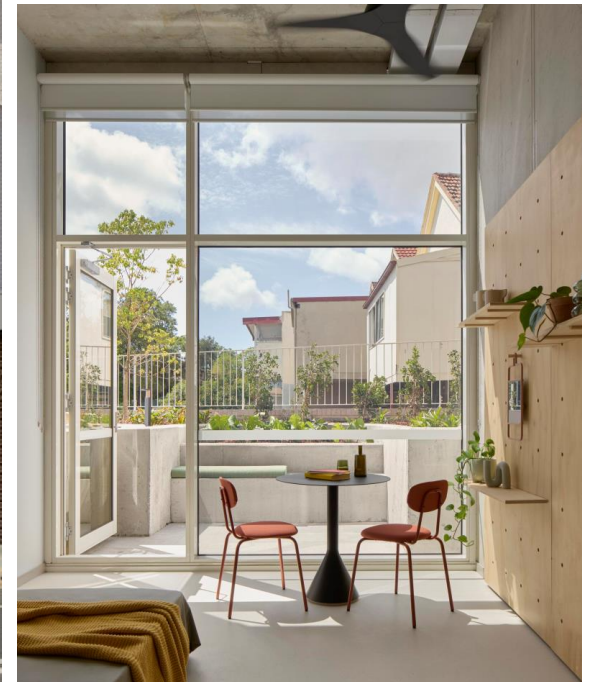
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Housing Roundtable

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Faith Housing Alliance
3. Inner West Planning Framework
4. Group Discussion
5. Closing Remarks





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Inner West Council FHA Forum

Priscilla Tran

Manager, Urban Renewal

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Sydney Anglican Property

Putting property on mission

Formed on 1 January 2024 with an amalgamation of the Sydney Anglican Diocese's property entities to provide a one-stop shop for all diocesan property matters, from day-to-day parish building issues to new church developments, strategic planning, insurance, heritage and more

Note: The Anglican Schools Corporation, Anglicare and Moore College are other Sydney Anglican organisations that manage property

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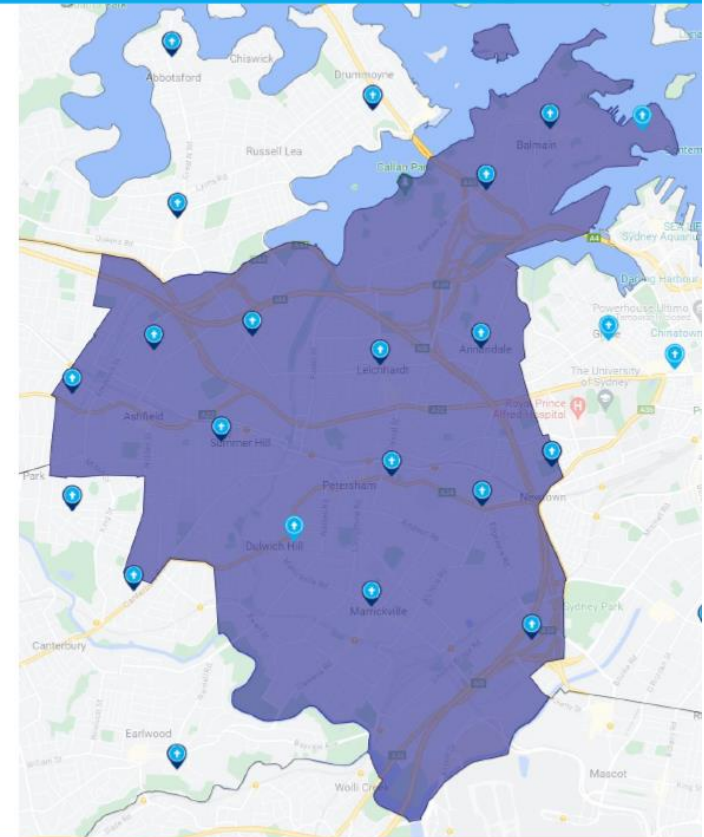


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Our Portfolio

- 276 parishes
- ~1,100 land parcels
- 351 churches
 - 138 local heritage listed + 30 state heritage listed
 - 16 within Inner West LGA
- 480 rectories
- 14 commercial/retail/accommodation buildings
- 50 childcare centres
- 80 cemeteries and columbaria

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Case Study

St Paul's Anglican Church, Bankstown

Heritage listing threatens redevelopment project of critical social infrastructure comprising:

- Fit-for-purpose ministry and community facilities
 - 139 x apartments for social housing (91% for seniors) and affordable housing (9% for key workers)
 - One of 11 x HAFF applications with Anglicare as operating community housing provider



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TRAIN STATION



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BANKSTOWN TAFE

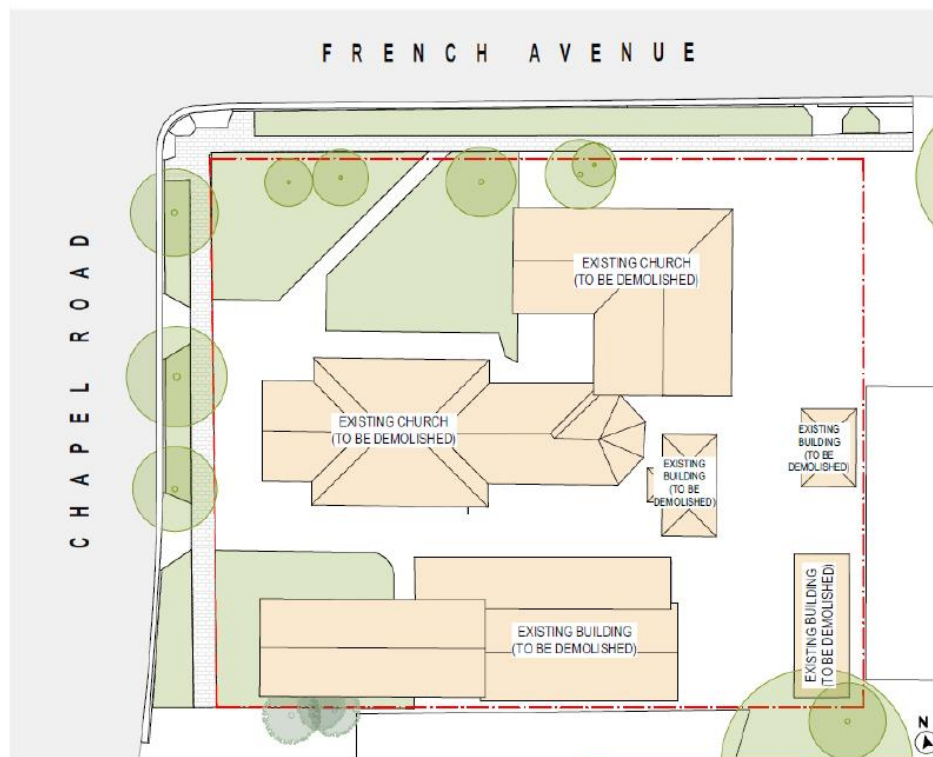


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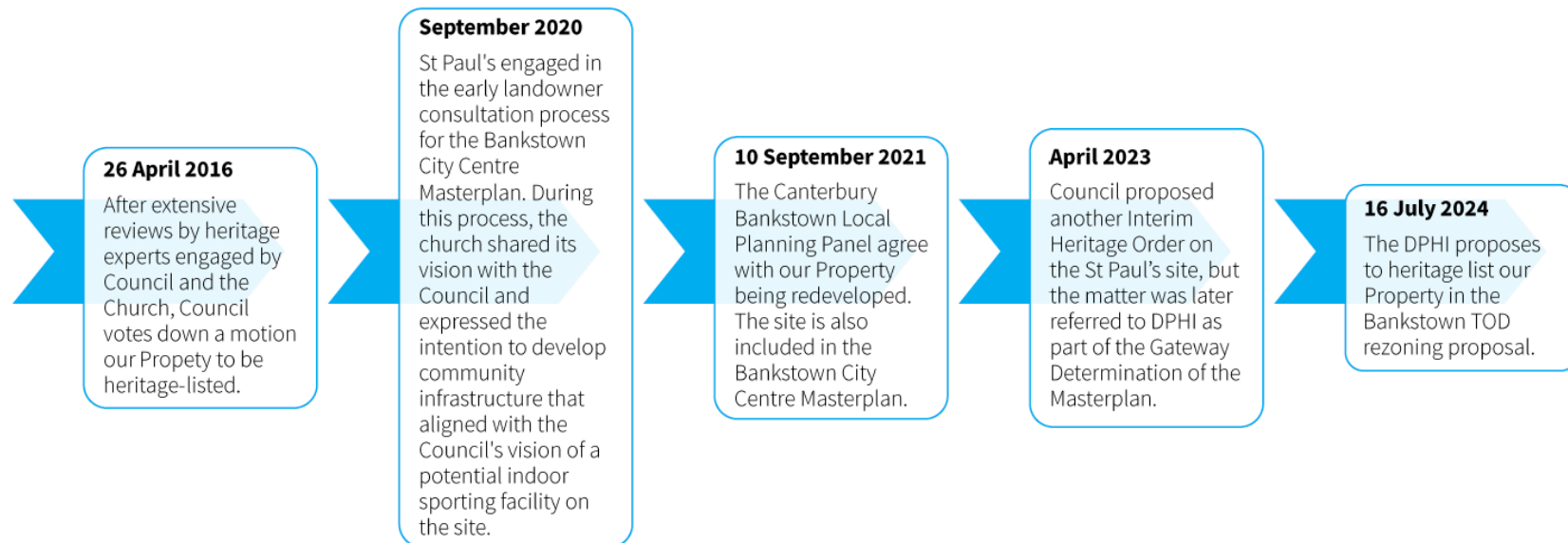
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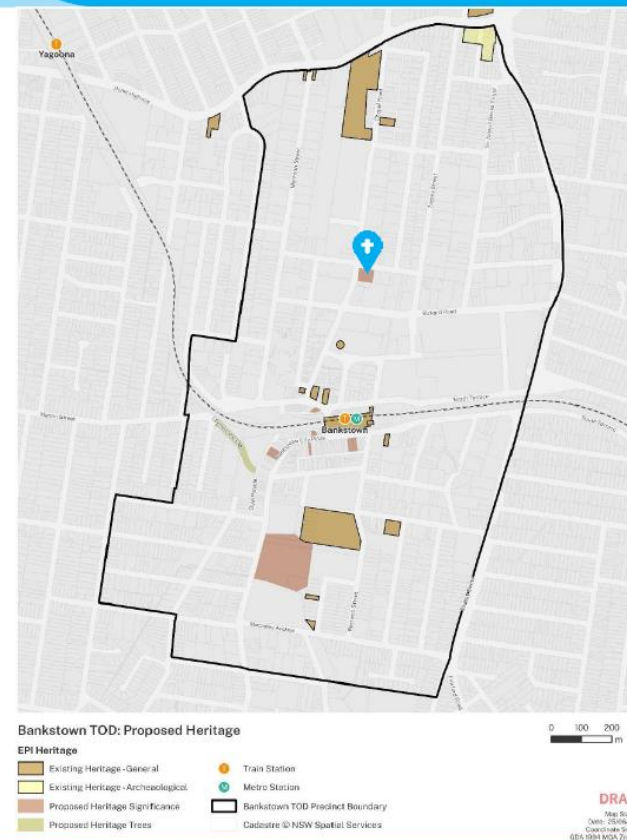
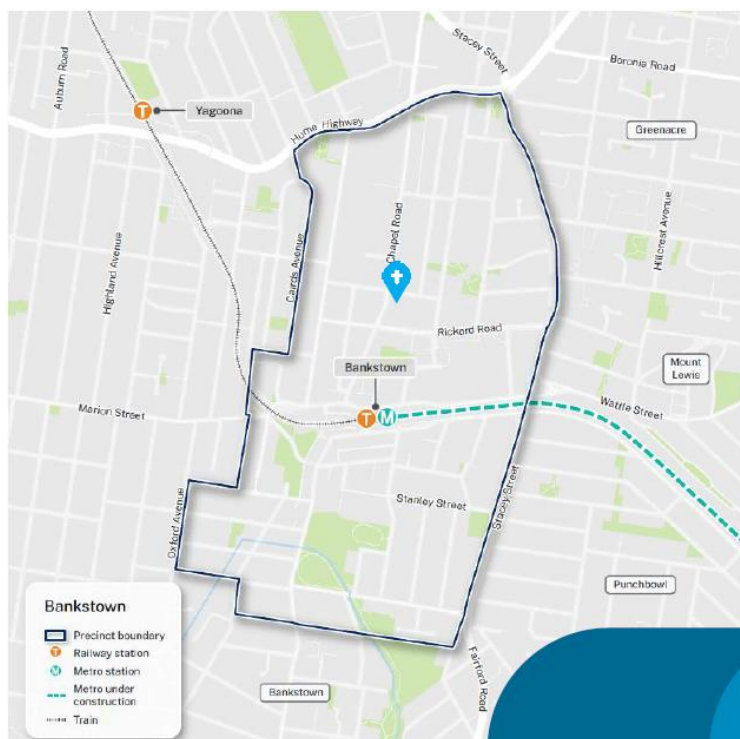


Heritage Listing History



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Proposed Heritage Listing



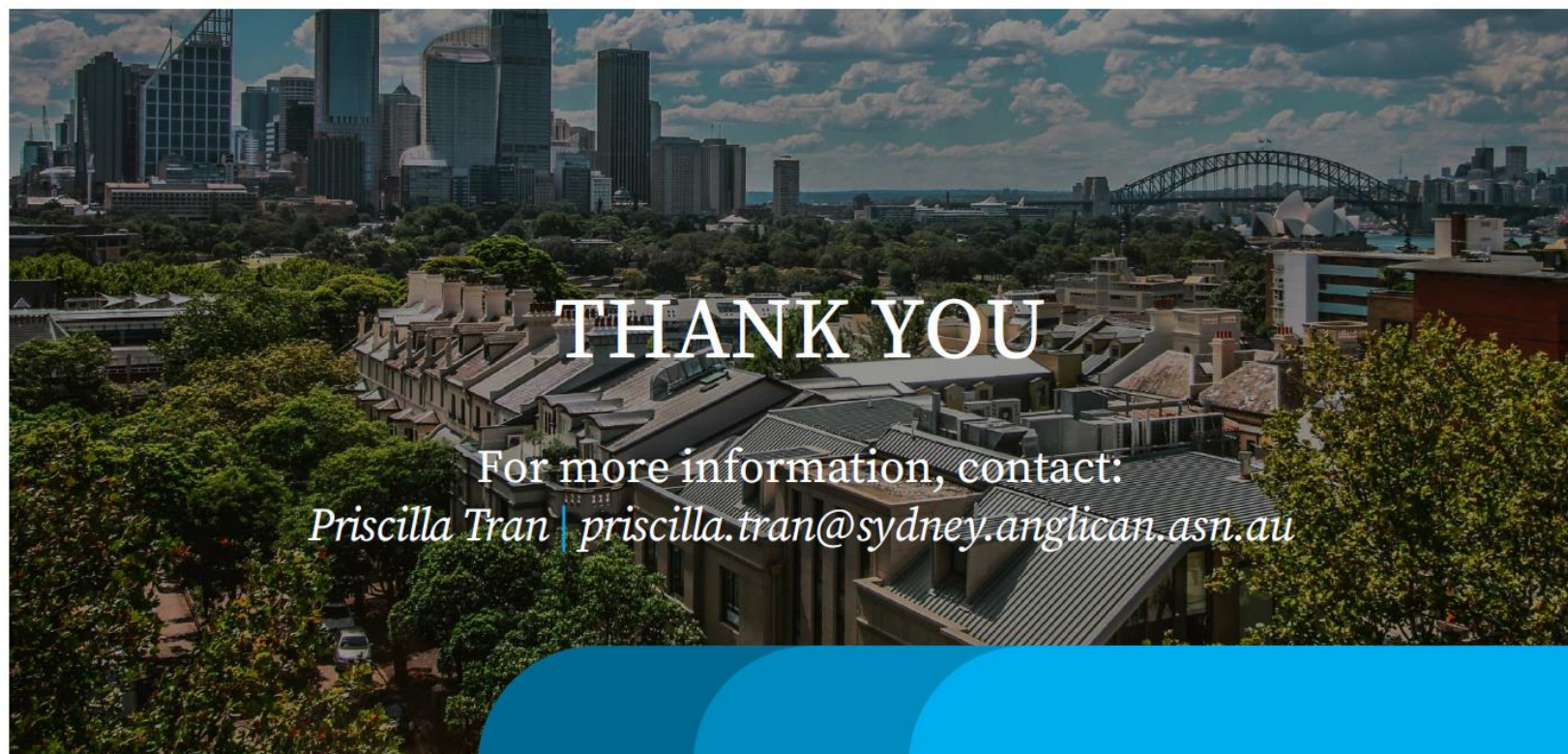


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Heritage Listing Objections

1. It lacks heritage significance, as supported by two independent heritage experts who both concluded that the site does not meet the statutory criteria for heritage listing.
2. It ignores and undermines previous deliberations and Council resolutions to not heritage-list our property.
3. It prevents the delivery of much-needed social infrastructure in the form of social and affordable housing on our property during a housing crisis and within an area where the need is pronounced, as well as in the form of community facilities.
4. It threatens the continuation of living heritage on the site as it undermines St Paul's ability to remain a thriving contributor to the local community.

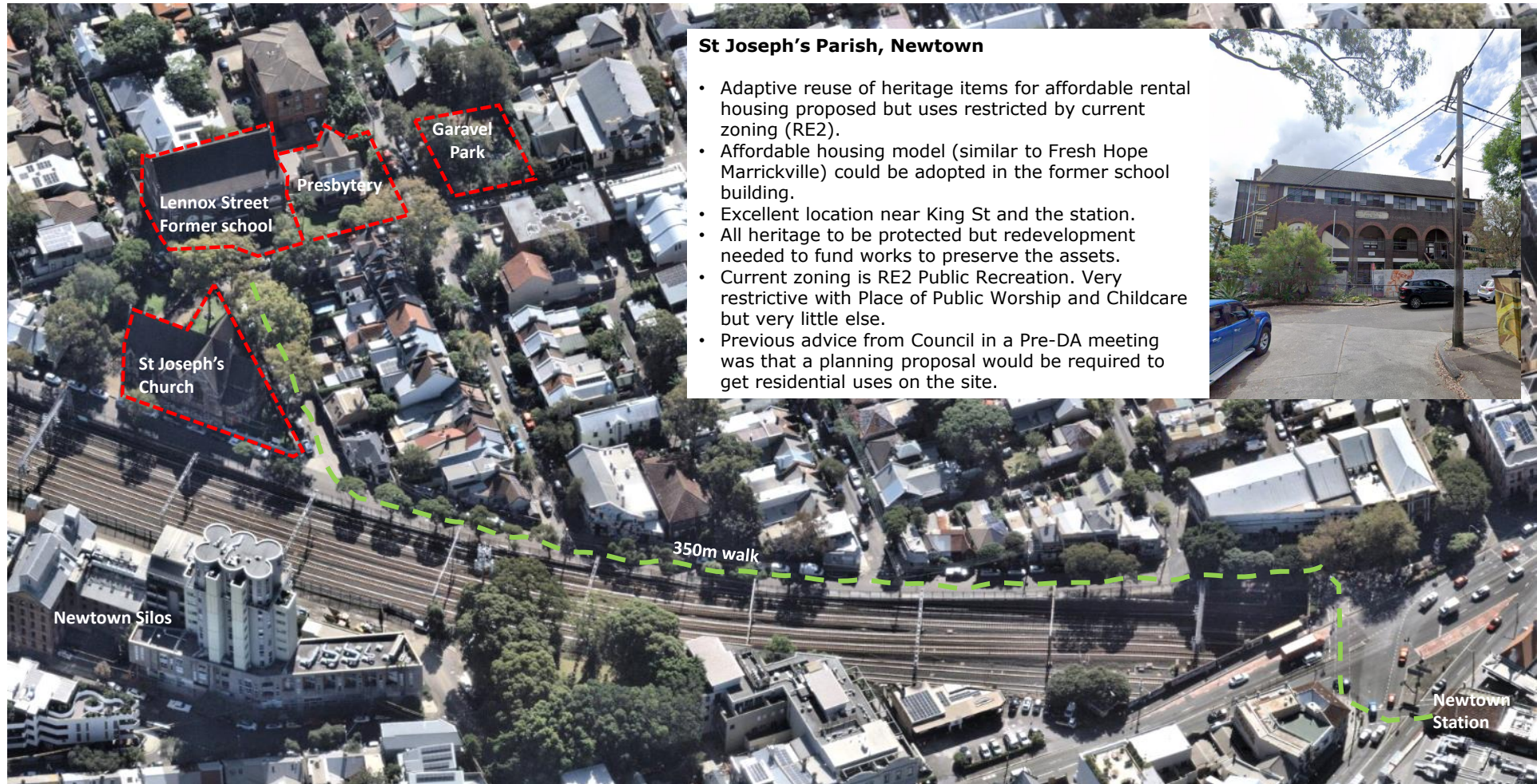
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St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Newtown

Presentation to IWC 15 August 2024



St Joseph's Parish, Newtown

- Adaptive reuse of heritage items for affordable rental housing proposed but uses restricted by current zoning (RE2).
- Affordable housing model (similar to Fresh Hope Marrickville) could be adopted in the former school building.
- Excellent location near King St and the station.
- All heritage to be protected but redevelopment needed to fund works to preserve the assets.
- Current zoning is RE2 Public Recreation. Very restrictive with Place of Public Worship and Childcare but very little else.
- Previous advice from Council in a Pre-DA meeting was that a planning proposal would be required to get residential uses on the site.

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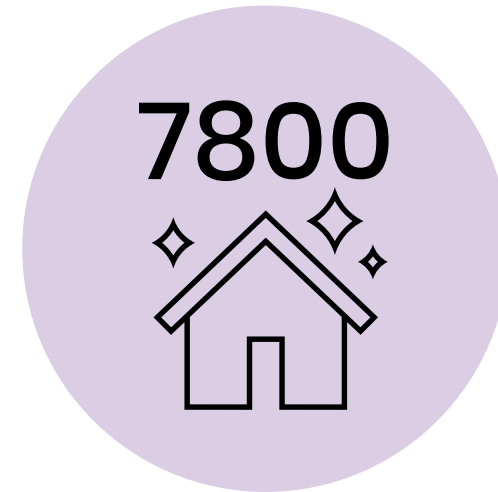
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Inner West Planning Framework

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Housing targets

- DPHI released new housing targets in May 2024
- Aims to deliver 377,000 new homes in NSW by 2029
- This includes a target of at least 3100 new affordable homes (0.8%)



new completed homes
in Inner West by 2029

21 May Council meeting

“The proposed principles of the Local Environmental Plan will include incentives for the conversion of land owned by religious and faith-based organisations for social and affordable housing.”

