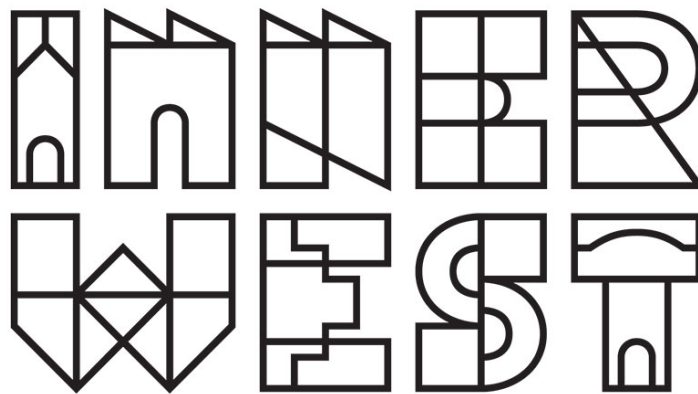


# AGENDA

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## COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024**

**6:30 PM**

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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 22 October 2024 at  
Ashfield Service Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 6:31pm**

**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
Chris Sleiman	Chief Financial Officer
Sajjad Ali	Financial Reporting and Control Manager
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Daniel East	Acting Senior Manager Strategic Planning
Scott Mullen	Strategic Investments and Property Manager
Rocco Sergi	Coordinator Strategic Investments and Properties
Chariee Bultitude	Audit Office NSW
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

**APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

Nil.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Atkins declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 9 – *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* as their primary residence is in the Johnstons Creek and Whites Creek Flood Risk Management catchment area. They will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8 – *Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 16 September 2024* as he works in the Ministerial Office of the Minister for Transport, who in her 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 non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 17 – *Tempe Train Station* as he works in the Ministerial Office of the Minister for Transport and in that

capacity he is directly engaged in work related to the station upgrades. Out of an abundance of caution and to avoid any risk of perception of conflict, he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Scott declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8 - *Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 16 September 2024* as one of the items to be adopted is on pedestrian upgrades at the Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt where she is the P&C President and where one of her children attends school. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Scott declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 20 – *Rozelle Village* as she is Council's appointee to the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel that will determine the outcome of this project. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Smith)**

**That Council note the disclosures of interest.**

**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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion: (Scott/Smith)**

**That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 and Tuesday, 8 October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.**

**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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne, left the meeting at 6:54pm and vacated the Chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard, assumed the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne, returned to the meeting at 7:13pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard, vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne, assumed the Chair.

**C1024(2) Item 46 Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion: Vale Barry Noel Vining OAM**

**Motion: (Byrne)**

- 1. That Council write to the family of Barry Vining to express our gratitude for the contribution he made throughout his life to our local community, the Newtown Jets and the Australian Freight Industry.**
- 2. That Council work with the Vining family and the Newtown Jets to create a memorial to Barry and his lifelong service to the Jets and the Inner West community at his beloved Henson Park.**

**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

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)**

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

1. Item 5 Quong Tart Plaza
2. Item 10 Summer Hill - Lewisham Suburb Realignment Affecting 2 Malthouse Way
3. Item 11 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes
4. Item 13 Rescheduling of November 2024 Council Meeting
5. Item 16 Investment Report at 31 August 2024
6. Item 22 Disclosures of Interest for Designated Persons 2023-2024 - ARIC Members
7. Item 26 Notice of Motion: A circular economy for soft plastics and other hard to recycle items
8. Item 29 Notice of Motion: Consult the community on the dual naming of one major park in each ward
9. Item 30 Notice of Motion: Town Hall Open Day Festivals
10. Item 33 Notice of Motion: Prospect Street shared zone
11. Item 35 Notice of Motion: Microforests in Every Ward
12. Item 39 Notice of Motion: Hoskins Park Toilet Block and Shed
13. Item 41 Notice of Motion: Social enterprise cafe at Together 2 for disability employment

**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

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)**

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

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**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(2) Item 5 Quong Tart Plaza**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**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.**

**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(2) Item 10 Summer Hill - Lewisham Suburb Realignment Affecting 2 Malthouse Way**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**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.**

**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(2) Item 11 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations 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.**

**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(2) Item 13      Rescheduling of November 2024 Council Meeting**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**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.**

**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(2) Item 16      Investment Report at 31 August 2024**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

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

**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(2) Item 22      Disclosures of Interest for Designated Persons 2023-2024 - ARIC Members**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

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

**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(2) Item 26      Notice of Motion: A circular economy for soft plastics and other hard to recycle items**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 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.

**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(2) Item 29      Notice of Motion: Consult the community on the dual naming of one major park in each ward**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

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.

**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(2) Item 30      Notice of Motion: Town Hall Open Day Festivals**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

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.

**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(2) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Prospect Street shared zone**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**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.**

**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(2) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Microforests in Every Ward**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 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.**

**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(2) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Hoskins Park Toilet Block and Shed**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**That the toilets and a Greenway Bushcare Group shed at Hoskins Park form part of the budget considerations for 2025/26.**

**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(2) Item 41      Notice of Motion: Social enterprise cafe at Together 2 for disability employment**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

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.

**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(2) Item 1      Draft Annual Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2023/24**

**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

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

**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(2) Item 2      State of the Inner West Report**

**Motion: (Scott/Barlow)**

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.

**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(2) Item 3      Local Democracy Groups 2024-28 and final progress report of the previous term**

**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Smith)**

1. That Council endorse the proposed structure of new Local Democracy Groups (LDG) for the Council term 2024-28, subject to:

- a) changing the name of the Planning LDG to the Housing for All LDG
- b) amending the Terms of Reference of the Housing for All LDG to include:
  - i. a requirement that a minimum of four members of the Committee must be renters who reside within the Inner West LGA, to be determined by Council's usual LDG application process.
  - ii. an additional position be made available to a representative who has current or previous lived experience as a resident of an inner west boarding house
- c) amending the Purpose Statement contained in the Terms of Reference to read as follows:

***The purpose of the Housing for All LDG 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.***

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 are Cllr D'Arienzo, Cllr Clay and Cllr Barlow.

**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

**Amendment (Atkins/Antoniou)**

1. That Council retain separate Planning and Heritage, and Housing and Affordability groups.
2. That in addition to formal membership, Council allows any local community member who wishes to attend any LDG to attend and provide input on issues and activities.
3. That Council empowers LDGs to bring recommendations to Council meetings for consideration.

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

**C1024(2) Item 4      Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas for the Balmain Peninsula New Year's Eve**

**Motion: (Macri)**

**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.**

This Motion Lapsed for want of a seconder.

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

**That Council fund public additional amenities for New Year's Eve on the Balmain Peninsula.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Cr Macri

**C1024(2) Item 6      Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade**

**Motion: (Scott/Tastan)**

- 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.**
- 3. That following the public consultation, Council staff bring back a report to Council each month on progress on this project.**

**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(2) Item 7      Impact of Totti's on surrounding residential community**

**Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)**

- 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.**

**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

Councillor Scott left the meeting at 8:01pm as she declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8 as one of these items to be adopted is on pedestrian upgrades at the

Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt where she is the P&C President and where one of her children attends school.

**C1024(2) Item 8                      Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 16 September 2024**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 September 2024, subject to the following:**

- a) **LTC0924(1) Item 4 - *Newtown South LATM Final report*, paragraph (i) to read as follows: "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. The One Way restrictions in Alice Lane between Walenore Avenue and Pearl Lane include "Cyclist Excepted" signposting, subject to a convex safety mirror being installed at the Pearl lane/Alice Lane 90 degree road bend"; and**
- b) **LTC0924(1) Item 1 - *The Boulevard, Lilyfield – Proposed Streetscape Improvements and Civil Works* be deferred pending further community consultation.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**              Nil

**Absent:**                          Cr Scott

Councillor Scott returned to the meeting at 8:05pm

Councillor Atkins left the meeting at 8:06pm as they declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 9 as their primary residence is in the Johnstons Creek and Whites Creek Flood Risk Management catchment area.

**C1024(2) Item 9                      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**

**Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

- 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.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**              Nil

**Absent:**                          Cr Atkins

Councillor Atkins returned to the meeting at 8:08pm

**C1024(2) Item 12 Councillor Representation on Committees**

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

**That Council determine Councillor representation on Council and External Committees until September 2025 as follows:**

1. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – Councillor Scott.
2. Flood Management Advisory Committee – Councillor Howard and Councillor Barlow.
3. Local Traffic Committee – Councillor Macri and (Alternate) Councillor Atkins.
4. GM Performance Assessment Panel – The Mayor (Councillor Byrne), Councillor Howard, and Councillor Antoniou.
5. Major Capital Projects Committee – Councillor Scott, Councillor Fergusson, Councillor Atkins, Councillor Blake and Councillor Howard.
6. Callan Park Community Trust Board – Councillor Byrne.
7. Cooks River Alliance Management Committee – Councillor Howard and (Alternate) Councillor Barlow.
8. NSW Public Libraries Association – Councillor Carlisle and (Alternate) Councillor Antoniou.
9. Parramatta River Catchment Group – Councillor Fergusson and (Alternate) Councillor Blake.
10. Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils – The Mayor (Councillor Byrne) and Councillor Scott and (Alternate) Councillor Atkins.
11. Sydney Airport Community Forum – The Mayor (Councillor Byrne).
12. Sydney Coastal Council Group – Councillor Barlow.
13. Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel – Councillor Scott and John Engeler (community representative), subject to the formal acceptance from John Engeler.

**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(2) Item 14 Local Government NSW Annual Conference**

**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

**That Council determine the voting delegates for voting on motions at the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference and attendees are:**

1. Clr Clay
2. Clr Atkins
3. Clr Antoniou
4. Clr Tastan

**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(2) Item 15      Investment Report at 30 September 2024**

**Motion: (Scott/Barlow)**

**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.**

**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

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 8:14pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 17 as he works in the Ministerial Office of the Minister for Transport and in that capacity he is directly engaged in work related to the station upgrades.

Councillor Raciti left the meeting at 8:16pm

Councillor Raciti returned to the meeting at 8:20pm

**C1024(2) Item 17      Tempe Train Station**

**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Barlow)**

- 1. That Council receive and note the report.**
- 2. That Council acknowledges the significant concerns raised by the community about the safety and accessibility of Tempe Train Station.**
- 3. That Council recommits to exploring urgently all options to improve the safety and amenity of Tempe Train Station.**
- 4. That Council Staff investigate a defined cycleway path through the Tempe Station car park, so that people using the car park do not conflict with cyclists for safety reasons.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 8:21pm

**Procedural motion (Smith/Carlisle)**

**That Council allow Cllr D'Arienzo to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 18.**

**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(2) Item 18      Post Exhibition - Planning Principles for the Inner West**

**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Macri)**

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



2. That Council welcomes the 1,221 submissions from the community, providing valuable input and feedback on the proposed planning principles.
3. That Council commits to the timely development and finalisation of a LGA wide Local Environment Plan (LEP) that aligns with the State Government's housing targets.
4. That Council incorporates all the planning principles we consulted the community on into the development of the LEP.
5. That Council prioritises affordable housing options within the LEP, including for social and public housing.
6. That Council reports back to Council a draft LEP for submission to the NSW State Government.
7. That Council notes the key recommendations in the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission report titled *Review of Housing Supply Challenges and Policy Options for New South Wales* (September 2024) (the PC Report) regarding the importance of a fast and smooth development process; and
  - a) acknowledges that design excellence is critical to delivering quality, sustainable, affordable housing and that everyone in our community has a right to live in housing that is well-designed, meets minimum standards and has access to sunlight;
  - b) supports protecting and maintaining existing solar access provisions in design guidelines;
  - c) receives a report from Council officers to the November Ordinary Council meeting assessing how the recommendations of the Productivity Commission Report could be applied to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of development assessment in the Inner West.
8. That Council notes that NSW is only one of two states that are yet to sign up to the [Silver Livable Housing Design Standards in the National Construction Code](#) – a set of design standards that require new housing developments to offer basic accessibility for all people.
9. That Council note the need for increased standards around sustainability and design to ensure new builds are meeting Council's goals of energy efficiency and equity, including cooling and heating measures, where possible solar panels being incorporated, and other best practice standards laid out by Council's own Design Excellence Panel.
10. That Council notes that new residential buildings in the Inner West need to be a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms to accommodate broad types of living arrangements and stages.

**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

**Procedural Motion (Byrne/Smith)**

That the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

**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

The meeting was adjourned at 8.31pm

The meeting recommenced at 8.41pm

**C1024(2) Item 19 Faith Based Housing Roundtable**

**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Smith)**

1. That Council receive and note the report regarding the Affordable Housing Roundtable held on 15 August 2024, in partnership with Faith Housing Alliance.
2. That Council acknowledge the valuable insights gained from the roundtable discussions about the potential for delivering social and affordable housing on land owned by faith-based organisations, including the need for genuine changes to the planning system.
3. That Council partner with the Faith Housing Alliance to review and propose planning framework changes that deliver social and affordable housing in the inner west.
4. That Council incorporates the changes into the development of the draft Local Environment Plan.
5. That Council support increased collaboration with faith-based organisations and community housing providers, including the establishment of a concierge service to assist with the development application process.

**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

Councillor Scott left the meeting at 8:44pm as she declared significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 20 – *Rozelle Village* as she is Council's appointee to the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel that will determine the outcome of this project.

**C1024(2) Item 20 Rozelle Village (former Balmain Leagues Club) - State Significant Development Application**

**Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

Councillor Scott returned to the meeting at 8:45pm

**C1024(2) Item 21 Gambling Harm Minimisation**

**Motion: (Howard/Byrne)**

That Council defer consideration of the report until the December 2024 Council meeting and receive a report on progress to realise the 'Love Your Club' program that the past Council resolved to develop.

**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(2) Item 23 Notice of Motion: Motions for Local Government NSW Conference**

**Motion: (Atkins/Carlisle)**

1. That Council endorses the following amended motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2024 Annual Conference:

*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)*

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 of 15% over the two-year period 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 endorsing expedited 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.

**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

**Motion: (Atkins/Antoniou)**

2. That Council endorses the following amended motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2024 Annual Conference:

*Notice of Motion: Ensuring labour standards for workers with disability are award compliant*

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 workers with disability in

- the next round of industrial negotiations with the USU; and  
(4) Update councillors and general managers on the outcome of these.

**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

Councillor Macri left the meeting at 8:49pm

**Motion: (Atkins/Howard)**

3. That Council endorses the following amended motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2024 Annual Conference:

*Notice of Motion: Access to libraries, their resources and services they provide*

- a) 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; and
  - (4) Collaborating with ALIA, the NSWPLA, Twenty10 and other peak bodies to provide educational material for Councillors on best practice on this matter.
- b) That Local Government NSW notes the excellent advocacy and response of the NSW Government, State Library, NSW Public Libraries Association and Australian Library and Information Association in providing support to Council libraries during challenging periods in 2023 and 2024.
4. 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.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Macri

Councillor Macri returned to the meeting at 8:51pm

## Procedural Motion (Smith/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 24.

### 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(2) Item 24 Notice of Motion: Inner West Labor Policy Platform

### Motion: (Howard/Scott)

1. That Council notes the policy objectives put forward by the Labor Councillors as detailed in the report, subject to:
  - a) amending the word "cycleways" to "active transport" in the first point under the Active Transport heading;
  - b) amending the word "excellent" to "exceeding" in the Childcare priority under Community Services; and
  - c) the following additions:

### Capital Works

- Mort Bay Park Upgrade: upgrade of amenities and facilities at Mort Bay Park.
- Together2 Social Enterprise Cafe, Rozelle: Consult with Together2 regarding joint project with Council to fit-out and establish a social enterprise cafe at the Together2 premises to provide training and employment opportunities for local young people living with disability.
- Upgrade Hinsby Park Playground and traffic calming: new playground equipment and fencing. Make Piper Street (North) and Piper Street (South) both one-way to improve safety and traffic congestion.
- Tree Maintenance: Significantly increase investment in street tree maintenance to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility and protect local homes.

### Arts, Culture & Live Performance

- White Bay Power Station: Council to lease public frontage at White Bay Power Station for ongoing local artistic activity.
- Pilot of live music at Leichhardt Oval: Trial a limited number of events to be determined by an EOI.

### Mainstreet Revitalisation

- Beautification of Booth St, Annandale: beautification of Booth Street to provide new street furniture, public art, fairy lights and amenities.

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.

### Motion Carried

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott and Smith

**Against Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Macri, Raciti and Tastan

### Amendment (Macri/Raciti)

That Council amend point 3 to read: "That Council officers seek feedback from the

community on Labor's policy objectives during the review of Council's Community Strategic Plan and provides advice to Council on the financial implications of implementing any proposals".

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Macri and Raciti

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

**C1024(2) Item 25 Notice of Motion: Cost of living support for Inner West residents: no rate rises and bill smoothing**

**Motion: (Scott/ Byrne)**

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.

**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(2) Item 27 Notice of Motion: A fast and smooth development process**

The Chairperson ruled this item redundant.

**Procedural Motion (Byrne/Howard)**

**That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 28.**

**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(2) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Extending the Outdoor Swimming Season at FDAC**

**Motion: (Smith/Clay)**

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.

**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(2) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Sydenham Road Strategy**

**Motion: (Howard/Macri)**

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; and
  - 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.

**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(2) Item 32 Notice of Motion: Parking in Marrickville****Motion: (Howard/Macri)**

1. 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.
2. That Council write to TfNSW making them aware of the impact of the parking of the buses in Railway Parade is having on the businesses and ask that they be relocated to the abundant empty land around Sydenham Station that is not being utilised.

**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

Councillor Raciti left the meeting at 9:13pm

**C1024(2) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Sensory spaces for neurodivergent community members and their families****Motion: (Carlisle/Atkins)**

1. That in each ward, Council incorporates a sensory garden in a pocket park for local children and residents with neurodiversity.
2. That Council make provisions for the sensory gardens in the 2025/26 budget.
3. That Council mandate sensory spaces as part of all large-scale Council-run events.

**Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the meeting at 9:14pm

**C1024(2) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Representation for Renters in Local Democracy Groups**

The Chairperson ruled this item redundant.

**C1024(2) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Senior Services Communications****Motion: (Clay/Macri)**

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, to be funded by the existing communications budget.



**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(2) Item 38      Notice of Motion: Community Engagement - Council at Your Door****Motion: (Clay/Atkins)**

1. That Council expand community consultation on major projects by doorknocking residents to obtain direct feedback on their views regarding the proposed project, to be funded by the project's budget.
2. That Council receive by the December 2024 Council meeting a report on the feasibility and cost of expanding community consultation on major projects by doorknocking residents to obtain direct feedback on their views regarding the proposed project.

**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(2) Item 40      Notice of Motion: Mort Bay Park upgrade****Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)**

1. 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 night-time 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.
2. That Council commence community consultation in 2024 on the priorities of local residents for inclusion in the upgrade.
3. That Council receive a report to the February 2025 Ordinary Council meeting on the outcomes of the community consultation and identifying which of the improvements can be undertaken immediately and which will need to be subject to a procurement process.

**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(2) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Double investment in Active Transport across the Inner West**

**Motion: (Fergusson/Scott)**

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 active transport 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 and pedestrian access.

**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

Councillor D'Arienzo left the meeting at 9:22pm

**Confidential session**

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)**

**That Council enter into Confidential session.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr D'Arienzo

**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:

**C1024(2) Item 43 RFT 29-24 - Garbage, FOGO and Recycling Collection Services** (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.

**C1024(2) Item 44 Lease of Ashfield Bowling Club, Ashfield Park** (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.

**C1024(2) Item 45 Short Term Lease** The reason for dealing with the report confidentially is that it contains 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.

## **RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION**

### **C1024(2) Item 43 RFT 29-24 - Garbage, FOGO and Recycling Collection Services**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That in accordance with clause 178 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation)* declines to accept the tenders submitted by Sydney Waste Pty Ltd and URM Environmental Services Pty Ltd.
2. That in accordance with clause 178(3)(e) of the Regulation, enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into one or more contracts in relation to the subject matter of the tender on the basis that there is currently no acceptable tender provided.
3. That Council receive and consider at the next Ordinary Council meeting a further confidential report which shall include the status of negotiations.
4. That Council provide councillors with a briefing prior to the next Ordinary Council meeting.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr D'Arienzo

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the meeting at 9:25pm

### **C1024(2) Item 44 Lease of Ashfield Bowling Club, Ashfield Park**

**Motion: (Antoniou/Scott)**

1. That Council approve the grant of a five (5) + five (5) + five (5) year lease to Ashfield Bowling Club Limited for use as bowling club, as per the proposed lease terms and conditions contained in the report.
2. That Council approve Delegation of Authority to the General Manager to sign all associated documents for the lease renewal as the Reserve Trust Manager of the Ashfield Park Reserve Trust, in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Lands Act 1989*, and subject to Crown Lands ministerial approval.
3. That Council approve public notification of the proposed lease for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* and *Local Government Act 1993* and notes any objections to the lease will be required to be referred to the Minister.

**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(2) Item 45      Short Term Lease**

**Motion: (Howard/Macri)**

1. That Council endorse an *in-principle* agreement for a short-term lease to be negotiated and entered into to allow Tempe lands to be used for but not limited to car parking and storage of cars, trucks, plant, and equipment.
2. That Council authorise the General Manager to make a non-binding offer to lease the Tempe lands with any number of potential lessees under the direction and recommendations of a suitably qualified expert as detailed in this confidential report.

**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

**Procedural Motion (Carlisle/Howard)**

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

**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 9:35pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
<b>Item 7:</b>	Maria Palmer	Rozelle
<b>Item 8:</b>	Elvina Weissel	Lilyfield
<b>Item 18:</b>	Barbara McKellar Ann King	Dulwich Hill Lilyfield
<b>Item 19:</b>	Rob Stokes Amanda Bailey	Bella Vista Bella Vista
<b>Item 23:</b>	Antony Restifo Jean Casey	Ashfield Ashfield
<b>Item 24:</b>	Daniel Haigh Hall Greenland Cynthia Nadai Paul Power	Drummoyne Leichhardt Lilyfield Rozelle
<b>Item 27:</b>	David Reynolds Elayn James	Summer Hill Summer Hill
<b>Item 41:</b>	Marco De Angelis	Cromer
<b>Item 44:</b>	Steven Dodds	Ashfield

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 1  
**Subject:** CONDOLENCE MOTION: KENNETH GOODING  
**From:** Councillor Ismet Tastan

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**MOTION**

1. That the Inner West Council record our sadness at the passing of Kenneth Gooding and writes to the family expressing our condolences.
  2. That Council notes the significant contribution Ken made to the beauty and upkeep of Hannan Reserve, Rozelle over the last decade and plant a tree within the park in his honour, dedicated to his service and memorialising him.
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**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 2

**Subject:** **QUARTER ONE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-26 (YEAR THREE) AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/25 AND QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT**

**Prepared By:** Prue Foreman - Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager and Chris Sleiman - Chief Financial Officer

**Authorised By:** Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the Quarter One Progress Report on the Delivery Program 2022-26 (year three) and Operational Plan 2024/25.
2. That Council adopt the Quarterly Budget Review Statement.

## 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

As part of Integrated Planning and Reporting, Council has a current Delivery Program 2022-26 (year three) and Operational Plan and Budget 2024/25 which guide Council's work to 30 June 2025. Council has determined to receive quarterly reports against this plan to monitor progress. This report also includes the Quarterly Budget Review Statement which is provided in quarters 1-3 of each year.

The quarterly progress report outlines achievements against the Delivery Program 2022-26 (year three) and Operational Plan 2024/25. It measures whether actions are on track, completed, behind schedule, on hold or rescheduled and provides commentary against each. It also measures whether key performance indicators (KPIs) are on target, within the tolerance (+/-10% of the target) or below target.

As at 30 September 2024, 96% of Operational Plan actions were completed or on track, while 78% of measures were on target or within tolerance of the target. Measures below target are monitored, and reasons include higher than expected missed bins due to an increase in services and seasonal sporting allocations for summer completed, which impacts the number of parks bookings. All actions and measures which are not on track are monitored by the relevant manager and Director.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement provides a comprehensive high-level overview of Council's financial position as at 30 September 2024 which includes the following:

1. Council's operating deficit forecasted to be \$4.6m, a decline of \$2.9m from the Original Budget deficit of \$1.7m.
2. Council's capital expenditure forecasted to be \$130.8m, an increase of \$5.1m from the Original Budget capital expenditure of \$125.6m.

The increase in operating deficit before capital revenue will not impact Council's Long-Term Financial Plan where surpluses are adopted for future years.

## BACKGROUND

Council's Operational Plan 2024/25 details the actions that will be undertaken in the year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program 2022-26 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (s404 and 405). Council receives quarterly progress reports to monitor performance and progress in achieving Council's commitments to the community as outlined in the plan.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is a regular progress report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* (s404(5)) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (s202), namely that the Responsible Accounting Officer report quarterly (in quarters one-three) on a budget review statement to adequately disclose the Council's overall financial position.

## DISCUSSION

### Operational Plan 2024/25 progress

The quarterly progress report outlines progress against the 162 actions in the 2024/25 Operational Plan, and tracks measures (KPIs) achieved against annual targets. Council is tracking well against the Operational Plan 2024/25.

**Actions** – as at 30 September 2024:

- 96% (156) of actions are 'Completed' or 'On Track'
- 4% (6) of actions are 'Behind Schedule', 'On Hold' or 'Rescheduled'



All action status (numbers)

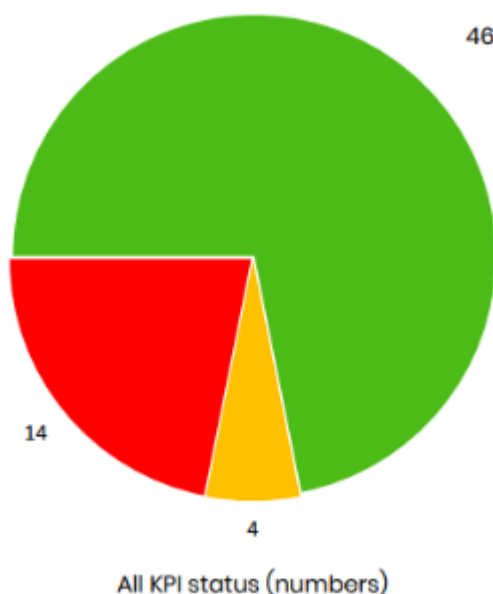
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**Measures** - as at 30 September 2024:

- 78% (50) of measures are 'On Target' or 'Within Tolerance'
- 22% (14) of measures are 'Below Target'





**KPI legend:**

✔ On Target    
 ⊙ Within Tolerance    
 ✗ Below Target

**Highlights for the quarter included:**

- celebrated a significant milestone in our FOGO recycling program - received the first batch of processed platinum-grade compost which was used in our National Tree Day public tree planting event
- launched the Inner West Pride Centre in partnership with respected LGBTQIA+ service provider Twenty10
- officially opened the first inclusive playground at King George Park Rozelle with equipment for all ages and abilities, BBQs, picnic areas and a brand new accessible amenity building
- reopened Balmain Town Hall and Library following a \$4 million restoration
- delivered or partnered on community events including the launch of Creative Uses of Town Halls, Culture X Ashfield, Generate – Live Youth Music Festival, Music 2SER in your Hood and the Inner West Chamber Music Festival, Footprints Ecofestival, Dulwich Hill Festival, GreenWay Art Prize and Power Up Festival at White Bay Power Station
- served 1,898 customers at mobile customer service stalls across the Inner West
- launched the Litter Less Roadmap, which aims to reduce plastic litter by 60% by 2030
- achieved 'Purple Flag' accreditation which recognises Marrickville as a safe and vibrant night-time destination
- created the Heritage Pub Trail for Balmain and Rozelle pubs as part of our \$7.5 million Main Streets Revitalisation program

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

This report provides a comprehensive high-level overview of Council's financial position as at 30 September 2024. Any forecast results are projections as at 30 June 2025. Council has updated its projected budget result to \$40.2 million, this is an increase of \$1.4 million from the original Budget. Excluding capital revenue, a deficit of \$4.6 million has been projected against the Original Budget Deficit of \$1.7 million.

The increase in operating deficit before capital revenue will not impact Council's Long-Term Financial Plan where surpluses are adopted for future years.

During the quarter, a detailed review of both operating and capital budgets was undertaken, reconfirming the budget projections for the current financial year.

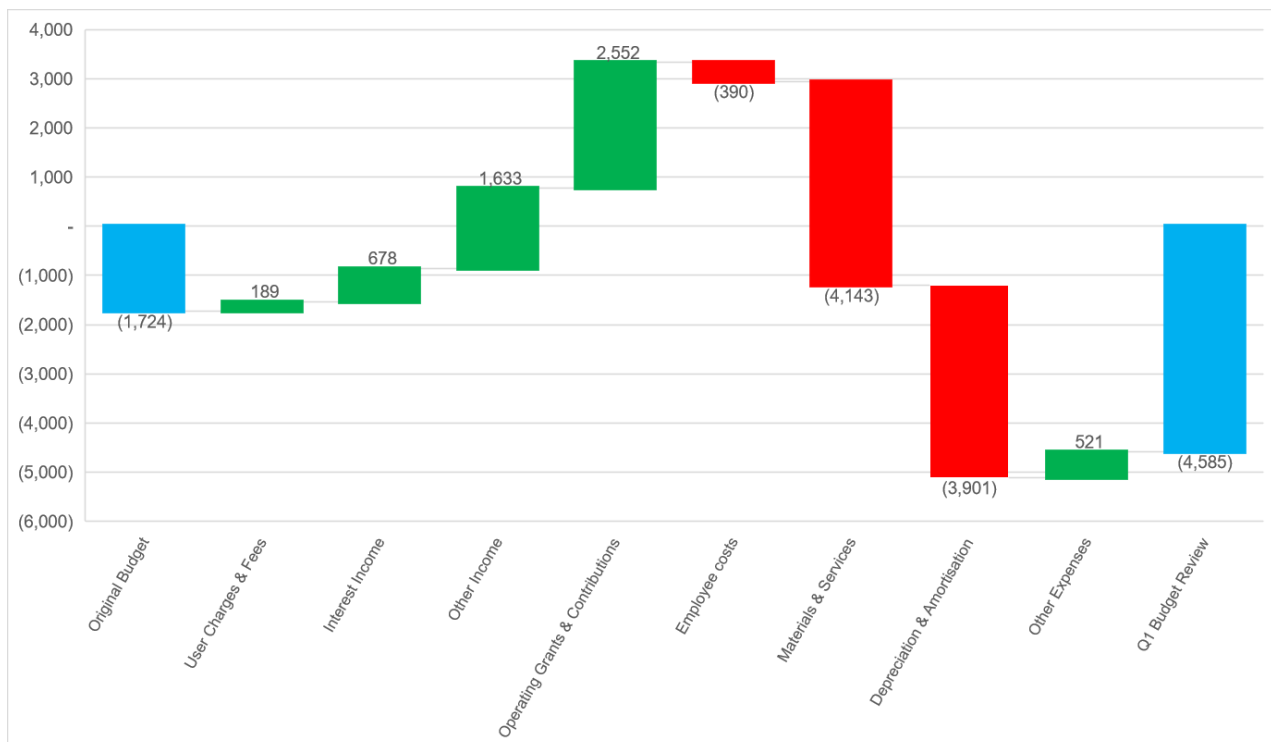
The change in the Full Year Operating Budgeted Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions is primarily due to:

- Interest Income increase of \$0.7m due to reserves available for investment yielding better than budgeted interest.
- Capital Grants and Contributions increase of \$1.8m to reflect year to date developer contributions received offset by a reduction in grants due to the timing of recognising grants received for capital projects for when the project is to be completed (which is in the 2024/25 Financial Year).
- Other Income increase of \$1.6m due to partial legal compensation and payment for 2023/24 ex-gratia payment received in current financial year.
- Employee Costs net increase following the Parramatta River Catchment Group being hosted by Inner West Council.
- Material & Services net increase due to:
  - Match operational grants received.
  - Expenditure for the Parramatta River Catchment Group.
  - Carry over of operational project budget to be completed in current Financial Year.
  - Transfer of budget from Other Expenses
- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## Summary of Budget Movements

### Operational Budget

The graph in Figure 1 summarises the key operating budget movements, with a brief explanation and the impact on Council's budget provided below.



*Figure 1. Changes in the Full Year Operating Budgeted Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions*

- Forecast increase in revenue relating to User Charges & Fees:
  - Finance – \$0.1m increase due to higher than expected Section 603 certificates in the first quarter.
  - Early Learning - \$0.1m increase to higher than expected utilisation from early learning centres.
- Forecast increase in Other Income:
  - Corporate Support - \$0.9m due to late payment received for Ex-Gratia relating to 2023/24.
  - Legal Service - \$0.5m through partial legal compensation for Council matter.
- Forecast increase in Interest Income \$0.7m – higher than expected reserves for Council as of 30 June 2024 resulting in receiving more interest income for the first quarter.
- Employee Costs net increase following the Parramatta River Catchment Group being hosted by Inner West Council.
- Material & Services net increase due to:
  - Match operational grants received.
  - Expenditure for the Parramatta River Catchment Group.
  - Carry over of operational project budget to be completed in current Financial Year.
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- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## Capital Budget

The graph in Figure 2 over the page reflects changes in the timing of projects, with a brief explanation provided below. Details can be found within the September 2024 QBRS Movement (attached).

The increased Capital Expenditure of \$5.1m is primarily due to the carryover of unspent budgets from the 2023/24 Financial Year. A significant portion of the carryovers are projects completed early in the first quarter.

Cash Flow forecasts of major projects will be monitored ensuring the expenditure remains in line with the budget. September 2024 year to date capital expenditure totals approximately \$14.7m.

The Capital Budget will continue to be reviewed to financial year end on an ongoing basis with the capital works managers.

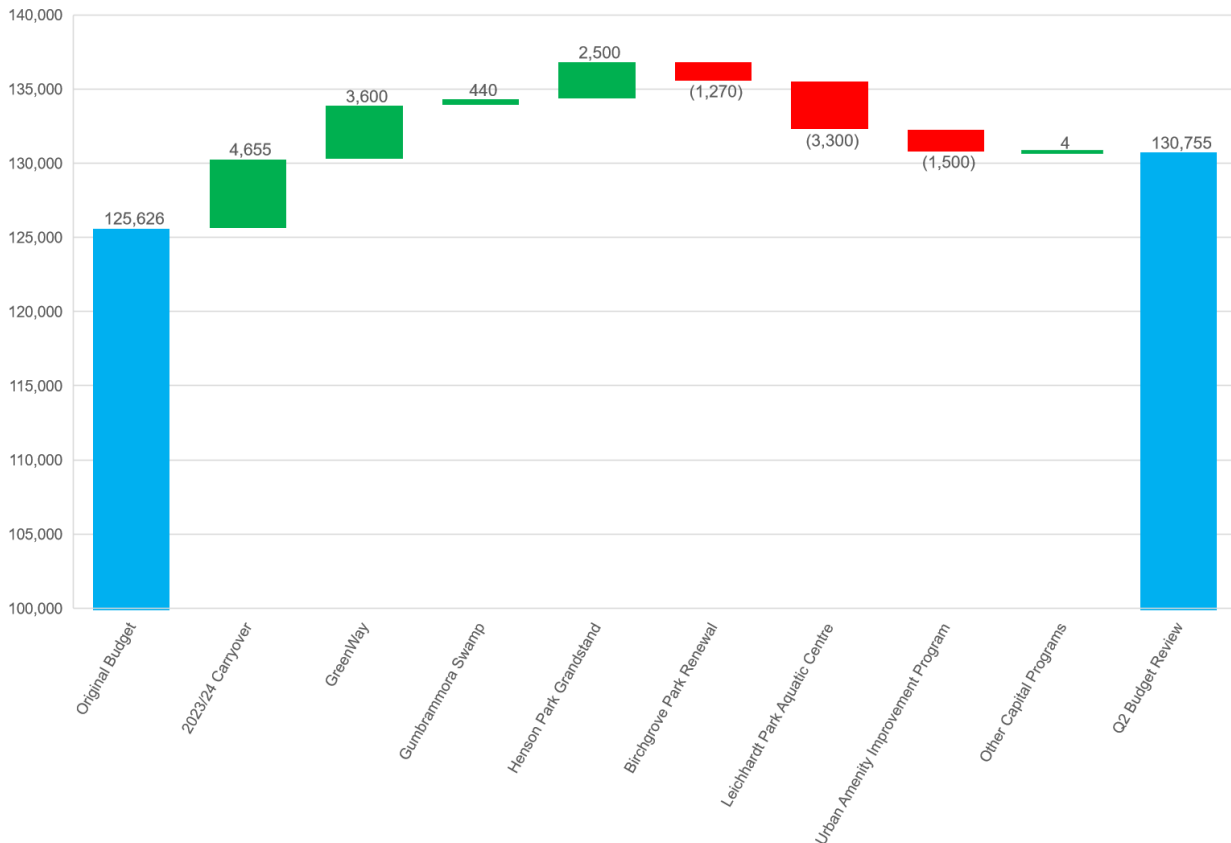


Figure 2. Changes in the Full Year Capital Budget

## Responsible Accounting Officer Budget Review Statement

Section 203(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* requires a report by Council's responsible accounting officer regarding the Council's financial position at the end of each quarter. The following statement is made in accordance with this clause.

"It is in my opinion that the Budget Review Statement for Inner West Council for the period ending 30 September 2024 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June will be satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure."

Chris Sleiman, Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer) - Inner West Council

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications for the quarter are listed above and detailed in the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Q1 progress report\\_Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2023/24](#)
2. [September Quarterly Budget Review Statement](#)





Footprints EcoFestival  
comes to Whites Creek  
Community Garden

## Operational Plan Quarterly Report July – September 2024

## Introduction

This report provides a progress update on Council's Operational Plan 2024/25. library

It has three sections:

**Message from the General Manager** – This section contains highlights from the quarter.

**Executive Summary** – This section contains an overview of progress against the actions and measures in the Operational Plan 2024/25.

**Strategic Directions in detail** – This section details progress against each of the actions and achievement against annual performance targets, ordered by the five strategic directions of the Inner West Community Strategic Plan – Our Inner West.

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



## Message from the General Manager



In the first quarter of 2024/25, 96% of Operational Plan actions were completed or on track. The majority of measures (76%) were on target or within tolerance of the target.

During the quarter, we celebrated a significant milestone in our FOGO recycling program, receiving the first batch of platinum-grade compost which was used in our National Tree Day public tree planting.

After significant restoration works on the Newtown Town Hall, the Inner West Pride Centre was officially opened in August. This will provide a space for the community to gather and access services, through Council's partnership with LGBTQIA+ service provider, Twenty10.

Our first inclusive playground at King George Park Rozelle was officially opened, with play equipment for all ages and abilities, BBQs, picnic areas, and a brand-new accessible amenity building.

Historic Balmain Town Hall reopened in August following a \$4 million restoration of the hall and library which achieved contemporary design standards and preserved heritage elements.

Council delivered or partnered on events including the launch of Creative Uses of Town Halls, Culture X Ashfield, Generate – Live Youth

Music Festival, Music 2SER in your Hood and the Inner West Chamber Music Festival, Footprints Ecofestival, Dulwich Hill Festival, GreenWay Art Prize and Power Up Festival at White Bay Power Station.

Since July 2024, the Mobile Customer Service team has served 1,898 customers. Customer service stalls at Council events have also been very popular, with 120 customers served at the Footprints Ecofestival.

The Litter Less Roadmap was launched in August 2024 funded by a \$400,000 grant from the NSW Environmental Protection Agency. It aims to reduce plaster litter by 30% by 2025, and 60% by 2030. Council will work with the Cooks River Alliance and the Parramatta River Catchment Group to deliver these ambitious targets.

In July 2024, Marrickville was recognised by the NSW Government as one of the safest and most vibrant night-time destinations, receiving Purple Flag accreditation.

As part of our \$7.5 million Main Streets Revitalisation program, the first-ever Heritage Pub Trail was created for Balmain and Rozelle pubs with Heritage Pub Trail plaques. The project recognises the historic contribution that pubs have made to the area, inviting people to rediscover our heritage pub scheme and support the local economy.

**Peter Gainsford - General Manager**

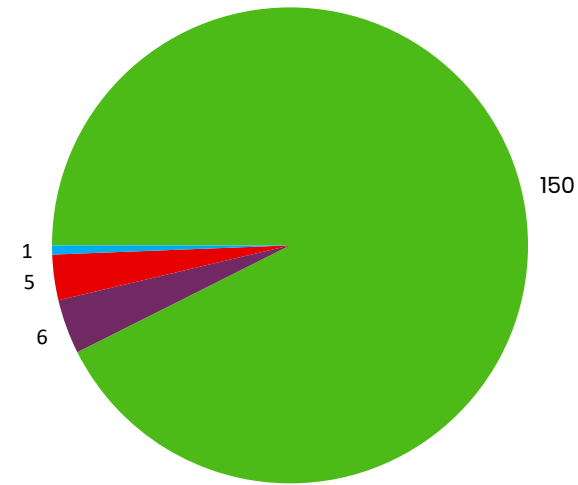


## Executive Summary

The quarterly progress report outlines progress against the 162 actions in the 2024/25 Operational Plan.

As of 30 September 2024:

- 96% (156) of actions are 'Completed' or 'On Track'
- 4% (7) of actions are 'Behind Schedule', 'On Hold' or 'Rescheduled'



All action status

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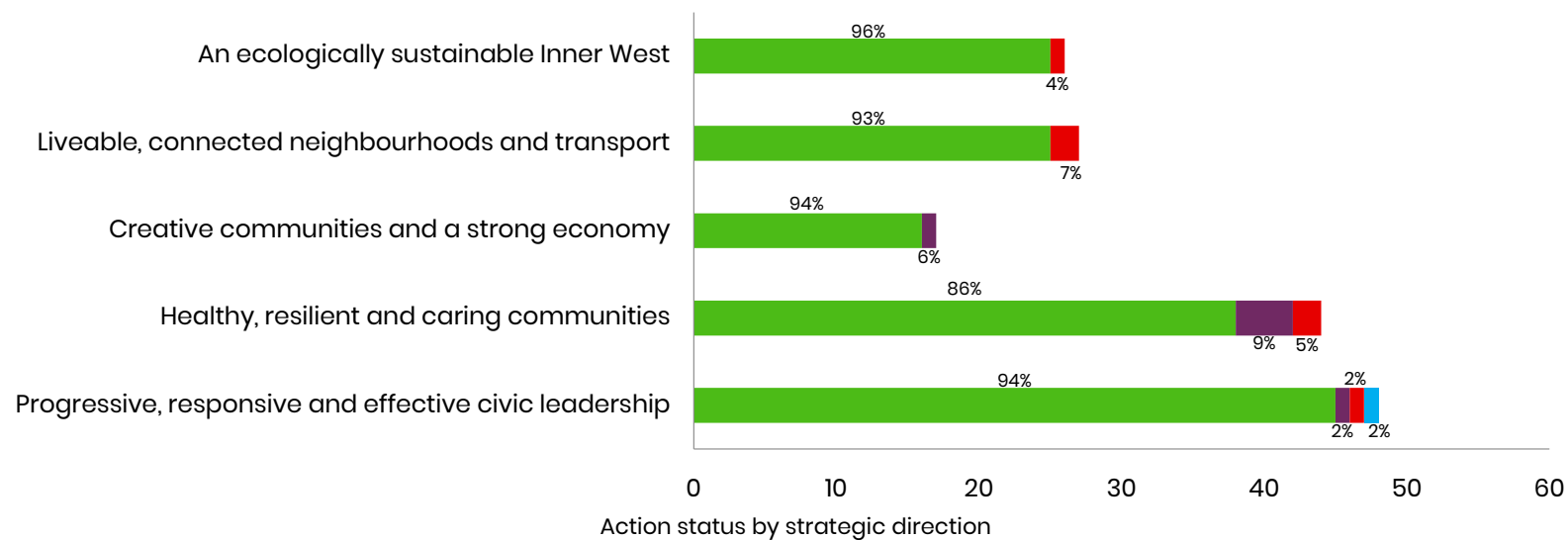
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■ Behind Schedule

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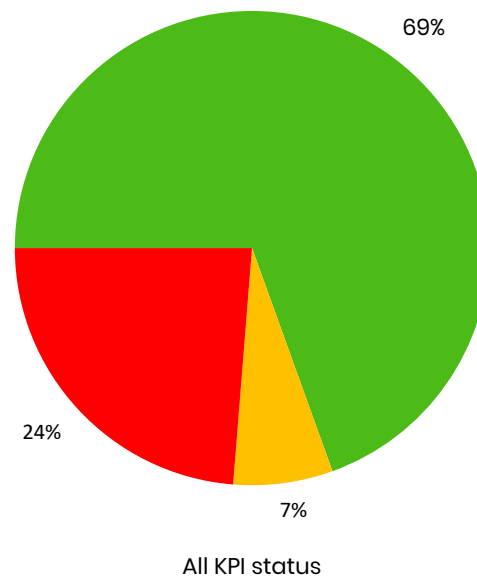
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## Measures

As of 30 September 2024:

- 76% (45) of measures are 'On Target' or 'Within Tolerance'
- 24% (14) of measures are 'Below Target'





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| <span style="color: green;">○</span> On Target | <span style="color: orange;">○</span> Within Tolerance | <span style="color: red;">⊗</span> Below Target    |  |   |

## Outcome 1.1 The Inner West community is recognised for its leadership in sustainability and tackling climate change

### Strategy 1.1.1 Provide the community with information, knowledge, and tools for a sustainable Inner West


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.1.1.1	Promote and deliver Council's sustainability program and the Inner West Sustainability Hub	Urban Sustainability	Council provided 14 sustainability engagements at the Sustainability Hub for 265 people to support community energy efficiency, small space food growing, resource exchange, reuse, repair and cycling. Council's thermal imaging camera was used by 25 households to identify energy saving opportunities. Approximately 2,000 attendees to Footprints Festival in August connected with Council, as well as Hub partners the Bower and Re Place. There were 434 people participating in Green Living Centre tours and talks and workshops on the day. In addition, 45 students attended Solar My School excursions across three high schools.	
1.1.1.2	Deliver Community Environment Grants	Urban Sustainability	At the September 2024 Council meeting, Council approved 12 Environment Grant projects totalling \$95,949 over two years.	

#### Action legend:

 On Track

 Completed


 Behind Schedule

 On Hold



 Rescheduled



#### KPI legend:

 On Target

 Within Tolerance

 Below Target

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.1.1.3	Inform residents about threatened and unique species of flora and fauna in our local parks and wild places	Park Planning and Ecology	Educational signage in natural areas is being rolled out across the local government area. The draft Inner West Biodiversity Strategy was endorsed by Council in September for community consultation and includes strategies for further community engagement and education on our threatened species.	
1.1.1.4	Deliver the pilot low income household energy efficiency program	Urban Sustainability	Council is working with the Women's Housing Company to provide funding to support efficiency upgrades for low income tenants in two inner west apartment buildings. The final efficiency upgrade is planned for delivery in Q2.	


ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.1.1a	Number of people attending sustainability engagements and education sessions	Urban Sustainability	700	744				744 
1.1.1b	Total subscriptions for environment and sustainability social media and What's On e-news	Urban Sustainability	6,000	12,811				12,811 

**Action legend:**

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 Behind Schedule

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**KPI legend:**





 On Target

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## Outcome 1.2 An increasing and resilient network of green corridors provide habitat for plants and animals

### Strategy 1.2.1 Maintain and increase Inner West's urban tree canopy

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.1.1	Continue the public tree planting program	Urban Forest	A request for quote (RFQ) is being finalised.	
1.2.1.2	Deliver the Urban Forest Policy and Strategy	Urban Forest	The scope for the strategy has been prepared and engagement of a consultant is in progress.	
1.2.1.3	Prepare operational plans for public tree management	Urban Forest	This is on hold until the Urban Forest Policy and Strategy, and Action Plan has commenced. This is anticipated to start in January 2025.	
1.2.1.4	Provide private tree assessments	Regulatory Services	The private tree assessments process and administration is under review to create streamlining and efficiencies.	


#### Action legend:

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 Within Tolerance

 Behind Schedule


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 On Hold

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.2.1a	Number of trees planted	Public Trees/ Operations	1,000	0				0 ☒
1.2.1b	Tree permit applications completed for tree pruning or removal on private land assessed within 28 days	Regulatory Services	80%	55				55 ☒
1.2.1c	Input to development applications involving tree works provided within 21 days	Regulatory Services	70%	41				41 ☒

## Strategy 1.2.2 Manage and improve Inner West's mid and understorey vegetation

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.2.1	Supply local plants for Council's natural areas including priority sites along the GreenWay	Park Planning and Ecology	Council's two community nurseries continue to collect local seed stock and propagate plants to supply native plants for Council's natural areas and will prioritise supplying Greenway sites as they come online.	

### Action legend:

### KPI legend:

● On Track

✓ On Target

★ Completed

◎ Within Tolerance


■ Behind Schedule





☒ Below Target

▲ On Hold

◆ Rescheduled




ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.2.2	Supply local plants to Inner West residents	Park Planning and Ecology	Plants are supplied to local homes and schools, as well as resident volunteer bushcare and verge garden programs, through Council's two native plant nurseries. A major event which provides a plant giveaway is National Tree Day (26 July for schools and 28 July for residents). A large number of tree vouchers are provided to Inner West kids through school incursions each quarter also.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.2.2a	Number of bushcare volunteer hours	Park Planning and Ecology	200	499.50				499.50 
1.2.2b	Number of nursery volunteer hours	Park Planning and Ecology	100	348.25				348.25 
1.2.2c	Number of plants supplied from Council's nurseries	Park Planning and Ecology	2,500	4,004				4,004 
1.2.2d	Number of bush care volunteer attendances per year	Park Planning and Ecology	1,400	229				229 

Action legend:


KPI legend:

 On Track


 On Target

 Completed

 Within Tolerance


 Behind Schedule

 Below Target


 On Hold

 Rescheduled









Strategy 1.2.3 Protect, connect and enhance natural areas, biodiversity corridors and sensitive habitat

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.3.1	Finalise the Biodiversity Strategy	Park Planning and Ecology	The Draft Biodiversity Strategy was endorsed by Council at the September meeting and is currently on community consultation with stakeholder engagements planned throughout October.	



ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.2.3a	Number of citizen science survey events facilitated by Council	Park Planning and Ecology	6	5				5 

Action legend:  
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-  On Track
-  On Target
-  Completed
-  Within Tolerance
-  Behind Schedule
-  Below Target
-  On Hold
-  Rescheduled

## Outcome 1.3 Waterways are healthy and the community is water-sensitive, treating water as a precious resource

### Strategy 1.3.1 Implement water-sensitive policies and projects to improve the health of our waterways

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.3.1.1	Undertake community consultation and continue catchment planning	Park Planning and Ecology	Council became the host of the Parramatta River Catchment Group in this quarter with the WSUD and stormwater compliance project officer establishing a local working group and the launch of the bank naturalisation project also underway.	
1.3.1.2	Deliver 'WSUD' and rainwater conservation programs	Park Planning and Ecology	Council is a participant in the Water-Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) compliance program with the Parramatta River Catchment Group. WSUD and rainwater conservation projects continue to be identified through parks planning, including commencement of planning for the Gumbramorra Swamp reconstruction project.	


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## Strategy 1.3.2 Capture and use water from Inner West catchments

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.3.2.1	Deliver rainwater tank workshop and rebate program	Park Planning and Ecology	Council's Senior Catchments Officer continues to deliver the rainwater tank rebate workshop according to demand through Council's Sustainability Hub at Summer Hill.	

## Strategy 1.3.3 Identify and plan for river swimming sites

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.3.3.1	Progress Callan Point swim site project	Park Planning and Ecology	<p>Council's delivery team met with Rowing NSW and Leichhardt Rowing Club in September 2024 with the appointed design consultants to seek feedback on design. Council is currently preparing a draft governance structure for the Greater Sydney Parklands Authority's review.</p> <p>Site investigations and stakeholder meetings continue with Ausgrid and Transport for NSW (TfNSW).</p> <p>The Parramatta River Catchment Group held "Riverfest" between 21-29 September with a focus on activating the river, and sites like Callan Point have been a key focus of public engagement and interest.</p>	


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 On Target

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 Within Tolerance

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.3.3.2	Focus on education and contamination management to maximise recycling	Resource Recovery Planning	Council continues to engage the public through waste education and community messaging surrounding proper recycling practices and the Waste Busters program. A bin tagging program to identify contamination rates in yellow and green (FOGO) bins is in progress, with all data collection and analysis completed and a report being drafted.	


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## Outcome 1.4 Air quality is good and air pollution is managed effectively

### Strategy 1.4.1 Improve air quality through effective regulation and education


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.4.1.1	Conduct investigations on actual or potential pollution incidents to protect the environment and public health	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	Investigations are prioritised as they occur.	


ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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1.4.1a	Percentage of actual or potential reported pollution incidents investigated and resolved	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	100%	100				100 

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## Strategy 1.4.2 Facilitate alternatives to private motor vehicle use to reduce exhaust emissions

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.4.2.1	Implement the Electric Vehicle Encouragement Plan	Traffic and Transport Planning	<p>Council adopted the "Powering Ahead" – Electric Vehicle (EV) Encouragement Strategy (2023) in May 2023 and the implementation of actions is ongoing.</p> <p>Kerbside EV charging grants have been announced with Council successful in obtaining grants for 136 charging ports. Implementation is ongoing.</p> <p>Procurement of Council Carpark EV Charging is in progress.</p> <p>Through the EV Strategy's release, private companies have recognised that Inner West Council is "Open for Business" in relation to public EV charging. This has resulted in the installation of 14 additional public charging ports on private sites in the past 12 months, bringing the total to 32 ports installed since the EV strategy was exhibited.</p>	

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## Outcome 1.5 Inner West is zero emissions, climate adapted and resilient to the changing climate

### Strategy 1.5.1 Respond to the Climate Emergency and implement the Inner West Climate and Renewables Strategy to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.5.1.1	Implement the Sustainable Fleet Transition Plan	Fleet	95% of Council's pooled car fleet are electric vehicles. The list of EV leasebacks will be considered by Executive in November 2024. Operational plant and equipment continues to be investigated for fit for purpose requirements and value for money.	

### Strategy 1.5.2 Develop and implement a whole of Council climate adaptation strategy to build resilience to the changing climate


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.5.2.1	Adopt and implement the Climate Adaptation Plan	Urban Sustainability	The Climate Risk Assessment has been reported to Council. Work commenced on updating climate data in Council's GIS to enable climate-smart decision-making. This work will include development of a data maintenance plan for regular reviews and updates.	
1.5.2.2	Commence review of the Climate and Renewables Strategy	Urban Sustainability	Preliminary work on the review of this Strategy has commenced, including the first phase of Climate Adaptation Planning and coordination with internal stakeholders.	

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## Outcome 1.6 Inner West is a zero waste community with an active share economy

Strategy 1.6.1 Move towards a circular economy to avoid waste, reuse, share and recycle through education, information, projects and initiatives.

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.6.1.2	Commence the grant-funded litter reduction initiative in collaboration with other areas of Council and community groups	Resource Recovery Planning	The Litter Less Roadmap has been fully developed and adopted. Existing partnerships with schools, community groups and sporting clubs have been established. An internal litter prevention workshop has been held to bring interdepartmental discussion surrounding litter prevention across Council. Resource Recovery Planning will launch their litter monitoring program in October by setting up 6 long term monitoring sites in collaboration with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).	


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## Strategy 1.6.2 Publicise and broaden access to local reuse and recycling infrastructure

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.6.2.1	Identify and implement two new reverse vending machines for return and earn (10c refund on eligible containers)	Resource Recovery Planning	Negotiations are ongoing with TOMRA to install reverse vending machines at 2 to 3 sites, including the Inner West Sustainability Hub (Summer Hill). Issues such as traffic management, accessibility and site gradients are being assessed and installation will commence once the issues are resolved.	
1.6.2.2	Co-ordinate and deliver domestic and commercial waste services	Resource Recovery Operations	Waste and recycling services are on track.	


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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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1.6.2b	Number of booked clean ups through the Optimo booking system (Baseline 2022/23 =72,449)	Resource Recovery Operations	79,694	15,842				15,842 
1.6.2d	Material received at the Community Recycling Centres and Household Chemical Collection Events (Baseline 2022/23 = 185 tonnes)	Resource Recovery Operations	>197	34				34 
1.6.2f	The number of missed bins per year (Baseline 2022/23 = 15,065)	Resource Recovery Operations	15,065	4,895				4,895 


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## Strategy 1.6.3 Increase recovery of organic material and provide a food organics recycling service to all households

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.6.3.1	Plan Council's waste and organics collection services	Resource Recovery Planning	The FOGO service was implemented on 9 October 2023. Weekly opt-in collection and the 240L upsize continue to be offered for up to two years from the implementation date. The Resource Recovery Planning team is focused on education and community uptake to ensure the continuing success of the service.	
1.6.3.2	Embed Council's food recycling service (FOGO) to increase participation and recovery	Resource Recovery Planning	Council's Resource Recovery Planning, Operations and Customer Service teams have been working at the front line to monitor and recognise community efforts in exceeding Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) targets in the first year of the service. Contamination monitoring and feedback by Waste Busters and Operations staff has been focussed on positive messaging and support through the bin tagging program.	


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## Outcome 2.1 Development is designed for sustainability, net zero and improves health and wellbeing of the community

### Strategy 2.1.1 Pursue integrated planning and urban design across public and private spaces to benefit community and local environment needs

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.1.1.1	Review LEP stage 2 consolidation	Strategic Planning	Council officers have incorporated environmentally sustainable provisions into the Parramatta Road Corridor planning proposal.	
2.1.1.2	Create a staged approach to implement the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy	Strategic Planning	Stage 1 is currently with the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation. Following that, Stage 2 will commence in 2025 with a focus on reviewing existing industrial land within the corridor.	
2.1.1.3	Review and update the Local Strategic Planning Statement	Strategic Planning	Awaiting the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure to provide guidance on the timing on the Local Strategic Planning Statements following the State Government's housing reforms.	
2.1.1.4	Progress the Tech Central Precinct in Camperdown and strategic partnership with Investment NSW and others	Strategic Planning	This project is on hold, awaiting formation of the Tech Central governance entity that incorporates Sydney University, Investment NSW, UTS and Sydney Local Health District to provide strategic direction and advocacy for the precinct.	

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## Strategy 2.1.2 Monitor local development and ensure it meets legislative requirements for safety and amenity

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.1.2.1	Investigate complaints in relation to breaches of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	Matters have been received.	
2.1.2.2	Investigate class 1b-9c premises in relation to fire safety and act as required to safeguard lives and property	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	Requests triaged and life safety issues prioritised. 895 Annual Fire Safety Statements received. 49 new registrations.	
2.1.2.3	Proactively inspect and regulate places of shared accommodation such as boarding houses for breaches of legislation and act as required to safeguard the health and amenity of residents	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	General inspections = 44 Reinspection = 12 Complaint inspections = 1	
2.1.2.4	Continue to provide Principal Certifier Authority (PCA) services	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	Construction Certificates = 21 Complying Development Certificates = 22 Occupation Certificates = 42	


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## Outcome 2.3 Public spaces are welcoming, accessible, clean and safe

### Strategy 2.3.1 Plan, deliver and maintain public spaces that fulfil and support diverse community needs and life

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.3.1.1	Continue developing public domain master plans as per agreed program	Strategic Planning	Public domain masterplans for Marrickville, Dulwich Hill and Enmore/Newtown have been developed and will be exhibited in 2025 for adoption. Preparation for Leichhardt town centre masterplan has commenced.	
2.3.1.2	Undertake regular inspections of town centres and respond to maintenance needs	Civil Maintenance	All key performance indicators for this service were met in the first quarter.	
2.3.1.3	Deliver the Main Streets Strategy	Strategic Planning	In April 2024, Council endorsed seven projects under Main Streets Revitalisation with more than 30 sub-projects making up the overall Main Streets Strategy. An Outdoor Dining Policy is also in development along with Public Domain Guidelines to provide a strategic framework to decision making.	


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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.3.1.4	Deliver the Public Toilet Strategy	Capital Works	<p>Projects in progress include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camdenville Park amenities</li> <li>• Mackey Park amenities</li> <li>• Hammond Park amenities</li> <li>• Leichhardt No 2 amenities</li> <li>• Tempe Reserve amenities</li> <li>• Richard Murden Reserve Toilet</li> <li>• King George Park amenities</li> <li>• Birchgrove Park amenities block</li> <li>• Pratten Park amenities (design)</li> <li>• Elkington Park toilets (design)</li> </ul>	
2.3.1.5	Undertake outdoor dining approvals	Regulatory Services	<p>In the period, 64 applications for outdoor or roadway dining have been received.</p> <p>57 applications have been finalised – of the seven currently under assessment two are roadside dining and five are applications for outdoor dining applications.</p>	


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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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2.3.1a	Percentage of expenditure of town centre upgrade budget	Capital Works	100%	4.10				4.10 
2.3.1b	Average number of days to complete a 40-day Street sweeping cycle	Civil Maintenance	40	40				40 
2.3.1d	Average number of working days to complete verge maintenance (mowing) from April to September	Civil Maintenance	40	40				40 
2.3.1e	Average number of days to complete high-pressure cleaning of each shopping centre every three months	Civil Maintenance	60	60				60 
2.3.1f	The number of Gross Pollutant Trap /Nets cleaned	Civil Maintenance	37	37				37 
2.3.1g	The number of Pits cleaned	Civil Maintenance	194	242				242 
2.3.1h	Percentage of potholes repaired within 48 hours (Note -weather dependent)	Civil Maintenance	80%	90				90 

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## Strategy 2.3.2 Ensure private spaces and developments contribute positively to their surrounding public spaces

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.3.2.1	Integrate with the NSW planning portal	Development Assessment	Integration with the NSW Planning Portal is active for Development Applications. Currently awaiting updates to the NSW Planning Portal to implement enhancements.	

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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2.3.2a	Median determination timeframes for Development Applications (days)	Development Assessment	85	62				62 
2.3.2b	Median completion time of applications for pre-lodgement advice (days)	Development Assessment	10	7				7 
2.3.2c	Percentage of site visits undertaken within 28 days of the application being accepted	Development Assessment	75%	70				70 
2.3.2d	Enter development applications from NSW Planning Portal to Council's planning system within 10 days	Development Assessment	100%	100				100 
2.3.2e	Neighbour notifications posted within 7 days following payment of all fees	Development Assessment	100%	90				90 
2.3.2f	Internal referrals obtained within 14 days	Development Assessment	80%	46				46 


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## Outcome 2.4 People have a roof over their head and a safe, secure place to call home

### Strategy 2.4.1 Increase social, community and affordable, liveable housing with good amenity, across the Inner West

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.4.1.1	Progress delivery of affordable housing in the Hay Street car park	Properties and Strategic Investments	Link Wentworth is progressing with design concepts and feasibility checks for the development, considering new national funding opportunities and potential planning reforms.	

### Strategy 2.4.3 Assist people who are homeless or sleeping rough


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.4.3.1	Review the Inner West Homelessness Protocol and Policy	Community Wellbeing	All Homelessness reports received by Council are referred to partner agencies for outreach support. This is with the aim of seeking individual consent to support housing arrangements to be made. The Inner West protocol and policy review is underway with cross Council meetings held and more planned to establish a clear framework for the management of homelessness reports across the Local Government Area.	

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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2.4.3a	Percentage of people sleeping rough reported to Council that are referred to homeless service providers	Community Wellbeing	100%	100				100 

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## Outcome 2.5 Public transport is reliable, accessible, connected and interconnected

### Strategy 2.5.1 Improve public transport services

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.5.1.1	Prepare a Public Transport Position Paper	Traffic and Transport Planning	The “How We Move Why We Move” study has been completed, which will contribute to the further development of the Public Transport Position Statement, currently in draft form.	


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## Outcome 2.6 People are walking, cycling and moving around Inner West with ease

### Strategy 2.6.1 Deliver safe, connected and well-maintained networks of transport infrastructure


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.6.1.1	Implement Council's Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan	Traffic and Transport Planning	Council is implementing a number of cycling projects: Pyrmont Bridge Road cycleway, Cooks to Cove Greenway (construction), St Peters to Sydenham station link, Lilyfield Road cycleway (design), Marrickville Road East cycleway (design), East-West Pedestrian and Cycle link {EWPCl} (design), Livingston Road upgrades (construction), Strategic investigation of cycling routes in Ashfield-Haberfield (report), Active Travel to Schools Study (report) and Iron Cove Creek Cycleway (masterplan complete with design scheduled). A study is also underway for Potential Routes for Inclusion in Future Cycling Action Plans.	
2.6.1.2	Support safe walking around local schools	Traffic and Transport Planning	Council staff continue to support safe walking around schools through the development and implementation of strategies including the completed 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 which will be completed in 2024/25.	
2.6.1.3	Deliver the GreenWay project	Capital Works	Construction works are progressing across all sections of the GreenWay alignment. Target completion date is June 2025 (subject to weather conditions).	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.6.1.4	Deliver Urban Amenity Improvement Plan (Pymont Bridge Road Cycleway)	Capital Works	Cycleway scope was adjusted in consultation with TfNSW and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).	
2.6.1.5	Deliver Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)	Capital Works	Projects scheduled under the PAMP plan are underway.	

