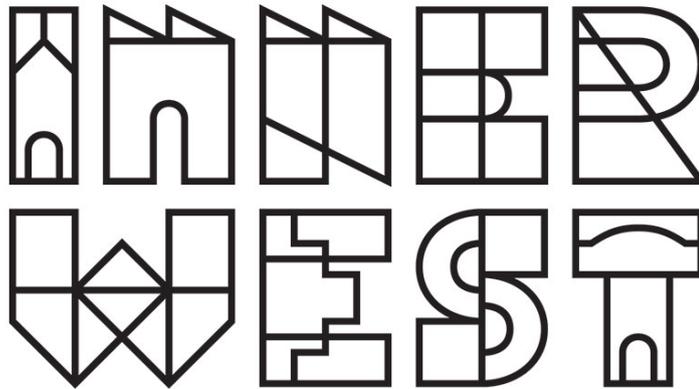


# AGENDA

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025**

**6:30 PM**

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### **Statement of Ethical Obligations**

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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 29 April 2025 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
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Manod Wickramasinghe	Acting Director Engineering
Ryann Midei	Director Major Projects and Property
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Chris Sleiman	Acting Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Scott Mullen	Strategic Investments and Property Manager
Daniel East	Senior Manager Strategic Planning
Rocco Sergi	Coordinator Strategic Investments and Properties
Megan Jenkins	Senior Lawyer
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

**APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

**Motion: (Macri/Howard)**

**That apologies from Councillor Raciti be accepted.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Macri declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 20 - *Draft Economic Development Budget 2025-26* as he is a member of the Marrickville Chamber of Commerce. He will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Atkins declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 43 - *Notice of Motion: Active Super Greenwashing* as they are a contributing member of the Local Government Super Scheme/Active Super now known as Vision Super. They will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 - *Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 March 2025* as she works in the Office of Kobi Shetty MP, who in her capacity as the member for Balmain, has a representative on the Traffic Committee. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter as the vote is exercised through a representative.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 - *Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 March 2025* as Item 11 in the minutes considers amendments to parking restrictions on the street where his principal residence is situated. As the location of the proposed changes is not in close proximity to his principal residence and presents no impact to his principal residence, he will remain in the Chamber for discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 - *Minutes of the Flood Management Advisory Committee of 26 February 2025 and Appointment of Community Representatives* as he resides in a flood affected area impacted by the Marrickville Valley Flood Risk Management Plan considered in Item 2 of the minutes. As the report is a review only and does not seek to make further recommendations for work or future funding decisions, he will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Clay declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 - *Minutes of the Flood Management Advisory Committee of the 26 February 2025 and Appointment of Community Representatives* as she lives in the Johnston's Creek Catchment Area which is referred to generally in this report, but her residence will not be affected by any of the content of the report. She has also previously worked at Stantec, which prepared reports related to this item. She ceased employment in 2020 and has not maintained a relationship with the company since leaving. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter, as her interests in this matter are sufficiently remote as to not require further action in the circumstances.

Councillor Scott declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 43 - *Notice of Motion: Active Super Greenwashing* as she is on the board of LGNSW and receives a sitting fee for attending meetings. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Atkins declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 - *Minutes of the Flood Management Advisory Committee of 26 February 2025 and Appointment of Community Representatives* as their principal place of residence is in the Johnston's Creek Flood Zone. Given the nature of the item the conflict will not affect their ability to carry out duties and so they will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

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

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion: (Howard/Carlisle)**

**That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 11 March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, 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 6:50pm and vacated the Chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard assumed the Chair.

Councillor Macri left the meeting at 7:05pm

Councillor Macri returned to the meeting at 7:06pm

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the meeting at 7:10pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the Chair.

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)**

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

1. **Item 4 - Mort Bay Park Upgrade - Pickleball and Tennis Practice Wall**
2. **Item 5 - Proposed Streetscape Improvements at the Boulevard, Lilyfield**
3. **Item 6 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 March 2025**
4. **Item 9 - Burwood Council Proposed Boundary Changes Around Presbyterian Ladies College Croydon**
5. **Item 13 - Post Exhibition – 1-13 Parramatta Road, Annandale - Deed of Variation for Planning Agreement**
6. **Item 15 - Public Exhibition - Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy**
7. **Item 18 - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest First Returns**
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9. **Item 24 - Investment Report at 28 February 2025**
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11. **Item 28 - Railway Avenue, Stanmore - Review of Traffic Accidents Adjacent to the Railway Avenue Cycleway**
12. **Item 33 - Notice of Motion: National General Assembly of Local Government 2025**
13. **Item 34 - Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossing - Park Road Marrickville**
14. **Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Open Space for Tempe**
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16. **Item 38 - Notice of Motion: Taxis in South Marrickville**
17. **Item 44 - Notice of Motion: Raised pedestrian crossing at Darley Road near Allen Street, Leichhardt**
18. **Item 45 - Notice of Motion: Inner West pedestrian and cyclist street furniture and parking audit**
19. **Item 46 - Notice of Motion: Reverse Garbage 50th Anniversary**
20. **Item 47 - Notice of Motion: Lighting in Marrickville Parks**
21. **Item 48 - Notice of Motion: East Tempe Parking**
22. **Item 49 - Notice of Motion: Camdenville Oval Koori Knockout Blue Plaque**
23. **Item 50 - Notice of Motion: Improved Collaboration with Homes NSW on rubbish dumping on and outside public housing properties**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, 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 reports be adopted:

1. Item 4 - Mort Bay Park Upgrade - Pickleball and Tennis Practice Wall
2. Item 5 - Proposed Streetscape Improvements at the Boulevard, Lilyfield
3. Item 6 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 March 2025
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**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 4 Mort Bay Park Upgrade - Pickleball and Tennis Practice Wall**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council, as a part of the Mort Bay Park upgrade, endorse the following additional improvements:

- a) pickleball line marking to the existing multi-purpose court;
- b) convert part of the existing multi-purpose court to include a tennis practice wall; and
- c) resurface the multi-purpose court.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 5 Proposed Streetscape Improvements at The Boulevard, Lilyfield**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council endorse the revised design proposal for the streetscape improvements at The Boulevard, Lilyfield as shown on plan No. 10278 -C attached to the Council report.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 6 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 March 2025**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 March 2025.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 9 Burwood Council Proposed Boundary Changes Around Presbyterian Ladies College Croydon**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council write to Burwood Council rejecting their proposal to amend the Local Government boundary at Croydon.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 13 Post Exhibition – 1-13 Parramatta Road, Annandale - Deed of Variation for Planning Agreement**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council enter into the Deed of Variation to Planning Agreement for 1-13 Parramatta Road, Annandale as provided in *Attachment 1* to the Council report.

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2. That Council authorises the General Manager to execute the Deed of Variation to Planning Agreement.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0425(1) Item 15 Public Exhibition - Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0425(1) Item 18 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest First Returns**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 5 March 2025.
2. That Council receive and note the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Returns lodged by recently appointed ARIC members, and publish these on Council's website.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0425(1) Item 23 Supporting the launch of Balmain Markets**

**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, Scott, Smith and Tastan  
**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 24 Investment Report at 28 February 2025**

**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, Scott, Smith and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 25 Investment Report at 31 March 2025**

**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, Scott, Smith and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 28 Railway Avenue, Stanmore - Review of Traffic Accidents Adjacent to the Railway Avenue Cycleway**

**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, Scott, Smith and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: National General Assembly of Local Government 2025**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**That Councillor Tastan be added to the list of Councillor delegates to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government 2025.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossing - Park Road Marrickville**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**That Council investigate options to improve the safety at the Park Road pedestrian crossing, outside Wilkins Primary School.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Open Space for Tempe**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**That Council investigates the potential creation of an open space in Tempe alongside the Goods Rail line overpass.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Marrickville Road Urgent Maintenance**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**That Council urgently make safe the footpath and outdoor dining areas on the platforms between Garners Avenue and Frampton Street.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Taxis in South Marrickville**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council note the frustration of South Marrickville residents at the ongoing issues posed by parked taxis, hire car vehicles, smash repair vehicles and fleet cars on local streets.**
- 2. That Council acknowledge the strong calls for further action expressed at the recent public meeting held on Friday 11 April.**
- 3. That Council intensify enforcement activities in affected streets, including around Mackey Park.**
- 4. That Council escalate marking and reporting of vehicles under the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* and the impounding of vehicles, where possible.**
- 5. That Council write to known businesses parking vehicles on local streets requesting a meeting and explaining that council is intensifying enforcement and other activities.**
- 6. That Council write to Sydney Airport Corporation noting that local streets in Tempe and Marrickville are being used by airport passengers and requesting they improve communications requesting passengers not park in local streets.**
- 7. That Council consider the feedback received in the previous consultation and in the public meeting on 11 April, and reconsult on a parking proposal that better fits the needs of local residents.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 44 Notice of Motion: Raised pedestrian crossing at Darley Road near Allen Street, Leichhardt**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council notes that the intersection of Darley Road and Allen Street, Leichhardt at the eastern exit of Hawthorne Light Rail station is the only light rail station exit between Lilyfield and Dulwich Hill without formal pedestrian safety infrastructure, such as a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights.
2. That Council acknowledges the safety concerns raised by residents, particularly for school children, older residents, light rail users, people with disabilities, and families with strollers or dogs accessing the nearby Hawthorne Canal parklands and sports facilities.
3. That Council notes that this is a state road, and that Transport for NSW has declined requests for a signalised pedestrian crossing at this location on the basis of insufficient crash data, despite clear safety risks and numerous other light rail stops having better pedestrian protections.
4. That Council further notes that existing pedestrian refuges at the roundabout feel inadequate given the width of the road and speed of traffic at this intersection, including vehicles entering from the City West Link.
5. That Council requests that the Mayor write to the Minister for Roads and Transport for NSW to reconsider the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing at this intersection.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: Inner West pedestrian and cyclist street furniture and parking audit**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council undertake an audit of street furniture across the Inner West, including but not limited to:
  - a) Benches and resting points;
  - b) Public lighting (particularly pedestrian-scale lighting);
  - c) Drinking fountains;
  - d) Bike racks and lockers; and
  - e) Wayfinding signage and maps.
2. That Council focus the audit on key high-traffic locations, including:
  - a) Main streets;
  - b) Shopping complexes;
  - c) Supermarkets;
  - d) Post offices;

- e) Town Halls;
  - f) Light Rail and Ferry stops, Train and Metro stations;
  - g) Major sporting grounds; and
  - h) Flagship parks.
3. That Council identify locations where additional street furniture and bike parking infrastructure are required to improve safety, comfort, and convenience for pedestrians and cyclists across the LGA.
  4. That Council prepare a report for the November 2025 Council meeting outlining audit findings and recommendations, to inform consideration for inclusion in the 2026–2027 budget.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Reverse Garbage 50th Anniversary**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council acknowledge and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reverse Garbage, Marrickville.
2. That Council partner with Reverse Garbage to support their planned 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event later this year and contribute \$10,000 towards the event from the 2025-2026 Inner West Council Budget.
3. That Council include recognition of Reverse Garbage and its 50 year anniversary in the Inner West Council newsletter.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 47 Notice of Motion: Lighting in Marrickville Parks**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That, further to the resolution passed at the March 2025 Council meeting, Council implement the following winter hours for sporting ground flood lighting use in order to facilitate dog walking after dark in winter on the following basis:

- a) Monday to Sunday 5pm to 11pm at Mackey Park to help facilitate safe use of the Cooks River pathway during the closure of the T3 rail-line; and
- b) That lighting at Henson Park be retained at the same times as previously agreed by Council resolution in 2024 following the specific trial and community consultation at Henson Park.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 48 Notice of Motion: East Tempe Parking**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council note the feedback of the public meeting on 14 April 2025.
2. That Council consider “plain English” signage indicating the additional number of parking spots in the Robyn Webster Indoor Parking lot.
3. That Council provide a further report to the August 2025 Council meeting, considering options to improve parking at Tempe Reserve through:
  - a) Establishing parking spots adjacent to the storage area for boats at the Tempe Motorboat Club, directly opposite the restricted parking on Holbeach Avenue;
  - b) Engaging with the taxi mechanic on Holbeach Avenue regarding parking on Holbeach Avenue and other local streets;
  - c) Engaging with Sydney Airport Corporation regarding passenger and airport worker parking in East Tempe streets, including communications deterring parking on East Tempe streets;
  - d) Creating a mobility parking space on Holbeach Ave near the storage area for the Tempe Motorboat Club;
  - e) Considering no stopping signage at the end of local streets in East Tempe
  - f) Considering the establishment of shared streets and one way streets in East Tempe;
  - g) Indicating the impact of the Inner West @40km project on local streets in East Tempe;
  - h) The feasibility of establishing a footpath on South Street, Tempe;
  - i) Conducting further traffic studies for the area after consulting with sports clubs about high utilisation rates of Tempe Reserve;
  - j) Considering the timing of future Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) studies required as part of the Bunnings Tempe development; and
  - k) Other initiatives.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Camdenville Oval Koori Knockout Blue Plaque**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council note Camdenville Oval has been successfully chosen as a site for a NSW Heritage Blue Plaque by the NSW Government for its role as the first location of the Koori Knockout in 1971, following advocacy from the Inner West Council.
2. That Council promotes this accomplishment in the next available edition of the Inner West Community News, along with historical information about the Koori Knockout.
3. That Council includes the unveiling of the blue plaque as part of the official reopening of Camdenville Oval following the recent refurbishment, if possible given project timelines. In the case it is possible, Council engages with Heritage NSW for its inclusion/unveiling.

4. That Council should the unveiling of the Blue Plaque form part of the event to reopen Camdenville Oval, work closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and organisers of the Koori Knockout about the best way to do so.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 50 Notice of Motion: Improved Collaboration with Homes NSW on rubbish dumping on and outside public housing properties**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council notes the ongoing issue of rubbish dumping and associated vermin and public health risks occurring outside Homes NSW properties in the inner west.
2. That Council notes that the Deputy Mayor, Mat Howard, has put several motions to Council on this topic, and that Council has previously resolved to:
  - a) Form a working group comprising Council staff, representatives from Homes NSW and community housing providers to improve and streamline waste collection in large social and community housing communities in the Inner West (December 2024); and
  - b) Receive a report in June 2025 on ongoing engagement with Homes NSW to improve waste management, and thereafter twice yearly (March 2025).
3. That Council acknowledges that Inner West Council staff have taken steps, including waste removal when notified, increased monitoring of dumping hotspots, and increased bin provision and bin collection to support residents of the properties.
4. That Council recognises that Homes NSW has agreed to some measures, including installing CCTV and lighting at the property in Whites Creek Lane, Annandale, conducted a letterbox drop, and referring tenant needs to Homes NSW's Inner West tenancy management unit, but notes that implementation timelines remain unclear and community concern is growing.
5. That Council requests the Mayor write to the NSW Minister for Housing, and the CEO of Homes NSW, urging that Homes NSW urgently engage in the already resolved formal consultation with the Inner West Council on a coordinated and long-term strategy to address:
  - a) Waste and maintenance management at Homes NSW estates;
  - b) Social service outreach and support for tenants; and
  - c) Communication and accountability processes.
6. That Council supports local community initiatives to improve neighbourhood conditions around affected properties, such as the proposed revival of the Whites Creek Lane Neighbourhood Association, and commits to assisting with:
  - a) Grant applications;
  - b) Access to council programs such as the Perfect Match mural scheme; and
  - c) Access to Council venues for meetings.
7. That Council reaffirms that a progress report be brought to Council at the June 2025 meeting outlining:
  - a) Correspondence with the Minister and Homes NSW;
  - b) Any commitments or timelines secured; and

**c) Outcomes of resident engagement and Council's waste management response.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 1 Public Exhibition - Draft Community Strategic Plan, Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2025-29 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-34; and Adoption - Community Engagement Strategy 2025-29**

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

1. That Council amend the 2025/2026 Budget to limit any increase to the domestic waste levy to 7.5% in the 2025/2026 financial year.
2. That Council endorse for public exhibition of 28 days the:
  - a) Draft Community Strategic Plan – Our Inner West 2041;
  - b) Draft Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan;
  - c) Budget 2025/26 (including Fees and Charges 2025/26, subject to the removal of fees and charges for activity and footpath usage applications for Footpath Dining Assessment (*Roads Act 1993*), Footpath Dining Annual Lease (*Roads Act 1993*), Onroad Dining Assessment (*Roads Act 1993*), Onroad Dining Lease (*Roads Act 1993*), with consequential changes to be made to the Fees and Charges 2025/26 Changes Log); and
  - d) Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-35.
3. That Council receive a report of the public exhibition outcomes and the final draft plans for adoption at the June 2025 Council meeting.
4. That Council note the outcomes of the public exhibition of the Community Participation Plan and adopt the revised Community Engagement Strategy 2025-29.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Carlisle)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 2 Inner West LEP - Update and Proposed Engagement Plan**

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

**That Council endorse the proposed community engagement plan for the Local Government Area wide planning changes that are Inner West Council's response to the Housing Emergency.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 3 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Stage 2 Upgrade**

**Motion: (Scott/Fergusson)**

1. That Council note the outcomes of the Engagement Report, including that the vast majority of respondents supported the stage 2 works to Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre, including three quarters of people who saw the plans in person.
2. That Council investigate options to include a small playground in the grassed area between the pools and the Bay Run, including funding sources.
3. That Council investigate options to include more shade over the concourse areas around the 50m and 25m pools, including funding sources.
4. That Council staff include the results of these investigations in their monthly reports to Council.
5. That Council adopt the revised conceptual designs in *Attachment 2* of the Council report, for Stage 2 of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre.
6. That Council endorse proceeding with detailed design development, planning approval and delivery stages for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade Stage 2.
7. That Council note that the required funding detailed in the funding implications of this report for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade is included in the draft 2025/26 operational plan and budget.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 7 Minutes of the Flood Management Advisory Committee of 26 February 2025 and Appointment of Community Representatives**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Flood Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 February 2025.
2. That Council approve appointment of the Community Representatives to the Flood Management Advisory Committee.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 8 Expanding Jazz in the Park**

**Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)**

1. That Council endorse the proposal to expand the Jazz in the Park event into a Balmain Street Festival.
2. That Council approve that, if the application for the NSW Open Streets Grant Program is unsuccessful, alternative funding sources and/or revised festival designs be explored. This includes consideration for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget, and whether the Town Halls Festivals funding allocated to Balmain could be used to support this festival.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 10 Rozelle Parklands**

**Motion: (Scott/Byrne)**

1. That Council resolve that the General Manager negotiate the final terms of a Care Control and Management Agreement and Funding Deed with Transport for New South Wales.
2. That Council resolve the General Manager execute a Care Control Management Agreement and Funding Deed for Rozelle Parklands.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 11 Illegally Blocked Driveways**

**Motion: (Smith/Atkins)**

That Council endorse the following Policy statement for inclusion in the Parking Enforcement Operating Management Standard (OMS):

*'Where a Council officer verifies that a resident is prevented access to their driveway, a tow truck is engaged to move the vehicle.'*

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 12 Leichhardt Oval Renovation Update**

**Motion: (Scott/Byrne)**

That Council endorse the Leichhardt Oval renovation final design concepts April 2025 (*Attachment 1* of the Council report) and proceed with preparing detailed plans in

order to seek planning approval.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0425(1) Item 14 Investment Policy Update**

**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

**That this report be deferred to the June 2025 Council meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0425(1) Item 16 Public Exhibition - Draft Media and Social Media Policy**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Media and Social Media Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Media and Social Media Policy be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Amendment (Atkins/Antoniou)**

**That Council amend point 1 to:**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Media and Social Media Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy, subject to modification of Clause 5.7 of the draft policy as follows:
  - 5.7 A Councillor who submits a notice of motion that forms the basis of a Council resolution will be offered the opportunity to lead on any media opportunities and to feature in photo, video or communications published by Council. The Councillor who leads on media opportunities may choose to involve other Councillors.

**Motion Lost**

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

**C0425(1) Item 17 Public Exhibition - Draft Lobbying Policy**

**Motion: (Blake/Howard)**

**That this item be deferred to the May 2025 Council meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 19 Development Assessment Initiatives to Improve Housing Supply**

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

1. That Council brief Councillors on the new Inner West Residential Panel and bring the matter back to the May 2025 Council meeting.
2. That Council note that funding has been allocated in the draft 2025/26 budget for the position of City Architect and endorse the key responsibilities for the City Architect.
3. That Council launch the Development Assessment survey in May 2025.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Macri left the meeting at 7:50pm as he declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 20, as he is a member of the Marrickville Chamber of Commerce.

**C0425(1) Item 20 Draft Economic Development Budget 2025-26**

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

1. That Council refer the matter to the General Manager to return a revised report on the Economic Development Budget to the May 2025 Council meeting including:
  - a) a revised proposal that includes a competitive grant process open to all business groups from the 2026 financial year, and retaining existing allocations to the Marrickville Chamber of Commerce for the 2025-2026 financial year; and
  - b) options to grow the amount available for grants.
2. That the grants process be run in the same manner as the current grant process.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Macri

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Clay)**

**That the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.**

**Motion Carried**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7.59pm

The meeting resumed at 8.07pm

Councillor Macri returned to the meeting at 8:07pm

**C0425(1) Item 21 Public Exhibition - Draft Economic Development Strategy**

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

**That consideration of this item be deferred pending the reconsideration of the Economic Development Budget.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Carlisle)**

**That Council allow C/r Smith to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 22.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0425(1) Item 22 Proposed Tourism Action Plan Expenditure and Bi-monthly update on Brewers and Distillers Action Plan**

**Motion: (Smith/Howard)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council reallocate the \$85,000 for website development towards a sponsored content and advertising strategy, including print, digital, and social media outlets and other advertising opportunities such as public transport, with an advertising plan to be included in the next bi-monthly report.
3. That Council undertake a review of the plan after six months.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0425(1) Item 26 Celebrating the Vietnamese Community in Marrickville**

**Motion: (Barlow/Howard)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.

2. That Council engage local business chambers / networks / associations, especially those supported by the Economic Development Team, to identify local organisations, businesses and performers that might be appropriate for Council to reach out to and encourage to participate.
3. That Council specifically acknowledge the enduring contribution made by the roughly 150,000 Vietnamese refugees that came to Australia following what is often referred to as the Fall of Saigon in 1975, many of whom settled in Marrickville.
4. That this acknowledgement take the form of a monument, plaque, tree planting or other significant acknowledgement in Marrickville, to be determined in consultation with the local Vietnamese community and Marrickville-Midjuburi Councillors.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 27 Murrell Street, Ashfield - Traffic Study**

**Motion: (Carlisle/Scott)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council note and thank Council staff for promptly installing a 'no right turn' sign at the intersection of Murrell Street and Liverpool Road, and Ashfield Public School P&C for their advocacy.
3. That Council write to the Member for Summer Hill, Jo Haylen MP and the Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison MP, to request that the speed limit be reduced to 50kph along Liverpool Road between Holden Street and Nottle Street, Ashfield.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 29 Bins and Cleaner Streets**

**Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

1. That Council expand the "Street Blitz" to include a main street in every ward, as follows:
  - a) Ashfield-Djarrawunang: Liverpool Road;
  - b) Balmain-Baludarri: Darling Street;
  - c) Leichhardt-Gulgadya: Norton Street;
  - d) Stanmore-Damun: Enmore Road; and
  - e) Marrickville-Midjuburi: Marrickville Road.
2. That Council develop a communications plan related to the Street Blitz program, including but not limited to:
  - a) Social media content and sponsored social media advertising;
  - b) Specific signage promoting works under the program in locations where work is occurring;

- c) Letterbox drops to businesses and residences in proximity to main streets;  
and
- d) Inclusion of street blitz activities in the Inner West Community News.

3. That Council receive and note the report.

4. That Council investigate the service levels with the Council booked cleanups with regard to delays and extended waiting times.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 30 Flooding in the area of Northcote Street, Marrickville**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.

2. That Council write to residents of Northcote Street to provide an update on actions being undertaken.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 31 Installation of Lockers at the Dawn Fraser Baths**

**Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)**

2. That Council receive and note the report.

3. That Council receive a report to the June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting confirming the outcomes of these investigations and plans to implement improvements to facilities, events, and food and beverage services at Dawn Fraser Baths.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 32 Mandatory Reporting to Council of Report received from Fire & Rescue NSW - 425 Liverpool Road Ashfield**

**Motion: (Carlisle/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, Scott, Smith and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Sydenham, Tempe Safety and dumping problems**

**Motion: (Macri/Howard)**

1. That Council write to Australian Rail Track Corporation and request they create a regular maintenance schedule for the vegetation in the Goods Rail corridor that is published on their website.
2. That Council install signage clearly stating illegal dumping will be prosecuted and the area is under surveillance.
3. That Council add the areas highlighted in the Notice of Motion to the list of hot spot locations in the Council's program to address illegal dumping.
4. That Council continue to engage with local organisations assisting rough sleepers who may be living in the laneways along the rail corridor.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Reaffirming our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion**

**Motion: (Atkins/Barlow)**

1. That Council reaffirm the Inner West Council's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and the continued implementation of policies and strategies that embody this commitment, including the Anti-Racism Strategy, the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, the Reconciliation Action Plan, the Gender Equity Strategy, and the Workforce Management Strategy.
2. That Council note that staff are currently developing the Community Safety Action Plan and seek an update at the June 2025 Council meeting.
3. That Council commits to continuing to enhance community safety including through visible support from Council for marginalised communities and supporting local democracy groups for those communities to provide input into development and implementation of Inner West policies, strategic plans and/or programs.
4. That Council recommits to events which reflect our support for DEI including the Inclusion Festival, Feel the Love, National Reconciliation Week events, and Mental Health Month events and other events throughout the year such as Trans and Gender Diverse and Abilities swim events, reestablishment of a refugee swimming program and inclusive library events.
5. That Council agrees that in June 2025 it will hold a Pride Month event at Leichhardt Town Hall in conjunction with local LGBTQIA+ organisations, within existing budget.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo,

**Against Motion:** Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Scott, Smith and Tastan  
Nil

**C0425(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: In-road Tree Planting**

**Motion: (Atkins/Barlow)**

1. That Council undertake consultation with residents and local businesses (including Camperdown Collision Centre and Artsite Contemporary) on increased in-road tree planting at St Marys Street, Camperdown between Salisbury Road and Chelmsford Street.
2. That Council prepare a report back on consultation outcomes as well as feasibility, cost, and impact on parking and road usage of increased in-road tree planting at this location.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Camperdown Commons**

**Motion: (Atkins/Smith)**

1. That Council note that:
  - a) Camperdown Commons is a site established on public land, owned by the NSW Government and managed by Inner West Council;
  - b) the site was previously home to the Camperdown Bowling Club;
  - c) the former Marrickville Council allowed the site to be sensitively redeveloped and upgraded when the bowling club closed;
  - d) following an expression of interest process, Marrickville Council entered into a long term lease over the site with Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL with strong conditions that public benefit and access be continued, banning poker machines on the site, creating a new community room for discounted hire and establishing an urban community farm;
  - e) since being leased to Camperdown Commons a number of not for profit and social enterprise activities have operated alongside Camperdown Commons' commercial restaurant and bar; and
  - f) Pocket City Farms has a long term arrangement with Camperdown Commons to establish and operate an urban farm. Over time the Pocket City Farms has received public grants which it has used to undertake significant upgrades to the site including water tanks. It also provides educational opportunities to schools, community and businesses about sustainable practices.
2. That Council also note that:
  - a) the lessee at Camperdown Commons has offered the leasehold interest in Camperdown Commons for sale via Expressions of Interest which closed on 15 April 2025;
  - b) the leasehold may be assigned with Council's consent;
  - c) the current lease term ends on 20 June 2026 with two options of 5 years each;
  - d) the agreed manner of operation of the premises includes the operation of a market garden/urban farm; and
  - e) this requirement is complied with via a licence to Pocket City Farms which expires on the same date as the current lease term, i.e. 20 June 2026.

3. That Council reaffirm its commitment to ensuring the site continue to deliver strong community benefits.
4. That Council receive an urgent report about the status of Pocket City Farms.
5. That Council receive a report on the outcome of the Expression of Interest process and any request for consent to assign of the lease at the first available Council meeting after such a request is made to Council.
6. That any request for assignment of the lease at Camperdown Commons be brought to Council for decision.
7. That Council commence discussions with the incoming tenant and report back to Council on opportunities to increase community activation of the site, including live music activations, markets, and other community events, and advertise the community space on Council websites, social media, and the newsletter.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Garbage Bins - Footpath Blockage**

**Motion: (Macri/Howard)**

1. That Council investigate why the bins are not returned to the location where they were put out for collection ensuring they do not impend access.
2. That Council investigate service levels for missed bins, in particular how long it takes to empty the missed bins.
3. That Council investigate why the bins in Tempe Reserve are not all being emptied, as some areas are missed.
4. That Council report this to the first meeting of the Waste Committee as a priority issue.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Atkins left the meeting at 8:46pm as they had declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 43 as they are a contributing member of the Local Government Super Scheme/Active Super now known as Vision Super.

Councillor Scott left the meeting at 8:46pm as she had declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 43 as she is on the board of LGNSW, and receives a sitting fee for attending meetings.