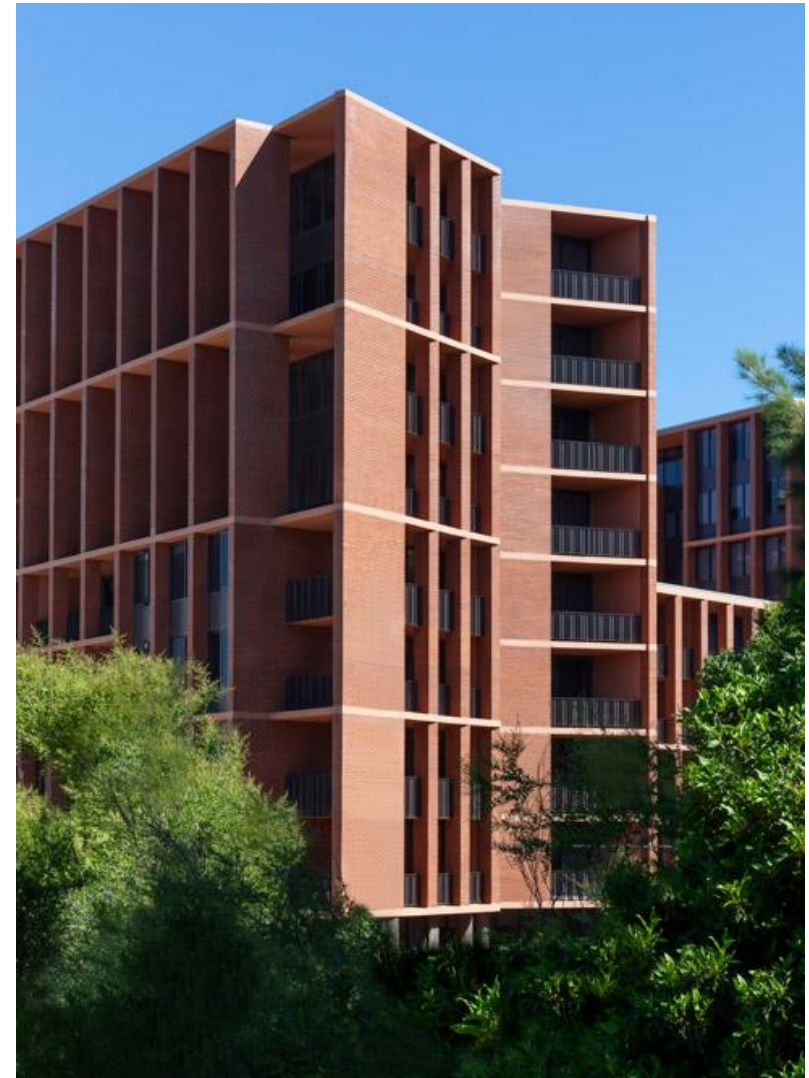
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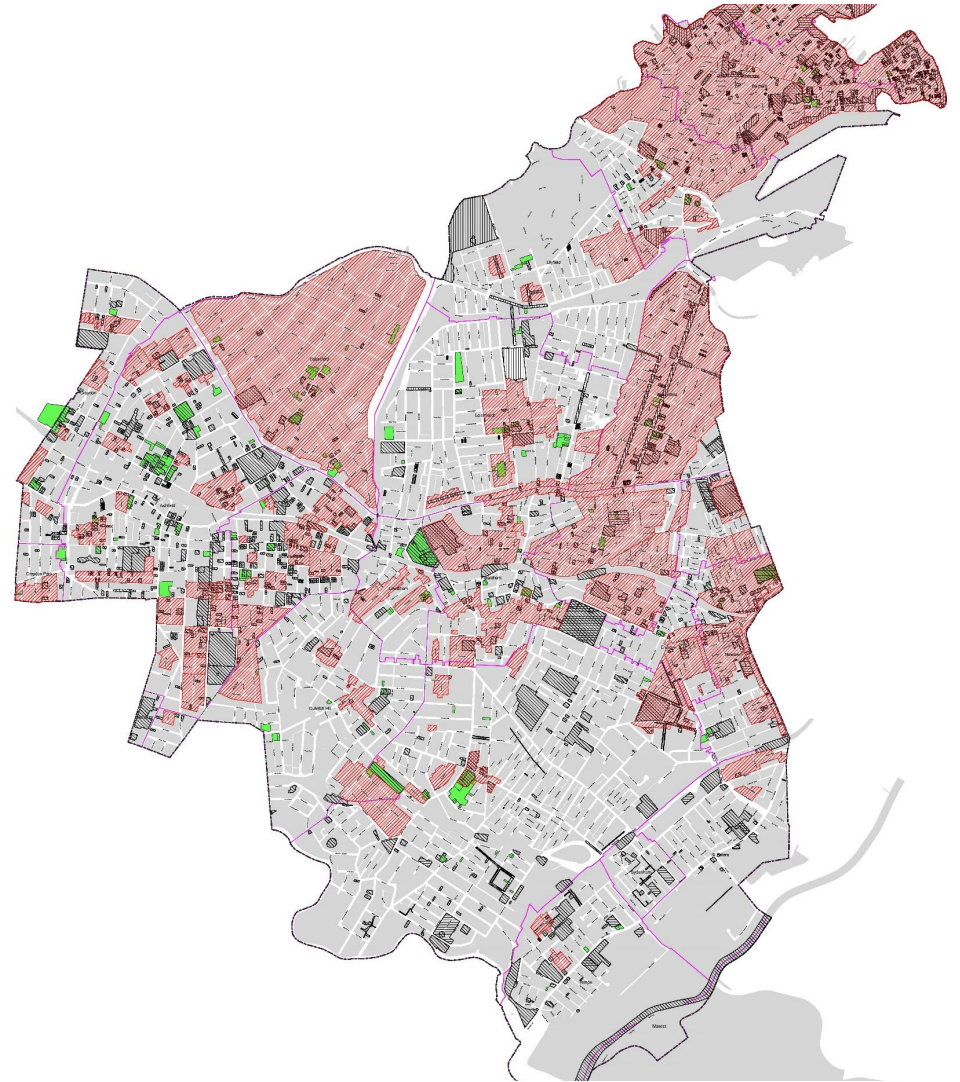
- At least 10% of the gross floor area must be affordable housing to get a bonus (cl.16)
- A bonus of up to 30% is possible for private developers with a minimum of 15% to be for affordable housing (cl.16)
- Additional bonuses can apply for community housing providers (cl.17)

State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021



Location of faith-based land and heritage in the Inner West

- 59% are affected by heritage controls

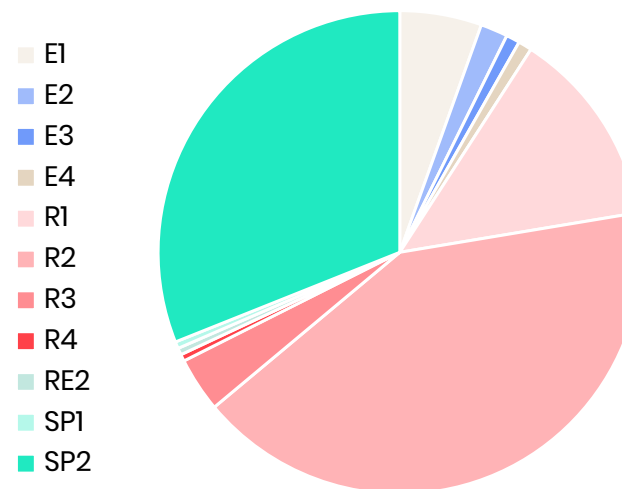


Faith-based land in the Inner West

Under proposed changes, of the 228 properties in the Inner West owned by religious organisations:

- 13% of properties are in zones where residential flat buildings are permitted
- 24% of properties are in zones where shoptop housing is permitted

Zoning of faith-based land



15 August 2024

Housing Roundtable

Group Discussion

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Discussion

1. What incentives would you like to see?
2. What developments do you aspire to deliver?
(type, scale, etc.)
3. What barriers are there to achieving this?

Thank you for your attendance.



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Item No: C1024(2) Item 20
Subject: ROZELLE VILLAGE (FORMER BALMAIN LEAGUES CLUB) - STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
Prepared By: Rachel Josey - Operations and Special Projects Manager
Authorised By: Simone Plummer - Director Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 3 October 2024 and 10 October 2024, Council officers made first a preliminary and then a comprehensive objection to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in response to the proposed State Significant Development Application (SSD-68298726), at Rozelle Village (former Balmain Leagues Club).

The summary of the objection is as follows:

1. Non-Compliance with the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000 – Part 3 Amended controls on specific sites
2. The justification of the significant departure from the Floor Space Ratio development standard for residential development is not well founded.
3. Non-Compliance with Clause 20 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021
4. Adverse Traffic generation and impacts to Waterloo Street
5. Non-Compliance with State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 and Apartment Design Guide
6. Inadequate information to the Provision of affordable housing .
7. Non-Compliance with the Leichhardt Development Control Plan – Site Specific DCP
8. Unresolved Planning Agreement
9. Inadequate Notification of properties

BACKGROUND

The site (identified below) has been the subject of previous Development Application approvals and modification.



Figure 1: Aerial view of subject site – (Source: Nearmap)



Figure 2: Identification of allotments that comprise the subject site – (Source: Inner West Council)

- 138-152 Victoria Road Rozelle (being Lot 1 DP 528045)
- 154-156 Victoria Road Rozelle (being Lot 1 DP 109047)
- 697 Darling Street Rozelle (being Lot 104 DP 733658)
- 1-7 Waterloo Street Rozelle (being Lots 101 & 102 DP629133, Lot 37 & 38 DP 421 and Lot 36 DP190866)

Development consent was granted for a mixed-use development, under D/2018/219, by the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel (the Planning Panel) on 10 September 2020. A modification to this Development Application (DA), under MOD/2022/0447, was also approved by the same Panel.

This consent remains valid, as does the associated Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) that is registered on title, which in summary provides the following;

- monetary contributions for community grants,
- affordable housing and
- in lieu of s7.11 contributions;
 - income from public parking for 25 years;
 - 25 year lease of 200sqm of commercial space for \$1/year;
 - Town Square for 4 single public events at no charge; and
 - Victoria Road and Waterloo Street footpath widening.

The State Significant Development Application (SSD-68298726) was lodged with Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in August 2024 for redevelopment of the former Balmain Leagues Club as a mixed-use development, comprising demolition, construction of 3 x 14 to 16 storey buildings, with commercial uses, club, retail, public open space, market housing and affordable housing. Following is a link to the application on the Major Projects section of the NSW Planning Portal – <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/rozelle-village-mixed-use-development-affordable-housing>

On 6 September 2024, DPHI placed this application on exhibition for 28 days with the exhibition period ending on 4 October 2024. The application indicates that demolition, site preparation, and earthwork would be carried out under D/2018/219, except where specifically proposed under the SSD application. Attached is a map identifying properties notified by DPHI.

The assessment of the application is being carried out by DPHI.

DISCUSSION

The proposed development is submitted as an 'Amending SSDA' which seeks consent to amend D/2018/219 to increase the basement footprint and parking requirements, modify the approved floor plans to revise the apartment mix and total dwelling numbers, make minor modifications to the approved architectural design, and include an additional 75 apartments including 59 new affordable dwellings (to be used as affordable housing for a minimum 15 years).

The proposed development in its entirety includes the construction of a 14-16-storey mixed-use development, comprising three basement levels for car parking and associated facilities and share a non-residential podium, three interconnected residential apartment buildings, a 2-3 storey building for three live/work units, four apartments along Waterloo Street, and a network of publicly accessible open space and landscaping.

The table below is a copy from the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects that provides a comparison between the approved and proposed developments:

Table 3 Previous Approval Comparison			
Component	Previous DA Approval (as modified)	Subject SSDA	Change
FSR	Retail and supermarket – 0.74:1	Retail and supermarket – 0.74:1	No change
	Club – 0.39:1	Club – 0.39:1	No change
	Commercial and Live work – 0.20:1	Commercial and Live work – 0.20:1	No change
	Residential – 2.54:1	Market – 2.94:1 Affordable – 0.76:1	Change
	Total: 3.88:1	Total: 5.03:1	Change
GFA (total)	28,417sqm	36,941sqm	Change
Height	Maximum allowable under LLEP 2000 is RL 82m Building Core A – RL 81.70m Building B – RL 81.20m Building C – RL74.600m	Maximum allowable under LLEP 2000 is RL 94.81m Building A – RL 94.515m Building B – RL93.700m Building C – RL90.500m Along Waterloo Street (maximum) 12.4m above street level Along Darling Street – RL50.618m	Change
Dwelling Numbers	152 – No affordable housing	227 (incl. 59 affordable housing units, equating to 15% of the total dwellings)	Change
	Studio - 2 1 bed – 17 2 bed – 83 3 bed – 47 Live work apartment – 3 The above dwellings include the provision of the following: Adaptable – 15 (10%) Liveable – 30 (20%)	Studio - 2 1 bed – 28 2 bed – 126 3 bed – 68 Live work apartments - 3 The above dwellings include the provision of the following: Adaptable – 24 (10%) Liveable – 46 (20%) Affordable housing – 59 (15%)	
Car Parking	Residential: 141	213	Change
	Non-residential: 189	190	Minor change
	Total: 324	Total: 398	Minor change



3D image showing previous approval under MOD/2022/0447



Proposed development
Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)

As mentioned, a VPA was negotiated as part of the original application and registered on title in accordance with conditions for consent. The VPA was considered and endorsed by the Inner West Council in 2020 in accordance with the required Council policy.

The applicant anticipates that the existing VPA under the previous application will need to be replaced with reference to the relevant SSDA number, i.e. it is not proposed to increase or renegotiate the VPA notwithstanding the increase in the proposed development. The applicant assumes that DPHI may impose further condition of consent in relation to the Housing and Productivity Contribution which did not apply under the previous application and now does – however this is a contribution to State Government and not to Council.

Submission by Council officers

On 3 October 2024, Council officers submitted a preliminary submission in objection to DPHI. On 10 October 2024, a comprehensive objection was lodged which in summary raised the following key issues:

1. Non-Compliance with the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000 – Part 3 Amended controls on specific sites
2. The justification of the significant departure from the Floor Space Ratio development standard for residential development is not well founded.
3. Non-Compliance with Clause 20 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021
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8. Unresolved Planning Agreement
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As Inner West Council has ‘objected’ to the proposal it will now be determined by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC), unless the objection is withdrawn.

Copies of the submissions are attached.

Submissions/Public Exhibition

As per the State Significant Development Guidelines under 6. *Exhibiting an EIS*, all State Significant Development Applications are notified for 28 days (The application was on exhibition between 6 September 2024 and 4 October 2024). The guidelines also states that During the exhibition period, anyone can make a submission on the DA.

In regards to the number of days required for community participation, this is governed by Schedule 1 Community participation requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* EP&A Act which outlines that:

9 Application for development consent for State significant development(cf previous s 89F)
Minimum public exhibition period for an application for development consent for State significant development—28 days.

Therefore the 28 day exhibition period nominated by the Department is consistent with the EP&A Act.

Council officers originally requested an extension to 25 October 2024 to submit the final objection, and to enable Council to consider lodging an endorsed submission. DPHI granted

an extension to 10 October 2024, however required a preliminary position during the exhibition period.

Council officers recently sought clarification from DPHI as to whether they will consider a late submission should the Council wish to make a further submission. DPHI responded stating:

"In respect to a submission from councillors – at this point, any further submission from council will be considered feedback, and not be considered as a formal submission. The department is happy to accept this feedback and it will be considered as part of the assessment."

Next steps

DPHI have requested the applicant to respond to submissions. It is noted that in responding to submissions, DPHI are yet to receive comment to the application from Ausgrid, the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science (BCS), NSW Police or Transport for NSW. Council's Architectural Excellence Design Review Panel will review the proposal and these comments will be forwarded to DPHI.

Demolition Works

Council has been advised that demolition works on the site have commenced with the proposed timeline of completion in late November 2024.

A Briefing Note prepared by Heworth is attached which details actions taken and to be taken as part of the demolition. The Development Application approval conditions of consent are also enforceable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Objection to SSD Application - 3 October 2024
2. [↓](#) Submission to SSD Application - 10 October 2024
3. [↓](#) Heworth Briefing Note
4. [↓](#) Rozelle Village Notification Map



IWC Ref: EXTERNAL/2024/0006

3 October 2024

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
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ATTENTION: Justin Keen

Dear Mr Keen,

Inner West Council Response: SSD-68298726 – Rozelle Village, mixed use development with affordable housing.

Property: 138-152 and 154-156 Victoria Road; 697 Darling, 699 Darling Street and 1 Waterloo Street, 3 to 7 Waterloo Street, ROZELLE NSW 2039

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Rozelle Village State Significant Development Application (SSDA). Council has undertaken preliminary review of the submitted SSDA proposal and will be providing more detailed comment in due course. Initially, Council objects to the proposal on the following basis -

- The application seeks variations to the Floor Space Ratio (FSR) development standard for residential development. Council's view is that these variations are not acceptable as the proposal will not satisfy the relevant objectives and the exception provided is not well-founded.
- The proposed development with 16 storey buildings is inconsistent with the provisions of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 in terms of design requirements and the character of the local area.
- The proposal will have adverse traffic generation impacts on the immediately surrounding streets and area.
- The proposal will result in additional and adverse overshadowing to surrounding properties.
- The proposal will be inconsistent with the Apartment Design Guide (ADG).
- The documentation has not demonstrated appropriate accessibility or waste management.

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As mentioned, we appreciate the extension of time to provide a comprehensive submission by the 10 October 2024. Further comments will be submitted once Council has the opportunity to finalise the review of documentation available as well as seek feedback from the Design Review Panel.

Should you require any further information in relation to the above response, please contact Eric Wong, Senior Planner on 02 9392 5229 or email Eric.Wong@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully,



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Development Assessment Manager



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10 October 2024

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Rozelle Village State Significant Development Application (SSDA). Council has reviewed the submitted SSDA proposal, including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Industry Specific SEARs.

In addition to the preliminary objection submitted on 3 October 2024, this is a more comprehensive submission in relation to the proposed development and the issues that there are concerns about are summarised as follows:

- Non-Compliance with the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000 – Part 3 Amended controls on specific sites
- The justification of the significant departure from the FSR development standard for residential development not well founded.
- Non-Compliance with Clause 20 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021
- Adverse Traffic generation and impacts to Waterloo Street
- Compliance with SEPP 65 and Apartment Design Guide
- Inadequate information to the Provision of affordable housing .
- Non-Compliance with the Leichhardt Development Control Plan – Site Specific DCP
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Each of these matters is addressed in detail in the following sections.

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1. Non-Compliance with the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000 – Part 3 Amended controls on specific sites

The following comments are made in relation to compliance with Part 3 Amended controls on specific sites of Leichhardt LEP 2000 which specifically applies to the Balmain Leagues Club Precinct site:

(2) Despite any other provision of this Plan (except clause 19 (6) and (7) or a provision of this Part), consent may be granted for mixed use development on the site, but only if, in the opinion of the Council, the following objectives are met—

(b) the development contributes to the vibrancy and prosperity of the Rozelle Commercial Centre with an active street life while maintaining residential amenity

Comment: The increase of four (4) additional storeys, additional dwelling and additional car parking/traffic generation is considered to be contrary to this objective in the following ways:

- Impact in relation to Solar Access to the properties on Waterloo Street and Cambridge Street (Private open space) – The shadow diagrams indicate that the proposed additional 4 storeys will result in significant increase of overshadowing at 9am, 10am and 11am. The level of impact depicted in the shadow diagrams is unclear as it appears that the existing fence (side and rear fencing) impacts have not been included in the impacts and therefore the depicted overshadowing impacts in the diagrams require updating to depict of the actual impacts to the private open spaces of the properties at Waterloo and Cambridge Streets. Therefore, it has not been demonstrated that the affected Waterloo Street and Cambridge Street properties will retain an appropriate amount of solar access to their private open spaces.
- Impact in relation to Solar Access to the properties on Waterloo Street and Cambridge Street (Glazing) – The shadow diagrams indicates that the proposed additional of 4 storeys will potentially result in increase of overshadowing at 9am, 10am and 11am to the glazing of a number of properties located on Waterloo Street and Cambridge Street. Shadow diagrams in elevation have not been provided and therefore the proposal has not demonstrated that the additional 4 storeys will retain an appropriate amount of solar access to the glazing of the affected Waterloo Street and Cambridge Street properties.

(c) the development is well designed with articulated height and massing providing a high quality transition to the existing streetscape,

Comment: The increase of four additional storeys, additional units and additional car parking/traffic generation is considered to be contrary to this objective in the following ways:

- The 12 storeys permitted under the LEP is already the maximum height for an acceptable streetscape

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It should be noted that the current height and FSR controls that applies to the subject site is already higher than the properties in the locality as the result of a planning proposal that resulted in amendments in the Leichhardt LEP 2000 which was also subject to a VPA that included the delivery of infrastructure to Rozelle.

There have not been any recent developments in the locality that would be similar or exceed the 12 storey scale and a development which comprises 16 storey forms will be significantly out of character with the height of structures in this locality.



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(d) the traffic generated by the development does not have an unacceptable impact on pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic on Darling Street, Waterloo Street and Victoria Road, Rozelle,

Comment: Discussed in more detail in section 4 in the submission, the increase in traffic generation will result in an unacceptable queuing on Waterloo Street during peak time which will have a flow-on effect to Darling Street and Victoria Road.

(4) A consent under subclause (2) must not be granted if the development will result in any of the following—

- (e) the floor space ratio for all residential development on the site exceeds 1.9:1,

Comment: A floor space ratio of 1.9:1 applies to the site to ensure the mixed-use development is not dominated by the residential component. It should be noted that the original development application (D/2018/219) approved a 33.6% variation to 4(e) on the basis of the following:

- *conveys to shoppers and residents that this is an important specialist retailing, service and entertainment location with a built form that maintains a high level of public amenity;*
- *provides appropriate separation of the different functions within the development and provides appropriate residential amenity;*
- *provides development at a scale and form that is envisaged by the recently adopted site-specific DCP relating to the site to provide a multi-layered development, having active low-rise development on Waterloo Street of no more than three storeys, and well-spaced towers that are positioned on Victoria Road;*

While it is acknowledged the Housing SEPP provides incentives to provide affordable housing through 'up-lifts' to FSR, there are no provisions in the SEPP that suggest the 30% uplift is applied to applications to developments that already breach the FSR development standard. As noted, the originally approved development had a 33.6% variation.