## Strategy 2.6.2 Manage the road network to increase safety and prioritise active and public transport over private motor vehicles

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.6.2.1	Upgrade Council's parking permit management system	Traffic and Transport Planning	The upgrade of Council's parking meters to digital meters is completed, along with the provision of a pay parking app. The upgrade of the parking permit management system is under preliminary investigation and trial.	
2.6.2.2	Prepare Council's Parking Strategy	Traffic and Transport Planning	An initial draft of Council's parking strategy is under development with a draft strategy expected to be provided to Council in the first half of 2025. The parking permit scheme review is in progress.	
2.6.2.3	Deliver Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) program	Capital Works	LATM projects planning and design has commenced.	
2.6.2.4	Undertake parking and ranger patrols	Regulatory Services	Parking Services has undertaken 1,111 patrols of Residential Parking Scheme areas and have conducted 201 school patrols within the Q1 period.	

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2.6.2c	Percentage of LATM program budget delivered	Capital Works	100%	7.40				7.40 

## Strategy 2.6.3 Collaborate on innovative, accessible transport options

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.6.3.1	Prepare a Freight and Services Delivery Plan	Traffic and Transport Planning	The final Freight and Services Delivery Study has been completed and will be used to inform the development of Council's Freight and Services Delivery Strategy.	


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## Outcome 3.1 Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated

### Strategy 3.1.2 Celebrate and promote awareness of the community's history and heritage

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.1.1.1	Implement the Arts and Music Recovery Plan	Living Arts	Initiatives included the implementation of the Creative Uses of Town Halls, Expression of Interest (EOI) for 2024/25 Perfect Match, Cultural Connections, Newtown Art Seat, and Chrissie Cotter Gallery. Council continued to work on ensuring inclusion of cultural diversity in EOIs and other major activities.	
3.1.1.2	Deliver Council's annual Young Creatives Awards program	Libraries and History	<p>Applications have closed for the Young Creatives Awards 2024. Following an extensive marketing campaign and outreach to local schools, Council received 366 applications across the categories of writing, art and film. Officers have recruited local creatives who have participated in the judging process.</p> <p>In July, there was a "Young Creatives Takeover" which saw previous entrants and winners suggest and/or recommend topics, programs and facilitators to deliver the July school holiday activities. As part of the takeover, 13 programs were delivered to over 225 young people.</p>	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.1.1.3	Support participation of Aboriginal creatives in delivering Council's arts programs	Living Arts	The Newtown Art Seat was presented by an Aboriginal artist in this quarter. The Cultural Connections EOI round was specifically promoted to Inner West artists from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.	
3.1.1.4	Lead the implementation of the Creative Spaces recommendations	Living Arts	During this quarter the Creative Communities team worked with Council's Property team to audit and identify potential spaces owned by Council that could also be used by creatives.	
3.1.1.5	Lead the implementation of the Cultural Strategy	Living Arts	During this quarter the Creative Communities team worked with Council's Property team to audit and identify potential spaces owned by Council that could also be used by creatives.	

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## Outcome 3.2 Inner West remains the engine room of creative industries and services

### Strategy 3.2.1 Promote the Inner West as a leading destination for creativity including street art, live music and performance


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.2.1.1	Deliver the program of Council produced events	Events	From July to September, Council delivered events or partnered with organisations to deliver: the Creative Uses of Town Halls launch, 2SER in your Hood, Generate – Live Youth Music Festival, Pride Centre opening, Inner West Chamber Music Festival, Footprints Ecofestival, Culture X Ashfield, Dulwich Hill Festival, Greenway Art Prize, and Power Up Festival at White Bay Power Station.	
3.2.1.2	Partner with community and creative groups to deliver events, providing support and advice	Events	During the quarter, Council worked with several community and creative groups to deliver events. This included working with Sacred Currents on Culture X Ashfield, working with community groups to deliver the Generate Youth Music Festival, 2SER to deliver Music in your Hood in Balmain, the Metro Orchestra to deliver Inner West Chamber Music Festival, and Twenty10 on the opening of Pride Centre ceremony. Council also worked with Koori Radio on Culture X.	

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3.2.1.3	Deliver an annual program of new creative commissions and activations through the EDGE program	Living Arts	Staff met with the Biennale to debrief the success of EDGE and the Biennale partnership in 2024 and commenced planning for future work together. Staff are developing strategy and delivery models for the 2025 EDGE program.	
3.2.1.4	Investigate additional entertainment precincts for the Inner West	Strategic Planning	Six special entertainment precincts in Marrickville, Marrickville North, Dulwich Hill, Balmain, Rozelle and Leichhardt were placed on early exhibition in 2024, with Gateway Determination being received from the Department of Planning Industry and Environment. Formal consultation will occur in 2025.	
3.2.1.5	Roll out culture counts evaluation for the events program	Events	Culture Counts is now a permanent part of our event processes. Feedback from events over 2024 shows that Council is exceeding national benchmark levels and increasing our scores on key elements. Other teams within Council are now developing the Culture Counts program into their programs.	

**Strategy 3.2.3 Build new content, audiences and professional opportunities through local programs, including for young and emerging creatives**

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.2.3.1	Deliver the Perfect Match program	Living Arts	Eleven sites were completed or celebrated this quarter. The 2024/25 artist and property Expression of Interest (EOI) were opened and closed in July 2024, with a record 145 artist applications and 63 property applications received. The assessment of the 2024/25 artist and property EOIs is currently in progress.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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3.2.3a	Number of Perfect Match projects per year	Living Arts	40	11				11 

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## Outcome 3.3 The local economy is thriving

### Strategy 3.3.1 Assist businesses growth, innovation and improvement


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.3.1.1	Finalise the Economic Development Strategy using the principles of community wealth building as key pillars	Economic Development	The Economic Development Strategy has been drafted and following Council endorsement will be placed on exhibition for comment from businesses and the community in 2025.	
3.3.1.2	Facilitate business engagement in place making	Economic Development	Discussions with local businesses and business chambers are ongoing, particularly regarding local built form improvements in the public domain such as street furniture and planting to further improve town centres.	
3.3.1.3	Provide business support for local small businesses in community languages	Economic Development	Interpretation and translation services are provided in common second languages to provide equity and support for a diverse range of local businesses.	
3.3.1.4	Achieve purple flag accreditation at Marrickville and continue to work with the NSW Government to achieve this.	Economic Development	Marrickville Road and Illawarra Road sections of Marrickville was announced as receiving purple flag recognition in July 2024.	

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## Outcome 3.4 Employment is diverse and accessible

### Strategy 3.4.2 Collaborate with business and industry on social and environmental initiatives

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.4.2.1	Conduct an annual education program targeting a specific business sector to improve environmental outcomes and best practice	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	A business sector is yet to be selected. Discussions with State Agencies to select appropriate business sector is underway.	
3.4.2.2	Conduct investigations relating to water pollution incidents from building sites to protect the environment and public health	Regulatory Services	Ranger Services officers respond to and investigate all reports of water pollution incidents from building sites, with four reported and investigated during the quarter. Site inspections are also carried out proactively on large scale developments with 17 undertaken in the period.	


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## Outcome 4.1 The Inner West community is welcoming and connected

### Strategy 4.1.1 Celebrate, value and respect the diversity of the Inner West community

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.1.1	Partner with Twenty10 for the establishment, launch and ongoing operation of the Pride Centre	Community Wellbeing	Building works at Newtown Town Hall, now known as Inner West Pride Centre have been completed. A Lease with a Service Level Agreement is in place to consolidate the partnership with Twenty10. An opening event occurred on 10 August 2024 with public attendance in addition to Councillors and the Mayor. Twenty10 have taken possession of the building and the doors are open for service delivery. Community hiring of space at the venue will be available from the start of 2025.	
4.1.1.2	Lead the implementation of the Anti - Racism Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Council adopted the Anti-Racism Strategy at the 3 September 2024 meeting. Work to implement the strategy is now commencing.	


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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.1.3	Deliver Community Wellbeing projects and programs to meet the identified needs of the Inner West community	Community Wellbeing	Sydney Local Health District delivered Stepping On (falls prevention) for people living with Diabetes. The R U OK Caravan Convoy attended Harvest Park on 8 September 2024 (in partnership with the Inner West Suicide Prevention Collaborative) and Enmore Park on 9 September 2024 to provide a free BBQ for the community and conversations and support was provided. AbSec annual Family Fun Day was held on 10 July 2024 to celebrate NAIDOC week, Council participated with activities for children and support for families. Paint Inner West REaD Early Literacy awareness event was held in Marrickville Pavilion on 23 August 2024 to celebrate Book Week.	
4.1.1.4	Celebrate culturally significant days with and on behalf of the community (e.g days of remembrance)	Community Wellbeing	Community events marking Dementia Awareness, NAIDOC week, R U OK? Day and Book Week have all been undertaken. This has involved the organisation and delivery of community events to increase participation and awareness.	
4.1.1.5	Partner with Settlement Services International to support the Community Refugee welcome centre	Community Wellbeing	The Service Level Agreement between Inner West Council and Settlement Services International is awaiting signatures. This document will confirm the partnership between the organisations and sets out the Key Performance Indicators that support the Community Refugee Welcome Centre. The partnership includes support through the provision of building facilities, use of community buses and Refugee Week events.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.1.6	Deliver Hannaford Centre programs and activities	Community Wellbeing	Activities at the Hannaford Centre were continued at an alternate location to accommodate local election pre-polling, with success. The Hannaford Centre hosted talks including 'Introduction to AI' and a Dementia Prevention Course, in addition to a Men's Health Workshop and a 'Boost Your Brain' presentation. The regular schedule of health and wellbeing programs has continued weekly.	
4.1.1.7	Develop a Wellbeing Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Development of a Wellbeing Strategy is yet to commence.	
4.1.1.8	Lead the implementation of the Children and Youth Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Following completion and adoption of the Children and Youth Strategy, work to implement this will begin.	


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## Strategy 4.1.2 Foster inclusive communities where everyone can participate in community life

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.2.1	Lead the implementation of the Healthy Ageing Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Dementia Action Week (16–20 September 2024) was marked with a range of local events being supported, delivered and promoted. A Community Hub pilot map has been added to Council website. This is a new resource mapping local community centres, hubs and service providers including a new Ashfield Healthy Ageing Hub. Dementia Awareness staff training has continued throughout September to increase Inner West Council staff's understanding of working with members of the public with dementia.	
4.1.2.2	Develop and implement Community Safety Action Plan	Community Wellbeing	Community engagement to understand community perceptions of safety has been completed. The results of this feedback are being compiled. A roundtable with local organisations and key stakeholders is being planned for December 2024. This will further inform safety perceptions, particularly in relation to family and domestic violence. Following the completion of the roundtable, work will continue on the development of the Community Safety Action Plan.	
4.1.2.3	Develop a Children and Youth Strategy	Social and Cultural Planning	This work will commence from October 2024.	
4.1.2.4	Lead Child Safe policy and practice across Council	Social and Cultural Planning	Large scale training on child safety is underway in frontline services within Council.	

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## Strategy 4.1.3 Address social inequity, obstacles to participation and social exclusion

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.3.1	Lead the implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Social and Cultural Planning	Implementation of the plan is on track. A comprehensive report on implementation has been prepared for Council's Annual Report and for the NSW Disability Council, as required by the Disability Inclusion Act.	


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## Outcome 4.2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and culture flourish and enrich the Inner West

### Strategy 4.2.1 Centre Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander needs and voices at the heart of initiatives, policies and strategies

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.2.1.1	Deliver the second Aboriginal survival memorial in Illoura Reserve (Balmain)	Social and Cultural Planning	Public engagement on the location of the Memorial closed on 16 September and Council is developing the documentation for consents for the recommended site in the reserve.	
4.2.1.2	Lead establishment of the Aboriginal Community Hub	Social and Cultural Planning	A proposed amended Plan of Management has been submitted to the NSW Government seeking approval for public engagement. Remediation works are underway on the interior of the building. An initial concept plan has been developed and a detailed quantity survey is underway to develop costs for creating the hub.	


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## Strategy 4.2.2 Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.2.2.1	Lead implementation of Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan year two actions	Social and Cultural Planning	The Year One implementation report is being prepared for Reconciliation Australia, by the end of September 2024.	


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## Outcome 4.3 People have opportunities to participate, and develop their health and wellbeing

### Strategy 4.3.1 Provide facilities, spaces and programs that support community health and wellbeing

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.3.1.1	Continue to work with NDIS service providers and stakeholders to deliver community programs/ services	Aquatic Services	National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services providers and program support processes are in place at Inner West Council's aquatics facilities. Working with NDIS and a range of other community groups is a core driver for the Aquatics and Recreation team.	★
4.3.1.2	Undertake Leichhardt Park Masterplan upgrade as per schedule (4-year program of capital works)	Capital Works	<p>Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) upgrade project schedule is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 – complete by October 2025</li> <li>Stage 2 – complete by September 2026</li> </ul> <p>Tender for Stage 1 is scheduled to be awarded by December 2024 with works commencing on-site in winter 2025.</p>	●

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4.3.1.3	Manage Council's five aquatic centres, two recreation centres and water play park	Aquatic Services	All of Council's aquatics and recreation facilities are on track to deliver planned programs and services. The seasonal pools of Steel Park Waterplay, Dawn Fraser Baths (DFB) and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre are due to open 1 October and final preparations to open are underway. The Robyne Webster Recreation facility is now operated directly via Council staff and engages hirers and program providers for increased access to the facility. Recent success in the growing 'Pickleball' usage has been an encouraging trend. School swimming carnivals confirmed for 25 schools and learn to swim programs are starting in October. A schedule of all open days is confirmed including additional community events.	
4.3.1.4	Deliver the adopted Companion Animal Plan 2024-28	Regulatory Services	The Companion Animal Action Plan details the way Council intends to manage companion animal related matters for the next four years. It is in draft and following Council consideration is planned for community engagement in 2025.	

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4.3.1.5	Deliver education activities to promote responsible pet ownership, including information stands, programs or campaigns including off leash areas	Regulatory Services	<p>Companion Animal services delivered information stands in Marrickville Park and the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre in this quarter. The stands were attended by a total of 50 people with an average of 46% of microchip details found to be out of date. Officers assisted the community by updating microchip information on the NSW Pet Registry.</p> <p>A-Frame signage was distributed across 12 parks (King George, HJ Mahoney, Centenary, Steel, Ewerton, Morton, Leichhardt Oval, Birrung, Mackey, Pratten, Weekley, Laxton), these parks are a combination of on leash, off leash, time share and in prohibited areas.</p> <p>A second round of the pilot Puppy Pre School was also undertaken within the period.</p>	


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## Strategy 4.3.2 Build connected communities and provide opportunities for social participation

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.3.2.1	Prepare Park Plans of Management and masterplans for community and Crown Lands: Jarvie Park, Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, Wicks Park, Richard Murden Reserve and Jack Shanahan Reserve and Easton Park	Parks Planning and Recreation	Community engagement is completed. Draft Plans of Management are being prepared, with Easton Park finalised for reporting and other draft Plans of Management underway.	
4.3.2.10	Implement the safety audit of Marrickville Golf Course	Parks Planning and Recreation	Safety Audit has been completed and reported to Council.	
4.3.2.2	Complete a draft generic Plan of Management for Council's Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks	Parks Planning and Recreation	Community engagement and public exhibition has completed. Final review, consultation report and report to Council for adoption is being prepared.	
4.3.2.3	Review the structure and delivery of recreation programs and service including Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre	Aquatic Services	A review of the programs and services at the Debbie and Abbie Borgia Recreation Centre is currently underway. A new cafe operator has recently been appointed, improving the Food & Beverage amenity. Recreation programs across all Aquatic and Recreation services are reviewed seasonally.	


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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.3.2.4	Construct an inclusive playground at Richard Murden Reserve	Capital Works	Design development is progressing; however, project timelines are at risk. A procurement strategy is being devised to assist this project.	
4.3.2.5	Host Parramatta River Catchment Group (1 July 2024 onwards)	Parks Planning and Recreation	The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is now based at Council's Petersham Service Centre with a new Manager and Riverkeeper hired. Programs such as stormwater compliance and bank naturalisation are being launched from within the Inner West.	
4.3.2.6	Prepare Rozelle Parklands Plan of Management and Masterplan	Parks Planning and Recreation	A Draft Plan of Management and Masterplan has been prepared for Council consideration.	
4.3.2.7	Restore wetlands adjacent to Blackmore Park	Parks Planning and Recreation	The area is now managed by Council's Ecology Section and restoration planting/ works, which will take some years to fully mature, have commenced.	
4.3.2.8	Investigate Hercules Creek as a natural area for Council to manage and protect natural assets	Parks Planning and Recreation	Initial investigations are completed and discussions are underway with the Greenway Steering Group and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in relation to long term management. The site has been identified as a Priority Biodiversity Area in Council's Draft Biodiversity Strategy.	
4.3.2.9	Investigate the feasibility of a swim site as part of the Mort Bay Plan of Management	Parks Planning and Recreation	Preliminary investigations have commenced, including discussions with partners at the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) and Sydney Water. UNSW Students have completed a design study using the Mort Bay site as their subject.	

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4.3.2b	Number of parks bookings (e.g schools, commercial fitness trainers, weddings, picnics, excluding sporting ground bookings)	Parks Planning and Recreation	6,000	166				166 
4.3.2c	Percentage utilisation of sporting grounds	Parks Planning and Recreation	>90%	95				95 


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## Outcome 4.4 People have access to the services and facilities they need at all stages of life and all abilities

### Strategy 4.4.1 Plan and deliver infrastructure and services for the changing and ageing population and those with disability


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.1.1	Review customer experience for community venue hire	Properties and Strategic Investments	A customer survey is included for each new hirer and the results will be published as part of the report on the use of venues to the February Council meeting.	
4.4.1.2	Manage processes for booking town hall spaces and activations	Properties and Strategic Investments	Council will receive a report at the February Council meeting on the use of Council's venues.	
4.4.1.3	Provide enhanced access to town halls spaces for the creative community via the venue hire booking system	Properties and Strategic Investments	Micro studios equipped with audio-visual equipment have been installed at each Town Hall for free use by creatives through the booking system. Projectors and screens are being purchased for each Town Hall, and the Council is engaging an acoustic consultant to enhance the experience.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.1.4	Deliver programs and activities at Council's community centres	Community Wellbeing	Services are in place across the Council's community centres. Activities include choirs, exercise classes for seniors, and information sessions related to health and well-being. Where partner agencies operate from a Council community centre, Service Level Agreements are being finalised, and programs that meet the needs of youth, seniors, and other community members are available.	

## Strategy 4.4.2 Provide quality children's education and care services to ensure a strong foundation for lifelong learning

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.2.1	Achieve 'meeting or exceeding' national quality standards for all early learning services	Children's Services	Globe Preschool and Leichhardt Park Early Learning Centre both received an overall rating of 'exceeding' in the recent Assessment and Rating process.	
4.4.2.2	Ensure all early learning services are financially sustainable	Children's Services	All services apart from one are delivering above forecasted budget. The Operations Manager is working closely with the service in staff modelling, rosters and routines now that the Joint Consultative Committees (JCC) has endorsed the additional three positions at Deborah Little Early Learning Centre to reduce staff costs.	


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## Strategy 4.4.3 Provide facilities, resources and activities for lifelong learning

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.3.1	Participate and collaborate with neighbouring Councils to develop an Aboriginal collection catalogue standard	Libraries and History	<p>Library staff have commenced the process of refining the cataloguing and labelling of Aboriginal resources in the Inner West library collection to ensure the items are labelled so they identify materials created by or about Aboriginal people (as opposed to a general book about Aboriginal culture).</p> <p>The Aboriginal catalogue standard is a collaborative project in conjunction with other libraries. The project has been added to the next wider library collections meeting as an agenda item.</p>	
4.4.3.2	Implement the evaluation framework for library and history programs; and develop and implement a schedule for library services	Libraries and History	The library has reviewed the data collected from the financial year 2023-24 Culture Counts evaluation and identified improvements for future surveys. As part of these improvements, evaluation surveys are distributed to program attendees following the events (as opposed to during the events). This has seen an increase in the number of responses that the library is receiving.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.3.3	Deliver Libraries and History Programs	Libraries and History	<p>The library and history teams have delivered over 400 activities such as story time and programs to over 15,000 people.</p> <p>Some highlights include the Young Creatives takeover for the July school holidays, the opening celebrations for the refurbished Balmain Library (17 August), Book Week competition presentations and author talks (20 and 21 August) a range of HSC talks and speaker series events including in diverse voices such as hosting poet Nam Lee with her talk 36 Ways of Writing a Vietnamese Poem on 29 August.</p>	
4.4.3.4	Implement the Council electronic rostering system	Libraries and History	Officers have provided the relevant information such as rostering requirements, team structure and requirements to the project team and supplier for this project.	
4.4.3.5	Raise the awareness and increase usage of Home Library Service	Libraries and History	This project has not commenced.	


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4.4.3.6	Deliver Step Back in Time - Site Studies with Virtual Reality	Libraries and History	Work has commenced on the virtual reality component of the Dawn Fraser Curriculum site study. This project involves using the latest photogrammetry technology to showcase the archaeological layers and above surface history of the site. Officers and the project team, including an archaeologist, have met with Friends of Dawn Fraser Pool to arrange for 3D scanning of their archive collection that will be included in the site study. A Community and Heritage Grant progress report has been submitted.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.4.3a	Number of library members per year	Libraries and History	80,000	97,203				97,203 
4.4.3b	Ratio of library members compared to Population per year	Libraries and History	46%	50.50				50.50 


## Strategy 4.4.4 Improve the quality and use of existing community assets


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.4.1	Undertake regular building condition audits	Facilities Management	Ongoing building condition audit inspections are being undertaken.	

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## Outcome 5.1 Council is responsive and service-focused

### Strategy 5.1.1 Deliver responsive and innovative customer service


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.1.1.1	Implement the Customer Experience Strategy	Service Transformation	<p>Implementation of the actions outlined in the Customer Experience Strategy is on track. The following progress was made during the quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developed a Complaints Management Framework</li> <li>streamlined and simplified customer request management workflows, adding progress updates, acknowledgement summaries and tracking links</li> <li>developed and implemented a plain English and quality correspondence training program to improve the quality of communication with the community</li> <li>conducted a comprehensive accessibility audit of the website</li> <li>implemented customer experience surveys to collect feedback across all digital channels after each customer interaction.</li> </ul>	
5.1.1.2	Adopt new technologies to improve transparency around maintenance schedules	Engineering Services	Improvements are being achieved via enhancements in TechOne. Stormwater condition assessment is considering the feasibility of new technologies.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.1.1.3	Develop and implement a change management framework	Service Transformation	The change management software system has been successfully procured and development of the change management framework has commenced. The system is key to developing a user-friendly framework.	
5.1.1.4	Undertake business improvement initiatives	Service Transformation	Thirteen business improvement initiatives are currently underway. These include community-facing improvements as well as internal process enhancements.	
5.1.1.5	Conduct weekly customer service stalls in key areas across the Inner West	Customer Service	Since July 2024, the Mobile Customer Service team served 1,898 customers. Stalls at Council events have been very popular, with 120 customers served at the Footprints Ecofestival in August 2024.	


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5.1.1a	Customer Satisfaction (Voice of Customer – post call survey – out of 5)	Customer Service	4.30	4.30				4.30 
5.1.1b	Customer calls answered within 60 seconds	Customer Service	80%	87.77				87.77 
5.1.1c	Percentage of back office processing time (emails, applications, payments and forms) within 5 business days	Customer Service	95%	100				100 
5.1.1d	Customer requests and applications via the online service portal	Customer Service	55%	45				45 
5.1.1f	Percentage of service provided at Inner West Customers at counters within 3 mins	Customer Service	80%	93				93 

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## Strategy 5.1.2 Monitor performance and implement continuous improvement to meet the changing needs of the community


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.1.2.1	Deliver the annual training and development program	People and Culture	Progress has been made in accordance with the Learning and Development plan, with 830 participants supported through various initiatives. These included: face-to-face delivery of Cultural Awareness and LGBTQ Inclusion training to 135 outdoor employees; 241 Aquatics employees completing Child Safety training. The 6-month Gender Equity training program concluded. Other courses were: Report Writing, Process Excellence, Plain English Correspondence, Assisting EDIE Dementia, and Public Interest Disclosure training. Online modules were launched by Governance for Code of Conduct, Risk, Fraud, and Privacy and a new Procurement module was released. To date 1,732 e-courses have been completed.	
5.1.2.2	Deliver business improvement staff training program	Service Transformation	The staff Business Improvement Program commenced in early 2024 with the final module to be completed in October 2024. Ten staff are enrolled in the program and are applying the learning to actual improvement initiatives.	
5.1.2.3	Implement and report the service review program	Service Transformation	The Service Review program for the financial year agreed and endorsed include: the Access to Information, Public Trees and Resource Recovery Operations services.	

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5.1.2.4	Implement project management system	Service Transformation	The Project Management System is on track to be delivered by the end of December 2024 with integration to all relevant Council systems currently underway.	
5.1.2.5	Prepare and publish the Annual Report	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Development of the Annual Report is on track for reporting to Council's November meeting.	
5.1.2.6	Implement the Work Health and Safety Strategy year three actions	Governance and Risk	The Work Health and Safety (WHS) Strategy year three (2024-25) actions are being progressed and reported to Executive. Council is currently developing an integrated risk and work health and safety strategy. This is being undertaken in conjunction with the development of operational risk registers for service areas.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.1.2c	Percentage of Work Health and Safety Strategy year three actions implemented	Governance and Risk	90%	90				90 

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## Outcome 5.2 Council makes responsible decisions to manage finite resources in the best interest of current and future communities

### Strategy 5.2.1 Undertake visionary, integrated, long term planning and decision making, reflective of community needs and aspirations

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.1.1	Complete the review of the Community Strategic Plan and submit the State of the Inner West report to the second meeting of the new Council (October 2024)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	The State of our City report is on track to be reported to Council's 22 October meeting. The review of the Community Strategic Plan is progressing well with a Deliberative Forum of 100 randomly selected residents held in this quarter.	
5.2.1.10	Implement the agreed program for condition audits and valuations	Engineering Services	Stormwater condition assessments methodology is currently being assessed with new technologies. Fair value assessments are required in 2024-25.	
5.2.1.11	Implement the Asset Improvement Plan	Engineering Services	Specialised services to deliver the Asset Improvement Plan are currently being procured.	


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5.2.1.2	Identify and apply for grants and other funding sources across Council	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Seven grant applications totalling \$4.98M were successful. The successful grants included: two for planning system upgrades, one to pilot Ai solutions to improve development assessment processes, one to expand the Gumbramorra Swamp, funding for the Litter Prevention Roadmap, one to explore streamlined processes for temporary road closure enabled events, and a grant to upgrade the heritage seating at Pratten Park. Two new applications (\$46.1M) were lodged: the Commonwealth Housing Support Program Stream 2 - infrastructure upgrades and the Thriving Suburbs Program for Mackey Park amenities upgrades.	
5.2.1.3	Enter awards to showcase and recognise Council's successes	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Council was awarded the Australasian Reporting Awards, Gold Award for its 2023 Annual Report. Council also won the Gold Award in the Australian Financial Review Environmental Sustainability Property and Construction awards. Four award submissions have been made to the Planning Institute of Australia for their annual awards. Entries are for the Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct, the Blue Green Grid Strategy, comprehensive planning improvement processes and the stakeholder engagement during this improvement process. Nominations for the FOGO implementation and the Sustainability Hub to the NSW Local Government Environmental Sustainability Awards were unsuccessful.	

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5.2.1.4	Prepare the Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan 2025-26	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Preliminary work has been undertaken for Councillor induction, in preparation for commencement of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.	
5.2.1.5	Implement the Information and Communications Technology Strategy	Information and Communication Technology	The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy will be developed in conjunction with the new Chief Information Officer, who joined Council at the end of the first quarter, and a progress update will be provided in the third quarter.	
5.2.1.6	Review Asset Management Strategy, Policy and Plans	Engineering Services	Specialised services for a comprehensive review of the Asset Management Strategy and plans are currently being procured. This work will be undertaken in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework.	
5.2.1.7	Transition to ISO 27001 certification for Council security maturity	Information and Communication Technology	ICT will align with key components of ISO27001; however, full certification is not achievable within the Operational Plan 2024-25. ICT will conduct a policy review and measure its alignment to further advance Council's security maturity.	
5.2.1.8	Review Long-Term Financial Plan as part of Resourcing Strategy	Finance	Timelines are set for the process to commence in October 2024 with exhibition planned for April 2025.	
5.2.1.9	Develop the Workforce Management Strategy 2025-29	People and Culture	An audit has been conducted of the current plan by the Corporate Strategy team. The results have been reviewed and considered. Initial planning has commenced to scope the 2025-2029 plan and engage with all stakeholders.	

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## Strategy 5.2.2 Ensure probity and responsible, sustainable, ethical and open local government

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.2.1	Implement the Governance Audit Report Recommendations	Governance and Risk	Council has implemented most recommendations from the Governance Framework Review Report. Outstanding tasks include change management, identifying key legislative and regulatory obligations, compliance training, and developing a governance framework. Progress has been significant: staff received change management training and established practice communities. An organisational change management program is under consideration. The compliance register and governance framework are nearly complete. Once approved, these will be implemented as standard practice, with oversight by the Executive and Council's Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee.	
5.2.2.10	Assess and determine Government Information Public Access (GIPA) applications and investigate privacy matters	Governance and Risk	Council has procedures and system in place to manage information access applications, in accordance with freedom of information and privacy legislation, and Council's Public Access to Information Policy. Council is also in the process of planning and implementing measures to increase the information that it proactively releases. Within the reporting period, all privacy complaints submitted to Council were responded to within 5 business days of receipt.	


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5.2.2.2	Implement the Enterprise Risk Audit Report Recommendations	Governance and Risk	Following the endorsement of the Risk Management Policy, Strategic Risks are reported quarterly to the Executive and the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee. Risk management training is now part of mandatory annual training for all staff. The risk management framework is being extended to all service areas. Two outstanding recommendations are being addressed: developing operational risk registers and updating position descriptions and performance reviews to include risk-related information. This will be facilitated by the procurement of a new system to support risk management across the organisation, which is proceeding in financial year 2024-25.	
5.2.2.3	Implement the new Office of Local Government (OLG) Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework for Local Government	Governance and Risk	The Local Government (General) Amendment (Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees) Regulation 2023 (Regulation) came into force on 1 July 2024. In accordance with the Regulation, and the associated Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW, Council is substantively compliant with the provisions imposed by the new regulatory requirements. The remaining provisions relate to new requirements to be implemented within each Council term. These will be completed following Council's consideration of documents relating to the remaining provisions at an Ordinary Council Meeting in October 2024.	

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5.2.2.4	Implement Council's Insurance Framework	Governance and Risk	<p>Council's Insurance Claims page, which provides information and commitments to customers, is fully implemented and enables claimants to provide information relevant to their claim.</p> <p>Council has also implemented internal dashboard functionality, which provides transparency around case status to the Executive, and enables active management of cases and exceptions. Key Performance Indicators for the function are also embedded into staff performance appraisal processes to ensure accountability. More generally, the function is working to optimise processes and enable Council to deliver efficiencies and reduce risks, while also delivering excellent customer service.</p>	
5.2.2.5	Maintain Council's Governance and Compliance Registers delegations, policies and fraud and corruption registers	Governance and Risk	Council has developed, maintains, and reports on a range of governance and compliance registers, including policy, conflicts of interest, gifts and benefits, secondary employment, and fraud and corruption registers. Council is also in the process of developing its draft legislative compliance register. Following approval of this tool, it will be further refined and built into the Governance, Risk and Compliance system to be procured by the end of 2024.	


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5.2.2.6	Develop and implement an ethics and compliance e-learning training platform incorporating code of conduct, fraud and corruption, procurement, risk management and privacy	Governance and Risk	Council has developed and implemented an ethics and compliance e-learning training platform incorporating code of conduct, fraud and corruption, procurement, risk management and privacy. The e-learning training modules will be supplemented and complemented by in person training/role specific training.	★
5.2.2.7	Provide training to staff on legal matters	Legal Services	Seminars and training have been provided to staff.	●
5.2.2.8	Manage and coordinate 10 Council Citizenship Ceremonies per year	Governance and Risk	Council holds regular citizenship ceremonies to welcome new Australian citizens. Council held citizenship ceremonies in July and August 2024. While a citizenship ceremony was not held in September 2024, due to the local government elections, Council remains on track to manage and coordinate at least ten citizenship ceremonies during the reporting period.	●
5.2.2.9	Reduce the cost of Land and Environment Court class one matters to Council	Legal Services	Costs are being reduce with matters kept in-house with internal staff	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.3.1	Manage Council elections, and induction and training programs for Councillors	Governance and Risk	Council successfully administered the 2024 Inner West local government elections by appointing the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer the election, maintaining the non-residential roll, implementing arrangements to ensure Council did not produce non-complying electoral material, and promoting the elections to increase awareness. Council has developed a Councillor Induction Manual and Program that is consistent with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and the OLG's Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines. A Professional Development Program will be developed in consultation with individual Councillors and delivered to Councillors over the term of Council.	
5.3.3.2	Manage Council's meetings and business paper systems	Governance and Risk	Council holds an Ordinary Council Meeting every month, apart from in January and July. All of Council's agenda papers, with the exception of any confidential information, are published to Council's website a week before the respective Council Meeting. The unconfirmed minutes from each Ordinary Council Meeting are also published to Council's website within one week, if not sooner, of the relevant meeting.	

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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5.2.2a	Percentage of Privacy Complaints responded to within 5 business days of receipt	Governance and Risk	100%	100				100 
5.2.2d	Number of briefings to Council on the status of legal matters (February, May, August, November) per year	Legal Services	4	1				1 
5.2.2e	Percentage of ARIC recommendations implemented within agreed timeframes	Governance and Risk	100%	98				98 
5.2.2f	Percentage of Council resolutions that are implemented as per the agreed timeframes	Governance and Risk	95%	95				95 
5.3.3a	Publish Ordinary Council Agenda papers on website one week prior to Ordinary Council Meetings	Governance and Risk	100%	100				100 

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5.3.3b	Publish Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes on website within one week of Ordinary Council Meeting	Governance and Risk	100%	100				100
5.3.3c	Prepare Councillor induction kit and deliver Councillor induction training sessions for Mayor and Councillors post September 2024 election	Governance and Risk	100%	30				30
5.3.3d	Prepare professional development program for Mayor and each Councillor post September 2024 election	Governance and Risk	100%	15				15

## Strategy 5.2.3 Manage public resources to achieve financial sustainability

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.3.1	Revise the Land and Property Strategy	Properties and Strategic Investments	The Land and Property Strategy has been reviewed, with a new Property Strategy under development.	
5.2.3.2	Update Land register published on Council's website (Annual)	Properties and Strategic Investments	The Land and Property Register is planned to be published by 31 July 2025.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.3.3	Implement the long-term accommodation strategy (Annual)	Properties and Strategic Investments	Council is continuing to progress the Long-Term Accommodation Strategy with the development of the St Peters Depot Master Plan, due for delivery in the third quarter of 2024-25, as well as the co-location of staff at St Peters and Leichhardt Service Centres.	
5.2.3.4	Manage Council's property portfolio	Properties and Strategic Investments	A working group was formed between Facilities, Property and ICT in collaboration with the General Manager's office and staffing analysis has been undertaken. A strategic plan for the St Peters depot site is underway, which, in addition to seating analysis at other sites, will support the development of a Long-Term Accommodation Strategy.	


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## Outcome 5.3 People are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving

### Strategy 5.3.1 Inform communities through multi-channel communications

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.1.1	Implement Internal and External Communications Strategy	Strategic and Corporate Communications	Business planning is underway which when complete, will inform the internal and external strategies.	
5.3.1.2	Implement the digital asset management system	Strategic and Corporate Communications	Investigation of costs and suitability of several digital asset management (DAM) systems is in progress.	
5.3.1.3	Review communications policies and procedures	Strategic and Corporate Communications	The Social Media Policy for Councillors has been adopted. The team is developing and refining the Media Policy for Council staff.	


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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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5.3.1a	Number of Inner West Council social media followers (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)	Strategic and Corporate Communications	62,244	7,111				71,111 
5.3.1b	Number of Inner West Council website page views	Strategic and Corporate Communications	7,340,098	1,791,160				1,791,160 

## Strategy 5.3.2 Support local democracy through inclusive participatory community engagement

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.2.1	Deliver community engagement through face to face and online methods	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	In this quarter, Council engaged the community on Plans of Management and Master Plans for Wicks Park and Jarvie Park in Marrickville, Camperdown Memorial Park in Newtown and Richard Murden Reserve. Preliminary consultation also commenced for an inclusive playground in Richard Murden Reserve. The community was also engaged on proposed electric vehicle kerbside charging locations, a whole of LGA extended sports ground lighting trial, development of a new Biodiversity Strategy and a dogs off-leash proposal at Steel Park.	


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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.2.2	Hold ten Local Matters Forums including two in each ward	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	In this quarter, two Local Matters Forums were held: 30 July 2024 – Ashfield / Djarrawunang at Seaview St Hall, Dulwich Hill 27 August 2024 – Stanmore / Damun at the Inner West Pride Centre	
5.3.2.3	Establish new Local Democracy Groups in alignment with the new term of Council	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Recruitment will commence following Council's endorsement of the groups for the new term 2024-28 at its meeting on 22 October.	
5.3.2.4	Review the Community Engagement Strategy	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	A draft Community Engagement Strategy has been prepared with input from participants of the Deliberative Forum. The draft Strategy will be reported to Council for endorsement of public exhibition in quarter two.	


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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.3.2a	Number of visits to Your Say Inner West per year	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	107,000	46,240				46,240 
5.3.2b	Number of projects on Your Say Inner West on which the community has the opportunity to engage per year	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	50	20				20 
5.3.2c	Percentage of average satisfaction with local matters forums (survey per forum)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	75%	79				79 
5.3.2d	Percentage of average satisfaction with Your Say Inner West engagements (ease of finding information and providing feedback)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	75%	93				93 
5.3.2e	Increase Your Say Inner West membership	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	10,890	10,702				10,702 


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## Outcome 5.4 Partnerships and collaboration are valued and recognised as vital for community leadership and making positive changes

### Strategy 5.4.1 Advocate for emerging community issues

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.4.1.1	Advocate to minimise impacts of state government infrastructure including WestConnex, Western Harbour Tunnel, Sydney Gateway	Traffic and Transport Planning	Council has been working with the NSW Government and advocating to minimise the impacts of state government infrastructure projects, including Rozelle Interchange, Sydney Gateway, Western Harbour Tunnel, Sydney Park junction and the Sydenham to Bankstown (T3) upgrade.	

### Strategy 5.4.2 Build resilience and capacity of local leaders, groups and communities

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.4.2.1	Manage Council's annual community grants program	Social and Cultural Planning	Following Council adoption of the 2024 grant recommendations on 3 September, grants applicants have been informed of the outcome of their application and funds are being provided to successful individuals and organisations.	

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## Strategy 5.4.3 Work with suppliers to deliver positive outcomes for the community, economy and environment


ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.4.3.1	Drive the procurement rules and weighting criteria to promote social and environment vs economic factors	Procurement	Weighting criteria that have been approved and endorsed by Council of 15% are being implemented in all procurement evaluations.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.2.2b	Percentage of staff involved in procurement that have received training	Procurement	95%	80				80 
5.2.2c	Percentage of procurement events above \$10k through vendor panel	Procurement	90%	90				90 
5.4.3a	Percentage of purchased expenditure on local suppliers	Procurement	5%	10				10 
5.4.3b	Percentage of purchased expenditure on Aboriginal suppliers	Procurement	1%	0.50				0.50 

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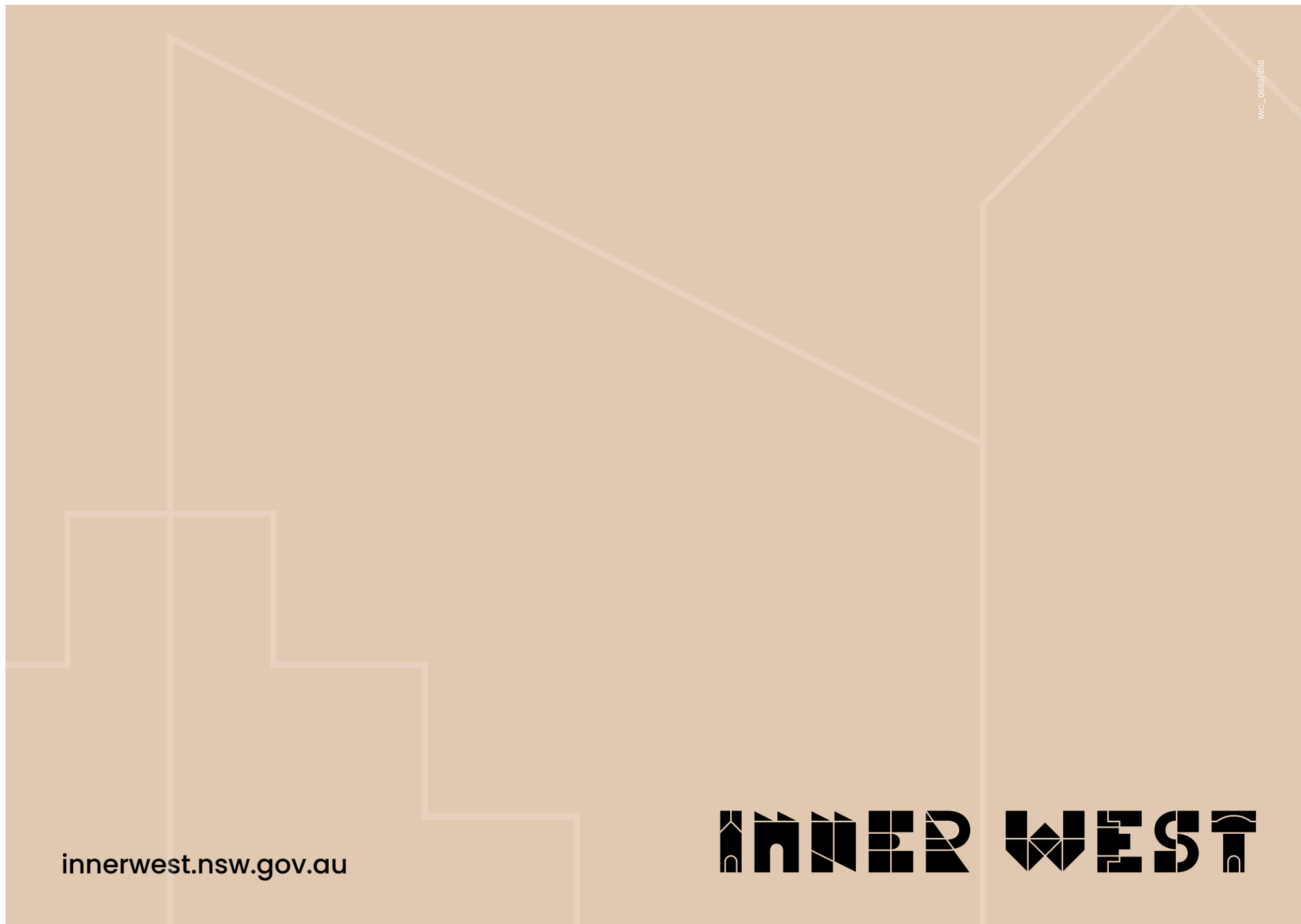
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# QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

## INNER WEST COUNCIL

### September 2024 Quarter



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## 1) Executive Summary

Council adopted on 25 June 2024 the Operational Budgeted net operating position of 1.7m deficit excluding capital revenue or \$38.9m surplus including capital revenue.

After the completion of the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review, Council amended the net operating result position excluding capital revenue to \$4.6m deficit or \$40.2m surplus including capital revenue.

Key movements include the following:

- User Charges and Fees increase of \$0.2m predominantly from higher than expected utilisation from early learning centres.
- Domestic waste charge increased by \$0.2m due to additional services.
- Interest Income increase of \$0.7m due to reserves available for investment yielding better than budgeted interest.
- Other Income increase of \$1.6m due to partial legal compensation and payment for 2023/24 ex-gratia payment received in current financial year.
- Increase in Operating Grants and Contributions of \$2.6m predominantly from grants for NSW Safe Speeds in High Pedestrian Activity and Local Areas.
- Capital Grants and Contributions increase of \$4.2m to reflect capital grants received for various capital projects to be completed in the financial year.
- Employee Costs net increase following the Parramatta River Catchment Group being hosted by Inner West Council.
- Material & Services net increase most due to match operational grants received, expenditure for the Parramatta River Catchment Group, carry over of operational project budget to be completed in current Financial Year and the transfer of budget from Other Expenses.
- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

Council adopted on 25 June 2024 the Operational Budgeted Capital Works Program of \$125.6m. After the completion of the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review, Council has increased the Capital Works Program by \$5.1m to \$130.8m. Details of project movements are included under section four in the report.

## 2) Primary Financial Statement

Description	Original Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Rates & General Revenue	138,429	-	138,429	34,766
User Charges & Fees	60,913	189	61,102	16,522
Domestic Waste Charge	43,523	-	43,523	11,158
Interest Income	9,328	678	10,006	3,194
Other Income	30,159	1,633	31,792	9,058
Operating Grants & Contributions	10,353	2,552	12,905	754
Capital Grants & Contributions	40,576	4,222	44,798	10,668
Profit or Loss on Disposal	(1,109)	-	(1,109)	(23)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>332,171</b>	<b>9,274</b>	<b>341,445</b>	<b>86,097</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Employee costs	149,127	390	149,517	38,570
Materials & Contracts	95,592	4,143	99,736	24,311
Borrowing Costs	723	-	723	184
Depreciation & Amortisation	34,204	3,901	38,104	9,440
Other Expenses	13,672	(521)	13,151	3,838
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>293,319</b>	<b>7,912</b>	<b>301,231</b>	<b>76,344</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit )</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>40,213</b>	<b>9,753</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital</b>	<b>(1,724)</b>	<b>(2,860)</b>	<b>(4,585)</b>	<b>(919)</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>				
Capital Works Program	125,626	5,129	130,755	14,671
Loan Principal	2,047	-	2,047	1,010
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>127,673</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>132,802</b>	<b>15,681</b>
<b>Funding</b>				
Net Working Capital Drawdown	52,103	(133)	51,970	(18,557)
Net Overheads Reallocation	0	-	0	-
Depreciation Contra	36,718	3,901	40,619	9,440
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>88,822</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>92,589</b>	<b>(9,116)</b>
<b>Net Budget Position</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15,044)</b>

## 3) September 2025 QBRS Movements

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b>Income</b>	
	<b>User Charges &amp; Fees</b>	
12	Increased Revenue - Early Learning	149
18	Increased Revenue - Finance	40
		189
	<b>Other Income</b>	
9	Increased Revenue - Corporate Support Services	892
22	Increased Revenue - Legal Services	540
25	Increased Revenue - Parking & Ranger Services	111
36	Increased Revenue - Strategic Planning	90
		1,633
	<b>Capital Grants &amp; Contributions</b>	
4	Increased Revenue - Capital and Major Projects	3,782
38	Increased Revenue - Urban Ecology	440
		4,222
	<b>Operating Grants &amp; Contributions</b>	
23	Increased Revenue - Libraries and History	8
36	Increased Revenue - Strategic Planning	250
37	Increased Revenue - Traffic & Transport Planning	1,890
38	Increased Revenue - Urban Ecology	404
		2,552
	<b>Interest Income</b>	
9	Increased Revenue - Corporate Support Services	678
		678
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,274</b>



Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b><u>Operating Expenditure</u></b>	
	<b>Employee costs</b>	
3	Increased Expenditure - Building Certification	4
4	Increased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	34
6	Decreased Expenditure - Community Centres	(56)
8	Increased Expenditure - Community Wellbeing	74
9	Decreased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	(715)
10	Increased Expenditure - Customer Service	2
12	Increased Expenditure - Early Learning	303
13	Increased Expenditure - Economic Development	3
14	Increased Expenditure - Engineering Services	41
15	Increased Expenditure - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	1
16	Increased Expenditure - Events	483
17	Increased Expenditure - Facilities Management	107
18	Decreased Expenditure - Finance	(16)
19	Increased Expenditure - Fleet Services	4
20	Increased Expenditure - Governance & Risk	137
21	Increased Expenditure - ICT	155
22	Increased Expenditure - Legal Services	77
23	Increased Expenditure - Libraries and History	44
24	Decreased Expenditure - Living Arts	(241)
25	Increased Expenditure - Parking & Ranger Services	4
26	Decreased Expenditure - Parks and Streetscapes Operations	(443)
27	Increased Expenditure - Parks Planning and Recreation	24
28	Increased Expenditure - People & Culture	75
29	Increased Expenditure - Procurement	89
30	Decreased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	(60)
31	Decreased Expenditure - Resource Recovery	(213)
32	Increased Expenditure - Resource Recovery Planning	40
33	Increased Expenditure - Service Transformation	108
34	Decreased Expenditure - Social and Cultural Planning	(238)
35	Increased Expenditure - Strategic & Corporate Communications	8
36	Increased Expenditure - Strategic Planning	3
37	Increased Expenditure - Traffic & Transport Planning	26
38	Increased Expenditure - Urban Ecology	507
39	Increased Expenditure - Urban Forest	9
40	Increased Expenditure - Urban Sustainability	10
		390

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b>Materials &amp; Services</b>	
4	Increased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	363
9	Decreased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	(262)
10	Increased Expenditure - Customer Service	1
11	Increased Expenditure - Development Assessment	156
12	Increased Expenditure - Early Learning	154
13	Increased Expenditure - Economic Development	299
14	Increased Expenditure - Engineering Services	55
16	Increased Expenditure - Events	184
18	Increased Expenditure - Finance	49
20	Decreased Expenditure - Governance & Risk	(243)
26	Increased Expenditure - Parks and Streetscapes Operations	443
28	Increased Expenditure - People & Culture	39
29	Increased Expenditure - Procurement	15
30	Increased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	103
31	Increased Expenditure - Resource Recovery	462
33	Increased Expenditure - Service Transformation	90
34	Increased Expenditure - Social and Cultural Planning	64
36	Increased Expenditure - Strategic Planning	77
37	Increased Expenditure - Traffic & Transport Planning	1,890
38	Increased Expenditure - Urban Ecology	204
		4,143
	<b>Other Expenses</b>	
4	Decreased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	(400)
13	Decreased Expenditure - Economic Development	(125)
15	Increased Expenditure - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	179
16	Increased Expenditure - Events	200
29	Decreased Expenditure - Procurement	(125)
31	Decreased Expenditure - Resource Recovery	(250)
		(521)

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b>Depreciation &amp; Amortisation</b>	
2	Increased Expenditure - Aquatic Services	196
5	Increased Expenditure - Civil Maintenance	3,437
6	Decreased Expenditure - Community Centres	(62)
7	Decreased Expenditure - Community Venues	(106)
8	Decreased Expenditure - Community Wellbeing	(13)
9	Increased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	1,468
10	Decreased Expenditure - Customer Service	(4)
11	Decreased Expenditure - Development Assessment	(4)
12	Increased Expenditure - Early Learning	28
14	Decreased Expenditure - Engineering Services	(2)
15	Decreased Expenditure - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	(20)
17	Decreased Expenditure - Facilities Management	(400)
19	Increased Expenditure - Fleet Services	509
20	Decreased Expenditure - Governance & Risk	(26)
21	Decreased Expenditure - ICT	(5)
22	Decreased Expenditure - Legal Services	(1)
23	Increased Expenditure - Libraries and History	55
26	Decreased Expenditure - Parks and Streetscapes Operations	(501)
27	Decreased Expenditure - Parks Planning and Recreation	(82)
28	Decreased Expenditure - People & Culture	(14)
30	Decreased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	(524)
31	Decreased Expenditure - Resource Recovery	(1)
35	Decreased Expenditure - Strategic & Corporate Communications	(26)
36	Decreased Expenditure - Strategic Planning	(2)
		3,899
	<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>7,912</b>
	<b>Capital Expenditure (Item 1)</b>	
	<b>Materials &amp; Services</b>	
4	Increased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	3,615
24	Increased Expenditure - Living Arts	94
21	Increased Expenditure - ICT	50
30	Increased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	900
34	Increased Expenditure - Social and Cultural Planning	30
38	Increased Expenditure - Urban Ecology	440
		5,129
	<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>5,129</b>

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b><u>Net Working Capital Drawdown</u></b>	
2	Increase - Aquatic Services	196
3	Increase - Building Certification	4
4	Decrease - Capital and Major Projects	(169)
5	Increase - Civil Maintenance	3,437
6	Decrease - Community Centres	(118)
7	Decrease - Community Venues	(106)
8	Increase - Community Wellbeing	61
9	Decrease - Corporate Support Services	(1,079)
10	Decrease - Customer Service	(1)
11	Increase - Development Assessment	152
12	Increase - Early Learning	335
13	Increase - Economic Development	177
14	Increase - Engineering Services	94
15	Increase - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	159
16	Increase - Events	867
17	Decrease - Facilities Management	(294)
18	Decrease - Finance	(8)
19	Increase - Fleet Services	513
20	Decrease - Governance & Risk	(131)
21	Increase - ICT	200
22	Decrease - Legal Services	(464)
23	Increase - Libraries and History	92
24	Decrease - Living Arts	(147)
25	Decrease - Parking & Ranger Services	(107)
26	Decrease - Parks and Streetscapes Operations	(501)
27	Decrease - Parks Planning and Recreation	(58)
28	Increase - People & Culture	100
29	Decrease - Procurement	(21)
30	Increase - Properties & Strategic Investments	419
31	Decrease - Resource Recovery	(1)
32	Increase - Resource Recovery Planning	40
33	Increase - Service Transformation	198
34	Decrease - Social and Cultural Planning	(144)
35	Decrease - Strategic & Corporate Communications	(17)
36	Decrease - Strategic Planning	(262)
37	Increase - Traffic & Transport Planning	25
38	Increase - Urban Ecology	307
39	Increase - Urban Forest	8
40	Increase - Urban Sustainability	10
	<b>Total Net Working Capital Drawdown</b>	<b>3,767</b>

Item 2

Attachment 2

## 4) ITEM 1 – Capital Projects Movement from Original Budget

Item	Description	2023/24 Carryover	Other Movements	Total Movement	Commentary
1	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,655</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>5,129</b>	
	<b>Office Equipment</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50</b>	
	WAN Links renewal	30		30	Carryover of unspent project budget to completed in the current financial year.
	Assets Mobility Devices	20		20	Carryover of unspent project budget to completed in the current financial year.
	<b>Furniture &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>239</b>	
	Balmain Library - Furniture and Fixtures	-	239	239	Inclusion of budget for renewal of furniture and fixtures in Balmain library.
	<b>Land Improvement (Depreciable)</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>5,530</b>	
	Greenway Central Links Construction	-	3,600	3,600	Approved grant variation and transfer of funds from Pymont Bridge Road Cycleway to GreenWay
	Wangal Nura Park Playground	167	-	167	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in August 2024.
	Kensington Road Playground	138	-	138	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in August 2024.
	Maundrell Park Playground	99	-	99	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Richard Murden Reserve Inclusive Playground	99	-	99	Carry over to current financial year with project in design.
	War Memorial Park Playground	80	-	80	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Francis Street Playground	-	(120)	(120)	Grant submission under NSW Government's Local Small Commitment Allocation (LSCA) Program for playground upgrades at Mort Bay Park and Tom Kenny Reserve. Upgrades at Francis Street Playground and Garavel Playground have been deferred to future years to prioritise grant funded projects.
	Garavel Playground	-	(160)	(160)	
	Mort Bay Park Playground	-	340	340	
	Tom Kenny Reserve Playground	-	220	220	
	Mackey Park Canoe Ramp	471	-	471	Carry over to current financial year due to delays to receive utility authority approvals.
	Camdenville Park Upgrade	(90)	-	(90)	Multi-year project with spend in the prior financial year.
	Park Footpaths Renewal	80	-	80	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Jack Shanahan Reserve Lighting Upgrade	22	-	22	Carry over to current financial year while waiting for Plans of Management (POM) to be adopted.
	Aboriginal Memorials	11	-	11	Project completed. Budget required for maintenance period.
	Illoura Reserve Survival Memorial	10	-	10	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Gumbrammora Swamp Wetlands & Boardwalk, Marrickville	-	440	440	Grant awarded for capital works to be completed over two years.
	Reconciliation Action Plan Art Works	30		30	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Datchett Street Incinerator Removal & Interpretation Piece	94		94	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, to be completed in current financial year.

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1	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>2,671</b>	
	Leichhardt Oval No. 1	150	-	150	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Aboriginal Community Hub - Tempe	117	-	117	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Paringa Reserve Elliot St New Kiosk	74	-	74	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Liverpool - Building Renewal	55	-	55	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Energy Efficiency and Solar Projects	51	-	51	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Tempe Reserve Amenities Building	50	-	50	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Ashfield Early Learning Centre Refurbishment	30	-	30	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Mackey Park Amenities Upgrade	27	-	27	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Henson Street Kindergarten Refurbishment	22	-	22	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Gladstone Park New Public Toilet	18	-	18	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Camdenville Park Amenities Refurbishment	15	-	15	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Hammond Park Amenities Upgrade	12	-	12	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Annandale Town Hall Community Centre Refurbishment	11	-	11	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Clontarf Cottage Roof Replacement	10	-	10	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Leichhardt Park Caretaker Cottage	9	-	9	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Pratten Park Upgrade	9	-	9	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	McNeilly Girl Guides Hall Refurbishment	5	-	5	Carry over to current financial year due to complete final spend.
	Birchgrove Park renewal works	18	(1,270)	(1,252)	Council is currently procuring design services consultants and will engage with the sporting clubs for input and feedback into the design. The optimal period for construction to take place is during spring/summer. To ensure sporting clubs can continue to use Birchgrove Oval the upgrade of the amenity block has been scheduled September 2025 to March 2026.
	Marrickville Town Hall Internal Refurbishment	-	(67)	(67)	Multi-year project, balancing total spend against life of project budget.
	Leichhardt Oval #2 Amenities Upgrade	-	(67)	(67)	Multi-year project, balancing total spend against life of project budget.
	King George Park Amenities Upgrade	-	(25)	(25)	Multi-year project, balancing total spend against life of project budget.
	Cavendish Street Early Learning Refurbishment	-	15	15	Budget to complete works already in progress.
	Henson Park Grandstand Upgrade	-	2,500	2,500	Approved Grant funding for the upgrade of the King George V Grandstand at Henson Park.
	St Peters Depot Masterplan	300	-	300	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Council Co-Location Capital Works	-	400	400	Inclusion of budget for the upgrade of Council facilities.
	Creative Use of Town Halls	-	200	200	Inclusion of budget per council resolution.
	<b>Aquatic Facilities</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>(3,208)</b>	<b>(3,191)</b>	
	Callan Park Swim Spot	13	-	13	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre Refurbishment	5	-	5	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre	-	(3,300)	(3,300)	Schedule change to begin works in low season resulting in realigning of budget to future years.
	Dawn Fraser Bath Northern Pavilion Renewal	-	92	92	Multi year project, budget brought forward budget from 2025/26 financial year.

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1	<b>Local Roads</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>(815)</b>	<b>757</b>	
	Arthur Street - Holden Street to Victoria Street, Ashfield	173	-	173	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Ramsay Street (Sloane Street to Marion Street), Haberfield	173	-	173	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Thames Street, Trouton Street to Mort Street, Balmain	146	-	146	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in fourth quarter.
	Griffiths Street - Station Street To Dead End, Tempe	141	-	141	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Mcrae Street-Livingstone Road To Dead End, Petersham	139	-	139	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Rich Street - Victoria Road, Marrickville	128	-	128	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Grove Street - Illawarra Road to Ivanhoe Street, Marrickville	126	-	126	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Evans Street (Brent Street to Merton Street), Rozelle	126	-	126	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Barden Street - Princes Hwy to South Street, Tempe	122	-	122	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Railway Street - Parramatta Road to Fort Street, Petersham	120	-	120	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Talbot Street - Princes Highway to Bellevue Street, Petersham	99	-	99	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Wentworth Street - Brighton Street To Dead End, Petersham	60	-	60	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	The Terrace - Rose Street to Grove Street, Birchgrove	45	-	45	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Mansfield Street (Evans Street to Mullen Street), Rozelle	38	-	38	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Derby Place - Denison Street to Australia Street, Camperdown	26	-	26	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Turner Avenue - Kingston Street to Dalhousie Street, Haberfield	21	-	21	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays, completion in July 2024.
	Denison Street, Darling Street to Evans Street	-	(200)	(200)	Deferral of budget due to Western Harbour Tunnel works.
	Denison Street, Evans Street to Burt Street	-	(170)	(170)	Deferral of budget due to Western Harbour Tunnel works.
	Evans Street, Kenniff Street to Victoria Road, Rozelle	-	(170)	(170)	Deferral of budget due to Western Harbour Tunnel works.
	The Avenue - Darling St to end, Balmain	-	(100)	(100)	Deferral of budget due to Ausgrid works.
	Evans Street, Denison Street to Kenniff Street	-	(70)	(70)	Deferral of budget due to Western Harbour Tunnel works.
	Percy Street, Rozelle	-	(65)	(65)	Deferral of budget due to Western Harbour Tunnel works.
	Other Projects	(111)	(40)	(151)	
	<b>Footpaths</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	
	Old Canterbury Road Old Canterbury Road to Weston Street, Dulwich Hill	10	-	10	Carry over to current financial year to complete construction works.
	<b>Kerb &amp; Gutter</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>252</b>	
	Dudley Street - Learmonth Street to Waratah Street	217	-	217	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays.
	Bland Street - Elizabeth Street to Charlotte Street, Ashfield	30	-	30	Carry over to current financial year due to wet weather delays.
	O'Neill Street Between Justin Street & Cecily Street	5	-	5	Carry over to current financial year to complete construction works.

Item	Description	2023/24 Carryover	Other Movements	Total Movement	Commentary
1	<b>Traffic Devices</b>	191	(170)	21	
	Bland St - Traffic calming improvements, Ashfield and Haberfield	77	-	77	Carry over to current financial year, to be coordinated with Elizabeth Street in 2024/25.
	Goddard St Newtown Raised Threshold - Newtown (Area 6) LATM	40	-	40	Carry over to current financial year, majority of works completed June 2024 with delay of paver supply.
	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	40	-	40	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Blackspot - Marrickville Road / Meeks Road	-	(150)	(150)	Blackspot funding not approved.
	Other Projects	34	(20)	14	
	<b>Storm Water Drainage</b>	227	18	245	
	Wortley Street Stormwater Upgrade, Balmain	-	160	160	Design estimate increase due to new pits and larger pipes.
	Foucart Street Reline	-	123	123	Increase in budget to factor design costs estimates.
	Addison Road, Agar Street & England Avenue, Marrickville	120	-	120	Multi-year grant. Consultant activities began late 2023/24 and invoices processed in 2024/25.
	Kingston Street / Deakin Street - Drainage Upgrade	6	85	91	Increase in budget for construction works.
	Railway Parade - Stormwater Upgrade Annandale	-	80	80	Increase in budget to factor design costs estimates.
	Lord Street Trunk Drainage, Newtown	41	-	41	Carry over to current financial year as project in design.
	Edgeware Road, Newtown	30	-	30	Multi-year grant. Consultant activities began late 2023/24 and invoices processed in 2024/25.
	Carrington Road - Myrtle Street to Rail	10	(110)	(100)	Project in design, budget realigned to future years.
	Mort Bay Park - New GPT	-	(320)	(320)	Design to be commenced in future years and budget realigned.
	Other Projects	20	0	20	
	<b>Bicycle Facilities</b>	109	20	129	
	Mary Street to Sydenham Cycleway WestConnex	41	-	41	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	SW Metro - Sydenham to Dulwich Hill Station EWPL	35	-	35	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Bruce Street, Ashfield - Shared Path & Kerb Ramp	-	20	20	Community request to widen footpath for missing cycle link.
	Lilyfield Road Cycleway	18	-	18	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Marrickville Road (EAST) Design and Implementation	15	-	15	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	<b>Town Centres</b>	31	(1,616)	(1,585)	
	Main Street Local Placemaking	-	(121)	(121)	Multi-year project, budget spent in prior financial year.
	Signage	31	5	36	Carry over to current financial year due to multi-year project.
	Main Street Revitalisation	-	(6,150)	(6,150)	
	Main Streets - All Weather Outdoor Dining Coverage	-	1,817	1,817	
	Main Streets - Footpath Plaques	-	236	236	Allocation of budget to individual projects.
	Main Streets - Furniture's & Umbrellas	-	2,747	2,747	
	Main Streets - Verge Greening	-	1,250	1,250	
	Main Streets - Shop Front Awnings	-	100	100	
	Urban Amenity Improvement Program	-	(1,500)	(1,500)	Approved grant variation, transfer of funds from Pymont Bridge Road Cycleway to GreenWay.

## ITEM 2 – Aquatic Services

Increase Depreciation & Amortisation	\$196k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$196k

- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 3 – Building Certification

Increase Employee Costs	\$4k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$4k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.



## ITEM 4 – Capital and Major Projects

Increase Capital Grants & Contributions	\$3,782k
Increase Employee Costs	\$34k
Increase Materials & Services	\$363k
Decrease Other Expenses	\$400k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$3,615k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$169k

- Capital Grants increase due to bringing forward the recognition of the GreenWay grant received in prior years, approved grant funding for the upgrade of the King George V Grandstand at Henson Park and NSW Government's Local Small Commitment Allocation (LSCA) Program for Mort Bay Park Playground and Tom Kenny Reserve Playground.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Materials & Services increase due to reallocation of streetlighting from Other Expenses to Materials & Services. This is partially offset by annual software licences budget transferred to ICT.
- Other Expenses decrease due to reallocation of streetlighting from Other Expenses to Materials & Services.
- Capital Expenditure increase – please refer to Item 1.