**C0425(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Active Super Greenwashing**

**Motion: (Barlow/Howard)**

**1. That Council notes that:**

- a) the Local Government Super Scheme (LGSS) was established by Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) in 1997 for the benefit of local government employees, was re-branded as Active Super in 2021, and merged with Vision Super on 1 March 2025;
- b) LGNSW is a 50 percent shareholder of LGSS/Active Super/Vision Super;
- c) in June 2024, the Federal Court found that former NSW Local Government Super Fund Active Super (LGSS PL) engaged in deceptive and misleading conduct and breached 12DB(1)(a) and 12DF(1) of the ASIC Act;
- d) on 18 March 2025 the Federal court imposed a penalty of \$10.5 million on Active Super for greenwashing; and
- e) Active Super/Vision Super policyholders will have a portion of their superannuation investment reduced to pay part of the costs arising from the penalty.

**2. That Council writes to the President and CEO of LGNSW as the 50 percent shareholder of LGSS/Active Super/Vision Super and peak advocacy body of Local Government in NSW and calls on them to:**

- a) publish a full written explanation and apology in the LGNSW email circular;
- b) noting that profit-to-members super funds deliver better returns to members over time than profit-to-shareholder funds, and the risks of exposing policyholders to a market-based approach to superannuation, review the newly merged Vision Super's status as the preferred Super Fund of local government employees in NSW; and
- c) outline the steps it has taken to ensure that Vision Super has adequate safeguards in place to prevent any false and misleading conduct occurring in future.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Atkins and Scott

**Amendment (Howard/Smith)**

**That point 2b be amended to include the following wording:**

**'noting that profit-to-members super funds deliver better returns to members over time than profit-to-shareholder funds, and the risks of exposing policyholders to a market-based approach to superannuation,'**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Barlow, Blake, Byrne and Tastan

**Absent:** Crs Atkins and Scott

As the amendment was carried, it was incorporated into the primary motion.

Councillor Atkins returned to the meeting at 8:54pm

Councillor Scott returned to the meeting at 8:54pm

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Smith)**

**That Council enter into Confidential session.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Clay)**

**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, Scott, Smith and Tastan  
**Against Motion:** Nil

**Confidential Session**

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

**C0425(1) Item 54 Sydney Gateway Project and Hand Back of Council Leased Land** (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.

**C0425(1) Item 55 Sydney Gateway - Lease of Industrial Lands – Tempe** (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.

**C0425(1) Item 56 RFT 41-24 Insurance 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.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION**

**C0425(1) Item 54 Sydney Gateway Project and Hand Back of Council Leased Land**

**Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Amendment (Barlow/Atkins)**

**That Council advise the community about the proposed engagement for the Masterplan to embellish the open space at Tempe that was been handed back in February which is being funded by TFNSW.**

**Motion Lost**

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

**C0425(1) Item 55 Sydney Gateway - Lease of Industrial Lands - Tempe**

**Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

1. That Council resolves to grant a short-term commercial lease of 2 years, 11 months and 14 days of Part Lot 4, Part Lot 5 and Lot 6 in DP1258949 of Council lands in Tempe to Park on King Storage Pty Limited.
2. That Council authorises the General Manager or delegate to negotiate, finalise terms and execute the short-term lease to Park on King Storage Pty Limited.
3. That Council, as the local roads authority for Swamp Road, Tempe resolves:
  - a) Swamp Road Tempe is not being used by the public;
  - b) After considering the submissions made regarding the proposed temporary lease of the unused portion of Swamp Road Tempe, hereby grant the lease to Park on King Storage Pty Limited pursuant to s153 of the *Roads Act 1993*; and
  - c) Council authorises the General Manager to sign the s153 lease to Park on King Storage Pty Limited.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0425(1) Item 56 RFT 41-24 Insurance Services**

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

**That the report be deferred to the June 2025 meeting of Council.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Meeting closed at 9.01pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 2:	Michael Deller	Croydon
Item 8:	Trista Rose	Balmain
Item 20:	Morris Hanna Nicholas Smith	Maroubra Marrickville
Item 34:	Caitlin Rowe John Tsihlis	Marrickville Marrickville
Item 39:	Alex Watson	Marrickville
Item 41:	Jacqui Besgrove Tammy Yau	Camperdown Camperdown
Item 50:	Renate Barnett	Balmain

Unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 April 2025.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 1

**Subject:** PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT LOBBYING POLICY

Council at its meeting on 29 April 2025 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 20 May 2025.

**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk

**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Lobbying Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed policy.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Lobbying Policy be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

**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**

At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved to develop and consult on a procedure by which Councillors will be required to publicly disclose their meetings with registered lobbyists and property developers on the Council’s website in the same fashion as state ministers.

The draft Lobbying Policy (Draft Policy) (*refer to Attachment 1*) outlines requirements for Council to publish details of meetings between Councillors and registered lobbyists and/or property developers.

Officers recommend placing the Draft Policy on exhibition for a period of 28 days.

**BACKGROUND**

Lobbying is an essential part of the democratic process that can enhance decision making. However, lobbying can also create corruption risks, and undermine public confidence in decision making due to perceptions of undue influence, bias, and preferential access. It is in the public interest that lobbying is conducted in accordance with community expectations of transparency integrity and honesty.

**Current Lobbying Policy**

Council’s current Lobbying Policy requires lobbyists to complete a lobbyist registration form if they intend to lobby Council. While the current Lobbying Policy obliges Council Officials, to avoid inappropriate conduct during the lobbying process, the regulatory model that the current Lobbying Policy is based on focusses on lobbyists, and the actions they must take in respect of proposed lobbying.

**Council Resolution**

At the December 2024 Council Meeting, Council resolved to develop and consult on a procedure by which Councillors will be required to publicly disclose their meetings with registered lobbyists and property developers on the Council’s website in the same fashion as state ministers.

**Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011**

The Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011 (LOGO), among other things, obliges lobbyists to comply with a Lobbyists Code of Conduct, and register their details on a central Lobbyist Register maintained by the Electoral Commission. The Lobbyists Code of Conduct requires any lobbyist seeking to influence government policy or decision making to disclose certain information when interacting with Government Officials. LOGO and the Lobbyists Code of Conduct exclude local government officials from the definition of a Government Official. This means these requirements do not apply to lobbyists who lobby local government officials.

The requirements in LOGO and the Lobbyists Code of Conduct are supplemented, in respect of NSW State Government Ministers, by the Premier’s Memorandum “M2015-05 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information”. The Premier’s Memorandum establishes a “meeting disclosure” model, whereby State Government Ministers must regularly publish extracts from their diaries detailing scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals.

Ministers must publish their diary extracts one month after the end of each quarter. For third party lobbyists, the diary extract must contain the name of the lobbyist (that is, the entity), the individual lobbyists’ names, and the name of their client.

**DISCUSSION**

The proposed Draft Policy is based on a “meeting disclosure” model, and will apply to Councillors holding meetings with registered lobbyists or property developers in their capacity as Councillors.

The Policy will not require disclosure of any interactions with lobbyists or property developers at:

- meetings that are strictly personal, electorate, or party political;
- social or public functions or events (unless the interaction leads to a substantive discussion of issues).

The Draft Policy defines a registered lobbyist as a lobbyist required to register with the NSW Electoral Commission under section 9 of LOGO. This includes any third party lobbyist, or individual hired by a third party lobbyist. The Draft Policy uses the definition of a property developer from the *Electoral Funding Act 2018*, being an individual or a corporation that carries on a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit.

The Draft Policy will require Councillors to document, in a template form, any meetings, or substantial or significant discussions held outside formal scheduled meetings, with registered lobbyists and/or property developers.

The Draft Policy proposes that Councillors will fill in the form and submit it to Council’s General Manager every three months, within two weeks of the end of the quarter. Councillors will still need to provide a “NIL” disclosure on the form for each quarter even if they do not have any meetings to disclose.

Officers will add the content from the forms to a register, and make the register available online on a quarterly basis, within four weeks of the end of the relevant three-month reporting period. Any updates made to the register will remain on Council’s website for 12 months after the initial date of publication of the updates.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with placing the Policy on public exhibition.

**ATTACHMENTS**

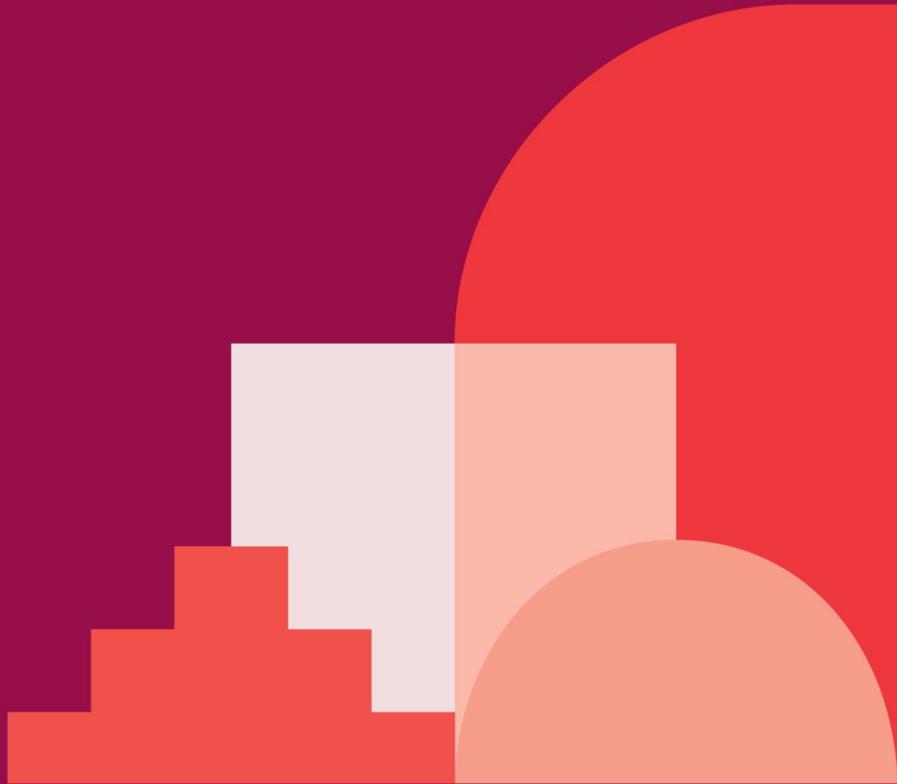
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# Lobbying Policy

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Item 1

Attachment 1

<b>Title</b>	<b>Lobbying Policy</b>
<b>Summary</b>	The Lobbying Policy outlines requirements for Council to publish details of meetings between Councillors and registered lobbyists and/or property developers.
<b>Document Type</b>	Policy
<b>Relevant Strategic Plan Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011</i></li> <li><i>Electoral Funding Act 2018</i></li> <li><i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Related Council Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model Code of Conduct (must be included)</li> </ul>
<b>Version Control</b>	See last page



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## 1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out Council’s position in relation to the management of Registered Lobbyists and Property Developers who lobby Councillors.

## 2 Scope

This policy applies to Councillors in relation to meetings:

- held in their capacity as Councillors; and
- directly relating to matters involving Inner West Council.

It does not apply to any interactions with Registered Lobbyists or Property Developers at:

- meetings that are strictly personal, electorate, or party political;
- social or public functions or events (unless the interaction leads to a substantive discussion of issues).

## 3 Definitions

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

<b>Act</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1993.</i>
<b>conflict of interest</b>	Includes either a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pecuniary conflict of interest.</li> <li>• Significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest.</li> <li>• Non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest,</li> </ul> as defined in the Model Code of Conduct and described in the Conflict of Interest Policy.
<b>Councillor</b>	Inner West Council elected representative.
<b>Council committee member</b>	A person other than a Councillor or Council Officer who is a member of a Council committee other than a wholly advisory committee, and a person other than a Councillor who is a member of Council’s audit, risk and improvement committee.



<b>Council Officer</b>	Inner West Council members of staff (including full-time, part-time, casual and contracted staff).
<b>Council Official</b>	Councillors, Council Officers, Council committee members and delegates of Council.
<b>Executive Leadership Team</b>	General Manager, Director Corporate, Director Infrastructure, Director Community, Director Planning, General Counsel.
<b>Lobbying Record Form</b>	<b>The template form at Appendix A.</b>
<b>Lobbying Record Register</b>	The publicly available register containing details provided via Lobbying Record Forms.
<b>Meetings</b>	A discussion which may be face to face, online or by telephone.
<b>Property developer</b>	An individual or a corporation that carries on a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit, as defined in section 53(1)(a)(i) of the <i>Electoral Funding Act 2018</i> .
<b>Registered Lobbyist</b>	A lobbyist who is required to register with the NSW Electoral Commission under section 9 of the <i>Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011</i> .

#### 4 Statement

Inner West Council acknowledges that lobbying is an essential part of the democratic process that can enhance decision making.

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However, lobbying can also create corruption risks, and undermine public confidence in decision making due to perceptions of undue influence, bias, and preferential access.

This policy aims to promote transparency, integrity and fairness in respect of lobbying of Councillors.

## 5 Policy Requirements

### Records of Meetings

5.1 All Councillors must:

- a) Keep a written record of any meeting held with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer, including the date of the meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and meeting attendees.
- b) Keep a written record of any substantial or significant discussion held with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer, including the date of the discussion, the purpose of the discussion, and discussion participants.
- c) Advise any Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer with whom they meet, or with whom they have a substantial or significant discussion, that their name and/or name of their organisation and the purpose of the meeting will be publicly disclosed on Council's website.
- d) Complete a Lobbying Record Form in respect of any meeting with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer, or substantial or significant discussion held with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer where these occur outside a scheduled meeting, and submit it to the General Manager:
  - I. Every three months; and
  - II. Within two weeks of the end of the relevant three-month reporting period.
- e) Submit a "Nil" Lobbying Record Form if they have not held a meeting or substantial or significant discussion with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer within the relevant three-month reporting period.

5.2 Any Councillor who does not submit a Lobbying Record Form for a three-month reporting period will be noted as not having submitted a Lobbying Record Form for the relevant three-month reporting period in the Lobbying Record Register.

5.3 Councillors are not required to complete a Lobbying Record Form in respect of any interactions with Registered Lobbyists or Property Developers at:

- a) meetings that are strictly personal, electorate, or party political;
- b) social or public functions or events (unless the interaction leads to a substantive discussion of issues).



**Lobbying Record Register**

- 5.4 Council's General Manager will:
  - a) Record all information in Lobbying Record Forms in the Lobbying Record Register;
  - b) Publish the Lobbying Record Register on Council's website within four weeks of the end of the relevant three-month reporting period.
  - c) Ensure that updates made to the Lobbying Record Register remain on Council's website for 12 months after the initial date of publication of the updates.
  - d) Where a Councillor does not submit a Lobbying Record Form for a three-month reporting period, note in the Lobbying Record Register that the Councillor has not submitted a Lobbying Record Form for the relevant three-month reporting period.

**Training**

- 5.5 Council's General Manager will include training in respect of this policy as part of Councillors' induction following each local government election, or the election of the individual Councillor.

**6 Breaches of this Policy**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 Any alleged criminal offence or allegation of corrupt conduct will be referred to the relevant external agency.

**7 Administrative Changes**

- 7.1 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.

**8 Version Control – Policy History**

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

Governance use only:

Document	Lobbying Policy	Uncontrolled Copy When Printed	
Custodian	Senior Manager Governance and Risk	Version #	Version X



<b>Adopted By</b>	Council	<b>ECM Document #</b>	TBC
<b>Next Review Date</b>	TBC		
<b>Amended by</b>	<b>Changes made</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>	
Governance and Risk	New policy	TBC	

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**Appendix A – LOBBYING RECORD FORM**

Councillor name:

Period:

Councillors must disclose all meetings with registered lobbyists and property developers for the period on this form.

If no meetings with registered lobbyists or property developers have been held, please enter "NIL" in the below table and sign and submit the form.

Date	Organisation/Individuals in attendance	Purpose of meeting
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Councillors must inform relevant persons at the time of meeting that their name and purpose of the meeting will be published on the Inner West Council website in accordance with the Lobbying Policy.

I confirm that the information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate.

Councillor signature:

Date:

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 2  
**Subject:** 'FAIRER FUTURE FOR THE INNER WEST' – COUNCIL-LED ALTERNATE PLANNING APPROACH FOR NEW HOUSING  
**Prepared By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning  
**Authorised By:** Matthew Pearce - General Counsel

Item 2

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council endorse for exhibition *Our Fairer Future Plan - Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West*, including supporting technical studies, as shown at *Attachment 1* and *Appendices 1- 11*, in accordance with the endorsed Community Engagement Plan for the following suburbs in the Inner West Local Government Area:
  - a) Annandale
  - b) Ashbury
  - c) Ashfield
  - d) Balmain
  - e) Balmain East
  - f) Birchgrove
  - g) Camperdown
  - h) Croydon
  - i) Croydon Park
  - j) Dulwich Hill
  - k) Enmore
  - l) Haberfield
  - m) Hurlstone Park
  - n) Leichhardt
  - o) Lewisham
  - p) Lilyfield
  - q) Marrickville
  - r) Newtown
  - s) Petersham
  - t) Rozelle
  - u) Stanmore
  - v) St Peters
  - w) Summer Hill
  - x) Sydenham
  - y) Tempe
  
2. That Council delegate the Director Planning to make any minor editorial/ formatting/ technical modifications to the package prior to public exhibition.
  
3. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, an engagement outcomes report be brought back to Council for consideration prior to submitting the Council-led "Fairer Future for the Inner West" Plan to NSW Government for implementation through a State-led fast track approval pathway.

**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
- 3: Creative communities and a strong economy
- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for the public exhibition of *Our Fairer Future Plan – Council’s approach for new housing in the Inner West*. This is a Council-led alternate approach to deliver more housing in the Inner West that responds to the housing crisis and State Government’s Housing Reforms - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Low-Mid Rise Housing (LMRH). It also responds to December 2024 resolution where Council endorsed to ‘finalising and bringing a draft LGA-wide LEP no later than the April 2025 Council meeting’.

*Our Fairer Future Plan* is based on Council’s endorsed Planning Principles. It provides a contextual response to create new housing opportunities supported by social, transport and open space infrastructure. The proposed changes as outlined in the Plan can deliver around 31,000 new homes as well as new jobs. These changes support local housing needs up to 2039 and exceed Inner West’s 5-year housing target and State Government’s targets.

This report outlines the:

- background of this LGA-wide approach and previous Council resolutions
- outcomes of previously undertaken community engagement for planning principles
- proposed Council-led alternate approach to the State Government Housing Reforms facilitates:
  - consistent planning controls across the LGA relating to residential land use zones informed by the Residential Review
  - new housing opportunities, including diverse housing types and affordable housing informed by Housing Investigation Area (HIA) Master plans
  - other general matters relating to subdivision, special entertainment precinct etc.

This report also details the community engagement plan adopted by Council in April 2025 for the LGA wide planning changes that are Inner West Council’s response to the housing emergency and seeks to place this approach on exhibition for community input between May and July 2025.

Following consultation with community and stakeholders, an Engagement Outcomes Report and any amendments to the Plan will be reported back to Council. It is then intended that the proposal will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for approval and implementation through an accelerated State-led pathway to amend the Inner West Local Environmental Plan. The current NSW Government’s TOD and LMRH controls in the Inner West will then be requested to be removed.

**BACKGROUND**

In October 2023, Council received a letter from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces highlighting the housing crisis and the need to update planning controls to support new housing. In December 2023, the NSW Government launched the TOD Program to accelerate housing delivery by increasing density around 38 train stations, of which 5 are in the Inner West - Bays West (TOD Part 1 Accelerated Precinct), Ashfield, Croydon, Dulwich Hill and Marrickville (TOD Part 2).

Council was granted a deferral to introduce its own approach for Ashfield, Dulwich Hill and Marrickville Stations until December 2024 and Croydon Station until January 2025. This approach needed to meet or exceed the theoretical housing capacities allowed by the NSW Government’s controls for TOD locations.

Separately, the NSW Government is leading preparation for the TOD Part 1 Accelerated Precinct for Bays Precinct, with more information expected for public consultation in mid-2025.

The following table summarises key milestones with respect to the NSW Government TOD/ LMRH Program and Council’s response.

Timeframe	Activity
October 2023	Minister for Planning’s letter to Council regarding the need to update planning controls to support new housing
December 2023	Initial NSW Government announcement regarding TOD program
13 February 2024	Council’s submission on the TOD to engage constructively with the NSW Government on the Housing Reforms
April 2024	Council granted deferral by NSW Government to prepare alternate TOD master plans by December 2024 and January 2025
May 2024	Council resolved to exhibit planning principles to guide future amendments to the IWLEP2022
June - August 2024	Community engagement on planning principles for the LEP
October 2024	Council resolved to incorporate planning principles into the development of a draft LEP for submission to the NSW State Government
December 2024	Council requested a further deferral from TOD and LMRH Reforms and endorsed to prepare an LGA-wide LEP by April 2025 with public exhibition of the draft LEP thereafter
January 2025	TOD controls for Inner West precincts came into effect
February 2025	LMRH controls for Inner West came into effect
April 2025	Council endorsed the proposed community engagement plan for the LGA wide planning changes

At the Council meeting held on 22 October 2024 meeting, Council resolved the following in part, in relation to the Post Exhibition – Planning Principles for the Inner West:

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.*

Further, at the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following in relation to TOD and LGA Wide LEP:

1. *That Council thanks the staff for the well-advanced work on rezonings that will cover precincts nearby to train stations, light rail stops and main streets in a LGA wide Local Environmental Plan (LEP).*
2. *That Council notes that investigations and feasibility studies undertaken by Council show that the 6-storey rezonings proposed under the Government's Transport Orientated Development scheme will not lead to the required number of new homes actually being delivered.*
3. *That Council notes that the feasibility studies undertaken demonstrate that small lot sizes and high land values in the Inner West mean that higher densities will be required to make amalgamation and development of these sites commercially viable.*
4. *That Council commits to finalising and bringing a draft LGA-wide LEP no later than the April 2025 Council meeting.*
5. *That Council commits to a public exhibition in April 2025.*
6. *That Council writes to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to:*
  - a. *seek deferral of the inclusion of Council with respect to the Transit Oriented Development and Low to Mid Rise Housing reforms noting the significant feasibility challenge and the work that has been completed to date;*
  - b. *seek approval to use the Accelerated Plan Making process for the LGA-wide LEP;*
  - c. *seek clarification on the timing and delivery of the Bays West TOD being led by the State Government as well as a commitment to involve Council in the creation of the Bays West precinct; and*
  - d. *seek inclusion of non-market housing such that affordable housing, boarding houses, student housing and co-living will count towards the calculation of Council's dwelling targets.*

This report describes Council's alternate approach to these Housing Reforms. Given the urgency of the housing emergency and the need to meet DPHI's housing targets, this approach is intended to be implemented quickly through a self-repealing SEPP pathway, which is faster than the more time-consuming Planning Proposal process. The implementation would be similar to how the NSW Government introduced the TOD and LMRH reforms.

**DISCUSSION**

In May 2024, Council resolved to exhibit planning principles that would guide future amendments to the Inner West Local Environmental Plan (IWLEP) 2022. These were exhibited between June and August 2024 and were largely supported by the community.

These principles and how these relate to Council's proposed Alternate Approach is discussed below:

**Principle 1: *delivering place-based planning through local planning controls***

Council's approach is based on a detailed analysis as part of a master planning process, to inform changes to planning controls which support new housing.

This place-based approach recommends changes to planning controls such as land-use zoning, floor space ratio (FSR) and height of building (HOB). It considers the unique characteristics and needs of specific areas. Further, the proposal is supported by a Design Guide to inform future Development Control Plan (DCP) amendments which will provide appropriate design guidance to transition from existing low-density neighbourhoods to the proposed medium and high-density areas.

Consistent with this principle, parts of the LGA have been strategically selected for inclusion in Council’s master plans, whilst certain areas have been earmarked as areas of no change to protect the local character, heritage or to respond to other significant environmental issues, like flooding.

**Principle 2: *upzoning of precincts around Ashfield, Croydon, Dulwich Hill, and Marrickville train stations***

Council’s master planning was undertaken in two stages. Stage 1 relates to HIAs around Ashfield, Croydon, Dulwich Hill, and Marrickville train stations (approximately 800m). These areas were investigated in detail through the master planning process and areas have been strategically selected within these HIAs for upzoning to support new housing opportunities. Detailed technical studies such as flooding, transport, heritage etc. were also undertaken alongside the master planning to support upzoning in these precincts.

**Principle 3: *support for increased densities on main streets through shop top housing to protect high value heritage conservation areas from upzoning***

As part of both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the master planning process, Council explored opportunities to increase housing density above shops (shop top housing) in town centres along main streets. These include Old Canterbury Road, Wardell Road, and Liverpool Road in Stage 1, and Norton Street, Crystal Street, and Marion Street in Stage 2.

As detailed in the master plan document, residential high-quality HCAs have been generally excluded from upzoning as the common forms of building in these locations (e.g. pitched roofs, gables, predominant roof features and street pattern) are not compatible with higher-density redevelopment.

**Principle 4: *providing density incentives for the amalgamation of land in areas identified for upzoning***

Council’s approach includes FSR and HOB bonus mechanisms to encourage good design, environmental sustainability, active transport and productivity outcomes.

A key driver of density bonuses is to incentivise lot amalgamations for larger site areas, as many existing lots are either fragmented or not wide/deep enough to support higher-density development without amalgamation.

The master plan identifies where FSR and HOB incentives will apply over the mapped base FSR and HOB control, if sites meet minimum site area requirements. FSR and HOB incentives depend on site area, with larger sites receiving greater incentives based on a sliding scale.

Certain lots have also been identified for public realm incentives to contribute towards new through-site links and open spaces which would substantially benefit the wider area. These sites will be given FSR and HOB bonuses for delivering specified public realm improvements.

In addition, a new 5% Gross Floor Area (GFA) incentive is proposed for residential developments that go beyond the basic energy and water requirements in State Government requirements in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) 2022*.

**Principle 5: *increased residential densities around light rail stations***

Both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of Council’s HIA master planning have investigated increased residential densities around light rail stations.

For Stage 2, areas around light rail stations were investigated in detail and sub-areas unconstrained by flooding, heritage and employment lands have been strategically selected for upzoning to support new housing opportunities.

There may be more opportunity to increase residential densities around light rail stations in the future. Stage 2 did not include lots that are flood affected. These areas may have potential for additional housing subject to further flooding investigations.

**Principle 6: *incentives for the conversion of land owned by religious and faith-based organisations for social and affordable housing***

Council’s approach includes a local provision to encourage affordable and social housing on land owned by faith-based organisations. Faith-based organisations often aim to provide more social and affordable housing. The proposed provision will create a flexible mechanism to provide more affordable housing in perpetuity through changes to land use permissibility. This is discussed further in Section 4.3 of this report.

**Principle 7: *progression of the new Special Entertainment Precincts which Council is currently undertaking consultation on***

This approach includes a new Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) in Ashfield. Refer to Section 4.3. Ashfield will join the Enmore Road SEP which is already in-force, as well as draft SEPs in Balmain, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Marrickville North and Rozelle (subject of a Planning Proposal).

**Principle 8: *protecting and expanding existing employment lands to attract increased employment and new industries.***

Employment Zoned Lands (E3 and E4 zoned) have been excluded from the proposed changes in Council’s HIA master plans, to retain the existing supply of employment land for the growing Inner West population.

Future Council work will also examine ways to expand and intensify these employment lands as Council’s Employment and Retail Lands Strategy has identified a shortage in employment land supply to meet the future needs. Any future work will also need to consider the [Industrial Lands Action Plan](#) from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) released in January 2025. This plan outlines an approach to secure, manage and monitor the supply of industrial lands across NSW.

**Principle 9: *the finalisation of the Parramatta Road Corridor Stage 1 program through the rezoning of parts of Leichhardt, Taverners Hill and Kings Bay precincts***

In accordance with Council’s resolution of 21 May 2024, the Parramatta Road Stage 1 Planning Proposal was sent to the State Government for finalisation. This is now a State-assessed Planning Proposal and DPHI has appointed itself as the Planning Proposal Authority to progress the proposal.

*Our Fairer Future Plan* includes rezoning of additional parts of Parramatta Road Corridor (areas that are not constrained by flooding, heritage, employment lands etc.).

**Principle 10: support for the suburb of Haberfield being listed on the State Heritage register and being excluded from upzoning**

Council's nomination of State Heritage listing of Haberfield is to be progressed by the State Government. For the purposes of this approach, Haberfield has been excluded from any upzoning.

**Principle 11: support for the Master Planning of the Bays Precinct with dwelling targets to be determined on Government owned land prior to consideration of any additional rezoning in adjoining suburbs**

Bays West is an Accelerated TOD Precinct and master planning is being prepared by DPHI. Community consultation of the draft master plan is anticipated mid-2025.

In accordance with Principle 11, suburbs surrounding Bays West Precinct (1.2km radius), such as Lilyfield, Rozelle and Balmain, are excluded from the uplift proposed in the master plans.

**Principle 12: support for the State Government policy of 30% of all new housing on government owned land to be maintained in perpetuity as public housing**

This position is supported and Council will continue to advocate for this with the State Government.

**Principle 13: setting a target of 1,000 or more new public housing dwellings to be delivered on State Government and Council owned land**

This target is supported and will continue to be delivered through new public housing on State Government and Council owned land.

Several State and Council owned sites are within the HIAs and are identified for uplift through the master plan. The proposed uplift will help create more housing, including affordable housing, on these sites. The master plan also includes a requirement for affordable housing contributions on the sites being uplifted which will help increase the supply of affordable housing in the LGA.