The proposed residential FSR for this application is 3.7:1 which represents a 95% variation to the maximum 1.9:1 residential FSR. The Clause 40 exception is not considered to be well ground and is discussed in more detail below.

Further to the above, it is unclear how the gross floor area figure has been calculated. The GFA diagrams provided, appear to excluded certain areas from GFA that should not

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be excluded as the definition of Gross Floor Area under Leichhardt LEP 2000 does not provides exclusion only to basement car parking and voids, i.e: **Gross floor area** means the total area of a building's floorplates, measured between the outer edges of the outside walls or the centre line of any party wall, and includes mezzanines, attics, internal car parking spaces, garages, lofts and studios. It does not include projections outside the external walls of the building, paved areas, voids or basements used for car parking, where the car parking area does not protrude more than 1 metre above ground level.

Clarification is also sought as to why the following areas are excluded from GFA calculations:

- The room directly to the south of the lifts serving Core A.
- As only voids are excluded from the GFA calculations, the lowest level of the area associated with lifts and stairs should be included in the GFA calculations.

Therefore the proposal is also likely to result a greater variation to the residential FSR development than outlined in the EIS and Clause 40 exception.

2. The justification of the significant departure from the FSR development standard for residential development not well founded.

The Clause 40 exception submitted relies on the following reasons for justification which are considered to be not well-founded as follows:

- The proposal is aligned with the NSW Government's strategic direction to deliver more residential floor space, specifically housing. Affordable housing units will make up 15% of the total gross floor area (GFA) of the building, resulting in 59 affordable housing units. The provision of additional floor space will enable the delivery of affordable housing, which will contribute to achieving the State objectives of encouraging more housing. –*

A floor space ratio of 1.9:1 applies to the site to ensure the mixed-use development is not dominated by the residential component. It should be noted that the original development application (D/2018/219) already approved a 33.6% variation. While it is acknowledged the Housing SEPP provides incentives to provide affordable housing by provide up-lifts to floor space ratio, there are no provisions in the SEPP that suggest the 30% uplift is applied to applications that already significantly breaches the FSR development standard.

It should be noted that Part 3 (4) of Leichhardt LEP 2000 entails an overall FSR as well setting a FSR for each of the components to ensure that the residential component does not dominate the mixed-use development.

Further increasing the number of apartments and increasing the Floor Space Ratio to 3.7:1 will mean 73% of the gross floor area will be for residential purposes is a significant departure to the FSR development standard which originally sets the residential floor area to be 51.5% of the total floor area. As the subject site is located within a Business zone, a mixed-used development that is so heavily 'skewed' towards a residential development would be inconsistent with the objectives under Part 5 (20)(e) (b) - *to reinforce and enhance the role, function and identity of established business centres by encouraging appropriate development*

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and to ensure that surrounding development does not detract from the function of these centres,

- b. Precedent has already been established to vary this development standard on this land. A previous consent for a mixed-use development currently exists over the site. The Inner West Council (**the Council**) and Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel have supported a variation to this clause of the LLEP previously. Specifically, the Council's Assessment Report for DA/2018/219 states: "...the Panel can be satisfied that compliance with the standard is unnecessary in the circumstance of the case and that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to support the variation. The proposed development will be in the public interest because strict application would hinder the attainment of the objectives of the EP&A Act and the proposed development achieves the underlying objectives of the standards, notwithstanding the non-compliance."

It is noted the Sydney Eastern Central Planning Panel (SECPP) had only considered a smaller variation (i.e. 33.6% variation) to be satisfactory in the original development application (and there were no changes to the residential FSR in the subsequent modification application). The current proposal proposes a Residential FSR of 3.7:1 which is a 95% variation to the residential FSR requirement of 1.9:1 which is a far more significant departure than the FSR originally approved. It is not considered that a such departure (which almost doubles the residential FSR required) should be supported because a previous application had approved a much smaller breach. As discussed in other sections of the submission, the increase in residential development is likely to result in adverse impacts to the surrounding properties in relation to solar access, parking and traffic generation and therefore the exception is not well-founded.

The proposal is aligned with the objectives of the 'Balmain Leagues Club' site outlined in Part 3, Schedule 1 of the LLEP specifically Objective (b), which reads "contributes to the vibrancy and prosperity of the Rozelle Commercial Centre with an active street life while maintaining residential amenity." The SSDA delivers an appropriate mix of uses, which is aligned with the demands and needs of the local community. The development will contribute to the vibrancy and prosperity of the Rozelle commercial centre and strikes the right balance between non-residential and residential land uses despite not strictly complying with the development standard.

As mentioned in an earlier section of the submission, the proposal will result in significant additional overshadowing that could affect both the private open spaces and glazing of the affected properties located on Waterloo Street and Cambridge Street. The shadow diagrams provided do not appear to accurately depict the existing impacts and does not accurately demonstrate that residential amenity is retained to these affected properties.

In conclusion, it is not considered that the applicant has not provided adequate justification to demonstrate that the compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances, nor there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the contravention of the development standard.



3. Non-Compliance with Clause 20 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021

Under Clause 20 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021, The following design requirements must be met in order for a development to be granted consent:

(3) Development consent must not be granted to development under this division unless the consent authority has considered whether the design of the residential development is compatible with—

- (a) the desirable elements of the character of the local area, or*
- (b) for precincts undergoing transition—the desired future character of the precinct*

Comment: In this regard it is considered that a 16 storey building form is not a building form that is considered to be consistent with the existing or desired future height where it was established through the creation of Leichhardt LEP 2000 and Leichhardt DCP 2013 that a maximum of 12 storeys is the appropriate maximum form for the subject site.

As the subject site is located at a prominent corner where the proposed development will be clearly visible and there are no recent development or any future developments that would be similar to the heights of the proposed 16 storey form, and this 16 storey form will result in significant reduction of the availability of solar access to the plaza area, the proposal will not be a form that satisfies Clause 20(3)(a) and Clause 20(3)(b) of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021.

4. Adverse Traffic generation and impacts to Waterloo Street

The Transport Impact Assessment, prepared by JMT consulting (date 21 June 2024), considers the following transport and traffic items in assessing the new development application:

- the new application proposes an additional 75 apartments in comparison to the current approval. it proposes no change to the non-residential approved uses;
- the study notes that these additional apartments are anticipated to generate 13 additional movements during the peak hour;
- that study also suggests that, even with additional the traffic, Waterloo Street will continue to remain below 3,000 movements per day. No specific daily traffic volume is enumerated however the graph shown in Figure 24 indicates that the daily volume on Waterloo Street will only be marginally below 3,000 movements per day;
- The access and egress provisions align with those from the previously approved application; however, it is also noted that this approval was based on circumstances prior to the opening of WestConnex/Iron Cove Link and preparation of Council's draft Rozelle Public Domain Plan;
- Since the previous approval traffic volumes on Victoria Road, in the vicinity of the site, have dropped by 50%, meaning that the traffic function of the road has significantly reduced;
- Additionally, the draft Rozelle Public Domain Master Plan highlights the need for improved permeability and amenity throughout the adjacent area, including potential for Waterloo Street to be converted to a shared zone.

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Changes in circumstances since the previous approval

In considering the new application it is important to note that the current approval was subject to extensive consultation with the Local Community including both residents and business owners. Additionally, since the time of that approval WestConnex has been completed (including the opening of the Iron Cove Link).

While the opening of the Iron Cove Link initially resulted in significant congestion and delays around Rozelle interchange, including on Victoria Road, the traffic volumes in the section of Victoria Road immediately adjacent to the site have decreased by approximately 50%, as verified by traffic counts in Victoria Road.

This reduction in traffic and potential change in the nature of Victoria Road, provides an opportunity to reconsider access arrangements for the site, specifically noting opportunities to reduce projected traffic impact on Waterloo Street to acceptable levels for the community. Such an initiative is further supported by the draft Rozelle Public Domain Master Plan which, in response to the residential nature and fabric of Waterloo Street, as well as its proximity to Rozelle Village, proposes that, the amenity and safety of Waterloo Street be significantly enhanced through street scape improvements and conversion to a Shared Zone.

Vehicular Access on Waterloo Street

The report outlines that the traffic generation confirms to the environmental capacity of 3,000 vehicles per day, which is considered at its limit of a local road capacity. Waterloo Street is surrounded by mix of commercial and terrace style residential homes, and is also a bicycle route. Daily traffic volumes exceeding 2,000 vehicles on this road would have an immediate impact to residential amenity. These are based on the former RTA research relating to safety (cross-ability, visibility, pedestrian delay) and amenity (noise and air quality). These standards were developed to assist practitioners to ensure a level of safety and amenity was maintained. Further to this Transport for NSW's guidelines do not permit the implementation of a Shared Zone on roads with high traffic volumes.

Having noted that the traffic volumes of Victoria Road has approximately halved, Council strongly recommends consideration to the reallocating vehicular access to and from Victoria Road to minimise impact to Waterloo Street, which under the previous approvals would have been over capacity for a local road. It is noted that the site provides vehicular access Victoria Road for residential egress after 8pm, which would provide opportunities for public domain improvements in Waterloo Street such as a Shared Zone.

This application provides an opportunity to review the development in response to the changed circumstances since the previous approval, including reduced traffic volumes on Victoria Road and proposals in the draft Rozelle Village Public Domain Master Plan. It is recommended that the following changes to be made/additional additional information to be provided to address key concerns:

- a. In accordance with the Council's draft Rozelle Public Domain Master Plan, Waterloo Street (or part thereof) should be converted to a Category 1 Shared Zone at the applicant's expense, including the removal of existing kerbs, different surface treatment, opportunities for landscaping and street furniture. The Shared Zone would also provide an opportunity to visually link to the new development's ground floor permeability, while significantly enhancing amenity and safety for Waterloo Street residents; These measures will help reduce the current rat running experienced in Waterloo Street and assist in lowering vehicle speeds.

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- b. The development's Waterloo Street access as a minimum should be restricted to residential ingress only (prohibiting residential egress). This would reduce projected traffic volumes on Waterloo Street to the more acceptable level of approximately 2,100 vehicles per day. This restriction should be readily achievable without significant alteration to the car park design, as there is an evening egress arrangement to Victoria Road under the existing approval after 8pm. The reduced traffic volumes on Victoria Road offers additional capacity to readily accommodate the new movements;
- c. Waterloo Street (between the sites residential ingress and Moodie Street) should be converted to a shared zone (Category 1) and the section between Darling Street and the residential egress should receive traffic calming and streetscape enhancements.
- d. To minimise the likelihood of rat running through the adjacent residential area (Moodie, Cambridge, Oxford, Park and Manning Streets) by vehicles using the Victoria Road egress, pre- and post- commencement traffic studies should be undertaken to determine the traffic impacts on Waterloo Street as a result of the development and confirm whether any additional traffic calming measures may be required. Such measures should be at the expense of the applicant, noting that this is a condition of the existing approval. The review should include examination of parking conditions to determine whether a resident parking scheme should be introduced to manage kerbside parking demand which may generated by the development;
- e. Under Council's parking policy, it should be noted that businesses, residents and tenants to the new development will not be eligible to participate in Council's resident parking scheme for residential, visitor or business permits. This is to be included in the GTP and
- f. It is considered that the proposed Green Travel Plan will assist in achieving mode shift away from private car dependency, however additional details should be provided regarding how the targeted 19% mode shift away from private car use (e.g. the current 45% to the targeted 30%) will be achieved;
- g. The removal of 2 car wash bays is not supported and should be reinstated. Consideration should also be given to the provision of onsite electric vehicle charging opportunities for both residential and non-residential uses.

5. Compliance with SEPP 65 and Apartment Design Guide

There are a number of items in the Apartment Design Guide that the proposal does not comply with or require additional information to clarify (see Annexure A). It should be noted that this proposal will be reviewed by Council's Architectural Excellence and Design Review Panel on 15 October 2024 and a copy of the report of the review panel will be sent to the Department once these minutes are finalised.

6. Inadequate information to the Provision of affordable housing

The proposal seeks the benefit of additional 'uplift' for the provision of affordable housing. Further clarity is sought on the following in regards to its provision::

Exemptions

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- The access report states that there are spaces deemed exempt from accessibility due to a view they are not appropriate for people with disability. This is a building code approach and while some safety and cost issues can be supported it is not an approach that should go unquestioned and without a justifiable case presented. As an example there are data/control rooms proposed to be exempt however there is no commentary on why this is necessary and the extent of staff that may reasonably require access to such workplaces

Housing units

- 15% of units are to be affordable. It is not stated if any will be Livable Design units or adaptable and it would be good to understand these details more clearly. Best practice would have such units reflect the full range of size, position, amenity, and cost distributed throughout the development
- A policy observation (outside the scope of the DA) here concerns if disability support workers fall within the profession targets eligible to access affordable housing. Including them (in the policy) would ensure consistent supply of workers and ease cost to them and people with disability in finding essential supports. A down the line impact if people are unable to access support workers in the local area with predictability and continuity is they may need to consider relocating to where support workers can afford to live. This is not consistent with our vision for the area or its diversity
- The access report confirms there are 24 adaptable units and indicates design changes needed to prevent excessive costs to achieve post adapted status and a minimum level of accessibility. At present all the units are in preadapted configuration, this is usual practice however poses additional cost onto an occupant who requires the accessibility. In some instance (1 bed unit) the post adaption may be less convenient i.e. no direct access to bathroom from bedroom
- Features including kitchen fit out and access to balcony are not specified. Kitchen specs can be addressed later however achieving balcony access requires confirmation early in design (as it can require alternate drainage design, height of rail, level door alignment etc)

Parking

- The provision of visitor parking is needed. Many older people and people with disability are reliant on family, friends, and support workers to ensure social connection, assistance, health and wellbeing
- Having convenient and easy to access pick up/drop off zones to aid support workers, delivery people as well as ride sharing/hailing services such as Uber. It may also help for emergency services including those attempting to find and assist residents needing care.

7. Non-Compliance with the Leichhardt Development Control Plan – Site Specific DCP

The Leichhardt DCP 2000 includes a section which is a site specific DCP to the Rozelle Village site. While it is noted that a SSDA does not 'technically' assess DCPs as part of its assessment process, consideration should be given to the controls within the DCP as the compliance with the controls of the DCP is a strong indicator on where the relevant objectives had been achieved under Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000 – Part 3 Amended controls on specific sites.

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Council has identified the following key non-compliance with the site specific DCP, which are worthy of further consideration:

An assessment of the non-compliances against the controls within the Leichhardt DCP 2000 – Part D1 is set out in the table below.

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D1.3 Character Statement	Site Specific Controls – Balmain Leagues Club Precinct	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Precinct is an anomaly within an otherwise fine-grain and vibrant neighbourhood. The presentation of the existing buildings and structures does not contribute positively to the Victoria Road and Waterloo Street streetscapes. A portion of the Precinct along Darling Street and Waterloo Street is within a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA). Architectural and landscape character of development is to enhance the Precinct's appearance by using articulation, materials, finishes, and species that are sympathetic to the HCA and the heritage items nearby. Revitalisation and redevelopment of the site with a sensitive built form response and a high-quality architectural and urban design outcome is a key objective for the Precinct. Key aspects of new development are to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-establishment of the Balmain Leagues Club Victoria Road will provide a street wall of appropriate height that contributes to the desired future character identified for the Victoria Road Sub Area in Part C of Leichhardt DCP 2013 (which applies to land adjoining the Precinct). A new plaza to be provided to benefit the local community, future residents, the Club, and businesses. A sensitive urban design response and relationship with the fine grained houses along Waterloo Street. Darling Street interface will be designed to integrate an 'open to the sky' pedestrian link which will visually and physically connect Darling Street with the future plaza, as well as Club uses within the podium of the tower building. Improve the interface with the Right of Way (legally described as Lot 1 DP 1063965 and Lots A-E DP 25838) adjacent to the southeast boundary of the Precinct. A new 'open to the sky' pedestrian link, with active uses along its length, will be provided along the southeast boundary of the Precinct. High quality, culturally relevant and engaging public artworks will be provided within the Precinct. The indicative design principles for the Precinct are shown in the diagram below: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That portion of the Precinct within the HCA is identified in Figure 11 below. The proposed 16 storey form fronting Victoria Road is not considered to be an appropriate height or built form as its height will be significant greater than any developments within the vicinity of the development and will be far greater in height than any future developments that is expected in this locality.