## ITEM 5 – Civil Maintenance

Increase Depreciation & Amortisation	\$3,437k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$3,437k

- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 6 - Community Centres

Decrease Employee Costs	\$56k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$62k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$118k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment and movement of one position to Communities.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 7 - Community Venues

Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$106k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$106k

- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 8 - Community Wellbeing

Increase Employee Cost	\$74k
Decrease Depreciation	\$13k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$61k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment and offset with decrease in Social and Cultural Planning and Community Centres.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 9 - Corporate Support Services

Increase Other Income	\$892k
Increase Interest Income	\$678k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$715k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$262k
Increase Depreciation	\$1,468k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$1,079k

- Other Income increased due to late payment received for Ex-Gratia relating to 2023/24.
- Interest Income increase due to higher than expected reserves for Council as of 30 June 2024 resulting in receiving more interest income for the first quarter.
- Employee Costs decrease due to allocation of budget to various service units.
- Materials & Services decrease due to unspent software budget required for completion of projects carried forward offset by allocation of budget to various service units.
- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 10 - Customer Service

Increase Employee Costs	\$2k
Increase Materials & Services	\$1k
Decrease in Depreciation	\$4k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$1k

- Employee Costs increased due to salary realignment.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 11 - Development Assessment

Increase Materials & Services	\$156k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$4k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$152k

- Materials & Services increase related to the implementation of AI in the development assessment space with grants received in the prior financial year.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 12 – Early Learning

Increase User Charges and Fees	\$149k
Increase Employee Cost	\$303k
Increase Materials & Services	\$154k
Increase Depreciation	\$28k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$335k

- User Charges and Fees increase due fees adjustment to reflect the current utilisation in the first quarter.
- Employee Costs increase due to new positions to comply with regulatory requirement of staff to Children ratio and salary realignment.
- Materials and Services increase due to start strong program funded by grant reserve, with grants received in the prior financial year.
- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

#### ITEM 13 – Economic Development

Increase Employee Costs	\$3k
Increase Materials & Services	\$299k
Decrease Other Expenses	\$125k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$177k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Materials & Services increase related to main street beautification and tree wrapping budget reallocated from Strategic Planning and reallocation of budget from Other Expenses.

#### ITEM 14 - Engineering Services

Increase Employee Costs	\$41k
Increase Materials & Services	\$55k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$2k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$94k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Material & Services increase is due to carry-over of non-recurrent budgets from 2023/24 for Flood Risk Management Plans.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

#### ITEM 15 - Environmental Health & Building Regulation

Increase Employee Costs	\$1k
Increase Other Expenses	\$179k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$20k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$159k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Other Expenses increase due to bad debt expense for fire safety and doubtful debt expense for Compliance LGA/EPA order.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

#### ITEM 16 - Events

Increase Employee Costs	\$483k
Increase Materials & Services	\$184k
Increase Other Expenses	\$200k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$867k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment and team reorganisation, offsets with decrease in Living Arts and Social and Cultural Planning.
- Materials and Services increase due to grant funded expenses for Marrickville Music Festival, Ashfield Festival and Celebrate 2044 events.
- Other Expenses increase due to Council's investment in SXSW Sydney Satellite event on Enmore Road as per council resolution.

## ITEM 17 – Facilities Management

Increase Employee Costs	\$107k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$400k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$294k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 18 - Finance

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$40k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$16k
Increase Materials & Services	\$49k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$8k

- User Charges & Fees increase due to higher than expected Section 603 certificates in the first quarter.
- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment.
- Material & Services increase is due to introduction of trainee program.

## ITEM 19 - Fleet

Increase Employee Costs	\$4k
Increase Depreciation & Amortisation	\$509k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$513k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Depreciation Increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 20 - Governance & Risk

Increase Employee Costs	\$137k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$243k
Decrease Depreciation	\$26k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$131k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment and allocation of budget from Materials & Services.
- Materials & Services reduction due to transfer of insurance budget to Properties and Strategic Investments.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 21 - ICT

Increase Employee Costs	\$155k
Decrease Depreciation	\$5k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$50k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$200k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment and adjustments of positions.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.
- Increase in Capital Expenditure due to carry over of unspent budget relating to multi-year asset mobility devices project.

## ITEM 22 – Legal Services

Increase Other Income	\$540k
Increase Employee Costs	\$77k
Decrease Depreciation	\$1k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$464k

- Other Income increase due to partial legal settlement on Council matter.
- Employee Costs increased due to salary realignment.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 23 – Libraries & History

Increase Operating Grants & Contributions	\$8k
Increase Employee Costs	\$44k
Increase Depreciation	\$55k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$92k

- Operating Grants and Contributions increase relating to the 2024/25 Library subsidy and local priority grant revision by State Government.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Depreciation increase due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 24 – Living Arts

Decrease Employee Costs	\$241k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$94k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$147k

- Employee Costs decrease due to team reorganisation, offset in Events
- Increase in capital expenditure due to carry over of unspent budget relating to Datchett Street Incinerator removal & Interpretation piece.

## ITEM 25– Parking & Ranger Services

Increase Other Income	\$111k
Increase Employee Costs	\$4k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$107k

- Other Income increase due to recognition of previous financial year companion animal fines received.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.

## ITEM 26 – Parks and Streetscapes

Decrease Employee Costs	\$443k
Increase Materials & Services	\$443k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$501k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$501k

- Employee Costs decrease is due to realignment to materials and services due to vacancies filled by agency staff.
- Material & Services increase is due to realignment of employee vacancies to agency staff.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 27 – Parks Planning and Recreation

Increase Employee Costs	\$24k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$82k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$58k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 28 – People & Culture

Increase Employee Costs	\$75k
Increase Materials & Services	\$39k
Decrease Depreciation	\$14k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$100k

- Employee Costs increased due to salary realignment.
- Materials & Services increase due to completion of the Disability Employment Strategy.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 29 - Procurement

Increase Employee Costs	\$89k
Increase Materials & Services	\$15k
Decrease Other Expenses	\$125k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$21

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment and allocation of budget from Other Expenses.
- Other Expenses decrease due to allocation of budget to Employee Costs.

## ITEM 30 – Properties & Strategic Investments

Decrease Employee Costs	\$60k
Increase Materials & Services	\$103k
Decrease Depreciation	\$524k
Increase in Capital Expenditure	\$900k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$419k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment and movement of one position to Communities.
- Materials & Services increased due to transfer of insurance budget from Governance & Risk.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.
- Capital Expenditure increase due to Co-location project, Creative use of Town Halls and St Peters depot upgrade.

## ITEM 31 – Resource Recovery Services

Decrease Employee Costs	\$213k
Increase Materials & Services	\$462k
Decrease Other Expenses	\$250k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$1k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$1k

- Employee costs decrease is due to realignment to materials and services due to vacancies filled by agency staff.
- Material & Services increase is due to realignment of employee vacancies to agency staff and reallocation of disposal cost from Other Expenses.
- Other Expenses decrease is due to reallocation of budget to Materials & Services for disposal costs.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 32 – Resource Recovery Planning

Increase Employee Costs	\$40k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$40k

- Employee costs increase is due to extension of temporary student roles for 3 months.

## ITEM 33 - Service Transformation

Increase Employee Costs	\$108k
Increase Materials & Services	\$90k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$198k

- Employee Costs increased due to salary realignment.
- Material & Services increase is due to unspent project money from prior financial year for DXP project.

## ITEM 34 - Social & Cultural Planning

Decrease Employee Costs	\$238k
Increase Material and Services	\$64k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$30k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$144k

- Employee Costs decrease due to team reorganisation, offset in Events.
- Materials and Services increase is due to carry over of unspent non-current budget relating to Anti racism strategy and Child safe.

## ITEM 35 – Strategic & Corporate Communications

Increase Employee Costs	\$8k
Decrease Depreciation	\$26
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$17k

- Employee costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year

## ITEM 36 - Strategic Planning

Increase Other Income	\$90k
Increase Operating Grants	\$250k
Increase Employee Costs	\$3k
Increase Materials & Services	\$77k
Decrease Depreciation & Amortisation	\$2k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$262k

- Other Income increase due to legal settlement received by Council.
- Operating Grants increase relating to Lackey Street pedestrianisation design and Permit Plug and Play program.
- Increase in Materials & Services related to:
  - \$200k Lackey St pedestrianisation design and investigation funded by grants.
  - \$50k Permit Plug and Play pilot program to encourage a more walkable and safer neighbourhood, funded by grants/
  - (\$173k) Main Street Beautification and tree wrapping reallocation of budget to Economic Development.
- Depreciation decrease due to realignment of depreciation expenses from the fair valuation of assessment completed in 2023/24 Financial Year.

## ITEM 37 - Traffic & Transport

Increase Employee Costs	\$25k
Increase Materials & Services	\$1,890k
Increase Operating Grants	\$1,890k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$25k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.
- Material & Services and Operating Grants & Contributions increase due to matched grant funded expenditure for NSW Safe Speeds in High Pedestrian Activity and Local Areas. The works will entail construction of 40km/h zones (line marking and signage) in Enmore & Marrickville East and Marrickville & Tempe.



## ITEM 38 – Urban Ecology

Increase Capital Grants & Contributions	\$440k
Increase Operating Grants & Contributions	\$404k
Increase Employee Costs	\$507k
Increase Materials & Services	\$204k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$440k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$307k

- Capital Grants & Contributions increase due to successful grant funding for Gumbrammora Swamp Wetlands & Boardwalk.
- Operating Grants & Contributions increase relating to Parramatta River Catchment Group.
- Employee Costs and Materials & Services increase related to budget for Parramatta River Catchment Group partially offset against operating grants.
- Capital Expenditure increase due to successful grant funding for the design and construction of a new wetland and boardwalk celebrating Aboriginal cultural heritage.

## ITEM 39 – Urban Forest

Increase Employee Costs	\$8k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$8k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.

## ITEM 40 – Urban Sustainability

Increase Employee Costs	\$10k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$10k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment.

## 5) Summary Profit & Loss Statement

Description	Original Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Rates & General Revenue	138,429	-	138,429	34,766
User Charges & Fees	60,913	189	61,102	16,522
Domestic Waste Charge	43,523	-	43,523	11,158
Interest Income	9,328	678	10,006	3,194
Other Income	30,159	1,633	31,792	9,058
Operating Grants & Contributions	10,353	2,552	12,905	754
Capital Grants & Contributions	40,576	4,222	44,798	10,668
Profit or Loss on Disposal	(1,109)	-	(1,109)	(23)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>332,171</b>	<b>9,274</b>	<b>341,445</b>	<b>86,097</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Employee costs	149,127	390	149,517	38,570
Materials & Contracts	95,592	4,143	99,736	24,311
Borrowing Costs	723	-	723	184
Depreciation & Amortisation	34,204	3,901	38,104	9,440
Other Expenses	13,672	(521)	13,151	3,838
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>293,319</b>	<b>7,912</b>	<b>301,231</b>	<b>76,344</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit )</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>40,213</b>	<b>9,753</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital</b>	<b>(1,724)</b>	<b>(2,860)</b>	<b>(4,585)</b>	<b>(919)</b>

## 6) Service Unit P&L Summary

Description	Original Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Aquatic Services	20,927	(0)	20,927	5,109
Building Certification	752	-	752	225
Capital and Major Projects	36,447	3,782	40,229	4,269
Children's Services	20,197	149	20,346	5,852
Civil Maintenance	6,105	(0)	6,105	1,888
Community Centres	61	-	61	16
Community Venues	441	-	441	123
Community Wellbeing	263	-	263	86
Corporate Support Services	170,970	2,150	173,121	44,489
Development Assessment	4,240	-	4,240	1,073
Engineering Services	5,218	-	5,218	974
Environmental Health & Building Regulation	1,716	-	1,716	538
Events	83	-	83	38
Facilities Management	-	-	-	(0)
Libraries and History	637	8	645	47
Living Arts	6	-	6	1
Parking & Ranger Services	16,503	111	16,614	4,637
Parks and Streetscapes Operations	-	-	-	9
Parks Planning and Recreation	1,006	-	1,006	53
Resource Recovery	41,510	-	41,510	10,600
Resource Recovery Planning	120	-	120	-
Strategic Planning	1,129	340	1,469	4,421
Traffic & Transport Planning	3,752	1,890	5,642	992
Urban Ecology	62	844	906	655
Urban Forest	25	-	25	2
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>332,171</b>	<b>9,274</b>	<b>341,445</b>	<b>86,097</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Aquatic Services	23,106	196	23,302	5,857
Building Certification	1,045	4	1,049	280
Capital and Major Projects	4,016	(3)	4,013	1,922
Children's Services	21,675	484	22,159	6,366
Civil Maintenance	22,606	3,437	26,043	7,857
Community Centres	318	(118)	200	46
Community Venues	2,748	(106)	2,642	650
Community Wellbeing	3,200	61	3,261	527
Corporate Support Services	69,069	909	69,979	17,303
Development Assessment	7,848	152	8,000	1,830
Economic Development	1,394	177	1,571	322
Engineering Services	6,017	94	6,111	1,776
Environmental Health & Building Regulation	4,761	159	4,921	1,340
Events	2,025	867	2,892	315
Facilities Management	10,557	(294)	10,263	2,381
Libraries and History	13,159	99	13,258	3,208
Living Arts	1,839	(240)	1,599	349
Parking & Ranger Services	11,733	4	11,737	3,004
Parks and Streetscapes Operations	23,599	(501)	23,098	5,599
Parks Planning and Recreation	2,005	(58)	1,947	573
Resource Recovery	37,758	(1)	37,757	9,704
Resource Recovery Planning	2,115	40	2,155	757
Social and Cultural Planning	1,787	(174)	1,613	357
Strategic Planning	6,241	78	6,319	1,460
Traffic & Transport Planning	3,640	1,915	5,556	964
Urban Ecology	2,210	711	2,921	422
Urban Forest	4,705	8	4,713	742
Urban Sustainability	2,144	10	2,154	437
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>293,319</b>	<b>7,912</b>	<b>301,231</b>	<b>76,347</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>40,213</b>	<b>9,751</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) after Capital</b>	<b>(1,724)</b>	<b>(2,860)</b>	<b>(4,585)</b>	<b>(919)</b>

## 7) Capital Expenditure Statement

Description	Original Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>				
Plant & Equipment	4,397	-	4,397	908
Office Equipment	-	50	50	38
Furniture & Fittings	-	239	239	239
Land Improvement (Depreciable)	43,268	5,530	48,798	5,244
Buildings	27,066	2,671	29,738	2,785
Aquatic Facilities	9,470	(3,191)	6,279	643
Wharves	386	-	386	-
Local Roads	10,479	757	11,236	3,076
Regional Roads	200	-	200	507
Bridges	1,150	-	1,150	0
Footpaths	4,075	10	4,085	385
Kerb & Gutter	1,165	252	1,417	48
Traffic Devices	5,520	21	5,541	357
Car Parks	200	-	200	36
Storm Water Drainage	3,568	245	3,813	5
Bicycle facilities	3,330	129	3,459	19
Town Centres	11,351	(1,585)	9,766	381
Principal Repayments	2,047	-	2,047	1,010
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>127,673</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>132,802</b>	<b>15,681</b>
Rates and Annual Charges	(664)	41	(623)	(849)
Operating Grants & Contributions	1,807	(1,700)	107	-
Capital Grants & Contributions	26,983	4,222	31,205	6,499
Sale of Assets	1,405	-	1,405	(22)
Transfer from External Reserves	33,371	(1,173)	32,198	2,639
Transfer from Internal Reserves	9,603	2,041	11,645	1,588
Trf fr Depreciation Contra Reserve	55,168	1,697	56,865	5,826
<b>Total Funding Source</b>	<b>127,673</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>132,802</b>	<b>15,681</b>
<b>Net Budget Result</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 8) Cash & Investments – Restricted Held

	Opening Balance - 1 July 2024	Original Budget - Net Movements	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget - Net Movements	Forecast Closing Balance	YTD Balance
<b>Externally Restricted</b>						
Developer Contributions	72,655	(15,278)	1,980	(13,298)	59,357	73,401
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	3,916	-	(952)	(952)	2,964	3,645
Domestic Waste Management	11,973	(3,659)	196	(3,463)	8,510	10,985
Stormwater Management	4,623	(380)	(207)	(587)	4,036	5,040
Special Rate Variation Income	15,664	523	(113)	409	16,073	17,675
Mainstreet Levy	95	-	-	-	95	95
3.5% Levy	1,121	-	-	-	1,121	1,121
<b>Total Externally Restricted</b>	<b>110,047</b>	<b>(18,794)</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>(17,890)</b>	<b>92,157</b>	<b>111,961</b>
<b>Internally Restricted</b>						
Employment Leave Entitlements	15,638	-	-	-	15,638	17,213
Deposits Retentions & Bonds	32,977	(1,064)	-	(1,064)	31,913	35,802
Investment Property Reserve	5,863	-	-	-	5,863	5,863
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	19,446	(1,200)	(40)	(1,240)	18,206	19,445
Depreciation Contra Reserve	68,468	(23,084)	(4,697)	(27,781)	40,687	62,617
<b>Total Internally Restricted</b>	<b>142,392</b>	<b>(25,348)</b>	<b>(4,737)</b>	<b>(30,085)</b>	<b>112,307</b>	<b>140,940</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>7,399</b>	<b>(9,606)</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>(5,639)</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>25,490</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>259,838</b>	<b>(53,748)</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>(53,615)</b>	<b>206,223</b>	<b>278,391</b>
<b>Total Investment Portfolio As at 30 September 2024</b>						<b>278,391</b>

Council's cash position sees an unrestricted balance of \$25.5 million as at 30 September 2024. The unrestricted balance will reduce as Council expends it on operational expenses and capital projects during the financial year. The funds have been invested in accordance with Council's investment policy. As at the end of September 2024 Council's investment portfolio was made up of 82% non-fossil fuel investments.

## 9) Contracts

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value (EXC GST) \$'000	Commencement Date of Contract	Duration Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Romba	RFT 25-24 Mackey Park Upgrade	1,660	04-Aug-24	6 months	Y
Fleetwood NSW Pty Ltd	RFT 15-24 Tempe Reserve Modular Amenities	1,583	04-Jul-24	6 months	Y
Build 369 Pty Limited	RFT 24-24 King George Park Amenities Construction	901	11-Jul-24	1 year	Y
Hassell Limited	RFT 34-24 Master Planning TOD 2024	722	23-Aug-24	11 months	Y
Eurothermal Pty Ltd	RFT 24-23 LPAC Stage 1 Heat Pump Supply (Space & Pool)	710	17-Jul-24	5 years	Y
GJ'S Landscapes Pty Ltd	RFT 30-24 Hoskins Park Upgrade Works	650	15-Aug-24	6 months	Y
Orikan Australia Pty Ltd	RFT 08-24 Infringement Issuing and Management System	307	01-Jul-24	7 years	Y
SGS Economics & Planning	RFQ 163-24 HIA Feasibility & Economic Study	174	21-Aug-24	3 months	Y
Andrik Construction Group Pty Ltd	RFQ 11-24 Leichhardt Depot - Demountable / Modular Office	168	12-Jul-24	4 months	Y
Prosci Pty Ltd	EX 63-24 Change Management Software & Support	154	01-Jul-24	4 years	Y
Romba	RFQ 138-24 Sand Grooving Sporting Grounds	146	02-Aug-24	2 months + 9 days	Y
P4 - The Trustee for Products for People Unit Trust	EX 216-24 Balmain Town Hall Furniture Renewal	142	20-Aug-24	6 months	Y
Progressive Air Conditioning Engineering	RFQ 133-24 AKAC Gas Boiler Supply & Installation	140	02-Aug-24	2 months	Y
Jezzini Property Services Pty Ltd	RFQ 189-24 Caretaking Contract	127	16-Sep-24	3 years	Y
Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc.	EX 125-24 Animal Impounding Services within the Council's LGA	127	01-Jul-24	1 year	Y
ECS International Security and Investigations	RFQ 137-24 Cash Collection Service at Parking Meters	99	23-Sep-24	3 years	Y
EPIC Environmental Pty Ltd	EX 220-24 LPAC Geotech and Contamination	86	16-Sep-24	3 months	Y
Prompt Mower Service Pty Ltd	RFQ 213-24 Streetscape Small Plant Equipment	83	05-Sep-24	4 months	Y
Ble Energy Solutions Australia Energy Control Systems Australia Pty Ltd	RFT 24-23 LPAC Stage 1 Heat Pump Supply (Domestic)	78	05-Jul-24	5 years	Y
VG Consulting Pty Ltd	RFQ 161-24 Main Street - Quantity Surveying Services	72	23-Aug-24	1 year + 5 months	Y
GML Heritage	RFQ 155-24 Inner West Heritage – Review of South Dulwich Hill	60	27-Aug-24	11 months	Y
Officeworks Superstore Pty Ltd	RFQ 143-24 Regulatory Services Technology	53	05-Jul-24	2 years	Y

Above is a listing of contracts Council entered into during the period 1 July to 30 September 2024.

## 10) Consultancy & Legal Expenses

Expense	Expenditure YTD \$'000	Budgeted (Y/N)
External Legal Fees	326	Y
Consultancy Fees	780	Y

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high-level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Where any expenses for Consultancy or Legal Fees (including Code of Conduct expenses) have not been budgeted for, an explanation is to be given. Report on external expenses only (not internal expenses).

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 3  
**Subject:** ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 INCLUDING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
**Prepared By:** Prue Foreman - Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager and Chris Sleiman - Chief Financial Officer  
**Authorised By:** Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the Annual Report 2023/24 including financial statements.
2. That Council publish the Annual Report 2023/24 on Council's website and notify the Office of Local Government.

## 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's Annual Report outlines key achievements and performance against service and financial commitments outlined in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, for the financial year 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024.

The achievements are aligned to the five strategic directions of the Community Strategic Plan *Our Inner West 2036*.

The Annual Report includes Council's audited financial statements and statutory information. It is a key legislative requirement of Integrated Planning and Reporting under the *Local Government Act*.

Council won a gold award in the Australasian Reporting Awards for the previous year's Annual Report.

## BACKGROUND

Under s428 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as part of Integrated Planning and Reporting, Council must prepare and endorse an Annual Report within five months of the end of the calendar year. The report must outline Council's achievements in implementing its Delivery Program through the year's Operational Plan, and report on the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken to achieve the objectives in that year. The report must contain Council's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

In the year of a Local Government election, the Local Government Act requires that the Annual Report must also contain a report as to the council's achievements in implementing the community strategic plan over the previous 4 years. This report – *The State of the Inner West* – was endorsed by Council as its October meeting (C1024(2) Item 2) and has been published on Council's website. Refer to *Attachment 1*.



## **DISCUSSION**

The Annual report 2023/24 details Council's achievements in implementing its Operational Plan 2023/24 in line with the commitments of the Delivery Program 2022-26. This report provides extensive detail on Council's Delivery and Operational Plan, capital works and financial performance. In summary, as at 30 June 2024, 94% of Operational Plan 2023/24 actions were on track or completed, while 6% of actions were rescheduled.

Highlights include:

- Won the prestigious AR Bluett Award for the best performing council in NSW
- Selected as an Employer of Choice in The Australian Business Awards 2023
- Rolled out Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection service to all households
- Substantially delivered the \$59 million Cooks to Cove GreenWay
- Established the Inner West Sustainability Hub
- Opened seven town halls as creative spaces
- Secured funding to roll out 136 public electric vehicle charging ports
- Adopted the Blue Green Grid Strategy
- Adopted the Anti-Racism Strategy – a NSW council first
- Implemented the Arts and Music Recovery Plan
- Delivered EDGE in partnership with Biennale at White Bay Power Station
- Implemented the Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct
- Secured \$40 million to upgrade Leichhardt Oval
- Implemented the Reconciliation Action Plan including launch of the first Aboriginal Survival Memorial in Yeo Park, Ashfield
- Delivered the Inner West Pride Centre
- Created NSW's first dementia-friendly park at Lewis Herman Reserve
- Adopted the Customer Experience Strategy and extensive customer service improvements
- Adopted the Procurement Strategy
- Held 10 Local Matters Forums

## **Audited Financial Statements**

The annual financial statements for the financial year 2023/24 were endorsed by the Council at a meeting held on 22 October 2024. Subsequently, the Audit Office NSW provided the independent auditor's reports and a Report on the Conduct of the Audit.

In accordance with Section 420 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the audited financial statements were placed on public exhibition for seven days from 28 October 2024 to 4 November 2024.


During the exhibition period, Council received two submission, and as per the provisions of Section 420(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the submission was referred to the Audit Office. It contained queries about the exhibition period, Council's performance ratios, investment property income, lease income, use of contractors and consultants, Council's investment portfolio and audit fees. No subsequent amendments to the financial statements are required.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

Attachments 1 and 2 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.  State of the Inner West report - **Published separately on Council's website**
2.  Annual Report 23/24 and Financial Statements - **Published separately on Council's website**

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 4  
**Subject:** POST EXHIBITION - DRAFT SPONSORSHIP POLICY  
**Prepared By:** Michael Daly - Creative Communities Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
- 3: Creative communities and a strong economy
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current Sponsorship Policy was adopted by Council in 2018 and was due for a review. The draft Sponsorship Policy was approved for public consultation by Council on 21 May 2024. 18 people downloaded the document, and two provided Council with submissions. These are outlined below. This report seeks Council's adoption of the Sponsorship Policy.

## BACKGROUND

The updated Sponsorship Policy report was presented to Council with a request to seek public consultation on the policy. At the Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council adopt the draft Terms of Reference for Local Democracy Groups in Attachment 1 in the report.*
2. *That Council rescind the Community Engagement Policy and the Impounding Policy (Shopping Trolleys) in Attachments 3 and 4 in the report.*
3. *That Council endorse the review of the:*
  - a) *Busking Policy, with no required changes; and*
  - b) *Assessment of Proposals for Outdoor Advertising and Signage in Transport Corridors Policy, with minor administrative changes, in Attachment 6 in the report.*
4. *That Council publicly exhibit the draft Naming Policy and the draft Sponsorship Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policies, subject to a report at the next Ordinary Council meeting on the effect of deletion of the words "unless the business is based in Council's Local Government Area and can demonstrate a considerable contribution to the community" after "Involved in gambling products or services" at the fourth dot point on page 7 of the draft Sponsorship Policy.*

5. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Naming Policy and the draft Sponsorship Policy be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

An additional report was presented to the 25 June 2024 Council meeting, providing feedback on Item 4. Council resolved the following:

*That Council receive and note the report.*

## DISCUSSION

The draft Sponsorship Policy was placed on public exhibition from 22 July 2024 to 20 August 2024. There were 95 visits to the Your Say Inner West project page and 18 downloads of the document during public exhibition. There were 2 submissions received during the public exhibition period regarding the draft Policy. These are provided below.

Support (Yes or No)	Public Exhibition Comment/Explanation	IWC Comment
No	<p>Businesses that earn millions each year from the misery inflicted by poker machines will be allowed to launder their reputations through a sponsorship with council, under the IWC proposed policy.</p> <p>The policy would allow Wests and other huge clubs to sponsor the council, under the get-out clause that the club "can demonstrate a considerable contribution to the community."</p> <p>In fact, clubs suck millions from the community via their poker machines and give only a tiny fraction back to community development programs. The dollar amounts of club grants may seem "considerable" but it they are nothing compared to clubs' poker machine profits, and the harm those profits inflict in this LGA.</p> <p>The proposed policy would apparently welcome clubs' dirty money - regardless of the many families in our area that have been destroyed by poker machine addiction.</p> <p>Please take a more principled stance and wholly disallow sponsorship involvement with any businesses connected to gambling.</p>	<p>Feedback noted and considered. The issues raised can be addressed through application of the principles in the draft Policy in respect of any sponsorship proposal, which must be assessed on its individual merits.</p> <p>No proposed changes to the draft Policy are recommended.</p>
Yes	<p>I do not believe that IWC should accept sponsorship from alcohol or gambling interests, even if they do business here.</p>	<p>Feedback noted and considered. The issues raised can be addressed through application of the principles in the draft Policy in respect of any sponsorship proposal,</p>

		<p>which must be assessed on its individual merits.</p> <p>No proposed changes to the draft Policy are recommended.</p>
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After reviewing the feedback provided during the public exhibition period it is proposed to adopt the publicly exhibited Policy, with no changes.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Download](#) Draft Inner West Council Sponsorship Policy 2024

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# Draft Sponsorship Policy

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Attachment 1

# INNER WEST

Item 4

<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsorship Policy</b>
<b>Summary</b>	This policy informs Council officials – including Councillors, staff, contractors, and volunteers – of principles, guidelines, processes, and issues relating to sponsorship.
<b>Document Type</b>	Policy
<b>Relevant Strategic Plan Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Direction 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport.</li> <li>Strategic Direction 3: Creative communities and a strong economy</li> <li>Strategic Direction 5: Progressive responsive and effective civic leadership.</li> </ul>
<b>Legislative Reference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Local Government Act 1993</i></li> <li><i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA ACT)</i></li> <li><i>Independent Commission Against Corruption Act</i></li> <li><i>Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW</i></li> <li><i>State Records Act</i></li> </ul>
<b>Related Council Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Code of Conduct</i></li> <li><i>Public Access to Information Policy</i></li> <li><i>Public Interest Disclosure Policy</i></li> <li><i>Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC) guide to Sponsorship in the public sector 2006</i></li> <li><i>Risk Management Framework</i></li> </ul>
<b>Version Control</b>	See last page

Attachment 1



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Sponsorship Policy 3





## 1 Purpose

This sponsorship policy provides the steps to be followed when seeking to obtain or provide sponsorship.

## 2 Scope

This policy applies to all Council staff and Councillors involved in the procurement or provision of sponsorship.

## 3 Definitions

In the Sponsorship Policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

Term	Meaning
<b>Sponsorship</b>	<p>Sponsorship is a commercial arrangement in which a sponsor provides a contribution of money or in-kind support in return for certain specified benefits to the sponsor.</p> <p>Sponsorship does not include grants or donations; the selling of advertising space; joint ventures; consultancies; or unconditional gifts, donations, bequests, or endowments.</p>

## 4 Statement

Sponsorship can relate to Council providing support to organisations upon request or it can also involve the procurement of sponsorship to support Council activities.

Sponsorship arrangements should benefit the community and assist Council in providing services and programs to the community. Council must ensure that all sponsorship arrangements are transparent, comply with Council's Code of Conduct and other policies, and do not limit Council's ability to carry out its functions fully or impartially.

Some potential risks around sponsorship, include:

- The perception that Council may expose itself to improper influence from private individuals, organisations, or companies; and
- Potential sponsors assuming that they have an entitlement to exercise influence over Council's operations for their own advantage. This policy is linked to Council's Risk Management Framework.



## 5 Sponsorship Principles

### Principles

Sponsorship arrangements should address the following guiding principles. These principles aim to ensure sponsorship is sought, received, and carried out ethically, lawfully and transparently to reduce the risk of corrupt conduct, or the appearance of corrupt conduct.

- a) There must be no real or apparent conflict between the objectives and mission of the sponsorship recipient and Council.
- a) A sponsorship agreement will not impose or imply conditions that would limit, or appear to limit, Council's ability to carry out its functions legally, fully, and impartially.
- b) Council (as a regulatory authority) will not seek or accept sponsorship from people or organisations whose involvement in a sponsorship arrangement could compromise or be seen or perceived to compromise Council's ability to exercise its regulatory and planning functions.
- c) Council will ensure that officials involved in the negotiation of the sponsorship have no involvement in the regulation or inspection of the relevant sponsor. All regulations and inspections will be conducted in an open, fair, accountable, and impartial manner.
- d) Council will not seek or accept sponsorship from people or organisations who are, or are perceived to be, of a nature that is inconsistent with Council's values or policies, may adversely affect Council's public image or reputation, or otherwise present a conflict of interest.
- e) In making a decision either to accept or not accept sponsorship, Council will weigh up the best interests of the public, public accountability, public perceptions and the potential risks against any potential benefits. Council's Risk Management Framework provides a mechanism by which risks may be assessed and managed, by capturing risk and rating in a risk register, and identifying controls.
- f) Council officials are not permitted to derive a personal benefit from a sponsorship arrangement.
- g) Sponsorship benefits for the sponsor must not outweigh the benefits to Council, and the level of recognition and benefits available to sponsors must be commensurate to the scale of the sponsorship.
- h) Where sponsorship involves the provision of a sponsor's product, Council will evaluate the product for its fitness for the stated purpose against relevant and objective operational criteria through a risk assessment process. Council should not support exclusive use of the sponsors' product.
- i) All sponsorship arrangements entered into by Council must be formalised in a written agreement. A template is provided in Attachment One of this policy.



- j) All sponsorship arrangements must be approved by staff with the relevant financial delegation as set out in this policy.
- k) Each sponsorship proposal will be assessed on an individual basis and no ongoing sponsorship beyond the terms set out in the arrangement should be implied or assumed.
- l) Council officials must be made aware of all other sponsors involved in a project to ensure they align with Council's involvement and objectives. The relevant Council staff will seek a list of sponsors in writing from the potential recipient, prior to formalising any sponsorship agreement.
- m) Council officials must monitor sponsorship arrangements to ensure the promised sponsor benefits are delivered. Sufficient and timely information must be provided by the sponsored organisation to enable Council to evaluate the sponsorship.

## 6 Acceptable Types of Sponsorship Activities

The following types of sponsorship are considered acceptable:

- Provision of funding
- Provision of goods, services, or vouchers (in kind support); and/or
- Provision of discounts.

Activities deemed acceptable for sponsorship include:

- Events and festivals
- Community development and cultural activities and programs of a limited time period
- Public conferences, seminars, and workshops
- Community or industry awards
- Environmental projects
- Community awareness campaigns; and
- Education or recreation programs.

The following types of activities are generally not suitable to receive sponsorship:

- Ongoing and regular services and activities of Council, whether undertaken by Council officers, volunteers, committees, or other groups
- Buildings, facilities, parks, or other assets; and
- Regular publications such as newsletters.

Council will not accept sponsorship from organisations or related parties that are:



- Involved in political fields (e.g., political parties)
- Involved in or associated with products or services related to tobacco, pornography, or firearms
- Involved in commercial alcohol products or services, unless the business is based in Council's Local Government Area and can demonstrate a considerable contribution to the community
- Involved in gambling products or services, unless the business is based in Council's Local Government Area and can demonstrate a considerable contribution to the community; and/or
- Otherwise perceived to be of a nature that is inconsistent with Council's values and policies or may adversely affect Council's public image or reputation.

## 7 Approvals for sponsorship

### **Sponsorship requiring Manager approval**

Sponsorships where the value of funding or in kind support to/from Council is up to \$10,000, may be approved by the relevant Manager. Managers should inform the relevant Director of any sponsorship arrangements being committed to.

### **Sponsorship requiring Director approval**

Sponsorships where the value of funding or in kind support to/from Council is between \$10,000 and \$250,000, may be approved by the relevant Director.

### **Sponsorship requiring General Manager approval**

Sponsorships where the value of funding or in-kind support to/from Council is more than \$250,000, may be approved by the General Manager. Approve of any sponsorship proposals involving overall naming rights.

## 8 Process for seeking sponsorship

Inner West Council may seek financial and/or in-kind sponsorship from organisations, companies, or individuals to support specific projects or events.

Individual sponsorship opportunities can be promoted through Council's website or potential organisations and businesses can be approached directly to determine their interest.

Any requests from organisations or individuals seeking sponsorship made directly to Councillors should be directed to the relevant Council official.

Sponsorship relationships should be reviewed annually by at least two people for transparency purposes.

Sponsorship proposals must be assessed against the below predetermined and publicly available criteria:



- The sponsoring organisation must be compatible with Council's values and strategic objectives
- The sponsoring organisation must agree to the sponsorship benefits offered
- The sponsoring organisation must not be involved in conflict or conflict of interest with Council
- The sponsoring organisation must be seen to have the capacity to fulfil its sponsorship obligations
- The sponsorship arrangement must benefit both parties

Council must ensure that sufficient resources are available to enable the promised sponsor benefits to be delivered. Sufficient and timely information must also be provided to the sponsor to enable them to evaluate the sponsorship.

## 9 Process for providing sponsorship

Council also has the option to sponsor other organisations and/or their associated activities either financially and/or in kind. In the first instance it might be best to direct unsolicited sponsorship requests to Council's grants program, where there are dedicated funds to support requests. Otherwise, support for unsolicited requests are mostly unbudgeted and require other projects to be impacted to secure funds.

Sponsorship proposals received by Council must be assessed against Council's strategic objectives and Council's policies and objectives as set out in the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program.

Sponsorship proposals must be assessed against the below predetermined and publicly available criteria:

- The organisation seeking sponsorship must be a charity or community based
- The organisation seeking sponsorship must be compatible with Council's values
- The project or activity being sponsored must have local impact in the Inner West local government area
- The organisation seeking sponsorship must offer identifiable benefits to Council in return for sponsorship
- The organisation seeking sponsorship must not be actively involved in conflict or conflict of interest with Council
- The organisation seeking sponsorship must be seen to have the capacity to fulfil its sponsorship obligations
- The sponsorship arrangement must benefit both parties

Where there are other sponsoring organisations alongside Inner West Council, these other organisations should not be inconsistent with Council's values and policies, adversely affect Council's public image or reputation, or otherwise present a conflict of interest.



## 10 Acknowledgement and benefits

The following benefits are considered acceptable, subject to a written agreement:

- Use of facilities, including the waiving of hire or site fees
- Opportunity for a spokesperson to speak at an event. Where Council is sponsoring an event this should be the Mayor as per the Council's Event Invitation, Speaking and Public Meeting Policy.
- Complimentary tickets to an approved value
- Display or merchandising of goods or other material.
- Inclusion of sponsor's branding/name/logo on collateral such as signage, banners, posters, brochures, advertisements, and website
- Defined, limited use of Council's branding/name/logo by the sponsor, subject to approval by Council as part of the sponsorship agreement
- Media or promotional opportunities, such as acknowledgement in Council media releases relating to the event or project
- Verbal acknowledgement at an event or activity by master of ceremonies or other speakers
- Formal letter from Council acknowledging the sponsor's valuable contribution; and
- Naming rights in exceptional circumstances and if approved

As with all signage and other communications and marketing material, approval must be sought from the Communications team where appropriate particularly around the use of the Inner West Council logo.

## 11 Reporting requirements: sponsorship proposals, agreements, and register

All sponsorship arrangements need to be appropriately documented, including sponsorship proposals, sponsorship agreements and a sponsorship register.

### Sponsorship proposal

The sponsorship proposal must outline:

- Type of event or project
- Target audience
- Promotion which will be undertaken
- Potential benefits to sponsors and alignment to Council's strategic objectives through the Community Strategic Plan and/or Delivery Plan
- An outline of the general benefits of sponsorship, including scope of marketing



- Expected sponsorship contribution and the form in which this will take (cash or in-kind), including explanation of GST and its implication for sponsorship
- Conditions of sponsorship
- Period/timeframe of sponsorship

### Sponsorship agreement

All sponsorship arrangements will be documented in a formal written agreement. With the agreement signed by both parties and confirming the benefits for both.

All sponsorships must be monitored by the relevant Council staff throughout the term of the sponsorship to ensure that the expectations of Council and the other party are met. If the conditions of the sponsorship agreement are not met, it may be terminated as outlined in the written agreement. Other parties should be given timely and appropriate information in writing on the results of the event or project in order to evaluate their association with Council.

### Sponsorship register

Council will keep a register of all sponsorship agreements on the Reports and Registers page of its website, outlining sponsorship opportunities and agreements, the event or project which the sponsorship covers, the sponsor/organisation's details and contribution to or from Council.

## 12 Breaches of this Policy

Breaches of this policy 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.

## 13 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.



## 14 Version Control – Policy History

This policy will be formally reviewed every three years from the date of adoption or as required.

Governance use only:

Document	Sponsorship Policy	Uncontrolled Copy When Printed	
Custodian	Director Community	Version #	Version 2
Adopted By	TBC	ECM Document #	33927713
Next Review Date	TBC		

Amended by	Changes made	Date Adopted
Community	New Policy	13 November 2018
Community	Policy Review – The Policy has been significantly edited to produce a more coherent and easier to read document. Ensuring that Council staff have policy details that are straight forward and clear to understand when negotiating sponsorship arrangements.	TBC



**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 5  
**Subject:** CAMPERDOWN MEMORIAL REST PARK - COMEDOR HIRERS AGREEMENT PROPOSAL  
**Prepared By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning  
**Authorised By:** Peter Gainsford - General Manager

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council approve a hirers agreement and approvals under the *Local Government Act 1993* that are in accordance with an amended proposal as outlined 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

## BACKGROUND

In August of this year Council officers were in the process of finalising a hirers agreement and the necessary approvals under the *Local Government Act 1993* for the installation of a temporary hardstand structure at the rear of the Comedor and approval for outdoor seating and serving of food and beverages from a rear servery window into the Camperdown Rest Memorial Park.

Concerns arose that an expected level of community consultation had not occurred and the remaining approvals were halted to enable a broad community engagement to consider the issues being raised.

At the September meeting of Council, a multi part resolution was passed and this report responds to that resolution;

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.

- 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's Plan of Management.

## DISCUSSION

This report outlines the recent history of an agreement with the proprietor of the Comedor to construct a temporary hardstand structure at the rear of 182 Australia Street and serve food and beverages from a rear server window into the park. The expected community engagement had not occurred therefore the process of issuing approvals was halted to gauge community feedback. Council subsequently resolved that following community engagement a report was to be provided to Council to allow them to determine the matter at a future Council meeting. This report outlines the community engagement and feedback, considers the concerns raised and makes recommendations for the consideration of Council following the resolution of the September Ordinary Meeting of Council as below;

### Comedor Proposal

The original proposal was for the construction and use of a temporary hardstand structure, approval for the use of a small number of tables and chairs, the serving of food and drinks into the adjacent Camperdown Rest Memorial Park and the sale of takeaway food and beverages from the servery window at the rear of the Comedor Café at 182 Australia Street, Camperdown.

The attached plan (*Attachment 1*) provides detail regarding the size and location of the hardstand structure which is proposed to link to the nearby path to provide an accessible path to the hardstand and then to the servery window. There is some unevenness to the ground in this location. The platform was proposed of modest size, sufficient to provide circulation space in front of the servery window and 4 or 5 small tables and chairs for the consumption of food and beverage purchased from the café. The proposal **does not** include the service of alcohol.

The proposed hours of operation of the servery window sit within the approved hours for the café. It was proposed that the servery window would operate from Monday to Wednesday and Sunday 8am-6pm and Thursday to Saturday 8am to 8pm. The café may choose to open later and close earlier within these hours.

### Other Café / Park agreements in the LGA

Council has entered into other agreements with café proprietors adjacent to parks as per the table below. These agreements are controlled either by Hirer Agreement, Lease, and/or S68 Approval.

Property	Use	Form of Agreement
Badu Park, Annandale	Outdoor seating for cafe	Hire Agreement
Yeo Park, Ashfield	Café and outdoor seating	Lease and License
Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre (AKAC), Enmore Park	Café and outdoor seating	Lease
Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC), Leichhardt Park	Café and enclosed seating	Lease
Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC), Petersham Park	Café and outdoor seating	Lease
2-8 Weston St, Balmain	The Fenwick Restaurant	Lease
131 Smith St, Summer Hill	Summer Hill Community Centre	Hire Agreement
Building, Enmore Park	Deadly Connections Office	Hire Agreement

## Community Engagement

Following the Council resolution, all further action was suspended in order to comply with its requirements. Some 2,748 letters were hand delivered by a third-party service to properties within 150m of the perimeter of the park, (see *Attachment 2* for a copy of the letter and *Attachment 3* for a map illustrating the extent of delivery of the letter) and posters were installed in the park advising of the engagement around the Comedor proposal (see *Attachment 4*). A community meeting was held at the Pride Centre on 3 October 2024 attended by six local residents and a presentation Q&A was held (see *Attachment 5*). Your Say Inner West invited community members to indicate their support or opposition to the proposal and the complete engagement report is at *Attachment 6*. In all the following were received;

Feedback Type	In Support	Opposed	Total
Online submissions	29	35	64
Emails / letters	8	43	51
	37 (32%)	78 (68%)	115

Pin Drop Map Data	Attached Comments in support	Attached Comments in opposition
Heart Pins - 123	49	3
Thumbs Down Pins - 315	0	143

## Issues Raised

Online submissions are summarised as follows;

Respondents who agreed indicated the proposal provided an additional facility in the park and supported local business.

Respondents who disagreed thought:

- The land is for public use and shouldn't be leased to private business
- The proposal removes public space from the community
- The proposal could set a precedent for other spaces within the Inner West.

Pin Submissions (Heart/Thumbs down) indicative comments included:

Oppose:

- "Alienation of public space by private operators."
- "Public parks are few in this densely populated area and should be free from encroachment."
- "Not a fan of a cafe here. There are plenty of cafes in Australia St and King St - all walkable."

Support:

- "Great to have a cafe there. Friendly and fun"
- "Would love a deck to be able to grab a quick coffee in the park, please allow Comedor to go ahead."
- "Yes, to a deck for dining and no to nimbys."

Emails are summarised as follows – comments have been drawn from the emails i.e. most emails made more than one comment.

You said	Officers Comment
<p><b>Against commercialisation and privatisation of public park and public space (30 comments)</b></p> <p>Community members also noted that parks are a vital asset in a densely populated area and there is inadequate provision to be privatising the space.</p>	<p>The use of Parks by adjacent food and beverage establishments is an established practice in the Inner West.</p>
<p><b>Community consultation was inadequate (12)</b></p> <p>Community members commented that inadequate information was provided in order to provide meaningful feedback, such as operating hours and size of deck. Some mentioned not receiving letters and others were concerned there was no community consultation before the approval.</p>	<p>The process was halted to enable community engagement to occur.</p>
<p><b>Acoustic amenity impact on neighbouring properties (10)</b></p> <p>Community members were concerned that there would be noise pollution due to the use of the deck, negatively affecting local residents.</p>	<p>This is addressed through a modification of the proposal.</p>
<p><b>Waste management (6)</b></p> <p>Community members were concerned that there would be waste management issues with the operation of a café in the park, citing inadequate bins for the existing waste consumption in the park.</p>	<p>This is addressed through conditions placed on the proprietor through the Hirer Agreement</p>
<p><b>Suggestions for alternatives (8)</b></p> <p>Should the café go ahead, several suggestions were put forward to locate the seating away from the residences, in a location that is less used and can be shared with other park users. Other suggestions included limiting trading hours, ensuring the price point of the café is inclusive and shortening the lease pending compliance.</p>	<p>This is supported and addressed through a modification of the proposal</p>
<p><b>Incompatible use with a memorial park (7)</b></p> <p>Comments indicated that the park was for quiet contemplation and respect for those buried there. An uplift in vibrancy was not deemed a compatible use.</p>	<p>The provision of takeaway food and beverage is not incompatible with park use.</p>

<p><b>Sets a bad precedent (7)</b></p> <p>Community members noted that that this would set a bad precedent for other commercial ventures in the park.</p>	<p>The use of Parks by adjacent food and beverage establishments is an established practice in the Inner West.</p>
<p><b>Diminish use of space that is well used (19)</b></p> <p>Community members expressed that the area proposed for the deck is well used by locals for children's play, picnics, dog walking and birthday parties. The platform occupying the space would reduce the ability for park users to have private and quiet use of the space.</p>	<p>This is addressed through a modification of the proposal.</p>
<p><b>Operation of the business (15)</b></p> <p>Community members suggested that to call it a café was misleading as it is a restaurant, and the operational hours reflect that of a restaurant. Comments also drew attention to the fact that the business is in a residential area and should have limitations sensitive to that context. Other concerns raised were that of compliance and whether the business would be required to pay higher rates for the use of the deck.</p>	<p>Noted - the Comedor is not a café, the proposal was initially as a café style.</p> <p>Payment for the use of the space is via a Hirers Agreement.</p>
<p><b>Adequate provision of Café's nearby (11)</b></p> <p>Comments suggested there were enough café's close to the park already.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>Antisocial behaviour and alcohol consumption (5)</b></p> <p>Comments indicated a concern for the deck leading to an increase in alcohol consumption in the park and associated antisocial behaviour.</p>	<p>Alcohol will not be served. There is no Liquor License for the service of alcohol in the Park.</p>
<p><b>Issues of existing compliance and operation (11)</b></p> <p>Community members raised concerns about the operation of the business to date. Several people mentioned the damage to the grass behind the café during its construction and how this had not been remediated. Others mentioned non-compliances around hours of operation, waste management, and noise pollution. Some comments indicated that the business had not engaged with the community or developed positive relationships with neighbours. One person mentioned worsening parking.</p>	<p>Council has been working through issues with the Proprietor including a resolution of the noise from a roof vent.</p>

## Amended Proposal

Having regard to the issues raised above and discussion with the Proprietor the proposal is recommended for approval. The following amendments are made in order to address concerns raised through the community engagement. It is proposed to reflect these changes into an amended Hirers Agreement.

### The temporary structure/hard stand

The temporary structure is to be reduced in size at the rear of the 182 Australia St, adjacent to the servery window, sufficient for an accessible path from the pathway to the servery and to allow circulation in front of the window. Acknowledging the potential for impact on the immediate neighbours, no tables and chairs are to be provided. The servery window will operate as a takeaway service.

### Hours of Operation

In consideration of the changed business model, the proprietor requested an additional hour in the morning when coffee service is likely to be high. Therefore, Hours of Operation of the servery window are recommended from 7am-6pm Monday to Wednesday and Sunday, and Thursday to Saturday 7am to 8pm. This is within the approved hours of the Land and Environment Court issued consent for the operation of the Comedor.

### Waste

A bin with some form of covering to discourage birds is to be provided adjacent to the servery placed on the temporary hardstand and taken in at night.

### Menu

The proprietor has indicated his intention to offer a menu that is accessible for families with an affordable price point including take away coffee/tea, fresh fruit juices and frozen drinks and pastries, toasted sandwiches, quesadillas and ice-creams.

## CONCLUSION

The proposal for service from the Comedor into the Camperdown Rest Memorial Park has now been the subject of an extensive community engagement. While there has been strong comment in opposition there has also been well articulated support for the proposal. Opposition to the proposal has been themed around concerns about the privatisation of public space. There has been significant precedent and accepted practice within the Inner West in this regard. Amenity impacts to neighbours of the Comedor and for other park users can be overcome through an amendment to the proposal as recommended in this report.

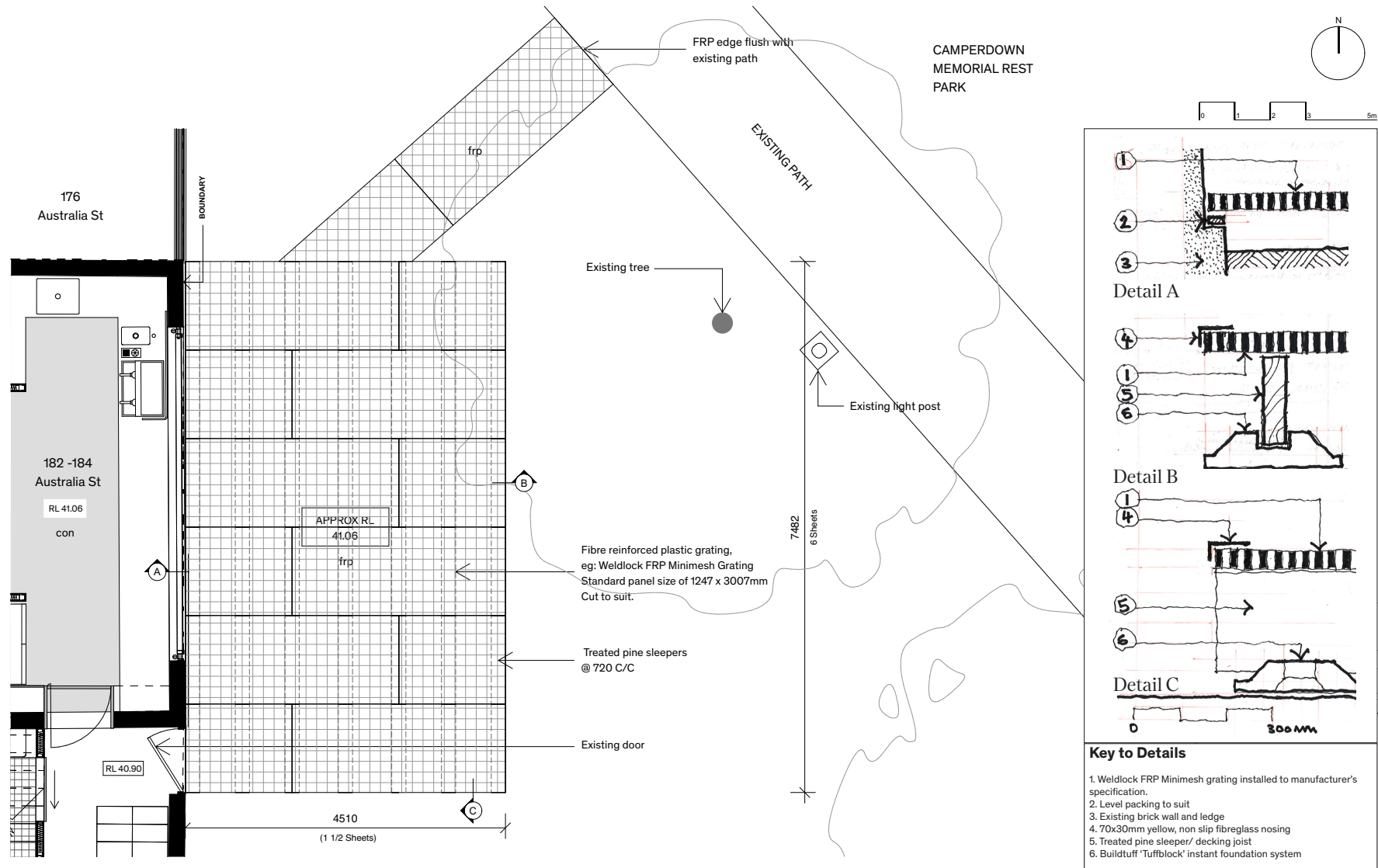
## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Original Temporary Hardstand Proposal
2. [↓](#) Engagement Letter
3. [↓](#) Map showing extent of letters delivered
4. [↓](#) Engagement Poster
5. [↓](#) Presentation for Comedor Community Meeting
6. [↓](#) Engagement Outcomes Report
7. Camperdown Memorial Rest Park - Hire Agreement





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- Drawings to be read in conjunction with WMA written specification, schedules and other consultant documentation.
- Do not scale from drawings; Verify dimensions on site before work commences and report any discrepancies to WMA immediately.
- All building work to comply with BCA and Australian Standards.

### FOR INFORMATION

Project:  
Australia St. Restaurant

182 - 184 Australia St Newtown, NSW, 2042 Australia

Project Ref:  
2209

Drawing Title:  
Park Deck Plan

Scale  
1:50 @ A3

Drawn  
GJ

Checked  
DW

Drawing Ref:  
A106

Date  
24/5/2024

Issue:

WM





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11 September 2024

## Important Consultation Information

Dear Resident/Business Owner

**Extension of Plan of Management Engagement for Camperdown Memorial Park, and;**

**Activity Application (PDLGAAPP-2024/000045) – Camperdown Memorial Park rear of 182 Australia Street Camperdown (Comedor Café)**

Council is consulting with the community on two separate but related matters;

- A masterplan for Camperdown Memorial Park, and your feedback is sought on suggestions around what is working, what is missing and what can be improved through the development of a Plan of Management for the Park
- An application Council recently received for the construction of a removable platform and its use for twelve (12) months via a hirers agreement for the serving of food and drink into the adjacent parkland – lodged with Council by Landmark Recruitment P/L.

## Have Your Say

You can provide feedback/make a submission by using the QR code, or by visiting Council's webpage. See link below:

<https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/planning-camperdown-memorial-rest-park>

Submissions close on **10 October 2024**.



## Community Meeting

Council will be holding a meeting with the community regarding these matters.

**When** 6:00PM Thursday 3 October 2024 (1 hour)

**Where** Inner West Pride Centre  
1 Bedford Street  
NEWTOWN NSW 2042

## RSVP

For venue capacity management, we kindly request all wishing to attend this meeting to RSVP by contacting Samuel Paul Cocker by e-mail.

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7-15 Wetherill St, Leichhardt NSW 2040  
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## INNER WEST

### Contact

To RSVP for Council's community meeting or to receive further information, please contact Samuel Paul Cocker at [samuel.paul.cocker@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:samuel.paul.cocker@innerwest.nsw.gov.au), or phone 02 9392 5519 during business hours.

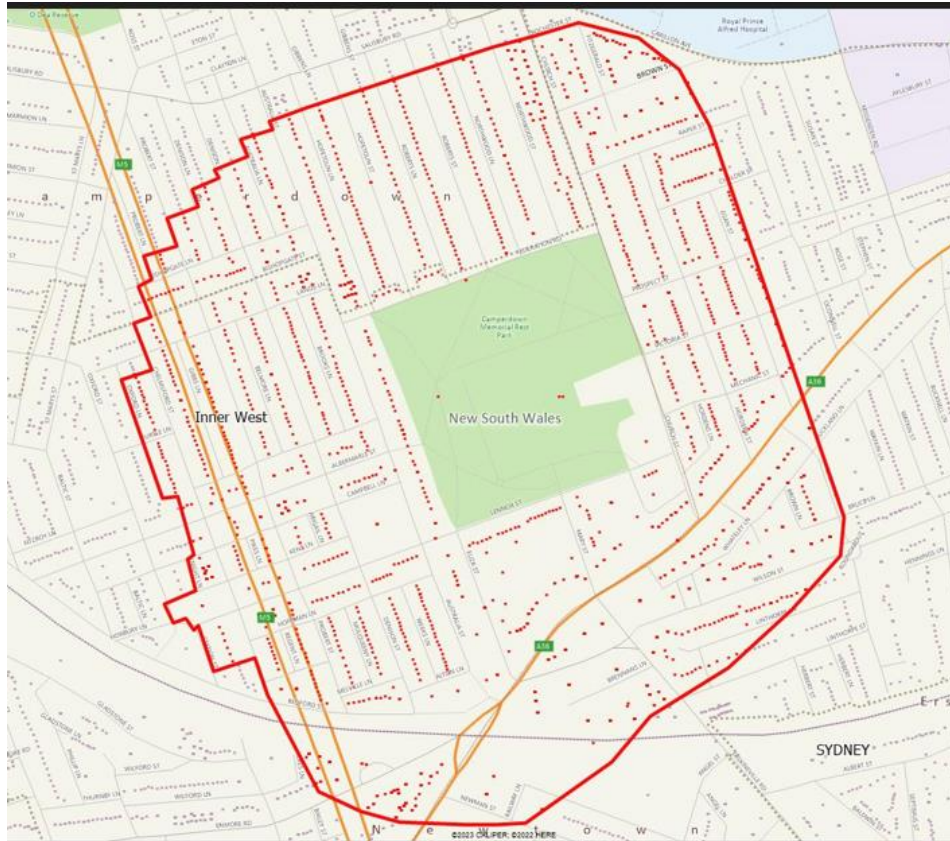
Yours faithfully



Simone Plummer  
Director Planning



Map illustrating extent of letters delivered by third party – 150m within the perimeter of Camperdown Memorial Park



# Have your say

## Planning for Camperdown Memorial Rest Park



Inner West Council is developing a 10 year plan for this much loved open space.

Let us know what is working, what can improve and what is missing.

Comment on the cafe proposal, removable platform and service of food and drink (no liquor license) into the park.

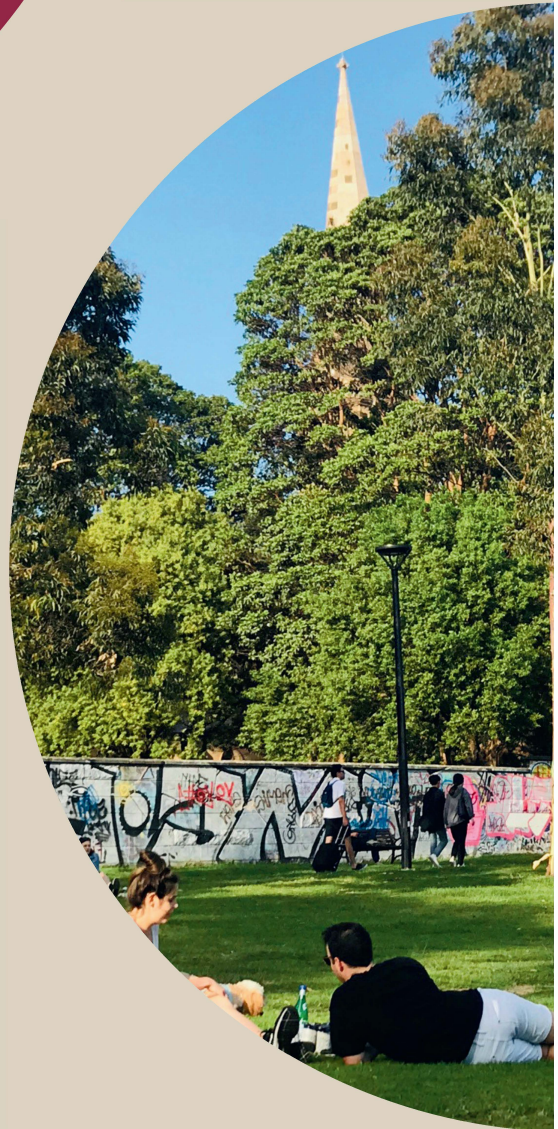
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**Comments close 22 September 2024**

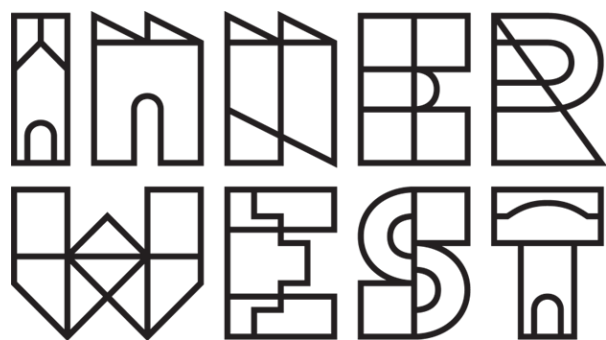
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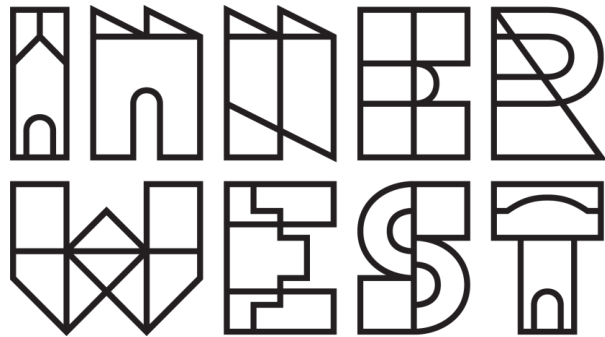
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## Planning for Camperdown Memorial Rest Park





## Acknowledgement of Country

## Plan of Management

### What is a Park Plan of Management?



#### Park Plan of Management

- ▶ A Park Plan of Management [POM] is a guiding framework which directs the future vision, planning, management and use of the park. It will be used to inform the development of the park over the next ten years.

#### Master Plan

- ▶ The Master Plan is a design report outlining the actions required for improvement, intended to guide the physical upgrade of the site over the next ten years. It does this by suggesting how the strategies set out in the Plan of Management can be translated into site specific opportunities for application to the park

## Council Resolution from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 September 2024

### **C0924(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Licence arrangements in parks** **Motion: (Atkins/Smith)**

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## Community Engagement

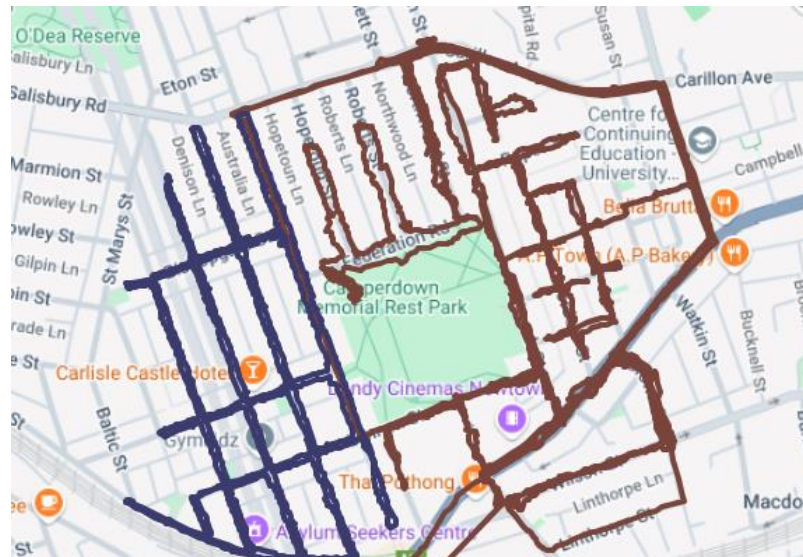
### What we've done so far

- ▶ Letter sent out to every property address within 150-metres perimeter of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park (including properties in both Inner West Council and City of Sydney) - 2,748 properties were notified
- ▶ Extended the Camperdown Memorial Rest Park Plan of Management engagement period through YourSay Inner West to 10 October 2024.
- ▶ Assisted approx 35 community members on how to make a submission.

## Community Engagement

Council engaged Adpost, a third-party courier service to hand-deliver notifications to all properties within a 150-metre perimeter of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

This map confirms delivery of notifications to properties →



## Community Engagement



QR Code to Your Say Inner West

Notice of Community Meeting on Council's Your Say webpage

### Community meeting



When: 6:00–7:00pm Thursday 3 October 2024

Where: Inner West Pride Centre - 1 Bedford Street NEWTOWN NSW 2042

An earlier on-site session was held on Saturday 17 August 2024, 9.30–11am

To RSVP for Council's community meeting, please email Samuel Paul Cocker at [samuel.paul.cocker@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:samuel.paul.cocker@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

[Planning for Camperdown Memorial Rest Park | Your Say Inner West \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/your-say/inner-west/planning-for-camperdown-memorial-rest-park)

## Park Posters

Updated posters around Camperdown Memorial Rest Park were erected on 3 September 2024 at 5:00PM, seeking feedback and submissions with a QR code and link to Council's Your Say Inner West webpage.