**Principle 14: incorporating the NSW Government's Pattern Book for improved design into Council's planning controls**

Council's Alternate Approach includes Design Guides and intended built form outcomes in the master plan to drive good development outcomes. The NSW Government Pattern Book is being progressed by the State Government and once released, opportunities for the content to inform the DCP will be considered.

**SUMMARY OF OUR FAIRER FUTURE PLAN - COUNCIL’S APPROACH FOR NEW HOUSNG IN THE INNER WEST**

Following Council resolutions from May, October, and December 2024, Council officers have prepared *Our Fairer Future Plan* as an alternate approach to the creation of new housing opportunities across the LGA. This approach also aims to provide clear and consistent planning rules for residential zones. The goal is to ensure that housing growth takes place in the right places, is well-designed, and is supported by infrastructure. This approach will lead to better outcomes than the general blanket controls in the NSW Government’s Housing Reforms.

The objectives of the alternate approach are to:

- Increase the number of homes in well-connected and well-serviced parts of the Inner West.
- Support a mix of land uses (residential, commercial, recreational and community) and diversity of dwelling types within walking distance of Metro, Heavy and Light Rail stations and centres.
- Ensure planning controls are based on good design and strong evidence base, while allowing for the infrastructure needed to support more people.
- Ensure housing is supported by attractive open spaces and streets and vibrant public places.
- Increase the supply of and retain existing affordable housing in the Inner West LGA.
- Encourage development that delivers well-designed sustainable buildings with long term affordability.
- Create consistent planning rules across the Inner West LGA.

This alternate approach is based on a detailed and evidence-based planning process. It supports several key priorities from both State and local planning strategies. The approach (see *Attachment 1*) outlines changes to planning controls that would create capacity for 31,000 new homes to be built, along with new job opportunities across the Inner West. The majority of these are in direct response to the NSW Government’s TOD Reforms, which required Council’s alternate plan to match or exceed the State’s proposal. The rest relate to the State Government’s LMRH reforms.

Council’s alternate approach comprises the following work:

1. **Residential Review** – review of residential zoned land and associated permissible uses
2. **Master Plans for Housing Investigation Areas (HIAs)** – new housing uplift areas and proposed planning control changes (FSR, HOB, key sites etc.)
3. **Other Amendments** – relating to lot size, special entertainment precinct etc.

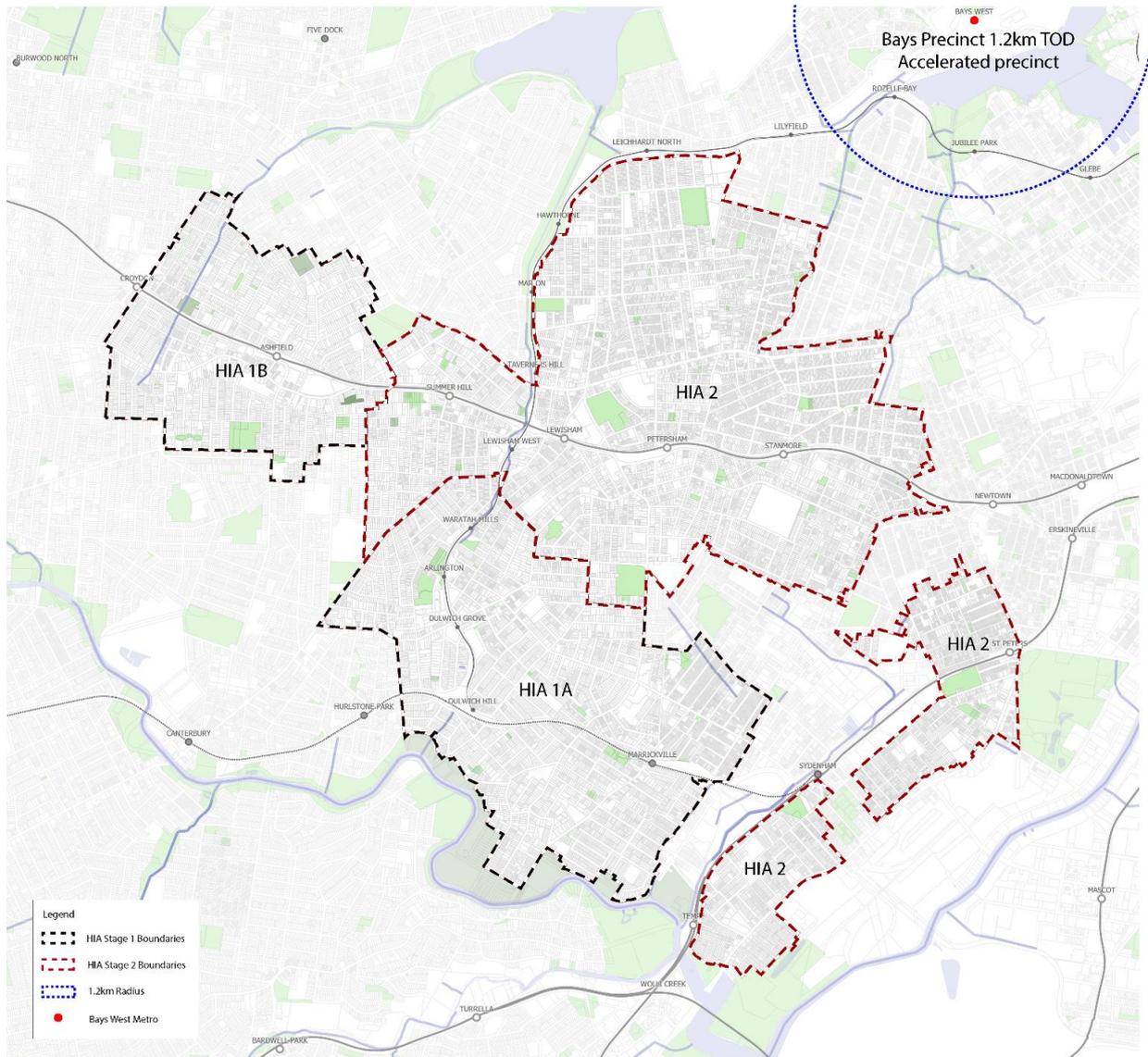


Figure 1 – Housing investigation area precinct boundaries – also showing the Bays West Precinct.

The Bays West precinct is a DPHI TOD Tier 1 State Accelerated Precinct. Further information is expected from DPHI regarding this in mid-2025. Council is therefore awaiting those plans before undertaking any investigations.

A multidisciplinary consultant team was commissioned to undertake this work including:

1. Hassell - Master Plans for Housing Investigation Areas
2. Architectus - Review of Residential Zonings and Heights
3. Jenny Rudolph Consulting - Urban Planning
4. Djinjama - Connecting with Country
5. Atelier Ten - Sustainability
6. GML Heritage - Heritage Studies
7. Worley Consulting - Flood Impact Assessment
8. Urbis - Strategic Transport Plan
9. Cred Consulting - Social Infrastructure Needs Study
10. Biosis APEM Group - Biodiversity Study
11. Atlas Urban Economics - Economic Feasibility

The outcomes of this work are summarised below and detailed in *Our Fairer Future Plan, Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West* (Attachment 1).

**Residential Review**

A full review of the current residential zones in the Inner West Local Environmental Plan (IWLEP) 2022 has been carried out to:

- improve consistency and transparency in how these zones are applied across the LGA.
- clearly define each residential zone to align with the objectives and support a wider range of housing types across the Inner West.
- align the height of building and housing densities within the residential zones (low, medium and high).

This review is accompanied with various changes to land use permissibility for Residential zones, specifically R3 – Medium Density Residential Zone by introducing Residential Flat Buildings (RFBs) in this zone, as a land use permitted with consent. Further, as discussed in the master plan section below, various parts of the LGA have been recommended for uplift to R3/ R4 zones where RFBs would be made permissible with consent.

Council has also reviewed residential zoning and building heights to make the LEP controls consistent across the LGA. This includes introducing HOB controls for all residential land in the former Leichhardt LGA, based on existing built form and how land is currently used. No changes are suggested to FSR controls as part of this review, noting that the master plan work as discussed further in the report recommends FSR changes for uplift locations.

This review will bring the former Leichhardt LGA's controls in alignment with the rest of the LGA through:

- rezoning most of the former Leichhardt LGA from R1 General Residential Zone to R2 Low Density Residential Zone where most homes are single or two storey houses.
- rezoning parts of the former Marrickville and Ashfield LGAs from R3 Medium Density Residential to R4 High Density Residential, and vice versa, based on the existing HOB controls.
- introducing HOB controls in the residential zones that don't already have them – mainly in the former Leichhardt LGA – using the existing building envelope controls from the Leichhardt DCP 2013.

The Residential Review has also identified certain sites to be rezoned to non-residential zoning to reflect their existing uses. For example, the Leichhardt Bowling Club is proposed to be rezoned to RE2 Private Recreation. The outcomes of Residential Review are included in Appendix 1.

**Master Plans For Housing Investigation Areas (HIAs)**

Master planning of housing investigation areas was carried out to deliver a place-based approach for increased housing density, especially near public transport and well-serviced local centres. The goal is to increase housing in a way that respects and protects the unique character of the Inner West. This includes offsetting densities from areas of high character value and recommending development controls which require new developments to positively respond to the local context through appropriate built form transitions, minimising adverse amenity impacts, lowering traffic impacts through limiting on-site parking and protecting and enhancing Inner West neighbourhoods, parks, streets and places.

These master plans offer a place-based alternative to the State Government's "one size fits all" approach. These can deliver more housing with high quality urban outcomes. By focusing

on the local area, walkability, and good design, the plans balance growth with the needs of the community. This helps make sure that new development supports—rather than harms—the vibrant, diverse, and liveable places that people value in the Inner West.

The master plans are supported by a framework for:

- Connecting with Country (Appendix 2)
- Sustainability (Appendix 2)
- Design Guides (Appendix 3)
- Social Infrastructure Needs (Appendix 4)

The Master planning was undertaken in two stages:

- i. **Stage 1** – The HIA Stage 1 master plans identify housing opportunity areas including potential community infrastructure and open space to accommodate population increase. The HIAs cover land in the vicinity of Ashfield, Croydon, Dulwich Hill, and Marrickville train stations (approximately 800m catchment) and Dulwich Grove, Arlington and Waratah Mills light rail stops (approximately 400m catchment). These master plans were informed by technical studies including:
  - Heritage including:
    - **Part 1** Heritage Health Check for review of certain existing heritage items and HCAs
    - **Part 2** Heritage review of South Dulwich Hill
  - Flood Impact and Risk Assessment
  - Strategic Transport Plan
  - Biodiversity
- ii. **Stage 2** - The HIA Stage 2 master plans identify additional housing opportunity areas across the remainder of the railway stations, light rail and local centre catchments, including Lewisham, Petersham, Stanmore, Leichhardt, St Peters, Sydenham and Tempe. Large areas in the LGA were investigated in detail through the master planning process and sub-areas have been strategically selected for upzoning to support new housing opportunities, specifically where sites are **not** constrained by:
  - 100 year and probable maximum flood (PMF) affected properties
  - HCAs (except where in a local centre) and heritage items
  - Sydney Airport’s Australia Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) 30+ contours
  - Employment Lands (E3 and E4 zones)
  - Haberfield HCA and Camperdown Precinct (part of Tech Central)

It is noted that Bays West and surrounding suburbs such as Rozelle and Balmain are excluded, as The Bays precinct (1.2km) is an Accelerated TOD precinct, with planning being led by the State Government and to be finalised for community consultation by June 2025.

Key directions of the Master plans are:

**General Directions:**

- Establish growth corridor by identifying key streets, urban spines, local centres, railways stations. Local medium to high densities along the growth corridor and urban spines.
- Identify areas of consistent local/heritage character to be retained.
- Undertake targeted heritage investigations to review the significance of existing heritage listed items and Heritage Conservation Areas (HCAs). This review has

resulted in proposed delisting of certain heritage items and amendments to the boundaries of existing HCAs.

- Introduce development incentives to promote lot amalgamation and deliver public realm improvement including publicly accessible open spaces and active transport connections.
- Create active transport connections at key cul-de-sac streets and long urban blocks to improve accessibility and connectivity throughout neighbourhoods and to amenities including stations and open spaces.
- Retain existing tree canopy and consider provision for greener streets.

**Stage 1 - Marrickville – Dulwich Hill Master Plan**

- This Master Plan responds to local context by establishing a growth corridor in a circuit, connecting transport nodes, corridors and activity centres and distributing densities in well-located and well-serviced areas. This includes a substantial density uplift in Marrickville Town Centre, Dulwich Hill Village and Dulwich Hill Station. Open space and natural assets are also leveraged by increasing densities around parks and other key community facilities.
  - o The proposed densities vary from 3.5:1 – 3:1 (8-10 storeys) around Marrickville local centre, Dulwich Hill local centre and railway stations, stepping down to 2.2:1 and 1.5:1 (4-6 storeys) towards the lower density developments and / or HCAs.
  - o Retain and promote the fine grain character of commercial street frontages with active uses and appropriate street wall heights consistent with old and new character.
  - o Opportunity to deliver a new public open space/ plaza (approx. 1200 sqm) on Illawarra Road and Calvert Street, Marrickville
  - o Proposed expansion of Greenway Corridor (approx. 1400sqm of new open space) to the rear of properties along Hercules Street, Dulwich Hill
  - o Opportunity to deliver new public plaza (approx. 200sqm), community facility with affordable commercial space, not for profit tenancies, district-level community hub (approx. 3200sqm) and through-site links on the Key Site between Seaview Street and new Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill.

**Stage 1 - Ashfield – Croydon Master Plan**

- This Master Plan uniquely responds to the existing context by concentrating housing density within Ashfield Town Centre, station catchments and a series of north-south and east-west urban spines. The key east-west spines include Liverpool Road and Norton Street to the south of railway corridor and Elizabeth Street to the north of railway corridor. Key North-south spines proposed for additional density include Milton Street / Frederick Street, Holden Street, Bland Street and Charlotte Street.
  - o The proposed densities vary from 4.3:1 – 3.5:1 (9 – 13 storeys) around Ashfield Town Centre and key streets like Liverpool Road, Elizabeth Street, stepping down to 2.2:1 and 1.5:1 (4-6 storeys) towards the lower density developments and / or HCAs. This approach locates higher densities along Liverpool Road, north of Ashfield Station and southeast of Croydon Station, reinforcing Ashfield Town Centre and Croydon Local Centres’ role and function.
  - o Identify key secondary streets with potential public domain and tree canopy enhancements. These include Edwin Street, Alt Street, Bland Street, Norton

Street, Arthur Street, High Street, A'Beckett Avenue, Victoria Street and Loftus Street.

- Opportunity to deliver new public plaza up to 2000sqm on the Ashfield Mall site with mixed-use development up to 22 storeys and new through-site links.
- New open space and active transport corridor along Iron Cove Creek.
- Expand Lion Street Playground into an approximately 2,800sqm of new public open space in Ashfield.

**Stage 2 – Lewisham, Petersham, Leichhardt, Marrickville, St Peters and Sydenham Master Plan**

- This Master Plan identifies areas of the LGA, outside of Stage 1, which are well-located and well-serviced for additional housing opportunities. The master plan for these areas provides a framework to deliver a place-based response for low and medium density housing outcomes.
  - Large areas of the LGA outside of Stage 1 were investigated for uplift through a process of eliminating constrained sites such as those affected by heritage, flooding, high aircraft noise exposure, significant strata sub-division, small lot sizes, restricted street widths and employment lands.
  - New housing opportunities have been identified in Leichhardt, Petersham, Lewisham, Marrickville, St Peters and Sydenham for low and medium density housing while predominantly retaining the character of these areas.
  - The Master Plan proposed medium-low to medium density uplift within opportunity areas along the primary and secondary urban spines, key open spaces of Pioneer Park and Lambert Park; key centres of Marrickville Metro, Lewisham and Petersham and around key railway stations of Lewisham, Petersham, Sydenham and Marion light rail stop.
  - Allow FSRs of 2.2:1 up to 3:1 (3-6 storey developments) within the opportunity areas with limited opportunities of up to 8 storeys adjacent to Marrickville Metro shopping centre.
  - Expand the implementation of Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy (PRCUTS) to unconstrained areas along Parramatta Road and Norton Street with FSRs up to 3:1 (6 storeys).
  - Identify additional housing opportunity areas that are subject to further technical investigations, noting the existing constraints currently presented, including but not limited to flooding, transport, and public domain. This includes:
    - Summer Hill Town Centre;
    - Leichhardt Marketplace Shopping Centre and the adjoining properties;
    - Residential areas bounded by Catherine Street, Hill Street, Balmain Road and Moore Road in Leichhardt; and
    - Residential areas between Tempe Public School and Belmore Street, Tempe.

Refer to the detailed Master Plan in Appendix 2.

**Proposed Public Benefits**

The housing growth expected from both the State Government’s housing reforms and Council’s alternate approach will require additional investment on social infrastructure. As part

of the master planning process, a social infrastructure needs analysis was undertaken. This examined how the increase in population will affect public services like community centres, libraries, parks, sports and recreation facilities, playgrounds, and civic spaces.

The Social Infrastructure Needs Study provides 16 key infrastructure moves in response to the uplift proposed in the master plans. These include the planned provision of two new district-level multipurpose community hubs, a new aquatic centre in the south of the LGA, and new recreational areas. These priorities will inform the development of a future Inner West Infrastructure Delivery Plan and future amendment to the *Inner West Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2023*. Mechanisms to deliver relevant infrastructure as related to HIAs have been developed and the relevant infrastructure will be delivered over time as redevelopment occurs:

- **Key sites (privately-led delivery or public-private partnership):** the master plan identifies certain sites as key sites and recommends site-specific LEP provisions which will require commitment to the delivery of public benefits on these sites before an uplift can be provided. For these sites, existing FSRs and HOBs have been maintained in the proposed FSR and HOB maps. Site-specific LEP provisions will detail the intended public benefits and maximum permissible FSRs/ heights to offset these public benefits. Examples include the following sites, but not limited to, where future redevelopment must provide the following public benefits:
  - New landscaped parkland (approx. 6000sqm) and active transport connection (6-10m wide) along the Iron Cove Creek – affecting various properties along the Creek in Ashfield/ Croydon
  - Delivery of new public plaza 2000sqm and District-level community/cultural facility of minimum 3,200sqm on the Seaview Street car park site - 14-32 Seaview Street, Dulwich Hill
  - New public open space of minimum 2000 sqm on the Ashfield Mall site – 260A Liverpool Road, Ashfield
  - New public open space of minimum 1000sqm along Marrickville Road - 365-359 Marrickville Rd & 2-6 Woodbury St, Marrickville
- **Public realm incentives (privately-led):** Sites or groups of sites have been identified for FSR and HOB incentives which can be accessed only where a developer chooses to provides specified public realm enhancements. These include publicly accessible open space and/or through-site links with active transport connections.

Privately-led delivery indicates that developers will have to bear the cost of infrastructure delivery however they would benefit from proposed additional uplift (FSR and HOB) and the wider area would benefit from the new public infrastructure. The proposed links are indicated in the Design Guide along with Development Incentives for these sites which will be identified through an LEP Clause.

- **Land Acquisition (Council-led delivery):** Certain sites have been identified for land acquisition by Council. These will be identified in the LEP and occur over time through negotiations with the landowners and developers.

Land reserved for acquisition means that the council has identified a piece of land to purchase in the future for the benefit of the community, to be used as a park, road, or community facility.

This does not mean the council is going to take the land or force it to be sold. It just means that, if the owner ever chooses to sell, the council has the option to buy it first at market price. If land is identified for acquisition, Council seeks to negotiate future agreements with landowners for the acquisition of land that can be initiated anytime of

the landowners' choosing. It is likely that acquisitions will be incremental as redevelopment occurs in negotiation with the landowners.

Examples include but not limited to:

- Expansion of McNeilly Park to serve the existing and future community
- Extend Lion Street Playground to provide approx. 2,830m<sup>2</sup> of public open space
- Public domain improvements for tree planting, footpath widening, active transport improvements etc. along key constrained streets such as Elizabeth Street, Norton Street, Holden Street etc. in Ashfield and Constitution Road, Dulwich Hill

Council-led delivery will also comprise a number of projects which are medium-long term-plans such as:

- Delivery of new public plaza at Calvert Street car park along Illawarra Road
- Redevelopment of Leichhardt Service Centre and delivery of new community, cultural, and library hub
- Upgrade of Ashfield Service Centre
- Embellishment of Cooks River parklands and sporting uses
- Public Domain enhancements throughout the precincts
- Upgrade of Stanmore Library and Stanmore Reserve

These priorities will inform the development of a future Inner West Infrastructure Delivery Plan and amendments to the Inner West Contributions Plan. These will be reported to Council separately later in 2025.

### Proposed Planning Control Changes

Following are the proposed and future amendments to the planning framework to implement this Alternate Approach:

#### Inner West LEP 2022

- Amendments are proposed to the IWLEP 2022 including changes to land use zones and development standards, such as FSR and HOB, to enable uplift in the selected parts of HIAs and to rationalise/ harmonise existing controls across the LGA.
- Associated LEP amendments are also proposed including affordable housing, development incentives, key sites, land reserved for acquisition etc.

Following parts of the IWLEP 2022 are proposed to be amended in line with this Alternative Approach:

- **Part 2 - Land Uses; Land Use Table** – New land uses introduced as permissible with consent and mapping changes to rezone land
- **Part 4 - Principal Development Standards**
  - **4.1 Minimum subdivision lot size** – new minimum lot sizes including requirements for dual occupancies and associated modifications to reflect permissibility changes and introduction of new clause 4.1B
  - **4.3 Height of Buildings** – Mapping changes to identify the proposed new height of building controls

- **4.3A Exception to maximum height of buildings in Ashfield town centre** applicability area amended
- **4.3B Maximum height for street frontages on certain land in Ashfield town centre** to be deleted
- **4.3C Landscaped areas for residential accommodation in R1 General Residential Zone** to be expanded to R2 Low Density Residential Zone
- **4.4 Floor Space Ratio** - Mapping changes to identify the proposed new floor space ratio controls
- **Part 5 – Miscellaneous Provision**
  - **5.1 Relevant acquisition authority** – New land identified as Land Reserved for Acquisition - Zone RE1 Public Recreation and marked “Local open space” and Zone SP2 Infrastructure and marked “Local road” through mapping changes to be acquired by Council for new/ expanded parks and public domain improvements
  - **5.6 Architectural Roof Features** - introduction of new clause
- **Part 6 Additional Local Provisions**

Following new clauses to be added:

  - **Key Sites** - Introduction of new clauses stipulating maximum HOB and FSR controls for 19 Key Sites to incentivise dedication of land for public use and meeting high-performance building standards. These public benefits include district-level community/cultural facilities, public plazas, footpaths, parks, through-site links, and other open spaces that are available for community use. Supplemented with Key Site Map changes to identify these sites.
  - **Affordable housing** – New Clauses requiring certain development types and sizes to contribute a percentage of GFA as affordable housing, subject to other requirements. Supplemented with map changes to identify where the Affordable housing contributions apply. New subclause for affordable housing on land owned by faith-based organisations.
  - **Development Incentives** - Introduce new local provisions stipulating bonus FSR and HOB controls for certain identified sites, to incentivise lot amalgamation, public realm benefits or higher than standard environmental performance and sustainability standards. Supplemented with Development Incentives Maps.
  - **Minimising loss of existing residential dwellings** – Introduce new local provision restricting net dwelling loss.

Following existing clauses of Part 6 to be amended:

  - **6.20 Diverse Housing** - to be deleted
  - **6.20 Development on land in Haberfield Heritage Conservation Area to be amended** in relation to semi-detached dwellings and dual occupancies
  - **6.32 Special Entertainment Precinct** – New clause and map changes to identify the Special Entertainment Precinct in Ashfield
- **Schedule 5 Environmental heritage**

- **Part 1 Heritage items** - Proposed delisting of, and amendment, to certain items of local heritage. Supported with Proposed Heritage Map changes.
- **Part 2 Heritage conservation areas** - Proposed delisting of, and amendment to, certain heritage conservation areas. Supported with Proposed Heritage Map changes.

**2. Future Draft Inner West DCP** - This is a wider strategic planning project which requires harmonisation of the three existing DCPs (three former LGAs).

Council’s Alternate Approach includes Design Guides containing for detailed provisions regarding the intended built form, and streetscape outcomes – these provisions will be used to inform this future Inner West DCP.

**3. Future amendments to Inner West Contributions Plan 2023 (CP)** - Underpinning this Alternate Approach is the Social Infrastructure Needs Study which provides infrastructure priorities to support this level of growth and new housing in the Inner West. These priorities will inform the development of a future Inner West Infrastructure Delivery Plan and amendments to the Inner West CP and reported to Council in late 2025.

**Community Consultation**

Council’s alternate approach has been developed based on the endorsed Planning Principles which were consulted with the community between June and August 2024.

On 29 April 2025, Council resolved (**C0425(1) Item 2**) the following in relation to the Inner West LEP – Update and Proposed Engagement Plan:

1. *That Council endorse the proposed community engagement plan for the Local Government Area wide planning changes that are Inner West Council’s response to the Housing Emergency.*

Council’s alternate approach, as outlined in *Our Fairer Future Plan – Council’s approach for new housing in the Inner West* and all supporting documentation, will be exhibited for a minimum of four (4) week period. Consultation will include the following:

- Your Say Inner West website with the full suite of documentation, FAQs, digital mapping tool and links to contact and book time to speak with a planner
- Notification letters to all residents and landowners in the LGA
- Advertising across Council’s social media, website and collateral such as newsletters
- A survey, hosted on the Your Say Inner West page, will provide opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes
- Council planners will be available to speak with members of the community at the Ashfield Service Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from late May and throughout June
- Two community drop-in sessions in each Ward (weekend evenings and Saturdays) will provide the opportunity for the wider community to be informed about the project. Community members will also be able pre-book a time during these sessions to discuss the proposed changes with a Council planner

Proposed Drop-In Locations:

- Balmain Library
  - Leichhardt Service Centre
  - Ashfield Service Centre
  - Petersham Service Centre
  - Marrickville Library
  - Dulwich Hill Library
- Inclusion on the agendas of relevant Local Democracy Groups (LDG)
  - Consultation with local Aboriginal representatives and key First Nations stakeholder groups, such as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LDG
  - Exhibition material hard copies in Council Service Centres and libraries

Formal feedback provided through the online survey (on Council's Your Say Inner West website), emails, and mail will be reviewed. A detailed Engagement Outcomes Report on the feedback will be prepared, and any amendments to the Alternate Approach will be reported to Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council has received a \$2.6m grant from the Federal Government - Housing Support Program Stream 1 to undertake planning and housing investigations. This project is jointly funded from this Federal Government Grant and Council's Strategic Planning budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

All attachments are provided electronically and published separately on the below link.

[Our Fairer Future Plan – Proposal documents](#)

<https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/develop/plans-policies-and-controls/our-fairer-future-plan-proposal-documents>

**Attachment 1 – Our Fairer Future Plan – Council's approach for new housing in the Inner West**

- **Appendix 1 – Review of Residential Zonings and Heights**
- **Appendix 2 - Draft Master Plans for Housing Investigation Areas (Stage 1 and Stage 2)**
- **Appendix 3 – Draft Design Guides for Housing Investigation Areas**
- **Appendix 4 - Social Infrastructure Needs Study**
- **Appendix 5 – Heritage Studies**
  - Part 1 – Heritage Health check
  - Part 2 – Heritage Review – South Dulwich Hill
- **Appendix 6 - Flood Impact and Risk Assessment Stage 1**
- **Appendix 7 - Strategic Transport Plan for Housing Investigation Area Stage 1**
- **Appendix 8 – Biodiversity Study for Housing Investigation Area Stage 1**
- **Appendix 9 – Ashfield Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan**
- **Appendix 10 – Proposed maps**
- **Appendix 11 – Economic Feasibility Report**

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 3  
**Subject:** POST EXHIBITION - URBAN FOREST POLICY  
**Prepared By:** Lindsay Field - Public Tree Manager  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The draft Urban Forest Policy was placed on public exhibition from 3 May 2025 to 4 April 2025. There were 1206 visits to the Your Say Inner West project page during public exhibition with 349 downloads of the draft document.

Eighty six percent (86%) of survey participants indicated support for the updated policy approach.

The most common items mentioned was a lack of canopy measures and planting targets. These are already captured in Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2036 and Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget. Some residents were concerned that the Policy did not go far enough to deal with tree risk and public safety, and others felt it went too far.

Most matters raised during the exhibition will be delivered in the Strategic Action Plan. The canopy measures and planting targets will continue to be set in Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2036 and Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget.

Overall, there was community support for Council’s need to deliver a new Urban Forest Policy and subsequent management approach. All engagement participants highlighted the need for improvement in this space, irrespective of their diverse visions for the urban forest in the Inner West.

**BACKGROUND**

The Inner West LGA tree management approach is currently guided by three separate document sets being Ashfield, Leichardt and Marrickville. These documents are over ten years old and whilst similar in some ways, are different in their approach and formatting. These documents are based on past best practice, and do not provide a single holistic Inner West Council tree policy.