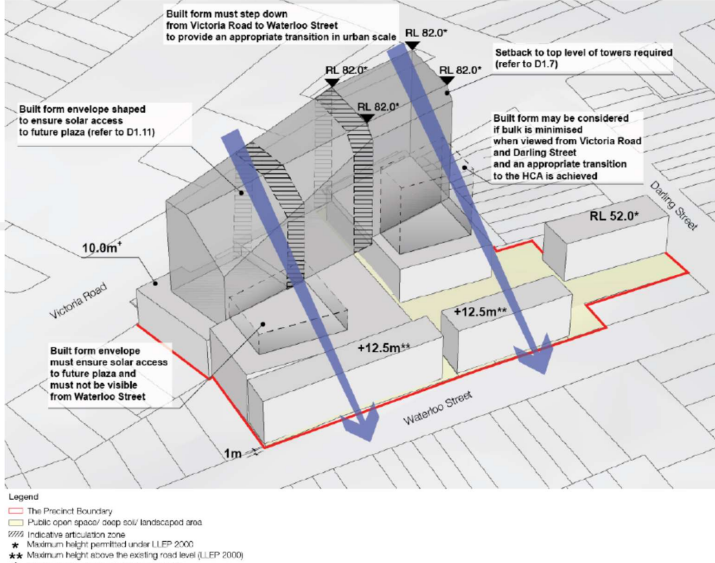
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D1.4 General objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> O1. To ensure the long term viability of Balmain Leagues Club on the site, for the benefit of the local community. O2. To achieve high quality urban design for the Precinct and integration of the Precinct with the surrounding areas. O3. To enable the redevelopment of the Balmain Leagues Club Precinct as a consolidated parcel. O4. To achieve design excellence which provides high quality built form that responds to the existing and future context. O5. To minimise the impact to the surrounding HCA and heritage items. O6. To locate tower forms along Victoria Road and provide transition in scale to the surrounding low scale areas. O7. To provide low scale and density buildings along Waterloo Street. O8. To improve the Victoria Road and Waterloo Street streetscapes and to enhance the existing streetscape along Darling Street. O9. To improve the pedestrian environment, connectivity and activity within the Precinct and along surrounding road and retail street frontages. O10. To provide a publicly accessible plaza and network of laneways in the Precinct with maximised amenity. O11. To promote development that links to and contributes to the ongoing vibrancy and viability of the Rozelle Commercial Centre. O12. To promote housing diversity through a mix of dwelling types. O13. To promote affordable housing within the precinct. O14. To achieve high quality residential amenity. O15. To promote high quality landscaping, public art, signage, and ecologically sustainable development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed 16 storey form fronting Victoria road is not considered to be consistent with Objectives O2, O4, O5, O6 and O8 as it is a form that is far greater in height than any existing or expected future development in the locality and the provision of affordable housing does not override the importance of meeting these objectives. Given the significant changes to the proposed development and a new project owner, it is important to ensure the proposal includes information/evidence that ensure the long term viability of Balmain Leagues Club on this site. Without additional information provided in this regard, it is unclear whether this main objective that the planning proposal was based on, will be achieved. This proposal had been referred to Council's Architectural Excellence and Review Panel on 15 October 2024 and once the report had been finalised, a copy will be to the department.
D1.5 Built form, height, and density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1. The maximum building height (including plantrooms and lift overruns) shall be consistent with that shown in Figure 5 to minimise visual impacts, building scale and overshadowing issues. The Reduced Level (RLs) identified in Figure 5 are relative to the Australian Height Datum (AHD). C2. All roof structures, such as plant and lift overruns, shall be integrated into the design of the development. They are not to exceed the building heights contained within LLEP 2000 and are to be fully screened when viewed from street. C3. Lift overruns on the top of buildings are permitted if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - within the maximum allowable height of RL 82.0 - are smaller or equal to 24m² in plan dimension if located at podium level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While it is noted that an increase in height is allowed under the provisions of SEPP (Housing) 2021, it is noted that the building envelopes were set out in the DCP to minimise visual impacts, building scale and overshadowing issues. The proposal in its current will result in a building scale that far exceeds the building scale that is currently existing or expected in the locality, does not minimise visual impacts and creates additional overshadowing of the surrounding residential properties. The proposed plaza will not retain two hours sunlight at the winter solstice that is required.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C4. Provide a higher built form fronting Victoria Road and a low scale built form along Waterloo Street and Darling Street to reflect the existing low scale and fine grain character of the streetscapes. C5. Lower podium level buildings are to be placed around the perimeter of the Precinct to form a street edge. C6. The tower built form along Victoria Road is to step down from southeast (highest) to northwest (lowest) to provide a height transition to the low scale properties to the northwest of the Precinct and protect solar access to the proposed plaza at the centre of the Precinct. Refer to Figure 5. C7. A two storey (10m maximum height) street wall is to be provided along Victoria Road which is to be defined by appropriate architectural treatments and materials. Building forms (i.e. towers) above the street wall height shall be setback from the line of the building below a minimum of 3m. C8. Provide effective built form and façade articulation to break up the overall podium and tower building envelopes along Victoria Road. C9. The building forms along Waterloo Street should be vertically articulated to reflect the pattern of residential lot development and step with the topography. Design the Waterloo Street frontage as a transition between the existing residential streetscape and the new mixed-use development. C10. Development within the HCA shall be restricted to a maximum height of RL 52.0 AHD and be consistent with adjoining properties with respect to height and scale. C11. The maximum floor space ratio may not necessarily be able to be achieved if adverse visual, acoustic, privacy, amenity and overshadowing impacts occur to neighbouring properties and/or impact the development within the Precinct. C12. The building envelopes in Figure 5 define the preferred built form outcome for the Precinct, whilst permitting architectural innovation within the building envelopes. C13. The building envelopes illustrated in this section allow for some flexibility in the detailed architectural design of buildings. This development control is intended to promote highly articulated buildings with generous balconies, recesses, and steps in facades to avoid a sense of excessive bulk, especially along Victoria Road and when viewed from Darling and Waterloo Streets. C14. Alternative building envelopes will only be permitted if the proposal can demonstrate a higher quality outcome can be achieved with regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - response to the surrounding context - built form and scale transition across the Precinct - impacts to the HCA and heritage items 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - amenity to the surrounding properties and within the Precinct - amenity to the future plaza - the Precinct's permeability and connectivity 	
	 <p>Figure 13: Building envelopes – illustrates the maximum development envelopes (Source: Leichhardt DCP – Part D1)</p>	
D1.6 Land use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1. Provide a range of land uses to promote the development of a vibrant Rozelle Commercial Centre that meets the needs of the local community. The range of uses shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balmain Leagues Club - public plaza and other publicly accessible spaces - commercial - retail, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o a supermarket o limited speciality retail focused on food and beverage retail that does not detract from the surrounding Rozelle Commercial Centre - residential - car parking • C2. Any development application must demonstrate that the gross floor area provided for Club use will be occupied by the Balmain Leagues Club (or its successor) for its long term viable usage. This may be in the form of a report confirming that the proposed Club is of a size that will service the needs of the Balmain Leagues Club (or its successor) and the community, or an indicative contract with the Balmain Leagues Club (or its successor). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the project owner has changed for this proposal, there are no evidence from the EIS provided that indicates that the club use will service the Balmain Leagues Club and additional information in this regard should be provided with this application.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C3. Locate smaller scale retail units, in particular cafes and restaurants, around the future plaza, the Club, laneways and Darling Street to promote activity. C4. Encourage greater surveillance along Waterloo Street by providing individual entryways to residential dwellings. C5. The development shall be well integrated with Darling Street and maximise the activation of the corner where the proposed pedestrian link meets Darling Street. C6. A variety of dwelling types shall be provided within the Precinct including apartments (ranging from studios to 3 and more bedroom units) within the tower buildings and terrace type dwellings along Waterloo Street. C7. The development shall comply with Council's requirements for Diverse Housing and Adaptable Housing (refer Part 4 Clause 19 of LLEP 2000). C8. Dwellings of different sizes and tenures should be well integrated within the development. 	
D1.12 Solar access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1. The surrounding residential properties along Waterloo Street are to receive a minimum three hours of direct sunlight to 50% of windows to principal living areas and 50% of principal open space between 9am and 3pm at the winter solstice. Where properties receive less solar access than specified above, there should be no further reduction. C2. Shadow diagrams shall be prepared to establish if there is any additional overshadowing of the Darling Street footpaths beyond that generated by the current buildings, and wherever possible additional overshadowing is to be limited through design measures. C3. The minimum requirements of solar access to the plaza between 12:30pm and 2pm in mid-winter are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35% of the plaza area shall receive solar access at 12:30pm - 50% of the plaza area shall receive solar access at 1pm - 65% of the plaza area shall receive solar access at 2pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It must be noted that the proposal in its current form does not achieve the required solar access requirements for the Plaza and this is a direct result of the proposed 16 storey forms. The proposed solar access levels – 9.6% at 12:30pm, 26.7% at 1pm and 51.6% at 2pm is not considered to be acceptable.
D1.20 Waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1. The collection of all residential and commercial waste, recycling and bulky waste is to occur on-site. C2. Residential and commercial waste areas are to be separated (these areas should not be accessible to one another). C3. Waste and recycling must be managed, stored, and presented within acoustically treated areas to minimise the noise of collection. C4. A Site Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (SWMMP) addressing the demolition and construction phases is to be submitted with a development application. The SWMMP is to provide details of the following: 	<p><i>Waste Management (residential)</i></p> <p>The Resource Recovery Planning team has the following queries about the submitted Architectural Plans and Residential Operational Waste Management Plan (OWMP).</p> <p>1. The updated OWMP indicates use of chutes for recycling, with provisions for disposing of cardboard in a 240L MGB on each floor. Despite the inclusion of a management plan and the Leichhardt DCP (2000) authorising them for Balmain Leagues Precinct, Council strongly discourages the use of chutes for</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the volume and type of waste and recyclable materials that will be generated at each stage of demolition and construction- the storage and disposal, and reuse where possible, of materials- full disclosure of any asbestos-contaminated material found on site, and details of how it will be managed in accordance with the guidelines for asbestos work published by Safework NSW• C5. A Resource Recovery and Waste Management Plan (RWMP) addressing ongoing waste and resource recovery for both residential, retail and commercial components of the development is to be submitted. The RWMP is to include details of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- types and estimated quantities of the predicted waste streams- size and location of recycling and waste storage areas, including bulky waste- routes of access and transfer from source to storage areas for all users- routes of transfer from storage areas to collection point- access route for waste and recycling collection vehicle- ongoing management, including responsibility for cleaning and transfer of bins between storage areas and collection points, implementation and maintenance of relevant signage, and ongoing education of all residents/tenants <p>Residential Waste Controls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C6. The residential component of the development must be designed to accommodate standard Council waste and recycling services and collection vehicles. <table><tr><th colspan="2">Truck Dimensions (approx.)</th></tr><tr><td>Length</td><td>9.5 metres</td></tr><tr><td>Width</td><td>2.6 metres</td></tr><tr><td>Height</td><td>4.5 metres (operational)</td></tr><tr><td>Mass</td><td>23,000 kg</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C7. Waste and recycling storage areas are to be provided within the premises in reasonable proximity to the vehicle entrance, and no lower than one level below street level.• C8. Truck access must be designed to comply with Australian Standard AS 2890.2 Parking Facilities – Off-Street Commercial Vehicle Facilities.• C9. Access to garbage and recycling disposal points is to be provided on each residential level, either in the form of inlet hoppers, or bin storage cupboards/rooms. For residential buildings with a rise of four storeys or more, a waste chute is advisable.• C10. Cupboards/space is to be provided within each residential unit with the capacity to store up to two day's generation of garbage, food waste and recycling.	Truck Dimensions (approx.)		Length	9.5 metres	Width	2.6 metres	Height	4.5 metres (operational)	Mass	23,000 kg	<p>recycling. Recycling chutes experience a high frequency of blockages due to incorrect useage, even with management plans in place. Should the project proceed with dual chutes, we recommend having the additional comingled recycling MGB be as close as possible to the chutes to encourage correct use of chutes.</p> <p>2. In 2023, Inner West Council introduced FOGO for all residential properties. The OWMP mentions use of 660L FOGO bins on page 13, but with no mention regarding how they are to be used and accessed by residents. Inner West Council does not provide 660L FOGO bins and will not be providing them in the future due to their WHS concerns regarding weight and handling.</p> <p>Please indicate how residents in each core will access FOGO bins. This could be by providing any of the following solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional space in the bin storage rooms at each core for FOGO bins, provided adequate safety measures are installed to prevent residents going near chute output.• An additional room at ground level or basement level for FOGO bins.• Request smaller 120L bins to be provided on each floor for residents to use and be dispensed into 240L bins in the basement by caretakers. <p>3. Clarification is required in regards to whether the pallet hoist located behind the HRV parking spot is manoeuvrable? Council's HRV collection vehicles are rear loaders and truck rears will need to be accessible without obstruction. Some of our booked clean-up vehicles have a hoist on the rear to safely transfer materials onto the truck so we will need a lack of obstruction to ensure collections.</p> <p>4. The bulky waste storage room adjacent to the loading dock in the architectural plans indicates a size of 36m2. While the Leichhardt DCP 2000 suggests that there is to be a minimum of 8m2 for every 50 residents, this is an outdated guide. Our Designing and Building Guidelines on our website provide updated guidelines for bulky waste storage areas based on updated research and current waste generation rates. Subsequently, we stipulate that buildings of 21 to 40 units are to allocate a minimum of 12 square metres, and for every 10 units over 40, an extra 2 square metres must be allocated. Under these guidelines, the bulky waste storage area should be roughly 52m2.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C11. A dedicated space (room or caged area) is to be provided within or in close proximity to the bin storage area for the interim storage and management of Council-collected bulky waste and mattresses. A minimum of 8m² is to be provided for every 50 residences. C12. Additional communal space is to be provided for the separate recovery of materials including (but not limited to) textiles, hazardous, e-waste, polystyrene, materials under product stewardship schemes and problem wastes. A minimum of 1m² is to be provided for every 50 residences. C13. A dedicated space is to be allocated for communal composting or worm-farming for residents or design for source separation, collection, and processing of food organics. 	<p>Additionally, the OWMP states on page 15 that residents are to coordinate with building management the transportation and disposal of bulky waste. As the plans indicate that the bulky waste room is only easily accessible for Core C, please clarify whether this means that building management will arrange transportation of bulky waste from units to the designated storage area on behalf of the residents upon request.</p>
	<p>Non-Residential Waste Controls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C14. On-site composting via small scale composting system (such as anaerobic digestion system, dehydrator, composting) to avoid food waste entering the waste stream or design for source separation, collection, and processing of food organics. C15. Arrange collection points to minimise the need for truck access and movement of trucks through the site. C16. A minimum of 4m² of dedicated space is to be provided for every 500m² of retail, or every 2,000m² of office space for the interim storage of bulky or fit-out waste, paper, cardboard packaging, batteries, equipment containing printed circuit boards, computers, televisions, fluorescent tubes or other recyclable resources from the waste stream. C17. Space must be provided on-site in reasonable proximity to retail or commercial premises to store re-usable commercial items such as crates, pallets, kegs, and polystyrene packaging. C18. Secure space is to be allocated for the separate storage of liquid wastes, including commercial cleaning products, chemicals, paints, solvents, motor and cooking oils. C19. A Litter Management Plan for the Precinct's open spaces and surrounding streets is to be submitted. C20. The Precinct is likely to produce very large quantities of containers that are eligible for refund as part of the Container Deposit Scheme. Allocation of space for a publicly accessible Return and Earn take-back point (e.g. a reverse vending machine) is encouraged. 	<p>5. Regarding bulky waste and other clean-up collections, Council's Resource Recovery Operations Team would prefer a temporary space at the rear of the trucks that is free of obstructions. When moving larger items such as couches and fridges, the support beams in the marked waste collection area pose a potential handling issue. If possible, we would benefit from being able to utilise the space behind the trucks on clean-up collection days for bulky items to be placed before collection.</p> <p>6. The collection plan for general waste and recycling suggests a temporary waste collection area adjacent to the residential recycling room. This area appears to be potentially insufficient for the number of bins that may be collected on any given day. In the Inner West LGA, it is possible for the collection of recycling and garbage to occur on the same day, or on the same day as booked clean-ups.</p> <p>We recommend considering utilising the marked Resi Recycling Room on the lower ground floor for the storage of any full MGBs from the bin chute dispensing rooms until their designated collection day. We recommend this room to have a roller door so our collection crews can open and access all bins with little obstruction. With the bins in each dispensing room and any full bin in this Bin Holding Room, there appears to be ample space in the marked Resi General Waste Room on the lower ground floor for any extra bins not in use.</p> <p><i>Waste management (non-residential)</i></p> <p>The Resource Recovery Planning team has the following queries about the submitted Architectural Plans and Commercial Operational Waste Management Plan (OWMP).</p> <p>1. Additional information to confirm that the loading dock is confirmed to have adequate space for the supermarket waste collections, allowing for multiple types of collection, particularly with height requirements for different kinds of trucks. Examples of considerations can include a specialised front</p>

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		<p>loader truck, mini "Roll On Roll Off" bins, or smaller haulage trucks.</p> <p>2. The commercial section of the OWMP indicates that 1100L bins will be shared between the commercial tenancies, including retail, restaurants, and the club. Private waste collection contracts are handled by individual businesses due to differing needs and as a result shared bins are not practical. Should this commercial waste space proceed as currently designed, we recommend considering how waste contracts will be managed between businesses.</p>
D1.21 Design Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1. Design excellence is to be achieved to ensure a high quality outcome for the Precinct. • C2. Council's design and heritage experts shall assess proposals for the site and/or a Design Excellence Panel shall be appointed by Council to determine whether design excellence is achieved by the project. The proponent shall cover the cost of a design review process. • C3. The following criteria shall be considered to determine whether design excellence is achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - excellence of architectural design, including internal layout, façade treatment, architectural detailing, roof features and spaces between buildings - the proposed uses and use mix - heritage conservation and restoration - streetscape character and site context - the location of any tower/s proposed, having regard to the need to achieve an acceptable relationship with other buildings on the same site or on neighbouring sites in terms of separation, setbacks, amenity and urban form - the bulk, massing and modulation of buildings - street frontage heights - environmental outcomes, such as sustainable design - overshadowing and solar access, visual and acoustic privacy, wind and reflectivity - noise and air pollution attenuation, especially along Victoria Road - the achievement of the principles of Ecological Sustainable Development - pedestrian, cycle, vehicular and service access and circulation requirements, including the permeability of any pedestrian network - the impact on, and any proposed improvements to the public domain - achieving appropriate interfaces at ground level between the building and the public domain - excellence and integration of landscape design - high quality finishes and materials 	<p>This proposal had been referred to Council's Architectural Excellence and Review Panel on 15 October 2024 and once the report had been finalised, a copy will be to the department.</p>

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	- public art excellence	

8. Unresolved Planning Agreement

A new Planning agreement will need to be negotiated in relation to the proposed development. This is currently in discussion with Council's Property Team.

Given the importance of the matters within the VPA for the broader community, it is integral that the negotiation of a suitable VPA between Council and the applicant is finalised prior to the determination of the application. This will ensure that the proposed development facilitates an outcome supportive of local infrastructure and amenity. Any updates on these negotiations may be provided to DPHI by Council, upon request.

9. Inadequate Notification of properties

It is noted that the number of properties notified in this application is significantly less than the previous applications . The notification of previous applications was at 'discretion' to ensure that the community were fully informed of any proposal. Given the extent of historical community interest in this site, it is recommended that DPHI notify a greater area and we can provide previous application details as required for this purpose.

If you need any further information in relation to the above response, please contact Council's Assessment Planner Eric Wong on 02 9392 5529 or email Eric.Wong@innerwest.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Amy



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Manager Development Assessment

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Annexure A: State Environmental Planning Policy No 65—Design Quality of Residential Flat Development

Key issues identified:	1. Solar access to common public open spaces	
	2. Natural cross ventilation	
	3. Insufficient information to assess deep soil and visual privacy.	
	4. Apartment size and layout does not meet minimum dimension/depth.	
	5. Balconies do not meet minimum depth.	
Part 2 – Developing the Controls		
ADG Standards	Design Criteria	Proposal
2F Building Separation	Up to four storeys (approximately 12m)	
	12m between habitable rooms/balconies	The proposed development is not abutting any residential building on Victoria Road and Darling Street. The proposal is across the road from residential buildings on the western side of Waterloo Street. In this regard, the proposal meets these standards of this part of the ADG.
	9m between habitable and non-habitable rooms	
	6m between non-habitable rooms	
	Five to eight storeys (approximately 25m)	
	18m between habitable rooms/balconies	The proposed development is not abutting any residential building on Victoria Road and Darling Street with a height of five to eight storeys high.
	12m between habitable and non-habitable rooms	The proposal is across the road from residential buildings on the western side of Waterloo Street.
	9m between non-habitable rooms	In this regard, the proposal meets these standards of this part of the ADG.
	Nine storeys and above (over 25m)	
		The proposed development is not abutting any residential building on Victoria Road and Darling Street with a height of nine storeys and above.
	24m between habitable rooms/balconies	The proposal is across the road from residential buildings on the western side of Waterloo Street. In this regard, the proposal meets these standards of this part of the ADG.

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Part 3 – Siting the Development														
ADG Standards	Design Criteria	Proposal												
3D Communal and Public Open Spaces	Communal open space has a minimum area equal to 25% of the site – (1832.5sqm)	The proposal includes 3,366sqm of communal public open spaces to the Ground Floor, Level 1, Level 8, Levels 14-16. Complies.												
	Developments achieve a minimum of 50% direct sunlight to the principal usable part of the communal open space for a minimum of 2 hours between 9 am and 3 pm on 21 June (mid winter)	Insufficient shadow diagrams were provided to enable an assessment of the communal public open spaces to the levels indicated above. However, it is unlikely that the Ground Floor and Level 1 communal public open spaces will get a minimum 2hrs solar access from 9am to 3pm in mid-winter, with these open spaces likely to be overshadowed by Towers A and B. More information should be requested for a thorough interrogation of the data.												
3E Deep Soil	7% of site area to be provided as deep soil zone, with minimum dimension of 6m (513.1sqm)	The submitted plans demonstrate that deep soil planting are proposed on Basement Levels 1 to 3. Questions are raised as to how deep soil planting will allow successful establishment of vegetation on these levels when these are subterranean levels – more info is required. Otherwise, the deep soil demonstrate on the Lower Ground Floor and Lower Ground Mezzanine is equivalent to 745.02sqm. More information should be requested to ensure compliance.												
3F Visual Privacy	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Building height</th><th>Habitable rooms and balconies</th><th>Non-habitable rooms</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>up to 12m (4 storeys)</td><td>6m</td><td>3m</td></tr> <tr> <td>up to 25m (5-8 storeys)</td><td>9m</td><td>4.5m</td></tr> <tr> <td>over 25m (9+ storeys)</td><td>12m</td><td>6m</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Building height	Habitable rooms and balconies	Non-habitable rooms	up to 12m (4 storeys)	6m	3m	up to 25m (5-8 storeys)	9m	4.5m	over 25m (9+ storeys)	12m	6m	The submitted plans are inadequate to allow an assessment of the visual privacy impacts of the development in accordance with Figure 3F.2 of this part of the ADG. More information should be sought to ensure that visual privacy each building on the subject site are appropriately addressed and assessed.
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Part 4 – Designing the Building		
ADG Standards	Design Criteria	Proposal
4A Solar and Daylight Access	<p>Objective 4A-1 To optimise the number of apartments receiving sunlight to habitable rooms, primary windows and private open space</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living rooms and private open spaces of at least 70% of apartments in a building receive a minimum of 2 hours direct sunlight between 9 am and 3 pm at mid winter in the Sydney Metropolitan Area and in the Newcastle and Wollongong local government areas 2. In all other areas, living rooms and private open spaces of at least 70% of apartments in a building receive a minimum of 3 hours direct sunlight between 9 am and 3 pm at mid winter 3. A maximum of 15% of apartments in a building receive no direct sunlight between 9 am and 3 pm at mid winter 	<p>The submitted Sun Eye Diagrams and Solar Schedule, Sheets 1 and 2, appear to demonstrate that the eastern and northern facing apartments for Levels 1 through to 15 have solar access from 9am to 3pm on 21 June.</p> <p>However, the Sun Eye Diagrams does not demonstrate continuous 2-hour solar access from 9am to 3pm. It shows that 9am to 10am, the apartment on Victoria Road will receive one-hour solar access.</p> <p>However, from 10am to 3pm on 21 June, the apartment tower on the north-eastern corner (Victoria Road and Darling Street corner) continuously loses solar access, and therefore the proposed development does not, and the proposed modification will not improve the solar amenities of the residents for the subject site.</p> <p>In addition, the depth of the winter gardens will prohibit solar access into the residential apartments and further information should be sought to identify just how much solar access each apartment unit will receive.</p> <p>It does not appear compliant – more information should be requested.</p>
4B Natural Ventilation	<p>Objective 4B-3 The number of apartments with natural cross ventilation maximised to create a comfortable indoor environment for residents</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least 60% of apartments are naturally cross ventilated in the first nine storeys of the building. Apartments at ten storeys or greater are deemed to be cross ventilated only if any enclosure of the balconies at these levels allows adequate natural ventilation and cannot be fully enclosed 2. Overall depth of a cross-over or cross-through apartment does not exceed 18m, measured glass line to glass line 	<p>The submitted Apartment Schedule demonstrates that most of the Affordable housing units which are located on Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5 demonstrates that 61.02% does not get natural cross ventilation.</p> <p>Further, in accordance with Figure 4B.8 of this part of the ADG, none of the apartments achieve cross ventilation as all of the apartment units are reliant on the primary hallway to cross ventilate each apartment units.</p>

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Part 4 – Designing the Building												
ADG Standards	Design Criteria	Proposal										
4D Apartment Size and Layout	<p>Objective 4D-1 The layout of rooms within an apartment is functional, well organised and provides a high standard of amenity</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <p>1. Apartments are required to have the following minimum internal areas:</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Apartment type</th><th>Minimum internal area</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Studio</td><td>35m²</td></tr><tr><td>1 bedroom</td><td>50m²</td></tr><tr><td>2 bedroom</td><td>70m²</td></tr><tr><td>3 bedroom</td><td>90m²</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The minimum internal areas include only one bathroom. Additional bathrooms increase the minimum internal area by 5m² each A fourth bedroom and further additional bedrooms increase the minimum internal area by 12m² each</p> <p>2. Every habitable room must have a window in an external wall with a total minimum glass area of not less than 10% of the floor area of the room. Daylight and air may not be borrowed from other rooms</p>	Apartment type	Minimum internal area	Studio	35m ²	1 bedroom	50m ²	2 bedroom	70m ²	3 bedroom	90m ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The minimum internal area for the proposed apartment units appear to be compliant, however, additional bathrooms would need to be individually measured during assessment.2. No elevation plans have been provided to measure windows on external walls against (10%) of the floor area. Further information should be sought to ascertain compliance.
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Studio	35m ²											
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4D Apartment Size and Layout	<p>Objective 4D-2 Environmental performance of the apartment is maximised</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <p>1. Habitable room depths are limited to a maximum 2.5 x the ceiling height</p> <p>2. In open plan layouts (where the living, dining and kitchen are combined) the maximum habitable room depth is 8m from a window</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No section plans were provided to measure ceiling height against habitable depths.2. Generally, complies <p>More information should be sought to allow an assessment of the rooms in accordance with this objective.</p>										
4D Apartment Size and Layout	<p>Objective 4D-3 Apartment layouts are designed to accommodate a variety of household activities and needs</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <p>1. Master bedrooms have a minimum area of 10m² and other bedrooms 9m² (excluding wardrobe space)</p> <p>2. Bedrooms have a minimum dimension of 3m (excluding wardrobe space)</p> <p>3. Living rooms or combined living/dining rooms have minimum width of: • 3.6m for studio and 1 bedroom apartments • 4m for 2 and 3 bedroom apartments</p> <p>4. The width of cross-over or cross-through apartment are at least 4m internally to avoid deep narrow apartment layouts</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The submitted plans does not nominate a Master Bedroom.2. Some second, and some third rooms do not have a minimum 9sqm area excluding wardrobe space.3. Some second, and some third rooms do not have a minimum 3m dimension. <p>More information should be sought to allow an assessment of the rooms in accordance with this objective.</p>										