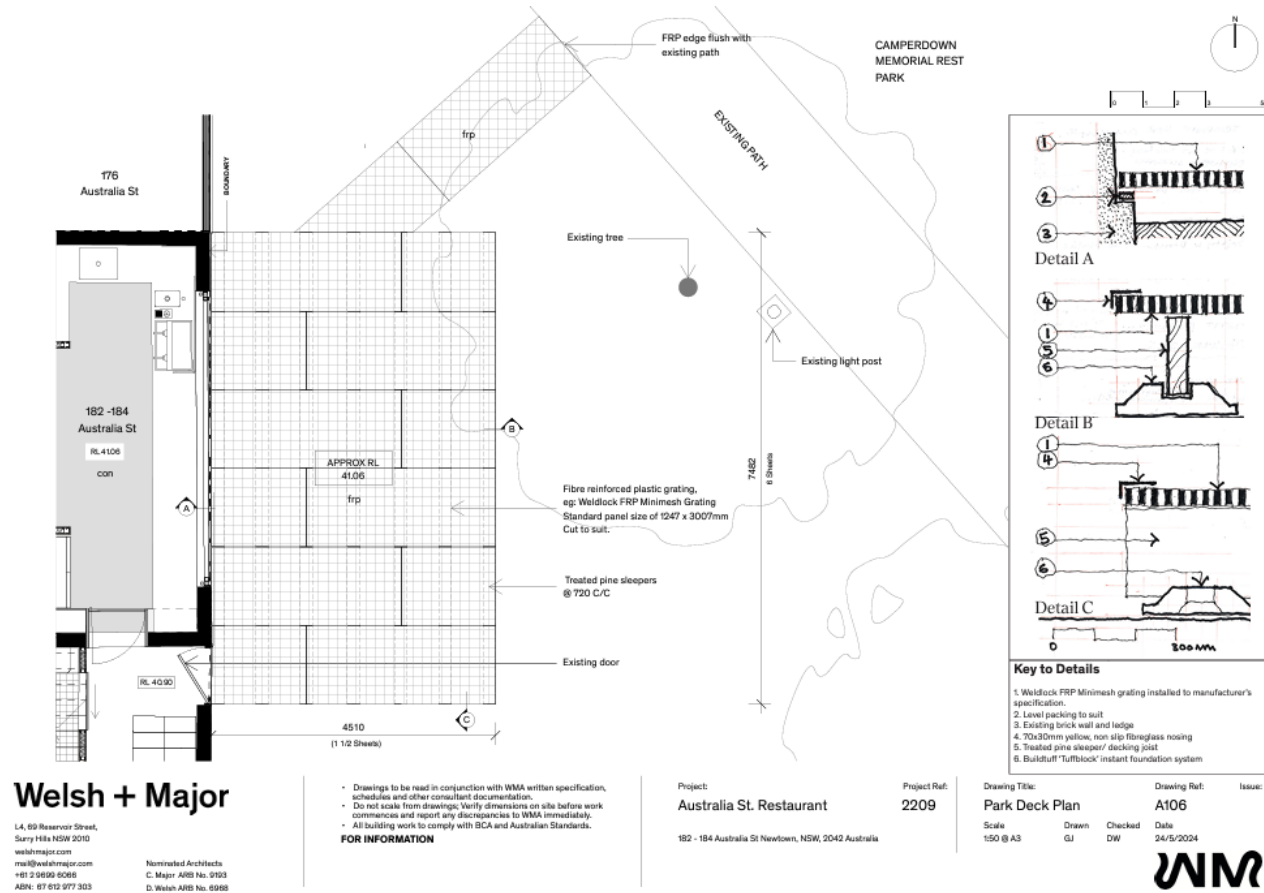
The initial close date for submissions was extended to 10 October 2024 following the Council Resolution.



## Proposal from 182 Australia Street, Newtown

- ▶ Council received an application to hire 40 m2 approx. of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park that directly adjoins the rear of 182 Australia Street, Newtown.
- ▶ This includes the installation and use of a removable structure and the serving of food and drink into the parkland from the servery window at the rear of the property – no alcohol.
- ▶ The proposed structure is 4510mm deep into the park, and 7482mm across the rear of the café – it is a few mm in height and sits at grade .
- ▶ The structure fits approximately a few small tables with chairs.

## Proposed Temporary Structure from 182 Australia







*Image above of proprietary product, RapidDeck (Gratex)*

- ▶ The structure consists of fibre reinforced plastic grating on treated pine sleepers.
- ▶ The grating allows rain through and sits lightly on the ground below.
- ▶ The structure is designed to provide accessibility for all abilities from the formalised path in the park to the rear of the cafe.

## Proposal from 182 Australia Street, Newtown

### Hours of Operation

- ▶ The proposed service from the rear servery window is within the hours of the approved consent for the operation of the café – the trial hours approved for the café in the Land and Environment Court are;

Monday to Wednesday & Sunday 7am to 6pm

Thursday to Saturday 7am to 9.30pm

### Terms of Lease

- ▶ Keep land free of pests.
- ▶ Regularly clean, pressure wash twice annually and remove rubbish from the premises at the end of each day.
- ▶ Stack and stow any tables, chairs, umbrellas and heating equipment at the end of each day.



## Proposal from 182 Australia Street, Newtown

### Conditions of Lease to be Maintained

- ▶ No smoking
- ▶ No service of alcohol
- ▶ No operation of a musical instrument, radio, television or other equipment
- ▶ No placement of temporary structures that hinder access to Camperdown Memorial Rest Park

## "Park Life" – from the servery window

The offering from the servery window at the rear of 182 Australia St is limited to food and non-alcoholic drinks, such as :

- ▶ Tea & Coffee
- ▶ Cool drinks, such as fresh fruit juices, sodas, snow cones and frozen drinks
- ▶ Pastries, toasted sandwiches, quesadillas and ice-creams.
- ▶ The price point is in the \$5 to \$20 mark.

## Commercial arrangements in parks and recreation centres elsewhere in the Inner West

Property	Use
Badu Park, Annandale	Outdoor seating for cafe
Yeo Park, Ashfield	Café and outdoor seating
Enmore Park (Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre)	Café and outdoor seating
Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre. Leichhardt Park	Café and enclosed seating
Petersham Park (Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre)	Café and outdoor seating
2-8 Weston St, Balmain	The Fenwick Restaurant
Ashfield Civic Plaza	Café and outdoor seating
Richard Murden Reserve	Café and outdoor seating
Elkington Park	Proposed Social Enterprise Café
Paringa Reserve	Cafe/kiosk (Container Cafe)

## Community Engagement

### What the community says (as of 1 October)

- ▶ 30 thumbs up / 90 thumbs down (120 in total)
- ▶ 20 respondents to the YourSay question – “Do you support the proposal?”
  - ▶ 7 – yes and
  - ▶ 13 – no
- ▶ 27 submissions made directly to Council in relation to the proposal
  - ▶ 24 submitters did not support the proposal
  - ▶ 3 submitters support the proposal



## Have Your Say!

Submissions close 10 October 2024

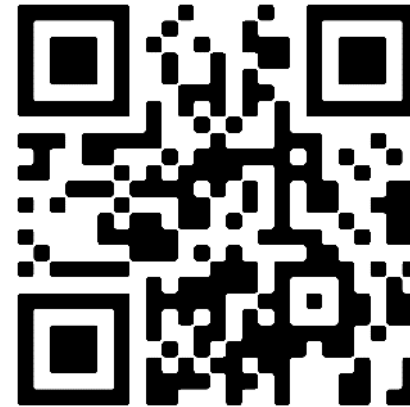
### Key Dates

#### Stage 1 – July–October 2024

Council is seeking community input/feedback on how to care for and manage Camperdown Memorial Rest Park over the next 10 years. This feedback will be combined with expert advice and other information which will inform a draft Plan of Management and Master Plan (PoM).

#### Stage 2– February 2025

Draft Plan of Management reported to Council with key master proposals listed. Subject to endorsement by Council, the Plan of Management will then be exhibited for public feedback for a period of 42 days.



## Next Steps

- ▶ In accordance with the Council resolution

*That community consultation be used to inform a recommendation to be considered at a future Council meeting.*

- ▶ Engagement closes on 10 October - so this is likely to be either November or December 2024 Council meeting
- ▶ Those that have provided email addresses will be kept informed of timing.



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## Camperdown Memorial Rest Park – Café Proposal

### Engagement Outcomes Report

29 July – 10 October 2024

Council received an application for the construction and use of a removable platform and the serving of food and drink into the adjacent parkland from the servery window at the rear of the Comedor Café at 182 Australia Street Camperdown.

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## Summary

The community was asked to share their feedback on the café proposal through an online survey on the Your Say Inner West platform.

Overall, there were 72 contributions made about the café proposal online throughout the engagement period on the Your Say Inner West platform. Of these 72 responses 11 were submitted by three individuals. These 11 submissions will be reported as three throughout the report. Therefore, the report is based on 64 unique individual responses.

In addition to feedback received online through YSIW, Council received 52 emails, 2 letters and 2 calls throughout the engagement. On Thursday 3 October Council held an on-site engagement session at the Inner West Pride Centre. Six community members attended and provided feedback following [a presentation](#) by Council staff.

Comments received through the initial engagement to develop the Camperdown Memorial Park Plan of Management and Master Plan will be reported separately.

In total, 68% of responses were opposed to the cafe proposal, while 32% expressed their support.

## Promotion and engagement methods

Promotion method
Project page on Your Say Inner West
Emails to key stakeholders
Council's social media
Posters

The community was invited to provide feedback through the following engagement methods, online survey, phone, letter, and email. Below is a summary of the engagement methods and the stakeholders engaged.





Engagement method	Stakeholders engaged
Online survey – Comment on the Proposal	64 surveys completed
Direct contact from residents	51 emails from individuals 2 phone calls 2 letters



## Who did we hear from?

Council gathers basic demographic information as part of the participant registration process online at Your Say Inner West. We use this information to understand who has responded and whether we need to engage further on the proposal.

80% of respondents were in the 40–44 years age bracket.

51% of responses were from the 2042 (Enmore, Newtown) postcode followed by 22% from the 2040 (Camperdown) postcode.



## Summary of feedback

In total, there was 72 responses to the online survey through the Your Say Inner West platform. Of these 72 responses 11 were submitted by three individuals these 11 submissions will be reported as three throughout the report. Therefore, the report is based on 64 unique individual responses.

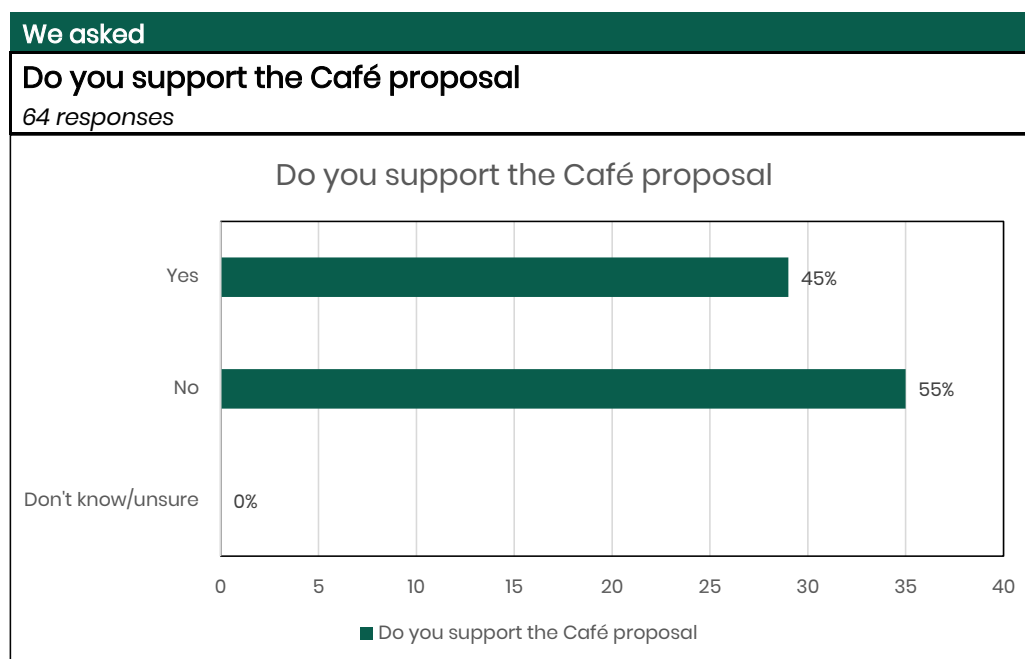
In addition to the online survey, Council received 49 emails from individuals, 2 letters and 2 phone calls.

There was an on-site engagement session where 6 people attended.



## Engagement method

### Online Survey



### Pin on a Map

The community was also able to engage with an interactive map on Your Say Inner West showing what they liked and didn't like about areas of the park. The map received '123 heart pins' which represented what people liked about the park. Of these, 3 comments opposed the cafe and/or deck while 49 supported it. The map also had 315 'thumbs down pins' which represented what people didn't like about the park. Of these 143 comments opposed the cafe and/or deck while none were in support.

Pin Submissions (Heart / Thumbs down) indicative comments included:

#### Oppose:

- "Alienation of public space by private operators

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- "Public parks are few in this densely populated area and should be free from encroachment."
- "Not a fan of a cafe here. There are plenty of cafes in australia st and king st – all walkable."

### Support:

- "Great to have a cafe there. Friendly and fun"
- "Would love a deck to be able to grab a quick coffee in the park, please allow Comedor to go ahead."
- "yes to a deck for dining and no to nimbys"





## Emails Direct to Council Officers

The community was also given the option to provide feedback on their reasons for supporting or not supporting the Café proposal. These responses have been reviewed and themed in the table below

We asked	You said
<b>Why do you support or not support the proposal?</b> <i>64 responses</i>	Respondents (29) who agreed thought: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would provide an additional facility/community hub for the park</li> <li>Supports the growth of local businesses</li> </ul>
	Respondents (35) who disagreed thought: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The land is for public use and shouldn't be leased to a private business</li> <li>The proposal removes public space from the community</li> <li>The proposal could set a precedent for other spaces within the Inner West</li> </ul>



## Email and Letter

The community could also provide feedback on the proposal via email. Council received 49 emails and 2 letters, 43 objected, 8 supported. Council officers have read, analysed and themed all responses received.

Emails responses against the proposal (comments have been drawn from the emails – that is most emails made more than one comment)

You said
<p><b>Against commercialisation and privatisation of public park and public space (30 comments)</b></p> <p>Community members also noted that parks are a vital asset in a densely populated area and there is inadequate provision to be privatising the space.</p>
<p><b>Community consultation was inadequate (12)</b></p> <p>Community members commented that inadequate information was provided in order to provide meaningful feedback, such as operating hours and size of deck. Some mentioned not receiving letters and others were concerned there was no community consultation before the approval.</p>
<p><b>Acoustic amenity impact on neighbouring properties (10)</b></p> <p>Community members were concerned that there would be noise pollution due to the use of the deck, negatively affecting local residents.</p>
<p><b>Waste management (6)</b></p> <p>Community members were concerned that there would be waste management issues with the operation of a café in the park, citing inadequate bins for the existing waste consumption in the park.</p>
<p><b>Suggestions for alternatives (8)</b></p> <p>Should the café go ahead, several suggestions were put forward to locate the seating away from the residences in a location that is less used and can be shared with other park users. Other suggestions included limiting trading hours, ensuring the price point of the café is inclusive, and shortening the lease pending compliance.</p>



<p><b>Incompatible use with a memorial park (7)</b></p> <p>Comments indicated that the park was for quiet contemplation and respect for those buried there. An uplift in vibrancy was not deemed a compatible use.</p>
<p><b>Sets a bad precedent (7)</b></p> <p>Community members noted that that this would set a bad precedent for other commercial ventures in the park.</p>
<p><b>Diminish use of space that is well used (19)</b></p> <p>Community members expressed that the area proposed for the deck is well used by locals for children's play, picnics , dog walking, and birthday parties. The platform occupying the space would reduce the ability for park users to have private and quiet use of the space.</p>
<p><b>Operation of the business (15)</b></p> <p>Community members suggested that to call it a café was misleading as it is a restaurant and the operational hours reflect that of a restaurant. Comments also drew attention to the fact that the business is in a residential area and should have limitations sensitive to that context. Other concerns raised were that of compliance and whether the business would be required to pay higher rates for the use of the deck.</p>
<p><b>Adequate provision of Café's nearby (11)</b></p> <p>Comments suggested there were enough café's close to the park already.</p>
<p><b>Antisocial behaviour and alcohol consumption (5)</b></p> <p>Comments indicated a concern for the deck leading to an increase in alcohol consumption in the park and associated antisocial behaviour.</p>
<p><b>Issues of existing compliance and operation (11)</b></p> <p>Community members raised concerns about the operation of the business to date. Several people mentioned the damage to the grass behind the café during its construction and how this had not been remediated. Others mentioned non-compliances around hours of operation, waste management, and noise pollution. Some comments indicated that the business had not engaged with the community or developed positive relationships with neighbours. One person mentioned worsening parking.</p>





## Email responses in support of the proposal

### You said

#### Support for the café and deck (16 comments)

Community members supported the establishment of a café and a deck citing an increase in amenity, vibrancy, passive surveillance and safety. Comments indicated that the café would enhance enjoyment of the park, encourage users to stay longer and provide a quiet café, of which there aren't many locally. It was suggested that the deck would protect the park from damage. Comments acknowledged that the land is only leased, and there are many examples of outdoor dining and café's in parks that would indicate that it can be a successful practice.



## Onsite/face to face engagement activity

A face-to-face engagement session was held at the Inner West Pride Centre on Thursday 3 October between 6:00–7:00pm. 6 community members attended the session.

Council staff delivered [a presentation](#) on the café proposal and hosted a Q and A to provide an opportunity for the community to find out more on the Café proposal. Emails were recorded and attendees will be informed as the engagement progresses.

Attachment 7

**Hire Agreement**

**Inner West Council**

**and**

**Landmark Recruitment Pty Limited**

**Item 5**

**Attachment**

**Dated:**

**Parties**

**Inner West Council ABN 19** of Petersham Service Centre, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham NSW 2049 (**Council**)

and

**Landmark Recruitment Pty Limited** ABN 19 095 692 916 of 182 Australia Street Newtown NSW 2042 (**Landmark**)

**Background**

- A Camperdown Memorial Rest Park is managed by Council, classified community land and is available for use by the public.
- B Camperdown Memorial Rest Park being community land requires a plan of management to authorise uses within the park.
- C Landmark occupies premises at 182 Australia Street Newtown and will operate a café from those premises commencing 18 November 2024.
- D The rear of Landmark's premises adjoins Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.
- E Council has agreed to hire a section of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park an area of 7m by 2.5m approx. (to be shown on the plan to be provided and attached at Annexure A) that adjoins the rear of 182 Australia Street Newtown (**Premises**) to form a hardstand area.
- F The terms of the hire agreement are set out in this Hire Agreement.

**1 This Hire Agreement**

- 1.1 The Council agrees to hire the Premises to Landmark for the Permitted Use.
- 1.2 Landmark must not transfer this Hire Agreement.

**2 Length of this Hire Agreement**

- 2.1 This Hire Agreement starts on the Commencing Date and ends on the End Date.
- 2.2 Landmark acknowledges there is no hold over under this Hire Agreement.

**2A. Renewal Hire Agreement**

- 2A.1 If there are particulars of a Renewal Hire Agreement in Item 4A this clause applies.
- 2A.2 Subject to clause 2A.3, Council may offer Landmark a Renewal Hire Agreement only if:
  - 2A.2.1 Council believes in its absolute discretion that Landmark has satisfactorily managed the café and the Premises;
  - 2A.2.2 Landmark gives Council notice stating that Landmark wants to renew the Hire Agreement of the Premises for the relevant term specified in Item 13;
    - 2A.2.3 Council receives that notice not more than not less than 60 days before the End Date;
    - 2A.2.4 when Landmark gives that notice, and on the End Date, Landmark is not in breach of this Hire Agreement; and

2A.2.5 Council believes Landmark has the capacity to meet the terms of a Renewal Hire Agreement.

2A.3 Without limiting any other provision of this Hire Agreement, Council will not offer a Renewal Hire Agreement if Council reasonably believes Landmark does not have the capacity to meet the terms of this Hire Agreement by giving Landmark not less than 6 months' written notice before the End Date that the Hire Agreement is being terminated.

### 3 What Landmark must pay

3.1 If there is an amount specified in Item 7 of the Reference Schedule Landmark must pay the hire amount in advance on the Commencing Date.

### 4 Insurance and risk

4.1 Landmark must maintain, nominating the Premises:

4.1.1 public liability insurance for at least the amount in Item 8; and

4.1.2 other insurances which are required by law, including workers compensation insurance.

4.2 Landmark must provide Council with a certificate of currency for public liability insurance and a copy of workers compensation insurance on or before the Commencing Date, the annual expiry date of the certificates of currency and at any other time as requested by Council.

4.3 Landmark must notify Council immediately if an insurance policy required by clause 4.1 is cancelled or an event occurs which may allow a claim or affect rights under an insurance policy in connection with the Premises.

4.4 Landmark may enforce, conduct, settle or compromise claims under any insurance policy required by this clause and if the claim affects Council, Landmark must obtain Council's prior written approval (which may not be unreasonably withheld) before enforcing, conducting, settling or compromising claims under any insurance policy.

4.5 Insurance proceeds of policies under clause 4.4 must be used to settle claims in connection with the event insured against or to replace or reinstate the insured item.

### 5 Indemnities and Releases

#### Landmark's Liability

5.1 Landmark is liable for and indemnifies Council against liability or loss arising from, and cost incurred in connection with:

5.1.1 damage, loss, injury or death caused or contributed to by Landmark's act, omission, negligence or default, except to the extent that it is directly contributed to Council's direct act or omission, negligence or default;

5.1.2 anything Council does which Landmark must do under this Hire Agreement but which Landmark has not done or has not done properly;

5.1.3 any non-compliance by Landmark with any New South Wales or Commonwealth legislation that may apply to Landmark's use and occupation of the Premises; and

- 5.1.4 any breach by Landmark of any Environmental Law which breach is in relation to the Premises.

## Landmark's Release

- 5.2 Landmark releases Council from, and agrees that Council is not liable for, liability or loss arising from, and cost incurred in connection with:
- 5.2.1 damage, loss, injury or death unless it is caused by Landmark's direct act, omission, negligence or default, and except to the extent that it is contributed to by Council's direct act, omission, negligence or default;
  - 5.2.2 anything Landmark is permitted or required to do under this Hire Agreement; and
  - 5.2.3 if Council has complied with clause 9.2:
    - (a) the Premises not being clean, and
    - (b) the total or partial destruction or resumption of the Premises by reason of any Act, a requirement of any constituted authority, or other cause outside Council's control.
- 5.3 Each indemnity is independent from Landmark's other Obligations and continues during and after the end of this licence. Council may enforce an indemnity before incurring expense.
- 5.4 Landmark's liability and indemnity given in clause 5.1 and release in clause 5.2 is limited to the hours of the Permitted Use, except if the damage, loss, injury or death occurs outside the hours of the Permitted Use and is attributable to Landmark's installation of the Temporary Structure and / or faulty material, manufacturers defects latent or patent in material used to construct the Temporary Structure or Landmark's maintenance of the Temporary Structure or Landmark's negligence or default, omission or direct act relating to its Obligations under this Hire Agreement.

## 6 Use of the Premises

### Use

- 6.1 Landmark must only use the Premises for the Permitted Use.

## 7 Additional obligations

### Landmark's additional obligations

- 7.1 Landmark must (at Landmark's cost):
- 7.1.1 keep the Premises and everything in them tidy and free of pests and comply with Council's directions in that regard;
  - 7.1.2 comply on time with all Acts and the requirements of authorities in connection with the Premises, Landmark's Property and the use or occupation of the Premises (including obtaining all permits and the consents of all relevant authorities and requirements under the *Work, Health and Safety Act 2011* and *Work, Health and Safety Regulations 2017*);
  - 7.1.3 inform Council of damage to the Premises, or of a faulty Service immediately after Landmark becomes aware of it;
  - 7.1.4 promptly, when asked by Council (acting reasonably), do everything necessary to enable Council to exercise Council's rights under this Hire Agreement;

- 7.1.5 evacuate the Premises immediately and in accordance with Council's directions when informed of any actual or suspected emergency;
- 7.1.6 keep the Premises and Landmark's Property in good repair and condition;
- 7.1.7 regularly clean, pressure wash twice annually and remove rubbish from the Premises;
- 7.1.8 provide a covered bin on the hard stand area for collection of waste by patrons which is to be emptied and brought inside at close of business daily.
- 7.1.9 at end of service each day a Landmark staff member is to walk the park and collect discarded waste that is identifiable as customer waste.
- 7.1.10 sweep back and return all soil washed or blown onto the Premises to its adjacent locations and at regular intervals, rake and generally level these areas as may be required; and
- 7.1.11 ensure patrons who bring dogs to the Premises comply with section 14(1) (a) – (c) of the *Companion Animals Act 1998 (NSW)*.
- 7.2 Landmark must not:
  - 7.2.1 store or use inflammable, volatile or explosive substances on the Premises except with Council's prior written consent, which may be refused;
  - 7.2.2 do anything in or around the Premises which in Council's reasonable opinion may be annoying, dangerous or offensive;
  - 7.2.3 do anything to overload the Services nor use them for anything other than their intended purpose;
  - 7.2.4 smoke on the Premises or permit clients of the service to smoke on the Premises;
  - 7.2.5 use any method of lighting other than that approved by Council;
  - 7.2.6 operate a musical instrument, radio, television or other equipment from the Premises. However soft music from the café (typically no louder than 5 dB above the surrounding Ambient Noise Level of the Camperdown Memorial Rest Park) may waft into the Premises provided the soft music does not impact on the purpose for Camperdown Memorial Rest Park which is a rest park and garden area reflecting it being a former cemetery;
  - 7.2.7 throw anything out of the Premises;
  - 7.2.8 move heavy or bulky objects through the Premises without Council's approval;
  - 7.2.9 keep animals on the Premises;
  - 7.2.10 place Temporary Structures that hinder access to Camperdown Memorial Park by the public or obstruct access by the public to Camperdown Memorial Rest Park;
  - 7.2.11 use Camperdown Memorial Rest Park beyond the space identified as the Premises;
  - 7.2.12 install any signage within the Premises apart from A frames which must be removed and stowed away daily and have the appropriate Approval if applicable; or,

7.2.13 permit or provide the service of alcohol within the Premises. For the avoidance of doubt there is to be no alcohol served in the area the subject of this Hire Agreement

## 8 Default

### Essential terms

8.1 Each of Landmark's obligations under clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 are essential terms of this Hire Agreement.

### Council's right to end this Hire Agreement

8.2 Council may end this Hire Agreement by giving Landmark 10 days written notice or by re-entry if:

8.2.1 Landmark does not stay within the allocated space or uses the Premises outside the days and times specified in this Hire Agreement;

8.2.2 Landmark repudiates Landmark's Obligations; or

8.2.3 Landmark does not comply with an essential terms of this Hire Agreement.

## 9 Council's additional obligations and rights

### Quiet enjoyment

9.1 While Landmark complies with Landmark's obligations under this Hire Agreement, Landmark may use the Premises during the term of this Hire Agreement without interference from Council.

9.2 Council must take all reasonable action to keep the Services provided by Council available to the Premises 7 days a week.

### To enter

9.3 Council has full and free access at all reasonable times to the Premises to see if Landmark is complying with its Obligations or to do anything that Council must do under statutory obligations.

### Access to Premises

9.4 If Council decides there is an emergency, Council may stop Landmark from entering the Premises until such time as Council deems it safe to re enter the Premises. In the event there is an emergency and Landmark is stopped from entering the Premises Landmark can make no claim against the Council.

### Enforcing rights

9.5 Council may enforce Council's rights against Landmark.

## 10 Obligations at the end of this Hire Agreement

### Landmark must leave

10.1 Landmark must leave the Premises by 5.00pm on the day this Hire Agreement finishes and, subject to clause 10.3, leave the Premises in a condition satisfactory to Council acting reasonably and having regard to Landmark's Obligations; and

10.2 Landmark must ensure that when it vacates the Premises, the Premises comply with any Environmental Law to the extent applicable at the time of granting the Hire Agreement.



#### **Removal of Landmark Property**

- 10.3 When this Hire Agreement ends, unless Council otherwise agrees, Landmark must remove all Landmark's Property from the Premises including the Temporary Structures, and promptly make good any damage caused by that removal and reinstate the Premises to the condition it was at the Commencement Date.
- 10.4 Title to Landmark's Property will vest in Council and Landmark must leave those items in place when this Hire Agreement ends if:
  - 10.4.1 the cost of removal and making good is more than the value of what is being removed; and
  - 10.4.2 both parties agree on the compensation (if any) Landmark is to pay for leaving in place the items.
- 10.5 Subject to clauses 10.3 and 10.4, Landmark must remove Landmark's Property from the Premises during the 7 days immediately before the date Landmark has to leave the Premises.

#### **Landmark's Property not removed**

- 10.6 If Council terminates this Hire Agreement by re-entry or by notice, Landmark must give Council notice within 7 days after termination of the Hire Agreement that Landmark will remove Landmark's Property which Landmark may or must remove from the Premises.
- 10.7 Within 7 days after Landmark gives Council notice, Council must give Landmark a notice, stating when and how Landmark Property is to be removed from the Premises and by whom.
- 10.8 Council may treat Landmark's Property as abandoned and deal with it in any way Council sees fit, at Landmark's expense, if Landmark does not:
  - 10.8.1 give Council notice on time; or
  - 10.8.2 remove Landmark's Property in accordance with clause 10 or a notice given under it.
- 10.9 Landmark's Property is at Landmark's risk at all times.

### **11 Dispute resolution**

#### **Notice**

- 11.1 If Council and Landmark are in dispute over any matter in connection with this Hire Agreement:
  - 11.1.1 the parties must use their reasonable endeavours to resolve the dispute; or
  - 11.1.2 if the dispute cannot be resolved under clause 11.1.1, the dispute must be referred to Inner West Council's Director of Corporate whose decision is binding.

### **12 Miscellaneous**

#### **Notices and approvals**

- 12.1 A notice or approval must be:
  - 12.1.1 in writing; and

12.1.2 delivered to the party or emailed to the address of the party in Item 12, as varied by notice.

12.2 A notice or approval is taken to be given:

12.2.1 if delivered to or left at the address of the party, on that day; and

12.2.2 if sent by email, on that day if it is sent before 5.00pm or otherwise on the next business day after it is sent unless the sender is aware that the email has not been delivered electronically.

## State of Repair

12.3 Landmark agrees to accept the Premises in its current state of repair and will make no request to Council to upgrade the Premises or undertake works of any capital or remedial nature.

## Jurisdiction

12.4 The parties agree the laws of NSW apply to this Hire Agreement.

## 13 Termination

13.1 This Hire Agreement shall terminate on the Termination Date unless there is an earlier determination of the Hire Agreement.

13.2 Council may in its absolute discretion terminate the Hire Agreement without reason.

13.3 In the event this Hire Agreement is terminated in accordance with clause 13.2 Landmark must remove the Temporary Structure from the Premises within 5 business days of the termination of the Hire Agreement and make good the Premises.

## 14 Services

14.1 Landmark acknowledge there are no Services to the Premises.

## 15 Temporary Structure

15.1 Landmark must:

(a) obtain all Approvals for the Temporary Structure, if applicable, at their cost;

(b) obtain an Access Approval (and pay any associated costs) from Council to enable access through Camperdown Memorial Rest Park to erect and remove the Temporary Structure;

(c) obtain an approval from Council regarding the protections required to the surrounding trees when installing and removing the Temporary Structure and maintenance during the term of this Hire Agreement;

(d) only install, maintain and remove both the Temporary Structure and instant foundation system in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, written specifications provided by Walsh and Major, schedules and consultants documentation; and

(d) install, maintain and remove the Temporary Structure and instant foundation system in accordance with Council's Reasonable Requirements and directions.

15.2 Landmark must after the removal of the Temporary Structure restore the Premises to the condition it was at the Commencement Date including but limited to laying turf where such existed at the Commencement Date.

15.3 Landmark must not alter the surface level of the Premises when installing the Temporary Structure.

- 15.4 Landmark must provide Council with a dilapidation report (comprising commentary and photographs) of the state and condition of the Premises before the installation of the Temporary Structure.

## 16 SECURITY DEPOSIT

- 16.1 If there is an amount in Item 11A, this clause applies.
- 16.2 On or before the Commencement Date, Landmark must deliver the Security Deposit to Council.
- 16.3 If Council claims to be owed money by Landmark under this Hire Agreement and Landmark does not pay such money within 10 Business Days of Council demanding payment thereof, Council may make a demand on the Security Deposit to the extent of the money claimed to be owed without notice to Landmark.
- 16.4 If Council makes a demand on the Security Deposit, no later than 5 Business Days after Council gives the Landmark notice asking for it, Landmark must deliver Council a replacement or additional Security Deposit so that the amount guaranteed is the amount in Item 11A.
- 16.5 When this Hire Agreement ends, Council may make a demand on the Security Deposit for outstanding amounts payable by Landmark under this Hire Agreement or a failure to fulfil Landmarks make good obligations and then, after Landmark has vacated the Premises and has complied with Landmark's obligations, Council must return the Security Deposit to Landmark within a reasonable time.

## 17 EVENTS IN CAMPERDOWN MEMORIAL REST PARK

- 17.1 Council may in its absolute discretion give Landmark 60 days prior written notice of a day or an event in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park whereby Landmark must close the Premises and not trade.
- 17.2 Landmark may negotiate with Council to trade during these days or events however Landmark will have no recourse against Council for lack of trade.

## 18. Electronic Signature and Exchange

- 18.1 This Hire Agreement may be executed:
- (a) in any number of counterparts and all the counterparts together shall make one instrument;
  - (b) electronically by both parties using Docusign, or by affixing electronic signatures, or by exchanging electronic copies of original signatures on this Hire Agreement;
- 18.2 This Hire Agreement may be validly created and exchanged by counterparts with each party's signature (electronic or otherwise) sent electronically to each other party by email.
- 18.3 The parties acknowledge that the electronic version of this Hire Agreement signed by

both parties will be the true and original version for the purposes of this transaction and that no other version will be provided unless otherwise agreed between the parties in writing.

18.4 The parties agree to be bound by the electronic version of this Hire Agreement which has been signed and exchanged in accordance with this clause.

18.5 The parties agree that they will be bound by, have complied with and will comply with the *Electronic Transactions Act 2000* (NSW) and any terms and conditions of DocuSign, in relation to the execution of this Hire Agreement.

## 9 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### Meaning of words in the Hire Agreement

19.1 In this Hire Agreement:

**Act** means any legislation passed by either the New South Wales or Federal parliaments.

**Ambient Noise Level** means 55dB based on the World Health Organisation criteria for parks.

**Access Approval** means a park access permit / approval and includes the provision of site management plan and traffic and pedestrian management plan.

**Approval** means any approval from a consent authority concerning the Permitted Use, installation of the Temporary Structure or protection of trees in the vicinity of the Premises.

**Bank Guarantee** means an unconditional and irrevocable undertaking which guarantees all of Landmark's obligations under this Hire Agreement with no expiry date by a bank under the Banking Act 1959, to pay on demand the amount in Item 11A.

**Commencing Date** means the date this Hire Agreement begins as shown in Item 5 as the Commencing Date.

**Council** means Inner West Council and, where relevant, includes Council's employees and any person the Council authorises.

**Council's Reasonable Requirements** means formal letter accompanied by a works timeline/ schedule with proposed start date and estimated completion date, relevant insurances, location plan for the site area including any hoarding or site and tree protection.

**Environmental Law** means any law, whether statute or common law, concerning environmental matters and includes the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1987 and the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997.

**Item** means an item referred to in the Reference Schedule.

**Landmark** means the person described in Item 2 and, where relevant, includes Landmark's, employees, agents, contractors and clients.

**Landmark's Property** means all property on the Premises which is not Council's property.

**Hire Agreement** means this hire agreement.

**Obligations** means Landmark's responsibilities, duties and obligations under this Hire Agreement and at law.

**Permitted Use** means the use in Item 9.

**Premises** means that part of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park shown in the plan at Annexure A described in Item 3.

**Reference Schedule** means the reference schedule attached to this Hire Agreement.

**Security Deposit** means the amount of Australian Dollars in Item 11A.

**Services** means water, sewage, electricity, gas, communication, security.

**Temporary Structure** means a hard stand Temporary Structure of fibre reinforced plastic grating of standard size I total covering 7m x 2.5m located and positioned on site utilising an instant foundation system as per details at Annexure B, and ensuring minimal disturbance to existing surface and protection of surrounding trees and tree root zones, services (if any), pathways and public seating concrete plinths.

**Term** means the period stated in Item 4.

**End Date** means the date this Hire Agreement ends as shown in Item 6 as the End Date.

## Reference Schedule

<b>ITEM 1:</b>	N/A
<b>ITEM 2:</b>	<b>HIRER</b> Landmark Recruitment Pty Limited ABN 19 095 692 916
<b>ITEM 3:</b>	<b>PREMISES</b> Part of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park as shown in Annexure A.
<b>ITEM 4:</b>	<b>TERM</b> 12 months
<b>ITEM 4A:</b>	<b>FURTHER TERM</b> 12 months
<b>ITEM 5:</b>	<b>COMMENCING DATE</b> 18 November 2024
<b>ITEM 6:</b>	<b>END DATE</b> 17 November 2025
<b>ITEM 7:</b>	<b>HIRE FEE</b> Year 1: \$5,200 + GST per annum payable in advance. Further Term Year 2: \$7,800 + GST per annum payable in advance.
<b>ITEM 8:</b>	<b>PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE</b> \$20M minimum one off occurrence.
<b>ITEM 9:</b>	<b>PERMITTED USE</b> Service into the Park is to be within the hours of Monday to Wednesday and Sunday from 7:00AM – 6:00PM and Thursday to Saturday from 7:00AM – 8:00PM. Extended trading to 10:00PM may be requested to be granted by Council, in writing, during Newtown Festival period.
<b>ITEM 10:</b>	<b>LAND</b> N/A
<b>ITEM 11:</b>	<b>SERVICES</b> N/A
<b>ITEM 11A:</b>	<b>BANK GUARANTEE</b> \$5,000 + GST fixed for the duration of the Term.
<b>ITEM 12:</b>	<b>COUNCIL'S ADDRESS FOR SERVICE</b> Inner West Council Att: Manager, Strategic Investments and Property PO Box 14 Petersham NSW 2049  Email: <a href="mailto:council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au">council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au</a> Att: Manager, Strategic Investments and Property

**ITEM 13: LANDMARK's ADDRESS FOR SERVICE**

182 Australia Street, Newtown NSW 2042  
Email: [walt@judgement.com.au](mailto:walt@judgement.com.au)

## SIGNING

### DATE OF SIGNING:

Signed for and on behalf of **Inner West Council** by its authorised officer

.....

Witness

Peter Gainsford

*Electronic signature of me ( put in name)*

General Manager

Was affixed by me on      2024

*Electronic signature of me Peter Gainsford was affixed  
by me or at my direction on*

2024.

.....

Name of Witness (print)

Signed by **Landmark Recruitment Pty Limited** in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* by the following person:

Signature of Sole Director

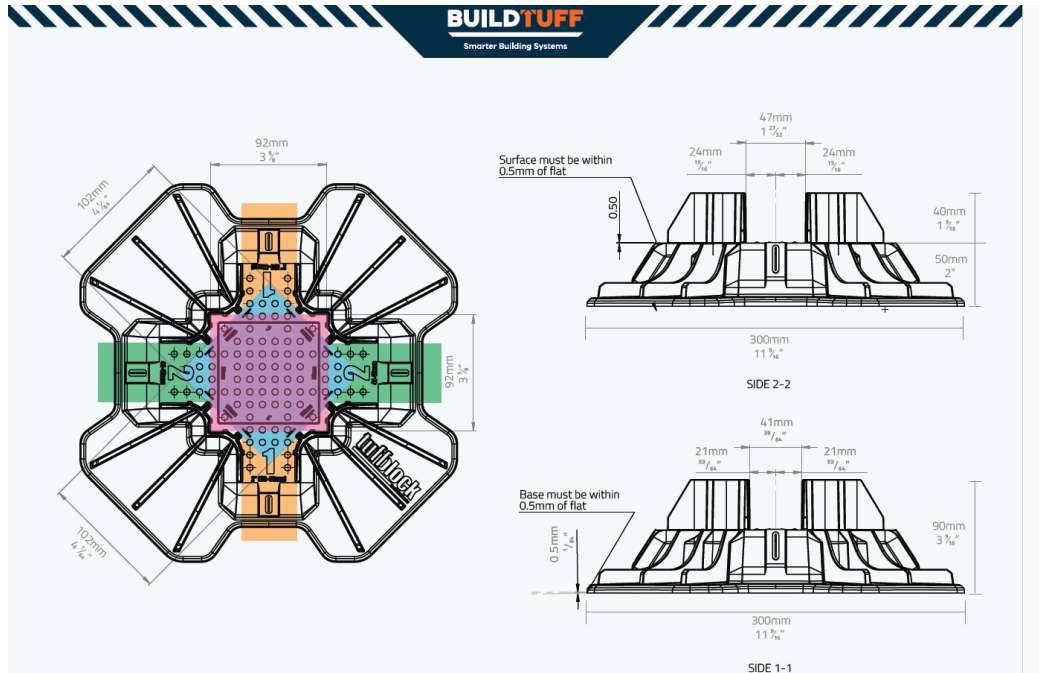
Walt Shellshear  
Name of Director



**Annexure A  
Plan of Premises**

To be provided – with dimensions 7m @ 2.5m hardstand area

**Annexure B  
Temporary Structure**



## TUFFBLOCK SPECIFICATION GUIDE

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

TuffBlock is an ultra-lightweight, 100% recycled polymer block used to create an instant foundation system for projects such as low profile, raised, variable height decks/patios, wooden bases to hold sheds, and hybrid footing alternatives.

### STANDARDS

Compliance with the following codes and per ICC-ES Evaluation Report (ESR-4628):

- ✓ 2021 and 2018 International Building Code (IBC)
- ✓ 2021 and 2018 International Residential Code (IRC)

### SPECIFICATION

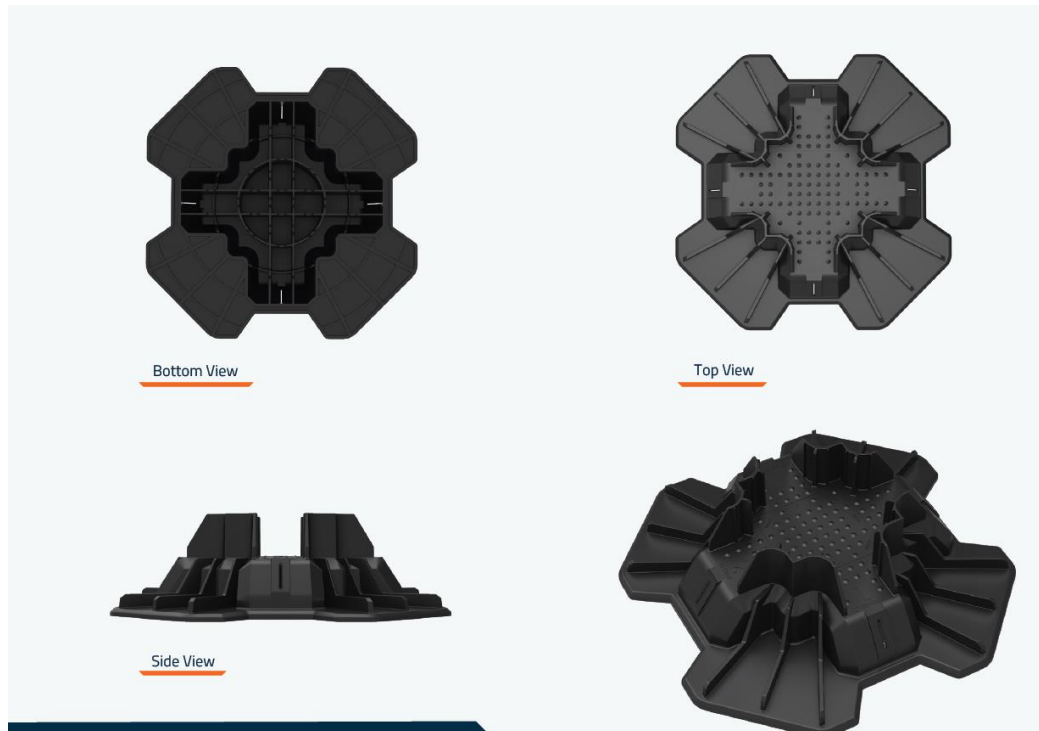
MODEL NAME: Tuffblock Instant Foundation System

MODEL NUMBER: 1401001

DIMENSIONS: 300mm W x 90mm H x 300mm L (11 3/8" Width x 3 5/8" Height x 11 3/8" Length)

WEIGHT: 680grams (1.49 oz)

MATERIAL: 100% recycled polypropylene (PP)



## TUFFBLOCK SPECIFICATION GUIDE

### COMPARISON CHART

The following chart shows the comparison of TuffBlock features in relation to Concrete Deck Blocks.

FEATURES	TUFFBLOCK	CONCRETE DECK BLOCKS
Lightweight	✓ 680g (2lbs)	✗ 18 kg (40lbs)
Load Test Rated	✓ 770kg (1770lbs)	✗
ICC Certified	✓ AC49 ICC Approved	✗
Stackability	✓ + fits 304/pallet	✗ fits 64/pallet
Versatile Slot Sizes	✓	✗ requires chiselling
Warranty	✓ 25 Years	✗ 10 Years
Lowest Profile	✓	✗
Environmentally Friendly	✓ 100% recycled polymer	✗
Circular Product Design	✓	✗

### TUFFBLOCK FEATURES

Features specific to TuffBlock that Concrete Deck Blocks don't have.



**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 6  
**Subject:** BALLAST POINT PARK, BIRCHGROVE - NOTICE OF INTENTION - STATE HERITAGE REGISTER  
**Prepared By:** Rachel Josey - Operations and Special Projects Manager  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council endorse this report in support of the nominated listing of Ballast Point Park, Ballast Point, Birchgrove on the State Heritage Register.**

## 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 4 October 2024, the Heritage Council of NSW gave notice (DOC24/773626) to Council of its intention to consider nominating Ballast Point Park on the State Heritage Register. A copy of this correspondence is attached.

The proposed nomination of Ballast Point Park is a part of a landscape study by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (NSW), the Landscape Heritage Conservation Listing Project, dated 11 of June 2018. It examines ten culturally significant landscape spaces that link to create a 'Green Necklace' around Sydney Harbour, one of them Ballast Point Park and recommends they are listed on the State Heritage Register. The proposed nomination would also be to better recognise and protect the heritage significance of Ballast Point Park for the people of NSW.

It is recommended that Inner West Council support the listing of Ballast Point Park on the State Heritage Register.

## BACKGROUND

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to give notice of their intention to consider listing Ballast Point Park on the State Heritage Register on 30 of September 2024. The letter prepared by Nicola Roche, Acting Manager, State Heritage Register Listing and dated the 4<sup>th</sup>.

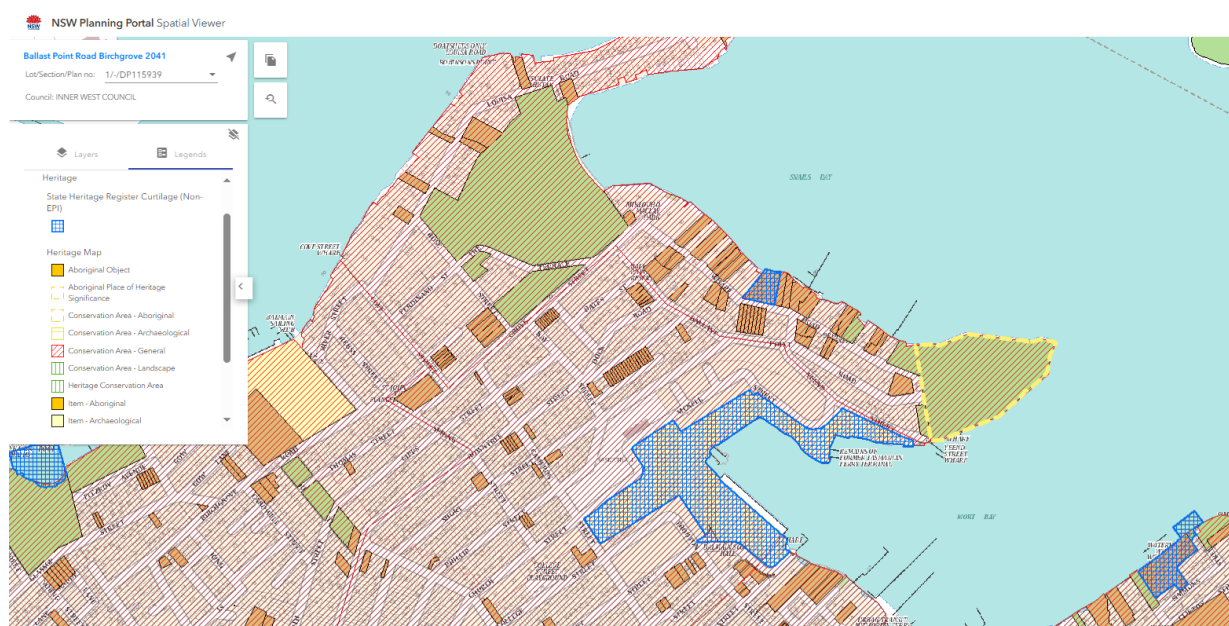
Ballast Point Park was designed and constructed between the years 2006 and 2009. McGregor Coxall completed the landscape architecture as the leading consultant among an extensive project team.

Since its construction, Ballast Point Park has been a highly valued community and recreational space with a distinct industrial and landscape character.

Ballast Point Park has received numerous awards including the 2010 National Trust Heritage Awards Commendation (Overall Park), and the 2010 Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA), National Awards for Design.

The park is both locally listed as a heritage item in Schedule 5 of the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 and located within the Birchgrove and Ballast Point Road Heritage

Conservation Area. Below is an extract from the NSW Planning Portal that shows the Park in proximity to other heritage items with state items shown in blue hatching and local identified in brown for local items and green for landscape items. The subject park is marked with yellow hatching on the perimeter.



The park is zoned RE1 (Public Recreation) under the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 (LEP) whereby the following extract outlines the objectives of the zone as well as development that is permissible and prohibited.

## Zone RE1 Public Recreation

### 1 Objectives of zone

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
- To conserve, maintain and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment, including terrestrial, aquatic and riparian habitats and natural land forms.

### 2 Permitted without consent

Environmental protection works

### 3 Permitted with consent

Aquaculture; Boat launching ramps; Boat sheds; Building identification signs; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Electricity generating works; Emergency services facilities; Environmental facilities; Flood mitigation works; Food and drink premises; Information and education facilities; Jetties; Kiosks; Marinas; Markets; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Research stations; Respite day care centres; Roads; Water recreation structures; Water recycling facilities; Water supply systems; Wharf or boating facilities

### 4 Prohibited

Pubs; Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

The parkland is managed by Placemaking NSW (Crown Land and Public Spaces), not Inner West Council.

## DISCUSSION

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to give notice of its intention to consider nominating Ballast Point Park on the State Heritage Register on 30 of September 2024.

State heritage listing is guided by the significance of a built or landscape item.

The notice (DOC24/773626), signed by Nicola Roche, Acting Manager for the State Heritage Register Listing and dated 4 of October 2024, included a proposed Statement of Significance for Ballast Point Park.

The proposed Statement of Significance by the Heritage Council of NSW is as follows:

*“Ballast Point Park may be of State significance for historical, associative, social, and representative values. It may be historically significant at a State level for its ability to demonstrate all phases of the development of the site from the early 1800s, representative of the shared history of many places within Sydney harbour across residential, industrial, and public uses. The return of Ballast Point to public ownership at the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century demonstrates the successes of the Green Ban movement and community activism by the Ballast Point Campaign Committee. These efforts were assisted by former Federal politicians, the Hon. Paul Keating, and the Hon. Tom Uren AC, attesting to community esteem for the place which continues to the present day. Ballast Point Park contributes to the Sydney Harbour cultural landscape through its history, which is representative of many working harbour sites, but also due to its current use as a landscaped park, contributing to the visual character and ‘Green Necklace’ of the harbour. This is reinforced by its prominent position on the Balmain Peninsula and the views throughout the harbour to similar places which together tell this shared history.*

*Ballast Point Park is an acclaimed park designed by the prominent landscape architects McGregor Coxall. It demonstrates the key characteristics of post-industrial landscapes, notably the retention and celebration of former industrial features, including the remains of Caltex oil tanks and the archaeological relics of the marine villa Menevia. These elements are sited within a landscaped setting which has replanted native species however does not intend to remediate or renature, instead referencing all layers of the history of the place. The plantings are self-seeding and endemic to the Balmain peninsula, drawing on the bush school of landscape architecture interspersed with imposing introduced species. Ballast Point Park was at the forefront of sustainable urban design in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, reusing materials from Caltex operations and implementing sustainable water and energy apparatus. The creative and technical achievement of Ballast Point Park has been recognised by several national and international awards, and recognition by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects as one of the most ‘transformative’ parks in Australia.”*

An aerial map denoting the proposed curtilage for listing was also included. This map of the proposed curtilage is provided below:





State Heritage Register - Proposed Curtilage:  
Ballast Point Park, Birchgrove  
Plan: 3339  
Birchgrove NSW

0 50 100 m

Map scale: 1:4000 @ A4  
Datum/projection: GCS GDA 94  
Date: 11 September 2024



- Proposed Curtilage
- Land Parcel
- SUBURB
- LGA

The Heritage Council of NSW have requested a submission from Inner West Council on the proposed nomination of this item for the State Heritage register via the NSW Government Have Your Say page: <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/ballast-reserve>. A submission from Placemaking NSW has also been requested.

After the forty-five-day consultation period, which will conclude on 17 of November 2024, the submissions from both Inner West Council, and Placemaking NSW coupled with those from members of the public will be closely considered by the Heritage Committee. Following this consultation period, a recommendation will then be made to the minister and a possible gazettal issued.

The notice for the proposed listing of Ballast Point Park follows consultation with Inner West Council's Heritage Team. It is also noted that site specific exemption works are supported by the Heritage Council for ease of maintenance and upkeep for Ballast Point Park.

This listing is proposed to recognise the parklands state heritage significance for historical, associative, aesthetic, social and representative significance to the people of NSW. The proposed nomination would also be to better recognise and protect the heritage significance of Ballast Point Park for the people of NSW. The proposed statement of significance will provide clarification to those responsible for the management of the parkland as to the importance and significance of the place and enable the management of the parkland to protect the significance.

Located on the former Caltex lubricant production facility site, Ballast Point Park occupies 2.5ha of open space of the Birchgrove Peninsula in Balmain. The park has a layered and culturally diverse history of use, having been the site of the privately owned residence 'Menevia' of the 1860's, to a quarry site for ship ballast, through to its use by Caltex from the 1920's until 2002. The Park has a layered and culturally diverse history. The site was transformed from an industrial waterfront in 2009 to community open space bringing with it a transformation in which the site became a public asset for recreational health and wellbeing. The parkland and its layered design is reflective of its historical context and as such the proposal to list Ballast Point Park, Ballast Point Road, Birchgrove on the State Heritage Register.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Letter from Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - Notice of Intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register - Ballast Point Park](#)





Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Item 6

Our ref: DOC24/773626

**Peter Gainsford**  
**Inner West Council**  
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## Notice of Intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

Item: Ballast Point Park  
Address: Ballast Point Road, Birchgrove

Dear Mr Gainsford,

I am writing to advise that on 30 September 2024, the Heritage Council of NSW resolved to give notice of its intention to consider listing Ballast Point Park on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgement of its heritage significance to the people of New South Wales. This notification is provided to you in accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW).

Anyone in the community is invited to make a written submission regarding the proposed listing and significance of Ballast Point Park. Submissions will be accepted during the public submission period commencing on 4 October 2024 and closing on 17 November 2024.

Please provide your feedback at the NSW Government Have Your Say page:  
<https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/ballast-reserve>

If you are unable to access email, you can post your submission to:  
Heritage Council of NSW  
Locked Bag 5020  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Please note that the Heritage Council is unable to accept submissions received after the closing date.

The proposed statement of significance for Ballast Point Park is as follows:

Ballast Point Park may be of State significance for historical, associative, aesthetic, social and representative values. It may be historically significant at a State level for its ability to demonstrate all phases of the development of the site from the early 1800s, representative of the shared history of many places within Sydney Harbour across residential, industrial and public uses. The return of

4PSQ, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta NSW, 2150 02 9873 8500 [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage)  
Locked Bag 5020, Parramatta NSW, 2124 ABN 99 085 108 401

Attachment 1

Ballast Point to public ownership at the turn of the 21st century demonstrates the successes of the Green Ban movement and community activism by the Ballast Point Campaign Committee. These efforts were assisted by former Federal politicians, the Hon. Paul Keating, and the Hon. Tom Uren AC, attesting to community esteem for the place which continues to the present day. Ballast Point Park contributes to the Sydney Harbour cultural landscape through its history, which is representative of many working harbour sites, but also due to its current use as a landscaped park, contributing to the visual character and 'Green Necklace' of the harbour. This is reinforced by its prominent position on the Balmain Peninsula and the views throughout the harbour to similar places which together tell this shared history.

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A copy of the draft curtilage map for this item is included for your reference, as well as a summary of the effects of listing.

See our website for details on the nominated item and how to make a submission (<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/request-a-heritage-listing/nominate-an-item-for-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register/comment-on-nominations>).

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Hawkins, Senior Heritage Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or at [heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

***Nicola Roche***

Nicola Roche  
A/Manager, State Heritage Register Listing  
Heritage NSW  
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water  
As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW  
4 October 2024

## Introduction to the State Heritage Register

### What is the State Heritage Register?

The State Heritage Register is a list of places and items of particular importance to the people of New South Wales, protected under the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW).

The register lists a diverse range of items, in both private and public ownership. To be listed, an item must be significant for the whole of NSW.

The State Heritage Register, in its current form, was established in 1999.

The State Heritage Register forms part of the online State Heritage Inventory, a publicly available electronic database of all statutorily protected heritage items in New South Wales.

### What does it mean for a heritage item to be listed on the Register?

Listing on the State Heritage Register means that the heritage item:

- is of particular importance to the state and enriches our understanding of the history of NSW
- is legally protected under the NSW Heritage Act
- requires approval from the Heritage Council of NSW for certain kinds of works
- is eligible for financial incentives.

This is explained in [Heritage listing explained - What it means for you](#).

### What is “state significance”?

State heritage significance, means a place, building, work, relic, moveable object or precinct (known as a heritage item), has significance to the people and state of NSW in relation to its historical, scientific, cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic values.

The Heritage Council of NSW has developed seven criteria by which heritage items are assessed for listing on the State Heritage Register

(<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/request-a-heritage-listing/nominate-an-item-for-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register>). To be listed on the State Heritage Register an item must meet the threshold of at least two of these criteria.

### What kinds of heritage items are listed on the State Heritage Register?

The register lists a diverse range of places, buildings and objects including public buildings, shops, factories, houses, religious buildings, schools, conservation precincts, monuments, jetties, bridges, gardens, archaeological sites and movable items such as church organs and ferries.

### Who decides whether a place is listed on the State Heritage Register?

Items are added to the State Heritage Register by the Minister for Heritage, on the recommendation of the Heritage Council, following an assessment of significance and consultation with owners and the broader community.

## How can I access the State Heritage Register?

You can view State Heritage Register items via the State Heritage Inventory (<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/search-heritage-databases/state-heritage-inventory>).

## What does the listing process involve?

The process for listing a place or item on the NSW State Heritage Register is based upon the statutory requirements of the *Heritage Act 1977*. The process is outlined in the below steps:

### Receipt and Preliminary Assessment

Heritage NSW checks all new nominations to ensure they meet the eligibility and information requirements of the Heritage Council of NSW. The State Heritage Register Committee reviews new nominations on a monthly basis to determine which should be progressed to a full assessment for listing on the State Heritage Register.

### Public Notice of Intention to List and Submission Period

The statutory process set out in the *Heritage Act 1977* commences after a Notice of Intention to List report is presented to the Heritage Council. If the Heritage Council resolves to consider listing the item, major stakeholders are notified, the proposed listing is advertised and interested parties are invited to make written submissions regarding the proposed listing.

### Heritage Council Recommendation

Following completion of the advertising period all submissions are included in a Recommendation to List Report. The report is considered by the Heritage Council to decide whether or not to recommend listing of the item to the Minister.

### Ministerial Decision

The Heritage Council recommendation to list is referred to the Minister for Heritage for decision. All stakeholders are notified of the Heritage Council recommendation and Minister's decision. If the Minister decides to list the item, it is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

See our website for more information about the State Heritage Register listing process (<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/request-a-heritage-listing/nominate-an-item-for-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register>).

## Effects of listing on the State Heritage Register

### Sale of a Property

Listing on the State Heritage Register does not place any restriction on the sale of a property or item.

### Alterations and additions

Listing of a building or land on the State Heritage Register does not mean that work cannot be carried out. The listing simply seeks to ensure that any new use or work is compatible with and complements the item.

Listing on the State Heritage Register means that the Heritage Council becomes the joint consent authority with authorities such as the local council for works that may affect the item's heritage significance.

Activities listed in s.57(1) of the Heritage Act will require the approval of the Heritage Council in addition to any other approvals such as the local council. An application to change the use of or undertake work to a listed building or land should be submitted to your local council in the form of an *Integrated Development Application*. If the local council does not require a development application, a s.60 Application should be submitted directly to the Heritage Council.

### Exemptions for minor works

The Minister can grant exemptions from the need to obtain the Heritage Council's approval for specified activities. *Standard Exemptions* apply to all State Heritage Register listed items. See our website for information about the Standard Exemptions

(<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/apply-for-heritage-approvals-and-permits/state-heritage-register-items/standard-exemptions>)

*Site specific exemptions* can be made for individual heritage items. Some sites are also covered by additional site specific exemptions that have been approved by the Minister on the recommendation of the Heritage Council. These site specific exemptions are developed through negotiations with the site owner/manager in order to facilitate day-to-day operational management.

### Maintenance and repair

Minimum standards of maintenance and repair for heritage items listed on the SHR are set out in the Heritage Regulation 2012. These have been formulated to ensure that these items are inspected regularly, secured and protected against the weather, fire and vandalism. They are based on prudent property management practices, aimed at avoiding expensive 'deferred maintenance'. See our website for information about the minimum standards of maintenance and repair on our website (<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/manage-heritage-items/minimum-standards-maintenance-repair-for-heritage-items>).

## Support information

See our website for information to support SHR property owners (<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/manage-heritage-items>) and in [Heritage listing explained - What it means for you](#).

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 7  
**Subject:** LEWISHAM TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE  
**Prepared By:** Daniel East - Acting Senior Manager Strategic Planning  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council endorse preparation of a master plan that outlines streetscape improvement works and prioritises those works that complement the Transport for NSW Lewisham Station Upgrade project including undertaking community engagement.**

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to the Council resolution of September 2024, this report outlines a strategy to engage with the Lewisham community to develop a public domain design plan that will identify streetscape improvements to complement the Transport for NSW Lewisham Station Upgrade project.

It is recommended that community engagement is undertaken in early 2025 aimed at exploring options to be included in a draft master plan, with the master plan recommending high priority works to be funded by Council.

## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 3 September 2024, Council resolved:

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.*

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) exhibited their concept design plans between 30 July and 18 August 2024 and subsequently consulted directly with Council in early September 2024, advising on the findings of the early engagement, including key sentiments and feedback relating to Council assets. In summary the exhibited concept design includes the following features:

- Lift access to platforms from nearby streets to the north and south with a range of other access improvements including accessible parking, kiss and ride facilities on Thomas Street and Victoria Road; new lighting upgrades; step free path of travel from nearby bus stops and accessible parking spaces.
- Covered area, new paving, accessible parking and bicycle parking associated with upgrades on Thomas Street.
- Expanded footpath areas at the Victoria Street station entry including improved kiss and ride space and changes to make Victoria Street a one way exit onto Railway Terrace.

Council has provided feedback and comments and TfNSW have advised they are currently finalising their concept design. Updated design plans and a TfNSW Review of Environmental Factors are expected to be placed public display in mid-2025 with construction commencement expected from early 2026.

## DISCUSSION

TfNSW have shared details of the findings of their exhibition and Council is aware of the range of requests from community members including the Lewisham Better Streets group, focused on improving walkability, streetscapes, green infrastructure and public art.

As indicated in Council's resolution and the material received by Council from community groups and TfNSW, there are a wide range of potential improvements that Council could consider incorporating into a design plan.

### Community engagement

It is proposed that Council undertake community consultation in early 2025 to gauge community support and sensitivity towards the various options being considered. The engagement shall include a Your Say Inner West web page with opportunity to input ideas and complete an online survey. The engagement shall also include provision for community popup events and direct engagements in the local area and letterbox drops.