The intention of the Urban Forest Policy and Strategic Action Plan is to firstly acknowledge the importance and value of the Urban Forest in the Inner West LGA. Secondly, to manage the

tree population so as to maximise benefits, to acknowledge trees have a limited life span in the urban environment, that the space is shared with other essential functions of daily living, and to provide for renewal. This provides a balanced approach to managing both green and built assets and associated risk whilst maximising community benefits.

The draft Urban Forest Policy was considered at the Council meeting held on 18 February 2025, Council resolved the following:

*That Council publicly exhibit the draft Urban Forest Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy.*

*That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Urban Forest Policy be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.*

The draft Urban Forest Policy was subsequently placed on public exhibition.

**DISCUSSION**

The draft Urban Forest Policy was placed on public exhibition from 3 March 2025 to 4 April 2025. There were 1206 visits to the Your Say Inner West project page during public exhibition with 349 downloads of the draft document. There were 15 responses by mail or phone, 36 residents completed Online Surveys, and 56 residents engaged at the five popups across the Inner West LGA.

A copy of the Urban Forest Policy Engagement Outcomes Report is attached. The following table provides a summary of the key information from that report.

<b>Community Item</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
89% of engagement participants felt that achieving the objectives of the policy required a collective effort between private land holders, residents, and Council.	Councils Urban Forest Policy and Strategic Action Plan will promote and develop a collaborative approach to achieve the aims and objectives of the Policy.
Community dissatisfaction with the previous Policy and management approach, which survey participants highlighted was particularly ineffective.	Councils Draft Urban Forest Policy and Strategic Action Plan will promote the value of trees and balance this against all other essential urban functions to deliver fit for purpose outcomes, maximise the urban forest, reduce risk and improve livability on an intergenerational basis.
86% of survey participants indicated support for the updated Urban Forest policy, but felt some elements could be further refined to ensure transparency and guidance for all stakeholders.	Updates have been made to the draft Urban Forest Policy to improve clarity and inform stakeholders where further detail is held. The processes and documents to be developed under the Strategic Action Plan will deliver comprehensive and robust processes regarding existing trees, planting and the built environment.
Lack of canopy measures, planting targets and reporting requirements	These are already captured in Council's Community Strategic Plan 2036 and Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget. Council will defer to the targets set in those existing plans. No change to the Urban Forest Policy.

<p>Some residents were concerned that the Policy did not go far enough to deal with tree risk and public safety, and others felt it went too far.</p>	<p>The draft Urban Forest Policy provides a balanced approach to achieve positive outcomes for both trees and the built environment.</p> <p>The Strategic Action Plan will deliver a full suite of operational documents and processes that will ensure robust process and decision making, that will maximise the benefits provided by the Inner West tree population and associated canopy, appropriately address risk and account for the built environment.</p>
<p>A desire for biodiversity to be included</p>	<p>This is addressed in the IWC Biodiversity Strategy, and it was important to not replicate this in the Urban Forest Policy. The Strategic Action Plan (under education) provides for an Urban Forest Background Paper that will incorporate biodiversity as one of the benefits.</p>
<p>There was a desire by some for notification of all trees, or that a whole street could be removed if under the size index threshold</p>	<p>The Draft Urban Forest Policy notification approach builds on the current approach, by expanding the potential listings for inclusion based on diameter x height, rather than just height.</p> <p>The process has further been enhanced to account for whole of street or groups of smaller trees under the size index, the memo for large trees over size index 1000 will improve transparency for management and Council.</p>
<p>There was concern that 7 days was too short for Notification</p>	<p>The reality will be that most trees will be on notification anywhere from 30 to 60 days prior to removal as quotes and other factors are managed.</p> <p>The 7-day minimum allows Council to act in circumstances where works need to be prioritised sooner, such as for civil works or service providers.</p>
<p>There was concern that the notification process was not wide enough.</p>	<p>Notifiable trees will have a notice attached that is visible, the nearby 10 residents directly impacted will receive a letter, with trees listed on Councils web site.</p> <p>This mix of measures will ensure that both nearby residents, and all other Inner West residents, have the ability to see which trees are listed for removal at any time.</p>
<p>There was also confusion where some residents interpreted the notification process, as a decision process to determine if trees should be removed.</p>	<p>The notification process is only used to inform residents once the decision to remove the tree has been made.</p>

<p>92% of residents supported tree planting on both private and public land to maximise Urban Forest benefits.</p>	<p>This will be supported through the technical manual, process and initiatives within the Policy Strategic Action Plan.</p>
<p>72% of residents would like to have a say about what species are planted on public land in front of their property.</p>	<p>This will be supported through the Policy Strategic Action Plan Street Tree Selection Manual which will provide residents a choice of suitable species.</p>
<p>83% agreed that compromise is required when balancing ecological and liveability outcomes in urban areas.</p>	<p>This will be supported through the technical manual, process and initiatives within the Policy Strategic Action Plan.</p>
<p>Some felt it was a tree removal Policy and lacked detail and deferred to previous IWC documents.</p>	<p>The Policy promotes the value of trees and balances this against all other essential functions within the urban environment. The Policy will set the overarching framework that will ensure all operational documents and processes seek to retain trees where practical, manage risk appropriately and undertake planting to sustain and maximise the urban forest canopy and benefits.</p>

Community members across all engagement methods highlighted several priorities that they wish to see the Policy and Strategic Action Plan respond to. Those most captured across the exhibition included:

1. Prioritising tree planting and urban canopy along major roads
2. Prioritising tree planting in town centres to mitigate the impacts of urban heat.
3. Prioritising tree planting adjacent to play spaces.
4. Developing accessible tree removal and pruning resources for community to better understand the process, response times and options available to them when exploring the removal of part, or all, of a tree on private land.
5. Designing a collaborative “tree custodian” program that enables residents to plant trees and large scrubs on verges and council owned land, whilst maintaining alignment with broader strategic direction and compliance
6. Council to nominate clear accountable actions and commitments to urban forest objectives outlined in the policy.
7. Exploring alternate tree removal guidelines besides the proposed size index, to remove ambiguity and prioritise the retention of healthy trees over enabling of compliant tree removal.
8. Increased and more robust tree removal public notice procedures and process to ensure all neighbouring residents are aware of impending removal and have the opportunity to raise enquiry.
9. Considered and clear species selection guidelines to ensure the delivery of urban forest that is resilience in the face of increasing density and climate change.

- 10. Utilising Council owned and managed parks and open space for large tree species and achieving tree canopy targets.
- 11. Recognising the value of urban forest in achieving biodiversity outcomes and designing appropriate response to achieve these.

The majority of the items listed 1 to 11 will be reviewed and included in the operational documents and initiatives to be completed under the Strategic Action Plan.

Overall, across all engagement methods there was high community support for Council’s need to deliver a new Urban Forest Policy and subsequent management approach. All engagement participants highlighted the need for improvement in this space, irrespective of their diverse visions for the Inner West urban forest.

A majority of survey participants highlighted the community’s dissatisfaction with the previous policies and management approach. The respondents were broadly supportive of the proposed draft document, and even more so of Council’s commitment to developing a renewed approach for Urban Forest management

After reviewing the feedback provided during the public exhibition period it is proposed to adopt the Urban Forest Policy, with the following changes to improve clarity and transparency for residents, whilst maintaining the Policy’s intent and improved link to the Strategic Action Plan.

Section	Change / inclusion
Purpose	<p>Inclusion of f) below to link the Policy to the Strategic Action Plan documents.</p> <p><i>f) Provide the framework for development of operational plans and manuals, through the Strategic Action Plan, to deliver the aims and objectives of this policy.</i></p>
Scope paragraph 1	<p>Inclusion of the below text to clarify the document Natural Areas are managed under.</p> <p><i>...excluding Natural areas which are managed under the Inner West Councils Biodiversity Strategy.</i></p>
Scope paragraph 2	<p>Inclusion of the below text to clarify where targets and performance indicators are stated and sourced.</p> <p><i>The performance indicators on urban canopy, tree planting targets and associated reporting are managed through Councils Community Service Plan and Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget (DPOP) and State Government Canopy mapping data.</i></p>
Background paragraph 5	<p>Inclusion of “in some instances” to the below text to define that a poor outcome is not always the result.</p> <p><i>...with inadequate consideration of site constraints, leading to poor outcomes in some instances.</i></p>
Background paragraph 7	<p>Inclusion of the below text to further acknowledge the</p>

	<p>benefits of trees and urban greening.</p> <p><i>Trees and other greening, provide many benefits that contribute to the liveability and biodiversity of the Inner West.</i></p>
Statement paragraph 1	<p>Inclusion of the below text to state the benefits are widely known and provide a link between the Policy and the education component of the Strategic Action Plan.</p> <p><i>The many benefits of trees within an urban environment are common knowledge amongst the community.</i></p>
Statement paragraph 2	<p>Inclusion of the below text to improve the link between Policy and Strategic Action Plan.</p> <p><i>includes the development of an Urban Forest Background Paper, operational documents, community initiatives and actions, that will ensure integration and collaboration across all Council divisions.</i></p>
Statement paragraph 3	<p>Inclusion of the below text to clarify that tree permit applications will still be managed under the IWC Development Control Plan.</p> <p><i>and private tree applications</i></p>
Statement paragraph 4	<p>Inclusion of the below text to clarify where targets and performance indicators are stated and sourced.</p> <p><i>The performance indicators on urban canopy, tree planting targets and associated reporting, are managed through Councils Community Service Plan and Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget (DPOP).</i></p>
Objectives paragraph 1	<p>Inclusion of the below text to provide clarity on how the Policy Objectives will influence the documents and process under the Strategic Action Plan, and the relationship to future reviews of other polices and DCP.</p> <p><i>The following objectives form the basis for development of operational documents, and process, and are to be considered when reviewing or developing other IWC strategies, policies or Development Control Plan.</i></p>
Key principles paragraph 1	<p>Inclusion of the below text to provide clarity on how the Policy Principles will influence the documents and processes under the Strategic Action Plan, and the relationship to future reviews of other polices and DCP.</p> <p><i>The following principles form the basis for development of operational documents, and process, and are to be considered when reviewing or developing other IWC strategies, policies or Development Control Plan.</i></p>
Holistic approach paragraph 5	<p>Inclusion of the below text to ensure the processes and manuals under the Policy Strategic Action Plan look for</p>

	<p>continuous improvement in delivering tree planting outcomes.</p> <p><i>facilitate improved tree planting</i></p>
Notifiable Trees paragraphs 1, 2 and 3	<p>Inclusion of the below text to provide understanding and clarity of the process and where notification information can be found. Also that it is not a tree removal process, rather a notification post decision.</p> <p><i>The decision regarding public tree retention or removal will be determined under separate operational process.</i></p> <p><i>Once Council determines that public tree removal is required, then a notification process will be triggered based on a size index calculation. Size index is calculated using height m x diameter cm (measured at 1.4m above ground level). Appendix A provides further detail.</i></p> <p><i>All notifiable tree removals undertaken by Council will be listed on Councils web site. The Council will investigate sites and undertake tree planting wherever practical.</i></p>
Notifiable Trees paragraph 4	<p>Inclusion of the below text to advise it is a minimum time frame not maximum.</p> <p><i>attached to the tree for a minimum of seven days</i></p>
Notifiable Trees paragraph 6	<p>Inclusion of the below text to address concern that whole streets of small trees could be removed without notification.</p>
Notifiable Trees paragraph 7	<p>Inclusion of the below text to advise it is a minimum time frame not maximum.</p> <p><i>Minimum seven-days</i></p>
Appendix A paragraph 1	<p>Inclusion of the below text to advise the methodology has been used successfully.</p> <p><i>Size Index is adapted from the Australian Standard, AS 2303-2018 Tree stock for landscape use, and has been used effectively for over a decade by other Councils to inform their notification processes.</i></p>
Appendix A paragraph 2	<p>Inclusion of the below text to provide clarity on the ease of the process to measure / determine size index.</p> <p><i>to generate a single number. This methodology only requires a tape measure and visual estimate of height, which has been used successfully in the past to determine notifiable trees. There is no requirement for millimetre accuracy for this process to work effectively.</i></p>
Appendix A paragraph 7	<p>Inclusion of the below text to inform and confirm the</p>

	<p>adaptability of the process to ensure trees of varying dimension are included.</p> <p><i>The species listed below as examples in Table A all have the potential to reach the notifiable threshold, and in some cases meet the requirement for a memo. The examples 5 and 6 demonstrate how varying tree height and trunk diameters can result in trees being notifiable.</i></p>
Strategic Action Plan	<p>The Strategic Action Plan under Education has been updated to include an <i>Urban Forest Background Paper</i>. This will provide the community a holistic view of trees in the urban environment, the many benefits they provide from a range of aspects, and the factors affecting trees and liveability in the Inner West, such as climate change and urban heat island effects. Existing research will be included to support this background paper.</p>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council has received a \$50,000 grant to facilitate the policy development and consultation as part of NSW Government *Greening our City grants program*, with the grant needing to be satisfied by 30 May 2025.

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the Urban Forest Policy. The work to develop and implement the Strategic Action Plan items will be funded by existing 2025/2026 operational budgets.

**Attachment 3 has been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council’s Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>**

**ATTACHMENTS**

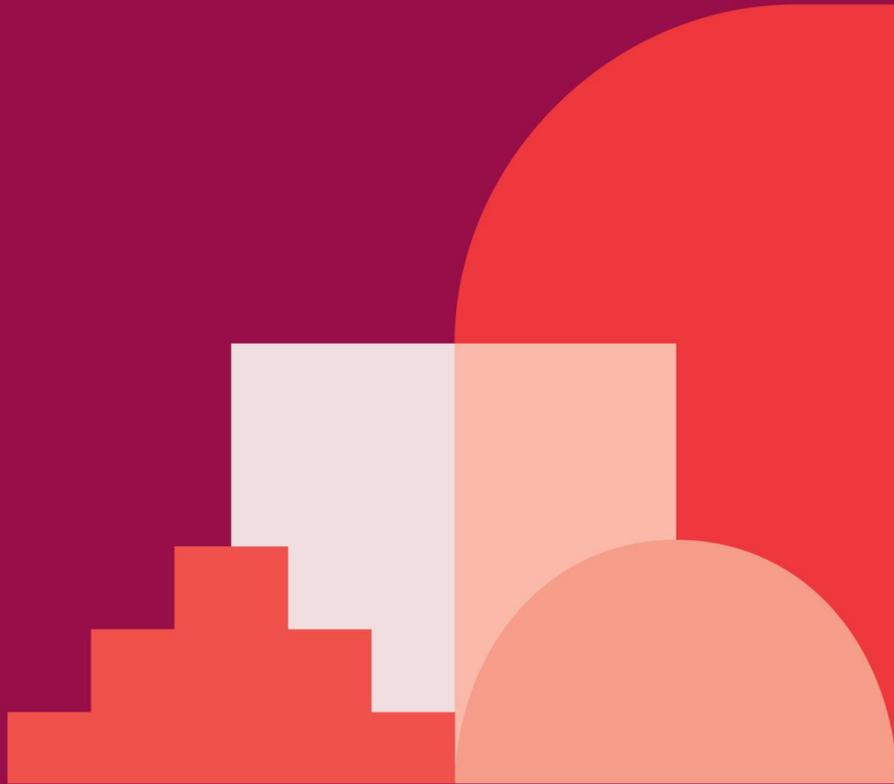
- 1. [↓](#) Draft Urban Forest Policy
- 2. [↓](#) Urban Forest Policy Strategic Action Plan
- 3. [↔](#) Engagement Report - **Published Separately on Council’s website**

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Attachment 1



<b>Title</b>	<b>Urban Forest Policy</b>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>This Policy provides the framework for delivering a sustainable and intergenerational Urban Forest.</p> <p>This policy supersedes all previous Leichardt, Marrickville, and Ashfield tree policies, strategies, and masterplans.</p>
<b>Document Type</b>	Policy
<b>Relevant Strategic Plan Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Direction 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West</li> <li>• Strategic Direction 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport.</li> <li>• Strategic Direction 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities</li> </ul>
<b>Legislative Reference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Government Act 1993</i></li> <li>• <i>Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Act 1979</i></li> <li>• <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i></li> <li>• <i>Roads Act 1993</i></li> <li>• <i>Civil Liabilities Act 2002</i></li> <li>• <i>Disability Inclusion Act 2014</i></li> <li>• <i>State Environmental Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021</i></li> <li>• <i>Heritage Act 1977</i></li> </ul>
<b>Related Council Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Model Code of Conduct</i></li> <li>• <i>Inner West Local Environment Plan 2023</i></li> <li>• <i>Marrickville DCP 2011</i></li> <li>• <i>Ashfield DCP 2016</i></li> <li>• <i>Leichardt DCP 2013</i></li> <li>• <i>Biodiversity Strategy 2036</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Strategic Plan 2036</i></li> <li>• <i>Councils Delivery Program and Operational Plan</i></li> <li>• <i>Disability Inclusion Plan 2023-2026</i></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Blue Green Grid 2023</i></li><li>• <i>Verge Garden and Adopt-a-Spot Policy 2023</i></li><li>• <i>Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manual Trees &amp; Tree Roots 2018</i></li></ul>
<b>Version Control</b>	See last page



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## 1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy, is to

- a) Outline the Councils approach to sustainably and appropriately manage the Inner West Urban Forest on an intergenerational basis.
- b) Define the priorities and framework for Council to manage and maximise the Inner West’s urban forest as an intergenerational resource.
- c) Develop a sustainable and resilient tree population, maximise benefits, whilst reducing negative interactions and risk.
- d) Establish an integrated approach, that incorporates all needs and aspects of liveability within the urban space.
- e) Commit to the retention and protection of suitable trees, practical management of unsuitable or hazardous trees, and undertake renewal tree planting.
- f) Provide the framework for development of operational plans and manuals, through the Strategic Action Plan, to deliver the aims and objectives of this policy.

## 2 Scope

This policy applies to trees on private and public land across the entire Inner West Local Government Area, excluding Natural areas which are managed under the Inner West Councils Biodiversity Strategy.

The performance indicators on urban canopy, tree planting targets and associated reporting are managed through Councils Community Service Plan and Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget (DPOP) and State Government Canopy mapping data.

Executive, Managers, Council Officers, and contractors working for Council regardless of whether they are permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual. For the purposes of this policy, the term contractor includes on-hired temporary labour services (agency staff) and sub-contractors.

## 3 Definitions

In the Urban Forest Policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

<b>Act</b>	Local Government Act 1993.
<b>conflict of interest</b>	Includes either a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pecuniary conflict of interest.</li> <li>• Significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest, as defined in the Model Code of Conduct and described in section 7 of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Councillor</b>	Inner West Council elected representative.
<b>Council committee member</b>	A person other than a Councillor or Council Officer who is a member of a Council committee other than a wholly advisory committee, and a person other than a Councillor who is a member of Council's audit, risk and improvement committee.
<b>Council Officer</b>	Inner West Council members of staff (including full-time, part-time, casual and contracted staff).
<b>Council Official</b>	Councillors, Council Officers, Council committee members and delegates of Council.
<b>Executive Leadership Team</b>	General Manager, Director Corporate, Director Infrastructure, Director Community, Director Planning, General Counsel.
<b>Urban Forest – Inner West</b>	The Urban Forest is the collection of trees and large shrubs located within Council managed streets, mown parks, facilities, and all privately owned or managed land.
<b>Strategic Action Plan</b>	The Strategic Action Plan is a list of documents and initiatives that will deliver the aims and objectives of the Urban Forest Policy.

#### 4 Background

The Local Government Council areas of Ashfield, Leichardt and Marrickville were amalgamated in 2016. This resulted in Council managing the tree population from the



documents of these three former Councils, creating inconsistency and complexity for tree management and the community. The historical tree master planning documents are fixed in time and quickly became outdated, many of these documents are now more than ten years old.

Historically tree planting across most cities occurred in short periods of time 1930's, early 1980's and early 2000's. Marrickville's 2011 Urban Forest Strategy stated that 41,500 trees were planted between 1972 to 2003. Whilst some of these trees were planted up to thirty years apart, the majority that remain are now mature.

The Marrickville documents also recognised the high mortality rate of new plantings, the short life span of urbanised trees and difficult growing conditions in streets.

The Ashfield Street Tree Strategy 2015 identified that, narrow verges planted with large species (Eucalyptus, Melaleuca, Platanus and Corymbia) posed a significant challenge. This was due to their mature size, shallow soil profiles, narrow footways (or roads) and the impacts to infrastructure, pedestrians, houses, and vehicles. Large tree species require space to grow above and below ground, which was not always available.

Over planting was also found to be a negative outcome given the other essential use requirements of streets and roads. The desire for large trees and the many benefits they provide led to poor species selection, with inadequate consideration of site constraints, leading to negative outcomes in some instances.

A review of the public tree population data in November 2024, found an aging tree population with 6% young, 28% semi mature, and 60% mature. The remaining 6% are spread between vacant sites and overmature aged trees. The corresponding data revealed the overall condition and quality of the tree population was also less than optimal.

Trees and other greening, provide many benefits that contribute to the liveability and biodiversity of the Inner West. This 2025 Urban Forest Policy and implementation of the Strategic Action Plan, provides the opportunity to improve the integration of the urban forest with the built environment, and to create a balanced, sustainable, and resilient urban forest tree population.

## 5 Statement

The many benefits of trees within an urban environment are common knowledge amongst the community. This policy will provide a balanced, consistent, and integrated approach to managing the urban forest on private and public land, within the urban context moving forward.

The Strategic Action Plan includes the development of an Urban Forest Background Paper, operational documents, community initiatives and actions, that will ensure integration and collaboration across all Council divisions. In addition, it will provide transparent and consistent process to deliver the Urban Forest Policy aims and

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objectives, maximise tree population and canopy cover, reduce negative interaction and risk, add to biodiversity and heritage outcomes, and allow Council to meet its legal obligations with regards to trees.

Development and private tree applications will be managed through the Development Control Plans (DCP), and Public Trees through operational processes.

The performance indicators on urban canopy, tree planting targets and associated reporting, are managed through Councils Community Service Plan and Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget (DPOP).

**6 Aims**

The aims of the Urban Forest Policy are to:

- Ensure a liveable Inner West through a healthy and sustainable Urban Forest, that provides economic, ecological, and social benefits.
- Provide important directional statements that will maximise the potential, and integration, of the Inner West Urban Forest on private and public land.
- Emphasise the role of the Urban Forest as an intergenerational resource that provides multiple benefits to the community.
- Manage the tree resource holistically to maximise benefits, consider other land use functions in the urban context, reduce risk, negative interactions, and meet Councils legal obligations.

**7 Objectives**

The following objectives form the basis for development of operational documents, and process, and are to be considered when reviewing or developing other IWC strategies, policies or Development Control Plan. The key objectives of the Urban Forest Policy are:

**Policy and strategic action plan outcomes:**

1. Are clear, concise, cohesive, and consistent.
2. Align with planning instruments (SEPPs, Inner West LEP and Development Control Plans).
3. Provide a structure for development of integrated operational process and technical manuals to retain, manage and renew trees.
4. Acknowledge that the urban space is a combination of important functions that contribute to liveability.
5. Reflect current best practice, peer reviewed literature, legal and legislative requirements.



**Value and Manage the Urban Forest:**

1. Promote the importance of trees and large shrubs as part of overall urban forest greening, on private and public land.
2. Maximise the capacity of the urban forest to provide ecological, economic, social and amenity benefits to both present and future generations.
3. Recognise the loss of, and competition for, space as a limiting factor for trees in a modified urban environment.
4. Sustain and renew the urban forest on an intergenerational basis.
5. Respond to the challenges of climate change by creating a healthy and resilient tree population, through holistic design, tree management and tree renewal processes.

**Improve the Quality and Quantity of the Urban Forest.**

1. Promote increased long-term public and private investment in the urban forest.
2. Secure space through private development and public infrastructure projects, to ensure successional tree planting across multiple generations.
3. Improve the overall health and structure of the urban forest to ensure climate change resilience.
4. Ensure the success of the public planting program, through robust process and quality control to maximise return.
5. Undertake tree planting of all suitable vacant sites on public land.
6. Incorporate appropriate planting on private land to offset trees removed through development processes, and to ensure intergenerational equity and maximise urban forest potential.

**Planning and Design Process.**

1. Integrate planning for the urban forest within the tree management, development, and civil design processes.
2. Improve the compatibility of trees and vegetation with buildings and infrastructure through concept, design, engineering, tree selection and contemporary arboriculture practice.
3. Appropriately manage and reduce risk through all development, civil design, and maintenance processes.
4. Secure viable space for tree planting through planning and design processes.

**Education and Research**

1. Improve knowledge and understanding of the Inner West urban forest, the benefits it provides, legal and legislative requirements, whole of tree life asset management and strategies.



2. Monitor and respond to issues and changes in the Inner West urban forest over time.
3. Evaluate the benefit and effectiveness of current technologies.

**Community**

1. Engage with the community as a key partner in sustaining and managing the Inner West Urban Forest.
2. Undertake annual community education programs through a range of methods and media.
3. Undertake community planting initiatives for private and public land.

**8 Key Principles**

There are four key principles to ensure delivery of the aims and objectives of Inner West Urban Forest Policy and Strategic Action Plan. The following principles form the basis for development of operational documents, and process, and are to be considered when reviewing or developing other IWC strategies, policies or Development Control Plan.

The four key principles are:

**Organisational integration**

Managing the urban forest is a core function of local government. The best results are delivered when the urban forest is integrated into Councils public space management, land use planning and infrastructure processes.

**Holistic Approach**

The urban forest policy and associated documents operate in harmony with other Inner West Council strategies, policies, and development control plan.

The urban environment is a shared space that accommodates a range of functions critical to the liveability of the Inner West. There are significant challenges from ongoing loss of space in urbanised areas, with significant competition for the remaining space, in delivering a range of strategies and programs.

This Urban Forest Policy and Strategic Action Plan recognises these challenges, and will work holistically with existing policies and strategies, to maximise the vegetation and biodiversity returns from any public space, without diminishing other fundamental urban functions.

The future review of Council strategies, policies, and processes will accommodate the aims and objectives of this urban forest policy and the strategic action plan outcomes.

The development of operational documents will holistically support the aims and objectives of the urban forest policy, through integration of green and built assets in planning and design process. This will minimise interaction, account for use of the space, facilitate improved tree planting and maximise both green and built asset life.



**Community Focus**

Community engagement provides opportunity for improved learning and outcomes.

Understanding the community experience at any given location provides opportunities to improve outcomes, both locally and across the Inner West. This balances broader perspectives with the individual circumstance, in the context of Councils legal and legislative requirements.

Partnerships should be formed at a local level with residents, utility agencies and institutional land holders, traditional landowners, and state government stakeholders.

**Asset Management (Council Managed Land)**

The urban forest is a living asset in a highly modified environment and is subject to growth and degradation. The useful life span, or the biological potential, of urban trees is shorter than trees in natural areas due to a range of biotic and abiotic factors.

Trees in urbanised areas are required to be managed the same as other built assets, adopting a *'whole of life cycle'* approach that plans for the maintenance and renewal planting of trees and vegetation, within defined service levels.

Accurate information on the quantity and quality of the tree population is vital in understanding the overall performance of the urban forest and to ensure intergenerational equity.

Efficient systems are critical in the gathering of this information and management of the urban forest. This information should be readily accessible to all Council officers and management. A public interface should be developed as the public tree mapping system develops.

**9 Notifiable Trees**

The decision regarding public tree retention or removal will be determined under separate operational process.

Once Council determines that public tree removal is required, then a notification process will be triggered based on a size index calculation. Size index is calculated using height m x diameter cm (measured at 1.4m above ground level). Appendix A provides further detail.

All notifiable tree removals undertaken by Council will be listed on Councils web site. The Council will investigate sites and undertake tree planting wherever practical.

Tree removal of trees greater than size index 750, will require a notice to be attached to the tree for a minimum of seven days prior to removal, and the ten properties immediately adjacent notified by letter box drop.

Tree removal of trees greater than size index 1000, also require a notification memo to be provided to management stating reason for removal and options considered.



Exclusions: The notification process is not required:

- a) where agencies external to Council are removing the tree, or
- b) in the event of an imminent risk (such as significant structural failure) or after hours, that requires immediate removal, or
- c) for public infrastructure projects where notification has been provided, or
- d) the tree does not meet the minimum size index of 750.

The minimum seven-day notification period may be reduced where there is a public safety concern, and the works are required to:

- a) Remove an unacceptable risk in a timely manner.
- b) Reinstate essential house services – such as water, sewer, telecommunications or prevent flooding.

Adjacent residents are to receive a letter box notification in all cases. Councils Web site will provide the details of any urgent removals and the reason for the priority.

## 10 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.

## 11 Administrative Changes

From time-to-time circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document. Where an update does not materially alter this document, such a change may be made including branding, Council Officer titles or department changes and legislative name or title changes which are considered minor in nature and not required to be formally endorsed.

## 12 Version Control – Policy History

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

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### 13 Appendix A Size Index Calculation

Size Index is adapted from the Australian Standard, AS 2303-2018 Tree stock for landscape use, and has been used effectively for over a decade by other Councils to inform their notification processes. The intention is to capture trees that require notification in an easy to use and transparent methodology.

The methodology of using Size Index, calculated by multiplying tree height in metres, by trunk diameter in centimetres (measured at 1.4m above ground level using a tape measure) to generate a single number. This methodology only requires a tape measure and visual estimate of height, which has been used successfully in the past to determine notifiable trees. There is no requirement for millimetre accuracy for this process to work effectively.