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Part 4 – Designing the Building																	
ADG Standards	Design Criteria	Proposal															
4E Private Open Space and Balconies	<p>Objective 4E-1 Apartments provide appropriately sized private open space and balconies to enhance residential amenity</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <p>1. All apartments are required to have primary balconies as follows:</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Dwelling type</th><th>Minimum area</th><th>Minimum depth</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Studio apartments</td><td>4m²</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>1 bedroom apartments</td><td>6m²</td><td>2m</td></tr><tr><td>2 bedroom apartments</td><td>10m²</td><td>2m</td></tr><tr><td>3+ bedroom apartments</td><td>12m²</td><td>2.4m</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The minimum balcony depth to be counted as contributing to the balcony area is 1m.</p> <p>2. For apartments at ground level or on a podium or similar structure, a private open space is provided instead of a balcony. It must have a minimum area of 15m² and a minimum depth of 3m.</p>	Dwelling type	Minimum area	Minimum depth	Studio apartments	4m ²	-	1 bedroom apartments	6m ²	2m	2 bedroom apartments	10m ²	2m	3+ bedroom apartments	12m ²	2.4m	<p>1. The measurements provided for the balconies included non-compliant depth of less than 2m for 1-bed and 2-beds and less than 2.4m depth for 3-bed units, which provided the applicant compliant balconies.</p> <p>However, if the minimum depth is applied, some of the balconies for each unit do not have compliant minimum areas.</p> <p>2. N/A</p> <p>Some balconies do not comply if minimum depth is applied. An assessment of the individual balconies need to be undertaken.</p>
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4F Common Circulation and Spaces	<p>Objective 4F-1 Common circulation spaces achieve good amenity and properly service the number of apartments.</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <p>1. The maximum number of apartments off a circulation core on a single level is eight.</p> <p>2. For buildings of 10 storeys and over, the maximum number of apartments sharing a single lift is 40.</p>	<p>No more than 8 units have access to a circulation core (lifts). Complies.</p>															
4G Storage	<p>Objective 4G-1 Adequate, well designed storage is provided in each apartment</p> <p>Design criteria</p> <p>1. In addition to storage in kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms, the following storage is provided:</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Dwelling type</th><th>Storage size volume</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Studio apartments</td><td>4m³</td></tr><tr><td>1 bedroom apartments</td><td>6m³</td></tr><tr><td>2 bedroom apartments</td><td>8m³</td></tr><tr><td>3+ bedroom apartments</td><td>10m³</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>At least 50% of the required storage is to be located within the apartment</p>	Dwelling type	Storage size volume	Studio apartments	4m ³	1 bedroom apartments	6m ³	2 bedroom apartments	8m ³	3+ bedroom apartments	10m ³	<p>Storage provided in both apartments and storage facilities within basement, adjacent to residential parking.</p> <p>Complies.</p>					
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BRIEFING NOTE

Date: 26 September 2024
Prepared for: Inner West Council
Prepared by: Heworth Holding Group

Demolition Works at Balmain Leagues Club Site

Project overview

Location: 154 Victoria Road, Rozelle
Demolition start: 1 October 2024
Approx Duration: Approximately 3 months
Developer: Heworth
Contractor: Metropolitan Demolitions

The Balmain Leagues Club site is being demolished to address safety concerns related to the ageing structures. The demolition is part of a broader plan to clear the site for future redevelopment, with no construction or redevelopment activities planned at this stage. The works will focus solely on the safe and controlled demolition of the car park, main building and substructures.

In preparation for the demolition, we tendered the works to Tier 1 contractors in June 2024 and appointed Metropolitan Demolitions as the preferred contractor in July. By August, we had satisfied all regulatory requirements with the Private Certifier (PCA), and in September, we finalised preparations with Council staff, securing all necessary permits and approvals to ensure work could begin on schedule.

This demolition is a critical step in preparing the site for future development, and the project team is committed to maintaining transparent communication with the community, while minimising disruption. Your support in helping to inform and reassure residents about the process is greatly appreciated.

Key dates and planned activities:

- **1 October 2024:** Demolition begins
- **Early October 2024:** Installation of hoarding & scaffold on Victoria Rd
- **Mid-October 2024:** Demolition of car park (Waterloo St side)
- **Early November 2024:** Demolition of main building (Victoria Rd side)
- **Late November 2024:** Final demolition of substructures

All work will be carried out within approved working hours.



Safety and environmental measures:

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of local residents, businesses, and workers, several precautions will be taken. Water sprays will be used to control dust, and scaffolding with mesh coverings will help reduce noise. Most truck movements will occur via Victoria Road, minimising disruptions to residential streets. All demolition activities will fully comply with NSW Work Health and Safety regulations and relevant Council requirements.

Expected community impact:

Demolition works are expected to cause some temporary inconvenience, particularly for those living or working near the site. Waterloo Street residents will experience the highest level of noise during the demolition of the car park (mid-October), while residents and workers on Darling Street will be more affected by the demolition of the main building. Throughout the project, the team will make every effort to minimise disruption.

Community engagement activities:

We understand the importance of keeping the community informed and engaged throughout the demolition process. The following steps are being taken to communicate with local residents and businesses:

1. **Letterbox Drop:** A letter has been delivered to all residents and businesses within a 500-metre radius of the site, outlining the key dates, expected disruptions, and contact information for any concerns.
2. **Doorknock:** This week project representatives also conducted doorknocks on Waterloo and Darling Streets to speak directly with residents and businesses most likely to be affected by the noise and disruption during the demolition.
3. **Dedicated demolition updates webpage:** A new page on the project's website www.rozellevillagenews.com.au has been launched to provide regular updates on the demolition progress. The page includes information on key dates, safety measures, and traffic management, and will be regularly updated.
4. **Contact points:** A dedicated phone line and email address have been established for residents to ask questions or raise concerns:
 - **Phone:** 1800 953 818
 - **Email:** info@rozellevillagenews.com.au
 - **After-Hours Emergency Contact:** Marin Zuro, Project Manager – 0435 812 867

For any further information or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Item No: C1024(2) Item 21
Subject: GAMBLING HARM MINIMISATION
Prepared By: Simon Watts - Social and Cultural Planning Manager
Authorised By: Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following a Council resolution on 13 December 2022, Council hosted a Gambling Harm Minimisation Roundtable on 1 August 2024. The purpose of this roundtable was to develop a community education and awareness campaign on gambling harm minimisation and to provide presentations from key stakeholders in relation to current initiatives and Council's role. Council convened the discussion and fifteen participants attended. Following the roundtable, a program of work promoting services and resources for reducing gambling harm is being developed and implemented. This includes specific initiatives with the Office of Responsible Gambling and local organisations.

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 13 December 2022, Council resolved the following:

That Council:

1. *Write to the Premier of NSW and the Leader of the NSW Opposition supporting calls for a broad scale trial of cashless gaming and harm reduction payment systems for electronic gaming machines.*
2. *Continue to annually apply to the Office of Responsible Gambling for at least one grant a year for a harm minimisation project designed in consultation with the Inner West community.*
3. *Continue an annual Gambling Harm Minimisation Roundtable, open to the public, one focus of which is to develop a community education and awareness campaign in regard to gambling harm minimisation, to be co-chaired by Councillors Atkins and Lockie: and*
4. *Commend and publicise all pubs and clubs in the Inner West that are proudly pokies free, including – but not limited to – the Pratten Park Bowling Club, the Concordia Club, Crowbar Leichhardt, the Duke Enmore, the Annandale Hotel, the Petersham Bowling Club, Carlisle Castle Hotel and The Henson.*

At the Council meeting held on 3 September 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council notes that staff intend to bring a report on the Gambling Harm Minimisation Roundtable that was held 1 August 2024 to the October 2024 Council meeting.*
2. *That Council notes that Gambling Awareness Week 2024 will take place 21 to 27 October.*
3. *That Council supports Gambling Awareness Week 2024 by:*
 - a) *offering venues free of charge for events held by GambleAware and other not-for-profit organisations that aim to minimise gambling harm; and*
 - b) *promoting Gambling Awareness Week events in Council's communication channels, including Inner West News, Council's website and social media.*

The Gambling Harm Minimisation Roundtable took place at the Marrickville Pavilion on 1 August 2024 and was attended by fifteen participants including representatives from organisations including the Office of Responsible Gambling, Wesley Mission, Alliance for Gambling Reform, Mission Australia, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Marrickville Legal Centre, Community & Cultural Connections, and an Aboriginal community liaison officer from the Ashfield local police command. The roundtable's purpose was to discuss community education and awareness on gambling harm minimisation exploring the following:

- available support for those affected
- improving collaboration in the Inner West on reducing gambling harm
- exploring local action for reducing gambling harm.

Attendees heard presentations from Vivien MacJohn of local support service GambleAware and Allison Parkinson, the Director of the Office of Responsible Gambling. These key speakers outlined support available to people experiencing gambling harm in the Inner West, and the broader education and awareness campaigns produced by the Office available for use in the community.

Facilitated discussions were also undertaken under the themes of:

- exploring local actions to reduce gambling harm
- Council's role in reducing gambling harm.

DISCUSSION

Council has the following gambling harm minimisation actions underway:

- Gamble Aware Week (21-27 October 2024) preparations include working with GambleAware to create a community information event for community organisations
- Promote through interagency meetings the services available through GambleAware and the resources available from the Office of Responsible Gambling, including the parent's campaign, parents' workshops, harm minimisation workshops for community workers and GambleAware outreach in schools. The Inner West Multicultural Network and the youth interagency are starting points for this promotion.
- The Aboriginal Community Wellbeing Officer will build connections with those networks
- The Community Wellbeing team is sharing further information on gambling harm minimisation opportunities via the newsletters which reach hundreds of local teams/organisations/schools
- Ensuring Council's website includes material regarding Gambling Harm Minimisation
- Engagement with Fairfield Council on potential areas of collaboration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 22

Subject: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST FOR DESIGNATED PERSONS 2023-2024
- ARIC MEMBERS

Prepared By: Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk

Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive and note the Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) independent members for 30 June 2023 – 30 June 2024 period and first returns for the newly appointed members.

BACKGROUND

The Returns have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of Council's Model Code of Conduct and the ARIC Terms of Reference. These disclosures operate as a key transparency mechanism for promoting community confidence in council decision making, whether by Councillors or by staff or others under delegation or committee members.

DISCUSSION

Council's ARIC Terms of Reference, adopted in June 2025, nominates ARIC independent members as Designated Persons for the purposes of Council's Code of Conduct. Therefore, they must complete and submit returns in line with the Code. A first return must be completed within three months of appointment as an ARIC independent member and then within three months of 30 June each year.

In November 2023, the Office of Local Government released the Risk Management and Internal Audit for local government in NSW Guidelines that suggested ARIC independent members should be Designated Persons. Subsequently, the independent members of Council's ARIC completed their first returns in November 2023.

Ilona Myer (Chair) and Mark Sercombe have completed annual returns for 2023-24.

Heather Smith and Emily Hodgson were appointed to ARIC by a decision at the Council meeting of 3 September 2024. They have completed their first returns.

These returns must be tabled at a meeting of Council following the lodgement.

In line with the mandatory proactive release provisions of the Government Information Public Access (GIPA) Act and Regulations these returns will be published on Council's website as soon as practicable. Returns will also be available for viewing on request. A general redaction of all private details such as addresses, financial figures and names of relatives have been

applied to all forms consistent with GIPA requirements and Council's Redaction Explanatory Guide.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in relation to the tabling of the annual Disclosure of Interest Returns.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests 2024-2025 - Ilona Meyer_Redacted
2. [↓](#) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests 2024-2025 - Mark Sercombe_Redacted
3. [↓](#) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests 2024-2025 - Heather Smith_Redacted
4. [↓](#) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests 2024-2025 - Emily Hodgson_Redacted

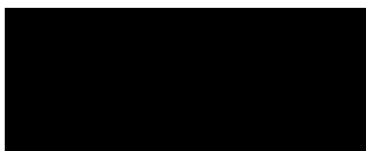


DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURN

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by

ILONA MEYER

In respect of the period from 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.



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[Councillor's or Designated Person's signature]

A. Real Property		
In the case of interests in real property, you must disclose all interests in real property you hold in Australia.		
You must disclose the:		Nature of interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> street address of each parcel of real property you had an interest in: on the return date, and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and nature of the interest (e.g., freehold, lease (renting), option to purchase etc). 		
<div>Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individual's personal information.</div>		Freehold
B. Sources of income		
You must disclose each source of income you:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reasonably expect to receive from the first day after the return date to 30 June, and received in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year. 		
In disclosing sources of income from your occupation, you must disclose:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a description of your occupation, and if you are employed or the holder of an office, the name and address of your employer, or a description of the office, and if you have entered into a partnership with other persons, the name (if any) of the partnership. 		
You do not need to disclose a source of income if:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it did not exceed, or you do not reasonably expect it to exceed, \$500 you ceased to receive income from that source prior to becoming a councillor or designated person, or it is your fee as a councillor. 		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
General Counsel & Company Secretary	Nuix Limited Level 27, 1 Market Street, SYDNEY, NSW 2000	

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Non-Executive Director Chair of Audit & Risk Committee	Micro-X Limited A14 6 MAB Eastern Promenade, Tonsley, South Australia 5042	
2 Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June.		
Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June		
<i>In disclosing sources of income from a trust, you must disclose the name and address of the settlor and trustee.</i>		
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee	
N/A		
3 Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June		
Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June		
<i>In disclosing the sources of any other income, you must provide a description that identifies the person you received or reasonably expect to receive the income from, or the circumstances in which you received or reasonably expect to receive the income.</i>		
N/A		
C. Gifts		
<i>Gifts include any item, property, or money you have been given without consideration or with inadequate consideration, unless it was received under a will.</i>		
You do not need to disclose gifts if:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they did not exceed \$500 in value, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$500 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months • it was given to you by a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative") • it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018, or • it was received prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12-month period and the gifts total more than \$500). 		
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June of the previous year	Name and address of donor	
N/A		
D. Contributions to travel		
You must disclose the:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and address of any person who has made a financial or other contribution to the expenses of any travel you have undertaken since 30 June of the previous financial year • dates on which you undertook the travel, and • names of the states and territories and of the overseas countries where the travel was undertaken. 		
You do not need to disclose a contribution to travel if:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it was made from public funds • it was made by a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative") • it was made in the ordinary course of your occupation that was not related to your functions as a councillor or designated person • it was under \$250, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$250 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months • it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018 • it was made by a political party you are a member of and you undertook the travel for the purpose of political activity of the party in NSW, or to represent the party within Australia, or 		

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<p>• you received the contribution prior to becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift or contribution from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12 month period and the gifts/contributions total more than \$250).</p>			
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken	
N/A			
<p>E. Interests and positions in corporations</p> <p>You must disclose the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name and address of each corporation in which you held an interest or position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year the nature of the interests or positions held in each corporation, and a description of the principal objects (if any) of each corporation, except if it is a listed company. <p>You do not need to disclose an interest or position in a corporation if the corporation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is formed for the purpose of providing recreation or amusement, or for promoting commerce, industry, art, science, religion or charity, or for any other community purpose, and it is required to apply its profits or other income for the purpose of promoting its objects, and <p>You also do not need to disclose an interest in a corporation if it is a beneficial interest in shares in the corporation that does not exceed 10 per cent of the voting rights in the corporation or if you ceased to hold the interest or position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.</p>			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Nuix Limited	Employee & Shareholder	General Counsel & Company Secretary	Listed Corporation
Micro-X Limited	Director & Shareholder	Non-Executive Director; Chair of Audit & Risk Committee	Listed Corporation
The International Paralympic Committee		Member of the Nominations Committee	Not for Profit Member Association The International Paralympic Committee is an international non-profit organisation and the global governing body for the Paralympic Movement. The IPC organizes the Paralympic Games and functions as the

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			international federation for nine sports.
Meyer Legal Pty Ltd	Director	Sole Director	Incorporated Legal Practice
The Womens' Club		Member of Audit& Risk Committee	Not for Profit Member Association The Women's Club is a welcoming place where women from different backgrounds, life experiences and professions come to pursue their interests together, meet with friends or just catch their breath between meetings.

F. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date? (Yes or No)

A person or a corporation is a 'property developer' if they carry out a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit.

You must disclose if you are a 'property developer' or a close associate of an individual (see attached OLG Guideline for definition of "close associate") or corporation that is a 'property developer' for the purposes of the Electoral Funding Act 2018.

No

G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations

You must disclose:

- the name of each trade union and of each professional or business association in which you held any position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and
- a description of the position.

You do not need to disclose a position in a trade union or a professional or business association if you ceased to hold that position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.

Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Description of position
NSW Law Society	Member
Women on Boards	Member
Institute of Internal Auditors of Australia	Associate Member
AICD	Member
Governance Institute of Australia	Member

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<p>H. Debts</p> <p><i>You must disclose the name and address of each person you are/were liable to pay a debt to on the return date, and at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year (this includes Study Loans).</i></p> <p><i>You must disclose a liability to pay a debt whether or not the amount, or any part of the amount, to be paid was due and payable on the return date or at any time in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to disclose a liability to pay a debt if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>the debt arose from a loan you have with a deposit taking institution (eg a bank) or other authorised deposit taking institution which lends money, and the loan was part of the institution's ordinary course of business</i> <i>the amount to be paid did not exceed \$500, unless the debt was one of two or more debts owed to the same person, and the combined value of the debts exceed \$500.</i> <i>the debt was owed to a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative")</i> <i>in the case of a debt for the supply of goods or services:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>the goods or services were supplied to you within the 12 months before the return date, or at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, or</i> <i>the goods or services were supplied to you in the ordinary course your occupation that is not related to your duties as a councillor or designated person, or</i> <i>the debt was discharged prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person, unless the debt was one of two or more debts you owe to the same person, and the value of the combine debts exceeds \$500.</i> <p>Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt at the return date/at any time since 30 June</p> <p>NIL</p>
<p>I. Dispositions of property</p> <p><i>You must disclose details of each disposition of real property by you (including the street address of the property) since 30 June of the previous financial year if you wholly or partly retained the use and benefit of the property, or the right to re-acquire it.</i></p> <p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to disclose a disposition of real property if it was made prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person.</i></p> <p>1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time</p> <p>Sale of Unit 3/ 16-18 Kings Cross Road, Potts Point NSW 2011 (previously held through Alsters Projects Pty Ltd ATF Alsters Family Super Fund)</p> <p>2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property</p> <p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>J. Discretionary disclosures</p> <p><i>You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have, whether or not they are pecuniary, which you have not been required to disclose elsewhere in the return.</i></p>

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Redaction Explanatory Guide

Council's Governance and Risk team will review each Return in conjunction with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the "GIPA Act"), with reference to the "Public interest considerations against disclosure" which are listed in the Table to section 14.

For example, Council officers will redact signature and current principal place of residence in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table as this is considered personal information and consequently "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... reveal an individual's personal information".

If a property listed on a Return, e.g. an investment property, is not the current principal place of residence of a Councillor or a Designated Person, Council officers will review the information in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table if the property is the principal place of residence or business of an immediate family member, and will conduct a Public interest test in accordance with section 13 of the GIPA Act.

Council officers when conducting a Public interest test must also consider other public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act, such as:

Part 3 (e) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... expose a person to a risk of harm or of serious harassment or serious intimidation";

Part 4 (d) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests".

Additionally, the amount of any income, shareholding or debt disclosed will be redacted in accordance with Part 4 (d) and the names of a spouse/partner if that information is provided throughout the return will be redacted in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table to section 14 of the GIPA Act, as above.

This list is not exhaustive: Council officers will review every Return on its merits in conjunction with the complete list of public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act;

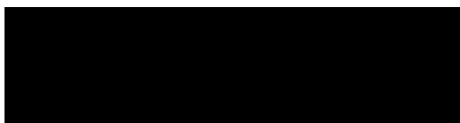


DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURN

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by

Mark Sercombe

As at 27 August 2024



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[Councillor's or Designated Person's signature]

A. Real Property In the case of interests in real property, you must disclose all interests in real property you hold in Australia. You must disclose the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • street address of each parcel of real property you had an interest in: on the return date, and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and • nature of the interest (e.g., freehold, lease (renting), option to purchase etc). 		
Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individual's personal information.		Nature of interest Partner's Property - Rent free & no board
B. Sources of income You must disclose each source of income you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reasonably expect to receive from the first day after the return date to 30 June, and received in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year. In disclosing sources of income from your occupation, you must disclose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a description of your occupation, and • if you are employed or the holder of an office, the name and address of your employer, or a description of the office, and • if you have entered into a partnership with other persons, the name (if any) of the partnership. You do not need to disclose a source of income if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it did not exceed, or you do not reasonably expect it to exceed, \$500 • you ceased to receive income from that source prior to becoming a councillor or designated person, or • it is your fee as a councillor. 		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)

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Chartered Accountant	Proprietor of Sercombe Nominees Pty Ltd as trustee for Sercombe Family Trust trading as 'Technology Risk' & 'MS&A Chartered Accountants' - 4 St Giles Ave Greenwich NSW 2065	N/A
Sessional Lecturer	Business School, University Of Sydney. Cnr Abercrombie & Codrington St., Darlingtown NSW 2006	N/A

2 Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June.

Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

In disclosing sources of income from a trust, you must disclose the name and address of the settlor and trustee.

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Not available	Sercombe Nominees Pty Ltd 4 St Giles Ave Greenwich NSW 2065

3 Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June

Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June

In disclosing the sources of any other income, you must provide a description that identifies the person you received or reasonably expect to receive the income from, or the circumstances in which you received or reasonably expect to receive the income.

National Australia Bank - Interest on deposits

C. Gifts

Gifts include any item, property, or money you have been given without consideration or with inadequate consideration, unless it was received under a will.

You do not need to disclose gifts if:

- they did not exceed \$500 in value, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$500 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months
- it was given to you by a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative")
- it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018, or
- it was received prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12-month period and the gifts total more than \$500).

Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June of the previous year	Name and address of donor
Nil	N/A

D. Contributions to travel

You must disclose the:

- name and address of any person who has made a financial or other contribution to the expenses of any travel you have undertaken since 30 June of the previous financial year
- dates on which you undertook the travel, and
- names of the states and territories and of the overseas countries where the travel was undertaken.