### Design plan strategy

It is expected that the community engagement will confirm the level of support for ideas already identified. Design investigations will test the feasibility of expanding pedestrian space, potential changes to traffic management and measures to improve active transport in the area, ahead of seeking TfNSW and Local Traffic Committee support. Design concepts will need to be developed sufficient to enable prioritising within the plan and accurate costings to be developed.



The plan will consider the relative merits of various options and recommend short term high priority works that, subject to funding availability, may be developed concurrently alongside the TfNSW proposals for Lewisham Station.

The findings of the engagement will be reported to Council with a draft plan. Endorsement will be sought for placing the draft plan on community exhibition.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding is available in the Strategic Planning program due to savings on other projects to support engaging with our community and preparing a draft plan that identifies improvements in the Lewisham area.

Once the objectives of the Lewisham draft plan are identified and scoped by Council including cost of delivery, the inclusion of a budget for construction works will be considered and included as part of either the next quarterly review or the 2025/26 budget process. This shall include identifying the appropriate funding source.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 8  
**Subject:** LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 21 OCTOBER 2024  
**Prepared By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 21 October 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 October 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 October 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 – October 2024

Ward	Item
Baludarri (Balmain)	Intersection of Evans Street and Nelson Street, Rozelle - Proposed kerb extension
	Traffic Management Plan for the 2024 New Year's Eve Event
	Intersection of Glassop Street and White Street, Balmain - Proposed Treatment of Intersection for Improved Sight Lines
	Lilyfield Road, Lilyfield - Proposed Raised Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossings
Gulgadya (Leichhardt)	Church Street, Ashfield, between Knocklayde Street and Alt Street- Proposed Raised Thresholds & Kerb Blister Islands (Traffic Calming)
	Ramsay Street & Dalhousie Street, Haberfield - 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA)
Midjuburi (Marrickville)	Moyes Street, Marrickville - Proposed 'No Stopping' relocation
	Pilgrim Avenue, Marrickville - Proposed 'No Parking' restrictions on the inner bend to improve access
	Meeks Lane, Marrickville - Proposed 'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' restrictions

	Hutchinson Street, St Peters - Proposed 15-minute timed parking restrictions
	Temporary speed reductions to 40 km/h for Southwest Link
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- Deferred Item for additional information.
	Victoria Street, Ashfield - Installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone at the front of Ashfield Police Station
Damun (Stanmore)	Metropolitan Road, Enmore - Proposed changes to mobility parking
All Wards	Proposed EV Kerbside Charging Locations

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Local Traffic Committee minutes- 21 October 2024](#)

**Minutes of Meeting held on 21 October 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
Sgt Charles Buttrose	NSW Police – Leichhardt Police Area Command
Nina Fard	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

**NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Shannon Burns	NSW Police – Leichhardt Police Area Command
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
Ken Welsh	IWC's Coordinator Strategic Transport Planning
James Nguyen	IWC's Traffic Engineer
Christy Li	IWC's Business Administration Officer

**VISITORS**

Adrian King	Resident (Item 5)
David Benham	Resident (Item 11)
Brendan Jones	Resident (Item 11)
Barry Ireland	Resident (Item 11)
Benjamin Borger	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) (Item 15)

**APOLOGIES:**

Bill Holliday	Representative for Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain
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**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:**

Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on Monday, 16 September 2024 be confirmed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES**

Nil.

**LTC1024(1) Item 1 Intersection of Evans Street and Nelson Street, Rozelle - Proposed kerb extensions (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

In October 2023, Council adopted the Balmain Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study for the Balmain precinct. One of the recommendations from the study was to further investigate the provision of kerb extensions at the intersection of Evans Street and Nelson Street, Rozelle. The proposal aims to improve traffic safety for pedestrian by shortening the crossing distance and enhancing visibility as well as enhancing driver sight distance for traffic exiting Nelson Street. Additionally, the work will provide opportunities for landscaping and kerbspace for on-street parking.

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That the proposed kerb extensions in Evans Street, at Nelson Street, Rozelle be supported in principle and included in Council's Capital Works Program.
2. That the detailed design for the proposed kerb extensions be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration, including the results of Community Engagement.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition advised there were not enough bike logos in the design. Council Officers advised they will take on that feedback and will consider the comments during the development of the detailed design.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the proposed kerb extensions in Evans Street, at Nelson Street, Rozelle be supported in principle and included in Council's Capital Works Program.
2. That the detailed design for the proposed kerb extensions be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration, including the results of Community Engagement.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 2 Traffic Management Plan for the 2024 New Year's Eve Event (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt Pac)**

**SUMMARY**

As part of the annual New Years Eve celebrations, Council implements a Traffic Management Plan to support NSW Police operations in the Balmain Peninsula.

This report outlines the traffic management plan for the 2024 New Year's Eve event including

temporary road closures, 'Bus Zones' and 'No Stopping' zones. Following last year's event, there was a need to modify the TMP to address the following matters:

- Lack of an emergency access route during the Balmain NYE closures for NSW Ambulances
- Safety issues with crowds conflicting with buses turning around at the roundabout at the intersection of Darling Street and Curtis Road.

These matters are detailed in the report and resulted in the addition of an emergency access route via Mackenzie Street, Rozelle and a Bus Loop via Booth Street/Darvall Street/Eaton Street, Balmain as an alternative to turning buses at the congested Darling Street/Curtis Road roundabout.

### Officers Recommendation:

1. That the Traffic Management Plan (*Attachment 1*) detailing the traffic arrangements for the 2024 New Year's Eve be supported with the temporary modifications to bus stops being revised to also include:
  - a) On Eaton Street:
    - i. Install a temporary 27m and 41m length 'Bus Zone' between Darling Street and Gladstone Street on the east and west side respectively;
    - ii. Install a temporary 65m and 54m length 'Bus Zone' between Gladstone Street and Darvall Street on the east and west side respectively;
2. That the Traffic Management Plan (*Attachment 1*) be forwarded to Council's Parks and Streetscapes Coordinator, Transport Management Centre and the Major Events & Incidents Group (NSW Police).

### DISCUSSION:

Council Officers tabled concerns from a local business owner regarding the previous New Year's Eve event and related closures advising that in the previous year, their restaurant had been fully booked however due to the closures, half of the bookings had been cancelled due to patrons not being able to enter the peninsula. Council Officers requested clarification on how the Police deal with rideshare vehicles wanting to enter on New Year's Eve.

The representative for the Leichhardt Police Area Command advised that there is difficulty with identifying carshare vehicles as there is no regulation on how a carshare vehicle is marked. It was noted that some carshare vehicles display the company they drive for on the back of their vehicle however this is not compulsory. The Representative for the Leichhardt Police Area Command advised they usually do not let rideshare vehicles into the peninsula after 7pm however there is the exception of rideshare vehicles occupied with a resident of the area or the elderly. It was noted that after 7pm, rideshare vehicles can drop off passengers and take bus services into Balmain. The Representative for the Leichhardt Police Area Command advised that VMS boards and notification letters allow for residents, and visitors to make alternative arrangements. There were also concerns tabled that ferry services were allegedly not running during prior years New Year's Eve.

Council Officers advised they will follow up with the relevant stakeholder to confirm the public transport arrangements.

Council Officers advised that there were amendments in the current Traffic Management Plan noting the proposal to install a temporary Bus Zone on Eaton Street to cater for the bus movements. It was noted that the Police have previously raised concerns with buses using

the Darling Street/Curtis Road roundabout to turn around and the potential risk of interaction with pedestrians and other buses. The temporary Bus Stop restrictions on Darling Street will remain unchanged as per previous years and will be reviewed for future events.

*\*\*\* Please see Appendix 1 at the end of the minutes for updated TGS with temporary bus zones in Eaton Street that was tabled at the meeting\*\*\**

Council Officers also noted that Mackenzie Street, will have barricades and a traffic controller to allow emergency vehicles through MacKenzie Street.

*\*\*\* Please see Appendix 2 at the end of the minutes for updated TGS with traffic controller on Mackenzie Street that was tabled at the meeting\*\*\**

The Representative for Transit Systems noted that the existing bus stop on Darling Street between Booth and Eaton Streets, were not highlighted in the reference provided on page 23 of the agenda.

The Representative for Transit Systems queried whether there will be a temporary bus stop on Crescent Street as per previous years. The Representative for the Leichhardt Police Area Command noted that they are still in discussion as to whether or not that bus stop will be used as a checkpoint this year and advised he will provide an update to the stakeholders outside the meeting. It was noted that signage was not previously installed at this check point and an amendment to the TMP would be required to have this included.

The Representative for Transit Systems questioned if it would still be possible to have that bus stop if the Police do not use that stop as a checkpoint. The Representative for the Leichhardt Police Area Command noted that would not be an issue on their end. Council Officers advised they will reach out to the Representative for Transit Systems for additional signage requirements on Robert Street.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Traffic Management Plan (*Attachment 1*) detailing the traffic arrangements for the 2024 New Year's Eve be supported with the temporary modifications to bus stops being revised to also include:
  - a) On Eaton Street:
    - i. Install a temporary 27m and 41m length 'Bus Zone' between Darling Street and Gladstone Street on the east and west side respectively;
    - ii. Install a temporary 65m and 54m length 'Bus Zone' between Gladstone Street and Darvall Street on the east and west side respectively;
2. That the Traffic Management Plan (*Attachment 1*) be forwarded to Council's Parks and Streetscapes Coordinator, Transport Management Centre and the Major Events & Incidents Group (NSW Police).

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 3** Intersection of Glassop Street and White Street, Balmain - Proposed Treatment of Intersection for Improved Sight Lines (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

### SUMMARY

Council has received concerns from the community regarding insufficient visibility at the intersection of Glassop Street and White Street, Balmain.

This location formed part of the Rozelle North precinct where a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study was undertaken in 2022. The study recommended the installation of kerb extensions at the location at a medium priority, which was adopted by Council at the meeting held on 13 September 2022. As this project was not an immediate priority under the Council's Capital Works Program, an interim treatment has been proposed to address the safety issue.

The proposal sees the installation of painted kerb buildouts at the corners of Glassop Street at its intersection with White Street, and the introduction of 'Give Way' control for the White Street leg. The proposal aims to improve visibility at this intersection by bringing the give way line forward toward the Glassop Street travel lanes.

### Officers Recommendation:

That the following treatment at the intersection of Glassop Street and White Street, Balmain be approved as follows:

- a) Linemark chevron islands on Glassop Street at the intersection of Glassop Street and White Street;
- b) Install a 'Give Way' (R1-2A) sign and supporting give way lines (TB & TB1) across White Street at Glassop Street; and
- c) Install 10m length double barrier lines (BB) in White Street commencing from Glassop Street.

### DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following treatment at the intersection of Glassop Street and White Street, Balmain be approved as follows:

- a) Linemark chevron islands on Glassop Street at the intersection of Glassop Street and White Street;
- b) Install a 'Give Way' (R1-2A) sign and supporting give way lines (TB & TB1) across White Street at Glassop Street; and
- c) Install 10m length double barrier lines (BB) in White Street commencing from Glassop Street.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

LTC1024(1) Item 4 Lilyfield Road, Lilyfield - Proposed Raised Pedestrian and  
Bicycle Crossings (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain  
Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

### SUMMARY





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Detailed design plans for the two Raised Pedestrian and Bicycle crossings along Lilyfield Road has been prepared to improve pedestrians and bicycles connectivity to and from the Rozelle Parklands. There is ongoing work undertaken by Council to finalise the Plan of Management and revising the Masterplan for Rozelle Parklands and Eastern Park, which amongst many elements, includes pedestrian accessibility and safety in the vicinity at these parks. With the recognized need from the community to improve road safety, Council has expediated the design and development of two key crossing facilities in advance of the finalization of the Masterplan and the Lilyfield Road Cycleway design. The proposed two facilities will address key concerns from the community and Bicycle User Groups regarding the need to provide a safe interface point from Lilyfield Road into Rozelle Parklands and vice versa.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the attached detailed design plan (Attachment 1) for the proposed Raised Pedestrian and Bicycle crossings on Lilyfield Road at Ryan Street and Lilyfield Road approximately 80m east of Denison Street, Lilyfield be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

Council Officers noted that they have received a number of concerns regarding pedestrian safety from pedestrians and cyclists accessing Rozelle Parklands from Lilyfield Road and the residential areas north of the Rozelle Parklands. It was noted that was an urgent matter and that Council will be looking to expedite the installation process where possible.

Transport for NSW had noted that the threshold width at 5.6m would need to be at 6m minimum. Council Officers also noted that there the 'Give Way' lines required relocation to be immediately adjacent to the bicycle crossing linemarking and relocation of the 'Give Way' signposting to be on the same stem as the Pedestrian Crossing signage which would require the threshold to be 6.3m wide.

Council Officers requested that the Representative for Transport for NSW sends some examples of similar treatments done at the City of Sydney Council to ensure the treatment is consistent with what has been implemented around Sydney. Council Officers acknowledged that this was a relatively new treatment and that refinements to the standard design may need to be made overtime.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the attached detailed design plan (Attachment 1) for the proposed Raised Pedestrian and Bicycle crossings on Lilyfield Road at Ryan Street and Lilyfield Road approximately 80m east of Denison Street, Lilyfield be approved subject to the design being amended to: widen the threshold width to 6.3m; relocate 'Give Way' lines to be immediately adjacent to the bicycle crossing; and relocation of the 'Give Way' signposting to be on the same stem as the 'Pedestrian Crossing' signage.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 5 Moyes Street, Marrickville - Proposed 'No Stopping' relocation (Marrickville-Midjuburi/Summer Hill Electorate/Inner West PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines current parking and road safety issues on Moyes Street, Marrickville

Attachment 1

between Greenbank and Jersey Streets. It outlines key findings from an assessment carried out and proposes parking changes to improve safety.

### **Officers Recommendation:**

That the existing 'No Stopping' restriction on the western side of Moyes Street, Marrickville (located approximately 17m from the bend) between Greenbank and Jersey Streets, be extended a further 13.5m (to the power pole adjacent to the driveway for 37 Moyes Street) to improve road safety in the vicinity of the bend.

### **DISCUSSION:**

*Public Speaker Adrian King entered the meeting at 11.03am.*

Mr King opposed the recommendation advising that Moyes Street is a common rat-run and that the parked cars on Moyes Street assist with traffic calming. Mr King noted that there is high pedestrian and cyclist traffic from McNeilly Park and raised concerns that (1) the extension of the 'No Stopping' restriction and removal of parking will allow for vehicles to travel at higher speeds jeopardising pedestrian and cyclist safety; (2) vehicles will still have to cross over to the other side of the road to pass through due to the narrowness of Moyes Street; and (3) the potential increase in speeds from vehicles due to the extension of the 'No Stopping' zone will increase the risk to pedestrians and cyclists who use that intersection.

*Public Speaker Adrian King left the meeting at 11.09am.*

Council Officers noted that the proposed relocation of the existing 'No Stopping' restriction in Moyes Street will improve sightlines for pedestrians and removes the current issue with road users crossing onto the wrong side of the road just before a bend. It was also noted that the proposed relocation of the existing 'No Stopping' restriction will formalise the typical traffic rules. Council Officers advised that if there are parked cars on both sides of Moyes Street, it reduces the road width for passing cars to 2.7 metres for both directions which is not recommended. It was also noted that 2.7metres in width would not be wide enough for emergency vehicles. Council Officers noted that having parking on the eastern side of the street is the current typical parking arrangement and will allow for 4.7 meters in width of road which allow for two vehicles to pass. The Committee further noted that cyclist safety will improve under the proposal.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the existing 'No Stopping' restriction on the western side of Moyes Street, Marrickville (located approximately 17m from the bend) between Greenbank and Jersey Streets, be extended a further 13.5m (to the power pole adjacent to the driveway for 37 Moyes Street) to improve road safety in the vicinity of the bend.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 6 Pilgrim Avenue, Marrickville - Proposed 'No Parking' restrictions on the inner bend to improve access (Midjumburi - Marrickville Ward / Summer Hill Electorate / Inner West PAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

Currently large vehicles, including Council Waste Services vehicles, are having difficulty in

manoeuvring around the bend in Pilgrim Avenue, Marrickville due to vehicles being parked near the bend therefore Council is proposing to install a 20-metre length of 'No Parking' restrictions on the inner side of the bend in Pilgrim Avenue, Marrickville to improve access in the street.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That a 20-metre length 'No Parking' zone be installed on the inner bend in Pilgrim Avenue, Marrickville (eastern side starting from the boundary of No's 2 and 3 Pilgrim Avenue and extending 20m north around the bend) in order to improve access in the street.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That a 20-metre length 'No Parking' zone be installed on the inner bend in Pilgrim Avenue, Marrickville (eastern side starting from the boundary of No's 2 and 3 Pilgrim Avenue and extending 20m north around the bend) in order to improve access in the street.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 7 Church Street, Ashfield, between Knocklayde Street and Alt Street-Proposed Raised Thresholds & Kerb Blister Islands (Traffic Calming)(Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC).**

**SUMMARY**

Council is planning to provide traffic calming measures to improve safety in Church Street, Ashfield by constructing new raised thresholds & landscaped kerb blisters along Church Street near Knocklayde St, Goenka St, Tawa St & Taringa Lane. The traffic calming proposal aims to slow traffic & improve road safety in this part of Church Street and helps address concerns relating to pedestrian safety and driver behaviour.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the amended detailed design plans (10284-A) sheets 1-4 to propose raised concrete thresholds and kerb blister islands with associated line and marking in Church Street, Ashfield, between Knocklayde Street and Alt Street, as shown in Attachment 1 be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the amended detailed design plans (10284-A) sheets 1-4 to propose raised concrete thresholds and kerb blister islands with associated line and marking in Church Street, Ashfield, between Knocklayde Street and Alt Street, as shown in Attachment 1 be approved.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 8 Ramsay Street & Dalhousie Street, Haberfield - 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) (Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council is planning to improve safety for all road users in Ramsay Street and Dalhousie Street, Haberfield by establishing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) for the core commercial and retail areas of Haberfield.

The proposal feature a number of linemarking treatments to indicate a reduced 40km/h speed limit, with accompanying entry, repeater and exit HPAA signs. Additionally, a landscaped kerb blister island will be constructed at the intersection of Dalhousie Street and Winchcombe Avenue which will complement the proposed treatments for a lower speed road environment.

The project will not impact on any legal on-street parking spaces in the area.

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That the attached detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10312) for the proposed 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) treatments in Ramsay Street, Dalhousie Street, Gillies Avenue, Rawson Street, Dickson Street, Winchcombe Avenue, St Davids Road, and Kingston Street, Haberfield be approved.
2. That it should be noted that Council has submitted a Traffic Management Plan for the proposed 40km/h HPAA to Transport for NSW approval.

**DISCUSSION:**

Council Officers noted that Transport for NSW had requested Council to remove the proposed 50km area signs which advises the default speed limit. Council Officers advised they were happy to amend the plans accommodate the request.

*\*\*\* Please see Appendix 3 at the end of the minutes for amended plans with the 50km/h speed limit signs removed that were tabled at the meeting \*\*\**

The Representative for the Member for Summer Hill questioned why this proposal for 40km/h zones were undertaken as part of the InnerWest@40 project. Council Officers advised that Ramsay Street is a Regional Road and therefore does not fall under the criteria for the InnerWest@40 study.

The Representative for the Member for Summer Hill questioned whether the treatments proposed will remain once the suburb converts to 40km/h. Council Officers advised the treatments will remain.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the attached detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10312) for the proposed

40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) treatments in Ramsay Street, Dalhousie Street, Gillies Avenue, Rawson Street, Dickson Street, Winchcombe Avenue, St Davids Road, and Kingston Street, Haberfield be approved.

2. That it should be noted that Council has submitted a Traffic Management Plan for the proposed 40km/h HPAA to Transport for NSW approval.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 9 Clissold Street, between Queen Street and Victoria Street, Ashfield-Proposed removal of existing at-grade crossing and provide a new raised pedestrian(zebra) crossing- Deffered Item for additional information (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)**

### SUMMARY

The detailed design plan for this proposed treatment was raised at the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) on the 16 September 2024 and deferred to provide additional information on the concerns raised by the representatives from Transit Systems Australia (TSA) and TFNSW on the existing Bus Stops and reduced 'No Stopping' length on approach to the new crossing. This additional information is provided below under Discussion-Additional information in deferral of the item. It should be noted that the remainder of the report is that which was presented at the September 2024 LTC meeting and is presented for information and context with regards to the recommendation.

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 Street. 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 Member for Summer Hill queried if comments vision impaired residents were taken into consideration for the design. Council Officers advised this crossing had been treated with tactiles on the lead up to the crossing and the discussions with the designers have concluded that there were not many additional treatments that could be implemented due to the nature of the raised pedestrian crossing and the narrowness of the

road and footpath.

The Representative for the Member for Summer Hill asked if Council liaises with the Guide Dogs Australia for feedback on their designs. Council Officers advised that they do liaise with the Guide Dogs Australia however they did not liaise with them for this particular design. Council Officers did indicate that the mobility and inclusion coordinator will be requested to provide comments on pedestrian crossing designs in future.

The Representative for Transit Systems questioned whether there will be bus diversions from Clissold Street when construction works begin. Council Officers advised they will liaise with the Project Manager for installation of the proposed pedestrian crossing on the issue of timing of works and advised that they will pass on the details of the Representative for Transit Systems to the Project Manager so the Project Manager can reach out to discuss the timing of works and proposed arrangements.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE 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.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 10 Victoria Street, Ashfield - Installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone at the front of Ashfield Police Station (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

This report outlines current emergency vehicle accessibility issues at Victoria Street between Liverpool Road and Norton Street and proposes the appropriate road treatment to improve police operations of Ashfield Police Station.

### **Officers Recommendation:**

That the installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone on Victoria Street, Ashfield at the main driveway for Ashfield Police Station be approved.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone on Victoria Street, Ashfield at the main driveway for Ashfield Police Station be approved.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 11 Proposed EV Kerbside Charging Locations (All Wards / All**

### Electorates / All PACs)

#### SUMMARY

Council is committed to supporting and encouraging the use of electric vehicles (EVs) in the Inner West. Consequently, Council chose three kerbside public charging providers, as partners, through a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process. Subsequently, Council supported these partners in successfully applying for State Government funding.

Council's charging partners secured grant funding to roll-out 136 public EV charging ports; 95 of which are "dedicated" with signs and line marking, across our community by mid-April 2025.

The proposed initial network of EV kerbside charging port locations was publicly exhibited in July and August 2024, to gain community feedback. The overall proposal received 84% support from the community. In response to community feedback, on specific locations, the number of EV charging ports with dedicated kerbside spaces is proposed to be reduced from 95 to 81.

The community consultation included both dedicated and undedicated charging locations so that the community could understand the overall charging network proposed. In considering this it is important to note that; as chargers without dedicated spaces do not alter kerbside conditions and would be installed on existing Ausgrid infrastructure, they could be installed without Council approval. Their installation could be carried out under the Transport and Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

Proposed signs and line marking plans for the chargers with dedicated kerbside spaces are included in Attachment 1.

#### Officers Recommendation:

1. That the EV charging sites identified in Table 3 be supported for installation as per the signage and line marking plans provided in Attachment 1.
2. That the EV charging sites identified in Table 2 be supported subject to targeted engagement and TfNSW approval as required.

#### DISCUSSION:

*Public Speaker David Benham entered the meeting at 11.09 am.*

Mr Benham was opposed to the proposed EV charging site for Alice Street, Newtown noting that there is currently inadequate on-street parking on Alice Street, and the installation of the EV charging site will add to the already difficult parking situation. Mr Benham question why the proposed charging site was a 'dedicated' space rather than a 'non dedicated' space which is proposed for some other areas. Mr Benham noted that there is currently a '2P' Resident Parking Scheme in the area however the scheme is rarely enforced further adding to the parking difficulties in the area. Mr Benham also noted that the report did not mention the objections raised by himself and his neighbour and only included a summary of submissions submitted to Your Say. Mr Benham also noted that the responses provided in the report did not indicate whether the respondents were residents or visitors. Mr Benham advised that none of his neighbouring residents own an electric vehicle and that the EV charging site will not be fulfilling the needs of the residents and will only be beneficial for visitors in the area. Mr Benham also noted that the report proposed that overstaying users would be charged idle fees however he did not believe that would be a deterrent for users unless the idle fees were exorbitant.



*Public Speaker David Benham left the meeting at 11.17 am.*

*Public Speaker Brendan Jones entered the meeting at 11.18 am.*

Mr Jones supported the proposed recommendation for installation of EV charging sites advising that the number of battery electric vehicles is rapidly growing in the Inner West Council area and that as of 30 September 2024, there were 2,740 electric vehicles registered in the Inner West Council area. Mr Jones emphasised the importance of EV charging sites in the Inner West area due to the rapid growth of electric vehicles and the lack of off-street parking and charging opportunities within the area. Mr Jones advised that the parking restriction signage needs to be made clear noting that the current proposed signage is ambiguous. Mr Jones suggested that dedicated charging spaces should have the pavement marked and painted before the charging stations become available for use by the public, noting that the painted pavement acts as a visual aid and dramatically reduces instances of non-electric vehicles parking in dedicated EV spots and was more effective than just signposting and linemarking alone. Mr Jones also noted the importance of Council monitoring the utilisation and turnover of 'dedicated' versus 'opportunity' EV charging spaces as the data will assist with providing feedback on the usage of spots and whether or not the electric vehicles are able to get a chance to use the 'opportunity' charging spaces to charge. Mr Jones also suggested that Council do a letterbox drop to notify all residents in all residents in the vicinity of each dedicated kerbside charging location, once they are operational.

*Public Speaker Brendan Jones left the meeting at 11.22 am.*

*Public Speaker Barry Ireland entered the meeting at 11.23 am.*

Mr Ireland proposed to relocate the proposed EV charging site at Rowntree Street, Birchgrove to Spring Street, Birchgrove near St Johns Church. Mr Ireland queried if Council had conducted site visits to the proposed sites. He also noted that he was unable to find his response in the report and was advised by a Council staff member that the response in the report were generated from Your Say and were anonymous. Mr Ireland noted there was an addendum to the report with responses from residents and questioned if those responses were taken into consideration.

Council Officers advised that Council had gone out to review the site along with Council's traffic engineers, and representatives from the service provider and all contentious issues raised were discussed with the stakeholders involved. Council Officers advised in relation to the addendum, Council's engagement team has advised that it was Council policy to not publish verbatim emails to prevent sensitive information being disclosed. Council Officers noted that the strategic planning team have read all the residents' responses and advised those responses were taken into consideration when writing the outcomes report.

Mr Ireland also noted that there are vehicles that park dangerously around Rowntree Street, such as parking in the 'No Stopping' zone, parking within 5 meters of the intersection as well as across his driveway hindering the access to and from his property and expressed his concern of the proposed EV charging site exacerbating the existing issues. Mr Ireland noted his concerns regarding the proposed site's usage of electricity and advised that there is a supply issue of electricity on the street noting that him and his neighbours experience flickering lights and expressed his concern regarding the increased demand of electricity further adding to the existing problem.

Council Officers advised they have spoken to Ausgrid regarding the electricity issue and was advised that the network in the area was being investigated for potential future upgrades.

*Public Speaker Barry Ireland left the meeting at 11.28 am.*



Council Officers tabled 2 additional submissions from 2 separate residents. One resident noted their concerns regarding the placement of charging infrastructure in front of residential dwellings which may lead to potential noise complaints, property damage and verbal/physical disputes. It was noted that there were concerns of loss of parking amenity in high demand areas, and that internationally, similar instances of charging ports being located outside residential properties did not work. The resident suggested that if chargers were to be placed outside of residential dwellings they should operate on a curfew and that chargers' placements be considered for relocation to areas with less residential properties.

Council Officers advised that chargers with dedicated spaces would have a curfew to provide opportunities for non-electric vehicles to use the space outside of curfew hours. Council Officers also noted that in the 2023 Electric Vehicle Encouragement strategy, it was noted that it was best to have the chargers placed outside of parks and community buildings with the last choice being residential properties, however, in areas where there are only residential buildings, there are no other options than to place chargers outside of residential dwellings.

Council Officers tabled in the addition submission from a resident requesting opportunities be provided to private individuals to charge their vehicles kerbside rather than providing public charging sites. The resident noted the economic and environmental benefits of being able to charge from solar energy and that it fits with Council's sustainability and net zero policies. It was also noted that adding public charging is beneficial for residents in apartments and similar but for homeowners, usually with limited off-street parking, the ability to charge safely from solar energy on the street would be greatly beneficial.

The Representative for the Member of Newtown questioned what the decision-making process was when determining whether a car space was going to be 'dedicated' or 'non-dedicated.'

Council Officers advised that the decisions were made by the providers themselves. It was noted that there was only one supplier that was putting in 'non-dedicated' spaces in conjunction with 'dedicated' spaces in order to gather data as to what type of space was more appropriate for the Inner West Council area.

Council Officers noted that these charging ports received grant funding and that the selection criteria for the grants included, capacity of electrical grid, areas with projected high EV uptake, areas with limited opportunity for on-site charging as well as safety and accessibility requirements.

Council Officers noted that the report provided to the Local Traffic Committee dealt only with the proposed 'dedicated' spaces as 'non-dedicated' or 'opportunity' chargers without dedicated spaces do not have any direct impact on kerbside allocation and under the Transport and Infrastructure State Environmental Planning policy, chargers can be installed without Council consent.

The Representative for the Member of Summer Hill questioned if a booking system will be in place for users to book in time at a dedicated space. Council Officers advised that the providers are currently setting up their platforms for their booking system to allow for pre-bookings. It was noted that the providers are examining systems to send push notifications to users to advise when their car is around 90% charge and prompting them to know they will have to return to their car shortly to avoid a overstay fee.

The Representative for the Member of Summer Hill questioned if Council would receive revenue from the charging spaces. Council Officers advised Council will not be receiving revenue on kerbside charging spaces until the providers hit their breakeven point. Once the agreed breakeven point has been reached, Council will start negotiations on a potential leasing scheme.

The Representative for the Inner West Bicycle Coalition noted the public speaker's suggestion to paint the pavement to indicate the space as a dedicated EV charging space and questioned if Council had the intention of implementing that suggestion. Council Officers advised that the current approved treatments are linemarking and signposting noting that it was cost efficient and easily implemented, however Council will monitor the spaces to see if the proposed treatments are effective and if additional measures need to be considered.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the EV charging sites identified in *Table 3* be supported for installation as per the signage and line marking plans provided in *Attachment 1*.
2. That the EV charging sites identified in *Table 2* be supported subject to targeted engagement and TfNSW approval as required.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

### **LTC1024(1) Item 12 Metropolitan Road, Enmore - Proposed changes to mobility parking (Damun-Stanmore Ward/Newtown Electorate/Inner West PAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

Council is proposing to adjust the existing angle parking layout and restrictions on the eastern side of Metropolitan Road, Enmore to improve access to the mobility parking space.

### **Officers Recommendation:**

That the drawing showing additional timed parking restriction, changes to the existing mobility parking space, kerb extension, 'STOP' control line and kerb ramps on Metropolitan Road, Enmore (drawing no. 10300 sheet 1 of 1 – Metropolitan Road, Enmore - proposed adjustment to accessible parking space) be approved.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Council Officers advised the purpose of the amendments to the proposal is to improve sight lines for vehicles exiting the laneway. Council Officers advised the 'STOP' line will be moved forward to its existing position, and to add edge linemarking from the existing kerb blister (extending out 1m from the edge of the kerb blister) into Enmore Lane (up to the first driveway).

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the drawing showing additional timed parking restriction, changes to the existing mobility parking space, kerb extension, 'STOP' control line and kerb ramps on Metropolitan Road, Enmore (drawing no. 10300 sheet 1 of 1 – Metropolitan Road, Enmore - proposed adjustment to accessible parking space) be approved with the following changes:

- The 'STOP' linemarking be moved forward to its previous position.

- Edge linemarking be installed on the northern side of Enmore Lane, from the existing kerb blister (extending out 1m from the edge of the kerb blister) into Enmore Lane (up to the first driveway).

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 13 Meeks Lane, Marrickville - Proposed 'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' restrictions (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Inner West PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines parking issues in Meeks Lane, Marrickville and identifies the appropriate parking treatment to address them. The proposed parking treatment will improve access to Meeks Lane for adjacent properties.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That 'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' restrictions on the western side of Meeks Lane, Marrickville (i.e., along Boundary of 135 Meek Road) be installed as follows;

- 'No Stopping' restrictions extending for first 10m north of Meeks Road, and
- 'No Parking' restrictions extending 45m north from the proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

That 'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' restrictions on the western side of Meeks Lane, Marrickville (i.e., along Boundary of 135 Meek Road) be installed as follows;

- 'No Stopping' restrictions extending for first 10m north of Meeks Road, and
- 'No Parking' restrictions extending 45m north from the proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC1024(1) Item 14 Hutchinson Street, St Peters - Proposed 15-minute timed parking restrictions (Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward/Heffron Electorate/Inner West PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines parking issues in Hutchinson Street, St Peters and proposes 15-minute timed parking restrictions to provide short-term parking opportunities for nearby businesses.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the proposed timed parking space (5.1m) signposted as 'P15 minute 7am-5pm Mon-Fri;

7am-12.30pm Sat' on the northern side of Hutchinson Street as shown in Attachment 1 be approved.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the proposed timed parking space (5.1m) signposted as 'P15 minute 7am-5pm Mon-Fri; 7am-12.30pm Sat' on the northern side of Hutchinson Street as shown in Attachment 1 be approved.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

## **LTC1024(1) Item 15 Temporary speed reductions to 40 km/h for Southwest Link**

### **SUMMARY**

During the 12-month closure of the T3 line (Sydenham to Bankstown), rail replacement Southwest Link bus services are expected to carry 56,000 (and up to 72,000) passengers a day, with the majority of passengers expected to transfer at Sydenham Station to access Metro and Train services to and from the CBD.

Temporary bus stops are being established at each station from Sydenham to Bankstown, resulting in a significant increase in pedestrian activity and footpath use.

As part of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project, Transport for NSW is introducing temporary speed reductions at key locations to support safer streets around Southwest Link bus stops, cycling routes and to reduce noise impact on residents from replacement buses.

To support the temporary speed reductions in the Inner West Council area, Transport for NSW have procured traffic guidance schemes for the delivery of these changes.

### **Officers Recommendation:**

That it be noted that TfNSW will be implementing Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS) to support the delivery of temporary speed zone reductions for the Southwest Link as outlined in the report.

### **DISCUSSION:**

*Public Speaker Benjamin Borger (Representative for TfNSW) entered the meeting at 11.29 am.*

Mr Borger advised that as part of the Southwest Link and Metro works, TfNSW is proposing to reduce mixed traffic to 40km/hr to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Council Officers advised that Council are currently implementing the newly adopted InnerWest@40 study and will work with and advise TfNSW of which locations will have permanent signage installed.



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*Public Speaker Benjamin Borger (Representative for TfNSW) left the meeting at 11.33 am.*

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That it be noted that TfNSW will be implementing Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS) to support the delivery of temporary speed zone reductions for the Southwest Link as outlined in the report.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**General Business:**

**Item 16: Review of Mobility Parking near Henson Park for the upcoming AFLW events**

The Representative for the Member for Summer Hill requested a review of Mobility Parking near Henson Park for the upcoming AFLW events. Council Officers advised they will take the request on notice and will look into discussing the possibility of putting aside spaces for mobility parking with the event organisers. It was noted that such request will need to be investigated and incorporated into the Traffic Management Plan.

Meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

**CHAIRPERSON**

Manod Wickramasinghe

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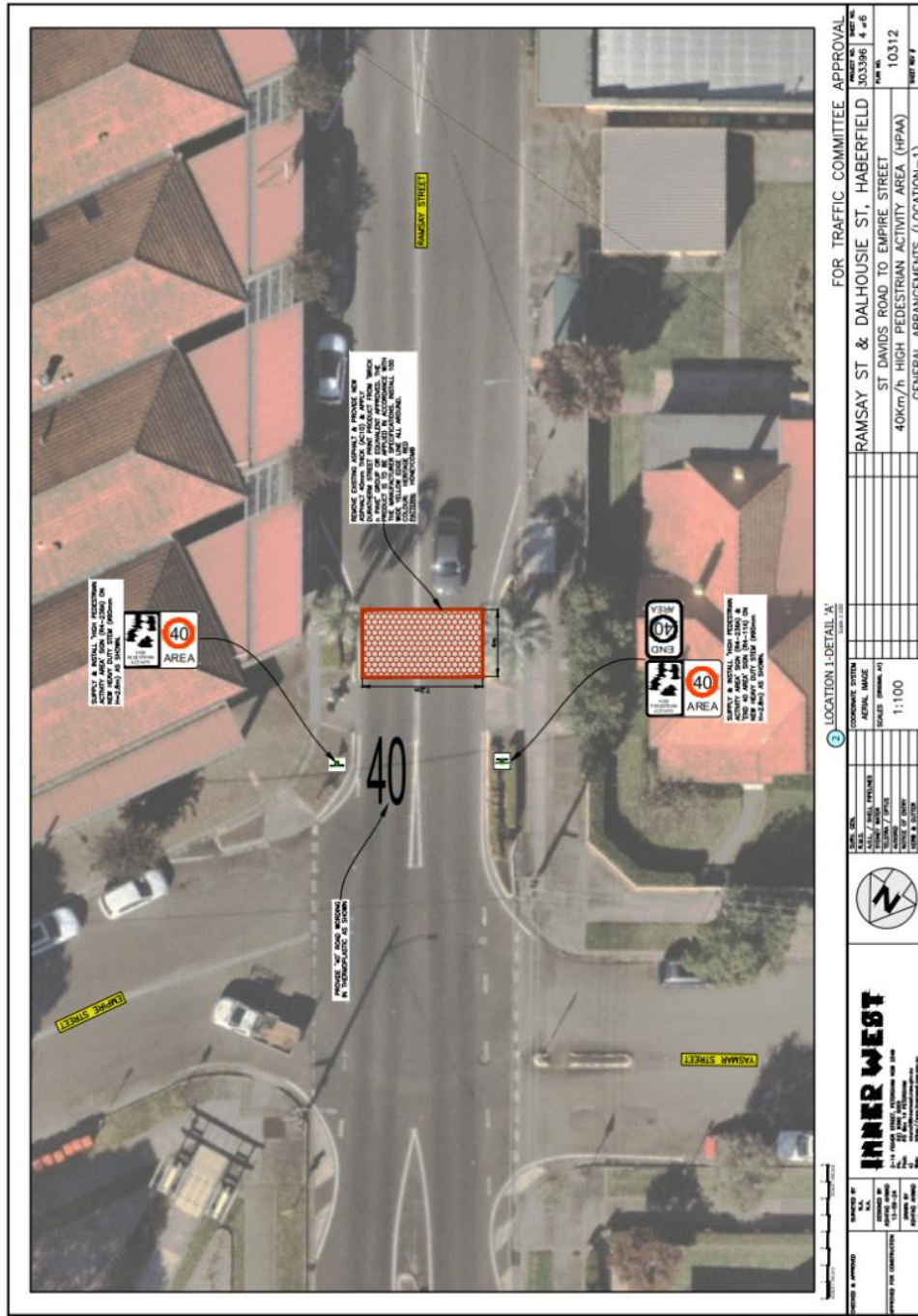
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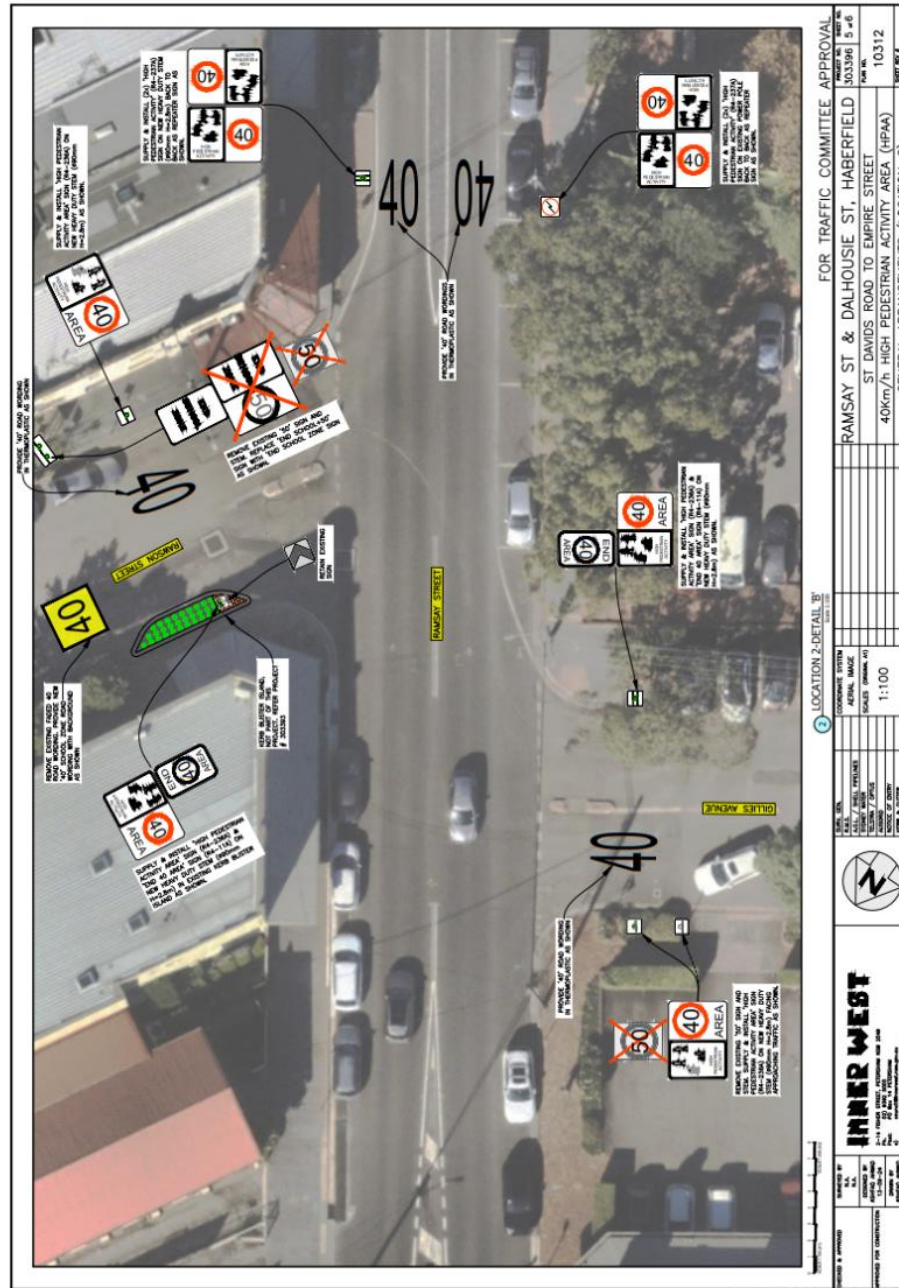


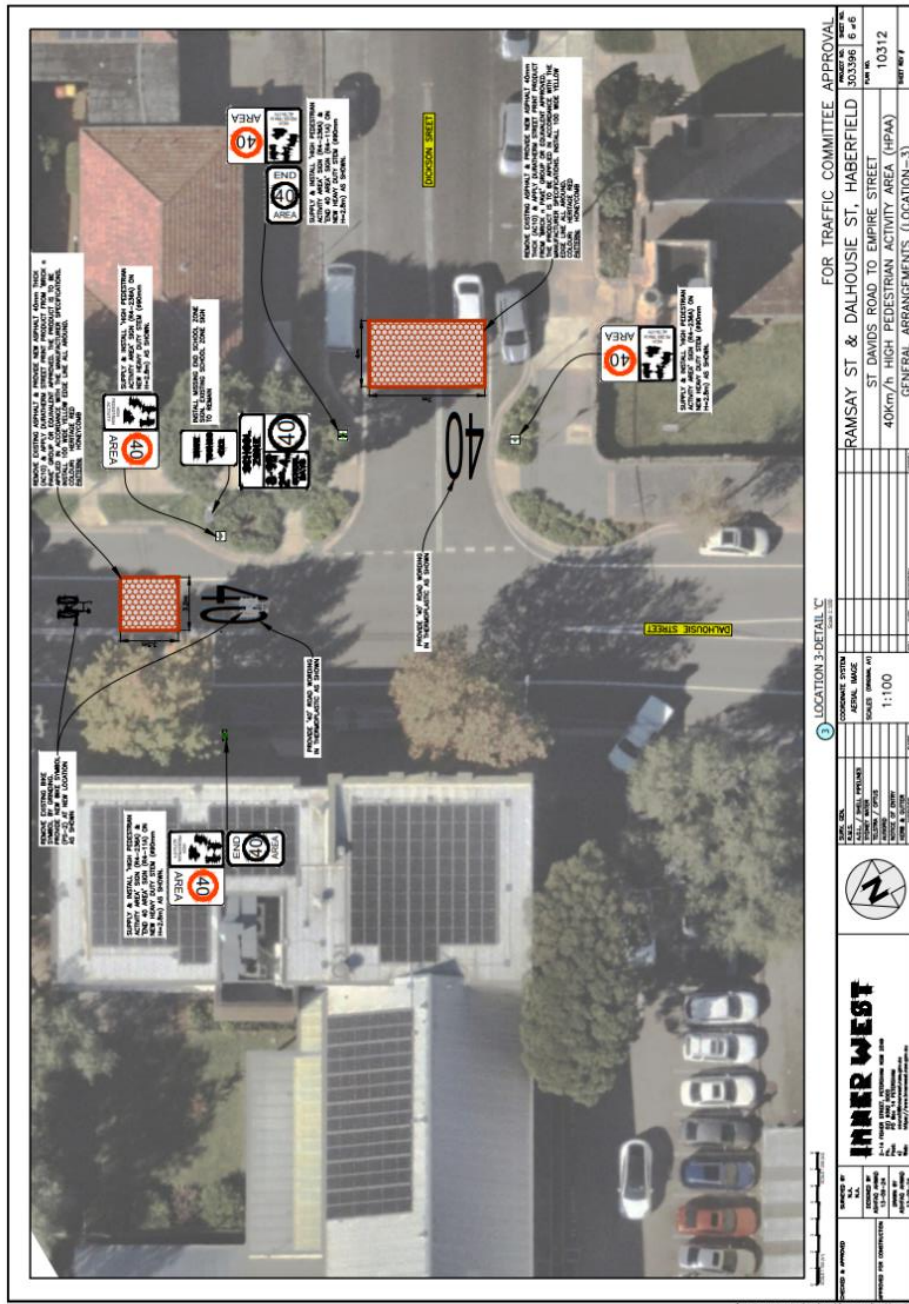
### Appendix 3 – Item 8 Ramsay Street & Dalhousie Street, Haberfield - 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA)



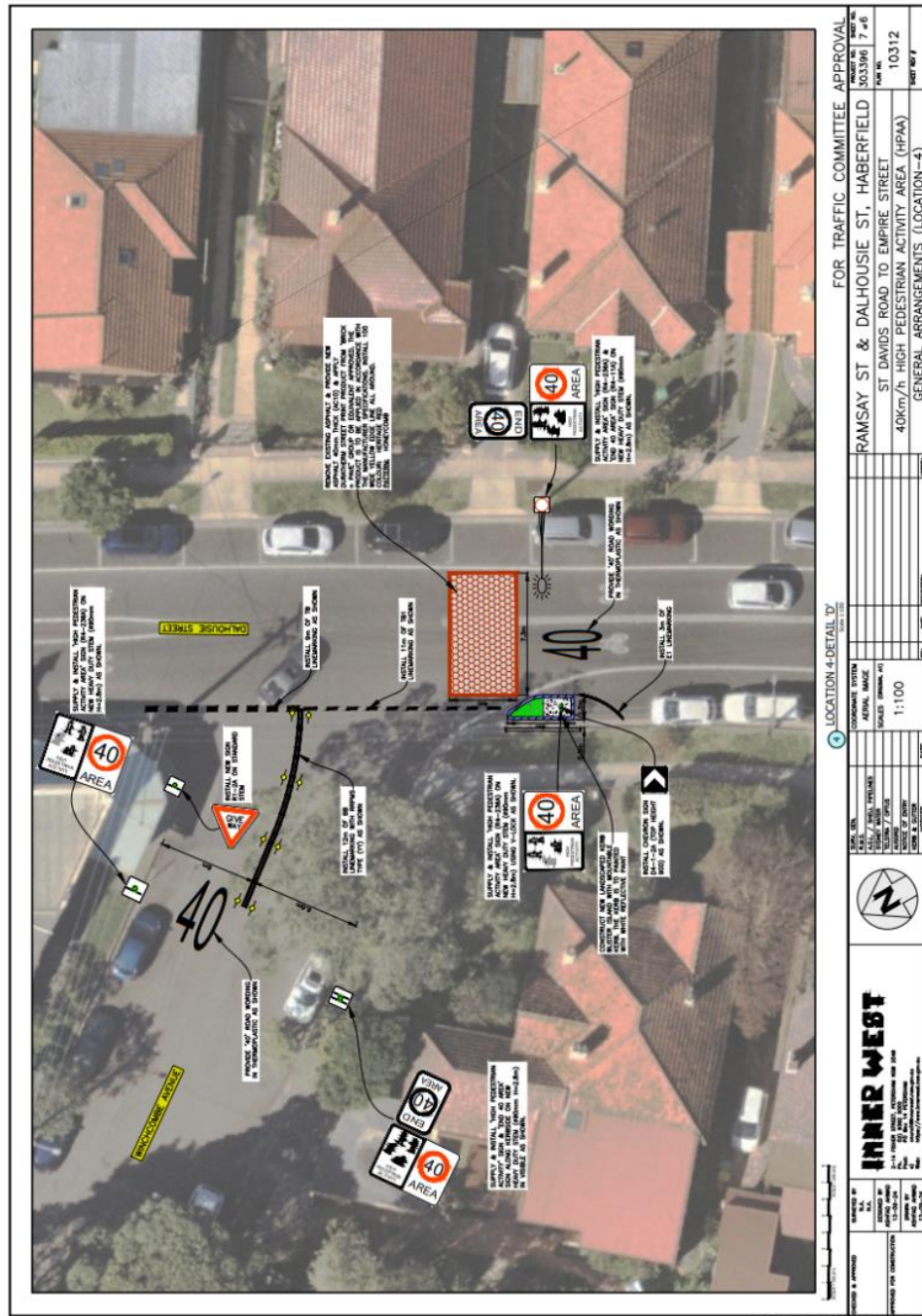


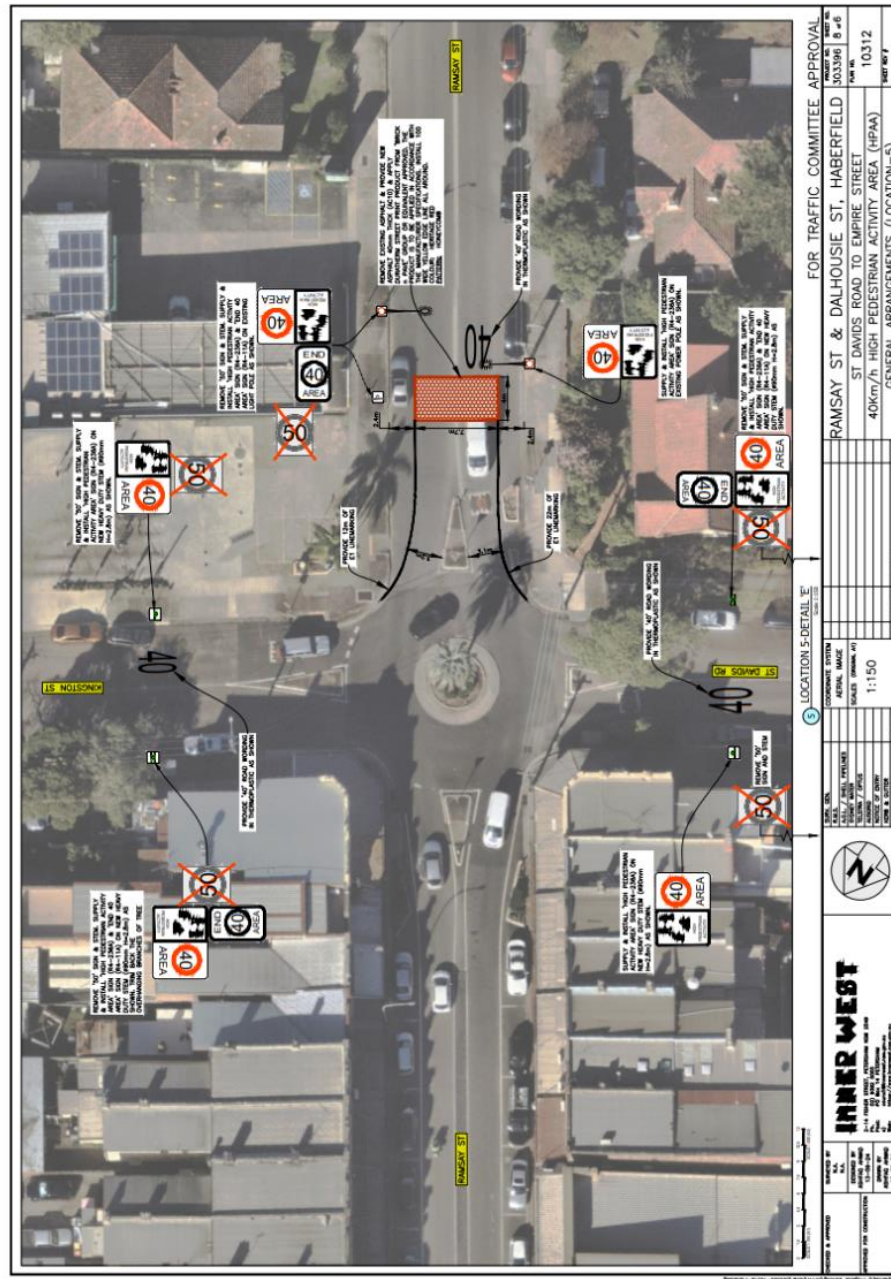


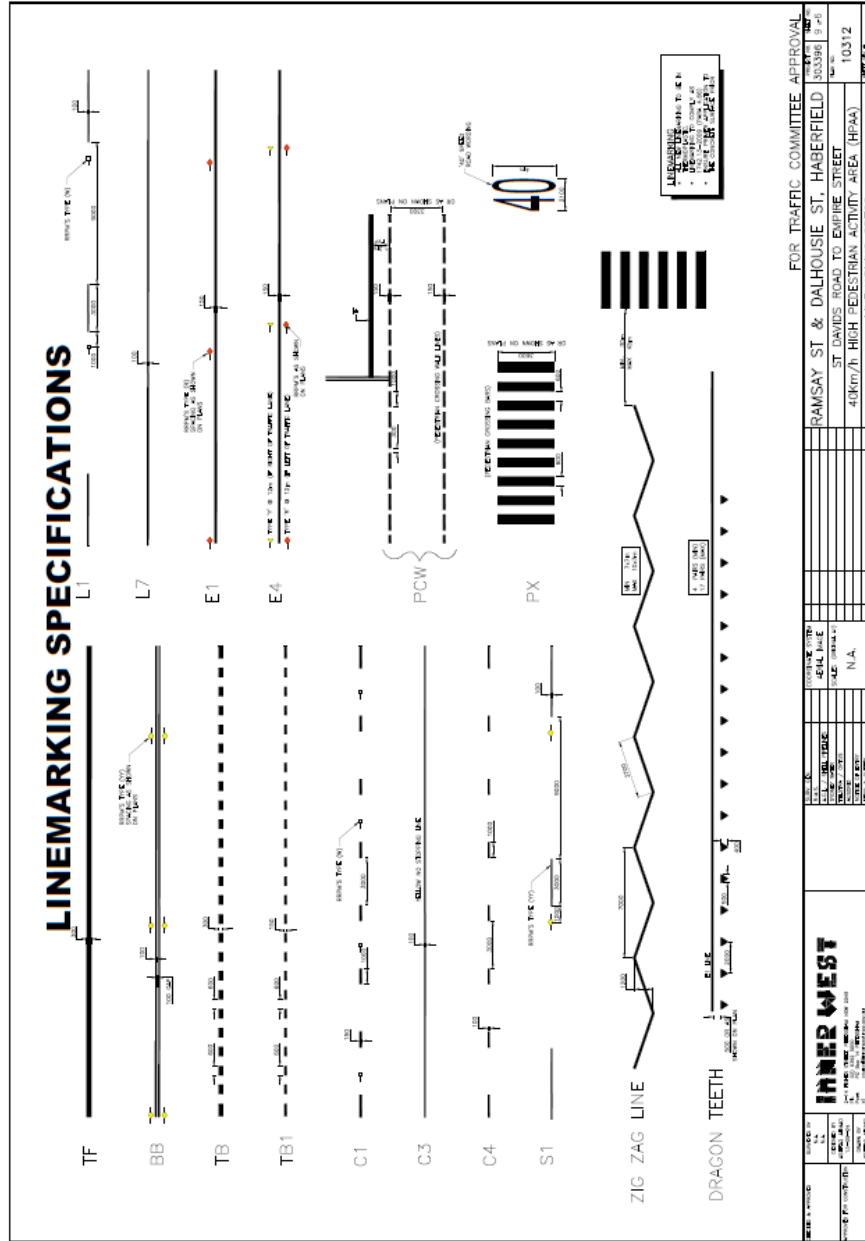












**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 9

**Subject:** SUBMISSION TO OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON COUNCILLOR CONDUCT AND MEETING PRACTICES

**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk

**Authorised By:** Beau-Jane De Costa - Acting Director Corporate

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council approve the draft submission to the Office of Local Government on Councillor Conduct and Meeting Practices, as detailed in *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

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Local Government (OLG) has released a discussion paper proposing reforms of councillor conduct and meeting practices. Feedback on the proposals is sought in writing by 15 November 2024.

A draft submission, at *Attachment 1*, considers the proposed reforms of the councillor conduct and meeting practices.

The draft submission discusses concerns regarding the banning of pre-meeting briefings/workshops without the public in attendance.

In addition, the draft submission suggests extending the proposed reforms to assist with the management of health and safety risks by empowering councils to close meetings to ensure public and workplace safety, if there is an alternative arrangement for the community to view the proceedings.

It also expresses support for the establishment of an entity that can consider Code of Conduct complaints about Councillors, to remove General Managers from the complaints process. However, the submission highlights issues with the proposed composition of the entity and the limited details available regarding its proposed operations and about the timing of the consultation period in respect of the proposed reforms.

The draft submission in *Attachment 1* is proposed to be provided to the OLG following Council's decision.



## BACKGROUND

In September 2024, the OLG released the discussion paper *Councillor conduct and meeting practices: A new framework* (Discussion Paper) in *Attachment 2*. The Discussion Paper outlines the following proposed reforms for councillor conduct and meeting practices across the local government sector:

- Make the OLG directly responsible for dealing with pecuniary interest and significant non-pecuniary conflicts of interest, with sanctions (suspensions and loss of pay) being determined by an appropriate tribunal or body.
- Refer behavioural based concerns about councillor conduct to a State-wide panel of experienced councillors to judge their peers.
- Reset the Code of Conduct to be similar to Parliamentary Codes, to clarify the expected standards of councillor behaviour.
- Ensure the community can observe local democracy processes by banning briefing sessions/workshops that are closed to the public.
- Measures to restore the dignity and prestige of council meetings and the council chamber.

OLG is seeking feedback on the proposed reforms by 15 November 2024.

## DISCUSSION

The Discussion Paper identifies that the local government sector continues to face challenges with appropriate councillor conduct and effective meeting practices despite standardised codes for the sector. In response to these ongoing challenges, the OLG has identified a need to review sectoral standards and establish practices that promote appropriate behaviour and transparent decision-making.

The draft submission to the OLG Councillor Conduct Framework Review, at *Attachment 1*, focuses on concerns with the proposals relating to the Code of Meeting Practice and establishing a Local Government Privileges Committee, but does not comment on the remainder of the matters discussed in the Discussion Paper. It explicitly notes that the focused nature of the draft submission should not be interpreted as support for reforms proposed in the discussion paper but not addressed in the draft submission. An overview of the matters raised in the draft submission is provided below.

### Meeting practices

The Model Code of Meeting Practice is the mechanism for ensuring effective decision-making and ensuring meetings are conducted with dignity. The Discussion Paper proposes to amend the Model Code of Meeting Practice to ban pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public.

The draft submission notes that pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops that are closed to the public are an important tool for councillors and council officers to ensure informed decision-making. Additionally, these are a feature of all levels of government across Australia. The draft submission notes that opening briefing sessions/workshops to the public may prevent councillors from seeking information about decisions they are expected to make. In addition, it may lead to more information being provided to councillors via briefing/workshops notes, which will add to the already significant workload of councillors, and potentially disadvantage councillors who do not speak English as a first language and/ or who may have learning disorders.

The draft submission suggests that, instead of banning pre-briefings/workshops that are closed to the public, a report could be provided to each council meeting outlining the nature of information provided to councillors at all council-organised forums held between each council meeting. The report could include details of councillor and staff attendance, agenda items, and any conflicts of interest raised. Council suggests that preparing a report on matters discussed



at council organised forums between council meetings, including councillor briefing sessions/workshops, should be considered as an alternative to banning councillor briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public.

Additionally, the Discussion Paper proposes reforms to manage public disorder in the chamber for the safety of the community, councillors and council officers. The draft submission suggests that these reforms should be extended to enable the General Manager to decide to close a council meeting to the public to manage community and workplace safety, where there is a workplace health and safety risk that necessitates the closure. The *Local Government Act 2020* in Victoria provides that council meetings can be closed to the public for security reasons or to enable the meeting to proceed in an orderly manner. Meetings closed in this manner can proceed if alternative arrangements are in place for the public to watch the proceedings, such as livestreaming and/or viewing on screens at the council.

The draft submission suggests that OLG considers empowering General Managers to manage public and workplace safety by proactively closing council meetings and not allowing public attendance in the gallery when there are concerns for public and workplace safety. Following the Victorian example, the need to make council meetings more accessible and transparent could be met by providing alternative accessibility to the meeting (for example, livestreaming online or viewing on screen outside the council chambers).

As an additional accountability and transparency safeguard in respect of this suggestion, a requirement could be imposed on the General Manager of each council who uses these powers to provide a report to the next council meeting outlining the health and safety grounds for closing the meeting to public attendance.

The draft submission expresses support for the establishment of an entity that can consider Code of Conduct complaints about Councillors, to remove General Managers from the complaints process. However, the draft submission outlines issues with the composition of the proposed Local Government Privileges Committee (Committee) being current and former mayors without appropriate checks and balances the proposed composition lends itself to structural conflicts and biases, if the Committee is not representative of the full spectrum of registered political parties.

Lastly, the draft submission notes the timing of the release of the Discussion paper and close of submissions has not afforded the newly elected Council sufficient time to consider and provide informed comments on the proposed reforms outlined in the discussion paper. The draft submission acknowledges the need for reform to provide for effective decision-making and dignity in council meetings but notes the lack of detail that needs further, and more meaningful, consultation with the local government sector in respect of the proposals in the Discussion Paper prior to implementation.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Draft Submission on the Councillor Conduct Framework Review](#)
2. [Councillor Conduct and Meeting Practices Discussion Paper](#)

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## Re: **Submission on the Councillor Conduct Framework Review**

Inner West Council (Council) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Office of Local Government Discussion Paper: *Councillor conduct and meeting practices* released in September 2024 (Discussion Paper).

This submission will focus on Council's concerns with the proposed reforms to meeting practices. The focus of Council's submission should not be interpreted as unqualified support for the other reforms in the Discussion Paper. Given the timing of the local government elections and councillor induction, Councillors have not had the opportunity to consider in full all aspects of the proposed reforms ahead of submissions closing on 15 November 2024.

### **Proposed reforms to the Model Code of Meeting Practice**

#### Councillor briefings/workshops

Council supports the Model Code of Meeting Practice as the mechanism for enabling effective decision-making, and for ensuring meetings are conducted with dignity. Council is, however, concerned with the proposal to ban pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public, as these are an important tool for councillors and council officers to enable informed decision-making.

Council agrees that decisions of Council can only occur in a formal council meeting, and acknowledges concerns about briefings/workshops that are not managed well becoming quasi-decision making forums. However, Council considers that pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops that are closed to the public are a critical tool to assist Councillors discharge their role, as prescribed under section 232(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to make considered and well informed decisions. The OLG Councillor Handbook 2024 notes that workshops or briefing sessions are supported by some to develop councillor knowledge and expertise, and to assist them to discharge their role as public officials. Indeed, an earlier version of this document, the OLG Councillor Handbook 2021, "recognises the value of workshops or briefing sessions in developing councillor knowledge and expertise, and assisting them to discharge their role as public officials." The same document notes that briefing sessions/workshops which enable both councillors and staff to contribute freely are important for ensuring open debate. Council considers that opening briefing sessions/workshops to the public will have the effect of impeding the development of councillor knowledge and expertise and reducing the robustness of debate, as councillors may be more reluctant to ask questions about council matters with members of the public in attendance. Our general comments and suggestions for addressing transparency concerns are listed below.

Pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops are a practice widely adopted by all levels of Government in Australia, to ensure that those representing the community in the decision-making process are informed on matters before them. These sessions across the various levels of Government provide an opportunity for elected representatives to test the

information presented to them by officers and members of the public and to seek additional information to assist with their decision-making.