Using tree height, or trunk diameter, in isolation does not account for various tree shape and natural growth habits. This can result in some trees being excluded from the notifiable process, despite their prominence in the landscape.

Table A below provides examples of various tree heights and diameters and where the notifiable and memo process are triggered.

Tree height and trunk diameter will vary subject to growing conditions. The same species at different locations can vary greatly in mature dimensions.

The species listed below as examples in Table A all have the potential to reach the notifiable threshold, and in some cases meet the requirement for a memo. The examples 5 and 6 demonstrate how varying tree height and trunk diameters can result in trees being notifiable.

**Table A Examples of size index calculation**

	Height M	Diameter CM	Size Index	Notifiable	Memo
<b>Tree 1</b>	6	25	150	No	No
<b>Tree 2</b>	6	50	300	No	No
<b>Tree 3</b>	11	40	440	No	No

## INNER WEST

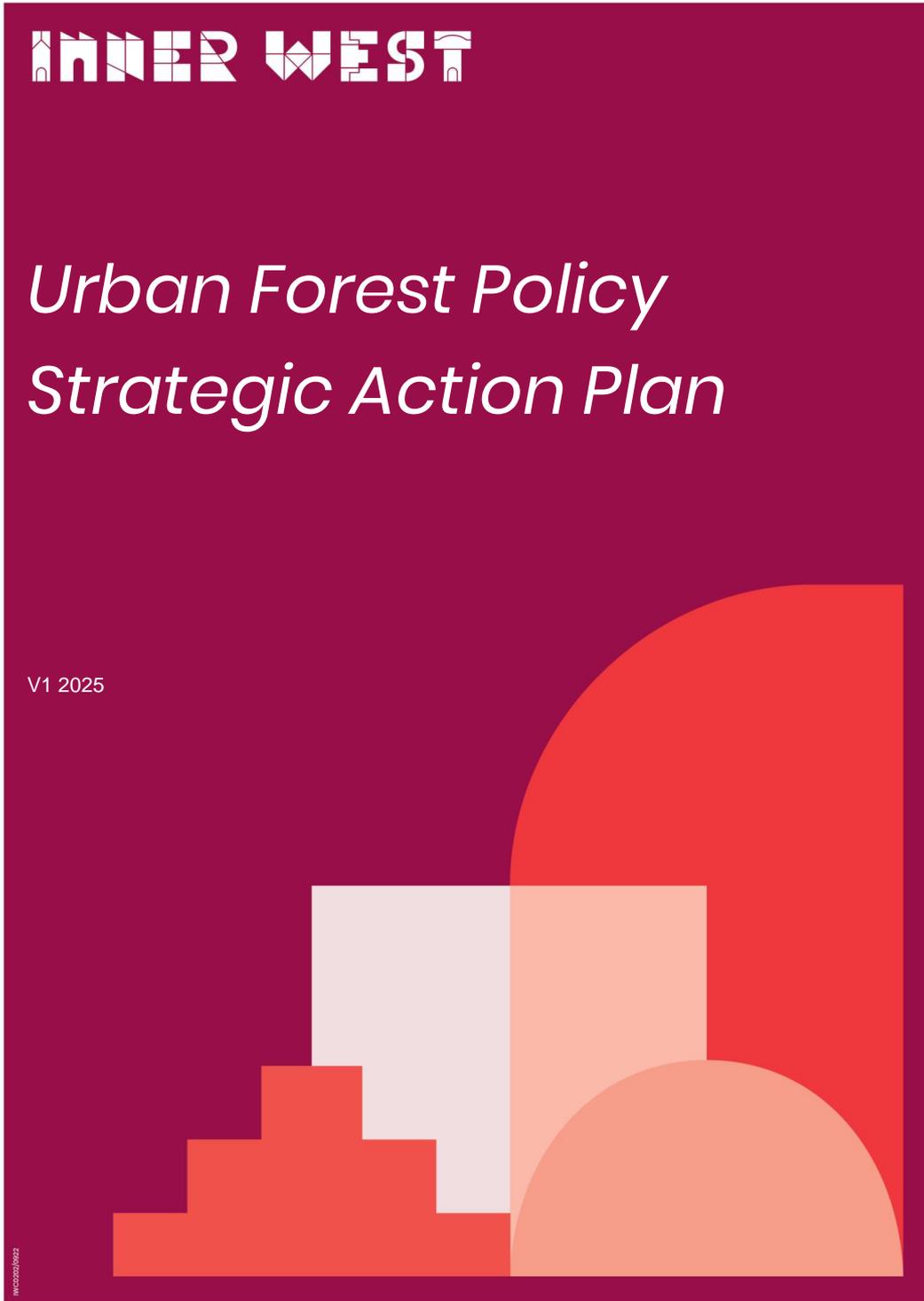
<b>Tree 4</b>	16	50	800	Yes	No
<b>Tree 5</b>	18	60	1080	Yes	Yes
<b>Tree 6</b>	12	90	1080	Yes	Yes

Typical species trees 1, 2 and 3: Callistemon, Watergum, Crepe Myrtle, Blueberry Ash.

Typical species tree 4: Brushbox, Jacaranda, semi mature Eucalypt and Corymbia.

Typical species tree 5: Norfolk Pines, mature Eucalypt and Corymbia species.

Typical species tree 6: Melaleuca, Brushbox, Port Jackson Fig, Small-leaved Fig.



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<b>Title</b>	<b>Urban Forest Strategic Action Plan</b>
<b>Summary</b>	This strategic action plan is to be read and used in conjunction with the Inner West Council 2025 Urban Forest Policy. This action plan provides a holistic approach to delivering the urban forest policy aims and objectives.
<b>Document Type</b>	Strategic Action Plan
<b>Relevant Strategic Plan Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Direction 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West</li> <li>• Strategic Direction 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport.</li> <li>• Strategic Direction 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities</li> </ul>
<b>Legislative Reference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Government Act 1993</i></li> <li>• <i>Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Act 1979</i></li> <li>• <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i></li> <li>• <i>Roads Act 1993</i></li> <li>• <i>Civil Liabilities Act 2002</i></li> <li>• <i>Disability Inclusion Act 2014</i></li> <li>• <i>State Environmental Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021</i></li> <li>• <i>Heritage Act 1977</i></li> </ul>
<b>Related Council Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Code of Conduct</i></li> <li>• <i>Urban Forest Policy</i></li> <li>• <i>Inner West Local Environment Plan 2023Marrickville DCP 2011</i></li> <li>• <i>Ashfield DCP 2016</i></li> <li>• <i>Leichardt DCP 2013</i></li> <li>• <i>Biodiversity Strategy 2024</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Strategic Plan 2036</i></li> <li>• <i>Councils Delivery Program and Operational Plan</i></li> <li>• <i>Disability Inclusion Plan 2023-2026</i></li> <li>• <i>Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manual Trees &amp; Tree Roots 2018</i></li> </ul>

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## 1. Purpose/Overview

The purpose of this Urban Forest Strategic Action Plan is to deliver on the aims and objectives of the Inner West Urban Forest Policy and improve community engagement regarding private and public trees.

Private tree applications and development are managed through the Inner West Development Control Plan.

Public tree management is an operational function, managed through Council process and procedures. Council cannot defer the decision making to third parties, as legal and legislative requirements must be considered and enacted to maintain a defensible position and maintain legislated insurance cover.

## 2. Benefits

This strategic action plan is to be read and used in conjunction with the Inner West Council 2025 Urban Forest Policy.

This action plan provides a holistic approach to delivering the Inner West Council Urban Forest Policy aims and objectives.

This approach moves away from the historically fixed master planning approach to a dynamic suite of technical documents that are fit for purpose today, but also relevant and adaptive to future challenges.

This strategic action plan has been developed to provide a single, consistent, and integrated approach to managing the urban forest on public land and private land.

This action plan will support the Inner West Blue Green Grid Strategy, Development Control Plan, Biodiversity Strategy and infrastructure programs, to achieve fit for purpose outcomes in all settings.

This plan identifies comprehensive documents and actions, that will provide transparent and consistent process to improve the quality of the tree population, maximise benefits including canopy cover, minimise property damage and allow Council to meet its legal obligations regarding trees and risk.

Canopy targets will continue to be set in the Inner West Council Community Service Plan (CSP 2036).

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The technical manuals will contain a range of operational process and technical details, to cover all of Councils tree management and planting requirements, integrating with planning, civil design, landscape design and maintenance.

These manuals and processes will be based on best practice contemporary arboriculture and engineering knowledge, however, will be written to ensure community interpretation and engagement.

The current undesirable ratio of mature trees within the public tree population, will result in many of these trees becoming overmature and senesce over the next twenty years.

The strategic action plan documents will integrate tree renewal processes throughout Council, to create a more balanced tree age distribution and improve the overall quality and sustainability of the public tree population over the next twenty years.

A whole of life tree asset management approach is critical in achieving and sustaining these outcomes across multiple generations.

### 3. Strategic Action Plan

The strategic action plan items in the table below will address urban forest management holistically, incorporating planned, systematic, and integrated management processes.

These actions will be completed using existing resources and require no additional funding.

Action	Description	Delivery
<b>Development Control Plan Private Trees Technical Manual</b>	<p>Develop a Best Practice technical manual: <i>Private Land Tree Assessment and Management Guidelines</i>, for private land.</p> <p>The manual will provide clear guidelines and promote design solutions that maximise opportunities for tree retention and tree planting, within permitted development density and zoning.</p>	August 2025
<b>Planning</b>	<p>Investigate and establish development contributions within Councils Fees and Charges for unavoidable public tree removal by development.</p> <p>New trees will be identified, and viable space secured in all planning approvals, with Council to undertake public tree planting post development.</p>	October 2025
<b>Tree Asset Management Program</b>	<p>A programmed asset management approach for Council managed trees, will be implemented in line with built infrastructure asset programs.</p> <p>Supporting information systems will be developed or upgraded, including those relating to asset inventory, inspection, requests, maintenance scheduling and asset accounting.</p>	July 2025
<b>Public Tree Management Technical Manual</b>	<p>Develop a Best Practice technical manual: <i>Public Land Tree Assessment and Management Guidelines</i> for trees on Council Managed Land.</p> <p>The manual will incorporate technical and operational processes relating to public trees, assessment, planning, design, and tree planting.</p>	August 2025

<p><b>Street Tree Selection Manual</b></p>	<p>Develop an Inner West Council <i>Street Tree Selection Manual</i>.</p> <p>The manual will undertake a holistic spatial assessment of planting sites, to ensure maximum return and urban forest benefits through '<i>Right Tree Right Place</i>' approach and community engagement.</p>	<p>August 2025</p>
<p><b>Standard Drawings</b></p>	<p>Develop and cost a suite of tree planting designs to inform the planting program, civil and landscape design, and all public domain planting.</p> <p>Investigate new technologies and review past practice to develop value for money solutions and increase urban forest outcomes.</p>	<p>July 2025</p>
<p><b>Integration</b></p>	<p>Greater integration will be achieved between internal divisions and sections responsible for /or affecting tree and vegetation assets.</p> <p>This will be promoted by standardised technical manuals and process, staff training programs, skills sharing, and holistic program and design integration.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Reporting</b></p>	<p>Indicators of the extent, condition, functionality, and value of urban forest will be monitored and reported as part of the Council's.</p> <p>State of the environment reporting program.</p> <p>Councils Community Strategic (CSP), Delivery Program and Operational Plan reporting.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p><b>Community Service Plan, Delivery Program &amp; Operational Plan</b></p>	<p>Objectives, principles, and major projects relating to urban forest will be reflected in the Inner West CSP, Delivery Program and Operational Plan on a continuing basis.</p> <p>This will require co-ordination across all land (public and private) to establish priorities and overall directions for, how and where Urban Forest programs should be undertaken, and to ensure that they contribute towards consistent objectives</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Plans of Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for deriving urban forest benefits from community land will be identified and plans of management revised where appropriate.</li> <li>• This will facilitate implementation of greening programs by ensuring legal consistency with applicable plans of management.</li> </ul>	<p>July 2027</p>
<p><b>Community Partnerships</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships will be developed with the community to encourage and assist private individuals, landholders, and community groups, to participate in the planting of trees on private, institutional, and Council managed land.</li> </ul>	<p>June 2026 ongoing</p>
<p><b>Information, education, and research</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and publish an Urban Forest Background Paper.</li> <li>• Measures will be undertaken to increase public knowledge of the urban forest, Council policy and processes, practical application, and legal requirements of managing trees on private and public land.</li> <li>• Research projects will be supported that improve knowledge of Inner Wests urban forest.</li> </ul>	<p>March 2026 ongoing</p>

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#### 4. Version Control – Strategic Action Plan History

This Strategic Action Plan will be enacted as adopted by Council. No review is required.

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<b>Next Review Date</b>	NA		

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 4  
**Subject:** NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL  
**Prepared By:** Peter Gainsford - General Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the criteria describing significant residential development for items to be considered by the new Inner West Residential Panel as development applications or modifications that have:

- a) 20 or more residential dwellings;
- b) Boarding houses;
- c) Co living; or
- d) Subdivision for residential development that would result in new housing.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**DISCUSSION**

At the Council meeting held on 18 February 2025, Council considered three reports that provided a number of development assessment initiatives to improve housing supply. They were the establishment of the new residential development panel, the creation of a position for a City Architect and a post development assessment survey.

At the Council meeting held on 18 February 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council establish a new Residential Development Panel to assess significant residential development applications and proposals under the new Inner West Local Environment Plan (LEP).*
2. *That the new panel provide a simplified and consistent approach to the assessment of significant residential developments, accelerating the approval and determination process and contributing to the delivery of new housing in the Inner West.*
3. *That the new panel convene regularly and will be responsible for reviewing and assessing significant residential development projects in accordance with the new LEP. This should include both the determination of applications Council is the consent authority for, as well as the assessment process for applications that are to be determined by the Eastern Sydney Planning Panel.*
4. *That panel membership will include the following key decision-makers:*
  - a) *General Manager;*
  - b) *Director of Planning;*
  - c) *General Counsel; and*
  - d) *City Architect (once recruited).*
5. *That panel responsibilities will include:*

- a) reviewing significant residential development applications and rezoning proposals based on planning, infrastructure, and legal considerations;
- b) ensuring efficiency, consistency and clarity in the assessment process; and
- c) reporting regularly to Council on the outcomes of panel reviews and the progress of housing delivery within the Inner West.

6. That Council officers develop and report criteria for significant residential development assessments to the April 2025 Council meeting. These criteria will guide the new Panel in reviewing applications for major developments under the new LEP and should include a value threshold, the scale and size of the development, and high-quality design and sustainability standards.

At the Council meeting held on 29 April 2025, Council resolved the following in part:

- 1. That Council brief Councillors on the new Inner West Residential Panel and bring the matter back to the May 2025 Council meeting.

### **New Residential Development Panel**

The proposed criteria describes significant residential development for the Inner West as development applications or modifications that have the following:

- 20 or more residential dwellings
- Boarding houses
- Co living
- Subdivision for residential development that would result in new housing

The panel will meet monthly or as required and consist of:

- The General Manager
- Director of Planning
- General Counsel
- City Architect

Matters that meet the threshold for consideration by the panel will be placed on the agenda at each of the following key stages of an application;

- Lodgment – when the application is lodged with Council and allocated to an assessment officer and referrals requested
- On receipt of specialist referrals
- Post neighbour notification
- Draft Request for Information (RFI)
- Request for Information response
- Draft Assessment Report including draft conditions
- Post Regional Planning Panel briefing (if relevant)
- Prior to determination

Additionally at each panel meeting, for information purposes, the Panel will be provided with an update on any:

- Request for Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS)
- State Significant Development Applications
- EOI for Housing Delivery Authority

The panel will ensure reasonable assessment timeframes, by managing any resourcing or performance issues that may be impacting on referral and assessment timeframes. It will see first hand any process issues that may impact on timeframes and oversee any improvement initiatives in the development assessment area. The panel will also be reviewing the number of Land and Environment Court matters and ways to reduce the number these and their costs.

Any survey feedback, customer sentiment analysis, assessment and referral timeframes will be reported to the panel.

A copy of the terms of reference for the Residential Development Panel is attached.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All components of this report can be delivered within existing resources

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Residential Panel Terms of Reference

## Major Residential Development Panel Terms of Reference

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## Objectives of the panel

The objective of the panel is to:

- Streamline the assessment process by providing advice and guidance on complex development applications, modification, review applications as well as rezoning planning proposals.
- Accelerate the approval process to contribute to the delivery of new housing in the Inner West.
- Have consideration for planning infrastructure and legal considerations.
- Ensure efficiency, consistency and clarity on the assessment process
- Ensure development is of a high quality design and sustainability standard.

At the Council meeting 18 February 2025 the following was resolved:

1. *That Council establish a new Residential Development Panel to assess significant residential development applications and proposals under the new Inner West Local Environment Plan (LEP).*
2. *That the new panel provide a simplified and consistent approach to the assessment of significant residential developments, accelerating the approval and determination process and contributing to the delivery of new housing in the Inner West.*
3. *That the new panel convene regularly and will be responsible for reviewing and assessing significant residential development projects in accordance with the new LEP. This should include both the determination of applications Council is the consent authority for, as well as the assessment process for applications that are to be determined by the Eastern Sydney Planning Panel.*
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## Application Threshold

1. Planning Proposals (where Council is not the proponent) that propose mixed or residential development
2. Development Applications, 4.55 Modification and 8.2 Review applications that:
  - include 20 or more new dwellings;
  - Incorporate Co-Living or Boarding House; or
  - Subdivision for residential development that would result in additional housing

## Other Matters to be considered by the panel.

The panel will ensure reasonable assessment timeframes, by managing any resourcing or performance issues that may be impacting on referral and assessment timeframes.

The panel will see first hand any process issues that may impact on timeframes and oversee any improvement initiatives in the development assessment area. The panel will also be reviewing the number of Land and Environment Court matters and ways to reduce the number these and their costs.

Any survey feedback, customer sentiment analysis, assessment and referral timeframes will be reported to the panel.

## Panel members

The panel shall consist of:

- The General Manager
- Director of Planning
- General Counsel
- City Architect

A minimum of 3 panel members are required for a quorum. Each member needs to appoint a delegate if they are unable to attend.

## Schedule of Meetings

Meetings of the Panel will be scheduled on a monthly basis with an agenda listing the items for consideration one week prior. If no items are listed on the agenda, the meeting will be cancelled.

The meetings shall be held on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm unless otherwise agreed by the Panel.

If timeliness becomes an issue, arrangements will be made for the Panel to meet out of schedule either via email correspondence or virtually.

## Stages of review

Matters that meet the threshold for consideration by the panel will be placed on the agenda at:

- Lodgement – when the application is lodged with Council and allocated to an assessment officer and referrals requested
- On receipt of specialist referrals
- Post notification
- Draft Request for Information (RFI)
- Request for Information response
- Draft Assessment Report including draft conditions
- Monthly review by the Panel
- Post Regional Planning Panel briefing (if relevant)
- Prior to determination

Unless otherwise agreed by the panel.

For applications proposing 20+ dwellings, or faith based housing developments, the Applicant is invited to present to the panel at the initial review

## Participants

### Initial Review

The assessment officer and relevant team leader will present a short summary of the proposal including the site, proposal, referrals and or concurrences and the notification area.

The site inspection should have been undertaken including photos of the site and surrounding context.

### On-going Reviews

The assessment officer, relevant team leader and referral officer (where relevant to the key issues) shall be present at the panel meetings. The assessment officer will present a short summary of the application including:

- the site
- the proposal
- key issues
- discussions with the Applicant

## Panel Meetings

Each meeting typically comprises:

- project introduction & presentation by assessment officer
- questions and clarifications
- review of relevant documentation
- recommendation of the panel

Additionally at each panel meeting, for information purposes, the Panel will be provided with an update on any:

- Request for Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS)
- State Significant Development Applications
- EOI for Housing Delivery Authority

Voting rights

All members have formal voting rights on matters considered by the Panel. Decisions are to be made by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached on a matter, the matter will go to vote. The General Manager may choose to use a casting vote where necessary.

Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared by the Development Assessment Team during the meeting. The draft minutes will be reviewed by the Panel Members either during or post meeting to ensure accuracy. The minutes will be placed on the relevant application file.

The date and summary of the meetings shall be outlined in the assessment report.

After the Meeting

The assessment officer will follow through with the recommendation of the panel. If further information comes to their attention which would otherwise affect the recommendations of the panel, the item will return for reconsideration.

Report to Council

The General Manager will report on the outcomes of panel reviews and progress of housing delivery on a bi-yearly basis.

Version Control

Version	Date	By / Comments
1	March 2025	Draft
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**Attachment 1 – Meeting Minutes Template**

**Major Residential Development Panel Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Application No:</b>	
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Proposal</b>			
<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Panel Members</b>	

<b>Summary of application stage and key issues for Panel Consideration</b>
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<b>Recommendations of the Panel</b>
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Accuracy of minutes endorsed by General Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Assessment Officer Checklist - Initial Review

<b>Date:</b>		<b>Application No:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Proposal:</b>			

<b>Lodgement Date</b>		<b>Date of Site Inspection:</b>	
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Internal Referral

Referral Specialist	Requested	Returned	Comment
Engineers			
Heritage			
Urban Forest			
Design Review Panel			
Health			
Resource Recovery			

External Concurrence or referral

Referral Specialist	Requested	Returned	Comment

Notification

<b>Notification Period</b>	
<b>Map of notification area:</b>	

Attachments:

- Photos of the site
- Architectural Plans

## Assessment Officer Checklist - On-going Reviews

<b>Date:</b>		<b>Application No:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Proposal:</b>			

<b>Lodgement Date</b>		<b>Date of Site Inspection:</b>	
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### Internal Referral

Referral Specialist	Requested	Returned	Comment
Engineers			
Heritage			
Urban Forest			
Design Review Panel			
Health			
Resource Recovery			

### External Concurrence or referral

Referral Specialist	Requested	Returned	Comment

### Notification

<b>Number of submissions</b>	
<b>Summary of issues raised in submissions</b>	

### Development Standards

Development Standard	Requirement	Proposed	Clause 4.6 Provided
<b>Discussion:</b>			

Key Issues

<b>Issue</b>
<b>Discussion</b>

<b>Summary and recommendation for next steps:</b>
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Attachments:

- Photos of the site
- Architectural Plans
- Notes from interactions with Applicant

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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 5  
**Subject:** QUARTER THREE - PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-26 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/25 AND QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT  
**Prepared By:** Prue Foreman - Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager and Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council endorse the quarter three Progress Report on the Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2024/25.
2. That Council adopt the quarter three Budget Review 2024/25.

**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 Inner West Delivery Program 2022-26 (year three) and Operational Plan and Budget 2024/25 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.

This 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 31 March 2025, 91% of Operational Plan actions were completed or on track, while 83% of measures were on target or within 10% tolerance of the target.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement provides a comprehensive high-level overview of Council’s financial position as at 31 March 2025 which includes the following:

1. Council’s operating deficit is forecast to be \$3.0m, an improvement of \$0.1m from the December Budget deficit of \$3.1m.
2. Council’s capital expenditure is forecast to be \$99.9m, a decrease of \$20.2m from the December Budget capital expenditure of \$120.1m.

**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.

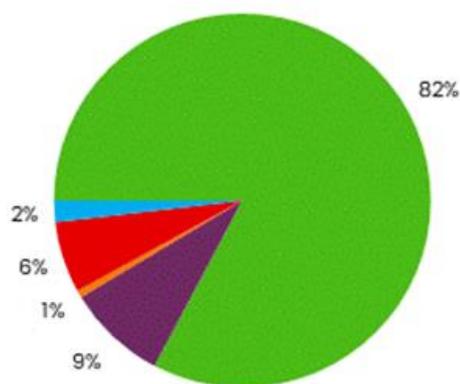
## DISCUSSION

### 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 31 March 2025:

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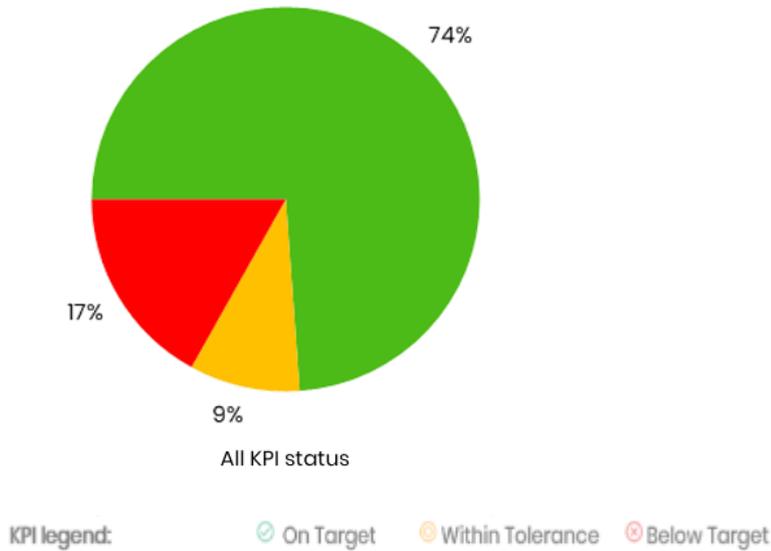
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**Measures** - as at 31 March 2025:

- 83% (54) are 'On Target' or 'Within Tolerance'
- 17% (11) are 'Below Target'



All actions off track or measures below target are monitored by the relevant manager and Director. These include: higher numbers of missed bins which occurred as Council changed to a new contract; staff vacancies and tree stock quality which impacted tree plantings and issuance of permits for tree pruning or removal; and percentage of customer requests received through the online service portal below target, which is being addressed through the development of the digital Customer Experience Platform.

**Highlights for the quarter include:**

- An important milestone in the GreenWay missing links construction: the breakthrough of the new tunnel under Longport Street in Lewisham West
- In March, Council welcomed our new Local Democracy Group members at Ashfield Town Hall
- Over 1,400 people have attended sessions this year at the Inner West Sustainability Hub including bike repairs, clothes swap and energy efficiency
- Highlights of the events program included Inner West Kids Fest, Mardi Gras parade screening, Summer Hill Social, Seniors Festival and Bairro Portugues. Council partnered with 2SER to deliver In Your Hood in Leichhardt. Council also expanded the Lunar New Year program in Ashfield with 473 performers and creatives and attracted 3,000 attendees.
- Progress on cycleway projects including the Pymont Bridge Road cycleway, Cooks to Cove Greenway, and Livingstone Road upgrades
- Tillman Park Early Learning Centre achieved an 'Exceeding' rating under the National Quality Standard
- More than 13,000 people attended our Library programs/events. Highlights included Storytime with Joyce, Chopsticks or Fork Speaker Series, Water Safety Storytime, and Little Greece

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

This report provides a comprehensive high-level overview of Council's financial position as at 31 March 2025. Any forecast results are projections as at 30 June 2025. Council has updated its projected budget result to \$55.8 million, this is a decrease of \$3.4 million from the December Budget. Excluding capital revenue, a deficit of \$3.0 million has been projected against the December Budget Deficit of \$3.1 million.

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:

- User Charges and Fees increase of \$4.2m predominantly from higher restoration revenue received, higher utilisation of aquatic centres for the third quarter and higher utilisation in early learning centres. These revenue increases are offset by service-related expenditure.
- Interest Income increase by \$2.0m due to higher than expected reserves allowing for longer investment returns.
- Other Income increase of \$1.2m due to one off higher income from property leases, increase in compliance revenue and compensation relating to legal matter.
- Operating Grants and Contributions increase of \$0.7m due to grants for Health & Development participation, inclusion subsidy, Office of Local Government Apprentice, Trainee and Cadet program, Illegal Dumping Prevention Program and Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Grant.
- Capital Grants and Contributions decrease of \$3.5m predominantly due to alignment of section 7.11 Developer contributions.
- Employee Costs net increase due to adjustment of attrition target resulting from lower than anticipated staff turnover during the Financial Year.
- Material & Services net increase due to restorations expenditure matched by increased income and compostable bag purchase and delivery.