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Attachment 2

<p><i>You do not need to disclose a contribution to travel if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it was made from public funds • it was made by a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative") • it was made in the ordinary course of your occupation that was not related to your functions as a councillor or designated person • it was under \$250, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$250 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months • it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018 • it was made by a political party you are a member of and you undertook the travel for the purpose of political activity of the party in NSW, or to represent the party within Australia, or • you received the contribution prior to becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift or contribution from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12 month period and the gifts/contributions total more than \$250). 			
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken	
Nil	Nil	Nil	
<p>E. Interests and positions in corporations</p> <p><i>You must disclose the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name and address of each corporation in which you held an interest or position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year • the nature of the interests or positions held in each corporation, and • a description of the principal objects (if any) of each corporation, except if it is a listed company. <p><i>You do not need to disclose an interest or position in a corporation if the corporation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is formed for the purpose of providing recreation or amusement, or for promoting commerce, industry, art, science, religion or charity, or for any other community purpose, and • it is required to apply its profits or other income for the purpose of promoting its objects, and <p><i>You also do not need to disclose an interest in a corporation if it is a beneficial interest in shares in the corporation that does not exceed 10 per cent of the voting rights in the corporation or if you ceased to hold the interest or position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.</i></p>			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Sercombe Nominees Pty Ltd (ACN 101 012 597)	1% of the issued shares	Director	Trustee Company
Amsterdam Investments Pty Ltd (ACN 101 018 973)		Director	
<p>F. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date? (Yes or No)</p> <p>A person or a corporation is a 'property developer' if they carry out a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit.</p> <p><i>You must disclose if you are a 'property developer' or a close associate of an individual (see attached OLG Guideline for definition of "close associate") or corporation that is a 'property developer' for the purposes of the Electoral Funding Act 2018.</i></p>			
No			

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G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations	
<p><i>You must disclose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name of each trade union and of each professional or business association in which you held any position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and a description of the position. <p><i>You do not need to disclose a position in a trade union or a professional or business association if you ceased to hold that position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.</i></p>	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Description of position
Chartered Accountants ANZ	Fellow
Institute of Internal Auditors	Professional Fellow
ISACA	Platinum Member
FAIR (Factor Analysis of Information Risk) Institute	Member
H. Debts	
<p><i>You must disclose the name and address of each person you are/were liable to pay a debt to on the return date, and at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year (this includes Study Loans).</i></p> <p><i>You must disclose a liability to pay a debt whether or not the amount, or any part of the amount, to be paid was due and payable on the return date or at any time in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to disclose a liability to pay a debt if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the debt arose from a loan you have with a deposit taking institution (eg a bank) or other authorised deposit taking institution which lends money, and the loan was part of the institution's ordinary course of business the amount to be paid did not exceed \$500, unless the debt was one of two or more debts owed to the same person, and the combined value of the debts exceed \$500. the debt was owed to a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative") in the case of a debt for the supply of goods or services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the goods or services were supplied to you within the 12 months before the return date, or at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, or the goods or services were supplied to you in the ordinary course your occupation that is not related to your duties as a councillor or designated person, or the debt was discharged prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person, unless the debt was one of two or more debts you owe to the same person, and the value of the combine debts exceeds \$500. 	
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt at the return date/at any time since 30 June	
Nil	
I. Dispositions of property	
<p><i>You must disclose details of each disposition of real property by you (including the street address of the property) since 30 June of the previous financial year if you wholly or partly retained the use and benefit of the property, or the right to re-acquire it.</i></p> <p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to disclose a disposition of real property if it was made prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person.</i></p>	

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<p>1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property</p> <p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>J. Discretionary disclosures</p> <p><i>You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have, whether or not they are pecuniary, which you have not been required to disclose elsewhere in the return.</i></p> <p>I am appointed to a number of Audit & Risk Committees of Commonwealth and State Government agencies. In addition, I am the chair of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committees of Bayside NSW Council and Cumberland City Council.</p>

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Redaction Explanatory Guide

Council's Governance and Risk team will review each Return in conjunction with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the "GIPA Act"), with reference to the "Public interest considerations against disclosure" which are listed in the Table to section 14.

For example, Council officers will redact signature and current principal place of residence in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table as this is considered personal information and consequently "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... reveal an individual's personal information".

If a property listed on a Return, e.g. an investment property, is not the current principal place of residence of a Councillor or a Designated Person, Council officers will review the information in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table if the property is the principal place of residence or business of an immediate family member, and will conduct a Public interest test in accordance with section 13 of the GIPA Act.

Council officers when conducting a Public interest test must also consider other public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act, such as:

Part 3 (e) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... expose a person to a risk of harm or of serious harassment or serious intimidation";

Part 4 (d) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests".

Additionally, the amount of any income, shareholding or debt disclosed will be redacted in accordance with Part 4 (d) and the names of a spouse/partner if that information is provided throughout the return will be redacted in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table to section 14 of the GIPA Act, as above.

This list is not exhaustive: Council officers will review every Return on its merits in conjunction with the complete list of public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act;



DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURN

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by

Heather Ann Smith

as at 6 September 2024



[Councillor's or Designated Person's signature]

Redacted in accordance with the
Government Information (Public
Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3)
(a) reveal an individual's personal
information.

A. Real Property		
In the case of interests in real property, you must disclose all interests in real property you hold in Australia.		
<p>You must disclose the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> street address of each parcel of real property you had an interest in: on the return date, and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and nature of the interest (e.g., freehold, lease (renting), option to purchase etc). 		Nature of interest
<p>[Redacted] Ashfield 2131</p> <p>Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individual's personal information.</p>		Owner with mortgage
B. Sources of income		
<p>You must disclose each source of income you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reasonably expect to receive from the first day after the return date to 30 June, and received in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year. <p>In disclosing sources of income from your occupation, you must disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a description of your occupation, and if you are employed or the holder of an office, the name and address of your employer, or a description of the office, and if you have entered into a partnership with other persons, the name (if any) of the partnership. <p>You do not need to disclose a source of income if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it did not exceed, or you do not reasonably expect it to exceed, \$500 you ceased to receive income from that source prior to becoming a councillor or designated person, or it is your fee as a councillor. 		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
General Manager, Workers Compensation claims	Insurance and Care NSW (icare) 321 Kent St Sydney NSW 2000	NA

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2 Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June.

Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

In disclosing sources of income from a trust, you must disclose the name and address of the settlor and trustee.

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3 Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June

Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June

In disclosing the sources of any other income, you must provide a description that identifies the person you received or reasonably expect to receive the income from, or the circumstances in which you received or reasonably expect to receive the income.

Dividends from shares in IAG

C. Gifts

Gifts include any item, property, or money you have been given without consideration or with inadequate consideration, unless it was received under a will.

You do not need to disclose gifts if:

- they did not exceed \$500 in value, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$500 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months
- it was given to you by a relative (see provided **OLG Guideline** for definition of "relative")
- it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018, or
- it was received prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12-month period and the gifts total more than \$500).

Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June of the previous year	Name and address of donor
Nil	

D. Contributions to travel

You must disclose the:

- name and address of any person who has made a financial or other contribution to the expenses of any travel you have undertaken since 30 June of the previous financial year
- dates on which you undertook the travel, and
- names of the states and territories and of the overseas countries where the travel was undertaken.

You do not need to disclose a contribution to travel if:

- it was made from public funds
- it was made by a relative (see provided **OLG Guideline** for definition of "relative")
- it was made in the ordinary course of your occupation that was not related to your functions as a councillor or designated person
- it was under \$250, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$250 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months
- it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018
- it was made by a political party you are a member of and you undertook the travel for the purpose of political activity of the party in NSW, or to represent the party within Australia, or
- you received the contribution prior to becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift or contribution from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12 month period and the gifts/contributions total more than \$250).

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Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
NA		

E. Interests and positions in corporations

You must disclose the:

- the name and address of each corporation in which you held an interest or position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year
- the nature of the interests or positions held in each corporation, and
- a description of the principal objects (if any) of each corporation, except if it is a listed company.

You do not need to disclose an interest or position in a corporation if the corporation:

- is formed for the purpose of providing recreation or amusement, or for promoting commerce, industry, art, science, religion or charity, or for any other community purpose, and
- it is required to apply its profits or other income for the purpose of promoting its objects, and

You also do not need to disclose an interest in a corporation if it is a beneficial interest in shares in the corporation that does not exceed 10 per cent of the voting rights in the corporation or if you ceased to hold the interest or position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.

Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
NA			

F. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date? (Yes or No)

A person or a corporation is a 'property developer' if they carry out a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit.

You must disclose if you are a 'property developer' or a close associate of an individual (see attached OLG Guideline for definition of "close associate") or corporation that is a 'property developer' for the purposes of the Electoral Funding Act 2018.

No

G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations

You must disclose:

- the name of each trade union and of each professional or business association in which you held any position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and
- a description of the position.

You do not need to disclose a position in a trade union or a professional or business association if you ceased to hold that position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.

Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Description of position
NA	

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H. Debts	
<p>You must disclose the name and address of each person you are/were liable to pay a debt to on the return date, and at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year (this includes Study Loans).</p> <p>You must disclose a liability to pay a debt whether or not the amount, or any part of the amount, to be paid was due and payable on the return date or at any time in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year.</p> <p>You do not need to disclose a liability to pay a debt if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the debt arose from a loan you have with a deposit taking institution (eg a bank) or other authorised deposit taking institution which lends money, and the loan was part of the institution's ordinary course of business the amount to be paid did not exceed \$500, unless the debt was one of two or more debts owed to the same person, and the combined value of the debts exceed \$500. the debt was owed to a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative") in the case of a debt for the supply of goods or services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the goods or services were supplied to you within the 12 months before the return date, or at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, or the goods or services were supplied to you in the ordinary course your occupation that is not related to your duties as a councillor or designated person, or the debt was discharged prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person, unless the debt was one of two or more debts you owe to the same person, and the value of the combine debts exceeds \$500. 	
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt at the return date/at any time since 30 June	
NA	
I. Dispositions of property	
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1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time	
NA	
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property	
<p>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</p>	
NA	
J. Discretionary disclosures	
<p>You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have, whether or not they are pecuniary, which you have not been required to disclose elsewhere in the return.</p>	

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Part 3 (e) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... expose a person to a risk of harm or of serious harassment or serious intimidation";

Part 4 (d) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests".

Additionally, the amount of any income, shareholding or debt disclosed will be redacted in accordance with Part 4 (d) and the names of a spouse/partner if that information is provided throughout the return will be redacted in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table to section 14 of the GIPA Act, as above.

This list is not exhaustive: Council officers will review every Return on its merits in conjunction with the complete list of public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act;



DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURN

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by
Emily Hodgson

as at 6 October 2024

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(Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s.14(3)(a) reveal an
individual's personal information.

[Councillor's or Designated Person's signature]

A. Real Property		
In the case of interests in real property, you must disclose all interests in real property you hold in Australia.		
You must disclose the:		Nature of interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> street address of each parcel of real property you had an interest in: on the return date, and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and nature of the interest (e.g., freehold, lease (renting), option to purchase etc). 		
[Redacted] Haberfield NSW 2045		Owner/Residence
Unit 2/20 Connell Street Old Bar		Owner
Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s.14(3)(a) reveal an individuals personal information.		
B. Sources of income		
You must disclose each source of income you:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reasonably expect to receive from the first day after the return date to 30 June, and received in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year. 		
In disclosing sources of income from your occupation, you must disclose:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a description of your occupation, and if you are employed or the holder of an office, the name and address of your employer, or a description of the office, and if you have entered into a partnership with other persons, the name (if any) of the partnership. 		
You do not need to disclose a source of income if:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it did not exceed, or you do not reasonably expect it to exceed, \$500 you ceased to receive income from that source prior to becoming a councillor or designated person, or it is your fee as a councillor. 		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Chief Financial Officer	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) New Illawarra Road Lucas Heights	N/A

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2 Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June.

Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

In disclosing sources of income from a trust, you must disclose the name and address of the settlor and trustee.

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3 Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June

Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June

In disclosing the sources of any other income, you must provide a description that identifies the person you received or reasonably expect to receive the income from, or the circumstances in which you received or reasonably expect to receive the income.

Nil

C. Gifts

Gifts include any item, property, or money you have been given without consideration or with inadequate consideration, unless it was received under a will.

You do not need to disclose gifts if:

- they did not exceed \$500 in value, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$500 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months
- it was given to you by a relative (see provided **OLG Guideline** for definition of "relative")
- it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018, or
- it was received prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12-month period and the gifts total more than \$500).

Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June of the previous year	Name and address of donor
Nil	

D. Contributions to travel

You must disclose the:

- name and address of any person who has made a financial or other contribution to the expenses of any travel you have undertaken since 30 June of the previous financial year
- dates on which you undertook the travel, and
- names of the states and territories and of the overseas countries where the travel was undertaken.

You do not need to disclose a contribution to travel if:

- it was made from public funds
- it was made by a relative (see provided **OLG Guideline** for definition of "relative")
- it was made in the ordinary course of your occupation that was not related to your functions as a councillor or designated person
- it was under \$250, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$250 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months
- it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018
- it was made by a political party you are a member of and you undertook the travel for the purpose of political activity of the party in NSW, or to represent the party within Australia, or
- you received the contribution prior to becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift or contribution from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12 month period and the gifts/contributions total more than \$250).

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Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
Nil		

E. Interests and positions in corporations

You must disclose the:

- the name and address of each corporation in which you held an interest or position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year
- the nature of the interests or positions held in each corporation, and
- a description of the principal objects (if any) of each corporation, except if it is a listed company.

You do not need to disclose an interest or position in a corporation if the corporation:

- is formed for the purpose of providing recreation or amusement, or for promoting commerce, industry, art, science, religion or charity, or for any other community purpose, **and**
- it is required to apply its profits or other income for the purpose of promoting its objects, **and**

You also do not need to disclose an interest in a corporation if it is a beneficial interest in shares in the corporation that does not exceed 10 per cent of the voting rights in the corporation or if you ceased to hold the interest or position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.

Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
PETTECH Solutions Pty Limited New Illawara Rd Lucas Heights		Director	Wholly owned subsidiary of ANSTO
Womens Community Shelters PO Box 462 Surry Hills NSW 2010		Director	Shelter network for Women and Children
Barry Beneficiaries Pty Limited Suite 25 19 Bolton Street Newcastle		Director	Investment Company
White Beetle Holdings Pty Limited Suite 25 19 Bolton St Newcastle		Director	Trustee Company

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F. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date? (Yes or No) A person or a corporation is a 'property developer' if they carry out a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit. You must disclose if you are a 'property developer' or a close associate of an individual (see attached OLG Guideline for definition of "close associate") or corporation that is a 'property developer' for the purposes of the Electoral Funding Act 2018.			
No			
G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations You must disclose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name of each trade union and of each professional or business association in which you held any position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and a description of the position. You do not need to disclose a position in a trade union or a professional or business association if you ceased to hold that position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.			
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 30 June		Description of position	
Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand		Member	
H. Debts You must disclose the name and address of each person you are/were liable to pay a debt to on the return date, and at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year (this includes Study Loans). You must disclose a liability to pay a debt whether or not the amount, or any part of the amount, to be paid was due and payable on the return date or at any time in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year. You do not need to disclose a liability to pay a debt if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the debt arose from a loan you have with a deposit taking institution (eg a bank) or other authorised deposit taking institution which lends money, and the loan was part of the institution's ordinary course of business the amount to be paid did not exceed \$500, unless the debt was one of two or more debts owed to the same person, and the combined value of the debts exceed \$500. the debt was owed to a relative (see provided OLG Guideline for definition of "relative") in the case of a debt for the supply of goods or services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the goods or services were supplied to you within the 12 months before the return date, or at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, or the goods or services were supplied to you in the ordinary course your occupation that is not related to your duties as a councillor or designated person, or the debt was discharged prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person, unless the debt was one of two or more debts you owe to the same person, and the value of the combine debts exceeds \$500. 			
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt at the return date/at any time since 30 June			
Nil			

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<p>I. Dispositions of property</p> <p><i>You must disclose details of each disposition of real property by you (including the street address of the property) since 30 June of the previous financial year if you wholly or partly retained the use and benefit of the property, or the right to re-acquire it.</i></p> <p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to disclose a disposition of real property if it was made prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person.</i></p> <p>1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property</p> <p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>J. Discretionary disclosures</p> <p><i>You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have, whether or not they are pecuniary, which you have not been required to disclose elsewhere in the return.</i></p> <p>Nil</p>

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Redaction Explanatory Guide

Council's Governance and Risk team will review each Return in conjunction with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the "GIPA Act"), with reference to the "Public interest considerations against disclosure" which are listed in the Table to section 14.

For example, Council officers will redact signature and current principal place of residence in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table as this is considered personal information and consequently "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... reveal an individual's personal information".

If a property listed on a Return, e.g. an investment property, is not the current principal place of residence of a Councillor or a Designated Person, Council officers will review the information in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table if the property is the principal place of residence or business of an immediate family member, and will conduct a Public interest test in accordance with section 13 of the GIPA Act.

Council officers when conducting a Public interest test must also consider other public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act, such as:

Part 3 (e) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... expose a person to a risk of harm or of serious harassment or serious intimidation";

Part 4 (d) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests".

Additionally, the amount of any income, shareholding or debt disclosed will be redacted in accordance with Part 4 (d) and the names of a spouse/partner if that information is provided throughout the return will be redacted in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table to section 14 of the GIPA Act, as above.

This list is not exhaustive: Council officers will review every Return on its merits in conjunction with the complete list of public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act;

Item No: C1024(2) Item 23
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MOTIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE
From: Councillor Liz Atkins

MOTION

1. That Council endorses the attached motions to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2024 Annual Conference.
2. That the General Manager be delegated the authority to make any minor amendments to the wording of the motions if requested by LGNSW and agreed to by the mover of the motion.

Background

The LGNSW Conference will take place in Tamworth from 17 to 19 November 2024. The final date to submit motions is 20 October 2024. LGNSW have advised the General Manager that they will accept these motions if passed at our 22 October 2024 meeting.

Three motions are attached:

1. **Supporting our early learning centres to comply with the requirements of National Quality Standards (NQS) and Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)**
2. **Guidelines on the censorship of libraries and art**
3. **Ensuring labour standards for disabled workers are award compliant**

Relevant background is set out in each attachment.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Supporting our early learning centres to comply with the requirements of National Quality Standards \(NQS\) and Early Years Learning Framework \(EYLF\)](#)
2. [Guidelines on the censorship of libraries and art](#)
3. [Ensuring labour standards for disabled workers are award compliant](#)

Attachment 1

Subject: Notice of Motion: Supporting our early learning centres to comply with the requirements of the National Quality Standards (NQS) and Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)

Text of motion:

That Local Government NSW will support council early childhood education and care centres in meeting the National Quality Standards by:

- 1. Confirming how the Federal funding offering a pay rise to early childhood educators applies to local government and providing advice to Councils on the process to access that funding (Quality Area 4: Staffing Arrangements);**
- 2. Endorsing the United Services Union log of claims for an early childhood splinter award, and instructing the LGNSW bargaining team to expedite bargaining to provide more certainty to educators and councillors in meeting Quality Area 4; and**
- 3. Ensuring that Councils are aware of and implementing current research including by Early Childhood Australia, the Australian Early Learning Consultative Group and the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Childcare, and are partnering with Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations, to ensure culturally appropriate practices and language programs are embedded in their curriculums.**

Background

The evidence is clear that publicly run, high quality, and universally available early childhood education delivered by well-paid educators is essential. Local government is the leading provider of public long day care, and on average delivers some of the highest quality services in the state. On 8 August 2024, the [Australian Government announced](#) it would provide funding to support a wage increase to ECEC workers via a 'worker retention payment'. The payment will be in the form of a grant which ECEC providers must apply for. The payment is intended to support a wage increase of 10% on top of the current national award rate in the first year, and 15% above the current national award rate in the second year. It is not entirely clear how this funding applies to local government but our ECEC workers should not be left behind.

ECEC is key for the financial independence of women, with KPMG reporting that access to services is one of the major determinants of the gender pay gap. This is also true for the 97% of women who make up the workforce in the sector, and who are paid less than male dominated industries with similar levels of qualification.

Reports by the union indicate that the sector overall is experiencing a crisis with 74% of educators intending to resign in coming years. Our own centres are not immune to this, and it

is already common for councils to plug long term job vacancies with labour hire contracts that burns through staffing budgets.

This will lead to a decline in the quality of education when demand for services is increasing. The majority of NSW is a 'childcare' desert, and this means it is necessary for us to expand our services. We will need to begin making the investments necessary such that these expansions can be staffed with the best educators, and that our curriculum is highest quality through partnerships with the community.

ECEC provision is essential for the development of children in our communities who otherwise may fall behind. This is especially true for Aboriginal children for whom there is often a pipeline of foster care to prison, and ECEC is key to meeting our commitments in the Closing The Gap.

Attachment 2

Subject: Notice of Motion: Access to libraries, their resources and services they provide

Text of motion:

That Local Government NSW opposes restricting of access to libraries and the resources and services that they provide to our communities, and will assist councils in complying with the Standards and Guidelines for Australian Public Libraries issued by the Australian Public Library Alliance (APLA) and the Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) in May 2021, which state 'public library collections should cover a wide range of popular topics, express a variety of viewpoints and cultural understandings, and represent a diversity of people, places, events, issues and ideas' by:

1. Affirming those standards and guidelines;
2. Noting that this extends both to collections of books and audio-visual material, events that are hosted at libraries for the community, and other resources and services and access to them;
3. Noting that restricting access to material and events related to LGBTQI+ communities and families is in breach of both these guidelines and the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, and that attempts to do so invite risk to councils, including the risk of losing funding from the NSW government;
4. Collaborating with ALIA, the NSWPLA, Twenty10 and other peak bodies to provide educational material for Councillors on best practice on this matter.

Background

In May 2024 Cumberland City council resolved to ban books about same-sex parenting at 8 libraries. That ban was rescinded on 15 May 2024. The Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) said at the time that it had been working with members for almost 18 months to support libraries facing such challenges to library collections and programs. ALIA also noted that an unprecedented number of challenges targeting LGBTQIA+ content in public libraries had been reported to it since early 2023, along with threats to library staff and communities.

People should be free to decide what books they borrow from their public library. People should also be able to find stories that represent their culture, their families and their identities. This freedom of choice and access to information and stories that represent them is a fundamental pillar of democracy and of well-informed, healthy and safe communities – no individual should be able to impose their beliefs on another by way of restricting access to information and resources.