Briefing sessions/workshops are a critical tool for supporting councillors to make informed decisions at council meetings. These sessions ensure that councillors are well informed and in the best possible position to debate issues effectively once those issues are at a council meeting. Briefings/workshops assist councillors to determine whether they have enough information and advice to help them form an informed opinion about the matters in question. It is appropriate for these to occur without members of the public in attendance, so that councillors feel comfortable to question council officers about the information they have been given and seek further information. Prohibiting councils from holding pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public may prevent councillors from seeking information about decisions they are expected to make. Alternatively, it may lead to more information being provided to councillors via briefing notes, which will add to the already significant workload of councillors, and potentially disadvantage councillors who do not speak English as a first language and/ or who may have learning disorders. Given the “steep learning curve” for new councillors identified by the OLG in “Stand for your community: Candidate Guide”, Council opposes the imposition of any measures that may prevent councillors from asking for further information about decisions they are expected to make. Council also opposes the imposition of any measures that may have the consequence of disadvantaging certain sections of the community or preventing members from those communities standing for Council, given the importance of diverse representation on councils, as identified by the OLG in “Stand for your community: Candidate Guide”. In addition, councillor briefing sessions/workshops often include information being provided about matters of a sensitive or confidential nature. Opening briefings/workshops to members of the public may limit the ability to provide this information, and may increase the council meeting deliberations held in camera to fully discuss these matters or matters on the council agenda being deferred to allow councillors to receive more information or guidance prior to resolving the matter in the Chamber.

The proposal to ban pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public may also increase resourcing costs. In line with current council meeting practices, the community may reasonably expect that these briefings/workshops will be accessible both in-person and online. This will create additional staffing and administrative demands on councils, and also impose costs associated with streaming and website capacity. Given the budget constraints across the local government sector, Inner West Council is opposed to the banning of pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops held in the absence of the public, and believes that other options for increased transparency should be considered.

In the Victorian Local Government sector, the transparency of councillor briefing sessions/workshops is achieved by reporting attendance, agenda items, and conflicts of interest at briefings attended by councillors. This information is reported on a regular basis in council meeting papers, generally presented each month or more frequently depending on the council meeting cycle. In addition to briefings, these transparency measures apply to planning meetings, pre-meeting briefings, councillor workshops, and advisory committee meetings. This provides the community with general information about the matters being discussed in the various forums attended by councillors between council meetings.

In Queensland, the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* contains a principle of transparent and effective processes and decision-making in the public interest. This is addressed by Queensland councils through the adoption of either a policy or terms of reference for

councillor briefing sessions and workshops. The policy or terms of reference generally articulates the purpose of these forums as assisting councillors to make informed decisions and consider current and future interests of the community, and to provide a forum for councillors to ask questions and seek advice from staff. These documents also outline that briefings/workshops will not be used to remove the need for debate and decisions at council meetings, direct employee recommendations to council, or influence employee actions without formal decisions of council. Some councils commit to publishing records from the briefing sessions and workshops that capture attendees, matters discussed, and conflicts of interest raised during the meeting.

Council suggests that preparing a report tabled at the next council meeting on matters discussed at council organised forums between council meetings, including councillor briefing sessions/workshops, should be considered as an alternative to banning councillor briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public.

Council supports retaining recordings of council and committee meetings on council websites, however, the volume of recordings accessible may be limited by the available space on website platforms. Given, that recordings retired from the website were once publicly available, it should be relatively easy to provide access on request for older material.

However, if the proposal to ban pre-meeting briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public is realised, this may increase the volume of recordings that need to be available on a council's website at any given time. This may limit the length of time recordings can be retained on a Council's website.

#### Emergency powers to proactively address behaviour

Council supports reforms to manage public disorder in the chamber as the safety of the community, councillors and council officers is paramount to enable effective and efficient decision making.

The current Model Code of Conduct contains provisions permitting a meeting to be adjourned due to disorder in the chamber. However, they are limited in scope and require decision making processes that may not necessarily be practical if events occur at a meeting that pose an immediate health and safety risk to members of the public, councillors, or council officers. Council suggests that the proposed reforms should be extended to enable the General Manager to decide to close a council meeting to the public, or to hold a council meeting online to manage community and workplace safety, where there is a workplace health and safety risk that necessitates the closure.

In Victoria, the *Local Government Act 2020* provides that meetings are to be open to the public unless specific circumstances apply (s66). These circumstances include security reasons or to enable the meeting to proceed in an orderly manner. The council meeting can proceed provided there are arrangements for the community to view it by other means such as livestreaming or on a screen outside the council chamber. In many instances, councils in Victoria provide for both options if a meeting is closed to the public.

In recent years, councils across Australia have been experiencing unprecedented levels of targeted disruption with increased aggression toward the level of government closest to the community. Many jurisdictions have seen a rise in groups that are organised and mobilised quickly in response to issues and often driven by disinformation and misinformation.

Neither the Model Code of Conduct nor the *Local Government Act 1993* empowers the General Manager to proactively close a Council meeting to public attendance or hold a meeting online to ensure public and workplace safety. In light of the growing disruption of meetings across the local government sector, Inner West Council suggests that consideration be given to providing the General Manager with the ability to manage public and workplace safety by proactively closing Council meetings and not allowing public attendance in the gallery or holding a council meeting online when there are concerns for public and workplace safety. The need to make council meetings more accessible and transparent could be met by providing alternative accessibility to the meeting (for example, livestreaming online or viewing on screen outside the council chambers).

As an additional accountability and transparency safeguard in respect of this suggestion, a requirement could be imposed on the General Manager of each council who uses these powers to provide a report to the next council meeting outlining the health and safety grounds for closing the meeting to public attendance.

### NSW Local Government Privileges Committee

The Discussion Paper proposes the establishment of NSW Local Government Privileges Committee (Committee) that would be empowered to examine all allegations of misbehaviour in public office.

The Committee would be composed of experienced mayors and ex-mayors from across NSW, and supported by a secretariat within OLG, which would have the power to consider and dismiss certain categories of matters.

Council acknowledges the importance of reforms to improve the Code of Conduct review framework and sector-led regulation of councillor behaviour as a design concept. In addition, Council supports the establishment of an entity that can consider Code of Conduct complaints about Councillors, to remove General Managers from the complaints process.

However, Council is concerned with the proposal for the Committee to be composed of current and former mayors, the composition of the Committee could, without appropriate checks and balances, lend itself to structural conflicts and biases if the Committee is not representative of the full spectrum of registered political parties. The Discussion Paper does not outline how the Committee's members would be appointed, and what possible checks and balances could be established to regulate the Committee. In addition, it does not clarify how procedural fairness for councillors appearing before the Committee can be ensured, particularly in the absence of eligibility requirements for Committee members. Council acknowledges that the proposed powers of the Committee are limited and that only an appropriate Tribunal or body would have the power to determine any serious sanctions. However, Council considers the proposal to establish the Committee, its proposed composition, and the lack of appropriate guardrails around the Committee's operations and management of conflicts, create a risk of weaponisation of the Committee's processes. Accordingly, Council considers that further details about the proposed Committee are needed before expressing its support, or otherwise, for the establishment of the proposed Committee.

In 2022, South Australia established the Behavioural Standards Panel for dealing with specific complaints about Councillor behaviour. As indicated in the 2022-23 Annual Report of the Panel, the panel members were nominated by both the Minister and Local Government

Association, including a joint appointment. This process could minimise the ability to weaponise the Committee's process.

Additionally, reforms have been proposed in local government in Western Australia to overhaul the membership of the Local Government Standards Panel, which currently includes staff of the local government department, a council member and a person with relevant knowledge. The proposal is to replace the membership with a new Conduct Panel of suitably qualified and experienced professionals and will exclude sitting councillors. The 2024 Local Government Amendment Bill 2024 outlines that the adjudicators to the Standards Panel will be legal practitioners with at least 5 years' experience who are not Council members and will be appointed by the Minister.

If the establishment of the Committee proceeds, Council encourages the examination of the South Australian Behavioural Standards Panel and the Western Australian Standards Panel approaches to the appointment of members to Committee.

## Conclusion

Council supports measures to ensure transparency and accountability in decision-making, however, reforms need to be balanced with the need to enable councillors to be effectively informed when making decisions, including through briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public. Councillors need a safe environment to gather information required for decision-making. Council encourages the consideration of alternative measures for providing transparency and accountability following councillor briefing sessions/workshops in the absence of the public.

Council supports improved management of public disorder in the chamber to ensure the safety of all in attendance. Council suggests that the revised Model Code of Meeting Practice includes provisions to enable the General Manager to proactively address public and workplace safety by providing alternative means to viewing council meetings other than attendance in the chamber. Council suggests the measures provided in the Victorian legislation that enable councils to hold meetings while providing public access via alternative arrangements are considered for councils in NSW, as a proactive approach to managing safety and public disorder.

While Council supports the establishment of an entity to consider Councillor complaints, Council is concerned with the lack of details regarding the establishment of Committee. In particular, further details are needed about the appointment of Committee members, and Council has concerns about the potential implications for procedural fairness for councillors.

Finally, Council notes that the Discussion Paper was released on 5 September 2024, being nine days before the NSW local government elections held on 14 September 2024, with comments due on 15 November 2024. Many councils, including Inner West Council, did not receive declarations of results of incoming Councillors until the start of October 2024. Following the declaration of results, most councils, including Inner West Council, implemented induction programs in line with the OLG's Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines, which recognise that proper induction into their roles are vital if mayors and councillors are to be effective from the start of their terms. At a time when councillors are being inducted, and briefed on, inter alia, the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice, it does not seem reasonable to expect them to rapidly develop the comprehensive understanding of these documents necessary for them to provide informed comments on the proposals outlined in the Discussion Paper. If Council were to follow such



a consultation process in respect of one of its policies, strategies, or plans, it would be the subject of legitimate criticism from its community in respect of the consultation not being meaningful. Council considers that further, and more meaningful, consultation needs to occur with the NSW local government sector in respect of the proposals in the Discussion Paper before these are implemented.

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# The need for change –returning local democracy to councils

Strong and thriving communities need effective local government. No other level of government is as close to the issues and people.

Effective local government comes when councillors are visibly in control of their councils. How councillors act and how appropriately and transparently decisions are made at meetings is critical in demonstrating to the community that their elected representatives understand the consequences of their decisions, and then make the best possible decisions they can for their community as a whole.

Unfortunately, the existing councillor conduct framework is not delivering on the need for transparency or the necessary degree of respect in the community for the role that councillors have.

Closed council briefing sessions are being used to make decisions away from the public view. Council debates on issues are too often personal slanging matches, rather than forums for robust but respectful discussions on what is best for the community.

Similarly, we have seen a growth in the number of complaints, often over trivial issues. Data from the Office of Local Government (OLG) has shown there has been 4289 complaints over the last 3 years (2020/21 to 2022/23) through the code of conduct process. Overall:

- 420 were referred for preliminary enquiries and then discontinued
- 136 were investigated as potential pecuniary interest matters
- 102 were investigated as potential misconduct (not pecuniary interest)
- 36 related to public interest disclosures, and
- 2 related to political donations

But of these thousands of complaints, in the years since 2020/21 OLG has:

- taken action against 14 councillors by way of a suspension or reprimand
- referred 4 councillors to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) for misconduct, and
- disqualified and dismissed one councillor on the basis of Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) recommendations

The volume of frivolous complaints is crowding out the ability of the OLG and the sector to adequately deal with councillors who abuse their office or cause serious governance problems. It is critical the framework that governs both the behaviour and meeting practices of councillors ensures the community can observe and comment on the behaviour of councillors, instead of inhibiting the operation and function of local democracy.

## The weaknesses of existing frameworks

The simple, but compelling premise is local councils should be accountable to their community with council staff being accountable to their councillors, through the General Manager. The best way to achieve this aim is for councils to provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision making. Unfortunately, this simple concept has been lost.

How councillors behave, how they deliberate and the responsibilities they hold should be modelled on how members of Parliament are expected to behave and act. As the governing body, councillors should act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community, and they should be responsible employers and provide a consultative and supportive working environment for staff. A criticism made about the current framework for councillor conduct or meeting practices is that they do not reflect local government's status as an independent third tier of government: it allows an unelected State Government official to determine penalties and guilt thus undermining the status of local government.

While most local councils and local councillors do the right thing with the best intent, there are some councillors who are not so motivated. In these cases, the current councillor behavioural framework, as implemented in NSW, does not facilitate the best outcomes or resolve issues.

In relation to complaint management, it is not considered acceptable to create better complaint management pathways for the processing of code of conduct complaints. The current code of conduct simply enables too many complaints about councillors, all too often for political or vexatious reasons.

It is for this reason that the Government has embarked upon a new approach that refocuses the limited resources of the State on those concerns that matter most: serious misbehaviours and attempts by councillors to enrich themselves through their office.

Weaknesses of the current framework include:

- The councillor conduct framework distracts from, rather than enhances, robust democratic debate. Complaints are weaponised for political reasons, or to silence dissent from other elected representatives.
- Councillors and community members report dissatisfaction with the process for resolving code of conduct complaints – being expensive, overly legal, prone to political sparring and not timely, with average timeframes exceeding 12 months and more than 24 months if they are then referred to OLG for further investigation.
- Issues are not being addressed and resolved at the local level – instead complaints are escalated unnecessarily to the State Government to resolve because of the view that public censure from the local council is not a 'strong enough' punishment.
- Communities and councillors report that council decision making is not transparent – with decisions being seen as made behind closed doors, information not being provided or withheld, too much use of closed to the public briefings or councils going into closed sessions for no adequate rationale.
- Bad councillor behaviour is not considered to have been addressed quickly enough and when sanctions are imposed it is too late or of little consequence.
- There is a lack of clarity around OLG's role as the sector regulator – taking too long to resolve matters and not focussing on the important financial and government concerns in the sector, instead spending time focussed on individual councillor behaviour.
- OLG reports challenges in relying on the reports of council conduct reviewers – investigations into councillors need to be done afresh, the process is cumbersome with multiple feedback loops and serious sanctions can only come from suspensions handed down by NCAT.

With so much focus on the bad behaviour of a limited number of councillors there is not enough attention given to the good work that councillors do. The role of a councillor is a noble public service, and the local government behavioural framework should support those who seek to do the right thing and punish those that are not so motivated.

## Options for a better approach

Improving the councillor conduct framework and the meeting practices of councils can be achieved but will require changes to the Local Government Act 1993 (the Local Government Act), as well as updating the various regulations, codes and policies that apply. Some of the work to update the regulations and codes can be done quickly, while others requiring legislative change will take some time.

This paper provides an overview of the proposed new approach to both the councillor conduct framework and meeting practices. The proposals are to:

- Make OLG directly responsible for dealing with pecuniary interest and significant non-pecuniary conflicts of interest, with sanctions (suspensions and loss of pay) being determined by an appropriate tribunal or body,
- Refer behavioural based concerns about councillor conduct to a State-wide panel of experienced councillors to judge their peers,
- Reset the code of conduct to be similar to Parliamentary Codes, making it clear the expected patterns of councillor behaviour,
- Ensure the community can observe local democratic processes by banning closed to the public briefing sessions, while at the same time restoring the dignity and prestige of the council chamber.

These changes are only proposed for councillors and there is no change proposed for the code of conduct for Local Government staff. Feedback from stakeholders is that the existing code of conduct of staff remains fit for purpose and is largely effective.

## Seeking your views

This discussion paper has been prepared to seek the views of the community, key stakeholders and the local government sector about the proposed changes.

Submissions will be accepted to **COB Friday 15 November 2024**.

All input received through this consultation process **may be made publicly available**. Please let us know in your submission if you **do not want** your name and personal details published.

As part of the consultation process, we may need to share your information with people outside OLG, including other public authorities and government agencies. We may also use your email to send you notifications about further feedback opportunities or the outcome of the consultation.

There may also be circumstances when OLG is required by law to release information (for example, in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009). There is a privacy policy located on OLG's website that explains how some data is automatically collected (such as your internet protocol (IP) address) whenever you visit OLG's website. The link to that policy is <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/about-us/privacy-policy/>.

Further information about how to make a submission is provided at section 7 of this paper.

## What are the principles of change?

In preparing the proposed reforms the following principles have guided the discussion and the intent of the changes:

- **Council leadership and decision making is paramount** – it is critical that the sector, as the third tier of government, is given independence to make decisions in the best interests of the community
- **Freedom of speech** – as elected officials, councillors have the constitutional right and democratic responsibility to speak freely about issues affecting their local community and to advocate for the interests of that community
- **Transparency and accountability** – as a democracy councils need to hear, consider and debate issues in an open manner
- **Significant penalties should only be imposed by a judicial or quasi-judicial body** – to ensure procedural fairness and thorough testing of allegations, significant penalties should be given by bodies such as the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- **A strong and proportionate local government regulator** – the role of OLG should be to create the framework for local government, ensure councils, joint organisations (JOs), and county councils have the capacity to operate within the framework so that the regulator intervenes as rarely as needed
- **Subsidiarity** – decisions are made at the level closest to those impacted by those decisions
- **Justice is timely and proportionate** – where allegations are made, they should be heard, tested and dealt with as quickly as possible.

### Question

Are we missing anything in the principles of change?

# Potential changes to the code of conduct and oath of office

The key proposed reform for the councillor behavioural framework is to move to a streamlined, aspirational Code of Conduct. This is equivalent to the Code of Conduct framework for NSW Members of Parliament available [here](#) and [here](#).

The aspirational Code of Conduct would clearly and succinctly outline the behavioural expectations of local councillors (approximately 2-3 pages) in easy-to-understand language. It would then be supported by a clearer framework and definitions for misbehaviour of elected officials.

The aspirational Code of Conduct would not set out the definitions of misbehaviour as these would be legislated as explained in later sections of this discussion paper.

Separating the behavioural expectations in a Code of Conduct from definitions of misbehaviour reflects a positive approach to councillor behaviour. The separation also recognises that the majority of councillors want to do the right thing and they should have easy access to the standards expected of them.

The revamped Code of Conduct could also be aligned to the Oath of Office for local councillors ensuring that the behavioural standards and expectations are clear and understood when a councillor takes office. The existing framework can make it difficult to understand the behavioural expectations and standards upon councillors.

Importantly, the revamped Code of Conduct will not seek to restrain the ability of a councillor to speak publicly on matters pertaining to their council, even when that councillor is disagreeing with, or being critical of, the decisions of the majority.

It is proposed to make the new Code of Conduct an aspirational code of expected behaviours instead of enforceable for local councillors.

## Question

**What are the key elements of an aspirational Code of Conduct that should be enshrined?**

## Question

**What are your views about aligning the Oath of Office to the revamped Code of Conduct?**

## Potential changes to the definitions and assessment of councillor misbehaviour

The current Local Government Act defines councillor misconduct as a breach of the Local Government Act or other regulatory provisions, which includes the Code of Conduct. This means that it is difficult for the average person to understand the definition of misconduct as they need to reference several other regulatory instruments and policy documents to determine what constitutes.

It is proposed in the revised framework that misbehaviour will be more clearly defined and articulated within the Local Government Act, with the reference to regulations and other statutory instruments only for further enunciation or explanation.

These definitions, which are described in later sections would cover:

- Pecuniary conflicts of interests, (for example decisions that financially benefit the councillor or a close associate),
- Significant non-pecuniary conflicts of interests (for example where a councillor participates in a decision and a direct advantage/disadvantage is created for a person or company the councillor is friendly with or associated with), and
- Councillor misbehaviour in public office (for example, poor conduct in meetings leading to exclusion by the Mayor or Chair of the Committee).

This will make clearer to all participants in the local government sector what is considered misbehaviour by a local councillor.

The definitions of misbehaviour do not change the other legislative requirements. Communities, residents, workers and fellow councillors expect their elected officials to act in an appropriate and ethical way, including observing workplace health and safety, environmental and criminal laws. If there is an offence or complaint under these other laws, people should

seek redress from the appropriate regulator including SafeWork, Independent Commission Against Corruption or the NSW Police.

The behavioural standards in the revamped Code of Conduct will reinforce the expectation that councillors are community leaders and therefore exemplars of good behaviour. As community leaders it is also expected councillors will meet legislative obligations. Therefore, misbehaviour only needs to be defined as those issues which go to the nature of councillors as elected officials, being conflicts of interest or misbehaviour in public office.

These are the expectations that are upon councillors because of the public trust that is placed in them as elected officials. In this way it more closely reflects, with appropriate adjustments the framework that applies to other elected officials in other levels of Government.

### Conflicts of interest

The first proposed limb of the revised misbehaviour definition is a councillor's failure to manage a conflict of interest.

Management of conflicts of interest is important to ensure that councillors act and are seen to act in the public good, not for private benefit or personal gain. Conflicts of interest arise when there is a conflict, perception or potential of a conflict between an official's private interests and public duty.

The test for pecuniary interests is quite clear as it is an objective test; would a councillor or one of their close associates (spouse, family members), receive a financial benefit as a result of a decision. However, testing whether there is a non-pecuniary conflict of interest is more challenging.



## Pecuniary interests

It is proposed to align the definition of pecuniary interests for NSW councillors with those that are utilised and defined for NSW members of parliament, requiring disclosure of the following interests:

- Real property – property in which councillors have an ‘interest’
- Sources of income – all income over \$500 other than salary of office
- Gifts – all gifts of cumulative value of more than \$500
- Contributions to travel – of value of more than \$250 (including flight upgrades)
- Interests and positions in corporations – eg stocks and shares, directorships
- Positions in unions and professional or business organisations
- Debts – of cumulative value of more than \$500, excluding home loans or debts for goods and services disposed of within a year
- Dispositions of property
- Engagement to provide a service involving use of a councillor’s position and
- Discretionary disclosures.

It is proposed that the interests for disclosure by the councillor are similarly extended to the interest of a spouse or de facto partner, relative, or partner or employer, or a company or other body of which the councillor, or their nominee, partner or employer, is a shareholder or member. This extends only to the extent the councillor is aware or should be aware of such interests.

It is proposed there remains an absolute prohibition on a councillor being involved in any matter before council where a pecuniary conflict of interest exists, unless otherwise determined via regulation.

It is also proposed to give extended investigation powers to OLG to investigate and request information on corporate structures such as trust or companies to

determine underlying beneficial ownership and interests.

OLG, as the agency responsible for investigating alleged breaches of pecuniary interests, needs clear powers to compel the production of information and/or records, to ensure that pecuniary interest returns are provided and made publicly available. If there is non-compliance with an OLG direction, which may include the requirement to make a declaration, remedies such as penalty infringement notices (PIN) should be available to ensure cooperation with investigative processes.

### Question

**Is the proposed pecuniary interest framework appropriate? Is anything missing?**

## Non-pecuniary interests

A conflict of interest does not necessarily have to be financial in nature. It could also arise from familial or personal relationships, affiliations or memberships. It is equally important that such conflicts are managed appropriately to ensure that decision making is seen to be transparent and remains in the public interest.

An interested and informed observer should be confident a decision made by a councillor is free from bias or a reasonable apprehension of bias. This means that any concerns about a potentially significant conflict of interest should be declared and appropriately managed.

The nature and breadth of non-pecuniary interests naturally means that the framework for management of such interests is more nuanced, with the management approach often dependent upon the individual circumstances of the case.

It is also important to recognise that councillors, as representatives of their community, reside within their community, so memberships of clubs, congregational

memberships etc should not automatically be seen as conflicts of interest.

If a decision of a councillor directly advantages (or disadvantages) a particular individual or organisation the councillor is friendly with or associates with, then that can be a conflict that should be publicly declared, if the councillor considered it of minor consequence, it wasn't controversial, or the councillor did not hold the casting vote.

Alternatively, if a decision of a councillor directly advantages (or disadvantages) a particular individual or organisation the councillor is friendly with or associates with, then that can be a conflict requiring the councillor to recuse themselves from being involved in the decision-making process if there was a major advantage or disadvantage (or potential for), if it was controversial or the vote of the councillor was critical.

The appropriate test for whether a non-pecuniary interest should be declared is based on an objective test, not in the mind of the individual who is subject to the conflict of interest. The test is whether a reasonable and informed person would perceive that the councillor could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out their official functions in relation to a matter.

Whether the councillor abstains themselves from a decision, or decides to participate, the continued and timely disclosure of interests is critical. Disclosure ensures the community is aware of any potential conflicts and how the councillor is managing and responding to the issue.

Councillors should remain as vigilant about disclosure of non-pecuniary interests as they are about pecuniary interests.

## Question

**Do you agree with the principles of what constitutes a significant or major non-pecuniary interest?**

## Property developers and real estate agents

The NSW Government has made a commitment to ensure the conflicts of interest that exist between a councillors' public duties to make decisions on behalf of communities and the private interests that exist in securing a profit as a developer or real estate agent are addressed. A simple change to ban developers or real estate agents from being councillors is not possible as it infringes the right to political free speech implied by the Australian Constitution.

Ordinarily conflicts of interest are managed through declarations and withdrawing from decision making. However, in the case of property development and real estate interests, where so much of what a council does is related to land and the potential for speculation in the changes of land value arising from planning, development and infrastructure decisions, it can be impossible to isolate the precise interests that would drive a councillor's decision.

Without some way of managing these conflicts, the community confidence that planning, development and infrastructure decisions are taken transparently in the public interest will erode. Given the importance of planning, development and infrastructure decisions to resolving the housing crisis, driving the move to net zero through the electrification of the economy and building community resilience to disasters, it is critical to restore confidence.

To address this concern, an alternative means of managing the inherent conflict of councillors undertaking real estate and development business activity is being considered which involves requiring councillors to divest themselves from real estate or development business activities and contractual obligations.

Legislation is being drafted that will:

- identify how developers and real estate agents are identified,
- create the obligation to divest and not enter into real estate or development business arrangements through contracts,
- establish the penalties, including disqualification, where a councillor engages in contractual arrangements with real estate agents or developers,
- ensure there are exemptions so councillors can buy and sell their own property using a real estate agent, and
- create transitional arrangements for the introduction of the new obligations.

## Question

**Are there any other specific features that should be included to address concerns about councillors undertaking real estate and development business activities?**

## Councillor misbehaviour in public office

The third proposed component of a revised definition of misconduct is misbehaviour in public office.

Misbehaviour in public office would cover behaviour which is inconsistent or outside of the norms of behaviour expected from a councillor, particularly given their role as a community leader. Given the discussion is about behaviour rather than action, there is a much greater degree of interpretation, and it is appropriate that councillors judge their fellow councillors on whether they could be considered to have misbehaved.

There would be three limbs to this proposed misbehaviour definition being conduct that:

- Is unbecoming of a councillor
- Brings council into disrepute; and/or
- Is assessed as being outside the norms and expectations of a sitting councillor.

The first two tests of this framework are established legal concepts with existing case law and precedents.

Unbecoming conduct means behaviour more serious than slight, and of a material and pronounced character. It means conduct morally unfitting and unworthy, rather than merely inappropriate or unsuitable, misbehaviour which is more than opposed to good taste or propriety. Conduct unbecoming refers to the conduct that is contrary to the public interests, or which harms his/her standing of the profession in the eyes of the public. Examples can be referenced in *Oei v The Australian Golf Club [2016] NSWSC 846*.

To bring something into disrepute is to lower the reputation of the profession or organisation in the eyes of ordinary members of the public to a significant extent. It is a higher threshold than the test of bringing an individual into disrepute - (*Zubkov v FINA (2007) CAS 2007/A/1291*).

The third limb of the misbehaviour definition allows consideration of behaviours and actions of a sitting councillor which are considered egregious or problematic that are otherwise not captured by the other elements of the definitions.

As this is a test of appropriate behaviour, the determination of whether the misbehaviour occurred would be undertaken by the peers of the councillor. This would involve the formation of an 'Local Government Privileges Committee' (Privileges Committee) of senior and experienced mayors and ex-mayors from across NSW to meet and assess the complaints made against councillors. The Privileges Committee would be supported by OLG, but decisions would be made by the mayors or ex-mayors on the Privileges Committee who would draw on their expertise as mayors, as well as having served at least two council terms as a councillor.

There would also be an opportunity to apply these principles to poor behaviour in meetings, particularly where a councillor has failed to comply with the directions given by the mayor or Privileges Committee Chair.

## Question

**Is this the appropriate threshold to face a Privileges Committee?**

## Question

**How else can complaints be minimised?**

## Addressing inappropriate lobbying

A number of investigations by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has led to recommendations to put in place measures to address concerns about lobbying of councillors. ICAC has been concerned about councillors having relationships with development applicants that pose a conflict of interest, concerns with councillors meeting with development applicants in private settings to discuss their applications, and concerns about councillors receiving gifts and inducements as part of lobbying activities to improperly influence council decision-making.

Lobbying is an important feature of democratic representative government, and all councillors get lobbied by residents, businesses and community groups. However, inappropriate lobbying that isn't declared presents certain risks and can lead to corrupt behaviour or improper decision-making. On the recommendation of ICAC to address these risks, OLG is developing lobbying guidelines and a model policy on lobbying for councils to adopt that will:

- address how professional lobbyists are identified and the obligations on councils and councillors if they met a professional lobbyist,
- set out inappropriate behaviours when being lobbied,
- identify steps to be taken to ensure transparency,
- require council officials to report inappropriate or corrupt lobbying behaviours to the councils general manager.

The development of lobbying guidelines and a model policy on lobbying will ensure councillors and councils understand these risks and have effective controls in place to address them.

## Question

**What key features should be included in lobbying guidelines and a model policy?**

# Dispute resolution and penalty framework

Consistent with the principles outlined earlier, it is proposed that there be a significant change to the dispute resolution and penalties framework for misbehaviour.

While the overall intent is to reduce the weaponisation of the complaints process and reduce the number of complaints, there is also a need for more timely resolution of matters and ensure that the limited investigation and regulator resources are directed to the more significant misbehaviour matters.

There is also an opportunity to bring the dispute resolution framework more into line with that used in other levels of government.

The approach being proposed is to create clear separation between the process for consideration of conflicts of interest and the processes for consideration of misbehaviour. This has the benefit of removing general managers from being central to the complaint process.

Under the reforms, the investigation of serious conflicts of interest would be put entirely into the hands of OLG. The approach also removes the existing 'two step' process of referrals to conduct reviewers and then OLG.

There would be no investigations of misbehaviour, instead councillors would be required to demonstrate to their peers why their actions, which may have led to the complaint, were appropriate to the circumstances.

To implement these new approaches, changes to the systems and structures of investigation and complaints handling are needed.

## Abolishing the 'two step process'

The existing process for complaints is set out in the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct.

In simple terms, the complaint process involves the general manager or the mayor receiving a complaint, determining whether the complaint is valid and referring the matter to a complaints coordinator within the council, who will in turn appoint an external conduct reviewer. Once the conduct reviewer investigates the issue, interviews the complainant and the subject of the complaint, as well as any other relevant people, provides a report to the council and the council makes a decision, many months can pass.

As it currently stands, if OLG, receives a referral following the council consideration of a complaint, they are then expected to rely on the investigation report of the conduct reviewer to make an assessment. However, investigation reports prepared by conduct reviewers may satisfy the evidentiary standard required for a councillor to be censured but may not satisfy the higher evidentiary standard required to support disciplinary action under the misbehaviour provisions under the Local Government Act, such as suspension or disqualification. OLG's experience is that rarely can it rely on these reports and must instead recommence an investigation process if it decides to pursue the matter.

Instead of this existing two-step process:

- Complaints about conflict of interest matters would be made directly to OLG, and
- Complaints about misbehaviour would be made directly to the Local Government Privileges Committee via a dedicated webform.

Under the proposed approach, there would be no role for privately hired investigators to determine whether the Code of Conduct has been breached.

## Giving OLG the power to issue penalty infringement notices

In order to ensure information is provided to OLG more effectively, it is proposed to enable OLG the discretion to issue penalty infringement notices (PINs) for minor or insignificant breaches of the conflicts of interest declarations. The PINs would be primarily utilised in circumstances where the breach is considered minor or administrative in nature – for example an inadvertent failure to lodge a return of interests.

This change to PINs is designed to allow a quick process for dealing with minor matters to free up limited regulatory resources while still ensuring that sanction for important matters is provided.

Like all other PIN provisions in other NSW legislations there would be the ability for the PIN to be appealed or special circumstances to be considered. Where the breach was considered more serious in nature then it can be referred to an appropriate tribunal or body for more significant punishment.

### Question

**What level of PIN is appropriate?**

## NSW Local Government Privileges Committee

Along with the PIN framework, it is also proposed to create a Local Government Privileges Committee (Privileges Committee) to examine all allegations of misbehaviour in public office. This would replace the existing code of conduct review framework and instead aim to provide a speedy process for resolution and assessment of behavioural complaints against councillors. It also allows for the sector to better govern itself. The Privileges Committee would only examine issues of misbehaviour, not conflicts of interest.

The Privileges Committee would be made up by a group of experienced mayors and ex-mayors from across NSW to ensure that a variety of perspectives and experiences are considered. The Privileges Committee would be supported by a small Secretariat from OLG who could be delegated the power by the Privileges Committee to dismiss matters that are vexatious, trivial, where the Privileges Committee lacks jurisdiction, or where there is an alternative remedy available.

The Privileges Committee process would be paid for by either individual councillors or their councils, dependent on the outcome.

Penalties that could be imposed by the Privileges Committee are as follows:

- Censure of the councillor
- Warning of the councillor
- Where referred following misbehaviour in a council meeting, a potential loss of sitting fees
- Referral to an appropriate tribunal or body for more serious sanction, including suspension or disallowance.

As noted above if the breach is deemed serious then the Privileges Committee would have the power to refer a matter to the OLG for preparation of a brief for an appropriate tribunal or body.

### Question

**Are the penalties proposed appropriate, and are there any further penalties that should be considered?**

## Referral of significant sanctions to appropriate tribunal or body

Under the existing processes for consideration of complaints, OLG, in particular the Departmental Chief Executive (or their delegate), can suspend a councillor for between 1-3 months with a consequential loss of sitting fees. This creates the situation where a public servant is sitting in judgement on an elected official. Where a greater suspension is appropriate, the Departmental Chief Executive may refer the matter to an appropriate tribunal or body.

To remedy the concerns about whether it is appropriate for an unelected official to stand in judgment on an elected councillor, it is proposed that any significant sanction, such as suspension, significant fine or disqualification from office, can only be undertaken by an appropriate tribunal or body.

This reduces the existing power of the Departmental Chief Executive to impose penalties. It reflects the principle that significant sanctions, including suspension, should only be imposed by a judicial or quasi-judicial body. It also removes the dual roles of the head of OLG, meaning OLG's focus is on preparing the brief of evidence for consideration by the appropriate tribunal or body.

The role of the appropriate tribunal or body would therefore be to look at all serious misconduct matters that have either been referred by the Privileges Committee, appeals from PINs or referrals of conflict of interest matters from the OLG.

### Question

**Are the existing sanctions available under the Local Government Act sufficient?**

### Question

**Should decisions on sanctions for councillors be made by the Departmental Chief Executive or a formal tribunal with independent arbitrators and a hearing structure?**

## Restoring dignity to council meetings

A council chamber is a chamber of democracy, and the mayor as figurehead represents the authority of that council.

Unfortunately, many council meetings are conducted without the appropriate level of dignity or reverence for tradition that suggests the importance of the debate and the need for civility. Councillors are not expected to agree with each other, in fact debate is encouraged, but the debate should be fair and respectful.

A council meeting, and the council chamber itself, should see meetings conducted with dignity. Unfortunately, there are too many examples where the dignity of council meetings has been lost, either because councillors are not appropriately reverential and respectful, or the manner of debate is lowered by inappropriate chamber design or meeting practices.

### Proposed reforms to the Model Code of Meeting Practice

To restore the prestige and dignity of the council chamber reforms to the meeting code of practice are being developed to support the mayor in exercising their statutory responsibility to preside at meetings and to ensure meetings are conducted in an orderly and dignified manner.

The proposed reforms will confer the power on mayors to expel councillors for acts of disorder and to remove the councillor's entitlement to receive a fee for the month in which they have been expelled from a meeting.

As a further deterrent against disorderly conduct, councillors will also be required to apologise for an act of disorder at the meeting at which it occurs and, if they fail to comply at that meeting, at each subsequent meeting until they comply. Each failure to apologise becomes an act of misbehaviour and will see the councillor lose their entitlement to receive their fee for a further month.

To provide a check against misuse of the power of expulsion and subsequent loss of entitlement of a fee, councillors will be entitled to a right of review.

Councillors will also be expected to stand, where able to do so, when addressing a meeting and when the mayor enters the chamber.

The proposed reforms will also expand the grounds for mayors to expel members of the public from the chamber for acts of disorder and enable the issuing of a PIN where members of the public refuse to leave a meeting after being expelled.

#### Question

**Are there any other powers that need to be granted to the mayor or chair of the relevant meeting to deal with disorderly behaviour?**



## Banning briefing sessions

A practice has recently developed in local government where councillors receive briefings from staff that are closed to the public.

As an example, development applications should be considered in the public domain. However, councillors receive private briefings from the council planners before they are dealt with in the public forum of a council or committee meeting. Consequently, members of the public impacted by the council's decision have no idea what the councillors have been told or what has been discussed.

To promote transparency and address the corruption risks identified by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) that can arise from a lack of transparency, it is proposed that councils will no longer be permitted to hold pre-meeting briefing sessions in the absence of the public.

Any material provided to councillors, other than the mayor, that will affect or impact or be taken into account by councillors in their deliberations or decisions made on behalf of the community must be provided to them in either a committee meeting or council meeting. This restriction will not apply to mayors. As the leader of the organisation, the mayor needs to have candid conversations with the general manager outside of formal meetings.

To further promote transparency, the proposed reforms will also extend the period that recordings of council and committee meetings must be maintained on a council's website.

### Question

**Are there any other measures needed to improve transparency in councillor deliberations and decision making?**

## How to provide feedback?

This discussion paper has been released through the Office of Local Government's communication channels and on the Government's Have your Say Website.

You can make submissions on this proposed framework by **COB Friday 15 November 2024**. Further information is available on OLG website at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/misconduct-and-intervention/councillor-conduct-framework/>.

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Submissions must be clearly labelled "Councillor Conduct Framework Review"

Please direct any inquiries to the OLG's Strategic Policy Unit at [councillorconduct@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:councillorconduct@olg.nsw.gov.au) or on (02) 4428 4100.

## Next Steps

Feedback from this consultation process will be carefully analysed and incorporated to finalise the revised councillor conduct framework.

OLG will then look to finalise necessary draft legislation, regulations and materials for implementation of the revised model over the coming year. Consultation will continue with the local government on the implementation of the revised framework.

Information about the progress of the Councillor Conduct Framework Review will be available on the [OLG website](#).

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Item 9

Attachment 2

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 10  
**Subject:** BI-MONTHLY REPORT – PROGRESS OF INNER WEST BREWERS AND DISTILLERS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN  
**Prepared By:** Daniel East - Acting Senior Manager Strategic Planning  
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## RECOMMENDATION

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

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Highlights from the update on the Inner West Brewery and Distillers Implementation Action Plan include:

- Breweries and Distillers have been invited to be part of Inner West Brewers Area for Marrickville Music Festival.
- A meeting was held with Destination NSW about the development of tourism plan
- Letters have been sent to heads of agencies to advocate for change to support the sector.

## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 25 June 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council adopt the Inner West Brewers and Distillers Implementation Action Plan.*
2. *That Council commence development of an Inner West Tourism Action Plan to help guide and support local economic growth and enhanced vibrancy and amenity, with a draft Plan to be presented to Council at or by the December 2024 meeting.*
3. *That the Plan is to be developed through engagement with local residents, business chambers and industry associations, and the Inner West Creative Network.*
4. *That the Plan include a specific focus on the Inner West Ale Trail, existing and proposed Special Entertainment Precincts, opportunities to identify breweries as standalone venues under the SEPs, and opportunities to support more live music and cultural events.*
5. *That, as part of the Plan, \$200,000 be allocated to an Inner West Tourism Fund out of the 2024-25 budget to fund implementation of action items developed through the Plan.*
6. *That Council receive a bi-monthly report on progress of the Inner West Brewers and Distillers Implementation Action Plan.*

## **DISCUSSION**

To date work on the Inner West Brewers and Distillers Implementation Action Plan has included:

- Support for events
- Early investigations around developing an Inner West Tourism Action Plan
- Special Entertainment Precincts
- Advocacy to other Government Agencies
- Consideration of how the Special Entertainment Precinct protections can be extended to standalone venues

### **Support for events**

Council re-launched the Inner West Brewers Area for Marrickville Music Festival and staff have invited local brewers and distillers to be part of this signature event. The Inner West Brewers Area will be a showcase of local breweries within a designated licensed area.

Council also provided \$3,000 to Young Henry's Brewery to support the annual Newtown Street Party on 7 December 2024.

### **Inner West Tourism Action Plan**

Economic Development Team have met with Destination NSW to gain guidance on development of the plan and to gather information on what tourists are seeking when they visit NSW. Staff are undertaking an audit on key focus areas that may be of interest to tourists as the first part of the development of this plan.

### **Special Entertainment Precincts**

A review of strategies is underway to determine how best to provide the protections of a Special Entertainment Precinct to isolated venues that are appropriately located.

### **Advocate to Other Levels of Government on Key Issues**

Council staff have sent letters to agency heads including:

- Steve Cox, CEO Destination NSW – Tourism Campaign
- Gina Cass-Gottlieb, Chair ACCC - Anticompetitive Marketing
- Tony Chappel, CEO, NSW EPA - Container Deposit Scheme
- Steven Kennedy, CEO, The Treasury - Beer excise tax

At this stage Council has received an acknowledgment that the letter to The Treasury has been received.

The table provides update on the Inner West Brewers and Distillers Implementation Plan.

<b>Inner West Brewers and Distillers Implementation Action Plan</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
Support for events	Breweries and Distillers have been invited to be part of Inner West Brewers Area for Marrickville Music Festival.
Inner West Tourism Action Plan	Staff from Economic Development Team have met with Destination NSW to gain guidance on development of the plan. Audit of tourism opportunities in the LGA

Market the sector	No update on this action for this reporting period.
More lighting in industrial areas	The Infrastructure Team are undertaking a main road LED streetlighting replacement. An audit of street lighting can occur after this project has been completed for any specific street.
Support to implement actions from State Government grants	Staff from Economic Development Team are supporting the Association to implement actions that require Council's support. This has included, arranging for potholes to be fixed, on road dining and ideas for wayfinding.
Examine how to treat breweries/distillers as cultural institutions	Recent changes to NSW law through the Vibrancy Reforms enable live music in most premises. From a planning perspective breweries are a light industry and therefore a form of manufacturing and not necessarily recognised within the planning framework as cultural venues. Nevertheless there are other strategies that can be developed that consider this element of brewers / distillers.
Review of SEP protections for individual or isolated Brewery or Distillers	Investigations are underway to determine the most appropriate planning framework to protect isolated breweries and distilleries.
<b>Advocate to Other Levels of Government</b>	
Advocate to agency that administers the CDS to examine ways to reduce the cost for all the breweries and distillers in NSW	Letter has been sent to NSW EPA
Advocate to the State Government to develop a brewery and distillery tourism campaign.	Letter has been sent to CEO Destination NSW
Write to the State Government to request for a signal crossing to be installed at corner Fitzroy Street and Sydenham Road Sydenham	No update on this action for this reporting period
Write to the Ausgrid about Sydenham Road lighting issues.	No update on this action for this reporting period
Advocate to Commonwealth Government to reduce the excise for the micro breweries and small distilleries as the sector does not have the economy of scale.	Letter has been sent to CEO, The Treasury
Advocate to Commonwealth Government to examine competition laws and the current practices of multi nationals around anti-competitive marketing	Letter sent to Chair ACCC

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 11  
**Subject:** UPDATE ON PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCTS  
**Prepared By:** Daniel East - Acting Senior Manager Strategic Planning  
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## 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
- 3: Creative communities and a strong economy

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Planning Proposal to designate six new Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) in Balmain, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt, Rozelle and two areas in Marrickville received Gateway Determination on 13 September 2024 from the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure. Consultation with state government authorities has begun, and public engagement will occur in February 2025. The engagement outcomes report is scheduled to be reported to Council in May 2025.

## BACKGROUND

The Planning Proposal was endorsed at the Council meeting held on 25 June 2024 (see *Attachment 1*):

1. *That Council endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 to designate six new Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) and make a minor extension to the Enmore Road SEP to be submitted to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces seeking a Gateway Determination under Section 3.33 and 3.34 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.*
2. *That Council place the Planning Proposal and draft DCP amendments on community consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Framework to meet the requirements of the Gateway Determination, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, should the Planning Proposal receive a favourable Gateway Determination.*
3. *That Council develops an expression of interest process to add to the SEP isolated venues that are appropriately located.*
4. *That Council request delegation from the Minister for Planning to manage the plan making functions of the Planning Proposal.*
5. *That Council authorise the General Manager to make technical modifications to the Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan, and Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan prior to exhibition.*



The planning proposal received Gateway Determination on 13 September 2024. An amendment to the *Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022* is proposed to designate six new Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) in Balmain, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt, Rozelle and two in Marrickville. A minor extension of the Enmore Road SEP to include the Warren View Hotel and another commercial property is also proposed.

The purpose of a SEP is to take a balanced approach to entertainment sound compliance, considering the needs of businesses and residents. This is aimed at encouraging new and existing businesses to host live entertainment, supporting the arts and live music sector and adding to the vibrancy of local centres.

They achieve this by:

- Setting specific sound limits that apply to entertainment venues in a precinct
- Businesses will get an extra hour of trade
- Outdoor dining is permitted until 11pm
- New developments such as residential flat buildings must sound-proof against entertainment sound

## DISCUSSION

The Gateway Determination advises (*Attachment 2*):

- Public exhibition of the planning proposal is required for at least 20 working days
- Consultation is required with the following public authorities:
  - NSW Police
  - Sound NSW (formerly the NSW Live Music Office)
  - Liquor and Gaming NSW
  - Transport for NSW
  - Office of the 24-hour Commissioner
  - Office of Local Government
  - Department of Customer Service
- Inner West Council may exercise local plan-making authority functions in relation to the planning proposal
- The LEP needs to be submitted for GIS and legal drafting by 22 May 2024 and finalised by 4 July 2025

## Next steps

The planning proposal has been referred to the relevant public authorities who have until 22 November 2024 to provide comments. Council officers will meet to discuss any comments received with the authorities in early December.

Public Engagement is scheduled for February 2025 comprising:

- face-to-face pop ups co-located with customer service stalls
- letters to affected residents, businesses, and property owners
- Information about the proposed SEPs and surveys on Council's Your Say Inner West (YSIW) page
- targeted engagement with small businesses and key venues in each precinct

The engagement outcomes report is scheduled to be reported to the May 2025 Council meeting.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Planning Proposal - Additional Special Entertainment Precincts
2. [↓](#) Gateway Determination



# Inner West Council

Planning Proposal

*Special Entertainment Precincts*

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## Introduction

Live Music, entertainment and cultural production are synonymous with the identity of the Inner West as Sydney's centre of creativity. Creative and performing arts activities make a significant contribution to the Inner West's economy, with an estimated value of \$153 million for the 2021/2022 financial year, a 13.4% growth from 2016/2017 (National Institute of Economic and Industry Research).

Musicians, artists, actors, comedians, dancers, production crew and a plethora of other talents and jobs that make the Inner West a vibrant and interesting place rely on the availability of venues to engage with audiences and other spaces for cultural production. Throughout Sydney many of these spaces are either under threat or have closed in recent years. One factor leading to the closure and lack of investment in venues is the current sound management framework in NSW, specifically the strong weighting given to complainants over the social, cultural, and economic value of venues. Compounding this is the ambiguity in the current framework that relies on qualitative tests and fluctuating background noise levels to determine if a business is operating within acceptable limits.

The NSW Government's 'vibrancy reforms' recognise this problem and are developing and implementing measures to remove barriers for businesses to participate in the night time economy. This planning proposal builds on this work with a focus on the Inner West's night time economy.

Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) address this by recalibrating sound compliance to a more balanced approach. They also streamline compliance by removing NSW Police and the offensive noise test from the equation, making Liquor and Gaming the sole compliance authority.

Having established Enmore Road as the State's first SEP in 2023, Inner West is now looking to establish six new SEPs to give existing and future businesses the opportunity to take advantage of the supporting planning, licencing and compliance framework that accompanies SEPs. These new precincts are in Balmain, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt, Marrickville North, Marrickville Town Centre, and Rozelle.

There is also a minor edit proposed to the existing Enmore Road SEP to include two more properties at the corner of Enmore Road and Stanmore Road, Enmore to include the Warren view Hotel within the precinct

This Planning Proposal has been made in accordance with [section 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#) and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's 'A guide to preparing planning proposals' and 'A guide to preparing local environmental plans'.

## Background

[Section 202 of the Local Government Act 1993](#) was gazetted on 30 April 2021 enabling Council's to establish Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs).

Inner West Council was the first to take advantage of this new legislation with the Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct. Initially run as a trial from September 2022, it was made permanent when gazetted in the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 (IWLEP 2022) in December 2023.

Due to the success of Enmore Road, Council resolved on 20 June 2023 to commence early engagement on six new precincts in Balmain, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt, Marrickville (x2) and Rozelle.

## Early engagement

Early engagement on the six precincts was open for a month between 7 March and 7 April 2024. Engagement consisted of:

- A Your Say Inner West webpage with information, frequently asked questions, and a map of each precinct
- A survey for residents, businesses, visitors, and other community members to gauge their support for the precinct(s)
- Three pop-up sessions for the community to meet Council staff working on the project
- 10,500 letters delivered to owners and occupiers of dwellings and businesses located within and around the proposed precincts

Council received 239 responses to the survey, 50 email submissions, and 26 phone calls leaving feedback. Approximately 42 people attended the pop-up sessions, completing 23 hard copy submission forms. Council also received a 29-signature resident submission in relation to the Marrickville North precinct and 137 pro-forma style submissions against inclusion of the Great Club in the Marrickville Town Centre precinct.

Overall, the community was supportive of the proposal. The table below is a summary of the community's sentiment from the surveys.

Precinct	No. of responses	Overall support*	Resident support
Balmain	50	66%	57%
Dulwich Hill	93	90%	89%
Leichhardt	50	84%	67%
Marrickville North	90	94%	95%
Marrickville Town Centre	121	91%	91%
Rozelle	36	83%	57%

\*The Overall support column includes responses from: Visitors/wider public, Land owners, Businesses, Industry groups, and local Chambers of commerce as well as residents.

Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts

As a result of the consultation process, Council made several amendments to the proposal (see the Table below for details):

Precinct	Issue raised	Council response
All	A venue is being run as a strip club and is providing sex services and adult entertainment without approval. Significant issues surround the venue including violence, littering, public urination, shouting and property damage.	The Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan was amended to exclude the following premises from accessing an additional 60 minutes of trade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>restricted premises</li> <li>sex service premises</li> <li>premises hosting adult entertainment e.g. strip clubs or the like</li> </ul>
Leichhardt	The row of properties on the western side of Norton Street between Allen Street and Macauley Street is not appropriate for a SEP due to proximity to residential properties and ongoing compliance issues with an existing venue.	Noted. Council has removed this area from the Leichhardt SEP as these properties are separated from the rest of the precinct by intervening residential properties.
Marrickville North	Properties on the northern side of Addison Road with appropriate zoning should be included in the SEP so they can take advantage of reduced red-tape.	Appropriately zoned properties on the northern side of Addison Road have been added to the Marrickville North SEP.
	Shepherd Street residents do not have access to a residential parking scheme. Street parking is at saturation point.	Noted. This matter sits outside of the SEP but is being investigated by Council's traffic management and compliance teams.
Marrickville Town Centre	The Great Club on Livingstone Road causes disturbance to the local neighbourhood, attracts numerous complaints and has a complex compliance history. It should not be included in the Marrickville Town Centre SEP.	Noted. Due to the complex ongoing compliance matters, Council has removed the Great Cub from the Marrickville Town Centre SEP.

For further information regarding the consultation including redacted copies of submissions and survey responses, please see the engagement outcomes summary in **Attachment 1**.



## Part 1 Objectives and intended outcomes

The objectives of this Planning Proposal are to:

- Support diverse mixed-use neighbourhoods that offer arts and live music.
- Strike a balance between reasonable amenity for residents and reasonable sound levels coming from the precincts
- Clearly define the roles of stakeholders including businesses, residents, industry, Council, Liquor and Gaming NSW, and Police
- Implement a clear and consistent regulatory response to sound related complaints in SEPs
- Attract investment and increase business confidence with clear criteria for entertainment sound regulation
- Provide new opportunities for businesses including additional indoor trading hours and outdoor dining trading extensions
- Maximise opportunities for Inner West businesses to benefit from the NSW Government's 'Vibrancy reforms'

To achieve the objectives, it is proposed to map each of the six precincts under the IWLEP 2022 Special Entertainment Precincts mapping series, making Clause 6.32 of IWLEP 2022 applicable to the mapped lots.

**Attachment 2** contains the draft mapping.

## Part 2 Explanation of provisions

This Planning Proposal maps six new precincts and extends the existing Enmore Road precinct in the Special Entertainment Precinct mapping series of the IWLEP 2022, thus giving effect to Clause 3.2 of the IWLEP 2022 to each mapped lot. Clause 6.32 of the IWLEP 2022 currently reads:

### **6.32 Special entertainment precinct**

*(1) This clause applies to land identified as "Inner West Special Entertainment Precinct" on the Special Entertainment Precinct Map.*

*(2) For the Local Government Act 1993, section 202, a special entertainment precinct is established on the land to which this clause applies.*

#### 1. Intended effect

The intent of the proposed amendment is to provide clarity to businesses, residents, developers, planners, and regulatory authorities on sound level expectations from entertainment sound in the precincts.

This is to support the continued operation of existing venues and the establishment of new venues in the precincts, whilst maintaining adequate amenity for the residents living in an around each precinct and specifying appropriate sound proofing of new developments to ensure that they are protected from the impacts of entertainment sound.

## Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts

It will also enable businesses to take advantage of the NSW Government's recent 'Vibrancy Reforms' including:

- Granting additional trading hours to businesses through the Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan without needing development consent
- Allowing additional trading hours on liquor licences of businesses that host live entertainment
- Streamlining entertainment sound regulation through:
  - Liquor and Gaming will become the sole authority for the regulation of entertainment sound for licenced premises; NSW Police will no longer have a role in the regulation of entertainment sound
  - Council will become the sole authority for the regulation of entertainment sound from non-licenced premises.
  - Sound criteria and limits set in the precinct management plan override generic development consent noise conditions; the offensive noise test outlined in the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* has no relevance in Special Entertainment Precincts.

Establishing the SEPs and empowering businesses to take advantage of recent regulatory reforms will cut red tape and encourage existing and new businesses to participate in the night time economy. This will in turn create new opportunities for artists and creatives, provide entertainment and experiences for residents and visitors having a positive impact on the local economy.

### 2. Accompanying documents

To operate a SEP in accordance with Section 202 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, two documents are required to give effect to the existing LEP clause. They include a Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan and a Development Control Plan. The purpose and effect of these documents are detailed below.

#### Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan

[Clause 202\(5\)\(a\) of the Local Government Act 1993](#) requires Council to "prepare a plan for regulating noise from amplified music from premises in the special entertainment precinct and publish it on the council's website".

A SEPMP is already in place to manage the Enmore Road SEP. This plan has been updated to include the six proposed precincts, as well as extend the Enmore Road SEP.

The SEPMP contains the following information:

- Maps of each precinct
- A position statement and set of objectives for each precinct
- How the SEPs sit within the NSW planning framework
- Where and when the SEPMP applies
- Compliance procedures for entertainment sound related complaints in the SEPs
- Sound criteria including permitted sound levels for varying times of the day as they affect different properties

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The SEPMP is for the use of businesses, residents, Council, Liquor and Gaming NSW, and NSW Police in understanding their role and responsibilities in the management of entertainment sound in the SEPs. It also gives residents an understanding of sound levels they should expect at various times of the day depending on the location of their property.

At the time of writing this Planning Proposal, responsibility for managing sound related complaints fall on Council and the Police. Recent changes to legislation known as the 'vibrancy reforms' mean that from July 2024, Liquor and Gaming NSW will assume full responsibility for regulating entertainment sound in SEPs. From July 2024, Council will no longer play a role in entertainment sound regulation, and NSW Police will only have responsibilities during emergency situations. The date for Liquor and Gaming's commencement of regulatory responsibilities is slated for July 2024.

The draft SEPMP has been updated to reflect the likely procedures were the vibrancy reforms to be implemented as currently thought.

### Development Control Plan

A Development Control Plan (DCP) provides detailed planning and design guidelines to support the planning controls in the LEP. In this instance, a DCP has been drafted to fulfill [Clause 202\(2\)\(b\) of the Local Government Act 1993](#):

*"(2) A special entertainment precinct is an area in which—*

*(b) requirements about noise attenuation apply to certain types of development in the area,"*

The DCP sets out a series of objectives and controls that:

- Identify sensitive land uses (or certain types of development) that will require attenuation from entertainment sound
- Quantify the noise levels that sensitive land uses and new venues will need to comply with
- Detail when an acoustic report from an accredited acoustic specialist is required and what it needs to demonstrate

The DCP will be used by residents, developers, businesses, and Council to ensure future development is suited to the permitted sound levels in the precincts. This will ensure residents and inhabitants of other sensitive land uses are afforded reasonable amenity, and new venues can open in fit-for-purpose commercial tenancies.

As Inner West currently has three DCPs that apply in its LGA because of amalgamation, the DCP changes associated with the planning proposal include:

- *Marrickville DCP 2011*
  - minor administrative amendments to Section 2.26
  - add maps for SEPs in Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt (on the southern side of Parramatta Road), and Marrickville
  - update the map for Enmore Road to include the Warren View hotel
- *Leichhardt DCP 2013*
  - new section Part C – Section 5 – Special Entertainment Precincts
  - add maps for SEPs in Balmain, Leichhardt, and Rozelle SEPs.

See **Attachment 4** and **5** for details.

### 3. Suggested wording

It's recommended that Clause 6.32 of the IWLEP 2022 be retained as is. It currently reads:

#### **6.32 Special entertainment precinct**

(1) *This clause applies to land identified as "Inner West Special Entertainment Precinct" on the Special Entertainment Precinct Map.*

(2) *For the Local Government Act 1993, section 202, a special entertainment precinct is established on the land to which this clause applies.*

Note: There is no need to change the existing clause; only additional tiles need to be added to the map series (see below).

### 4. Mapping

Each of the six new precincts are required to be mapped under the IWLEP 2022 Special Entertainment Precinct mapping series, as are the amendments to the Enmore Rd SEP. Maps of the precincts have been included in **Attachment 2**.

The following criteria was used to determine the extent of the mapped area for each SEP:

- Covered by June 2023 Council resolution
- Employment zoning as this permits activities and uses relevant to the intended outcomes of the proposal
- Presence of existing entertainment venues or premises that could host entertainment that would benefit from a SEP
- Potential for growth in the night time economy
- Access to public transport during the day and night

## Part 3 Justification

### Section A – Need for the planning proposal

Q1. Is the planning proposal a result of an endorsed local strategic planning statement, strategic study, or report?

Yes. The Planning Proposal is a response to recent resolutions by Council, new legislation made by the State Government, and to achieve actions under the endorsed [Local Strategic Planning Statement \(LSPS\)](#) and Employment and Retail lands Strategy (ERLS). It's also a result of the NSW State Government's plan to revitalise the NSW night-time economy, including the establishment of new SEPs and fulfillment of the Sydney 24-hour Economy Strategy 2020.

Recent changes to State legislation as well as Council strategies, resolutions and other triggers that support the planning proposal are discussed below.

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### Special Entertainment Precincts under the Local Government Act 1993

On 30 April 2021 [Section 202 of the Local Government Act 1993](#) was gazetted. It enables the establishment of Special Entertainment Precincts by a Council. This Planning Proposal has been developed in accordance with this legislation.

This legislation was further refined in December 2023 through the passing of the 'vibrancy reforms'. This includes making Liquor and Gaming NSW the sole authority for entertainment sound related complaints, as well as enabling Council to grant additional trading hours to businesses without approval and clarify that the SEPMP sound criteria overrides DA conditions.

### Council resolutions

There have been three Council resolutions to establish the six identified SEPs. they are summarised in Table 1 below:

Resolution	Date	Content
<i>Mayoral Minute: Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct</i>	6 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive a report to the February 2023 Ordinary Council meeting evaluating the trial and outlining the next steps through which Council can commence planning for further Special Entertainment Precincts in other Inner West locations as previously resolved.</li> </ul>
<i>Future Special Entertainment Precincts</i>	20 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Council endorses commencing early engagement on new special entertainment precincts in Marrickville, Leichhardt, Rozelle, Balmain and an additional precinct along Marrickville Road and New Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill.</li> <li>That the findings of the early engagement are reported to Council.</li> </ul>

Council undertook early engagement with the community on new special entertainment precincts in Marrickville, Leichhardt, Rozelle, Balmain as required by the June council resolution. Further details are given on page 2 of this planning proposal, and within the engagement outcomes report Attachment 1.

### Local Strategic Planning Statement & Employment and Retail Lands Strategy

Endorsed in March 2020 by Council and the Greater Sydney Commission, the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) sets out the vision for the Inner West in 2036 with a set of actions that to achieve that vision. Planning Priority 9 – “a thriving local economy” directly supports this Planning Proposal. Action 9.1 to implement the Employment and Retail Lands Strategy (ERLS) includes:

*“Identifying areas for night-time economic activity and implement appropriate LEP/DCP controls*

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*that encourage a diverse night-time economy, including the provision of a clear policy position on the rights of existing venues and neighbouring residents that incorporates the ‘agent of change’ principle.”*

This is similarly addressed by two actions of the ERLS, specifically:

- Action 1.8.1 Embed the agent of change principle into Inner West planning regulations to protect live music venues and late-night precincts as well as employment and industrial areas. Note that this principle states that a person or business (the agent) introducing a new land use is responsible for managing the impact of that change, and
- Action 1.8.2 Identify areas with existing and expected higher noise levels, including both industrial and entertainment noise. Implement a means of managing the expectations of noise amongst existing and future residents in and around these areas.

Establishing the SEPs will directly achieve all three of these actions. The precincts are locations where the community desires a greater range of entertainment, experiences, and hospitality offerings. Not only are the precincts identified as areas with existing night-time economic activity, there are also many existing venues including pubs, restaurants, cafes, small bars, artisan food and drink premises that are well suited to hosting live entertainment in these locations. Putting in place plan to regulate sound by quantifying acceptable noise levels from venues will empower venues to program live entertainment, confident they can operate within defined sound limits.

SEPs also require the attenuation of certain types of development within and around the precincts. Under the proposed DCP, sensitive land uses are required to attenuate against permitted sound levels from venues. Similarly, new venues are required to demonstrate they can comply with the allowable sound levels. This is an agent of change approach to the management of entertainment sound as required by Action 1.8.1 of ERLS.

**Q2. Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?**

Over the past decade there has been a gradual decline in the diversity, vibrancy, and economic activity in Sydney’s night-time economy, in part due to the now repealed lockdown laws.

Part of the decline is also the lack of confidence businesses have in navigating the planning system to establish venues, as well as the threat of compliance action from Council, Liquor and Gaming NSW and NSW Police from noise complaints.

An intended outcome of this proposal is to strike a balance between the demands of businesses and residents, particularly in relation to amenity. This Planning Proposal is considered the best means to achieve this.

The SEPMP quantifies entertainment sound levels that can come from businesses and affect surrounding properties and through shared partitions within buildings. With accredited acoustic advice, businesses can test if they can achieve the sound levels detailed in the SEPMP without having to consider fluctuating background noise levels and/or qualitative tests currently used in the current regulation of entertainment sound in NSW.

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Similarly, this will give residents assurances of the sound levels they can expect at their property boundaries or travelling through their building if they are attached to a venue.

The increased level of confidence for residents and businesses will have the flow on effect of achieving the remaining intended outcomes, including having diverse mixed-use neighbourhoods with flourishing arts and live music scenes, all stakeholders understanding their role in managing sound compliance, and allowing Council to implement an adaptable approach to sound compliance.

The precincts also include new development assessment measures in the form of a DCP. The DCP will guide the development of new sensitive receivers as well as upgrades to existing and establishment of new venues to lessen the impact of entertainment sound. To achieve this, amendments are proposed to the Marrickville DCP 2011 and Leichhardt DCP 2013. Both are contained within the attachments. The amendments are largely in line with the previous amendment made to support the Enmore Road SEP, that has been operating as intended.

Council's experience with NSW's first Special Entertainment Precinct on Enmore Road is testament to the benefits of Special Entertainment Precincts. This has seen a number of new and existing venues on Enmore Road providing live entertainment. Many businesses opening on Enmore Road have also expressly stated in the media that they opened on or re-located to the strip in order to take advantage of the benefits associated with the precinct.

## Section B – Relationship to strategic framework

Q3. Will the planning proposal give effect to the objectives and actions of the applicable regional, or district plan or strategy (including any exhibited draft plans or strategies)?

### **Greater Sydney Regional Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities**

The Plan sets a 40-year vision (to 2056) and a 20-year plan to manage growth and change. It sets an overarching strategic planning policy to align land use, transport, and infrastructure outcomes for Greater Sydney concurrently with Future Transport 2056 (Transport for NSW) and State Infrastructure Strategy (Infrastructure NSW). The Plan provides a set of objectives under the 10 Directions set out in Directions for a Greater Sydney 2017-2056.

Objective 9 of the Plan is directly relevant to this proposal. It states that *"Stimulating the night-time economy supports dynamic places and boosts local economies. This can generally occur in mixed-use centres with **adequate noise control**, locally appropriate operating hours and safe late-night travel options."*

This objective seeks to foster and grow Sydney as a creative region with artistic and cultural expression encouraged alongside a strong night-time economy.

This Planning Proposal will assist in achieving this objective by providing quantifiable sound limits that are intentionally set to balance the demands of businesses and amenity requirements for residents. Whilst unique, each precinct is mixed use to varying degree and will benefit from a boost to the live entertainment options and the increased economic activity that comes with it.