**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.

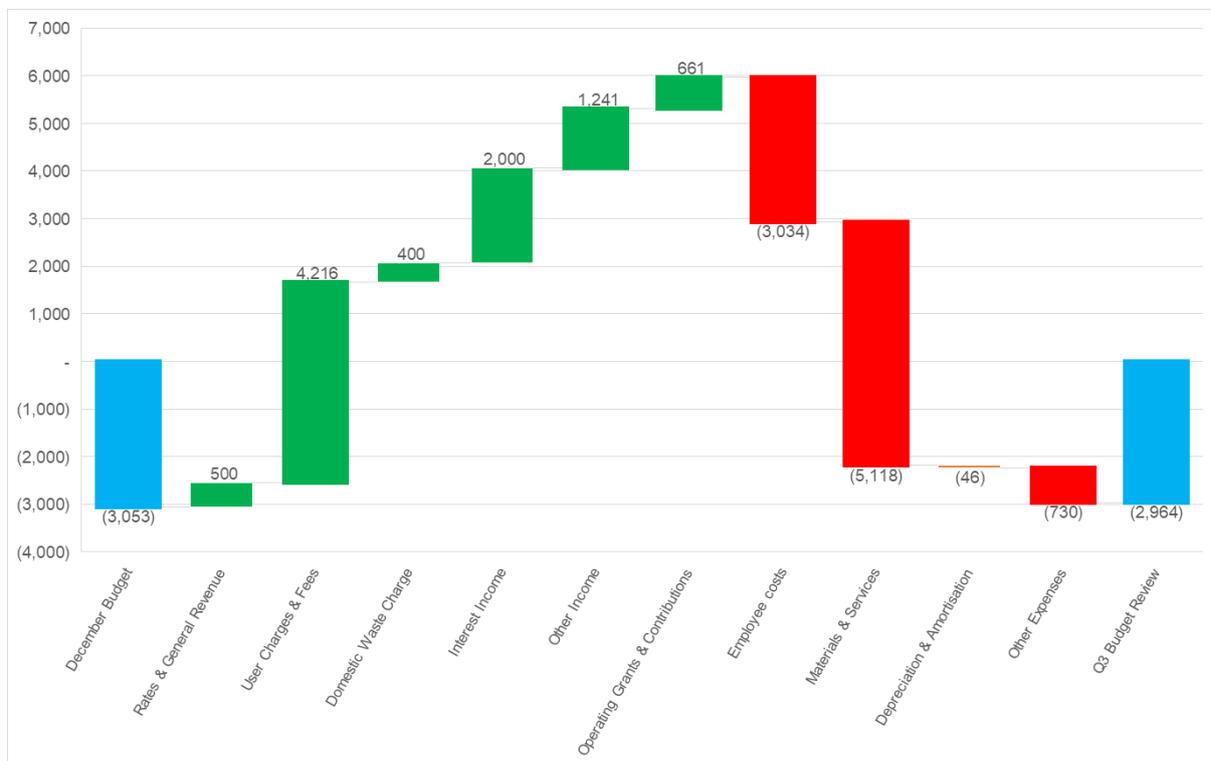


Figure 1. Changes in the Full Year Operating Budgeted Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions

- Forecast increase in revenue relating to User Charges & Fees:
  - Civil Maintenance – \$2.3m increase due to higher restoration income received.

- Aquatic Services - \$1.4m increase due to higher utilisation of aquatic centres.
- Early Learning - \$0.6m increase to higher than expected utilisation from early learning centres.
- Forecast increase in Interest Income by \$2.0m due to higher than expected reserves allowing for longer investment returns.
- Forecast increase in Other Income:
  - Properties & Strategic Investments - \$0.8m due to one off higher income from property leases.
  - Legal Services - \$0.2m due to compensation relating to legal matter.
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- Employee Costs net increase due to adjustment of attrition target resulting from lower than anticipated staff turnover during the Financial Year.
- Material & Services net increase due to:
  - Restoration expenditure.
  - Compostable bag purchase and delivery.

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 March 2025 QBRS Movement (attached).

The decreased Capital Expenditure of \$20.2m is primarily due to the realignment of capital projects to the next financial year.

Cash Flow forecasts of major projects will be monitored ensuring the expenditure remains in line with the budget. March 2025 year to date capital expenditure totals approximately \$57.0m.

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

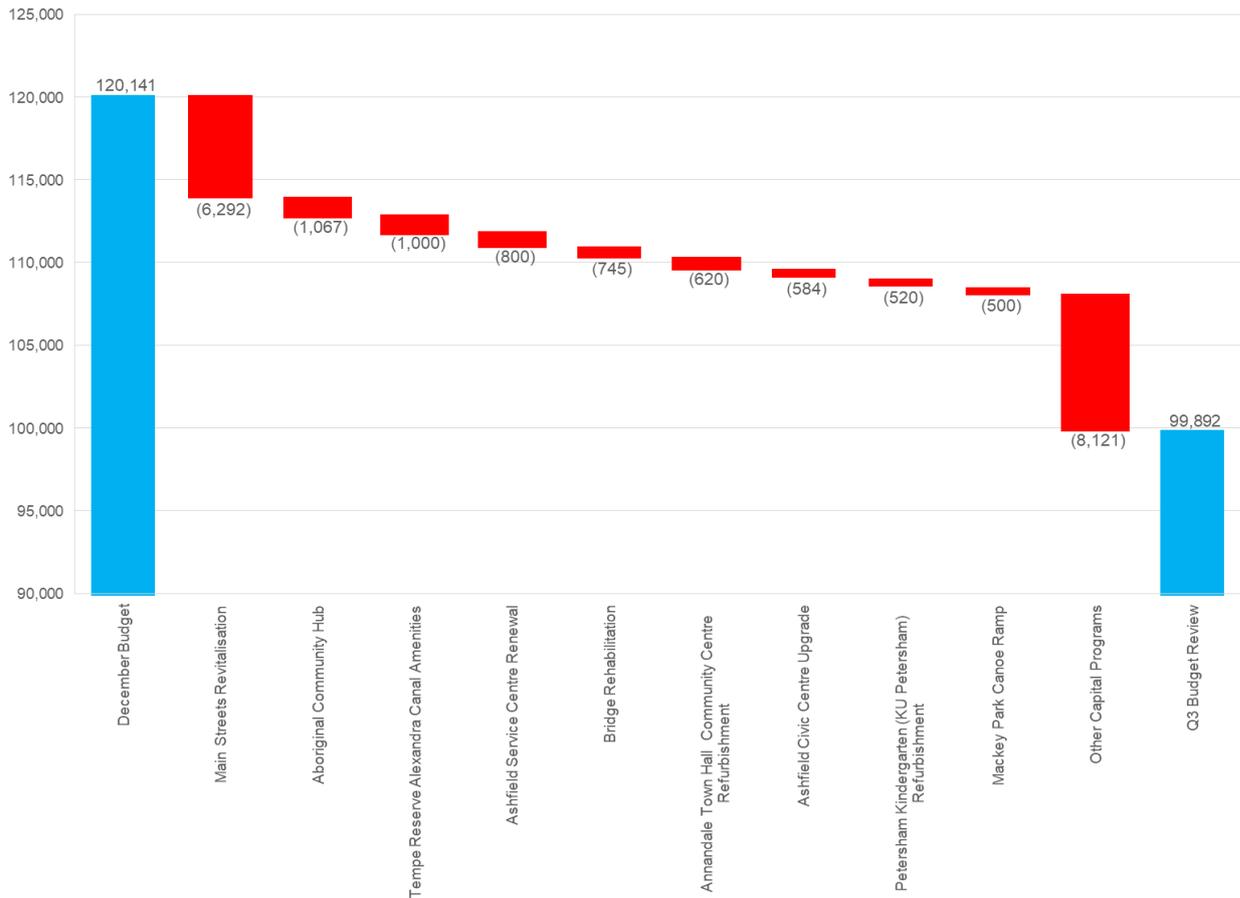


Figure 2. Changes in the Full Year Capital Budget

**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 31 March 2025 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. [Download](#) Delivery Program and Operational Plan progress report - Quarter 3 2024/25
2. [Download](#) March Quarterly Budget Review Statement



Summer Hill  
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# Operational Plan Quarterly Report January – March 2025



## Introduction

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

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



As at 31 March 2025, 91% of Operational Plan actions were completed or on track and 83% of measures were on target or within 10% tolerance of the target.

An important milestone in the GreenWay missing links construction took place this quarter: the breakthrough moment of the new tunnel under Longport Street in Lewisham West!

In March, Council welcomed our new Local Democracy Group members at Ashfield Town Hall. The groups will run until September 2028 aligned to the Council term.

At the Inner West Sustainability Hub, community members participated in bike repairs, clothes swap, organic gardening, energy efficiency consultations, and rainwater tank workshops. Over 1,400 people have attended sessions this year.

Public domain masterplans continued, with masterplans for Marrickville, Dulwich Hill and Enmore/Newtown developed.

Council is implementing several cycling projects including the Pymont Bridge Road cycleway, Cooks to Cove Greenway, and Livingstone Road upgrades.

Thousands flocked to Council's events this quarter at Inner West Kids Fest, Mardi Gras parade screening, Summer Hill Social, and Bairro Portugues. Council partnered with 2SER to deliver In Your Hood in Leichhardt. Council also expanded the Lunar New Year program in Ashfield with 473 performers and creatives and attracted 3,000 attendees. Our Seniors Festival was a success, with a range of activities to support healthy ageing and an author talk related to planning for retirement.

All early learning services operated with high utilisation. Tillman Park Early Learning Centre is the latest to achieve an 'Exceeding' rating in the National Quality Standard.

At our libraries, more than 13,000 attended our programs/events. Highlights included Storytime with Joyce, Chopsticks or Fork Speaker Series, Water Safety Storytime, and Little Greece.

The implementation of the Customer Experience Strategy is on track, progress included a website redesign to create a user-centred experience with intuitive features and consistent visual elements.

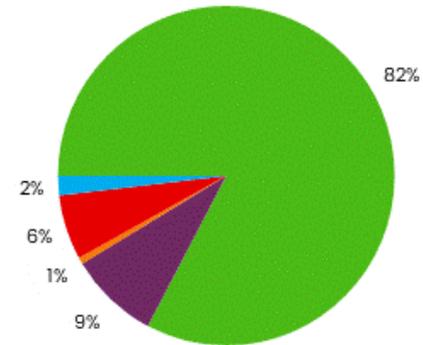
**Peter Gainsford – General Manager**

## Executive Summary

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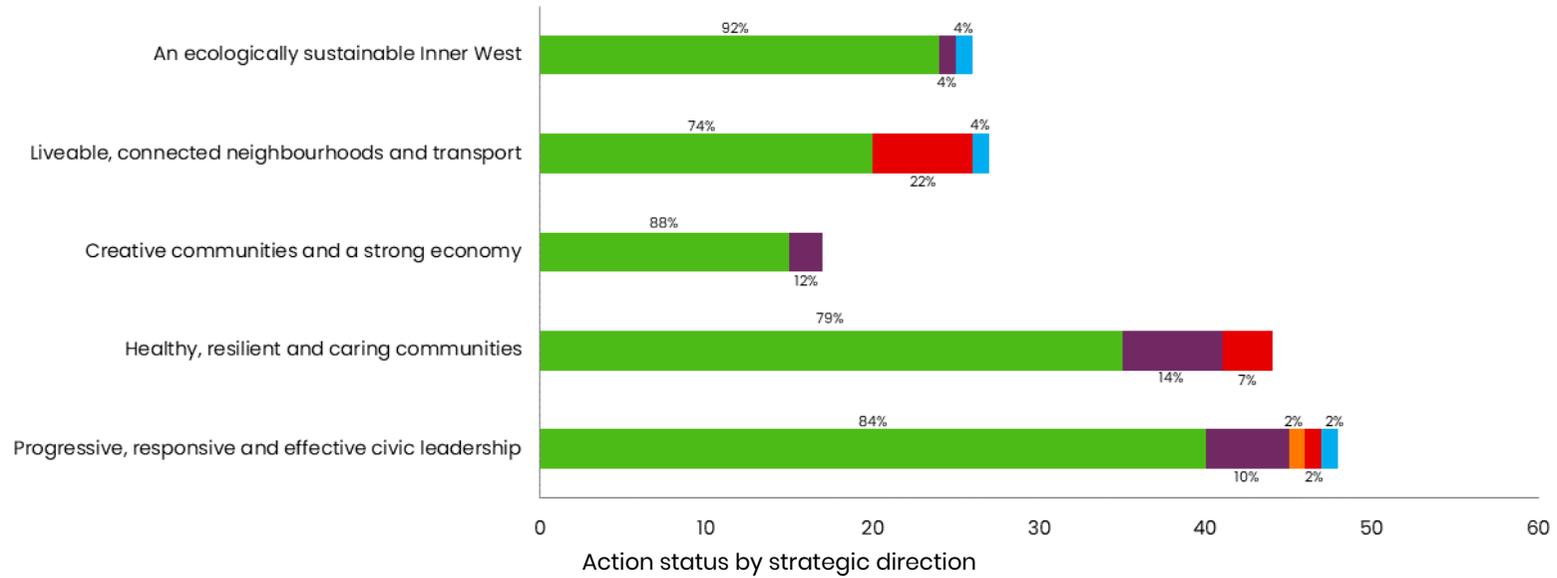
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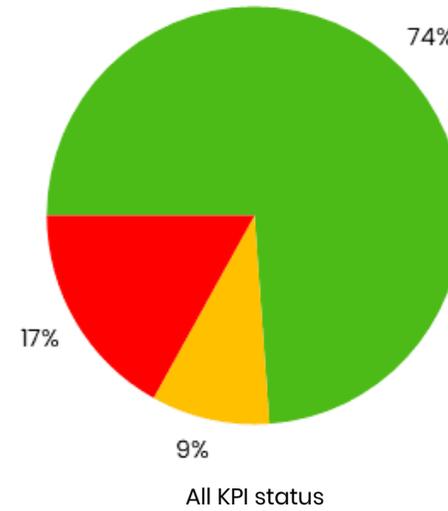
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**Measures**

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## Strategic Direction 1 – An ecologically sustainable Inner West

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	The Green Living Centre continues to partner with The Bower to run regular bike workshops at the Sustainability Hub (5 workshops during Quarter 3). There were 8 additional engagements held at the Hub in Quarter 3 including clothes swap/repairs, organic gardening and an Energy Efficiency Consultation. Council's thermal imaging cameras were provided to 10 households to identify energy saving opportunities and 5 households lent the portable induction cooktops.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.1.1.2	Deliver Community Environment Grants	Urban Sustainability	Council's environment grants will open on 5 May 2025 for applications until 6 June 2025. In addition, following Council's resolution of October 2024, a new grants stream for Circular Economy projects has been launched and will also open in May 2025. Advertising these opportunities has been scheduled.	
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	Staff continued to progress the relevant actions from Council's Biodiversity Strategy including improved mapping and condition reporting of threatened species and endangered ecological communities (EECs). A program for Ecology engagements at the Sustainability Hub is being developed including opportunities to collaborate with citizen science, schools and bushcare groups.	
1.1.1.4	Deliver the pilot low income household energy efficiency program	Urban Sustainability	Council worked with the Women's Housing Company to support efficiency upgrades for low-income tenants of two Inner West apartment buildings. The project is now completed, and an update will be provided to Councillors. It is proposed to continue a low-income energy efficiency offering in future, subject to funding availability.	

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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	521	196		1,461 
1.1.1b	Total subscriptions for environment and sustainability social media and What's On e-news	Urban Sustainability	> 6,000	12,811	13,025	13,255		13,255 

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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	Contract planting and GreenWay planting is continuing in this quarter.	
1.2.1.2	Deliver the Urban Forest Policy and Strategy	Urban Forest	Public exhibition completed. A report will be provided to Council at the meeting on 20 May.	
1.2.1.3	Prepare operational plans for public tree management	Urban Forest	Service review is currently underway to inform operational plans.	
1.2.1.4	Provide private tree assessments	Regulatory Services	Private tree assessments continued to be provided during the third quarter.	

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.2.1a	Number of trees planted	Urban Forest	> 1,000	0	50	644		694 ☉
1.2.1b	Percentage of tree permit applications completed for tree pruning or removal on private land assessed within 28 days	Regulatory Services	> 80	55	90	44		63 ☒
1.2.1c	Percentage of development applications involving tree works provided within 21 days	Regulatory Services	> 70	41	99.19	32		57.40 ☒

### 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 nurseries continued to collect local seed stock and propagate plants to supply native plants for Council’s natural areas and residents. The team will assist plant supply to GreenWay sites as they come online in 2025, or once they are required after contractor warranty expires.	

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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. Tree vouchers are also provided to Inner West kids through school excursions. Preparations have commenced for 2025 National Tree Day planting events and schools tree day plant giveaways.	

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	944	539.20		1,982.70 
1.2.2b	Number of nursery volunteer hours	Park Planning and Ecology	> 100	348.25	322.25	248		918.50 
1.2.2c	Number of plants supplied from Council's nurseries	Park Planning and Ecology	> 2,500	4,004	672	1,271		5,947 
1.2.2d	Number of bush care volunteer attendances per year	Park Planning and Ecology	> 1,400	229	321	175		725 

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## 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	Council adopted the Inner West Biodiversity Strategy in December 2024. A set of priority actions have been adopted for the Ecology team to commence in the short term.	★

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	7	6		18 

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**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 is participating in water quality campaigns on the Cooks and Parramatta Rivers, Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) bank naturalisation and WSUD compliance programs as well as the Cooks River Coastal Management Program (CMP). Community consultation is planned for the Gumbramorra Swamp re-creation project in mid 2025.	
1.3.1.2	Deliver 'WSUD' and rainwater conservation programs	Park Planning and Ecology	Council is participating in the Parramatta River Catchment Group bank naturalisation and WSUD compliance programs, as well as the Cooks River Catchment Management Plan program. An opportunity to secure substantial funding for the restoration of the freshwater "Hercules Creek" adjacent to the GreenWay has been identified during this quarter.	

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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	An after-hours rainwater tank workshop was held at Council's Sustainability Hub on 27 March 2025 and 13 Inner West residents attended this.	

**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	An amended design which incorporates the concerns of key stakeholders has been prepared. Preliminary consultation and engagement with the Heritage Council of NSW is ongoing. A governance structure for progressing constructive dialogue with Greater Sydney Parklands Authority has been prepared. Royal lifesaving has been approached to prepare a safety assessment of the design.	

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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 continued to engage the public through waste education and community messaging surrounding proper recycling practices and the Waste Busters program. In addition to recycling, additional engagements and programs are planned that focus on re-use and the circular economy at the Sustainability Hub.	

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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 on actual and potential pollution incidents have been undertaken and are ongoing to protect the environment and public health.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.4.1a	Percentage of actual or potential reported pollution incidents investigated and resolved	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	100	100	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	Council adopted the Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy in May 2023 and the implementation of actions is ongoing. Council was successful in obtaining grants for 136 charging ports. Implementation is ongoing with 92 chargers installed. 2 charging providers have been appointed to install public charging in 12 Council car parks with applications now lodged for State Government grants.	

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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	Pool cars have now been converted to electric vehicles. The new Leaseback Policy with EV option is due to be adopted before the end of the financial year.	

**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 and work to address identified priority risks has commenced. The next stage of the climate adaptation planning has commenced including identification of climate hazards and asset implications with Council's Strategic Planning team.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
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 completion of a draft community carbon inventory and Council's corporate carbon inventory. It may be possible to combine elements of this project with the Climate Adaptation Strategy during 2025.	

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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 Roadmap has been adopted including an internal litter prevention working group. A briefing on the Proposed Litter Strategy is scheduled for the first meeting of Council's Environment Advisory Committee in May 2025. Litter monitoring continued and will form the basis of future reporting to Council.	

**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	Council continued to work to identify appropriate sites for new reverse vending machines. Sites which have been investigated to date have presented planning and other challenges.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.6.2.2	Co-ordinate and deliver domestic and commercial waste services	Resource Recovery Operations	Council continues to deliver waste, Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO), recycling and clean up services. There has been a changeover in the recycling contractor for the north and south area, which started on 31 March 2025.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
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	16,447	16,805		49,094 
1.6.2d	Material received at the Community Recycling Centres and Household Chemical Collection Events (Baseline 2022/23 = 185 tonnes)	Resource Recovery Operations	< 197.25	34.19	45.79	36.50		116.48 
1.6.2f	Number of missed bins per year (Baseline 2022/23 = 15,065)	Resource Recovery Operations	< 15,065	4,895	5,566	6,723		17,184 

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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 has now been in place for over 12 months. Weekly opt-in collection services and the 240L upsized bins continued to be offered to the community. A report on the independent review of Council's FOGO implementation will be delivered in the coming period and recommendations put in place accordingly. Education and community engagement around Council's waste services continue to be a core function of the Resource Recovery Planning team.	
1.6.3.2	Embed Council's food recycling service (FOGO) to increase participation and recovery	Resource Recovery Planning	Staff have been working with residents in apartment buildings to increase uptake in FOGO recycling over this period. Waste Busters and Campaigns staff have been developing a FOGO in schools and early learning centres program, as well as a pilot project for Council facilities. Following Council's resolution, planning for the launch of FOGO in parks is well underway.	

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**Strategic Direction 2 – Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport**

**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 which has been sent to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation.	
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.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.1.1.3	Review and update the Local Strategic Planning Statement	Strategic Planning	The Local Strategic Planning Statement is on hold awaiting direction from the state government on the timing for all Councils in NSW. Work continued on the council-wide LEP to increase housing supply and affordability in the Inner West and respond to State government 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.	

## 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	Complaints continue to be investigated in relation to breaches of the EPA Act.	
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	Investigations in relation to fire safety continue to be undertaken to safeguard lives and properties.	

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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	All boarding houses are inspected annually and where breaches are identified, appropriate action is undertaken.	
2.1.2.4	Continue to provide Principal Certifier Authority (PCA) services	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	Council continues to provide PCA services for the Inner West community.	

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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 2026 for adoption by Council. Preparation of the Leichhardt town centre masterplan is underway with consultants appointed.	
2.3.1.2	Undertake regular inspections of town centres and respond to maintenance needs	Civil Maintenance	Inspections and maintenance work continue in our town centres.	
2.3.1.3	Deliver the Main Streets Strategy	Strategic Planning	The Main Streets Strategy is on hold while the town centre masterplans are being prepared.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.3.1.4	Deliver the Public Toilet Strategy	Capital Works	<p>Projects in construction include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Murden Reserve Toilet</li> <li>• Camdenville Park</li> <li>• Gladstone Park</li> </ul> <p>Projects in design include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mackey Park</li> <li>• Hammond Park</li> <li>• Birchgrove Park</li> <li>• Pratten Park</li> <li>• Elkington Park toilets</li> <li>• McNeilly Park Toilets</li> <li>• Hoskins Park toilets</li> <li>• Henson Park toilets</li> </ul> <p>Completed projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King George Park</li> <li>• Leichhardt No 2</li> <li>• Tempe Reserve - Alexandra Canal and Tempe Blue</li> </ul>	
2.3.1.5	Undertake outdoor dining approvals	Regulatory Services	Outdoor dining approvals continue as a service.	

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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	3	5	8		16
2.3.1b	Average number of days to complete a 40-day Street sweeping cycle	Civil Maintenance	< 40	40	40	40		40
2.3.1c	Average number of working days to complete verge maintenance (mowing) from October to March	Civil Maintenance	< 20	0	23	26		16.33
2.3.1d	Average number of working days to complete verge maintenance (mowing) from April to September	Civil Maintenance	< 40	40	23	0		21
2.3.1e	Average number of days to complete high-pressure cleaning of each shopping centre every three months	Civil Maintenance	< 60	60	60	60		60
2.3.1f	The number of Gross Pollutant Trap /Nets cleaned	Civil Maintenance	> 37	37	37	37		37
2.3.1g	The number of Pits cleaned	Civil Maintenance	> 194	242	255	251		249.33
2.3.1h	Percentage of potholes repaired within 48 hours (Note -weather dependent)	Civil Maintenance	> 80	90	90	70		83.33

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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	Awaiting an update to the NSW Planning Portal Application Programming Interface (API) to complete integration.	

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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	70	84		84
2.3.2b	Median completion time of applications for pre-lodgement advice (days)	Development Assessment	< 10	7	8	10		10
2.3.2c	Percentage of site visits undertaken within 28 days of the application being accepted	Development Assessment	> 75	70	59	76		68.33
2.3.2d	Percentage of development applications from NSW Planning Portal to Council's planning system within 10 days	Development Assessment	100	100	61	56		72.33
2.3.2e	Percentage of neighbour notifications posted within 7 days following payment of all fees	Development Assessment	100	90	78	45		71
2.3.2f	Percentage of internal referrals obtained within 14 days	Development Assessment	> 80	46	49	46		47

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

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

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.4.1.1	Progress delivery of affordable housing in the Hay Street car park	Properties and Strategic Investments	Council continues to liaise with Link Wentworth to review design concepts, site yields and potential planning reforms. These steps are required before proceeding with finalising designs and assessing development feasibility, including preparing project budgets and indicative delivery timelines.	

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

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.4.3.1	Review the Inner West Homelessness Protocol and Policy	Community Wellbeing	Homelessness protocol draft has been completed and is now under review.	

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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	100		100 

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

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**Strategy 2.5.1 Improve public transport services**

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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: Pymont 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 (EWPC) (design), Livingstone 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.	

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2.6.13	Deliver the GreenWay project	Capital Works	GreenWay construction continues on-site to deliver this project.	
2.6.14	Deliver Urban Amenity Improvement Plan (Pyrmont Bridge Road Cycleway)	Capital Works	Project scoping is under review with TfNSW. Project delivery agreements are in progress with TfNSW.	
2.6.15	Deliver Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)	Capital Works	The delivery of the PAMP program remains on target.	

**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
2.6.21	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.	
2.6.22	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 complete.	

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2.6.2.3	Deliver Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) program	Capital Works	Funded LATM projects have been completed. Unfunded projects are planned to be deferred to 2025/26 financial year.	
2.6.2.4	Undertake parking and ranger patrols	Regulatory Services	The Ranger and Parking services team has undertaken 2,426 patrols of Residential Parking Scheme areas and have conducted 126 school patrols within the period.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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2.6.2c	Percentage of LATM program budget delivered	Capital Works	100	6	13	22		41 

**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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**Strategic Direction 3 – Creative communities and a strong economy**

**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	During the period from January to March 2025, we streamlined the Creative Town Halls Concierge program, handling 140 enquiries by simplifying the website, criteria, and guiding enquiries through the system. A total of 460 local performers and artists were engaged in related activities during this time. Planning for the Creative Symposium, scheduled for June, also commenced. Work progressed on the Permit, Plug, and Play funding project and Council’s website to make it easier for creatives to navigate systems.	
3.1.1.2	Deliver Council’s annual Young Creatives Awards program	Libraries and History	This program is now complete and was reported on in the second quarter.	

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3.1.1.3	Support participation of Aboriginal creatives in delivering Council's arts programs	Living Arts	GreenWay artist Jasmine Sarin continues her work on the Gadigal Reserve commission, which is due for completion by June 2025. Deslyn Marsh (Nyumbar Education) completed their Perfect Match commission in Newtown on 26 March. The design was developed in partnership with Elders from the Djurali Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research. Also this quarter, Local First Nations performer Ryka Ali opened the main stage programming at Inner West Kids Fest, leading an interactive dance and cultural performance for young audiences. Koori Kinnections delivered a highly attended stone painting workshop for young audiences also at Inner West Kids Fest.	
3.1.1.4	Lead the implementation of the Creative Spaces recommendations	Living Arts	The enquiry and application process for the Creative Use of Town Halls program was streamlined, with collaborative efforts alongside Venues to support creatives in finding available space. Figures from this period include 140 enquiries (120 via the new Expression of Interest process, 14 by email, 3 by phone, and 3 via Customer Relationship Management). The most commonly utilised space was Balmain Town Hall. Overall, feedback from creatives on the program has been highly positive.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.1.15	Lead the implementation of the Cultural Strategy	Living Arts	Key highlights for this period include drafting controls for the new Inner West Development Control Plan, which will incorporate public art and cultural vibrancy into new developments in the area. Education initiatives include a trial creative residency at Tempe Primary School. Work also commenced to revitalise the Creative Communities e-newsletter to better target opportunities to our audience. During this period, two Newtown Art Seat projects were delivered, and preliminary mural designs for Ashfield Civic Square were developed.	

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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	In this quarter, Council delivered Inner West Kids Fest with over 500 attendees; Mardi Gras parade screening in Camperdown, Summer Hill Social was attended by 5,000 people and Bairro Portugues took place in Petersham. Additionally, Council partnered with 2SER to deliver In Your Hood event in Leichhardt, and delivered an expanded Lunar New Year program in Ashfield with 473 participating performers and creatives.	

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3.2.1.2	Partner with community and creative groups to deliver events, providing support and advice	Events	During the quarter, Council expanded the Lunar New Year program through an Expression of Interest (EOI) program to deliver events and activities in Ashfield during the Lunar New Year period. The EOI was translated into Mandarin, Korean and Vietnamese. 23 applications were received from community groups and supported eight projects at a total value of \$30,000, including a local Vietnamese drumming group as part of the 2025 program. The program activated Ashfield Town Hall, Ashfield Forecourt, Ashfield Civic Centre and activity rooms, and roving performances through Liverpool Rd, Ashfield Mall and Hercules St. There were 12 community events and 3,000 attendees.	
3.2.1.3	Deliver an annual program of new creative commissions and activations through the EDGE program	Living Arts	Planning is underway for the Creative Toolbox Symposium, aimed at artists, creative professionals and cultural innovators with 3 days of practical skills-building, empowering discussions and radical reimagining to strengthen our vibrant creative community. With 20+ sessions taking place 28-30 March at Marrickville Library, Pavilion and Town Hall, Creative Toolbox features industry experts leading a lineup of bold ideas, leading a range of talks, workshops, and inspiring conversations designed aimed at arming to equip artists and arts workers with the tools needed to survive in the creative sector.	

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3.2.14	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 is underway and will be reported to the June Council meeting.	
3.2.15	Roll out culture counts evaluation for the events program	Events	The Culture Counts evaluation was rolled out for several events including: * The Inner West Kids Fest - an increase in scores for cultural contribution, connection, and local impact, exceeding national benchmarks * The Mardi Gras screening - improved scores for overall satisfaction, connection, vibrancy, and local impact, all of which exceeded national benchmarks * Summer Hill Social - increased audience attendance and higher scores for connection and enthusiasm, exceeding national benchmarks, and * Bairro Portugues - improved scores for place, connection, inclusion, and vibrancy, with the satisfaction score (excellent) increasing from 48% to 63%, exceeding national benchmarks.	