Of course libraries abide by and respect legal restrictions on items, as well as Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property and First Nations cultural protocols. They also need to

measure 'uncensored' collection and free access to resources and services against providing safer spaces for all. e.g. not stocking racist materials that would make access to the collection and the buildings unsafe and therefore inaccessible to people.

Attachment 3

Subject: Notice of Motion: Ensuring labour standards for disabled workers are award compliant

Text of motion:

That Local Government NSW will support councils by:

1. Preparing an audit of contractors that councils use which are part of the Disability Enterprises Program, and viable alternatives to these companies that allow for ethical labour practices.
2. Hold consultations with the United Services Union (USU) and People With Disabilities Australia (PWDA) over best practice for transferring in-house Disability Enterprise Program employees over to the award.
3. Propose embedding of employment targets for disabled workers in the next round of industrial negotiations with the USU.
4. Update councillors and general managers on the outcome of these.

Background

The Disability Enterprises Program is a program that aims to offer opportunities to disabled workers. Unfortunately the outcome has been a legal loophole where ongoing workers who are highly productive can be offered as little as \$2.50 per hour outside of award conditions. This breaches the spirit of the commitment of many councils to ethical labour practices, and the award.

Current research by People With Disabilities Australia and Inclusion Australia shows that less than 1% of disabled workers in these programs end up in later employment on an award or agreement. It is vital that the sector begin the work of shifting to a model of inclusion of disabled workers in the broader workforce. Offering disabled workers reasonable workplace arrangements is a more desirable way to integrate disabled people into society and the workforce.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 24
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: INNER WEST LABOR POLICY PLATFORM
From: Councillors Mat Howard and Philippa Scott

MOTION

1. That Council notes the policy objectives put forward by the Labor Councillors as detailed in the report.
2. That Council notes that these objectives enhance and support the Community Strategy Plan.
3. That Council incorporates these policy objectives when drafting Council's four-year Delivery Plan and annual Operational Plan and Budget.

Background

Financial management

Budget surplus	Continue our plan to bring the Inner West budget back into surplus
Keep rates low	No rate increase above government indexation for the next four years
Rate smoothing	Pay your rates in small, even, regular payments
Strengthen access to pensioner rebate	Increase publicity for the pensioner rebate and investigate options to expand it
Insourcing of council functions	Develop a plan to transition core areas of council service provision to directly-employment
Apprenticeships	Continue the trend of doubling the number of apprenticeships and traineeships offered by Council from 8 pre-2021, to 16 in the last terms of Council, to 32 in next term of Council, with a number set aside for people with a disability.

Capital works

A modern library for Leichhardt	Deliver a modern library for Leichhardt, and much needed housing, in a housing and public benefit development project.
Robyn Webster*	Upgrade the Robyn Webster Indoor Sports Centre in Tempe, our biggest investment in sporting grounds to date.
Lambert Park*	Install modern lighting for Lambert Park to ensure safe utilisation of the grounds for sport.
Callan Park all-weather sports fields	Deliver much needed upgrades to All Weather Sports Fields at Callan Park.
Leichhardt Oval	Renovate Leichhardt Oval with \$40m from all three levels of government
Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre	Renovate LPAC
Leichhardt Sports precinct*	Create a Leichhardt Sports precinct through harmonious upgrades to Leichhardt Oval and LPAC

Centenary Park all-weather sports field*	All weather surface in Centenary Park
Inclusive playgrounds	Build an inclusive playground in every ward.
Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre*	Install an outdoor gym at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre and extend opening hours to the end of April.
A new public space in Stanmore	Investigate a new public space for community gatherings in Stanmore
A public toilet for Weekley Park	Install a new public toilet for Weekley Park
Pocket parks	Upgrade pocket parks
Hoskins Park, Dulwich Hill	Upgrade Hoskins Park toilet block delivering new bathroom facilities and a new shed for the Greenway Bushcare Group.
A new public space in Dulwich Hill	Investigate a new public space for community gatherings in Dulwich Hill
Pratten Park Precinct*	Upgrade the Pratten Park Bowling and Community Club with a newly configured building and new lights for the tennis courts to play tennis for longer in the evening.
McNeilly Park toilets	Upgrade toilets in McNeilly Park
Wicks Park playground	Upgrade the childrens' playground at Wicks Park
Marrickville Golf Club*	Invest \$2 million to upgrade community infrastructure at Marrickville Golf Club
Cooks River Lighting	Improve lighting, access and safety along the Cooks River
WW1 Memorial in Richard Murden Reserve	Seek funding for and support development of a WW1 memorial in Richard Murden Reserve
Leichhardt North public precinct	Pedestrianise Derbyshire St between Pioneers Park and Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt to start a Leichhardt North public precinct
Leichhardt Tramsheds	Continue to pursue state permission to develop the Leichhardt Tramsheds into a park as part of a Leichhardt North public precinct
Prospect St shared zone**	Formally designate Prospect St between St Fiacre's and Leichhardt PS as a shared 10kph pedestrian zone with continuous raised footpaths
Iron Cove Creek Walkway**	Commence works on the Iron Cove Creek Walkway

* Sports and Recreation priorities

** Active Transport priority

Economic Development

Planning reforms	Work with local industry to identify zones where additional uses might be incorporated to support arts and cultural production and work through the Local Environment Plan (LEP) process to promote the amalgamation of industrial lots for expanded industrial use.
Tech Central	Investigate the establishment of a Tech Central in the Inner West where businesses and industries can collaborate, innovate, and support research

	& development.
Career Fairs	Organise career fairs and industry tours to engage students and young professionals, partnering with local schools, TAFEs, and community organisations to provide relevant training and upskilling programs tailored to the needs of local industries.
Tourism Strategy	Support local breweries and distilleries with a Tourism Strategy and initiatives to cut red tape.
Business concierge	Appoint a concierge for local businesses as part of the economic development team to support local businesses with council matters
Small business Local Democracy Group	Establish a local democracy group to represent the voices of local businesses in council processes
Womens' Business Chamber	Create a new Women's Business Chamber, for women working in local businesses across the Inner West.

Customer Service

Customer Service Stalls	Expand customer service stalls across the Inner West
Website	Launch a better council website to log and track your services, making it much easier to use.
Customer Service Plan for new Housing	Develop a customer service plan for new housing, to help ease the administrative burden in finding solutions to the housing crisis.
New customer service point in Marrickville	Establish a new customer service point in the Marrickville town centre so local residents can more easily access council services

Arts, Culture & Live Performance

Town Hall Open Day Festivals	Hold annual festivals at each of our seven town halls, showcasing local artists and performers, with programs developed in collaboration with the community.
Inner West Choral Festival	Establish an annual festival to showcase the voices of the Inner West and surrounds, from professional singers to community carolers, held in our historic town halls.
Additional special entertainment precincts	Develop pathways for more main streets and individual venues across the Inner West to apply to become SEPs, making it easier to host live music, extend trading hours and outdoor dining, and bring vibrancy to our communities.
Active musician loading bays	Trial the establishment of special loading bays - special parking zones outside music venues so that you can bump in without worrying about parking.
More street festivals	Make it easier to close off streets for music and arts events
Perfect Match program	Increase funding for Perfect Match and make it easier for First Nations and young artists to participate.

Fest X Inner West	Partner with SXSW Sydney to deliver the inaugural Fest X Inner West this October, showcasing local artists alongside international acts at the Enmore Theatre, Factory Theatre, and venues along Enmore Road.
A festival for Haberfield	Hold a festival in Haberfield, one of the only suburbs without a festival, something Italian, not heritage related
Expand the Newtown Street Party	Support to make a permanent annual event and expand into Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

Environment and Sustainability

Energy efficiency service	Make permanent the Energy Efficiency service to support low-income households, including renters, social housing tenants, and women fleeing FDV
Planting new trees	Ensure a minimum of 1,000 new trees planted each year to preserve and grow our urban canopy.
New microforests in every ward	Deliver a new microforest in every ward to increase biodiversity.
A biodiversity plan for Taverners Hill	
Renter Local Democracy Group	Establish a Local Democracy Group for renters
Marrickville Legal Centre	Provide ongoing financial support for the Marrickville Legal Centre to expand legal support for residents and boarding house tenants in the Inner West.

Strategic Planning

Deliver LEP	Deliver new masterplan and LEP
Heritage list Haberfield	Continue to advocate for Haberfield to be listed on the State Heritage Register

Development assessment

Deliver DCP amendments	Deliver amendments to the DCP to encourage multi-generational and affordable housing and make renovating your home easier. deliver development controls that prioritise well designed and good quality homes. Ensuring diverse housing types including 3 and 4 bedroom units and new home developments include shared and community spaces like rooftop gardens.
Architects on council	Raise design standards and positively shape our build environment by employing architects on Council.

Affordable Housing

Affordable housing in council owned car parks	Work with the State Government and Community Housing Providers to convert three council-owned car parks into affordable and public housing, ensuring public land is used for public good
Faith group affordable housing	Partner with the Faith Housing Alliance and local faith groups to identify land that could be used for affordable and public housing, in the model of

	Nightingale Marrickville.
Housing target for affordable housing	1,000 new public housing dwellings in the inner west - As part of our LEP, Council will advocate to the State Government for a massive investment in public housing in the Inner West, including on council-owned sites.

Active Transport

Increased funding for cycleways	In each of the four budgets of the next Council term, so that by 2027-2028, the total budget for cycleways will be double what it is now.
Great Inner West Walk	Connecting existing and new walking and cycling infrastructure across the Inner West. The Great Walk will create a continuous path through the Inner West, connecting communities and leveraging existing infrastructure with new connections and wayfinding/signage.
Friendlier streets	Slowing speeds on local roads to 40km/hr, making it easier to close streets temporarily for events, and cutting red tape to promote local resident street parties.
Audit of street lighting and furniture	Audit street lighting and furniture, including bike racks and lockers, and building more of this infrastructure to make walking and cycling in the Inner West safer.
Pedestrian crossings	Build 3 additional raised pedestrian crossings in each Ward in the next term of Council.

Waste and Recycling

Soft Plastics Recycling	Expand soft plastics recycling
Reusable nappies and sanitary items	Make the rebate for reusable nappies and sanitary products permanent.
Illegal dumping	Take more action on illegal dumping with better enforcement and education.
Textile recycling	Expand recycling through our resource centres to include hard to recycle items like textiles.
Circular economy grants	Establish a new grant program for businesses working in the circular economy
FOGO	Continue to support residents adapting to FOGO, with free upsizing of red-lid bins, free additional collections that can be booked at any time, and the option to return to red-bin weekly service for those who need more time to make the change
More Bins, Cleaner Streets	Increase the number of bins on local streets and the frequency they are collected
FOGO in parks	Trial the introduction of FOGO in local parks

LGBTQIA+ Inclusion

Feel the Love	Increase funding for the Feel the Love Festival and move it to the Inner West Pride Centre
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Inclusive practice in early childhood education	Work with local organisations to teach and promote inclusive practice in our early childhood education and learning centres.
Fair Day	Work with Sydney Mardi Gras to host Fair Day at a major Inner West Park
LGBTQIA+ Safety Strategy	Continue to work with local organisations to deliver an LGBTQIA+ safety strategy and protocol for hosting local events.
Drag Story Times	Host a series of Drag Story Times across our library network.
Mardi Gras screenings	Continue to host Mardi Gras screenings at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park

Mainstreet revitalisation

Mainstreet activations	Ensure our main streets are vibrant and livable by creating shop-top and mixed development housing on the main streets, creating walkable, diverse communities with activity for all.
Lewisham and Stanmore town centre upgrades	Upgrade and revitalise Lewisham and Stanmore town centres, including street art, street furniture, plantings, footpath upgrades, and pedestrianisation options.
Norton street closure	Trial the closure of Norton Street
Pedestrianising main streets	Take advantage of new state government co-operation on street closures to create monthly car-free street closures for walking, cycling and enjoying the main street
Shopfront Perfect Match	Expand Perfect Match proactively targeted at vacant stores on main streets
Loving our Laneways	Expand Enmore trial to include laneway dining in adjoining bars and restaurants.
Zero vacant shopfronts	Continue to work towards a goal of zero vacancies in main street shop fronts, by bringing main street property owners, local businesses and chambers of commerce together with Council.
Sydenham Road Strategy	Develop a Sydenham Road Strategy, working with community stakeholders and businesses, with the view to improve walkability and access to the Metro Station at Sydenham.

Community Services

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub	Deliver the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Tempe Reserve, a community led and managed space to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Inner West.
Survival Memorials	Continue to fund the development of survival memorials across the Inner West, with two survival memorials to be completed in King Georges Park, Rozelle, and Kendrick Park, Tempe.
Voice to Council	Continue a discussion with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents and organisations towards establishing a Voice to Council.
Dual Naming	Consult the community on dual naming of one major park in each ward
Disability employment	Make the Inner West Council the best council in the country when it comes to employing people with disability. We are committed to expanding opportunity for local workers with disability at Council, and

	making Council a gold-star employer for people with disability.
Neurodiversity Strategy	Develop a specific plan to support local people with neurodiversity in Council programs through the development of the Wellbeing Strategy
Pocket parks	Convert a pocket park in each ward into a sensory garden for local children and residents with neurodiversity.
National Building Code	Advocate for the inclusion of mandatory disability standards in the National Building Code to make new homes more accessible
Sensory Spaces	Mandate sensory spaces as part of all large-scale Council-run events
Grant programs	Establish community grant stream for organisations specifically working with people with disability.
Disability Pride Flag	Continue to fly the Disability Pride Flag and to support the Disability Pride Festival
Community Centre at Stanmore Library	
Opening our libraries for longer	Trial opening our Council libraries for longer, giving people more time and access to this critical community resource
Connected libraries	Work with local organisations to embed a social workers in our library system, working to connect vulnerable members of our community to social supports.
Community resilience training	Develop a program of skills development opportunities for local residents to help build local skills, resilience and connection, including bike repair, barista courses, public speaking and other courses.
Library membership	Set an annual target for library membership, working to encourage more residents to take up membership
Library Youth Strategy	Develop a Library Youth Strategy, working with the Youth Advisory Committee, considering ways to make our libraries safer, more fun and connected places for young people
City Talks	Introduce City Talks to the Inner West Library system, giving residents an important opportunity to engage with city-shaping ideas and thinkers.
Customer service stalls	Continue to host customer service stalls in our public libraries.
Supporting multicultural businesses	Hosting annual information events for local multicultural businesses looking to do business with Council
Community languages	Commit funding to expand information available on Council services available in community languages
Quong Tart	Rename Hercules Street after Quong Tart to recognise the contribution of Chinese Australians to the Inner West.
Little Villages	Support Little Italy, Little Vietnam, Little Greece and Little Portugal with better signage and infrastructure as part of the Main Streets Program
Grants	Continue to support major cultural events through community grants, in-kind support, incorporating community language into promotion and performances etc
Childcare	Continue to achieve excellence ratings in our early childhood education centres

Community Engagement

Council at your door	Expand community consultation on major projects by doorknocking residents to seek their feedback
Local Democracy Groups	Council will bring together members of the local democracy groups at least twice a year to collaborate and provide insights on inner west Council policies.

Seniors' services

Seniors Morning Teas	Establish monthly SENIORS MORNING TEAS at community venues across the Inner West, engaging local seniors and organisations serving older people in our community
Seniors programming	Increase seniors programming in our libraries and increase funding to engage older people in library programming and events.
Beat your Bills	Work with local MPS to host BEAT YOUR BILLS events in each ward, bringing together utilities, service providers and others to help local residents access support and ensure they are getting the best deal on their bills.
Communications	Write specifically to all residents older than 55 years of age informing them of local policies and programs for seniors

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 25
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: COST OF LIVING SUPPORT FOR INNER WEST RESIDENTS: NO RATE RISES AND BILL SMOOTHING
From: Councillor Philippa Scott

MOTION

1. That Council commit to no rate increase above government indexation for the next four years.
2. That Council introduce bill smoothing so that residents can pay their rates in small, even, regular payments.
3. That Council staff bring a report back to the December 2024 meeting with a mechanism for the introduction of bill smoothing and a communications plan for promoting bill smoothing and the pensioner rebate.

Background

The Inner West Council is in the strongest possible financial position. While delivering a strong capital and service program for residents, we are also on track to have growing surpluses in outward years. We are one of the very few Councils in metropolitan Sydney that has not introduced a special rate variation since the amalgamation. A table is shown below indicating rate rises in comparable Councils as against the Inner West's record of no rate increases.

The Local Labor team is committed to no increase to residential or business rates, above government indexation, for the next four years.

Through strong financial management the Labor-led Inner West Council has been keeping rates as low as possible. Inner West Council must continue to have financial discipline and do every possible to help residents with the cost-of-living crisis.

In addition, we committed to continuing the pensioner rebate and are proposing that the Council introduce bill-smoothing for all ratepayers to allow them to easily pay rates in smaller instalments.

We're keeping your rates as low as possible

Rate rises above indexation
from 2016/17 - 2023/24



Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 26
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: A CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR SOFT PLASTICS AND OTHER HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS
From: Councillor Mat Howard

MOTION

1. That Council commit to expanding soft plastic recycling across the Inner West.
2. That Council write to the CEOs of Woolworths, ALDI and Coles formally requesting the Inner West be designated as a trial site for in-store soft plastics collections as a matter of priority.
3. That Council report back to Council as soon as possible about progress to extend household collection of soft plastics through third-party providers.
4. That Council review Council's current procurement guidelines and report back to the February 2025 Council meeting about options to amend council's procurement practices to better support a circular economy for plastics, including recycled plastic aggregate in road base, play equipment and other purposes.
5. That Council create a grant stream for local organisations working in the circular economy, to be implemented as part of the 2025 community grants program, and report back to the February 2025 Council meeting on options to do so
6. That Council write to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Environment, seeking support to trial textile recycling in the Inner West.

Background

Inner West Council is a leader in fostering the circular economy. Our communities are home to leading organisations in the circular economy. Council has successfully implemented food recycling to every home. Council opened the Summer Hill Sustainability Hub in the previous term.

Inner West Council can continue to lead the way by expanding the types of items that can be responsibly disposed of, including soft plastics.

Since the collapse of RedCycle, residents have been unable to dispose of soft plastics to be recycled in supermarket stores. The Commonwealth Government is working with major retailers and with the recycling industry to restore in-store soft plastics collections and to build capacity in domestic recycling capabilities. Woolworths has commenced trials in Melbourne and Newcastle.

A key factor in sustainably restoring soft plastics recycling in stores is creating a viable end-market for the plastic aggregate that is created as an end-product of soft plastics recycling.

Inner West Council can play a role in strengthening that end market by choosing to procure products that include soft plastics aggregate, for use as road base, in playground equipment and softfall, and for other purposes.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 27
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: A FAST AND SMOOTH DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
From: Councillor Jessica D'Arienzo

MOTION

1. That Council recognises the seriousness of the housing supply and feasibility crisis and agrees that the Inner West Council has a constructive role to play in its resolution by supporting increase supply of housing of all types and tenures, including market and non-market housing.
2. That Council notes that under the National Housing Accord, New South Wales is to build 377,000 well-located homes in just five years. The Inner West Council's agreed contribution to that target is 7,800 homes in five years.
3. That Council notes the key findings in the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission report entitled *Review of housing supply challenges and policy options for New South Wales* (September 2024) (the PC Report) in relation to a fast and smooth development process.
4. That Council review and implement the recommendations for an improved development process that cause friction, reduce feasibility and restrict housing supply in the Inner West in a report to the next council meeting.

Background

In May 2024 the Inner West Council adopted planning principles that would guide the development of a Local Environmental Plan for increasing housing supply in the inner west. Council recognised the urgent housing crisis, and resolved to engage positively with the NSW Government's Transport Oriented Development and Diverse and Well-Located Homes reforms.

The principles were exhibited in August 2024 and received strong support from the community.

The engagement report is on the current agenda of Council (October 2024). A new masterplan is due to be reported to Council in December 2024.

Subsequent to the community consultation, the Productivity Commission released the recommendations of a report commissioned by the NSW Government to create a pro-housing environment through the adoption of recommendations from the Report that improve feasibility of new housing supply while maintaining safety and amenity-related requirements,

The Productivity Commissioner described the recommendations of report as follows:

"...unclogging the development approval process and allow the use of new technologies and ideas. We need to grow our local construction workforce and bolster it with more migrants with construction skills. We also need to make sure we build housing that's right for people of all incomes, family sizes, and stages of life. We can do this through investments in social housing and smart regulatory changes that make it profitable to build the diverse housing people need."

The recommendations for a fast and smooth development process for Council's review and implementation include:

Streamline our development process:

- a. Develop concierge and clearinghouse functions to rapidly escalate, coordinate, and resolve bottlenecks in the pre-and-post-approval Development Assessment process,
- b. Ensure accountability and transparency by publicly tracking post-DA approval metrics and timeframes.
- c. Require the Planning Directorate to prioritise consideration of the impact DA conditions have on development timeframes and feasibility,
- d. Improve infrastructure contributions and:
 - i. allow payment of contributions at the occupation certificate stage
 - ii. develop contribution plans upfront as part of the zoning process
 - iii. simplify section 7.11 local contributions plans by implementing benchmark costs and mandating the essential works list
 - iv. refine the use of section 7.4 planning agreements to increase certainty for developers
- e. Improve the use of design panels and competitions to allow applicant
- f. Consider the relaxation of non-safety related restrictions on design, including solar access and minimum apartment size requirements,
- g. Publish or adopt guidelines that support high-quality design for solar access and minimum apartment size requirements,
- h. Consider removing car parking minimums in a harmonised Inner West Council Development Control Plan (DCP)
- i. Prioritise the recruitment and training of certifiers, as well as regulating and enforcing their responsibilities, to improve building quality

Streamline and harmonise local government construction-related controls with a focus on feasibility.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 28
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: EXTENDING THE OUTDOOR SWIMMING SEASON AT FDAC
From: Councillor Chloe Smith

MOTION

1. That Council investigate opportunities to extend the outdoor swimming season at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC) from 1 September until 30 April annually, and to install a free outdoor gym co-located with FDAC, with a report back to Council to be tabled by the February 2025 meeting.
2. That as part of the report, undertake community engagement on extending the outdoor swimming season and installation of a free outdoor gym, including:
 - a) writing to neighbouring residents and businesses;
 - b) on Council's Your Say website and social media platforms; and
 - c) community engagement stalls at FDAC/Petersham Park.

Background

FDAC is a much-loved outdoor community pool located within Petersham Park. Its location within the park, adjacent to the playground, sports oval, Petersham Pre-school, Petersham Bowling Club, and the opening of Splash cafe within the pool complex, has made the pool a highly popular facility for local families in particular.