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## Eastern City District Plan

The Eastern City District Plan is a 20-year plan to manage growth in the context of economic, social, and environmental matters to achieve the 40-year vision for Greater Sydney. It further explores the objectives of the Greater Sydney Regional Plan as discussed above.

Several Planning Priorities under the Plan are directly supported by this proposal. They include;

- E4 – Fostering healthy, creative, culturally rich and socially connected communities.

Number of the proposed precincts, or regions they are located within are specifically mentioned under Planning Priority E4. They include:

- **Leichhardt** – *“In the District this diversity and richness is reflected in places such as Redfern, **Leichhardt** and Burwood, which are associated with unique historic and cultural identities”*
- **Marrickville Town Centre** and **Dulwich Hill** – *“In the Eastern City District it is important that the capacity for creative industries, arts and cultural uses to locate near major cultural institutions be protected for example in the areas of the **Inner West**, Ultimo-Pyrmont and **Sydenham to Bankstown**.”*
- **Marrickville Town Centre** and **Marrickville North** – *“Social connections are a major element of the characteristics on which local identity, specialities and distinctive functions of centres are built. For example, street life is particularly evident in places like Surry Hills, **Marrickville** and Pitt Street Mall, Sydney.”*

The proposed SEPs seek to protect existing cultural infrastructure across some of the precincts, as well as support the establishment of new venues. Some of the venues that will benefit from improved regulatory framework include (but are not limited to):

- Balmain – London Hotel, The Unity Hotel
- Dulwich Hill – Butchers Brew, and Lazy Thinking
- Leichhardt – Crowbar Sydney
- Marrickville Town Centre – Lazybones, Camelot Lounge, and Gasoline Pony
- Marrickville North – Vic on the Park Hotel, Factory Theatre, Portugal Madeira Club, Red Rattler, Marrickville Bowling Club, and Golden Barley Hotel
- Rozelle – Bridge Hotel

The venues above all host live music or entertainment and range from small to large. Protecting live music venues like these is proven to be positive to the local economy.

[A 2016 Study by the University of Tasmania](#) analysed the value of live music venues in the City of Sydney area. It determined that for every dollar invested in live music, over three dollars are returned in economic activity. This is due to all the additional spending that compliments live music events, including transport, food and beverage, retail and often accommodation. Due to the Inner West’s proximity and similar character to the City of Sydney, venues like those listed above are expected to generate a similar economic multiplier.

It’s envisaged that the designation of six new precincts will not only support existing venues,



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but also encourage new and existing businesses to program live entertainment in a robust regulatory framework with quantified sound limits. Additional trading hours will also incentivise businesses to program live entertainment, as the extended trading will assist in offsetting the cost of employing local artists, entertainers, and musicians.

- E6 – Creating and renewing great places and local centres and respecting the District's heritage.

Great places and local centres are identified in their unique character and distinctive mix of land uses and activities. They are culturally rich and diverse with ample opportunities for social connectivity.

Each precinct contains historic places, including heritage pubs that have changed use over time from their origins as places for workers and locals to congregate before closing at 6pm to late night entertainment venues hosting live bands, theatre and dance performances, trivia nights, karaoke, comedy nights and dance parties. Including them in SEPs will ensure they are able to adapt into the future.

SEPs will protect the identified areas as vibrant and diverse centres, through both their night and day economies. Cultural venues and live entertainment foster social interactions by providing shared experiences and opportunities to meet people with similar interests in their local neighbourhood.

- E11 – Growing investment, business opportunities and jobs in strategic centres, and
- E13 – Supporting growth of targeted industry sectors.

The Planning Proposal supports the night-time economy and encourages investment in local centres with established and growing cultural and creative industries.

### **Sydney 24-hour Economy Strategy 2020**

Published in September 2020, the Sydney 24-hour Economy Strategy “*focuses on actions that will extend the productivity of Sydney's day-time economy into the night – to give businesses and consumers, councils and community groups and opportunity to keep the lights on beyond the traditional business day.*”

It's important to note that the strategy was implemented before the NSW Government enacted Section 202 of the *Local Government Act 1993* which enabled Council's to establish a SEP. However, the proposal does go to achieving action 16 under Strategic Pillar 2 “Diversification of night-time activities”. Action 16 reads:

Action 16 reads – “*Councils will be provided with policy support, including policy guidance and toolkits, to support the lifting of unnecessary restrictions on live music in their Development Applications and to adopt pro-live music regulations in their relevant planning documents. In particular, consideration should be given to family-friendly events in venues and public spaces. This would include identifying ways to standardise live performance conditions and premises licensing to encourage a seven-day live music scene in 24hour hubs (subject to councils demonstrating community support).*”

Q4. Will the planning proposal give effect to a council's endorsed local strategic planning

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statement, or another endorsed local strategy or strategic plan?

### **Our Inner West 2036 – Council's Community Strategic Plan, 2022**

The [Inner West Community Strategic Plan](#) identifies the community's vision for the future, long-term goals, strategies to get there and how to measure progress towards them. Strategic direction 3 of the plan regards creative communities and the local economy. This planning proposal makes progress towards achieving several outcomes identified under this direction, including the following:

- 3.1 Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated
  - Each of the precincts represent opportunities for the creative and cultural industries.
  - Live music is part of the Inner West's identity. Balmain and Rozelle have deep cultural roots with live music. Engagement from the community tells us that the live music scene has waned over the years and people would like to see it come back. Conversely the Marrickville precincts and Dulwich Hill have established and emerging live music scenes, with iconic venues that will be supported by the new regulatory framework. It will also encourage new venues to establish in the precincts.
- 3.2 Inner West remains the engine room of creative industries and services
  - Protecting and fostering new places for live music and entertainment live music venues will ensure the Inner West retains places where artists can perform and interact with patrons.
  - The varied nature and size of venues will foster an ecosystem of creativity, supporting artists from a range of disciplines and stages.
- 3.5 Urban hubs and main streets are distinct and enjoyable places to shop, eat, socialise, and be entertained
  - The proposed framework will support the main streets of Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt, Balmain, and Rozelle as distinct places with opportunities to provide entertainment that's representative of local audiences and tastes.

### **Our Place Inner West – Local Strategic Planning Statement**

The Planning Proposal gives partial effect to Planning Priority 9 – A thriving local economy, namely the following objectives under it:

- The local economy is diverse, strong, and resilient
- Inner West has a thriving and diverse evening and night-time economy
- Inner West continues to grow as a leading creative and cultural hub
- Main streets and centres are designed to be unique, lively, safe, and accessible

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There is a single action under this planning priority, to implement the Employment and Retail Lands Strategy (ERLS), when approved. The ERLS includes actions relevant to this proposal. They have been discussed within the answer to question one above.

### Q5. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

The Planning Proposal is generally consistent with all the State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP) in place. Consistency is demonstrated in the table below.

State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)	Consistency
SEPP (Housing) 2021	Consistent  Higher noise attenuation standards will apply to all types of residential accommodation within and around the precincts. This will ensure housing is built to withstand current and future entertainment sound levels for the amenity of residents. The DCP controls proposed to give effect to this are not in conflict with the SEPP.
SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021	Consistent  The Dulwich Hill, Rozelle and Leichhardt precincts are all located on high traffic carriageways with peak hour clearways, buses, private vehicles, and trucks.  Residential accommodation and other sensitive receivers would already require acoustic attenuation to ensure sensitive receivers can co-locate with loud road noise.  Proposed DCP controls to require attenuation of sensitive receivers will not conflict with the requirements under the SEPP. Although required anyway, the DCP controls specifically state that consideration of aircraft, road and rail noise must be considered and addressed separately to entertainment venue noise.
SEPP (Primary Production) 2021	Consistent
SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021	Consistent
SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021	Consistent
SEPP (Resources and Employment) 2021	Consistent

### Q6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s.9.1 directions)?

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Section 9.1 directions are directions to councils from the Minister for Planning, Industry and Environment that need to be considered or given effect to in the preparation of draft LEPs.

The Planning Proposal has been assessed against each Ministerial direction. The consistency of the Planning Proposal with these directions is shown in the table below.

Consistency with Ministerial Directions that apply to the LGA	
Directions under s.9.1 (2)	Consistency
1.1 Implementation of Regional Plans	Not applicable
1.2 Development of Aboriginal Land Council Land	Not applicable
1.3 Approval and Referral Requirements	<p>Yes</p> <p>No provisions that will require referrals, concurrence or consultation with the Minister or a public authority are contained within this Planning Proposal.</p> <p>No further development will be considered designated development because of this Planning Proposal.</p>
1.4 Site Specific Provisions	<p>Yes</p> <p>No additional land uses or changes to zoning are proposed under this Planning Proposal.</p>
1.5 – 1.22 Place Based Directions	Not applicable
3.1 Conservation Zones	Not applicable
3.2 Heritage Conservation	<p>Yes</p> <p>A number of precincts are located within heritage conservation areas and include heritage items.</p> <p>No changes are proposed that would result in negative impacts to heritage conservation.</p>
3.3 Sydney Drinking Water Catchments	Not applicable

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3.4 Application of C2 and C3 Zones and Environmental Overlays in Far North Coast LEPs	Not applicable
3.5 Recreational Vehicle Areas	Not applicable
3.6 Strategic Conversation Planning	Not applicable
3.7 Public Bushland	Not applicable
3.8 Willandra Lakes Region	Not applicable
3.9 Sydney Harbour Foreshores and Waterways Area	Not applicable
3.10 Water Catchment Protection	Not applicable
4.1 Flooding	Yes  Changes to compliance regimes and noise attenuation for new developments will not impact on flooding.
4.2 Coastal Management	Not applicable
4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection	Not applicable
4.4 Remediation of Contaminated Land	Yes  The proposal will not result in new land uses being permitted.
4.5 Acid Sulfate Soils	Yes  The proposal will not result in new land uses being permitted.
4.6 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land	Not applicable
5.1 Integrated Land Use and Transport	Yes  The proposal supports the continued growth of appropriately zoned land.  Each precinct is located in an area well serviced by public transport, including late night public transport options.

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5.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Yes  The proposal will not result in the alteration or reduction in public land.
5.3 Development Near Regulated Airports and Defence Airfields	Not applicable
5.4 Shooting Ranges	Not applicable
6.1 Residential Zones	Yes  The proposal will not reduce the capacity of land within the precincts for residential development. It will ensure future residential accommodation developed in the area is designed to mitigate against entertainment sound, preserving adequate amenity for the enjoyment of future residents.
6.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates	Not applicable
7.1 Business and Industrial Zones	Yes  The proposal will add further protections to the operation of land zoned for employment, commercial services, retail, and industry by making the acceptable sound levels coming from premises clear to businesses and residents.  Council expects the SEPs to increase business confidence and lead to the establishment of new businesses.
7.2 Reduction in non-hosted short-term rental accommodation period	Not applicable
7.3 Commercial and Retail Development along the Pacific Highway, North Coast	Not applicable
8.1 Mining, Petroleum and Extractive Industries	Not applicable
9.1 Rural Zones	Not applicable

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9.2 Rural Lands	Not applicable
9.3 Oyster Aquaculture	Not applicable
9.4 Farmland of State and Regional Significance on the NSW Far North Coast	Not applicable

## Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

Q7. Is there any likelihood that critical habitats or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

No.

Q8. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

Increased patronage to existing live music venues and the potential establishment of new venues that will draw their own audiences may lead to indirect environmental impacts like an increase in noise and littering.

Any additional noise generated by venues from amplified sound and patron noise from within venues will be regulated and enforced under the SEPMP. The compliance procedures for such incidents are outlined in this plan. Regulating this environmental effect is at the core of this Planning Proposal.

Council and the Police work with venues to ensure patrons are instructed to leave an area quietly and are respectful of neighbours. This includes warning from security staff and signs displayed at the exit to each venue.

Littering may also increase as an indirect result of increased patronage; however Council's existing measures are sufficient to deal with expected levels of additional littering. That is, Council provide street bins in all commercial centres, which are emptied daily. Street cleaning also takes place weekly on main streets as part of Council's essential main street shopping centre service levels. Bin servicing levels are monitored by Council's operational staff.

Q9. Has the Planning Proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The economic and social impacts resulting from the Planning Proposal are expected to be positive. The potential positive and negative outcomes are discussed below.

### Economic impacts

Current regulations and compliance of noise in NSW put all the onus on dealing with entertainment sound on a venue, instead of recognising that entertainment sound should be expected in certain areas surrounding venues.

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This is layered with development consent and liquor licencing conditions that regulate sound by permitting a certain decibel level (usually 3 or 5 decibels) above background noise levels before midnight, and no level above background noise levels after midnight. This measure is problematic for several reasons:

- Background noise levels fluctuate (e.g. during times of high traffic, insect noise over summer, rain events)
- Specialised equipment and expertise are required to establish background noise levels
- If the density of venues in an area increases, so too will the background noise level
- Inaudibility after midnight is not conducive to vibrant night life

Due to these reasons, continuing down the path of the offensive noise test layered with the background noise level +X decibels lowers confidence for businesses that would trade into the night, as they fear their investment will be lost as the offensive noise test is subjective and the background noise level is unreliable.

Similarly, residents cannot be confident that appropriate neighbourhood noise levels will be maintained due to fluctuating background noise levels. It also leaves them at risk of being exposed to high levels of noise if background noise levels were to increase over time due to increased traffic, patronage, venue density etc.

An objective of this proposal is to change Council's approach to sound compliance for commercial premises within each precinct. Designating these areas as SEPs will mean that:

- Liquor and gaming NSW will become the sole authority for regulating amplified sound, with the Police only stepping in during emergency situations,
- Amplified sound is regulated by a plan made by Council

Specific sound levels are detailed in the new Precinct Management Plan that sets sound limits for businesses operating in the SEP. This will create certainty for businesses on how loud they can be. Enabling them to make a considered decision as to whether they should invest in the area, and what kind of entertainment they can provide.

This is likely to lead to increased investment in the area, leading to a greater economic activity and employment of various staff across several industries including hospitality, the arts and retail.

### Social Impacts

Renewed business confidence in the area may mean new venues for residents, workers, and visitors to the area to experience live music and other performing arts. These will be new opportunities for social interaction and will develop a sense of place in the neighbourhoods.

Supporting a growth in live music venues, may lead to an increase in the number of licenced venues and could lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour.

Impacts however are considered to be manageable as there are other mechanisms and laws to deal with issues including liquor licencing assessments, Responsible Service of Alcohol, individual

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security and management operations for premises. Compliance in the area is a joint effort between Council and the Police, with information sharing to deal with problem areas and venues key to reducing impacts.

### Car parking

Street parking in centres is highly competitive across the Inner West as they are historical neighbourhoods that were developed prior to private vehicle ownership. Council currently manages street parking through various kerbside parking strategies including timed parking, paid parking, and residential parking schemes.

Council is not expecting a sudden surge in the number of live music venues and increased demand for street parking. Residential parking schemes are in place throughout all of the proposed SEPs, apart from Marrickville North, where Council has committed to working with residents to develop a parking scheme. These parking schemes give residents permits that enable them to park on the street beyond time limitations. If an area does not have a residential parking scheme, Council policy allows residents to request one be investigated by Council. The development assessment process will also remain in place to ensure development of venues not suitable for a locality is controlled.

## Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

### Q10. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

Each of the precincts are adequately serviced by public transport. The table below details the public transport located within 1km walking distance of each precinct:

Precinct	Bus routes	Train or light rail	Ferry	Last service
Balmain	441, 442, 433, 445, 500N (1.3km walk)	-	F3, F4, F8	1am (442) All night service 1.3km away (500N)
Dulwich Hill	418, 425, 426, 428, 428X, 445, N30	Dulwich Hill station Dulwich Hill light rail Dulwich Grove light rail Waratah Mills light rail		All night (N30)
Leichhardt	413, 437, 438N, 438X, 440, 445, 461N, 461X, 480, 483, N60, N61, N70, N71, N80, N81	Petersham Station Stanmore Station Leichhardt North light rail	-	All night (multiple bus routes)
Marrickville North	355, 418, 423, 423X, 425, 426, 428, 430	Sydenham Station	-	All night (423)
Marrickville Town Centre	348, 358, 418, 422, 423, 423X, 425, 426, 430, N10, N11, N40	Sydenham Station Marrickville Station	-	All night (multiple bus routes)
Rozelle	433, 440, 441, 442,	Rozelle Bay light rail	-	All night (500N)

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Q11. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the Gateway determination?

The relevant State Government agencies and stakeholder groups to be consulted will be determined through the Gateway process.

Referrals with the following agencies are expected:

- NSW Police
- NSW Live Music Office
- Liquor and Gaming NSW
- Transport for NSW
- Office of the 24-Hour Commissioner

The gateway determination for the Enmore Road SEP required Council to consult with the Office of Local Government, and Department of Customer Service. Council requested and followed up responses from both these agencies. Neither was willing to provide a response. We request that these agencies are not included in any future gateway determination for SEPs.

## Part 4 Mapping

Updates to the Special Entertainment Precinct map under the IWLEP 2022 are required to meet the intended outcomes of the Planning Proposal. These maps are included in Attachment 2.

## Part 5 Community Consultation

### Early engagement

Early engagement on the six precincts was open for a month between 7 March and 7 April 2023. Please see page 2 of this report and the Engagement Outcomes Report in **Attachment 2** for details.

### Future consultation

Further stakeholder and community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the legislative requirements, any conditions of a Gateway determination and Council's Community Engagement Framework.

## Part 6 Project timeline

The anticipated timeframe for the planning proposal is shown in the table below.

Action	Date
Submit Planning Proposal to DPE for Gateway consideration	June 2024
Receive Gateway determination	September 2024
Complete any changes required by Gateway Determination	October 2024
Public exhibition & government agency consultation	November 2024
Consideration of submissions	December 2024
Post-exhibition report to Council	February 2025
Submit to DPE for LEP drafting	March 2025
LEP made	April 2025
Plan notified by DPE	April 2025

*Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts*

Attachment 1 – Special Entertainment Precinct LEP maps

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Attachment 2 – Engagement Outcomes Report

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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

## Gateway Determination

**Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP-2024-1588):** to amend Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 to add six Special Entertainment Precincts and extend the existing Enmore Road precinct.

I, the Acting Director, Local Planning North, East and Central Coast at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, have determined under section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), that an amendment to the Inner West Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2022 to add six Special Entertainment Precincts and extend the existing Enmore Road precinct should proceed subject to conditions.

### Gateway Conditions

1. Public exhibition is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and clause 4 of Schedule 1 to the Act as follows:
  - a) The planning proposal is categorised as 'standard' as described in the Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines (August 2023) and must be made publicly available for a minimum of 20 working days; and
  - b) The planning proposal authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications of material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposal as identified in Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines (August 2023).
2. Consultation is required with the following public authority under section 3.34(2)(d) of the EP&A Act and/or comply with the requirements of applicable directions of the Minister under section 9 of the EP&A Act:
  - a) NSW Police
  - b) NSW Live Music Office
  - c) Liquor and Gaming NSW
  - d) Transport for NSW
  - e) Office of the 24-hour Commissioner
  - f) Office of Local Government
  - g) Department of Customer Service

Each public authority is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any supporting materials via the NSW Planning Portal and given at least 30 working days to comment on the proposal.

3. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 3.34(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).

4. The Council as planning proposal authority is authorised to exercise the functions of the local plan-making authority under section 3.36(2) of the EP&A Act subject to the following:
  - a) the planning proposal authority has satisfied all the conditions of the gateway determination;
  - b) the planning proposal is consistent with applicable directions of the Minister under section 9.1 of the EP&A Act or the Secretary has agreed that any inconsistencies are justified; and
  - c) there are no outstanding written objections from public authorities.
5. The LEP should be completed on or before **4 July 2025**

Dated 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.



**Eleanor Robertson**  
**Acting Director, Local Planning North, East and Central Coast**  
**Planning, Land Use Strategy, Housing and Infrastructure**  
**Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure**  
  
**Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces**

PP-2024-1588 (IRF24/1962)

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 12

**Subject:** WHITE BAY POWER STATION SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT UPDATE

**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:

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council meeting held on 25 June 2024, Council resolved the following:

*That Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Minister for the Night Time Economy and Music, stating Council's support for the use of White Bay Power Station as a cultural venue / live performance and concert venue, and request that the site also be designated as a Special Entertainment Precinct by the Minister Planning and Public Spaces.*

Council's letter to the State Government is *Attachment 1*.

In response to Inner West's request for the use of White Bay Power Station as an arts and cultural venue the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has confirmed a 12-month approval is now in place for such activities on site. The 12-month trial is an opportunity to understand the venues limits and opportunities. Please see the letter received in *Attachment 2*.

Inner West Council will continue to work closely with Placemaking NSW, advocating for the continued cultural use of the venue and its future designation as a Special Entertainment Precinct.

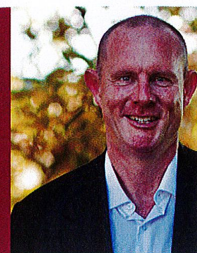
## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Council Letter to Minister Scully Live entertainment at White Bay Power Station](#)
2. [Letter from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces](#)

## Darcy Byrne Inner West Mayor



5 August 2024

The Hon. Paul Scully MP  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces  
52 Martin Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

Inner West Council is committed to supporting the arts, including local talent, venues, festivals & events, and seizing new opportunities for the sector. White Bay Power Station presents a once in a generation opportunity to establish a world-renowned venue for the exhibition of not only local talent, but talent from around the world, in Australia's cultural powerhouse, Sydney's Inner West.

The recent Biennale of Sydney showcased the beginning of what is possible at White Power Station as a cultural venue. 172,000 people visited the venue during the three-month exhibition, making it the most attended non-museum site in the history of the Biennale.

Inner West Council supports the continued use of White Bay Power Station as a cultural venue and requests that steps are taken to ensure that White Bay Power Station continues to be available for a vast range of possible cultural activities, including as a live performance and concert venue. This will assist in addressing Sydney's short-fall of mid-tier venues (250-1250 patrons) that are crucial for emerging artists and a flourishing live music scene.

To further protect and foster the site as a significant entertainment venue, Council requests that the site be designated as a Special Entertainment Precinct by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

Yours sincerely,

**Clr Darcy Byrne**  
Inner West Mayor

**The Hon Paul Scully MP**  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



Ref: MDPE24/2686

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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence about White Bay Power Station and its future use as an arts and cultural venue with live performances and concerts. I regret the delay in responding.

I can advise that planning approvals have now been granted for the temporary use of the Power Station as an events and activations venue under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

I am advised the Review of Environmental Factors is now published on the White Bay Power Station website and will remain so for 12 months while Placemaking NSW trials events and activations. You can view the website at [www.whitebaypowerstation.com/community-notice](http://www.whitebaypowerstation.com/community-notice).

The Government and Placemaking NSW sees great value in the current period of testing and trialling different uses, including live entertainment. Each event brings more understanding of the opportunities and limits of the site.

Placemaking NSW has already starting hosting some very successful events including Ministry of Sound and the local community festival 'Power Up' in which there were more than 17,000 people in attendance. Several other events and activations are planned and further information can be found at [www.whitebaypowerstation.com/events](http://www.whitebaypowerstation.com/events)

I thank Inner West Council for its support of arts and entertainment at this significant venue. Placemaking NSW will continue to work closely with Council to understand if the Special Event Precinct designation is suitable for White Bay Power Station in the long term.

Should you have any further questions, Susan Lee, Chief Operating Officer at Placemaking NSW at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure can be contacted on 0439 865 852 or [susan.lee@property.nsw.gov.au](mailto:susan.lee@property.nsw.gov.au)

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 13  
**Subject:** PATHWAY TO A SAFER COOKS RIVER  
**Prepared By:** Aaron Callaghan - Parks Planning and Ecology 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:

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has previously considered two Council officer reports on improving walking and cycling safety along the Cooks River shared pathway after dark. At both the June 2024 and the October 2024 Ordinary Council meetings, key safety issues associated with the pathway and its use after dark were highlighted. This report responds to the most recent Council resolutions and the outcomes of an additional safety inspection which was undertaken by the NSW Police and Council officers on 10 October 2024.

## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 3 September 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

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.*
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.*

## DISCUSSION

Council has formally written to the NSW Government requesting support and funding to address urgent upgrades to lighting improvements along the Cooks River from Kendrick Park through to Steel Park in Marrickville. An initial safety inspection was conducted with Council

officers and the NSW Police on 19 June 2024. To date there has been no substantial response from Government on this issue.

### **Cooks River Walking and Commuter Trail.**

The Cooks River Walking and Commuter trail covers an area of approximately 1.8km and runs from Kendrick Park through to Steel Park, Marrickville. The trail is important as an outdoor recreation trail and is also heavily utilised by working commuters for access to Tempe Station. In recent times there has been a significant increase in the number of Uber Eats delivery cyclists who use the trail as a through-way to support their business trade.

Lighting improvements from Kendrick Park through to Steel Park are urgently needed and NSW State Government assistance to address approvals for this work has been advocated by Council through previous Council resolutions and through formal correspondence. The need for improved lighting is heightened due to the expected increased patronage of Tempe Train Station due to the temporary closure of the T3 Line from Sydenham to Bankstown Stations, a closure which it is anticipated will last until October 2025.

### **Additional Safety Audit 10 October 2024.**

An additional safety audit was undertaken by Council officers and the NSW Police on 10 October 2024. A full summary of the observations of the safety report have been provided by the NSW Police in *Attachment 1*. In summary key observations from the safety inspections are listed in Table 1.0 below as follows:

*Table 1.0 Initial Council Officer Observations  
Safety Audit Kendrick Park to Tempe Station 10 October 2024*

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Observation</b>
Cycle Park Maintenance	Existing cycle Path is well used by both commuter and commercial users (Uber bikes) and has good surface markings. The cycle way requires improved maintenance (sweeping as Casuarina needles are prevalent)
Public Access Stairs- User safety after dark	Nicholson Street Stairs- substandard lighting is present and a review is required to upgrade lighting in this area.
Public Access Stairs- User safety after dark	Griffiths Street Stairs- substandard lighting is present and a review is required to upgrade lighting in this area.
Overgrown vegetation and poor fence line maintenance	The area below the Griffiths Street stairs in the parkland is generally overgrown and poorly maintained. Fencing is not maintained to the rail corridor and illegal dumping of vegetation is prevalent. A dedicated cleanup is required.
Tempe Rail Bridge Safety Concerns	The low security cage which is fitted on the base of the bridge is not very safe for cyclists. Site lines are also hazardous making the approach to this low structure after dark dangerous. A review by Transport for NSW is required. There is nil lighting and nil signage in this area. "Watch your Head" signage would be helpful at each end of the bridge approach. It is noted that the rail

	bridge is owned by Transport for NSW, not Council.
Entrapment Zone South of Rail Bridge	The Pathway south of bridge has rumble strips to slow cyclists. This area is however an entrapment zone due to the rial yard fencing and the edge of the Cooks River. Poor lighting for pedestrians and cyclists adds to the safety risks. Graffiti removal also needs to be actioned. Existing signage is in poor condition and has not been maintained
Pathway Overall	The shared pathway generally has poor lighting which is consistent with the rest of the Cooks River pathway from Mackey Park to Steel Park. Lighting improvements should be considered a priority.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Prioritised maintenance, cleaning, sign repairs and graffiti removal is underway and funded through the existing operational budget.

Presently there is no funding allocation for lighting improvements along the Cooks River Pathway in Council's 2024/25 Delivery Program. There have been previous plans to review lighting which were unsuccessful as permissions / concurrences from state agencies were not forthcoming. These plans are being reviewed to understand current cost implications of an improved lighting plan. Funding support for a lighting improvement projects has been sought from the NSW Government given the significant community safety issues co-identified by the NSW Police.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [NSW Police Security and Safety Assessment Report - Cooks River Walk Kendrick Park to Tempe Station](#)



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11 October 2024

Mr Aaron Callaghan  
Inner West Council  
Parks Planning & Ecology Manager

## RE: Security Assessment of Cooks River Walk Kendrick Park to Tempe Station

Dear Aaron,

At 6.30pm on Thursday the 10th of October 2024, Inner West Police conducted a security assessment of the Cooks River Walk Kendrick Park to Tempe Station. The assessment was conducted after multiple incidents occurred along the Cooks River and were reported to police.

This security assessment has been developed to indicate compliance with statutory requirements, as part of a gap analysis against current insecurities, or as part of a comprehensive assessment program. The safety and security measures assessed are a combination of physical features and all other relevant safety and security actions, provisions and procedures, which define a level of safety and security to protect both life and property. Safety and security measure include both physical 'systems' such as the resistance of the building structure, alarms and detectors, as well as non-physical 'systems' such as safety and security procedures.

### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a crime prevention strategy that focuses on the planning, design and structure of cities and neighbourhoods. It reduces opportunities for crime by using design and place management principles that reduce the likelihood of essential crime ingredients from intersecting in time and space.

Predatory offenders often make cost-benefit assessments of potential victims and locations before committing crime. CPTED aims to create the reality (or perception) that the costs of committing crime are greater than the likely benefits. This is achieved by creating environmental and social conditions that:

- Maximise risk to offenders (increasing the likelihood of detection, challenge and apprehension)
- Maximise the effort required to commit crime (increasing the time, energy and resources required to commit crime)
- Minimise the actual and perceived benefits of crime (removing, minimising or concealing crime attractors and rewards) and
- Minimise excuse making opportunities (removing conditions that encourage/facilitate rationalization of inappropriate behaviour).

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## Recommendations

Following a comprehensive security assessment, the following enhancements are recommended to improve safety and usability in the area:

### 1. REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF CYCLE PATH

The cycle path that runs from Tempe Station to Kendrick Park is used frequently by bicycle riders and pedestrians. Keeping these paths clean from rubbish and general foliage will keep the path wide enough for both directions, reduce injury and will enhance the appearance of the space which makes people feel safer.

### 2. INSTALL LIGHTING ON NICHOLSON STREET RAMP

There was little lighting over the ramp/path from View Street to Quarry Street. Adding lighting to this small walkway will increase safety at night.



### 3. INSTALL LIGHTING FROM TEMPE RAILWAY STATION TO TEMPE RAIL BRIDGE

The pathway between Tempe Railway Station and Tempe Rail Bridge had no lighting. Lighting should be installed to maintain safety for both pedestrians and bicycle riders.

### 4. INSTALL SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING AROUND TEMPE RAIL BRIDGE

The current cage under the railway line is very low and could be a potential hazard. There was no signage to indicate there was a low clearance. The instillation of signs and further lighting could reduce this hazard.

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## 5. INSTALL LIGHTING ON GRIFFITHS STREET STAIRS AND UPGRADE STAIRS

There is little lighting over the stairs from View Street to Griffiths Street. These stairs are also very uneven and difficult to walk on. Adding lighting will increase safety at night and reduce falls. These stairs could also be repaired or renewed as they were uneven which could cause injury to users.



## 6. LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AT KENDRICK PARK

The current lighting at Kendrick Park was yellow in colour, lighting should be upgraded to bright white which is the best lighting for vision at night and projects the furthest. In addition, these lights are far apart, adding in additional lighting will increase vision and safety of the park at night.



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## 7. MAINTAIN FENCE LINE AND GARDEN NEAR GRIFFITHS STREET STAIRS

The current fence line between Griffith Street stairs and the underpass appeared to be damaged and there was dumped garden waste on the fence line most likely from neighbouring properties. Upgrading the fence will reduce trespassing onto the railway corridor and cleaning up the rubbish will improve appearance of the space which makes people feel safer.

## 8. REMOVE GRAFFITI ON THE INSIDE OF TEMPE RAIL BRIDGE

There are several large graffiti markings inside Tempe Rail Bridge. The regular maintenance and removal of graffiti will increase the appearance of the space and make people feel safer and keeping it clean should reduce others from marking premises.



## 9. CLEAN CURRENT SIGNAGE

Current signs around the park appear to be weathered. Having clear signage in the park can improve safety and assist people to go in the intended direction quickly.



## 10. INSTALL EXIT SIGNAGE ON THE PATHWAY

Implementing exit signs along the pathway from Tempe Railway Station to the end of Kendrick Park, especially at stairs leading to roads such as Griffith Street, will allow users to quickly leave the path if they feel unsafe. Clearly marked exits enhance the sense of security for all users.

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## 11. CHANGE BIN TYPE

Change current bins which are located at Kendrick Park from general household rubbish bins to permanent metal enclosed outdoor bins. The current bins can be filled easily by neighbouring properties which causes them to fill quicker and not used for their intended purpose. These bins are often targeted by youths and lit on fire. There's also a risk of theft due to these bins being easy to move.



## Conclusion

NSW Police Force has a vital interest in ensuring the safety of members of the community and their property. By using recommendations contained with this document, any person who does so acknowledges that:

- It is not possible to make areas evaluated by NSW Police Force absolutely safe for the community and their property.
- Recommendations are based upon information provided to, and observations made by NSW Police at the time the document was prepared.
- The evaluation/report is a confidential document and is for the use by the person/organisation referred to on page one of this document.
- The contents of this evaluation/report are not to be copied or circulated otherwise than for the purpose of the person/organisation referred to at the start of the Assessment.

NSW Police Force hopes that by using the recommendations contained with this report, criminal activity will be reduced and the safety of the members of the community will be increased. However, it does not guarantee that all risks have been identified, or that the area evaluated will be free from criminal activity if its recommendations are followed.

I would like to thank you for your interest in improving the security of this park and in preventing crime in our community. Should you require any further information on the subjects covered in this Security Assessment please feel free to contact me on the number below.

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**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 14  
**Subject:** LEICHHARDT OVAL PUBLIC ACCESS - WAYNE PEARCE HILL  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager  
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## 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

This report provides an update on the extension of the public access to the Wayne Pearce Hill at Leichhardt Oval for passive recreation providing weekday access from dawn to dusk that was previously permitted between December 2023 and April 2024.

The public access supported unstructured recreation activities, principally for dog walking on the hill areas which lie outside of the main fenced sporting oval.

During this further trial period, May 2024 to October 2024 the toilets were kept closed, reducing the significant costs of daily cleaning that were incurred during the first trial period.

During the first trial period additional costs were incurred also with the use of contract security to open and close the main gates at Mary Street and Clover Street. During this second period, Council's Rangers were tasked with this action.

Due to the low impact of providing public access as currently structured, Council will continue to allow the use of the Wayne Pearce Hill at Leichhardt Oval for passive recreation providing weekday access from dawn until approximately 6-6.15pm each weekday to coincide with Council staff's rostered shifts.

## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on the 10 October 2023, Council resolved the following in part:

2. *That Council incorporate provision for public access to the Wayne Pearce Hill for passive recreation based on the same principles as the existing, successful use of Henson Park. This to commence with a trial of weekday access, including evenings, to be undertaken from December 2023 to February 2024.*

Wayne Pearce Hill was made publicly accessible between Monday to Friday dawn to dusk, and on match days, access was not available after 9am. Access onto the sporting field was not permitted at any time.

The purpose of the trial was principally to allow the community safe access and use of the hill areas of the oval for exercise and socialisation.

A Report was submitted to the April 2024 Council meeting (*Attachment 1*) that details the community engagement outcomes associated with a trial of public access to the Wayne Pearce Hill at Leichhardt Oval for passive recreation providing weekday access, from dawn to dusk, which was undertaken between December 2023 and April 2024.

The public exhibition took place between 8 March and 7 April 2024. At the time of publication, council has received feedback from 10 participants with 90% of respondents in support of the proposal.

As the trial occurred over the 2023/2024 summer holiday period, Council staff recommended that a review be undertaken in six months to consider the community utilisation and any associated impacts through the winter season also.

At the Council meeting held on 9 April 2024, resolved the following:

1. *That Council endorse to continue public access to the Wayne Pearce Hill for passive recreation providing weekday access, from dawn to dusk.*
2. *That a review be undertaken in six months' time on the utilisation of the Wayne Pearce Hill and a report brought back to Council.*

## DISCUSSION

Over the last 6 months The Wayne Pearce Hill (the Hill) has been made publicly accessible Monday to Friday, from dawn to dusk. Council officers have observed and spoken to the users attending the Hill and anecdotally report that they have been happy their current access to the Hill for recreation particularly for exercising their dogs.

There is approximately 3 regular off leash dog walkers, 1 group of 2 who regularly attend with gym equipment to complete a fitness work out and other irregular groups of walkers who take advantage of the short cut between Glover Street and Mary Street. On average there is a total of approximately 6 users of the Hill each weekday morning.

Each afternoon there are regulars who pass through the Hill for exercise and dog walking of their dogs off-leash. On average there is a total of approximately 6 users of the Hill each weekday afternoon.

## Associated Impacts

Despite no access to the sporting field being communicated through Council's website, signage and locked gates and fences some users have chosen to enter the field, some have allowed their dogs on field. This has taken place at times when Council staff have not been present.

On match days access was not available after 9am. Following the NRL match held at Leichhardt Oval in July and heavy rain the Hill was required to close for 1 week for safety concerns and to allow the Hill to recover from the damage caused by the large crowd. Council has not received any negative feedback from users regarding these arrangements.

Over the last 6-month period the Hills toilets have remained closed during the Hill opening times, reducing the additional costs of daily cleaning.

Unlocking and Locking of the Hill gates has been managed by Council's Rangers and has worked well over the winter months.



Since Australian Eastern daylight savings time has commenced, and to accommodate their shifts, Councils Rangers will lock the Mary Street and Glover Street gate at approximately 6-6.15pm each weekday.

Other impacts of opening the Hill to the public has been:

- Owners not picking up after their dogs, requiring Council staff and cleaning contractors to occasionally action this; and
- Dogs digging up the grass / worn out areas which creates divots requiring Council grounds staff to repair the damage.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial impacts related to the recommendations in this report.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Council Report April 2024 Leichhardt Oval Public Access and Community Engagement Outcomes

**Item No:** C0424(1) Item 11  
**Subject:** LEICHHARDT OVAL PUBLIC ACCESS POST-TRIAL AND CONSULTATION OUTCOMES  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Kelly Loveridge - Director Corporate

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse to continue public access to the Wayne Pearce Hill for passive recreation providing weekday access, from dawn to dusk.
2. That a review be undertaken in six months time on the utilisation of the Wayne Pearce Hill and a report brought back to Council.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the community engagement outcomes associated with a trial of public access to the Wayne Pearce Hill at Leichhardt Oval for passive recreation providing weekday access, from dawn to dusk, which was undertaken between December 2023 and April 2024.

The trial supported unstructured recreation activities, principally for dog walking on the hill areas which lie outside of the main fenced sporting oval.

The public exhibition took place between 8 March and 7 April 2024. At the time of publication, council has received feedback from 10 participants with 90% of respondents in support of the proposal.

## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on the 10 October 2023, Council resolved the following in part:

2. *That Council incorporate provision for public access to the Wayne Pearce Hill for passive recreation based on the same principles as the existing, successful use of Henson Park. This to commence with a trial of weekday access, including evenings, to be undertaken from December 2023 to February 2024.*

Wayne Pearce Hill was made publicly accessible between Monday to Friday dawn to dusk, and on match days, access was not available after 9am. Access onto the sporting field was not permitted at any time.

The purpose of the trial was principally to allow the community safe access and use of the hill areas of the oval for exercise and socialisation.

Following the trial period of opening, the community was subsequently encouraged to provide comment about whether the trial conditions should be made permanent.

## DISCUSSION

Following the conclusion of the trial period, Council undertook community engagement with residents encouraging feedback to be provided on the trial period. The Community Engagement outcomes report associated with community feedback on the trial period can be accessed via Council's website via the following link: [Wayne Pearce Hill, Leichhardt Oval | Your Say Inner West \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/your-say-inner-west)

Wayne Pearce Hill was made publicly accessible between Monday to Friday, from dawn to dusk. On match days access was not available after 9am and access to the sporting field was not permitted.

The public exhibition took place between 8 March and 7 April 2024 with online respondents asked if they supported public access at Wayne Pearce Hill.

The table below shows the number of downloads for the from the Your Say Inner West project page:

Discussion	Downloads
Public Access to Wayne Pearce Hill	191

Ten (10) separate submissions were received as at the time of publication. Should any further submissions be received, updated information will be provided to Council. Of the ten responses, nine responded yes with one response of don't know / unsure.

Details of the submissions and staff comments are outlined below:

Support (Yes or No)	Public Exhibition Comment/Explanation	IWC Comment
Yes	<i>I love being able to come sit on the hill whenever I want. It's a beautiful place to spend an afternoon and it makes me feel connected to the area in a really profound way. It's living history, a moment in the present and a place for the future all at once. I also support any measure that gets more use out of the ground because that will help secure funding to keep it as an NRL ground, which is an intrinsic part of this suburb's history.</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Yes	<i>the trial has been a great asset to the local community providing a safe area away from traffic</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Yes	<i>It has been lovely to walk into the park at lunch times when I'm working from home and don't have time to get to the ovals that are further away.</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.

	<i>It's a nice oval right near our home and it's just nice to be there amongst all the history of the tigers etc.</i>	
	<i>We appreciate you opening up the space and for asking the community. Thank you.</i>	
Yes	<i>Fantastic use of the grounds for the community. I run my dogs nearly every day and would be extremely disappointed if it went away.</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Yes	<i>Wish it was open on the weekends as well (non-game days of course). Love going there with the dogs</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Yes	<i>We love being able to walk our dogs and meet up with our neighbours in this lovely space.</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Yes	<i>As a resident of Lilyfield, I absolutely cherished having access to Wayne Pearce Hill. I loved to walk my dogs on the grounds, and always made sure to leave it looking clean (picking up dog poo). I had a picnic on the oval with friends and walked with the neighbours to Wayne Pearce Hill. I also would go for a run on the grounds, as it kept my exercise routine interesting! By keeping this place open to the public on weekdays, it creates another unique community space for everyone to enjoy. I am so excited to potentially have access to it all year round!</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Yes	<i>No comment</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Yes	<i>No comment</i>	Council officers have noted the support for access to the Wayne Pearce Hill.
Don't know/ unsure	<i>I think the whole thing is ridiculous! Who on earth would want to go there?</i>	Council officers have noted the comment that it is not a preferred location to access.

Noting the overwhelmingly positive support received it is proposed that the Wayne Pearce Hill remain open for public access and thoroughfare. As the trial occurred over the summer holiday period, a review will be undertaken in six months to consider the community utilisation and any associated impacts through the winter season also.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the ongoing operational costs associated with the unlocking and locking of the Glover Street and Mary Street gates each day can be funded through existing Facilities operational budgets.

## ATTACHMENTS

Council Meeting  
9 April 2024

Nil.

Item 14

Attachment 1

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 15  
**Subject:** UPDATE ON CREATIVE USE OF TOWN HALLS  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager  
**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:

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the continued activation of Inner West Council's Creative Use of Town Halls program.

## BACKGROUND

The implementation of the Creative Use of Council Venues Pilot Program (Pilot Program) is part of the initiatives set out in the Arts and Music Recovery Plan, endorsed by Council in May 2023.

### Pilot Program of Town Hall Activations/Creative Space

The Pilot Program was implemented in the second half of 2023 and recommended for the immediate procurement of audio, lighting, and other necessary technical equipment to support the ongoing activation of creative spaces within the town halls.

The Pilot Program provided critical learning as to how Council spaces can best serve the creative community. Preliminary costings to estimate the infrastructure needed for each town hall to be functional were identified and provided previously in a Council Report.

Council staff also worked with the Marrickville Town Hall Steering Committee to design recommendations for a more substantial fit out of Marrickville Town Hall. Including the basement (previously used for Council's Marrickville Library). The ground floor rooms have been developed as studio and micro presentation spaces.

At the council meeting held on 5 December 2023, Council considered a report discussing design recommendations for the fit out of the town halls generally, and in particular the Marrickville Town Hall basement space and ground floor rooms.

At that meeting Council resolved in part:

*That Council consider expenditure for the fit-out of town halls for artistic purposes, including Marrickville Town Hall, as part of the budget workshop process in early 2024, considering a baseline of equipment that can activate spaces and harmonise the experience of hirers and patrons in our town halls.*

At the Council meeting held on 5 March 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

8. *That Council endorse the Community Venue Hire Grants and Fee Scale Policy being amended as below and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to seek community feedback on the proposed amendment:*

*That Table 1: Schedule of Scaled Fees and Categories of Organisation be amended to include all creative individuals or groups requesting use of Town Halls or their associated spaces in the 100% scaled fee waiver category, where the activity or event to be held is not primarily a fundraising event.*

The draft Community Venue Hire Grants and Fee Scale Policy was subsequently placed on public exhibition.

At the council meeting held on 9 April 2024, following its public exhibition, Council resolved to adopt the updated Community Venue Hire Grants and Fee Scale Policy and allow creative individuals or groups the use of Town Halls or their associated spaces with a 100% fee waiver in accordance with the conditions contained within the policy.

## DISCUSSION

### Micro Studios (Completed)

As part of the first stage of the activation, during the month of June 2024, Micro Studios (Studio) were procured and installed at the following town halls:

1. Petersham Town Hall
2. Leichhardt Town Hall
3. St Peter's Town Hall
4. Marrickville Town Hall
5. Annandale Community Centre

Each studio includes a sound mixing system, speakers, microphones, lighting rig and controller, a portable stage will be included to enable some of the largest spaces in our town halls (or venues if required) to be used for presentations.

Each Studio also contains a lockable container to store the mixer, microphones, cabling, and control mechanism for the lighting.

An Instruction Guide was drafted and is being provided to hirers for the management of the hire of the equipment.

*Table 1: Schedule of equipment in each Micro Studio*

No	Item
1	Portable stage comprising 4 off 2m x 1m
1	8 Channel Analogue Mixer and table
1	Portable Lighting rig with multi coloured lights
2	Speakers (Audience)
2	Speakers (Monitor)
3	Microphones and stands
2	Boom Microphones and stands





Fig.1 – Micro Studio @ Winged Victory Room – Marrickville Town Hall

### **Promoting the availability of town halls**

Council staff will continue to engage with the Inner West creative sector including Pilot Program participants to ensure continued access to the town halls. Recently a social media campaign was launched through June and July 2024 to build further on community awareness on the availability of the town halls.

Advertising banners were designed and procured to help promote this around each of the town hall sites and were installed by 20 June 2024.

### **Creative Concierge Service**

Based on learnings and experience from creative enquiries and bookings since the July 2024 announcement, the Creative Communities team are currently updating the application form for creatives to streamline their experience and strengthen the concierge support provided to the creative sector.

### **Bookings for creative use**

The spaces across all of the town halls (excluding Marrickville Town Hall basement) were made available to be booked by the community via the existing venue hire booking system on Council's website here <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/explore/venues-for-hire/creative-town-halls>

The webpages were updated with the new spaces that have been made available and contains information about each space including:



- Size and capacity
- Bookable Hours
- Facilities within each room, including AV and digital capability
- Accessibility
- Location and transport options
- Conditions of hire
- Plan of the room within the Town Hall
- An image gallery to visually describe what is available for the hirer

Council is tracking the use of its venues by hirers by type, and Since 1 July 2023 has been able to report on the use of each Town Hall for creative purposes.

The results do not include the use of town halls for other purposes, and a report will be brought to the February Council meeting with information of all uses of Councils town halls, as well as all of its other community venues.

The following table provides a breakdown of creative use of each town hall, with the last three months highlighted from the official announcement from 1 July 2024.

Table 2: Creative Use of town halls by venue

VENUE	Jul to Dec 2023 (six months)	Jan to Jun 2024 (six months)	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Annandale Community Centre	49	273	65	62	60
Ashfield Town Hall	34	159	54	37	27
Balmain Town Hall *	43	0*	0*	0*	9
Leichhardt Town Hall	9	71	25	54	56
Marrickville Town Hall	105	138	41	25	30
Petersham Town Hall	21	81	12	35	14
St Peters Town Hall	46	148	64	56	64
Others (non-Town Hall venue)	180	234	108	132	159
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>419</b>

NOTE: Balmain Town Hall was closed for renovations during part of 2023/24 and was unable to take any bookings.

Table 3: Breakdown of creative use by type

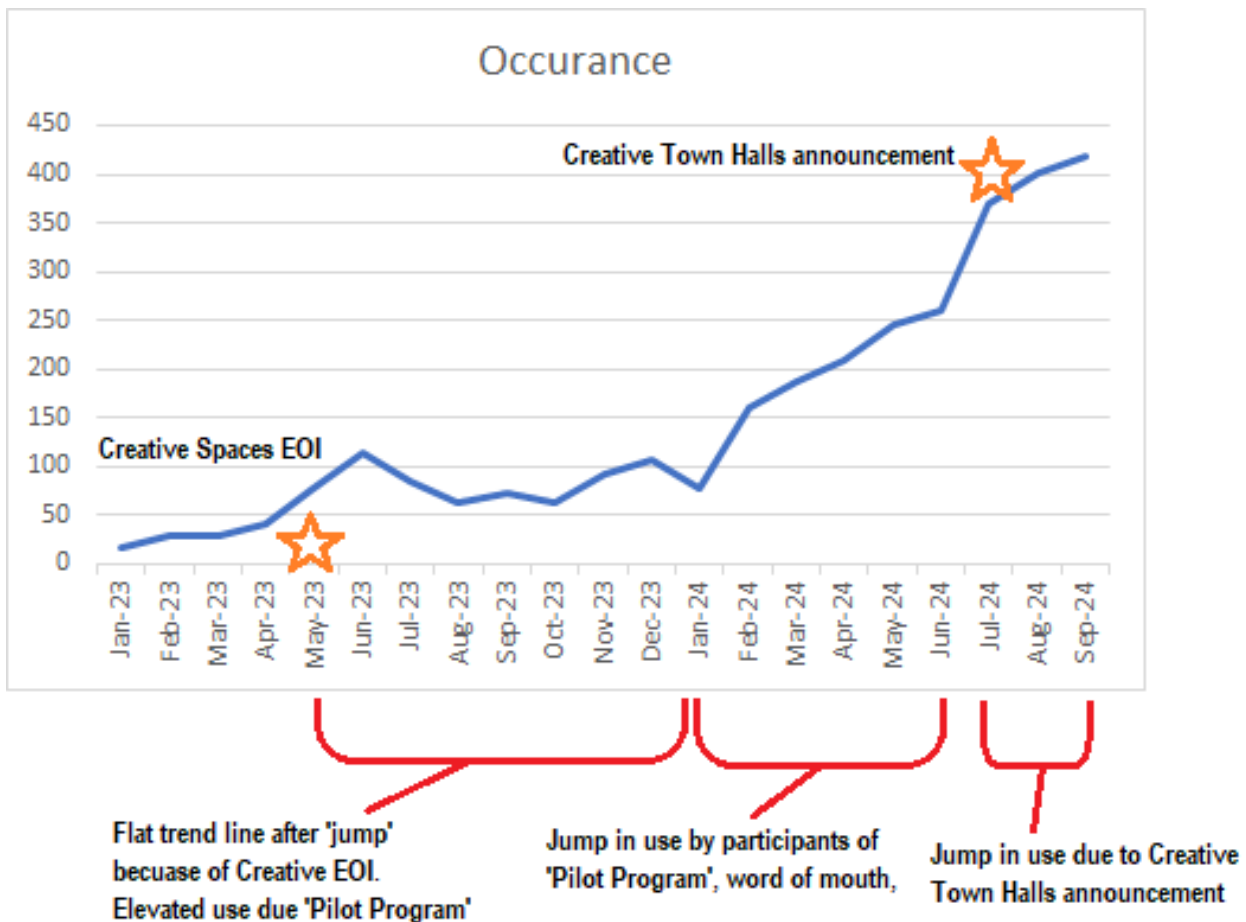


Table 4: Breakdown of creative use by type

Month/Year	Concert / Musical	Exhibition	Filming	Performance	Rehearsal
Jan-23	0	0	1	0	17
Feb-23	0	0	0	0	29
Mar-23	0	0	2	0	28
Apr-23	0	0	11	0	31
May-23	0	0	2	0	75
Jun-23	0	0	0	0	113
Jul-23	0	0	9	1	76
Aug-23	2	0	1	6	55
Sep-23	2	0	2	0	70
Oct-23	2	0	5	4	53
Nov-23	31	12	0	0	50
Dec-23	58	0	6	1	41
Jan-24	6	0	5	9	58
Feb-24	17	0	29	10	105
Mar-24	30	0	40	15	102
Apr-24	16	3	1	24	165
May-24	24	4	0	43	175
Jun-24	25	2	2	43	189

Jul-24	16	7	5	20	264
Aug-24	32	0	26	21	325
Sep-24	23	0	4	20	372

It is noted that *Rehearsals* have been the dominant type of Creative Use since the announcement, reinforcing the main need of these spaces for the creative community.

## NEXT STEPS

### AV Equipment including Projection

Work is currently being planned on a Marrickville, Petersham and Balmain Town Halls to upgrade the main halls with Audio Visual equipment including speakers, mixing desks, lighting and a projector, similar to what has been installed at Leichhardt Town Hall. The equipment is planned to be installed by the end of 2024.

### Acoustic Treatment

In addition, as part of the proposed capital works to be undertaken on Marrickville, Petersham, St Peters Town Hall during 24/25 an acoustic consultant has been engaged to provide recommendations on improving the acoustic performance of the spaces with the introduction of the EV equipment. The acoustic treatments recommended by the consultant will be included in the capital works program for the respective sites.

### Marrickville Town Hall Basement

The opportunities identified as part of the Pilot Program for the basement include being able to set it up as a multi-functional black box, that can be arranged to suit a variety of performance modes.

Attached to the main space in the basement are two rooms with separate access from carpark. These rooms are intended to be soundproofed and could be used as music rehearsal / recording studios which can be independently accessed alongside the main space.

When there are presentation outcomes in the main space, these rehearsal / recording spaces can be used as dressing rooms given their proximity to the main space.

There is a third room with separate access from Petersham Road, that is also intended to be soundproofed and could also be used as a music rehearsal / recording.

Now that the Electoral Commission has vacated the basement and the site is accessible, procurement can be progressed to consider different options that might be considered for the design, construction, and costs to establish each of the soundproofed rooms that could be used for music rehearsal / recording studios.

### Ashfield Town Hall

Ashfield Town Hall was designed with a control room that had previously been fitted out with sound and lighting desk, with speakers and a projector mounted at the stage. In lieu of providing a micro studio an audit was undertaken of the existing equipment.

The equipment was found to either be non-operational or beyond its useful life and the lighting desk is being repaired, a new audio channel mixer is being purchased, and projection facilities are being upgraded and will be ready for use by the end of October 24.

## Balmain Town Hall

The Balmain Town Hall's meeting room, Uncle Bob Webb Chambers is also being upgraded with new audio visual and projection capabilities as part of the procurement of AV Equipment currently being undertaken.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A budget of \$800,000 was approved for the development and fit out of the town halls for creative use.

\$145,559.39 has been spent to date on the installation of the micro studios and the upgrade to the Ashfield Town Hall

The remaining budget will be used for the proposed fit out program of capital works, including key refurbishment works at Marrickville Town Hall basement.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 16  
**Subject:** DUAL NAMING OF LOCAL PARKS AND OVALS  
**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:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has made several resolutions in relation to dual naming and acknowledgement of local Aboriginal culture. In addition, the Naming Policy endorsed by Council on 3 September 2024 provides clear guidance on dual naming with Aboriginal language names where "such a name is both dignified and appropriate, particularly thematic names such as language for flora or fauna".

In 2024, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was consulted on this issue and advised that dual naming of inclusive playgrounds is appropriate.

## BACKGROUND

In the previous term of Council, there were several resolutions made to consult the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee on dual naming of local parks and reserves.

At the Council meeting held on 5 December 2023, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council consider dual naming of major Inner West parks and ovals that may have particular significance for local Aboriginal people with Aboriginal place names.*
2. *That Council consult with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee on the initiative.*
3. *That if the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee supports dual naming of major Inner West parks and ovals, report back by March 2024 on a plan to consult the community on the proposal, beginning with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and concluding with a completed consultation report coming to Council by July 2024.*

Subsequently, at the Council meeting held on 26 June 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council note resolution C1123(1) - Consultation on Dual Naming of Major Inner West Parks and Ovals, requesting that officers consult the Inner West Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee on the proposal and report back to the Council by May 2024 with a full consultation plan to engage the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council and local residents.*

2. *That within that framework, Council consult with the Inner West Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, seeking ideas and recommendations for the dual naming of the area known as "Marrickville Park" in the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward. Dual naming would encourage Connection to Country and recognise Aboriginal cultural heritage.*

Additionally, at the Council meeting held on 22 October 2024, Council resolved the following:

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.*

## DISCUSSION

Through 2023/24 Council developed, exhibited, and adopted a new Naming Policy. Council's Naming Policy provides guidance and direction for the naming of parks and ovals that are either owned or under the care and control of Inner West Council. Connection to Country through language, cultural practice and long held relationships are intrinsically connected to identity for Aboriginal peoples and are allowed for in the Naming Policy.

The Naming Policy encourages Aboriginal language names where such a name is both dignified and appropriate, particularly thematic names such as language for flora or fauna. The use of Aboriginal place names through the dual naming process is also a commitment in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan to recognise Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Naming Policy states that "a dual naming system may be used when a non-Aboriginal assigned geographical name already exists for a place of physical and environmental significance to the local Aboriginal community or the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. The use of Aboriginal naming for Council's wards is such an example".

With the Council Naming Policy guidance in mind, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was consulted on dual naming in 2024 and considered Council's direction to reflect on ovals and parks with significance to Aboriginal peoples. The Committee also considered how best to balance the Naming Policy principles of "uniqueness, dignity, and appropriateness".

The Committee noted that a variety of Aboriginal names are in use for local parks and reserves in the Inner West, but that there are no major parks or ovals with physical and environmental significance for local Aboriginal people or that suggest an obvious Aboriginal name. There are already a number of Council parks and reserves that already have Aboriginal or dual names, or are named for Aboriginal people:

- Badu Reserve (Annandale)
- Birrung Park/Whites Bay Reserve (Balmain)
- Cadigal Reserve (Summer Hill)
- Douglas Grant Memorial Reserve (Annandale): named for a prominent Aboriginal resident, WWI veteran and designer of the *Sydney Harbour Bridge WW1 Memorial* in Callan Park
- Illoura Reserve (East Balmain)
- Paringa Reserve (Balmain)

- Wangal Nura Park (Leichhardt)
- Yurulbin Park (Birchgrove).

The Committee advises Council that one approach to dual naming would be to use the Aboriginal ward names which have been in place since 2018. This has the advantage of building on the now widespread use of these Aboriginal names and the connection to Country that this has engendered.

The Committee suggests that Council consider dual naming of the five new inclusive playgrounds for the ward they are located in. This approach would enable local children in the Inner West to interact with Aboriginal culture and language and develop a connection to Country through their physical play spaces in local parks.

The Committee suggested renaming or dual naming the new inclusive playgrounds using the name of the ward in which they are located as a way to acknowledge authentic cultural connection. The use of the Baludarri (Leather Jacket) motif in the redevelopment of the first of these playgrounds at King George Oval illustrates how this might work. The playground itself could be named Baludarri Playground, located within King George Park. Children and families using the playground might experience the new cultural identity and connection to Country. The Committee appreciates the opportunity that this might present for young people to develop this cultural connection and build on throughout their lives.

For the other four inclusive playgrounds, the naming or dual naming might proceed as follows:

- Gulgadya Playground at Richard Murden Reserve, Haberfield
- Djarrawunang Playground at Yeo Park, Ashfield
- Damun Playground at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, Camperdown
- Midjuburi Playground at Steel Park, South Marrickville.

The Committee did not propose any parks or ovals for consideration. As an alternative, the Committee suggests that Council might name a major park or oval in each ward with the Aboriginal name for that ward. Council officers could provide advice on which ovals or parks were suitable for dual naming, bearing in mind the Naming Policy.

Once this issue is resolved, public engagement can be undertaken, including with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report. Any signage costs associated with dual naming of playgrounds can be met within existing infrastructure budgets.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 17  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: DESPOINTES STREET FLOODING  
**From:** Councillor Victor Macri

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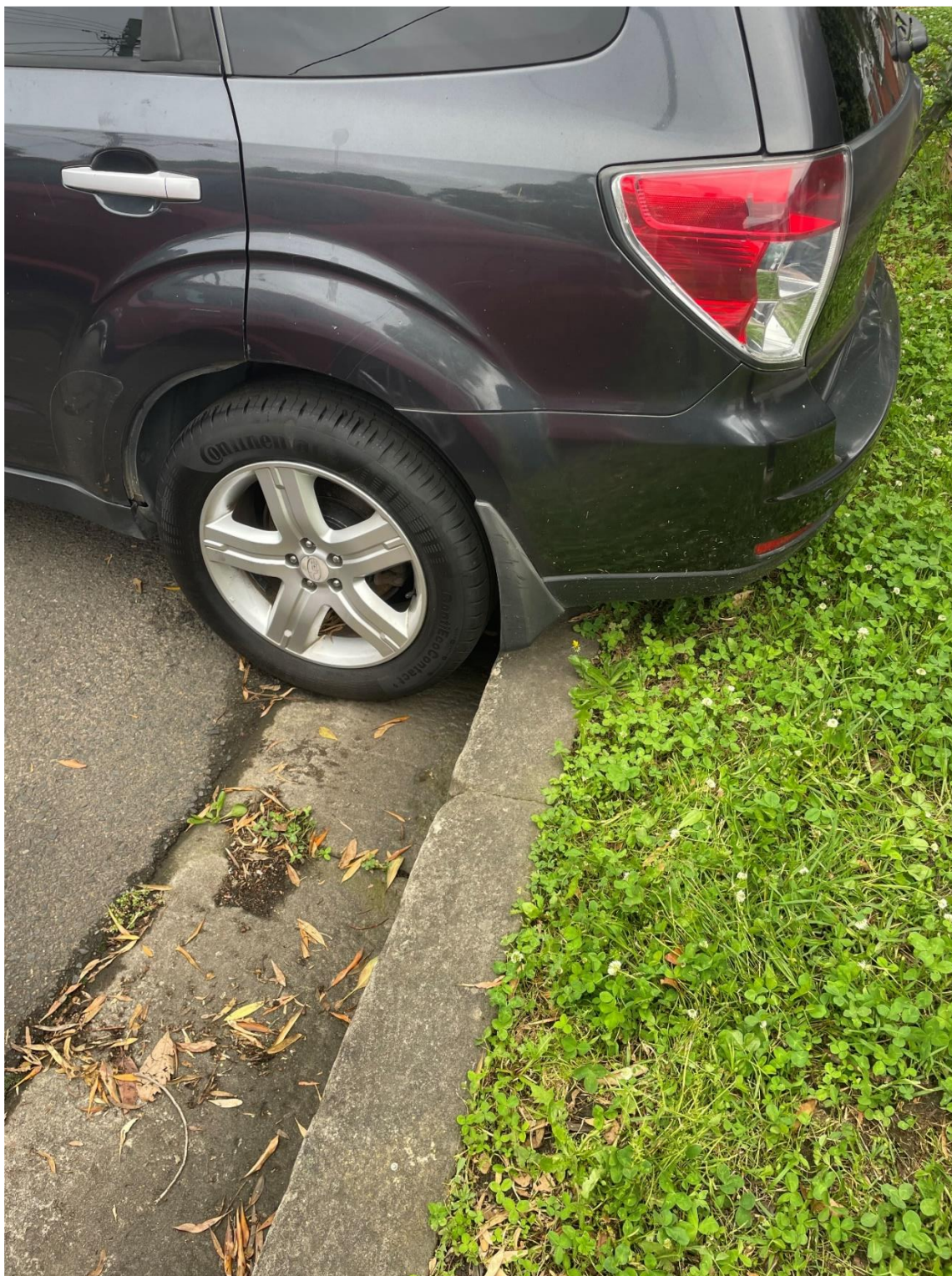
**MOTION**

1. That Council notes there is an existing flooding issue at the low end of the street. On the side where the 90-degree parking takes place this aggravated by the vehicles that park hard up against the kerb not allowing the rain water to flow directly into the drain forcing it on to the footpath making it difficult for the elderly residents to access their property.
  2. That Council investigate placing stoppers to maintain the ability for the rainwater to enter the drain without being diverted onto the footpath and ponding creating a safety issue.
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**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

Item No: C1124(1) Item 18  
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT 1977  
From: Councillor Liz Atkins

### **MOTION**

1. That Council strongly supports the calls of trade unions, community legal centres, LGBTIQ+ organisations, and sex worker organisations for an intersectional Anti-Discrimination Act that:
  - a) Has an expanded list of protected attributes, including but not restricted to sex workers, survivors of domestic and family violence, migration or visa status, homelessness/accommodation status, and irrelevant criminal record;
  - b) Replaces the comparator test and puts a positive obligation on to employers and service providers to be inclusive;
  - c) Increases the resources provided to the Anti-Discrimination Board NSW, and extends the right to hear ADA cases to the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) where workers can be represented by their union; and
  - d) Removes the right of private educational institutions, faith based organisations, small businesses, sporting groups, and superannuation funds to unjustly discriminate.
2. That Council urges the NSW government to commit to the increased funding of community legal centres, and making LGBTIQ+ and sex worker representation a priority funding area, so that people are best able to make use of these protections.
3. That Council strongly supports the full decriminalisation of sex work, and the removal of penalties targeting sex workers in the Summary Offences Act.
4. That Council notes with concern the issues of policing which were removed from the Equality Bill, and urges a review of the Mandatory Disease Testing process.
5. That Council calls upon the NSW government to address these issues in a timely manner, and to make clear its public position on these reforms before the next Mardi Gras.
6. That Council requests staff compose a letter reflecting this position, which will then be sent by the Inner West Mayor to all members of NSW Parliament.

### **Background**

The Anti-Discrimination Act is no longer fit for purpose. It was first reviewed by the NSW Law Reform Commission in 1991, and after almost a decade of review the LRC finally brought [161 recommendations to parliament](#) on the 4th of April, 2000. The vast majority of these recommendations, which included amending religious exceptions that target queer people, have not been acted upon in the 24 years of government since.