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3.2.1a	Percentage of major events program completed	Events	100	0	50	70		70
3.2.1b	Number of stakeholders (organisations including community and business) engaged through events program	Events	> 500	0	1,843	69		1,912
3.2.1c	Number of stakeholders (creative participants) delivering work through events program	Events	> 500	0	1,273	0		1273
3.2.1d	Percentage of local stakeholder participation in events program	Events	> 80	0	80	0		80

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.2.3.1	Deliver the Perfect Match program	Living Arts	Perfect Match commissions at 7 Eliza Street, Newtown (Heart Research Institute) were completed, and applications for the Perfect Match 2025/26 program were open from 10 March to 7 April 2025. Prior to the application period, the 2025/26 guidelines were updated to encourage greater participation from early-career artists and to improve the assessment process. Three local artists were also engaged to serve as external panel members for the 2025/26 assessment panel.	

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
3.2.3a	Number of Perfect Match projects per year	Living Arts	> 40	11	4	1		16 

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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 once endorsed by Council, will be placed on public exhibition for feedback 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, with a focus on improving the public domain through upgrades such as street furniture and planting to enhance 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	This action was completed in July 2024 and reported on in the second quarter.	

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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	The annual education program is focusing on reducing waste from food businesses to improve environmental outcomes and promote best practices.	
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 responded to and investigated all reports of water pollution from building sites, with six incidents reported and addressed during the quarter. During this period, 42 proactive site inspections were carried out on large-scale developments.	

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**Strategic Direction 4 – Healthy, resilient and caring communities**

**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	Twenty10 has moved into the Pride Centre and is now operating from the space. The venue is available for public bookings. Council celebrated the launch of <i>Feel the Love 2025</i> at the Pride Centre and is planning to unveil a permanent plaque during Pride Month (June 2025) to thank community members who contributed to the Centre's opening.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.1.2	Lead the implementation of the Anti - Racism Strategy	Community Wellbeing	On 25 February 2025, Council officers met with the Department of Education to begin developing reference materials for schools on responding to racism. Council also met with an advocacy group working to end caste-based discrimination and promote social justice in Australia. Lastly, four community organisations have been funded to commemorate International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.	
4.1.1.3	Deliver Community Wellbeing projects and programs to meet the identified needs of the Inner West community	Community Wellbeing	In February, Council completed the annual Street Count to help identify local needs related to homelessness and support state-level planning by the Department of Communities and Justice. On 1 March, Council delivered <i>Feel the Love 2025</i> at the Pride Centre and Camperdown Rest Memorial Park. Feedback from attendees indicated the event was safe and family-friendly, supporting celebration of the Mardi Gras parade. The Seniors Festival was also delivered during March 2025 and included a variety of activities promoting healthy ageing, including an author talk focused on retirement planning.	

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4.1.1.4	Celebrate culturally significant days with and on behalf of the community (e.g days of remembrance)	Community Wellbeing	Pride Progress Flags were flown at Ashfield, Petersham, Leichhardt, and Marrickville Town Halls to acknowledge Trans Day of Visibility. The Feel the Love 2025 event also marked the occasion with a free, all-ages community celebration held on the day of the Mardi Gras parade.	
4.1.1.5	Partner with Settlement Services International to support the Community Refugee welcome centre	Community Wellbeing	Refugee Week activities at the Community Refugee Welcome Centre will be delivered in partnership with Council. Council officers are working with Settlement Services International (SSI) to increase the number of local volunteers engaged with the centre. A current Service Level Agreement between Council and SSI is in place, with regular monitoring and updates provided against key performance indicators.	
4.1.1.6	Deliver Hannaford Centre programs and activities	Community Wellbeing	The Hannaford Centre continues to deliver a full weekly schedule of activities, including tech-savvy groups, chess clubs, Tuesday lunches, dance, yoga, and table tennis.	
4.1.1.7	Develop a Wellbeing Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Development of a Wellbeing Strategy has not begun.	
4.1.1.8	Lead the implementation of the Children and Youth Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Completion and adoption by Council of the Children and Youth Strategy is required prior to implementation occurring.	

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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	In February, Council engaged with the Inner West Region Dementia Friendly Community Alliance to discuss the 2025 action plan. This was in addition to participating in the Inner West Region Prevention of Abuse of Older People Collaborative meeting held on 3 February. Seniors Festival delivered a range of events throughout March 2025 with support from Inner West Council. At the Pride Centre, an Intergenerational Gathering - a collaborative morning tea with ACON's 'LOVE Club' and Twenty10 - was held on 27 March. Additional Dementia Australia training was delivered to Council staff through the 'Assisting EDIE' VR workshop on 18 March.	
4.1.2.2	Develop and implement Community Safety Action Plan	Community Wellbeing	A roundtable with local organisations to discuss how Council can better support those fleeing domestic and family violence has been scheduled, with invitations sent. The design and content development of the Community Safety Action Plan has commenced, and engagement with internal Council stakeholders is underway to align actions with community consultation outcomes.	

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4.1.2.3	Develop a Children and Youth Strategy	Social and Cultural Planning	Council staff have undertaken significant engagement as part of the development of this strategy, and work is ongoing. The strategy is expected to be proposed for adoption in 2025.	
4.1.2.4	Lead Child Safe policy and practice across Council	Social and Cultural Planning	Training for frontline staff on leading practice child-safe policies is currently underway across Council.	

**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	Council has made considerable progress in implementing the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, now in its second year. Notably, the NSW Disability Council has invited Council to present an update on its progress at the May 2025 meeting.	

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

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

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.2.1.1	Deliver the second Aboriginal survival memorial in Illoura Reserve (Balmain)	Social and Cultural Planning	NSW Government approval for the construction of the memorial in Illoura Reserve, which is state heritage listed, is expected shortly. Once approved, a Review of Environmental Factors will be finalised, allowing construction to begin. The construction period is estimated at four months, with completion expected in 2025.	
4.2.1.2	Lead establishment of the Aboriginal Community Hub	Social and Cultural Planning	A report outlining the next steps will be presented to Council in May 2025.	

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

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.2.2.1	Lead implementation of Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan year two actions	Social and Cultural Planning	Council has made excellent progress in implementing the current Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Development of the next RAP, following the current two-year plan, will commence shortly.	

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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	This action is now complete and was reported on in the first quarter.	★
4.3.1.2	Undertake Leichhardt Park Masterplan upgrade as per schedule (4-year program of capital works)	Capital Works	Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) Stage 1 works commenced on-site on 1 April 2025. The community engagement process for LPAC Stage 2 is complete, and an outcomes report is scheduled to be presented to Council in April 2025. The Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Stage 2 construction contract was released to the market on 31 March 2025.	●
4.3.1.3	Manage Council's five aquatic centres, two recreation centres and water play park	Aquatic Services	Council's Aquatic and Recreation Centres have remained fully operational, delivering all planned programs and services for the 2024/25 year to date. This includes aquatics entry and safety procedures, health and fitness services, learn-to-swim and aquatics programs, and all other recreational or general access and programs.	●

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4.3.1.4	Deliver the adopted Companion Animal Plan 2024-28	Regulatory Services	The draft Companion Animal Action Plan outlines how Council will manage companion animal-related matters over the next four years. Following Council review, the plan will proceed to community engagement in 2025.	
4.3.1.5	Deliver education activities to promote responsible pet ownership, including information stands, programs or campaigns including off leash areas	Regulatory Services	Companion Animal Services delivered information stands at War Memorial Park, O’Dea Off-Leash Dog Park, and Mackey Park during the quarter. Over 30 people attended, and 42% of microchip records were found to be outdated. Council officers assisted the community by updating these records on the NSW Pet Registry. A-frame and etiquette signage was also distributed across 11 parks within the LGA, including on-leash, off-leash, time-share, and prohibited areas.	

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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	Draft Plans of Management (PoMs) for smaller parks are being finalised, including consultation with Crown Lands. The Easton Park and Rozelle Parklands masterplan and PoM have been completed and adopted.	
4.3.2.2	Complete a draft generic Plan of Management for Council's Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks	Parks Planning and Recreation	The Plan of Management for Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks is planned to be reported for adoption at Council's May 2025 meeting.	
4.3.2.3	Review the structure and delivery of recreation programs and service including Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre	Aquatic Services	A joint services review of the operations of the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre with the PCYC is underway.	
4.3.2.4	Construct an inclusive playground at Richard Murden Reserve	Capital Works	Construction has commenced and due to be completed at the end June 2025.	

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4.3.2.5	Host Parramatta River Catchment Group (1 July 2024 onwards)	Parks Planning and Recreation	This program is now completed and was reported on in the second quarter.	★
4.3.2.6	Prepare Rozelle Parklands Plan of Management and Masterplan	Parks Planning and Recreation	The Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park Plan of Management was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 February 2025.	★
4.3.2.7	Restore wetlands adjacent to Blackmore Park	Parks Planning and Recreation	This action is ongoing and was reported as completed in the second quarter.	★
4.3.2.8	Investigate Hercules Creek as a natural area for Council to manage and protect natural assets	Parks Planning and Recreation	This action is completed and was reported on in the second quarter.	★
4.3.2.9	Investigate the feasibility of a swim site as part of the Mort Bay Plan of Management	Parks Planning and Recreation	Initial water quality testing and monitoring have been commissioned for the proposed swimming area at Mort Bay, starting in April 2025.	●
4.3.2.10	Implement the safety audit of Marrickville Golf Course	Parks Planning and Recreation	This program is now complete and was reported on in the first quarter.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
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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	3,050	1,000		4,216 
4.3.2c	Percentage utilisation of sporting grounds	Parks Planning and Recreation	> 90	95	95	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**

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**Strategy 4.4.1 Plan and deliver infrastructure and services for the changing and aging population and those with disability**

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.1.1	Review customer experience for community venue hire	Properties and Strategic Investments	A customer survey is being conducted for each new hirer, and results will be included in the report on venue usage to be presented at the August 2025 Council meeting.	
4.4.1.2	Manage processes for booking town hall spaces and activations	Properties and Strategic Investments	Information and processes have been updated to align with the new Grants and Fee Scale Policy. A new marketing strategy is being implemented to support bookings.	
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	The creative use of Town Halls has been improved with updated booking guidelines and a concierge service is available to assist users. A new marketing strategy is being implemented to support the bookings for creative uses.	
4.4.1.4	Deliver programs and activities at Council's community centres	Community Wellbeing	Service Level Agreements are in place with Community Centres. Council staff are receiving regular Key Performance Indicator updates and supporting centres to respond to local community needs.	

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**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	Four centres underwent assessment and rating visits this quarter by the Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). Tillman Park Early Learning Centre (ELC) received an “Exceeding” rating, Leichhardt ELC was rated “Meeting” and results are pending for John McMahon ELC and Enmore ELC.	
4.4.2.2	Ensure all early learning services are financially sustainable	Children’s Services	All services are financially secure and are performing above budget expectations.	

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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	This is an ongoing process being developed in conjunction with other Councils and working towards the due date.	
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	Work has also commenced on participation in the 2025 Public Libraries Evaluation Network (PLEN) survey, which involves consulting with neighbouring libraries to consider additional questions and adjust the timing. The survey is scheduled for May/June.	
4.4.3.3	Deliver Libraries and History Programs	Libraries and History	Over the quarter, 412 regular programs and events were delivered, attracting a total of 13,277 attendees. Highlights included: Storytime with Joyce (drag storytime) at Ashfield Library on 22 February; the Chopsticks or Fork Speaker Series at Ashfield Library on 11 February; Water Safety Storytime (with multiple sessions); and the Little Greece Speaker Series at Marrickville Library on 13 March.	
4.4.3.4	Implement the Council electronic rostering system	Libraries and History	This project has been placed on hold and is currently under review for reconsideration and potential rescoping.	
4.4.3.5	Raise the awareness and increase usage of Home Library Service	Libraries and History	Work has commenced on the program, including analysis of current usage, research on other home library services, and the development of a marketing plan.	

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4.4.3.6	Deliver Step Back in Time - Site Studies with Virtual Reality	Libraries and History	A virtual reality experience of Dawn Fraser Baths has been developed, showcasing the site at three different stages over time. This allows students to explore the history in an immersive and modern way. The accompanying website provides links to primary resources and examples of then-and-now comparisons for high school history teachers. Preparations are underway for a May launch to teachers.	

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	101,386	105,801		105,801 
4.4.3b	Ratio of library members compared to Population per year	Libraries and History	> 46	50.50	53.83	56		53.44 

**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	Inspections continue throughout full year	

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**Strategic Direction 5 – Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership**

**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>The implementation of the actions outlined in the Customer Experience Strategy is on track, with the following progress made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Council endorsed the developed Complaints Operational Management Standard and accompanying mandatory eLearning module for all staff.</li> <li>* Conducted weekly mobile customer service stalls at various locations throughout the Local Government Area (LGA).</li> <li>* Completed the first stage of a website redesign to create a user-centred experience with intuitive features and consistent visual elements.</li> <li>* Continued delivering plain English and quality correspondence training programs to all staff.</li> <li>* Tracked and analysed customer experience metrics across all digital channels.</li> </ul>	

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5.1.1.2	Adopt new technologies to improve transparency around maintenance schedules	Engineering Services	A solution for deploying missed bin requests to field staff is in the testing phase. Progress has been delayed due to issues with the 2024B Tech One upgrade.	
5.1.1.3	Develop and implement a change management framework	Service Transformation	The draft Change Management Framework is in its final stages of preparation and nearing completion. The project is on track to be delivered by 30 June 2025.	
5.1.1.4	Undertake business improvement initiatives	Service Transformation	Thirteen business improvement initiatives are currently in progress, with most of them in the 'improve' phase and actions are being actively implemented.	
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 has served 6,836 customers. Stalls at Council events have continued to prove popular, with 250 customers served at Fair Day Vic Park in February; 115 customers served at Feel the Love, Camperdown Memorial Rest Park; 92 customers served at Summer Hill Social in March; and 130 customers served at Bairro Portuguese festival in March.	

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5.1.1a	Customer Satisfaction (Voice of Customer – post call survey - out of 5)	Customer Service	> 4.30	4.30	4.40	4.40		4.37
5.1.1b	Percentage of customer calls answered within 60 seconds	Customer Service	> 80	87.77	89	70.85		82.54
5.1.1c	Percentage of back office processing time (emails, applications, payments and forms) within 5 business days	Customer Service	> 95	100	100	100		100
5.1.1d	Percentage of customer requests and applications via the online service portal	Customer Service	> 55	45	52	52.53		49.84
5.1.1e	Mystery Customer Score achievement	Customer Service	> 85	0	0	94.60		94.60
5.1.1f	Percentage of service provided at Inner West Customers at counters within 3 mins	Customer Service	> 80	93	88	93		91.33

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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	The agreed annual training and development program is progressing as planned.	
5.1.2.2	Deliver business improvement staff training program	Service Transformation	This program is complete and was reported on in the second quarter.	
5.1.2.3	Implement and report the service review program	Service Transformation	The following progresses was made during the quarter: * The Access to Information (GIPA) review is in its final stages. * Public Trees review started in January 2025.	
5.1.2.4	Implement project management system	Service Transformation	The project management system was successfully launched on 27 March 2025.	
5.1.2.5	Prepare and publish the Annual Report	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	This was completed and reported on in the second quarter.	

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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 continue to progress and are being reported to the Executive and Council’s Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. Council has developed a Work Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy and has made substantial progress on initiatives to enhance work, health, safety, and wellbeing capabilities.	

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	95	95		93.33 

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

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

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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	Development of the draft Community Strategic Plan - Our Inner West 2041 is well advanced, with a draft to be reported to Council's April meeting for endorsement of public exhibition. The Inner West State of the City Report was endorsed by Council at its meeting in October 2024.	
5.2.1.2	Identify and apply for grants and other funding sources across Council	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Four new grant applications have been submitted, and five grants submitted prior to this quarter have been successfully funded. The total funding received amounts to \$9.5 million, supporting projects such as: upgrading pedestrian access along Palace Street, Petersham; completing the Greenway tunnel under Canterbury Road; energy upgrades to Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre; establishing an LGA-wide polystyrene collection service; and revitalising the streets surrounding the Sydenham Station transport hub.	

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5.2.1.3	Enter awards to showcase and recognise Council's successes	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Council submitted nine nominations to the Local Government Professionals Awards that will be announced in June 2025.	
5.2.1.4	Prepare the Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan 2025-26	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Preparation of the Delivery Program 2025-29, Operational Plan 2025-26, and Budget 2025-26 (including Fees and Charges 2025-26) is well advanced and will be reported to Council's 29 April meeting for endorsement to proceed to public exhibition. Council will receive a follow-up report on the public exhibition outcomes and the final draft plans for adoption at the June Council meeting.	
5.2.1.5	Implement the Information and Communications Technology Strategy	Information and Communication Technology	The Chief Information Officer (CIO) has completed the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Digital Strategy and is currently sharing the high-level plan with other Directorates across Council. The strategy will be presented to the General Manager for comment and then to Council's Executive team for endorsement.	
5.2.1.6	Review Asset Management Strategy, Policy and Plans	Engineering Services	Plans and strategies have been reviewed and updated in line with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework. The revised documents will be exhibited in the next quarter.	

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5.2.17	Transition to ISO 27001 certification for Inner West Council security maturity	Information and Communication Technology	Inner West Council's ICT team is committed to aligning with ISO:27001 standards, although certification is not required. ICT is complying with the Office of Local Government's latest cybersecurity guidelines, which are based on ISO:27001. ICT is also developing an updated cybersecurity strategy aligned with these guidelines and is currently undergoing an independent audit to assess compliance.	
5.2.18	Review Long-Term Financial Plan as part of Resourcing Strategy	Finance	The first draft will be presented for exhibition at the April 2025 Council meeting.	
5.2.19	Develop the Workforce Management Strategy 2025-29	People and Culture	The Workforce Management Strategy (WMS) is on track to be completed by the due date. There has been considerable consultation with internal stakeholders, including a WMS survey to capture information from the Executive, Senior Leaders with their teams, a P&C planning day to workshop key actions, Leadership team workshop to brainstorm future plans and Executive team engagement in the form of updates and feedback. In addition, there has been well researched data and analysis which forms part of the overall plan.	

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5.2.1.10	Implement the agreed program for condition audits and valuations	Engineering Services	Tenders have been called for a stormwater system audit, with a report on the selection scheduled for the May Council meeting. Consultants have also been engaged to conduct Fair Value assessments for all asset classes, to be undertaken in Quarter 4.	
5.2.1.11	Implement the Asset Improvement Plan	Engineering Services	Workshops to develop guidelines on the modelling attributes for each asset class are ongoing. Hierarchy and criticality parameters have been implemented and included in the Asset Management Plan reviews.	

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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	Seventy-five percent of the Governance review recommendations have been implemented with all remaining recommendations set to be finalised by the end of the financial year.	
5.2.2.2	Implement the Enterprise Risk Audit Report Recommendations	Governance and Risk	Following Council's endorsement of the Risk Management Policy, Action Plans have been developed to progress outstanding recommendations. Strategic risks have been approved by the Executive and quarterly updates are also approved by both the Executive and the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC). All Service units have now completed Operational Risk Registers, which will be reported to ARIC in May 2025, and thereafter on a regular basis to both Executive and ARIC.	

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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 has redeveloped its Terms of Reference, Internal Audit Charter, Strategic Work Plan, and other key documents. Council is fully compliant with the provisions imposed by the new regulatory requirements and will be able to provide a fully compliant General Manager Attestation.	
5.2.2.4	Implement Council's Insurance Framework	Governance and Risk	Council's Insurance Claims page, which provides information and commitments to customers, has been fully implemented and enables claimants to provide information relevant to their claim. 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.	

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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 those for 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 in 2025.	
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	This platform was completed and reported on in the second quarter.	
5.2.2.7	Provide training to staff on legal matters	Legal Services	The Legal Services Team continues to provide training.	
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 remains on track to manage and coordinate at least ten citizenship ceremonies during the financial year.	
5.2.2.9	Reduce the cost of Land and Environment Court class one matters to Council	Legal Services	The Legal Services Team has increased the number of in-house matters related to Class 1 Appeals.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.2.10	Assess and determine Government Information Public Access (GIPA) applications and investigate privacy matters	Governance and Risk	Council has procedures and systems 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 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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5.2.2a	Percentage of Privacy Complaints responded to within 5 business days of receipt	Governance and Risk	100	100	100	100		100
5.2.2b	Percentage of staff involved in procurement that have received training	Procurement	> 95	80	95	95		95
5.2.2c	Percentage of procurement events above \$10k through vendor panel	Procurement	> 90	90	90	90		90
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	1		3
5.2.2e	Percentage of ARIC recommendations implemented within agreed timeframes	Governance and Risk	100	98	95	95		96
5.2.2f	Percentage of Council resolutions that are implemented as per the agreed timeframes	Governance and Risk	> 95	95	95	95		95

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**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, and a new Property Strategy is currently 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.	
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, including the development of the St Peters Depot Master Plan, which is due for delivery in Quarter 4. This also includes the co-location of staff at the St Peters and Leichhardt Service Centres.	
5.2.3.4	Manage Council's property portfolio	Properties and Strategic Investments	Council's property portfolio continues to be managed by providing property portfolio transaction and property management services related to existing and new agreements, tenant communications and voluntary planning agreements.	

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

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

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.1.1	Implement Internal and External Communications Strategy	Strategic and Corporate Communications	Due to internal staff re-organisation, this strategy has been delayed.	
5.3.1.2	Implement the digital asset management system	Strategic and Corporate Communications	This project is still being scoped internally to provide better information on software that will be required for Council's digital asset management system.	
5.3.1.3	Review communications policies and procedures	Strategic and Corporate Communications	A report on a new media policy is planned to go to Council in April.	

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.3.1a	Number of Inner West Council social media followers (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)	Strategic and Corporate Communications	> 62,244	71,111	73,628	72,826		72,826 
5.3.1b	Number of Inner West Council website page views	Strategic and Corporate Communications	> 7,340,098	1,791,160	3,455,884	68,559		5,315,603 

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**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	Council publicly exhibited its draft Urban Forest Strategy, Community Participation Plan for land use planning, Code of Conduct and Compliance and Enforcement policy. Community engagement on parks projects included a concept plan for Yeo Park inclusive playground, improvements for Albert Reserve in Ashfield, extension of hours at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre and an outdoor gym for Petersham Park. The community was also consulted on a proposal to transform Jazz in the Park to a new street festival for Balmain. Additionally, they were consulted on improving the public domain in Tempe and Sydenham and updated plans for six new special entertainment precincts across the LGA.	
5.3.2.2	Hold ten Local Matters Forums including two in each ward	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Two Local Matters Forms were held: one in the Ashfield-Djarrawunang Ward at Ashfield Civic Centre on 25 February, and another in the Stanmore-Damun Ward at Petersham Service Centre on 25 March 2025.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.2.3	Establish new Local Democracy Groups in alignment with the new term of Council	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	The Local Democracy Groups (LDGs) have been established. Council held a Welcome Event for all LDG participants on 13 March 2025. The LDG term commenced in March with governance training, and most groups have now held their first meetings.	
5.3.2.4	Review the Community Engagement Strategy	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	The Community Engagement Strategy was reviewed and updated and will be reported to Council in April. Design updates were made to improve readability and to incorporate community quotes and images. The Community Participation Plan section was publicly exhibited from 27 February to 27 March 2025, in accordance with legislative requirements.	

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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	41,531		134,011
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	18		58
5.3.2c	Percentage of average satisfaction with local matters forums (survey per forum)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	> 75	79	86	93		86
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	89	85		89
5.3.2e	Increase Your Say Inner West membership	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	> 10,890	10,702	11,276	11,975		11,975

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**Strategy 5.3.3 Support evidence-based Council decision-making**

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.3.1	Manage Council elections, and induction and training programs for Councillors	Governance and Risk	<p>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.</p> <p>Council developed a Councillor Induction Manual and Program that is consistent with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and the Office of Local Government's (OLG) Councillor Guidelines. A Professional Development Program is being developed in consultation with individual Councillors and delivered to Councillor over the term of Council.</p>	
5.3.3.2	Manage Council's meetings and business paper systems	Governance and Risk	<p>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.</p>	

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.3.3a	Percentage of Ordinary Council Agenda papers published on website one week prior to Ordinary Council Meetings	Governance and Risk	100	100	100	100		100
5.3.3b	Percentage of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes published on website within one week of Ordinary Council Meeting	Governance and Risk	100	100	100	100		100
5.3.3c	Percentage of the Councillor induction kit prepared and delivery of Councillor induction training sessions for the Mayor and Councillors post September 2024 election	Governance and Risk	100	100	100	100		100
5.3.3d	Percentage of professional development program prepared for the Mayor and each Councillor post September 2024 election	Governance and Risk	100	100	100	100		100

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

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**Strategy 5.4.1 Advocate for emerging community issues**

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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**

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.4.2.1	Manage Council's annual community grants program	Social and Cultural Planning	The community grants program is now complete and was reported on in the second quarter.	

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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	A 15% weighting criteria was approved and applied in accordance with the Procurement Strategy adopted by Council in May 2024. The weighting criteria has been added to all evaluation plans and is compulsory. Council's procurement training includes information on this criteria, and Council's leadership group has been shown how the weightings are applied. A Sustainable Procurement Working party has also been convened.	★

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.4.3a	Percentage of purchased expenditure on local suppliers	Procurement	> 8	10	8.69	8		8.90 
5.4.3b	Percentage of purchased expenditure on Aboriginal suppliers	Procurement	> 1	0.50	0.39	0.40		0.43 

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**INNER WEST**

# QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

## INNER WEST COUNCIL

March 2025 Quarter



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### 1) Executive Summary

Council adopted on 18 February 2025 the December 2024 Budgeted net operating position of \$3.1m deficit excluding capital revenue or \$59.2m surplus including capital revenue.

After the completion of the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review, Council amended the net operating result position excluding capital revenue to \$3.0m deficit or \$55.8m surplus including capital revenue.

Key movements include the following:

- User Charges & Fees increase of \$4.2m predominantly from higher restoration revenue received, higher utilisation of aquatic centres for the third quarter and higher utilisation in early learning centres. These revenue increases are offset by service-related expenditure.
- Interest Income increase by \$2.0m due to higher than expected reserves allowing for longer investment returns.
- Other Income increase of \$1.2m due to one off higher income from property leases, increase in compliance revenue and compensation relating to legal matter.
- Operating Grants and Contributions increase of \$0.7m due to grants for Health & Development participation, inclusion subsidy, Office of Local Government Apprentice, Trainee and Cadet program, Illegal Dumping Prevention Program and Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Grant.
- Capital Grants and Contributions decrease of \$3.5m predominantly to alignment of section 7.11 Developer contributions.
- Employee Costs net increase due to adjustment of attrition target resulting from lower than anticipated staff turnover during the Financial Year.
- Material & Services net increase due to restorations expenditure matched by increased income and compostable bag purchase and delivery.

Council adopted on 18 February 2025 the December 2024 Capital Works Program of \$122.2m. After the completion of the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review, Council has decreased the Capital Works Program by \$20.2m to \$101.9m. Details of project movements are included under section four in the report.