The pool currently operates from 1 October to 31 March annually to facilitate outdoor swimming during warmer months. Council has previously investigated the feasibility of opening the pool year-round, however a previous report tabled to Council in 2017 determined the operational costs outweighed visitation during winter.

The impacts of climate change have meant that warmer weather is increasingly extending into autumn and starting earlier in the spring. Sydney experienced above average temperatures for April and September in 2024 and similarly in 2023. Anecdotally, many residents would support an extended outdoor swimming season at FDAC through September and April, adapting the pool's operations to reflect changing weather patterns.

Local businesses have also indicated their support for an extended swimming season. The installation of a gym would also encourage visitation to the area throughout the year.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 29
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CONSULT THE COMMUNITY ON THE DUAL NAMING OF ONE MAJOR PARK IN EACH WARD
From: Councillor Jo Carlisle

MOTION

1. That Council reports on the progress of the development of a Dual Naming Policy.
2. That Council reports on the consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and the broader Community on the initiative to have dual names for parks and ovals that may have particular significance for local Aboriginal people with Aboriginal place names.
3. That Council consult with Community of dual naming of one major park in each Inner West Council ward with an Aboriginal name.

Background

Our communities are built on the traditional lands of the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora Nation.

Many of our major parks and ovals are located on places of significance to local Aboriginal people and investigating dual naming of these places may assist to recognise and respect the enduring connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to country.

Dual naming may also serve to further educate Inner West residents about local Aboriginal history, peoples and culture.

A motion was agreed to in December 2023 that requested that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee be consulted on the proposal and if the proposal is supported, a consultation plan be developed by council staff.

A Dual Naming of significant locations policy is in development by Council.

We are awaiting a report on the outcome of the consultation.

The dual naming of one park in each ward would be a significant first step in the implementation of the commitment.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 30
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: TOWN HALL OPEN DAY FESTIVALS
From: Councillor Chloe Smith

MOTION

1. That Council note the success of our Creative Town Halls project in activating seven town halls across the Inner West for free hire by creatives and local artists, with more than 700 applications in the first two months of the program.
2. That Council note that the Inner West is home to more artists and people employed in the creative industries than anywhere else in NSW, and that Council is committed to supporting local artists and creatives in our community.
3. That Council commit to establishing an annual program of Open Day Festivals across all seven town halls, showcasing local musicians and artists, and curated in consultation with the community and local creative industry stakeholders.
4. That Council receive a report at the February 2025 meeting detailing a proposal for an annual Town Hall Open Day Festivals program, including costs, to be developed in consultation with local artists and creative industry stakeholders, including:
 - a) the Inner West Creative Network;
 - b) the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee;
 - c) Attendees of the Arts and Live Music Recovery Summit; and
 - d) Participants in the Creative Town Halls project.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 31
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SYDENHAM ROAD STRATEGY
From: Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

MOTION

1. That Council commence work on a Sydenham Road Strategy, with the objective of improving walkability, traffic and safety on Sydenham Road between Victoria Road and Sydenham Station.
2. That the Sydenham Road Strategy provide detailed designs, plans and projects to resolve the following issues:
 - a) Resolving parking issues;
 - b) Improving lighting;
 - c) Upgrading footpaths;
 - d) Investigating new active transport links;
 - e) Improving safety at key intersections, including Sydenham Road at Victoria Road, Fitzroy Street and Buckley Street;
 - f) Improving wayfinding to support local businesses;
 - g) Poorly managed street trees; and
 - h) Upgrades to Wicks Park.
3. That a list of priority projects be formed and considered as part of the 2025-2026 Budget planning process, with the Strategy led by a Project Control Group consisting of representatives of the Infrastructure Team, Planning Team, Development Team and Economic Development Team.
4. That Council undertake a comprehensive engagement plan to underpin the Strategy, including:
 - a) Hosting a Roundtable of businesses and organisations on and surrounding Sydenham Road (such as Connect Inner West, the Marrickville Bowling Club and Red Rattler), as well as the Inner West Brewers Association
 - b) Hosting public meetings for residents, both at the initial stage of the project and once detailed plans and designs are finalised
 - c) Stakeholder engagement with key agencies including Transport for NSW, Sydney Metro, Ausgrid, Sydney Water, Destination NSW and the Office of the 24 Hour Commissioner.
5. That Council report progress monthly to councillors via councillor briefing note, and to the Local Traffic Committee on a monthly basis.
6. That Council target a portion of the \$200,000 Inner West Tourism Strategy to support businesses surrounding Sydenham Station - including microbreweries, cafes and distilleries - to benefit from additional traffic from the Metro.

Background

Sydenham Road is one of the busiest roads in the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward, providing a critical east-west link connecting Dulwich Hill, through the north end of Marrickville, to Sydenham, St Peters and beyond.

Sydenham Road runs through both residential and industrial lands, and the section between Victoria Road and Sydenham Station is home to multiple commercial and industrial premises, including micro-breweries, distilleries, gyms, mechanics and smash repairers, art galleries,

community transport providers, cafes and factories. This makes for a vibrant and exciting local economy.

The combination of significant increases in density in the area, including at Wicks Place, and the opening of the Sydney Metro from Tallawong, has meant many more people are walking on the footpaths between Victoria Road and Sydenham Station. Unfortunately, there are critical safety constraints that make this dangerous, including uneven and dangerous footpaths, poor lighting, vehicles parked on footpaths and a lack of designated active transport links.

A key safety concern is dangerous intersections at Sydenham Road and Victoria Road, Fitzroy Street and Buckley Street. Council has resolved on several occasions to advocate to Transport for NSW for improvements at these intersections. There has been some improvement in order to accommodate active transport links for the Temporary Transport Plan for the T3 Bankstown Line conversion, however, additional work is required to improve these intersections. Transport for NSW has recently reduced speeds on Sydenham Road to 50km/hour.

Increased foot-traffic presents an opportunity for local businesses, however, care and attention is required to ensure that local venues benefit from the opening of the new Metro. Inner West Council is undertaking work to develop a \$200,000 Tourism Strategy to support local businesses, including micro-breweries and distilleries following the Forum with these industries in mid-2024. A large proportion of microbreweries and distilleries are located in the area around Sydenham Road.

A Sydenham Road Strategy is intended to support existing businesses and industrial premises, to improve walkability and access to Sydenham Station and to make this key local road safer for all road users.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 32
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: PARKING IN MARRICKVILLE
From: Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

MOTION

That Council urgently undertake parking studies in suburbs around Tempe, St Peters and Sydenham stations with the view to implementing parking controls to better support residents facing additional parking pressures with the opening of the Metro to Sydenham and closure of the T3 Bankstown Line.

Background

Residents in Marrickville, Tempe, Sydenham and St Peters are reporting a significant increase in parking pressures following the opening of the Metro to Sydenham and the closure of the T3 Bankstown Line.

They report visitors utilising parking spaces streets away from the stations, adding to already significant parking pressures.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 33
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: PROSPECT STREET SHARED ZONE
From: Councillor Philippa Scott

MOTION

That Council officers prepare a report, including identification of budget, at the next opportunity for the Traffic Committee to formally designate Prospect St, Leichhardt between St Fiacre's Primary School and Leichhardt Public School as a shared 10kph pedestrian zone with continuous raised footpaths.

Background

Prospect Street, Leichhardt, between Mackenzie Street (near St Fiacre's Primary School) and Balmain Road (near Leichhardt Public School) is a narrow street with no footpath and a 40km/h speed limit. Local children use it to walk to and from school in the morning and afternoons. During the day local residents use it to travel by foot from Leichhardt North local streets to Norton St shops. Without footpaths pedestrians are forced to walk on the roadway. It is acknowledged that vehicles would rarely travel at 40km/h, due to the narrowness of the street, on street parking, and the presence of pedestrians, however, pedestrians still report feeling unsafe on foot.

This narrow street is an excellent candidate for a shared zone with a 10km/h speed limit and continuous raised footpaths.

This proposal will create a pedestrian friendly environment that encourages people to walk in safety along this street. In a shared zone, pedestrians have the right of way and drivers are legally required to give way to pedestrians in this zone. A shared zone includes a 10 km/h speed limit and a number of treatments along the street to slow-down traffic. The shared zone will also discourage the use of the street as a short-cut route between busier streets (Leichhardt Street and Balmain Road).

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 34
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SENSORY SPACES FOR NEURODIVERGENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
From: Councillor Jo Carlisle

MOTION

- 1. That in each Ward, Council incorporate a sensory garden in a pocket park for local children and residents with neurodiversity.**
- 2. That Council mandate sensory spaces as part of all large-scale Council-run events.**

Background

Some reports suggest that up to 40% of people in our communities live with neurodiversity.

Parks enable children to be outside, to exercise, socialise, learn, nurture their sensory systems, and improve their health.

All children, regardless of skill or ability, deserve and need to participate in outdoor activities.

Some children who are neurodivergent may avoid certain sensory experiences like messy play in the mud, while others may seek them out, like swinging for a long time. Some may be sensitive to certain sound frequencies and noise, lighting, motion, or touch, or seek out these experiences excessively.

Sensory gardens are thoughtfully designed spaces that organise various plants, objects, and features in an intentional way to stimulate or calm the senses.

Sensory gardens can

- stimulate the brain - when a child engages in sensory play sessions, more neural pathways are created. This helps improve the way they process sensory information.
- Develop language skills - When children play, they often talk about what they're doing, create dialogue for imaginary roleplay or express their emotions through laughter and sound.
- Improve social skills - children learn a lot of social skills through sharing, taking turns and listening to others.
- Improve coordination and fine/gross motor skills - Jumping, running, throwing as well as handling small objects can help children with disabilities strengthen their muscles and improve hand-eye coordination.
- Helps with self-regulation - over time, sensory play helps children who are neurodivergent to learn how to respond to sensory stimulation in more positive ways, which boosts their self-control.
- And they are fun

It can often be challenging for people with neurodiversity and their families and friends to interact and benefit from council services.

Research from Curtin University found that

- caregivers of neurodivergent children are more likely to experience clinically significant levels of stress, poor mental health, financial hardship, and negative relationships.
- almost 80 per cent of caregivers experienced poor wellbeing, high levels of stress and poor mental health.
- More than 22 percent of caregivers also experienced negative stigma from their local community, increasing the feeling of social isolation.

Sensory spaces at events will create greater accessibility for many people who are neurodiverse as well as their families or carers many of whom may self-exclude from community consultations or events. This will ultimately support a greater engagement with residents of IWC and a more representative and responsive Council.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 35
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MICROFORESTS IN EVERY WARD
From: Councillor Chloe Smith

MOTION

1. That Council commit to establishing a new microforest in every ward of the LGA to support increased biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions, and that potential locations for each microforest be identified in consultation with:
 - a) Local Bushcare and community garden groups;
 - b) The Environment Advisory Committee;
 - c) Citizen science groups;
 - d) Other relevant local environment and biodiversity volunteer groups.
2. That Council receive a report back on identified locations, management, and costs to the March 2025 Council meeting.

Background

Microforests act as a mini-ecosystem within densely populated cities and suburbs, increasing biodiversity, reducing carbon emissions, and cooling the surrounding environment without requiring a significant geographic footprint. This allows under-utilised spaces within innercity communities to support tree planting and wildlife habitation.

In 2022 Council resolved to trial the planting of microforests at two sites as part of Council's record \$2 million investment in new tree planting. The continuation of the trials was also included as an action point in Council's Biodiversity Action Plan, adopted in September 2024.

As part of the continuation of the trial, Council should identify a site within each ward of the LGA and engage with local stakeholders, including Bushcare and other environmental volunteer groups, on the location and management of these sites.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 36
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: REPRESENTATION FOR RENTERS IN LOCAL DEMOCRACY GROUPS
From: Councillor Chloe Smith

MOTION

1. That Council amend the name of the Housing Affordability Advisory Committee to the Housing Affordability and Renters Rights Advisory Committee.
2. That Council amend the Terms of Reference of the Committee to include a requirement that a minimum of two members of the Committee must be renters who reside within the Inner West LGA, to be determined by Council's usual LDG application process.
3. That Council amend the Purpose Statement contained in the Terms of Reference to read as follows:

The purpose of the Housing Affordability and Renters Rights Advisory Committee is to:

Monitor and promote the implementation of Council's Affordable Housing Policy and other relevant policies and plans related to affordable housing for very low, low and moderate income households, including essential workers, boarding house residents, homeless people, renters, and others experiencing housing stress

Serve as a resource for Council in relation to the housing market, trends and community impacts, including supporting access to and opportunities for affordable, sustainable, accessible, and build-to-rent housing options where relevant, and other issues impacting renters.

Provide suggestions on improving the development of housing options that support the retention of a diverse and inclusive community and an accessible and sustainable place to live.

Assist in the development of programs and initiatives to highlight the importance of housing and greater protections for renters to the wellbeing and dynamism of the community.

Background

The Inner West Council has established Local Democracy Groups (LDGs) made up of local community members as part of Council's Community Engagement Strategy. The role of LDGs is to provide advice and input to support Council's decision-making and actions, and support Council to implement the 'Community Strategic Plan: Our Inner West 2036' through actions outlined in Council's Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan. The allocation of LDGs reflect the priorities and values of the Inner West community and the Council.

The Inner West is home to a significant proportion of renters, currently almost 40% of the population and as high as 60% in some suburbs. The council has previously resolved to provide support for renters, including providing emergency funding for the Marrickville Legal

Centre's Inner West Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service, and advocating for stronger renters rights and protections.

Inner West Council recognises the significant challenges renters face as part of the housing crisis and that the often transitory nature of renting can inhibit this group's capacity to advocate to Council on issues affecting them.

By establishing a LDG for renters, Council can ensure renters have an avenue to provide direct input into Council's decision-making and actions, including additional measures to support the renting population.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 37
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SENIOR SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS
From: Councillor Vicki Clay

MOTION

That Council send a written communication to all residents older than 55 years of age, informing them of local policies and programs for seniors, by inclusion of the Inner West Seniors Directory brochure.

Background

For the more senior members of the community who are not technology literate (i.e. tech savvy), sourcing specific information through the Council website can seem daunting to navigate and may deter the community members from seeking information that can support their needs or interests.

Provision of the Inner West Seniors Directory has multiple benefits:

- ensures that the community members that are not 'tech savvy', have an 'at hand' document providing them information on all the services that they may wish/need to interact with
- provides valuable information to those members of the community that are immobile and/or less likely to go to the library or other avenues to source information
- for those that are somewhat tech savvy, who may find the Council website difficult to navigate, the brochure is a 'one stop shop' source of information
- access to the range of information regarding services/activities in the Directory has the capacity to encourage more community engagement and participation in programs
- for those on the lower age range of 'over 55s', who do not consider themselves as 'senior', but may have aged relatives/friends/neighbours in the Inner West, it assists them in supporting those connections
- includes information on a broader range of services provided by other organisations and government bodies
- expands the community's knowledge/awareness of the existence of the Seniors Directory (and its offerings)

For Inclusion in a staged rollout of the proposal

- Pdf version of the Seniors Directory to be available for download from the front page of the Council's website for ease of site navigation
- First stage of communication to be with residents who currently receive the seniors' discount on rates

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 38
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - COUNCIL AT YOUR DOOR
From: Councillor Vicki Clay

MOTION

That Council expand community consultation on major projects by doorknocking residents to obtain direct feedback on their views regarding the proposed project.

Background

The Council has a multiple range of options in place for community members to provide feedback regarding local matters including projects, via the Your Say link, Local Matters Forums, Local Democracy Groups (LDGs) and responding to direct written communications, plus via the Council's social media platforms.

However, there are members of the Inner West community that do not engage with the Council's website, forums or LDGs, nor follow social media posts regarding matters/projects that may be occurring.

Subsequently, their first knowledge of a project may be commentary from friends, neighbours or special interest groups, who may not be fully across the specifics of the proposal. Therefore, those community members may feel 'unheard'/nor consulted by the time that they become aware of projects, particularly where the projects are at the near finalisation stage of approvals.

Doorknocking the community residents will provide additional and more accurate analysis of community reaction to proposals.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 39
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: HOSKINS PARK TOILET BLOCK AND SHED
From: Councillor Jessica D'Arienzo

MOTION

That the toilets and a Greenway Bushcare Group shed at Hoskins Park form part of the budget considerations for 2025/26.

Background

Hoskins Park in Dulwich Hill is a vital green space for the community, providing recreational opportunities for families and visitors and through initiatives like the Greenway Bushcare Group. Currently, the toilet block is not functional and is used as a bushcare storage site.

Hoskins Park is currently being upgraded. Work commenced in September 2024 and is due for completion in January 2025. The upgrade includes footpath restoration works, new accessible footpath connection to the playground and BBQ, playground upgrade and removal of passive lighting in the park - 4 light poles (pathway lighting to remain). The upgrade budget is \$680,000.

The toilet block is not included in the scope for the current upgrade.

There is strong community support for toilets at Hoskins Park. Access to toilets will enhance the overall experience for all park visitors, promoting increased usage and community engagement.

Additionally, providing a shed will facilitate the Greenway Bushcare Group's efforts in maintaining and improving the local environment and fostering community involvement.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 40
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MORT BAY PARK UPGRADE
From: Councillor Kerrie Fergusson and the Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

Item 40

MOTION

That Council allocate up to \$2 million in the draft 2025-26 Budget to the upgrade amenities and facilities at Mort Bay Park, including the following improvements:

- a) A new toilet near the playground and ferry wharf;
- b) A playground upgrade with a waterplay area and shade sails;
- c) Fixing drainage and muddy areas;
- d) Improved lighting throughout the Park to make nighttime use safer;
- e) Progressing water and sediment quality testing to allow a swim site;
- f) Table tennis tables, picnic tables and BBQ's and seating; and
- g) Outdoor gym equipment.

Background

Mort Bay Park is one of Sydney's most beautiful harbourside parks, one the most popular destinations in the Inner West and a main entrance point to Balmain Peninsula.

While the Park is hugely valued by local residents and visitors, there are a number of improvements to amenities and facilities that are needed there.

With an investment of approximately \$2 million, the amenity of Mort Bay Park can be significantly improved and the space made more useable and enjoyable for the people of Sydney.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 41
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CAFE AT TOGETHER 2 FOR DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne and Councillor Kerrie Fergusson

MOTION

That Council consult with Together 2 about joint project with Council to fit out and establish a social enterprise cafe at the Together 2 premises to provide training and employment opportunities for local young people living with disability, and table a report for the December Ordinary Council meeting on how the partnership could be structured and what the capital costs of the project might be.

Background

The former Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, renamed Together 2, is a not-for-profit, generalist neighbourhood centre and one of the primary providers of disability support services in the Inner West.

There are 3 generalist neighbourhood centres across the Inner West local government area - Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Summer Hill Neighbourhood Centre and Together 2.

In the past terms of Council large scale investments have been made in the upgrade and Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and Summer Hill Neighbourhood Centre but Together 2 receives approximately \$20 000 per annum from the Council in block grant funding for services and has never received any assistance in capital investment for infrastructure.

Together 2 have gone through a lengthy approval process to have the street frontage of their premises on Darling Street Rozelle converted into a social enterprise cafe that can operate as a disability training and employment service, as well as providing a eat-in and takeaway meals to the general public.

Inner West Council has been developing a ground-breaking and comprehensive disability employment program, with the aim of becoming a leader in disability employment in the local government sector.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 42
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: DOUBLE INVESTMENT IN ACTIVE TRANSPORT ACROSS THE INNER WEST
From: Councillor Kerrie Fergusson

MOTION

1. That Council notes that Inner West Council has made significant progress on the 2023 Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan.
2. That Council grows on this initiative by committing to doubling investment in Active Transport across the LGA by incrementally increasing each of the four budgets of the next Council term, so that by 2027-2028, the total budget for cycleways is doubled.
3. That Council continue to work with our Inner West Active Transport community groups to identify, extend and deliver on key cycling corridors.

Background

The Inner West Council leads the way in progressive policy, we have evidenced this with the roll out of FOGO Organic food recycling to every home, by being the first council to be 100% divested from fossil fuels, securing the installation of 136 EV chargers, establishing an Anti-Racism Strategy and our strong advocacy of the Yes campaign.

Now it's time for us to lead the way in Active Transport.

Inner West Families for Climate Action summed up the benefits of cycling perfectly in this statement "Riding bicycles for transport is better for everyone. It is good for our short- and long-term health, good for reducing wear and tear on road infrastructure, good for our mental health, and reduces air pollution and climate pollution."

We know that most car trips in the Inner West are short and many could be replaced by bikes, but to achieve this we have to commit to investing in safe, connected cycling infrastructure across the LGA, linking our transport and providing corridors to schools and town centres.

Residents have been increasingly vocal about the frustration of not being able to commute safely on their bikes. We are making significant progress in this area, but we can do more. This is an opportunity to re-vision the inner west, to not only increase the health and quality of life of our current residents but to change the landscape for future generations.

Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 43
Subject: RFT 29-24 - GARBAGE, FOGO AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES
Prepared By: Erin White - Manager Resource Recovery and Fleet Services
Authorised By: Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

DISCUSSION

Council will move into a closed session to deal with the RFT 29-24 - Garbage, FOGO and Recycling Collection Services as the information is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed confidential, as the matter is commercial information of a confidential nature, that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Report - RFT 29-24 - Garbage FOGO and Recycling Collection Services - *Confidential*

This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

2. RFT 29-24 - Garbage FOGO and Recycling Collection Services - Evaluation Report - *Confidential*

This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 44
Subject: LEASE OF ASHFIELD BOWLING CLUB, ASHFIELD PARK
Prepared By: Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

4: Healthy, resilient, and caring communities

DISCUSSION

Council will move into a closed session to deal with the Lease of Ashfield Bowling Club, Ashfield Park as the information is classified as confidential under 10A(2)(c) and 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed confidential, as the matter is commercial information of a confidential nature, that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Report - Lease of Ashfield Bowling Club, Ashfield Park - *Confidential*
This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Heads of Agreement Signed Ashfield Bowling Club - *Confidential*
This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
3. BEM Valuation 21-4732B Ashfield Bowling Club, Ashfield - *Confidential*
This attachment is confidential in accordance to commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Item No: C1024(2) Item 45
Subject: SHORT TERM LEASE
Prepared By: Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager
Authorised By: Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

DISCUSSION

Council will move into a closed session to deal with the Short Term Lease as the information is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed confidential, as the matter is commercial information of a confidential nature, that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Report - Short Term Lease - *Confidential*

This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

2. Site Details and Analysis - *Confidential*

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