In the lead up to World Pride in 2022, Alex Greenwich proposed an 'Equality Bill' to begin eliminating discrimination in NSW which had and continues to have the most regressive laws in the country for queer people. This bill would have resolved many of those outstanding issues. A heavily amended version of this bill received the support of NSW Parliament in October, which saw a significant win in the form of birth certificate reform for adults. The process of these amendments saw many other issues left to further reviews, including reform

of the Anti-Discrimination Act and full decriminalisation of sex work, but with no commitment to action.

The Anti-Discrimination Act has been referred to the NSW LRC, yet again, and the LRC received over [90 submissions in its preliminary consultations](#). These submissions argued for:

- Expanding jurisdiction for handling complaints to the IRC and more resourcing of the Anti-Discrimination Board NSW for handling complaints in a timely manner;
- A legal framework that addressed intersectionality, removes the comparator test, and places a positive responsibility upon employers and service providers;
- An expanded list of protected attributes which included sex workers, survivors of domestic and family violence, migration or visa status, homelessness/accommodation status, and irrelevant criminal record; and
- Removing exemptions to discrimination law such by independent educational providers, faith-based employers, superannuation, and small businesses.

The preliminary report is expected to be tabled in coming months, but the full report is expected to take several more years. This report will not be binding, and the government has as yet made no public commitments to action.

This Motion supports outcome 4.1.3 of our Community Strategic Plan: Address social inequity, obstacles to participation and social exclusion.

## **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.



**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 19  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ECEC PAY AND CONDITIONS  
**From:** Councillor Liz Atkins and Councillor Olivia Barlow

### **MOTION**

1. That Council in principle supports applying for newly announced federal funding to increase the pay for educators by 15%, and asks that Council be provided with a briefing note by the end of 2024 on how this can be actioned.
2. That Council in principle supports the United Services Union log of claims for the Early Childhood Education & Care splinter award, and writes to the CEO, board, and bargaining representatives of Local Government NSW to:
  - a) express our full support for these claims; and,
  - b) recommend that LGNSW affirm its support of the splinter award as quickly as possible to give councils and their employees clarity on the year ahead.
3. That Council prepare a report on possible avenues to reduce labour hire in our early learning centres, and that this report address potential options of partnerships with TAFE NSW for a blended Diploma of Early Childhood Education & Care delivery with the purpose of expanding our in-house workforce.

### **Background**

The early learning sector is experiencing an ongoing labour crisis with 62% of educators stating that they will leave the sector in the next few years due to low wages and high workloads, according to a United Workers' Union poll conducted over a 10-day period from July 19 to July 29, 2024 and included responses from 1,110 early childhood educators and 189 parents with children in early education, and many younger educators living in severe financial stress, leading to quick burn out. Anglicare's reports have also revealed that 99.1% of rentals in Australia are unaffordable on an educator's wage. This labour crisis will inevitably cause a decline in quality of care and education, and is already seeing a rise in breaches of quality standards around NSW.

Federally, the Albanese government has attempted to intervene by offering a grant to employers that will allow them to pass on a 15% pay rise over the next two years for educators. The application for the grant is [here](#) and councils have been confirmed as eligible. The United Services Union is also proposing a splinter award for educators in local government, which would sit alongside the local government award. They have released their [log of claims](#), which raises important issues around leave, allowances, and placements, and in September contacted Mayors seeking their support.

This is important for the local government sector which is one of the largest providers of early learning in NSW with approximately 300 centres collectively. Inner West Council operates 11 Early Learning Centres, 2 Out of School Hours Care, Vacation Care, an Occasional Care service, a Pre-School, the Magic Yellow Bus mobile playgroup and a Family Day Care network and is a stakeholder both as an employer and a member body of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) which bargains with the union on pay and conditions. LGNSW's bargaining with the USU on the educator splinter award has been protracted and will soon approach its second year.

Ensuring educators in the local government sector receive fair pay and conditions is important in order to deliver care & education in our services that exceeds the National Quality

Standards. It is also a key way we can implement outcome 4.4.2 of our Community Strategic Plan: Provide quality children's education and care services to ensure a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

**Links:**

**UWU Poll Results:**

<https://bigsteps.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/the-crisis-in-early-education-uwu-report.pdf>

**Anglicare Reports:**

<https://www.anglicare.asn.au/publications/2024-rental-affordability-snapshot/>

**USU log of claims:**

<https://usu.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/MISC-ECEC-Schedule-2-240305.pdf>

**Officer's Comments:**

**Comment from Director Community:**

Council continues to work closely with the United Services Union, LGNSW and the relevant Federal Government agencies to understand the application requirements for the new funding. The Government is currently finalising the policy detail for applications and there will be one opportunity only to apply. Council staff are committed to understanding the final detail so that a successful application can be made.

In relation to the proposed splinter award, this is not a matter for Inner West Council or any individual Council. LGNSW represents all Councils in NSW in these negotiations and is the appropriate body to do so on behalf of Councils as employers. Council's early learning team and services have strong, long-term working relationships with TAFE NSW, particularly Petersham TAFE (one of the few that focus on ELC qualifications and placements). Student placements are regularly hosted across Council's ELC's and recent students have been successful in ongoing employment.

There is a documented national shortage of qualified ELC staff. Council remains committed to reducing the need for agency staff. Council's own casual pool has reduced reliance on agency costs and provided career pathways to permanent roles better educational continuity for children. However, agency staff are always required to "top up" the availability of casual staff and ensure that legislative ratios of staff to children are always maintained in every service. This varies on a day to day basis and is an operational matter for Council staff. A report back to Council is not required.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 20  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: PARKING TRAFFIC PLAN FOR HENSON PARK EVENTS  
**From:** Councillor Victor Macri

### **MOTION**

1. That Council engage the Sydney Swans W and work with them to close Centennial Street north to residents and Tennis Court & Restaurant users only on game day.
2. That Council consult the residents of Sydenham Road (Warham Lane) that are impacted by the parking in the rear lane impeding access to their garages by signposting no parking signs on weekends.
3. That Council facilitate discussion with Marrickville High to open the school grounds to allow parking for a fee to the spectators on game days.

### **Background**

That Council notes the great outcomes with Henson Park with the upgraded works that are currently underway creating a tremendous truly community facility that is being enjoyed by many in the local community from walkers, dog walkers, joggers ,even people that just sit on them hill to enjoy the sun they are generally local people majority would just walk to the park.

With the popularity of the Sydney Swans Women's AFL at Henson Park they are attracting fans from all over Sydney of which many are choosing to drive which is having an impact to the surrounding residents due to a lack of parking or a plan to deal with this issue. The day starts at 10 am and goes through to 6pm before the area starts to clear.

There are 3 main issues;

1. Centennial Street north is a short street and a no through road, which on game day leads to a safety issue with pedestrians converging on the ground and vehicles trying to make 3 point turns once they realise there is no parking as the majority of properties have no off street parking therefore at any given time there is no on street parking available. As what has recently been done for Holmesdale Street for the past 2 games.
2. The operation of the Tennis Courts and Restaurant is also hindered as their car park has a reduced number of parking spots which due to the large Foxtel trucks in the car park and spectators vying for the limited parking spaces.
3. The houses opposite Henson Park on Sydenham Road have rear lane access but can't leave or enter their properties because spectators are parking opposite their garages in the lane.

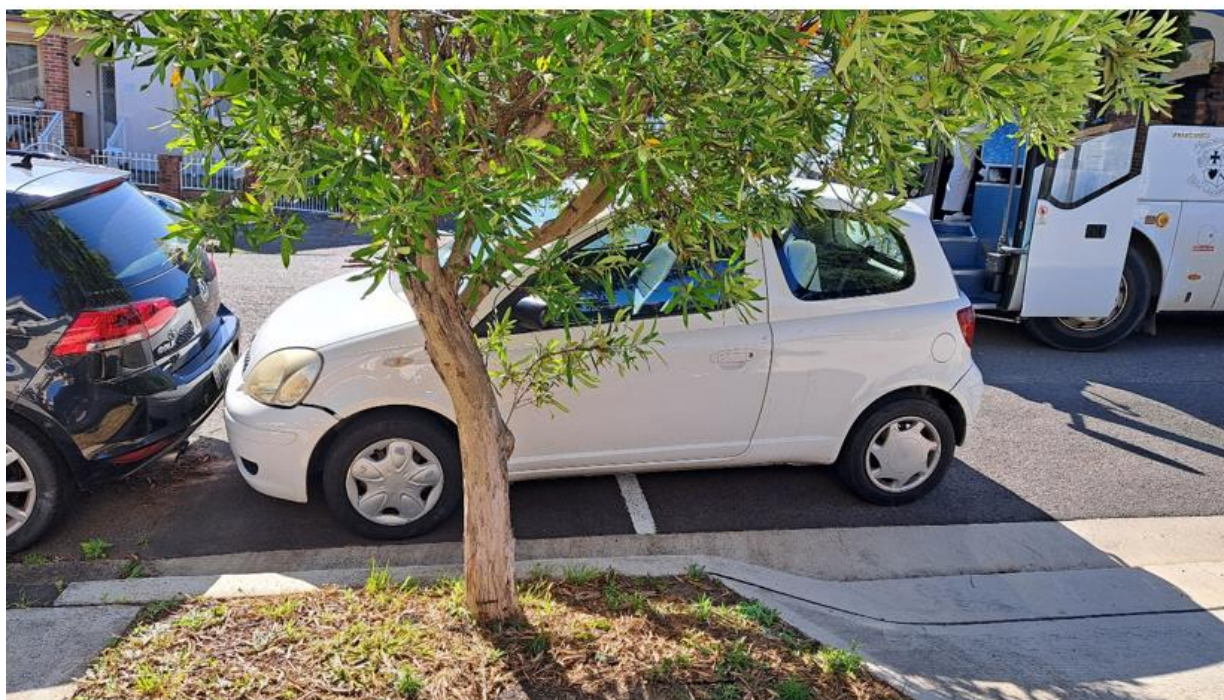
I believe there needs to be a parking strategy that assists the residents and the spectators.

The Newtown Jets is an example of a club that works well with the residents who live around Henson Park, on their large game days they implement a traffic management plan to minimise the impact to residents.





*Holmesdale Street on game day*



*Issues residents face on Centennial Street on game day*



## Email from resident:

I write this email on behalf of my parents who have lived on Sydenham Rd Marrickville for the past 40 years and previously at Malakoff Street Marrickville for the previous 13 years.

There is great concern that they cannot enter or leave their home by car when there is a game or an event at Henson Park.

My mother assisted in looking after our disabled child from day to day and now our other little boy. To do this she needs to drive. On an event day cars are always parked opposite all of the Driveways and garages that face the Lane for the homes fronting Sydenham Road in Warham Lane Marrickville between

Northcote St and Malakoff St. There is no way to enter or exit any of the garages or driveways when this happens.

A no parking sign along the Southern side of the laneway would eliminate the problem as this has been going on for too long.

Please refer to attached images:





## Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 21  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: WESTCONNEX DIVE SITE - REAFFIRMING THE NEED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ON PUBLIC LAND  
**From:** Councillor Izabella Antoniou

### **MOTION**

1. That the Council notes its disappointment at the lack of public, social or affordable housing proposed on the Parramatta Road WestConnex site - a piece of state owned land that is proposed to be given over to a private developer - missing an opportunity for the government to directly deliver genuinely affordable public homes.
2. That Council notes the proximity of the site to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and the need to provide genuinely affordable and public homes for essential workers and people on the public housing waiting list.
3. That Council notes the limited number of dwellings proposed for the 1.2ha site despite proximity to the city, key services, and bus services along Parramatta Road, and that Council would like to see an appropriate number of publicly owned dwellings in this location, subject to a proper master planning process.
4. That the Council write to the NSW Minister for Housing the Hon. Rose Jackson, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully, and the Minister for Lands and Property, and the Hon. Stephen Kamper expressing its disappointment in the decision - and to urge them to build public housing on this site.

### **Background**

In June 2022, [(C0622 (1) Item 24)] Council resolved to advocate to the State Government that the Transport for NSW owned WestConnex dive site in Annandale be retained in public ownership.

Council also underwent significant work in the planning of a biotechnology hub at the site to contribute to the economic outputs of the Camperdown health and education innovation precinct. Both these outcomes were submitted to and laid out in the WestConnex M4-M5 Link: *Mainline Tunnels Residual Land Management Plan* (2022).

State government has since proposed this well located site be sold to private development.

The proposed development is slated to deliver 100 dwellings, way below what could be delivered on a 12,000 sqm parcel of land, which has been called a “huge waste” by advocacy group Sydney YIMBY.

Currently there are 57,904 households on the social housing waitlist - the longest in the country - with the wait time in the Inner West [CS07] being 10+ years according to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice. The need to clear the waitlist should be top priority to ensure equity within the Inner West, and it is Council's duty to advocate for such.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 22  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: MAKING USE OF LEICHHARDT OVAL FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE  
**From:** The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

### **MOTION**

1. That Council open an expression of interest process inviting proposals for the use of Leichhardt Oval for live music and performance for up to 4 events in 2025. The draft of the EOI is to be tabled for endorsement at the December Ordinary Council meeting.
  - a) Preference is to be given proposals that promote local community engagement and showcase Inner West artists.
2. That Council include in the primary specifications for the design of the renovation of Leichhardt Oval options for the equipment and other elements that would enable the ground to be used for live music and live performance.
3. That following receipt of expressions of interest, consider consultation with the community about amending the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management to allow for the trial of music events to take place.

### **Background**

The joint funding commitment of \$40 million from the Inner West Council as well as the State and Federal Governments has secured the future of Leichhardt Oval as a sporting venue. The pending renovation also presents an opportunity to use this famous venue for the arts and culture as well.

A trial of a small number of concerts and performances there throughout 2025, prior to the commencement of construction, can help to gauge if our local community are enthusiastic about attending arts events at the ground.

By opening an expression of interest process, Council can receive submissions from artists and promoters about performances and events that they would like to hold and audiences they could attract at the eighth wonder of the world.

This can enable Council to learn from the local community and the arts sector about whether they would like to see ongoing cultural activity at the renovated Leichhardt Oval.

This pilot could also inform which elements would best be incorporated into the design of the renovation to ensure the venue can be used for arts and cultural events, as well as sport, into the future.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.



**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 23  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard and Councillor Jessica D'Arienzo

## **MOTION**

1. That Council writes to the CEO of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras offering Inner West parks and ovals as a location for the 2025 and future Mardi Gras Fair Days.
2. That Council notes Inner West Council was successful in applying for a stall at the 2025 Mardi Gras Fair Day and allocates funding from the existing communications or communities budget to provide for information regarding council's successful work and programs to support and foster LGBTQIA+ community in the Inner West and for other appropriate giveaways.
3. That Council working with Twenty10 and the LGBTQIA+ Working Group, relocate the Feel the Love Celebration 2025 to the Inner West Pride Centre / Pride Square.
4. That Council as part of the 2025 Feel the Love the program, include an unveiling of a permanent plaque acknowledging the community members who helped with the development and establishment of the Inner West Pride Centre, to be permanently displayed at location in the Pride Centre, to be agreed with Twenty10, with funding sourced from the next Budget Quarterly Review.
5. That Council as part of deliberations for the 2025-2026 Budget, propose increasing funding for the Feel the Love celebration.
6. That Council as part of the 2025 Mardi Gras season, reaffirm its commitment to hosting a screening of the 2025 Mardi Gras Parade in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, and for future years.

## **Background**

The Inner West is home to one of the largest populations of LGBTQIA+ people in Australia and our suburbs have always been home to powerful activism and community. The Inner West is also home to many LGBTQIA+ service and community organisations.

The last term of council saw the establishment of the Inner West Pride Centre - the first Pride Centre established by a local council in Australia - the renaming of Pride Square and the installation of progress flag lighting in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, the hosting of regular Trans and Gender Diverse swim nights, regular screenings of Mardi Gras at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park and the commencement of regular drag story time events in our public libraries. This on top of sustained advocacy on issues important to LGBTQIA+ people, regular programming including the Feel the Love celebration and the exceptional work of the LGBTQIA+ Working Group.

With increased representation of LGBTQIA+ identified councillors on this term of council, we have more opportunities to lead and foster LGBTQIA+ inclusion in our community.

A resolution in the last term of council called on council to apply to hold a stall at the Mardi Gras Fair Day in 2025 and council's application has been successful.

The opening of the Inner West Pride Centre provides the opportunity to centre celebrations and programming at Newtown Town Hall to further embed the centre as a hub for progress and support.

At the opening of the Pride Centre, a temporary honour board was created acknowledging the many community organisations and individuals who contributed to the development of the Centre. The 2025 Feel the Love celebration is an opportunity to make the honour board a permanent feature at the Centre.

A powerful commitment to fostering LGBTQIA+ communities would be a commitment to increase funding for the Feel the Love program in the 2025-2026 Budget.

Following the disappointing cancellation of the 2024 Mardi Gras Fair Day, Inner West Council should continue to advocate to bring this landmark event to a major inner west park or oval.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 24  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: MORE BINS, CLEANER STREETS  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

## **MOTION**

1. That Council note growing concerns from residents about the incidence of illegal dumping in local parks and streets, including household rubbish being disposed of in street bins.
2. That Council as part of deliberations for the 2025-2026 Budget, propose increasing the number of street bins and bins in local parks, as well as the frequency at which street bins and bins in local parks are serviced, and trialling FOGO in key local parks.
3. That Council request officers report back in March 2025 with:
  - a) The existing schedule of bin emptying/servicing for local parks;
  - b) The existing schedule of bin emptying/servicing for street bins;
  - c) The existing schedule for spray cleaning streets;
  - d) The indicative costs of spray cleaning streets at current levels;
  - e) The indicative costs of bin servicing in local parks at current levels;
  - f) The indicative costs of street bin servicing at current levels;
  - g) The outline of a communications plan to educate residents and deter illegal dumping in local parks and street bins;
  - h) A plan to enable residents to nominate locations for additional street bins or bins in local parks;
  - i) A plan to trial FOGO in major parks, including a list of major parks where a trial may be suitable, with at least one park in each ward nominated, as well as to expand recycling in parks; and
  - j) The intended use of the \$400,000 litter prevention grant received from the NSW Government.

## **Background**

A key responsibility of the council is to adequately manage waste collection and to reduce litter on local streets.

Increasing the number of street bins and bins in local parks and the frequency with which they are serviced, coupled with a comprehensive education campaign, is the best approach to reducing the incidence of illegal dumping and littering.

## **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.



**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 25  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: HARNETT AVENUE, MARRICKVILLE  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

## MOTION

1. That Council acknowledges that the northern footpath on Harnett Avenue, Marrickville, requires work.
2. That Council notes that thanks to the advocacy of local residents, funding for footpath improvements is included in the 2026/2027 Capital works plan.
3. That Council investigates options to prioritise funding for these works in the 2025/2026 Budget, reporting back to council via councillor briefing note.

## Background

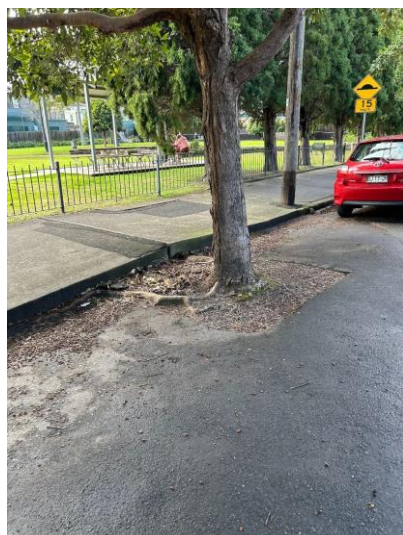
The footpaths on Harnett Avenue, Marrickville, are uneven, damaged and pose a significant risk to pedestrians and residents.

Harnett Avenue connects the south Illawarra Road shopping strip with Marrickville West primary School, Luisa Lawson Reserve, and services the highly dense community of South Marrickville.

Thanks to the advocacy of local residents, upgrades to the footpaths are scheduled for 2026-2027, including the incorporation of water sensitive urban design principles and the proper management of street trees.

However, given the significant deterioration of the footpaths, particularly on the northern side, there is a strong argument to bring forward and prioritise at least some of the works.

Pictures included below for reference.



**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

Item No: C1124(1) Item 26  
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: FLOOD MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
From: Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

Item 26

### **MOTION**

1. That Council notes and reaffirms the changed terms of reference for the Flood Committee adopted in the last term of Council.
2. That Council requires the Flood Management Advisory Committee agendas and minutes to be published on the Council website.
3. That Council requires the Committee to meet at least four times a year.
4. That Council elects Cllr Howard to be the Chair and Cllr Barlow to be the Alternate Chair of the Flood Management and Risk Committee until September 2026, a schedule in line with appointments to other Council committees.
5. That Council invite a representative of the Cooks River Alliance to participate in the Committee as a non-voting member.
6. That Council provide for members of the public to present to the Flood Risk and Management Committee on flood related matters by establishing a public forum, as is the case with the Inner West Council Traffic Committee.

### **Background**

The Flood Risk and Management Committee is a key committee of council and is responsible for shepherding the critical prioritisation and investment of flood related infrastructure.

Over the last term of council, reforms were enacted to formalise much of the activity of the Committee, including reviewing the terms of reference for the committee and advocating for agendas and minutes be made available to the public.

The motion seeks to further embed transparency and civic participation by establishing a public forum, including the Cooks River Alliance in the membership of the Committee, increasing the number of meetings required to be held each year and requiring agendas and minutes to be published on the website along those of other committees.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 27  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ABORIGINAL JUSTICE  
**From:** Councillor Jo Carlisle

## MOTION

1. That Council recommits support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its principals of Voice, Treaty and Truth.
2. That Council notes the 2023 – 25 Reconciliation Action Plan initiatives that have been implemented including:
  - a) The creation of the Aboriginal Survival Memorial at Yeo Park;
  - b) the development and implementation of an Anti-Racism strategy;
  - c) the implementation of an Aboriginal Procurement Strategy;
  - d) commissioning new public art from local Aboriginal artists, including for the Greenway and Perfect Match sites; and
  - e) funding and support for community projects and partnerships.
3. That Council welcomes the delivery of the second Survival Memorial at Illoura Reserve in Balmain in early 2025 and notes the plans for the third memorial in Tempe in 2026.
4. That Council requests a report from officers on progress of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub in Tempe which will be a focal point for Council's programming and Aboriginal cultural life to the December Council meeting.
5. That Council reconvene the roundtable forum of Aboriginal Elders and community representatives who last met in August 2024 in November or early December 2024 to discuss the following:
  - a) Voice to Council;
  - b) Establishment and priorities for the next Aboriginal Advisory Committee; and
  - c) Priorities for the next Reconciliation Action Plan.

## Background

The Mayor, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, met with Aboriginal Elders and community representatives in August this year to discuss how the Inner West community can continue to contribute to the movement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice following the outcome of the Voice Referendum.

The forum discussed Council's progress on implementing the Reconciliation Action plan and about future commitments.

Discussion at the forum discussed

- The need to strengthen Elder groups – work at the foundation level
- Opportunities for Council to offer training and development for professional development for Aboriginal NGOs
- For our libraries to continue to promote the Truth
- To upskill Leaders in Council and build strong links with Community because Aboriginal people are only 3% of the Australian population (2% in our council), we need all Australians to be working on this together.

- Sharing information about community groups - who they are and what they are doing.
- Consider having dedicated Aboriginal Grants
- Caring for Aboriginal tenants in Council premises.

In relation to the Voice to Council proposal they recommended that it be

- More formal than an Advisory Committee.
- Legitimate
- Must have significance and be autonomous
- Need to be more proactive especially during weeks of significance

They started discussion on how it could be established and how to share information and consult with all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The actions arising from the meeting were for Council to reconvene a further meeting after the Council elections to discuss the Voice to Council and the establishment of the next Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

The message from the forum was that Council needed to start the new term on the right foot with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 28  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ALLEN STREET, LEICHHARDT  
**From:** Councillor Philippa Scott

## MOTION

That Council officers prepare a report, including identification of budget, at the next opportunity for the Traffic Committee to investigate a pedestrian crossing across Allen Street at the intersection of Allen Street and Norton Street, Leichhardt.

## Background

Allen Street, Leichhardt, at the intersection of Norton Street is a roadway in an area of high pedestrian activity and a 50km/h speed limit. It is a popular crossing from residences in Leichhardt to the Norton Street restaurants and businesses, Pioneers Park, and Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt. It is opposite the SSC Leichhardt school bus stop. The adjoining crossing across Norton Street has a pedestrian crossing and other traffic calming measures, including curb extensions and high-visibility signage that are absent from the Allen Street crossing.

Council should investigate matching the Norton Street crossing with one across Allen Street. This would add to a pedestrian friendly environment in the Norton Street precinct and surrounds. A picture below shows the crossing across Norton Street and the absence of similarly pedestrian-friendly infrastructure across Allen Street.



## Officer's Comments:

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 29  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: EXPANDING JAZZ IN THE PARK  
**From:** Councillor Kerrie Fergusson and The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

### **MOTION**

1. That Council consult with the community and relevant organisations such as Balmain Rozelle Chamber of Commerce about expanding Jazz In The Park and relocating the Festival to Darling Street in late 2025 so that it celebrates the unique character of Balmain and involves more locals and businesses.
2. That staff provide initial costings in relation to expanding and moving the festival, including the possibility of reallocating funds from under patronised local events in the Baludarri (Balmain) ward and exploring State Government funding opportunities including programs in the NSW Vibrant Streets Package.
3. That Council report to the March 2025 Ordinary Council meeting on the outcomes of the community consultation and potential budget cost and funding opportunities so they can be considered in preparation of the 2025/2026 budget.

### **Background**

This year Inner West Council and the Balmain Rozelle Chamber of Commerce have united to look at ways to increase local participation in Balmain's annual music event, Jazz in the Park by implementing the following initiatives;

- Changing the event date to a Saturday
- Council funded signage with a QR code to the Balmain Rozelle Chamber of Commerce dining directory
- Council funded Kids Corner hosted by Paper Rock Scissors (Rozelle)
- Local high school jazz orchestras performing prior to professional acts

These are welcome initiatives, but we can do more.

With our unique harbour setting, rich history and plethora of pubs and restaurants, Balmain is a 'destination.' It's important that we have a local event that embodies our culture.

From industrialisation to gentrification, there are many great stories in our pub walls, but one thing that remains the same is that small town feel and that strong community spirit. We need an event that celebrates this, that intertwines our local economy, embraces our creatives and unearths the unique character and history of Balmain.

How do we do that? We bring Jazz in the Park out of Gladstone Park and onto Darling Street.

Like the Norton Street Festa and the Marrickville Music Festival we close Darling Street to create a larger event. We include a wider genre of artists/performers, stalls for our local businesses, family activities and engage with the residents to find out what they love about this great suburb and how we can incorporate that into a celebration that can be enjoyed by all members of the community.

Growing Jazz in the Park into an annual street festival will put a laser focus on our local economy, strengthen our identity and bring our community together to celebrate all things Balmain has to offer.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.



**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 30

**Subject:** MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE AND PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT

**Prepared By:** Stuart Hull - Senior Manager Capital Works

**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Major Capital Projects Committee meeting held on 26 August 2024.**

## 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

This report outlines the Major Capital Projects Quarterly update including the minutes of the Major Capital Projects Committee held on the 26 August 2024 and the current project summary report. Please note that there was no meeting in September 2024 due to the Local Government elections.

The Terms of Reference for the Major Capital Projects Committee (Committee) has been updated to align with the number of councillors appointed to the Committee at the Council meeting on 22 October 2024. The Committee will have five Councillors and membership will be determined annually.

## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 8 March 2022, Council resolved to establish a Major Capital Projects Committee to oversee the larger Capital Projects being delivered by Council.

## DISCUSSION

Major Capital Projects Committee meetings are attended by the Director of Infrastructure and the Senior Manager Capital Works, and representatives from NSW Public Works Advisory (GreenWay assurance) and Turner and Townsend (LPAC assurance) with additional internal or external attendees as required e.g. General Counsel.

Detailed meeting minutes are produced however are not made public due to the nature of the discussions at the meetings to protect both the commercial position and confidentiality of commercial information of Council, along with that of the consultants, suppliers and contractors that are engaged to deliver these projects. As such a project summary report is provided to record each projects progression/position for public reference.

As a part of the governance structure for the committee, it is a requirement to table minutes of the meetings quarterly to Council. Minutes for the meeting held for August 2024 are confidentially attached, there was no meeting held in September 2024.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee has been updated to align with the Council decision on 22 October 2024 to appoint five Councillors annually.

The summary report is current to the last meeting.

No	Description	Budget	Status	
			Budget	Schedule
1	Callan Park Swim site	\$4,200,000		
2	Elkington Park Cottage restoration	\$1,216,170		
3	Richard Murden Reserve Inclusive Playground	\$2,000,000		
4	King George Park Amenities	\$1,700,000		
5	Marrickville Rd East Cycleway	\$3,475,000		
6	St Peters, Mary St to Sydenham Cycleway	\$1,689,386		
7	Greenway capital budget	\$18,062,279		
8	Greenway Central Links Construction	\$24,442,721		
9	Mackey Park Sporting Ground upgrade	\$2,400,000		
10	Mackey Park Amenities	\$2,500,000		
11	Mackey Park Canoe Ramp	\$1,450,000		
12	Leichhardt Oval Master Plan	\$40,000,000		
13	Main Street Local Placemaking	\$1,750,000		
14	Camdenville Park Upgrade	\$6,580,000		
15	Cardinal Freeman Village	\$595,000		
16	Petersham Town Hall upgrade works	\$2,120,000		
17	Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan PAMP	\$8,000,000		
18	Marrickville Town hall internal refurbishment	\$2,600,000		
19	Annandale Town Hall Community Centre	\$1,508,000		
20	AKAC Upgrade Works	\$3,427,510		
21	LPAC Major Project	\$40,454,000		
22	Birchgrove Park renewal works	\$1,590,000		
23	Ashfield Service Centre upgrade	\$897,947		
24	Tempe Reserve Amenities Buildings	\$2,750,000		
25	Henson Park Grandstand Upgrade	\$1,000,000		
26	Dawn Fraser Bath Northern Pavilion Upgrade	\$2,000,000		
27	Pymont Bridge Road (PRUAIP)	\$2,250,000		
28	Main Street Revitalisation	\$7,500,000		
29	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Hub	\$1,150,000		
30	EV Charging Stations	\$740,000		
31	Steel Park Sports field upgrade	\$2,250,000		
32	Yeo Park Inclusive Playground	\$2,000,000		
33	Lilyfield Road cycleway	\$2,398,000		

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Major Capital Projects Committee - Minutes 26th August 2024 - *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. [Download](#) Major Capital Projects Committee Project Summary Report as at October 2024

Project Title		Callan Park Swim Site - October 2024					1
Suburb Location		Balmain					
Ward		Balmain					
Scope of Works		New Swim Site at Callan Point within Callan Park with accessible Pathway  Scope of works include 1. Accessible pathway 2. Fixed jetty 3. Accessible pontoon walkway with handrails and balustrade 4 Pontoon with blaustrade to external edges and potential shower 5. Accessible ramp with handrails to 900mm depth - doubles as splash play zone 6. Play pontoon (Various sizes 3-5m dia) 7. Shark Barrier					
Current project phase							
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)							
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Grant Funding provider(s)							
Grant Funding provider(s)	NSW Government	\$2,000,000	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)							
31/012/2025		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		31/01/2027			

Project Title	Elkington Park Cottage Refurbishment - October 2024	2
Suburb Location	Balmain	
Ward	Balmain	

Scope of Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elkington Pk approved PoM - restoration and adaptive re-used of the Caretaker's Cottage as a gallery, with associated cafe, and associated amenities.</li> <li>PWG agreed that a more coordinated outcome would be achieved by combining the Elkington Cottage, bandstand and park amenity block works into a single design services project.</li> <li>Accessibility upgrades to the Elkington Park Rotunda.</li> <li>General Elkington Pk pathway and lighting accessibility upgrades.</li> </ul>
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Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
		X					

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 197,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 197,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$
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Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Jun-26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2026
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Project Title	Richard Murden Reserve Playground - October 2024						3
Suburb Location	Rozelle						
Ward	Balmain						
Scope of Works	construction of a flagship inclusive playspace and renovation of the amenities building including: reuse of existing salvaged equipment, installation of new equipment, accessible bubblers, BBQ's, seating. Additional shade.						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Monday, 30 June 2025		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Monday, 30 June 2025		

Project Title	King George Park Amenities - October 2024						4
Suburb Location	Rozelle						
Scope of Works	New add on to existing amenities to include two new changerooms, four new store rooms, one new accessible toilet, four new all gender toilet cubicles, external handwash basins and accessible concrete slab/pathways and associated landscaping Internal reconfiguration of existing layout to include home and away changerooms with addition ambulant WC's and showers New line marking store.						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
					X		
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000
Grant Funding provider(s)	NSW Football	\$ 150,000	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Jul-24		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Nov-24		

Project Title		Marrickville Road East – Sydenham Station to Victoria Rd - October 2024						5
Suburb Location		Marrickville						
Ward		Marrickville						
Scope of Works		<p>This project includes design of new cycleway along Marrickville Rd, from Victoria Rd to Sydenham Station. New cycleway is to be separated two way cycleway along southern side of Marrickville Rd. To accommodate the new cycleway and to retain existing street parking some changes to the existing road and footpaths are required. Therefore, construction work will include new footpaths on both sides of the road, some drainage upgrade, new kerb extensions at the affected intersections, possibly new raised shared intersection environments, new street trees, landscaping and signs and linemarking.</p> <p>Proposal is based on the adopted Marrickville Master Plan. The public domain improvements will provide a ‘gateway’ treatment and improved connectivity between Sydenham Station and the Marrickville Town Centre. The project will support Council’s longer term vision for the Sydenham industrial precinct to become a creative hub for traditional industry as well as creative industries and businesses, supporting a night time economy.</p>						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
				X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 3,475,000	\$ -	\$ 3,475,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Funding provider(s)		A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		1-Jun-26		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		1-Jun-26		



Project Title	Cycleway Mary St/Princes Hwy to Sydenham Station - October 2024						6
Suburb Location	St Peters						
Ward	Marrickville						
Scope of Works	<p>Design and construct a separated cycleway on Burrows Avenue near Sydenham Station as well as traffic calming on Henry Street Sydenham and improved crossings at Unwin's Bridge linking with the existing L8 and L13 bike routes from the Marrickville Bicycle Strategy.</p> <p>The proposed route starts at Mary St/Princes Highway then follows Bakers Lane, Grove Street, Henry Street, George Street and ends at Burrows Avenue, near Sydenham Station.</p> <p>The concept and detailed design is to be integrated with the Metro Project work at Sydenham Station.</p>						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	\$94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 1,361,382	\$ 1,361,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Funding provider(s)	TfNSW & Westconnex	\$ 1,361,382	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/25		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/6/25		

Project Title		GreenWay Capital Budget - October 2024						7
Suburb Location		Dulwich Hill to Lewisham						
Ward		Ashfield/Stanmore						
Scope of Works		<p><b>Greenway Local Streets:</b> upgraded/new pedestrian and cycle crossings at Hercules Street and Ewart Street, a new shared path linking Hercules Street to Ness Avenue, new retaining wall below the Banstown rail line, and upgrades on Weston Street, Ness Avenue and Balfour Street along the GreenWay corridor in Dulwich Hill, including traffic calming measures, landscaping and raingardens. The upgrades provide necessary links between the future in-corridor works to create a continuous walking and cycling corridor through Dulwich Hill.</p> <p><b>High Voltage relocation:</b> new high voltage cable feeder along the eastern side of the light rail tracks from Arlington to Dulwich Hill stations, including under track crossing north of Jack Shanahan Reserve, removal of the existing aerial feeder along the western side of the light rail tracks from Arlington to Dulwich Hill stations and relocation of existing electrical transformer at Waratah Mills Station</p> <p><b>In-corridor southern links:</b> a new tunnel under Davis Street and a new boardwalk from Davis Street to Johnson Park, Upgrade of Johnson Park including an upgraded path and playground, tunnel under Constitution Road and an elevated pathway through the light rail corridor from Constitution Road to New Canterbury Road, a new path and upgraded natural areas in the light rail corridor near Hercules Street, demolition of 43 Hercules Street, and associated path lighting and artworks</p>						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
						X		
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 18,062,279	\$ 11,041,961	\$ 3,380,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,640,318
Grant Funding provider(s)		TfNSW	\$ 11,041,961		\$		\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		Apr-25		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Jun-25		

Project Title	GreenWay Central Links Construction - October 2024						8
Suburb Location	Summer Hill, Lewisham, Leichhardt						
Ward	Ashfield, Stanmore & Leichhardt						
Scope of Works	Suspended walkway under Parramatta Road and along the Hawthorne Canal A new path and upgraded natural areas in Gadigal Reserve, A new path, parklands and natural areas in the light rail corridor near Lewisham West A tunnel under Longport Street Associated path lighting and artworks A new signalised crossing at Old Canterbury Road including the closure of Weston Street						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
					X		
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 28,042,721	\$ 25,498,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,544,682
Grant Funding provider(s)	DPHI	\$ 23,280,000	TfNSW			\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Apr-25		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Jun-25		

<b>Project Title</b>	Mackey Sporting Ground upgrade - October 2024						9
<b>Suburb Location</b>	Marrickville						
<b>Ward</b>	Marrickville						
<b>Scope of Works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Playing field reshaping</li> <li>* Sub surface field drainage</li> <li>* Re-turfing</li> <li>* Stormwater drainage</li> <li>* New irrigation heads</li> <li>* New sports lighting</li> <li>* New cricket nets and fencing</li> </ul>						
<b>Current project phase</b>	<b>Start-Up</b>	<b>Initiation</b>	<b>Implementation</b>			<b>Closure</b>	
	<i>Business Case Planning</i>	<i>Scoping Governance</i>	<i>Investigations Design</i>	<i>Procurement Contract Award</i>	<i>Construction Delivery</i>	<i>Hand over Post-Project</i>	<i>Defects Liability</i>
					X		
<b>Approved Budget (as at date of report)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>S94/VPA</b>	<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>SRV</b>	<b>VPA</b>	<b>DCR/Working Funds</b>
	\$ 2,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Grant Funding provider(s)</b>	<b>A</b>	\$	<b>B</b>	\$	<b>C</b>	\$	
<b>Approved completion date (as at date of report)</b>	Mar-25		<b>Forecast completion date (as at date of report)</b>		Mar-25		

Project Title	Mackey Park Amenities Upgrades - October 2024							10
Suburb Location	Marrickville							
Ward	Marrickville							
Scope of Works	Full knockdown rebuild of the existing Amenities Building. Architectural Building room requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3x gender neutral cubicles</li><li>2x gender neutral ambulant cubicles</li><li>1x gender neutral accessible toilet with a change table (parents' room)</li><li>1x club office for 4 people</li><li>1x meeting room with a table for 12 people and a projector</li><li>1x canteen with covered external area (min. 60sqm)</li><li>2x change rooms with change areas, each including 1x basin,1x toilet and 1x shower (each change room), bench seating</li><li>1x unisex accessible toilet with shower</li><li>2x large (25sqm) storage room for the football &amp; cricket clubs</li><li>1x small (6sqm) storage room for line marking equipment</li><li>1x plant room for housing services equipment (comms, electrical, etc)</li></ul> Sustainability Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Install rainwater tanks connected to toilet flushes to reduce water consumption.</li><li>Implement a solar panel system to harness renewable energy.</li><li>Utilize electrical instantaneous heating for showers, gas is to be removed from all council sites.</li><li>Include a water fountain with a water bottle refill station to promote reusable water bottle use.</li><li>Ensure natural ventilation through the building design.</li><li>Incorporate skylights for natural light to reduce the reliance on artificial lighting.</li><li>Specify thermally efficient and recyclable materials in the construction to enhance sustainability.</li></ul>							
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability	
			X					
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	\$94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds	
	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,150,000	
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$		
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Jul-24		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Aug-25			

Project Title		Mackey Park Canoe Ramp - October 2024						11
Suburb Location		Marrickville						
Ward		Marrickville						
Scope of Works		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dismantling a section of the existing seawall and recycling the sandstone blocks into a new seawall set back from the original.</li><li>New accessible path including bicycle traffic calming on the existing shared pathway.</li><li>Construction of a new piled floating pontoon to allow accessible access to the water's edge. Piling and pontoons are D&amp;C</li><li>Landscaping including tree planting.</li></ul>						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
						X		
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	\$94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 1,450,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,040,000
Grant Funding provider(s)		DPE	\$ 300,000.00		\$		\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		Nov-24		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Dec-24		

Project Title		Leichhardt Oval Masterplan - October 2024					12
Suburb Location		Lilyfield					
Ward		Lilyfield					
Scope of Works		Refurbishment of Leichhardt Oval based on adopted Masterplan including: 1. New northern grandstand (seating with corporate facilities underneath) 2. New and upgraded seating 3. Upgrades to the western grandstand including: a. New and upgraded female friendly players facilities b. Upgrades to corporate and media amenities to the upper level c. New mezzanine floor at rear with multi-purpose spaces 4. Museum of Inner West Rugby League (Budget of \$1.2 million). Note that this does not form part of this scope of services.					
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
		X					
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	\$94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000
Grant Funding provider(s)	Federal Govt	\$20,000,000	NSW Govt	\$10,000,000	N/A	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/06/2026		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/06/2026		

Project Title	Main Street Local Placemaking - October 2024						13
Suburb Location	Various						
Ward	Various						
Scope of Works	Install street furniture in pop-out areas in Marrickville, Stanmore and Petersham Public art various locations Bin wrapping Tree wrapping / fairy lights Install multi-function pole banner raising systems Upgrade Peace Reserve, Newtown Upgrade Caves Lane, Dulwich Hill Wayfinding Signage Upgrade Hancock Lane, Rozelle Upgrade Ashfield Plaza						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			x	x	x		
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750,000
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/06/25		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/06/25		



Project Title	Camdenville Park Remediation and Staged Upgrade - October 2024							14
Suburb Location	St Peters							
Ward	Marrickville							
Scope of Works	Implementation of priority actions from Camdenville Park Plan of Management and Masterplan 2014 including: - upgrade of sporting ground including irrigation drainage and lighting upgrade - new BMX pump track and circuit walking paths - new realocated playground - stormwater basin upgrade for Peter Bulger Wetlands - site remediation including earthworks, clean soil capping and water quality improvements. - works to be coordinated with sports amenities building renewal Transport for NSW (WestConnex) deed works: - extended BMX track - pathway connections eastern works compound and basin area - shared path adjoining May Street residences Re-Naming Detention Basin to Peter Bulger Wetlands per September 2015 Council resolution							
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability	
					X			
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds	
	\$ 6,580,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 6,080,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$ 500,000		\$	C	\$		
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Mar-25		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Mar-25			

Project Title	Cardinal Freeman Village - October 2024							15
Suburb Location	Ashfield / Summer Hill							
Ward	Ashfield							
Scope of Works	302010: Victoria Street, Ashfield (No.126 to 128) - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing and Bus Stop Platform Relocation Pedestrian Crossings - Victoria Street and Seaview Street Pedestrian Crossings - Seaview Street at Yeo Avenue Pedestrian Crossings - Queen Street at Seaview Street & Hillcrest Avenue Pedestrian Crossings - Queen Street at Clissold Street Pedestrian Crossings - Clissold Street and Victoria Street Pedestrian Crossings - Clissold Street at Holden Street Pedestrian Crossings - Robert Street at Holden Street Pedestrian Crossings - Victoria Street at Robert Street Pedestrian Crossings - Drynan Street at Prospect Road Pedestrian Crossings - Henson Street at Smith Street Pedestrian Crossings - Smith Street east of Henson Street							
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability	
			X					
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds	
	\$ 955,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 955,000	
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$ -	\$ -	C	\$ -			
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Jun-26		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Jun-26			

Project Title	Petersham Town Hall Upgrade Works - October 2024							16
Suburb Location	Petersham							
Ward	Damun							
Scope of Works	<p>Compliance upgrades to enable use of the former care takers residence for Artist in Residence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Town Hall</li><li>•Rectify short term compliance and safety issues:</li><li>•Removal of damaged fire curtain</li><li>•Roof renewal/repairs</li></ul> <p>Longer term scope planning in coordination with EOI for Community Office use and Town Halls strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Longer term Fire compliance works</li><li>•BCA and access requirements</li></ul> <p>Revision and finalisation of art masterplan and scope of works in line with planned community uses and budget</p>							
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability	
		X						
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds	
	\$ 2,120,000	\$ 257,572	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$		
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	June 26		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		June 26			

Project Title	Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP) - October 2024						17
Suburb Location	Various						
Ward	All Wards						
Scope of Works	<p>This project involves implementation, over a four year period, of high priority works identified by the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) adopted by Council in November 2021.</p> <p>The PAMP study involve a comprehensive audit of pedestrian facilities, identification of key pedestrian routes and prioritised pedestrian safety improvements. The high priority works being delivered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•New and upgraded kerb ramps at intersections and other crossing points. Kerb ramp improvements are typically being undertaken in association with nearby footpath renewal projects and other traffic facilities or kerb and gutter works.</li><li>•Raised pedestrian crossings and other crossing improvements. These projects typically require design and community engagement prior to construction.</li></ul> <p>A range of high priority PAMP raised crossings and kerb ramp works, to the value of \$1 million approx. were completed in 2021/22 after completion of the PAMP audit in early 2021. \$1.3m in works were completed in 2022-23.</p> <p>Beach Rd at Hercules St, Dulwich Hill - raised MFC A'Beckett St at Norton St, Ashfield - kerb extensions Wells Street, Newtown - raised MFC Laura St at Hawken St, Newtown - raised MFC Alberto St at Balmain Rd, Lilyfield - Kerb Extensions Tideswell St at Liverpool Rd, Ashfield - kerb extensions Ramsay St at Alt St, Ashfield - Raised MFC Alt Street, Ashfield - Raised MFC Brereton St at Sydenham Rd, Marrickville - Ped Refuge/Kerb Extension</p>						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			x	x	x		
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2025		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/6/2025		

Project Title		Marrickville Town Hall Internal Refurbishment - October 2024						18
Suburb Location		Marrickville						
Ward		Marrickville						
Scope of Works		Work scope identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of carpet to entry foyer - repair floorboards and skirting, treat timber, install carpet runners</li><li>• Replace AC units to level 1 offices - at end of usefull life</li><li>• Replace lighting above stage area - not functioning, investigate LED lighting &amp; digital control desk for future live music venue</li><li>• Acoustic investigation and upgrade of AV system - faulty, investigate projector, screen, investigate requirements for live music venue - sound control desk.</li><li>• BCA/accessibility compliance upgrade works - lighting, egress, fire safety etc.</li><li>• Refurbish kitchen - appliances, exhaust, flooring, waterproofing etc.</li><li>• Provide 2 zone HVAC system to upstairs rooms to allow individual leasing</li><li>• Reconfiguring of the partitioning on Level 1 to separate the Sydney Fringe leased area from the shared kitchenette</li><li>• Painting</li></ul>						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			X					
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 3,010,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,010,000
Grant Funding provider(s)		A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		Jun-26		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/6/2026		

Project Title		Annandale Town Hall Community Centre Refurbishment - October 2024						19
Suburb Location		Annandale						
Ward		Gulgadya						
Scope of Works		Town Hall and Community Centre - building condition and compliance works. Final scope to be determined in consultation with Community and Property Services following identification and definition of future use and tenants for the community centre for any future upgrade works. Will include sustainability initiatives identified by Corporate Sustainability  Building remedial works and compliance works Waterproofing and external facade/painting works Roof and gutter repairs Cladding works Internal patching and painting AV equipment in community centre and Hall						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability	
		X						
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds	
	\$ 1,508,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,508,000	
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$		
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	June 25		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		June 25			

<b>Project Title</b>	AKAC Upgrade - October 2024						<b>20</b>
<b>Suburb Location</b>	Enmore						
<b>Ward</b>	Marrickville						
<b>Scope of Works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Demolish &amp; remove existing Cogen and Boilers</li> <li>* Install best value for money heat pumps</li> <li>* Optimise ventilation, heating &amp; cooling system</li> <li>* Integrate thermal storage insulation</li> <li>* Best value for money wall &amp; roof insulation (roof insulation only for the extent of skylight areas)</li> <li>* Major repairs e.g. retiling pool (not within the budget, to be completed in the future)</li> <li>* Extend solar power system</li> <li>* Replace non-compliant aluminium cladding (roof soffit ACP cladding replacement)</li> <li>* New LED lighting (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>						
<b>Current project phase</b>	<b>Start-Up</b>	<b>Initiation</b>	<b>Implementation</b>			<b>Closure</b>	
	<i>Business Case Planning</i>	<i>Scoping Governance</i>	<i>Investigations Design</i>	<i>Procurement Contract Award</i>	<i>Construction Delivery</i>	<i>Hand over Post-Project</i>	<i>Defects Liability</i>
	x	x	x		x		
<b>Approved Budget (as at date of report)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>S94/VPA</b>	<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>SRV</b>	<b>VPA</b>	<b>DCR/Working Funds</b>
	\$ 3,427,510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000
<b>Grant Funding provider(s)</b>	<b>A</b>	\$	<b>B</b>	\$	<b>C</b>	\$	
<b>Approved completion date (as at date of report)</b>	Sep-28		<b>Forecast completion date (as at date of report)</b>		Sep-28		

Project Title	LPAC Masterplan - October 2024						21
Suburb Location	Lilyfield						
Ward	Leichhardt						
Scope of Works	<p><b>Stage 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Feasibility study and options development to improve energy efficiency at LPAC</li><li>* Separation of heating plant for indoor program pool, indoor program pool hall and mushroom pool.</li><li>* Mushroom Pool modification works, new water jet play zone adjacent to mushroom pool, BBQ area, timber seating and new shade</li></ul> <p><b>Stage 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 50m external heated 8 lane Olympic size pool - including sustainable heating/energy plant</li><li>* 25m external heated flexible use pool with movable floor - inc. sustainable plant (depth confirmed by Council)</li><li>* Sun/weather shading &amp; spectator seating</li><li>* New store room life guard and first aid room</li><li>* Replacement of Concourse Slab</li><li>* 50 m and 25 m pool plant upgrade, and new filtration plant</li><li>* Accessibility lift to rear turfed area and accessible pathway link</li><li>* Turfing improvement at the rear Northern side of 50 m and 25 m pools</li></ul>						
Current project phase	<b>Start-Up</b> <i>Business Case Planning</i>  x	<b>Initiation</b> <i>Scoping Governance</i>  x	<b>Implementation</b> <i>Investigations Design</i>  x	<b>Implementation</b> <i>Procurement Contract Award</i>  	<b>Implementation</b> <i>Construction Delivery</i>  	<b>Closure</b> <i>Hand over Post-Project</i>  	<b>Closure</b> <i>Defects Liability</i>  
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total \$ 40,528,837	Grant \$ 1,000,000	S94/VPA \$ 14,400,000	Stormwater \$ -	SRV \$ -	VPA \$ -	DCR/Working Funds \$ 25,128,837
Grant Funding provider(s)	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development (IIOC0253)	\$ 1,000,000	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Sep-27		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Sep-27		



Project Title		Birchgrove Park Renewal Works (Buildings) - October 2024					22	
Suburb Location		Birchgrove						
Ward		Balmain						
Scope of Works		Amenities building upgrade. Final stage of building upgrades per concept designs completed 2014. Scope to be reviewed for current requirements with internal stakeholders and sporting clubs. To be coordinated with caretakers cottage renewal and Ladies Tennis Pavilion.						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			X					
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 1,590,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,590,000
Grant Funding provider(s)		A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)			30/06/2025			

Project Title		Ashfield Civic Centre upgrade - October 2024					23	
Suburb Location		Ashfield						
Ward		Ashfield						
Scope of Works		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of HVAC plant, inclusive of water-cooled chiller, new cooling towers, chilled/hot water buffer tanks and other associated equipment.</li><li>• Electrical reticulation system upgrades to allow electrification of the site, with the removal of the gas boiler. and replacement with an air-cooled heat pump for space heating and domestic hot water.</li><li>• Associated structural works to the roof structure, plantroom slab, and rooftop structural platform.</li></ul>						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
				X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 897,947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 987,947
Grant Funding provider(s)		N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		30/06/2024		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/06/2024		

Project Title	Tempe Reserve Amenities Building - October 2024						24
Suburb Location	Tempe						
Ward	Midjuburi						
Scope of Works	Upgrade of two existing amenities buildings at Tempe Reserve in line with the Tempe Reserve Plan of Management, including provisio of canteen, storage, toilets and changerooms. Additional preliminary scope:  Alexandra Canal Side (Eastern) - building in very poor structural condition - demolition and replacement of existing building with modular type amenities building - investigation of modular buildings and like projects in neighbouring councils  -IWC Requirememnts Lunch room 2.7x4; Paint store 2.6 x 4 (Preference on left near gate)  -Club Requirements Canteen + storage Change room for 16 pax x 2 - 1 shower, 2 toilets Storage for clubs : 1 unit - 4x4 or 8x 2 + roller door; 4 units 2x2 Public Amenities Public toilets x 6 cubicles all gender with communal basin Accessible toilet Accessible pathway from road Replace bubbler  - Temporary Temp water and power Portaloo bank x 4 + Accessible post demo Move container from pioneers to Tempe reserve  Blue Amenities near Tempe Jets building (Western) - renewal and upgrade existing building - upgrade bathrooms and changerooms, reconfigure entrance to female toilets to improve on saftey - additional storage rooms for the sporting clubs - external canopy - relocation and connection of rainwater tanks						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
					X		
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 2,750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750,000
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	March 2025		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Canal Side - December 2024 Other Amenities - March 2025		

Project Title	Henson Park Grandstand Redevelopment - AFL PPP - October 2024						25
Suburb Location	Marrickville						
Ward	Marrickville						
Scope of Works	Redevelopment and upgrade of the King George V memorial grandstand, including:  Upgrade of existing Grandstand and amenities to include female change facilities All works associated with the construction of a new multi-purpose building including Media facilities have been deferred pending funding						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation		Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
				X			
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Grant Funding provider(s)	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Sep-24		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Sep-25		

Project Title	Dawn Fraser Baths - Northern Pavilion Upgrade Works - October 2024						26
Suburb Location	Balmain						
Ward	Balmain						
Scope of Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northern Pavilion</li><li>Structural repairs to the timber structure of the Norther Pavilion including timber posts, beams, decking, connections/joints, balustrades and potentially the foundation piles.</li><li>Stage 1 - Short Term Temporary Repairs to allow ongoing use of the Northern Pavilion are complete.</li><li>Stage 2 - Major works to be completed by September 2026. Work includes replacement of decayed timber structural members including floorboards, repair of corroded connections, handrails, balustrade, and minor timber piles.</li><li>Improvements to the existing stainless steel ladders - completed</li><li>Reinstatement of perimeter beam security - completed</li><li>Repair of wave baffle boards brackets, bolts and anodes</li><li>Upgrade of accessible carpark located in lower portion of Fitzroy Ave Reserve.</li></ul>						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Funding provider(s)	A	\$	B	\$	C	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	October - 26		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		October 26		

Project Title		Pymont Bridge Road (PRUAIP) - October 2024					27	
Suburb Location		Annandale						
Ward		Leichhardt						
Scope of Works		A new dedicated cycle path is proposed to improve cycle connections along Pymont Bridge Road, which will complement the Johnston's Creek connection as a more direct route from Parramatta Road through Glebe and towards Pymont.						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
				X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 5,625,924	\$ 5,625,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Funding provider(s)		DPHI	\$ 4,507,174	TfNSW	\$ 1,118,750		\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		n/a		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Nov 2025		

Project Title	Mainstreet Revitalisation Program - October 2024							28
Suburb Location	Various Mainstreet Areas							
Ward	All Wards							
Scope of Works	<p>The Main Street Revitalisation Works include the following types of work:</p> <p>1) Outdoor Dining All Weather Coverage 2) Footpth Plaques 3) Street Furniture Installations - 4) Weather Protection Awnings 5) Verge Greening. 6) Larger Public Domain Upgrades - Dulwich Hill (Laneway &amp; Loftus St Reserve) - Balmain - Loyalty Square - The Hub - Newtown - Annandale - 115 Johnston Street, Haberfield - Main Street</p> <p>Further scope of works incude Lighting Design Strategy and May Street, St Peters Triangle Upgrades.</p>							
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability	
		X	X	X	X			
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	\$94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds	
	\$ 7,500,000	\$ -	\$ 3,750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,750,000	
Grant Funding provider(s)	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$		
Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/06/2025		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/06/2025			

Project Title	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub - October 2024						29
Suburb Location	Former Tempe Jets Club Building, Tempe Reserve						
Ward	Midjuburi						
Scope of Works	Refurbish the existing former Tempe Jets Club and deliver an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub. Works will include: Full roof replacement Remedial building works Internal refurbishment Demolition of the existing remote control car racetrack Possible staged delivery of external landscaping works						
Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
			X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Funding provider(s)	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)			Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		Oct-26		



Project Title		EV Charging Stations - October 2024					30	
Suburb Location		Leichhardt Service Centre, St Peters Depot, Ashfield Service Centre, Inner West Sustainability Hub, Petersham Service Centre and Leichhardt Depot						
Ward		Various						
Scope of Works		Design and Construct contract to supply and install EV charging infrastructure at the following locations						
		Location	Charging point type	Proposed number of charging points	No. of vehicles (existing and planned) daytime and overnight			
		Leichardt Service Centre	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	14	14 overnight with possibly of up to 5-10 during daytime			
			Level 3 charging, up to 50kW DC*	1-2 (max. 50kW)	Anytime			
		St Peters Depot	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	10	5-10 vehicles overnight and/or possibly during daytime (discuss this number).			
		Ashfield Service Centre	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	5	To be advised			
		Inner West Sustainability Hub	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	3-4 (including one accessible charge point)	During opening hours only			
		Petersham Service Centre	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	4	1-2 overnight with possibly 5-15 during daytime			
		Leichhardt Depot	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	1 should be 2 charge point	Possibly 1 overnight and 2-5 during daytime			
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation		Closure		
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
					X			
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 740,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Funding provider(s)		N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)				Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		June 2025		

Project Title		Steel Park Sportsfield upgrade - October 2024						31
Suburb Location		Marrickville						
Ward		Marrickville						
Scope of Works		Sportsfield renewal and lighting upgrade, as per Sporting Ground Strategy C1222(1) Item 17 6th Dec 2022 Playing surface regrading, new sub-surface drainage, irrigation upgrade, new turf species and sports lighting upgrade.						
Current project phase		Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
		Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability
				X				
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 2,250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250,000
Grant Funding provider(s)		N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		1/03/2026		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		1/03/2026		

Project Title	Yeo Park Inclusive Playground - October 2024						32
Suburb Location	Balmain						
Ward	Balmain						
Scope of Works	construction of a flagship inclusive playspace and renovation of the amenities building including: reuse of existing salvaged equipment, installation of new equipment, accessible bubblers, BBQ's, seating. Additional shade. 10						

Project Title		Lilyfield Road cycleway - October 2024					33	
Suburb Location		Balmain						
Ward		Balmain						
Scope of Works		Design and build a regional cycleway from Iron Cove to Anzac Bridge, Rozelle along Lilyfield Road. The regional cycleway was identified in the Inner Sydney Regional Bike Plan and former Leichhardt Council's 2016 Bike Plan as a route to be upgraded to a separated two-way cycleway. The project is fully funded by the NSW Government and aims to increase safety for bike riders, pedestrians and motorists. The route extends from Canal Road to Victoria Rd and is approximately 2.7km long.						
Current project phase								
	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure		
	Business Case Planning	Scoping Governance	Investigations Design	Procurement Contract Award	Construction Delivery	Hand over Post-Project	Defects Liability	
			X					
Approved Budget (as at date of report)		Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		\$ 2,398,000	\$ 378,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,020,000
Grant Funding provider(s)		N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	
Approved completion date (as at date of report)		30/6/26		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)		30/6/26		

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 31

**Subject:** STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS OF COLLECTION SERVICES GARBAGE, FOGO AND RECYCLING

**Prepared By:** Erin White - Manager Resource Recovery and Fleet Services

**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:

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## DISCUSSION

Council will move into closed session to deal with the Status of negotiations of collection services Garbage, FOGO and Recycling, for information which is classified as confidential under 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.

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 that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Report - Status of negotiations of collection services Garbage FOGO and Recycling - *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; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (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.***

**Item No:** C1124(1) Item 32  
**Subject:** RFT 13-24 LEICHHARDT PARK AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADE (STAGE 1)  
**Prepared By:** Stuart Hull - Senior Manager Capital Works  
**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
- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

## DISCUSSION

Council is planning to undertake Stage 1 of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade as part of a wider initiative to renew the centre's outdoor facilities. The works will include the refurbishment of the outdoor children's pool (known as the mushroom pool), installation of a new heating and HVAC system, construction of a splash play area, and the addition of shade structures and enhanced seating opportunities.

Council will move into closed session to deal with the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade (Stage 1) Construction Tender, for information which is classified as confidential under 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.

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## ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Report - RFT 13-24 LPAC Upgrade Stage 1 Tender Report (Memo) - *Confidential*

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2. RFT 13-24 LPAC Upgrade Stage 1 Tender Evaluation Report - *Confidential*

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*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:** C1124(1) Item 33  
**Subject:** QUARTERLY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROPERTY REPORT  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager  
**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:

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This quarterly Strategic Investment Property report provides Council with updates on the performance of the Commercial Property Investment Portfolio for Council's property at Liverpool and at Warrawong.

A summary of financial performance is provided below for each of the two properties. Further information of a confidential nature is provided in the confidential report.

The combined net income from investment properties for this quarter is \$1,093,286.27.

The data provided is to the end of quarter three of FY2023/24 (30 Sept 2024).

## DISCUSSION

### 203 NORTHUMBERLAND STREET LIVERPOOL

A summary of the financial performance of the property is provided below:

Account	Year to Date			Full Year		
	Actual	Budget	\$ Var	Forecast	Budget	\$Var
Revenue	933,913.77	882,988.00	50,925.77	3,554,216.77	3,503,291.00	50,925.77
Operating Expenditure	151,047.87	160,596.93	9,549.06	616,347.87	625,896.93	9,549.06
Direct Recoveries	9,870.61	-	- 9,870.61	9,870.61	-	- 9,870.61
Net Operating Profit (Loss)	772,995.29	722,391.07	50,604.22	2,927,998.29	2,877,394.07	50,604.22
Owner Expenditure	3,395.35	-	- 3,395.35	3,395.35	-	- 3,395.35
Net Profit / (Loss)	769,599.94	722,391.07	47,208.87	2,924,602.94	2,877,394.07	47,208.87



## Revenue

- Year to Date – Revenue is shown on an Accrual Basis (From 1 July to 30 Sept 2024).
- Total Income \$933,913.77 vs Budget \$882,988 which is over budget (favourable) by \$50,925.77 (5.77%).

The additional revenue is predominantly related to office space (Suite 501) budgeted to be vacant and now leased to Neami and recovery of electricity for level 5.

## Expenses

- Total Building Expenses\* \$164,313.83 vs Budget \$160,596.93 is over budget (unfavourable) by \$3,716.90 (2.31%).

*\*Note Total Building Expenses includes Operating Expenditure, Direct Recoveries and Owner Expenditure*

## Capital Works

The planned capital budget for FY 2024/25 is \$377K with the main items including mechanical, some works to the façade and waterproofing. Minor works commenced. Major works to commence Q3.

The overall ten-year capital budget for the property was incorporated into Council's Long Term Financial Plan at the time of purchase.

## 67 KING STREET WARRAWONG

A summary of the financial performance of the property is provided below:

		Year to Date			Full Year	
Account	Actual	Budget	\$ Var	Forecast	Budget	\$Var
Revenue	504,278.12	493,477.20	10,800.92	2,001,001.98	1,990,201.06	- 10,800.92
Operating Expenditure	136,261.33	122,582.00	13,679.33	504,001.33	490,322.00	- 13,679.33
Direct Recoveries	2,391.00	-	- 2,391.00	2,391.00	-	- 2,391.00
Net Operating Profit (Loss)	365,625.79	370,895.20	- 5,269.41	1,494,609.65	1,499,879.06	- 5,269.41
Owner Expenditure	630.00	-	- 630.00	630.00	-	- 630.00
Net Profit / (Loss)	364,995.79	370,895.20	- 5,899.41	1,493,979.65	1,499,879.06	- 5,899.41

## Revenue

- Year to Date - Accrual Basis (From 1 July to 30 Sept 2024).
- Total Income \$504,278.12 vs Budget \$493,477.20 which is over budget (favourable) by \$10,800.92 (2.19%).

The increased revenue is due to a CPI increase above budget for ISLHD.

## Expenses

- Total Building Expenses\* \$139,282.33 vs Budget \$122,582 which is over budget (unfavourable) by \$16,700.33 (13.62%).

*\*Note Total Building Expenses includes Operating Expenditure, Direct Recoveries and Owner Expenditure*

The increased expenditure is due to the payment of electricity accounts for previous periods and timing of repair and maintenance payments (whilst a budget allowance has been made for repair and maintenance items, an even phasing of the spend over the year had been assumed, however the cost will only be incurred when works are carried out).

## Capital Works

The planned capital budget for FY 2024/25 is \$628K with the main items including carpark resurfacing, some works to structural elements and roof finishes.

The overall ten-year capital budget for the property was incorporated into Council's Long Term Financial Plan at the time of purchase.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Council will move into closed session to deal with the Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report – for additional information which is classified as confidential under Section 10A(2)(d)(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.

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 that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(d)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report – September 2024 - *Confidential*

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