## 2) Primary Financial Statement

Description	Original Budget	September Budget	December Budget	Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>							
Rates & General Revenue	138,429	-	-	138,429	500	138,929	104,483
User Charges & Fees	60,913	189	3,090	64,191	4,216	68,407	49,891
Domestic Waste Charge	43,523	-	-	43,523	400	43,923	33,020
Interest Income	9,328	678	-	10,006	2,000	12,006	10,026
Other Income	30,159	1,633	1,350	33,143	1,241	34,384	24,312
Operating Grants & Contributions	10,353	2,552	2,956	15,860	661	16,521	7,608
Capital Grants & Contributions	40,576	4,222	17,441	62,239	(3,508)	58,731	20,195
Profit or Loss on Disposal	(1,109)	-	391	(718)	-	(718)	519
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>332,171</b>	<b>9,274</b>	<b>25,227</b>	<b>366,672</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>372,182</b>	<b>250,053</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Employee costs	149,127	390	1,255	150,772	2,834	153,606	115,540
Materials & Contracts	95,592	4,144	4,875	104,611	5,318	109,929	80,568
Borrowing Costs	723	-	-	723	-	723	536
Depreciation & Amortisation	34,204	3,901	-	38,104	46	38,150	28,353
Other Expenses	13,672	(521)	125	13,276	730	14,006	11,124
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>293,319</b>	<b>7,913</b>	<b>6,255</b>	<b>307,487</b>	<b>8,928</b>	<b>316,415</b>	<b>236,121</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>18,972</b>	<b>59,185</b>	<b>(3,419)</b>	<b>55,767</b>	<b>13,933</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital</b>	<b>(1,724)</b>	<b>(2,861)</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>(3,053)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(2,964)</b>	<b>(6,267)</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>							
Capital Works Program	125,626	5,129	(10,614)	120,141	(20,249)	99,892	57,043
Loan Principal	2,047	-	-	2,047	-	2,047	1,999
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>127,673</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>(10,614)</b>	<b>122,189</b>	<b>(20,249)</b>	<b>101,939</b>	<b>59,042</b>
<b>Funding</b>							
Net Working Capital Drawdown	52,103	(133)	(29,585)	22,384	(16,877)	5,507	3,183
Net Overheads Reallocation	0	-	-	0	-	0	(26)
Depreciation Contra	36,718	3,901	-	40,619	46	40,665	29,410
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>88,822</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>(29,585)</b>	<b>63,003</b>	<b>(16,831)</b>	<b>46,172</b>	<b>32,568</b>
<b>Net Budget Position</b>							<b>(12,542)</b>

3) March 2025 QBRs Movements

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b>Income</b>	
10	Increased Revenue - Corporate Support Services	500
		500
	<b>User Charges &amp; Fees</b>	
2	Increased Revenue - Aquatic Services	1,399
3	Increased Revenue - Building Certification	20
5	Increased Revenue - Civil Maintenance	2,300
7	Increased Revenue - Community Venues	57
8	Increased Revenue - Community Wellbeing	1
12	Decreased Revenue - Development Assessment	(367)
13	Increased Revenue - Early Learning	600
15	Decreased Revenue - Engineering Services	(400)
16	Decreased Revenue - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	(6)
	Increased Revenue - Parking & Ranger Services	1
30	Increased Revenue - Properties & Strategic Investments	24
36	Increased Revenue - Strategic Planning	314
37	Increased Revenue - Traffic & Transport Planning	272
		4,216
31	<b>Domestic Waste Charge</b>	
	Increased Revenue - Resource Recovery	400
		400
	<b>Interest Income</b>	
10	Increased Revenue - Corporate Support Services	2,000
		2,000
	<b>Other Income</b>	
2	Decreased Revenue - Aquatic Services	(17)
7	Increased Revenue - Community Venues	15
12	Increased Revenue - Development Assessment	90
16	Increased Revenue - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	55
20	Increased Revenue - Governance & Risk	13
22	Increased Revenue - Legal Services	192
25	Increased Revenue - Parking & Ranger Services	256
27	Increased Revenue - Parks Planning and Recreation	15
28	Decreased Revenue - People & Culture	(60)
29	Increased Revenue - Procurement	2
30	Increased Revenue - Properties & Strategic Investments	770
36	Decreased Revenue - Strategic Planning	(90)
		1,241
	<b>Operating Grants &amp; Contributions</b>	
5	Increased Revenue - Civil Maintenance	38
8	Increased Revenue - Community Wellbeing	2
10	Decreased Revenue - Corporate Support Services	(44)
	Increased Revenue - Early Learning	184
	Increased Revenue - Events	6
23	Increased Revenue - Libraries and History	15
28	Increased Revenue - People & Culture	155
30	Increased Revenue - Properties & Strategic Investments	53
32	Increased Revenue - Resource Recovery Planning	127
34	Increased Revenue - Social and Cultural Planning	5
38	Increased Revenue - Urban Ecology	122
		661

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
<b>Capital Grants &amp; Contributions</b>		
4	Increased Revenue - Capital and Major Projects	3,580
10	Decreased Revenue - Corporate Support Services	(28)
36	Decreased Revenue - Strategic Planning	(6,678)
38	Decreased Revenue - Urban Ecology	(382)
		(3,508)
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,510</b>
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>		
<b>Employee costs</b>		
2	Increased Expenditure - Aquatic Services	297
3	Increased Expenditure - Building Certification	4
4	Decreased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	(22)
5	Decreased Expenditure - Civil Maintenance	(162)
7	Decreased Expenditure - Community Venues	(2)
8	Decreased Expenditure - Community Wellbeing	(174)
9	Increased Expenditure - Corporate Strategy & Engagement	31
10	Increased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	1,944
11	Decreased Expenditure - Customer Service	(24)
12	Decreased Expenditure - Development Assessment	(3)
13	Increased Expenditure - Early Learning	1,330
14	Decreased Expenditure - Economic Development	(4)
15	Decreased Expenditure - Engineering Services	(13)
16	Decreased Expenditure - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	(133)
17	Decreased Expenditure - Events	(40)
18	Decreased Expenditure - Facilities Management	(64)
19	Decreased Expenditure - Finance	(54)
20	Increased Expenditure - Governance & Risk	35
21	Decreased Expenditure - ICT	(59)
22	Decreased Expenditure - Legal Services	(2)
23	Increased Expenditure - Libraries and History	40
24	Decreased Expenditure - Living Arts	(2)
25	Decreased Expenditure - Parking & Ranger Services	(12)
26	Decreased Expenditure - Parks and Streetscapes Operations	(6)
27	Increased Expenditure - Parks Planning and Recreation	6
28	Increased Expenditure - People & Culture	10
29	Increased Expenditure - Procurement	20
30	Decreased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	(8)
31	Decreased Expenditure - Resource Recovery	(17)
32	Increased Expenditure - Resource Recovery Planning	1
33	Increased Expenditure - Service Transformation	50
34	Decreased Expenditure - Social and Cultural Planning	(117)
35	Decreased Expenditure - Strategic & Corporate Communications	(9)
36	Increased Expenditure - Strategic Planning	36
37	Increased Expenditure - Traffic & Transport Planning	0
38	Decreased Expenditure - Urban Ecology	(16)
39	Decreased Expenditure - Urban Forest	(3)
40	Decreased Expenditure - Urban Sustainability	(23)
		2,834

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b>Depreciation &amp; Amortisation</b>	
10	Increased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	46
		46
	<b>Materials &amp; Services</b>	
2	Increased Expenditure - Aquatic Services	150
4	Decreased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	(100)
5	Increased Expenditure - Civil Maintenance	2,100
8	Decreased Expenditure - Community Wellbeing	(14)
9	Decreased Expenditure - Corporate Strategy & Engagement	(5)
10	Decreased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	(618)
12	Decreased Expenditure - Development Assessment	(108)
13	Increased Expenditure - Early Learning	34
14	Decreased Expenditure - Economic Development	(286)
15	Increased Expenditure - Engineering Services	511
16	Increased Expenditure - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	15
17	Increased Expenditure - Events	13
18	Increased Expenditure - Facilities Management	500
19	Increased Expenditure - Finance	34
20	Increased Expenditure - Governance & Risk	89
22	Increased Expenditure - Legal Services	598
25	Increased Expenditure - Parking & Ranger Services	151
26	Increased Expenditure - Parks and Streetscapes Operations	400
27	Increased Expenditure - Parks Planning and Recreation	108
28	Increased Expenditure - People & Culture	103
29	Decreased Expenditure - Procurement	(6)
30	Decreased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	(602)
31	Increased Expenditure - Resource Recovery	1,400
32	Increased Expenditure - Resource Recovery Planning	1,023
33	Decreased Expenditure - Service Transformation	(38)
35	Decreased Expenditure - Strategic & Corporate Communications	(35)
36	Decreased Expenditure - Strategic Planning	(64)
37	Increased Expenditure - Traffic & Transport Planning	84
38	Decreased Expenditure - Urban Ecology	(28)
40	Decreased Expenditure - Urban Sustainability	(90)
		5,318
	<b>Other Expenses</b>	
6	Increased Expenditure - Community Centres	1
7	Increased Expenditure - Community Venues	7
16	Increased Expenditure - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	229
17	Increased Expenditure - Events	10
25	Increased Expenditure - Parking & Ranger Services	398
30	Increased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	81
34	Increased Expenditure - Social and Cultural Planning	5
		730
	<b>Borrowing Costs</b>	
10	Decreased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	-
	<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>8,928</b>

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	<b>Capital Expenditure (Item 1)</b>	
	<b>Employee costs</b>	
4	Increased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	60
		60
	<b>Materials &amp; Services</b>	
2	Increased Expenditure - Aquatic Services	36
4	Decreased Expenditure - Capital and Major Projects	(19,100)
5	Increased Expenditure - Civil Maintenance	700
24	Decreased Expenditure - Living Arts	(71)
30	Decreased Expenditure - Properties & Strategic Investments	(1,493)
38	Decreased Expenditure - Urban Ecology	(382)
		(20,309)
	<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>(20,249)</b>
	<b>Net Working Capital Drawdown</b>	
2	Decrease - Aquatic Services	(901)
3	Decrease - Building Certification	(16)
4	Decrease - Capital and Major Projects	(22,742)
5	Increase - Civil Maintenance	300
6	Increase - Community Centres	1
7	Decrease - Community Venues	(67)
8	Decrease - Community Wellbeing	(190)
9	Increase - Corporate Strategy & Engagement	26
10	Decrease - Corporate Support Services	(1,102)
11	Decrease - Customer Service	(24)
12	Increase - Development Assessment	166
13	Increase - Early Learning	580
14	Decrease - Economic Development	(290)
15	Increase - Engineering Services	898
16	Increase - Environmental Health & Building Regulation	61
17	Decrease - Events	(23)
18	Increase - Facilities Management	436
19	Decrease - Finance	(20)
20	Increase - Governance & Risk	111
21	Decrease - ICT	(59)
22	Increase - Legal Services	404
23	Increase - Libraries and History	25
24	Decrease - Living Arts	(73)
25	Increase - Parking & Ranger Services	280
26	Increase - Parks and Streetscapes Operations	394
27	Increase - Parks Planning and Recreation	100
28	Increase - People & Culture	18
29	Increase - Procurement	12
30	Decrease - Properties & Strategic Investments	(2,869)
31	Increase - Resource Recovery	983
32	Increase - Resource Recovery Planning	897
33	Increase - Service Transformation	12
34	Decrease - Social and Cultural Planning	(117)
35	Decrease - Strategic & Corporate Communications	(44)
36	Increase - Strategic Planning	6,427
37	Decrease - Traffic & Transport Planning	(188)
38	Decrease - Urban Ecology	(167)
39	Decrease - Urban Forest	(3)
40	Decrease - Urban Sustainability	(112)
	<b>Total Net Working Capital Drawdown</b>	<b>(16,877)</b>

4) ITEM 1 – Capital Projects Movement from Original Budget

Item	Description	Movement	Commentary
1	<b>Total</b>	<b>(20,249)</b>	
	<b>Furniture and Fittings</b>	<b>60</b>	
	Balmain Library - Furniture and Fixtures	50	Audio Visual Equipment installation for Uncle Bob Web Room estimated completion in 2024/25.
	Construction and Installation of Seating in Dulwich Hill Library	10	Estimated installation in 2024/25.
	<b>Land Improvement (Depredable)</b>	<b>(1,414)</b>	
	Mort Bay Park Playground	199	Shortfall due to inclusion of waterplay park and shade sails.
	Hoskins Park Upgrade	180	Budget transferred from Park Footpath Budget.
	Tempe Reserve	100	Increase in budget to align with costing provided.
	Parks Assets Program	85	Reactive renewal works - GreenWay path repairs and Origlass Park Drainage.
	Callan Park All Weather Sporting Field	40	Budget required for investigations and preparation of concept designs to satisfy C0325(1) Item 6 11/03/2025.
	Playground Strategy Program	8	Minor movements due to under/overs across the program.
	Yurulbin Park	(25)	Timing of delivering multi-year project.
	Blackmore Oval Floodlighting Upgrade	(25)	Project completed.
	Lambert Park floodlighting	(30)	In progress, currently in design phase.
	Wicks Park tennis court resurfacing and lighting	(30)	Plan of Management on exhibition.
	Laxton Reserve Upgrade	(40)	Balance of budget for construction.
	Mackey Park Sporting Ground Upgrade	(50)	Project completed under budget.
	Datchett St Incinerator Removal and Interpretation Piece	(71)	Budget realigned to FY2025/26
	Camdenville Park Upgrade	(84)	Carry over for sub-soil drainage works to sports field in 2025/26.
	Henson Park Pathway	(170)	Realigned to coordinate with Grandstand works.
	Park Footpaths Renewal	(280)	Budget transferred to Hoskins Park and Yurulbin Park.
	Richard Murden Reserve Netball Courts	(340)	Required to be delivered in Summer season. Scheduled delivery in September 2025 to March 2026.
	Gumbramma Swamp Wetlands and Boardwalk, Marrickville	(382)	Budget realigned to FY2025/26.
	Mackey Park Canoe Ramp	(500)	Delays due to unexpected site conditions.
	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>(5,713)</b>	
	Henson Park Grandstand Upgrade	900	Additional for Stage 2 work
	Mackey Park Amenities Upgrade	140	Adjusted for shortfall FY24/25. Works are currently in progress.
	Other Building Projects	81	Minor movements due to under/overs across the program.
	McNeilly Park New Public Toilet	50	Councillors Priorities and scoping in progress.
	Thirning Villa Pratten Park renewal works	(10)	Scoping in progress.
	Wicks Park Tennis Building Refurbishment	(10)	Rephased to align with Plan of Management
	Leichhardt Depot Amenities Block and Other Refurb	(20)	Realigned to 2025/26. Refurbishment in progress.
	Energy efficiency and solar projects	(20)	Realigned to 2025/26. Refurbishment in progress.
	Leichhardt Street Child Care Centre renewal works	(35)	Realigned to 2025/26. Kitchen upgrade in scoping.
	Pratten Park Bowling Club Refurbishment	(35)	Realigned to 2025/26. Scoping in progress.
	Elkington Park Toilet Block Refurbishment	(40)	Realigned to allow for design.
	Tempe Reserve Robyn Webster Building Refurbishment	(50)	Realigned to 2025/26. Scoping to council notice of motion in progress.
	Hammond Park Amenities Upgrade	(110)	Realigned to 2025/26. Works to be completed by October 2025 as per grant milestones.
	Elkington Park Cottage restoration works	(135)	Realigned to 2025/26. Design in progress.
	Prospect Street KindergartenKioskStore	(160)	Realigned to 2025/26. Design for tender in progress.
	Clontarf Cottage Roof Replacement	(185)	Realigned to 2025/26. Scoping work in progress.
	Gladstone Park New Public Toilet	(300)	Works to be completed by July 2025 and surplus returned to Council reserves.
	St Peters Depot Masterplan	(300)	Realigned to 2025/26. Design work in progress.
	Council Co-Location Capital Works	(393)	Realigned to 2025/26. Design work in progress.
	Leichhardt Oval	(490)	Realigned to 2025/26. Scoping in progress.
	Petersham Kindergarten (KU Petersham) Refurbishment	(520)	Realigned to 2025/26. Works to be completed by November 2025.
	Ashfield Civic Centre upgrade works	(584)	Realigned to 2025/26 to allow for structural investigation.
	Annandale Town Hall Community Centre refurbishment	(620)	Realigned to 2025/26 for completion projected in July 2025
	Ashfield Service Centre Renewal	(800)	Project realigned to future years.
	Tempe Reserve Alexandra Canal Amenities both	(1,000)	Works to be completed by June 2025 with surplus to return to Council reserves.
	Aboriginal Community Hub	(1,067)	Realigned to 2025/26 and design work in progress.
	<b>Aquatic Facilities</b>	<b>(1,047)</b>	
	AAC Equipments	36	Pool equipment in centre.
	Dawn Fraser Bath Northern Pavilion Renewal	(255)	Work in progress for multi year project.
	AKAC Upgrade Works	(395)	Estimated project completion 2025/26.
	Callan Park Swim Spot	(433)	Balance of budget for construction.

Item	Description	Movement	Commentary
1	<b>Local Roads</b>	<b>(1,615)</b>	
	Restorations Capital	700	Increased restorations work matched by revenue received.
	Ashfield, Bland Street - (Parramatta Road to Julia Street	170	Additional project included in program.
	Local Roads Repair Program (RLRRP Grant)	(92)	Reallocation between Roads and Kerb & Gutter.
	Annandale, Railway Parade - Brenan Street to Bayview Crescent	(130)	In consultation with residents. Construction budget realigned to 2025/26.
	Marrickville, Murray St - Victoria Rd to Edinburgh Rd	(150)	Realigned to allow developer to complete roadworks.
	Marrickville, Smidmore St - Murray St to Edgeware Rd	(270)	Reduction of scope due to developments works not completed (Metro shopping centre).
	<b>Other Projects</b>	<b>(288)</b>	<b>Program under/overs.</b>
	Dulwich Hill, Piggott St - New Canterbury Rd and Railway line	(300)	Design nearing completion. Construction anticipated to commence in Q4 and continue to 2025/26.
	Ashfield, Hardy St - Queen St to Griffiths St	(305)	Project completed.
	Croydon, Holborow St - Georges River Rd and Arthur St	(310)	Design nearing completion. Construction to commence early 2025/26.
	Croydon, Holborow St - Arthur St and Liverpool Rd	(310)	Design nearing completion. Construction to commence early 2025/26.
	Lilyfield, The Boulevarde - Balmain Rd to Joseph St	(330)	In consultation with residents. Construction budget realigned to 2025/26.
	<b>Regional Roads</b>	<b>329</b>	
	Ashfield, Elizabeth St - Orpington St to Bland St	307	Additional scope included in current program.
	Leichhardt, Marion St - Renwick St to Balmain Rd	22	Additional works included current program.
	<b>Bridges</b>	<b>(815)</b>	
	Marr, Victoria Rd Road Bridge - Rich St and Smith St	(70)	Project completed and funding returned to reserves.
	Bridge Rehabilitation	(745)	Balance of budget transferred to future years.
	<b>Footpaths</b>	<b>(251)</b>	
	Minor movements	(21)	Program under/overs.
	Tempe, Bay St - Old St to Princes Hwy	(100)	Project completed and funding returned to reserves.
	Great Inner West Walk	(130)	Defer balance as initial works completed in-house for efficiencies. Budget to be used for concept designs after initial scope.
	<b>Kerb and Gutter</b>	<b>(481)</b>	
	Rozelle, Red Lion St - Darling St to Evans St	92	Reallocation between Roads and Kerb & Gutter.
	Marrickville, Dudley St - Learmonth St to Waratah St	11	Project shortfall to completion.
	Stanmore, Cardigan St - Salisbury Rd to Rosevear St	(54)	Project completed and funding returned to reserves.
	Croydon, Holborow St - Georges River Rd and Arthur St	(250)	Design nearing completion. Construction to commence early 2025-26.
	Annandale, Railway Parade - Brenan St to Bayview Cres	(280)	In consultation with residents. Construction budget realigned to 2025-26.
	<b>Traffic Devices</b>	<b>(893)</b>	
	Lewisham, Fred St at Victoria St - landscaped kerb extension	(114)	Project completed. Scope reduced to line marking.
	Traffic Facilities Program	(164)	Program under/overs < \$150k.
	Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan Program	(265)	Program under/overs < \$150k.
	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	(350)	Design in progress.
	<b>Car Parks</b>	<b>(103)</b>	
	Balmain Town Hall Car Park Renewal	46	Additional works to coordinate with Balmain Town Hall upgrade.
	Hay Street Carpark	(54)	Project completed and funding returned to reserves.
	Loftus Street Carpark	(95)	Project completed and funding returned to reserves.
	<b>Storm Water Drainage</b>	<b>(505)</b>	
	Stormwater Program	16	Program under/overs < \$150k.
	Annandale, Railway Parade	(80)	In consultation with residents. Construction budget realigned to 2025/26.
	Newtown, Lord St Trunk drainage duplication fr EC to Well	(441)	In procurement and estimated to be completed in 2025/26.
	<b>Bicycle facilities</b>	<b>(1,218)</b>	
	Lilyfield Road Cycleway crossings	75	Project shortfall to completion.
	Bruce St, Ashfield - Shared Path and Kerb Ramp	10	Project shortfall to completion.
	Bike Route RR02 (West Street)	(20)	Project completed as internally designed.
	Livingstone Road Cycling Upgrades	(100)	Project completed and funding returned to reserves.
	Marrickville Rd (East)	(200)	Realigned top 2025/26. Design work in progress.
	SW Metro - Sydenham to Dulwich Hill Station EWPC	(255)	Realigned top 2025/26. Design work in progress.
	Lilyfield Road Cycleway	(328)	Feasibility assessment for separated bidirectional cycleway being undertaken.
	Iron Cove Shared Path, Iron Cove to Ashfield	(400)	Realigned top 2025/26. Contractor to be engaged.
	<b>Town Centres</b>	<b>(6,583)</b>	
	Elliott St Intersection	85	Additional budget for completion.
	Lackey Street Pedestrianisation	54	Additional grant awarded
	Dulwich Hill Station Centre Upgrade	20	Additional budget for completion.
	Curtis Rd Roundabout	(50)	Multi-year project.
	Urban Amenity Improvement Program	(400)	Works to be delivered by Transport for NSW.
	Main Streets Revitalisation	(6,292)	Realigned to future year. Program under reconsideration of project scope, design and project deliverables.

**ITEM 2– Aquatic Services**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$1,399k
Decrease Other Income	\$17k
Increase Employee Costs	\$297k
Increase Materials and Services	\$150k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$36k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$901k

- User Charges & Fees increase due to higher utilisation in Learn to Swim & Health and Fitness programs.
- Other Income decrease due to realignment of year to date actual for Debbie & Abbey Borgia Community Centre lease income.
- Employee Costs increase due to higher casual salary cost from increased utilisation of aquatic centres.
- Materials and Services increase due to increased utilisation of aquatic centres.
- Capital Expenditure increase due to purchase of equipment.

**ITEM 3 – Building Certification**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$20k
Increase Employee Costs	\$4k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$16k

- User Charges & Fees increase due to realignment of year to date actuals.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.

**ITEM 4 – Capital and Major Projects**

Increase Capital Grants & Contributions	\$3,580k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$22k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$100k
Decrease Capital Expenditure	\$19,040k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$22,742k

- Capital Grants & Contributions increase due to state government grant for GreenWay project.
- Employee Costs decrease salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to streetlighting savings from the LED rollout.
- Capital Expenditure increase – please refer to Item 1.

**ITEM 5 – Civil Maintenance**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$2,300k
Increase Operating Grants	\$38k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$162k
Increase Materials & Services	\$2,100k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$700k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$300k

- User Charges & Fees increase due to restorations income matched by increased expenditure.
- Operating Grants increase to realignment with year to date actuals.
- Employee Costs decrease salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase due to restorations matched by increased income.
- Capital Expenditure increase - please refer to Item 1.

**ITEM 6 – Community Centres**

Increase Other Expenses	\$1k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$1k

- Other Expenses increase due to Community Centre related doubtful debts.

**ITEM 7 – Community Venues**

Increase User Fees & Charges	\$57k
Increase Other Income	\$15k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$2k
Increase Other Expenses	\$7k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$67k

- User Fees & Charges increase due to rise in use of Marrickville Town Hall.
- Other income increase due to tenant reimbursements.
- Employee Costs decrease salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Other Expenses increase due to Community Venue related doubtful debts.

**ITEM 8 – Community Wellbeing**

Increase User Fees & Charges	\$1k
Increase Operating Grants	\$2k
Decrease Employee Cost	\$174k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$14k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$190k

- Operating Grant increase due to realignment of Youth week grant to year to date actuals.
- Employee Costs decrease salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials and Services decrease due to reclassification of costs for disability employment program offset with employee costs.

**ITEM 9 – Corporate Strategy & Engagement**

Increase Employee Costs	\$31k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$5k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$26k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to Citizen’s Jury costs adjusted to year to date actuals.

**ITEM 10 – Corporate Support Services**

Increase Rates & General Revenue	\$500k
Increase Interest Income	\$2,000k
Decrease Operating Grants	\$44k
Decrease Capital Grants & Contributions	\$28k
Increase Employee Costs	\$1,944k
Increase Depreciation & Amortisation	\$46k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$618k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$1,102k

- Rates Revenue increase due to supplementary rates issued during the Financial Year.
- Interest Income increase due to higher than expected reserves allowing for longer investment returns.
- Operating Grants decrease due to carry over of budget to next financial year.
- Capital Grants & Contributions decrease due to realignment of \$7.11 Developer contributions.
- Employee Costs increase due to adjustment of attrition target resulting from lower than anticipated staff turnover.
- Depreciation & Amortisation increase due to alignment of budget to actuals offset by the decrease in Materials & Services.
- Materials & Services decrease due to reduced ICT costs.

**ITEM 11 – Customer Service**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$24k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$24k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.

**ITEM 12 - Development Assessment**

Decrease User Charges & Fees	\$367k
Increase Other Income	\$90k
Decrease Employee Cost	\$3k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$108k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$166k

- User Charges & Fees decrease due to realignment of year to date actual for Pre-Lodgement Development Assessments.
- Other Income increase due to the transfer of Heritage Program fee from Strategic Planning.
- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to realignment of year to date actual predominantly from Local Planning Panel.

**ITEM 13 – Early Learning**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$600k
Increase Operating Grants	\$184k
Increase Employee Costs	\$1,330k
Increase Materials & Services	\$34k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$580k

- User Charges & Fees increase due higher utilisation of Children Services.
- Operating Grants increase due to the receipt of Health & Development participation grant and realignment of inclusion subsidy grant to year to date actuals.
- Employee Costs increase due to compliance with regulatory requirement of staff to children ratio, salary realignment and attrition target realignment.
- Materials & Services increase due to realignment of operational expenses to the current utilisation.

**ITEM 14 – Economic Development**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$4k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$286k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$290k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to timing of various projects.

**ITEM 15 – Engineering Services**

Decrease User Charges & Fees	\$400k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$13k
Increase Materials & Services	\$511k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$898k

- User Charges & Fees decrease due to reduction in road access applications.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Material & Services increase is due to reactive park asset maintenance.

**ITEM 16 - Environmental Health & Building Regulation**

Decrease User Charges & Fees	\$6k
Increase Other Income	\$55k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$133k
Increase Materials & Services	\$15k
Increase Other Expenses	\$229k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$61k

- User Charges & Fees decrease due to realignment of year to date actual for Annual Fire Safety Program.
- Other Income increase due to realignment of year to date actual for fire related infringements
- Employee Costs decrease due salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase for infringements SEINS processing fees.
- Other Expenses increase due to Fire Safety and Compliance bad debt.

**ITEM 17 – Events**

Increase Operating Grant & Contributions	\$6k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$40k
Increase Materials & Services	\$13k
Increase Other Expenses	\$10k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$23k

- Operating Grant & Contributions increase due to realignment of year to date actuals.
- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Material & Services increase due to increase in Anzac Day Events and Stanmore Musical Festival.
- Other Expenses increase due to increased expenses for Calvert Street Carpark event.

**ITEM 18 – Facilities Management**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$64k
Increase Materials & Services	\$500k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$436k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase due to realignment of maintenance costs to year to date actuals.

**ITEM 19 – Finance**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$54k
Increase Materials & Services	\$34k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$20k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Material & Services increase due to employment agency costs to cover vacancies.

**ITEM 20 – Governance & Risk**

Increase Other Income	\$13k
Increase Employee Costs	\$35k
Increase Materials & Services	\$89k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$111k

- Other Income increase due to additional payment from Workcover for Work Health and Safety requirements.
- Employee Costs increase due salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase due to increased insurance excess expenses and implementation costs for software system.

**ITEM 21 – ICT**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$59k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$59k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.

**ITEM 22 – Legal Services**

Increase Other Income	\$192k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$2k
Increase Materials & Services	\$598k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$404k

- Other Income increase due to receipt of compensation for legal matter.
- Employee Costs decrease to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase due to increase in legal services.

**ITEM 23 – Libraries & History**

Increase Operating Grants	\$15k
Increase Employee Costs	\$40k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$25k

- Operating Grants increase is due to realignment of Heritage Grant to year to date actuals.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.

**ITEM 24 – Living Arts**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$2k
Decrease Capital Expenditure	\$71k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$73k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Capital Expenditure decrease due to the deferral of the Datchett Street Incinerator Removal & Interpretation Piece Project to 2025/26.

**ITEM 25 – Parking & Ranger Services**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$1k
Increase Other Income	\$256k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$12k
Increase Materials & Services	\$151k
Increase Other Expense	\$398k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$280k

- Other Income increase due to realignment of year to date actual for infringements.
- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase due to upgrade of Android mobile phone compatibility to the infringement software for the Parking Enforcement team.
- Other Expenses increase due to Rangers and Parking enforcement infringement bad debt.

**ITEM 26 – Parks & Streetscapes**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$6k
Increase Materials & Services	\$400k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$394k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Material & Services increase is due to cost escalations in maintenance of Council assets.

**ITEM 27 – Parks Planning and Recreation**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$15k
Increase Employee Costs	\$6k
Increase Materials & Services	\$108k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$100k

- User Charges & Fees increase for watercraft storage income to reflect year to date actuals.
- Employee Costs increase due salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase for Rozelle Parklands Masterplan.

**ITEM 28 – People and Culture**

Decrease Other Income	\$60k
Increase Operating Grants	\$155k
Increase Employee Costs	\$10k
Increase Materials & Services	\$103k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$18k

- Other Income decrease due to transfer of budget to Governance.
- Operating Grants increase due to grant from Office of Local Government Apprentice, Trainee and Cadet program.
- Employee Costs increase due salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase due to Apprentice, Trainee and Cadet costs which are offset by the operating grant.

**ITEM 29 – Procurement**

Increase Other Income	\$2k
Increase Employee Costs	\$20k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$6k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$12k

- Other Income increase due to higher than expected rebate payment for Local Government Procurement scheme.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to alignment with year to date expenditure.

**ITEM 30 – Properties & Strategic Investments**

Increase User Fees & Charges	\$24k
Increase Other Income	\$770k
Increase Other Operating Contributions	\$53k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$8k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$602k
Increase Other Expenses	\$81k
Decrease Capital Expenditure	\$1,493k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$2,869k

- User Fees & Charges increase due higher than expected usage of Leichhardt Oval.
- Other Income increase due to higher than expected income from property leases and tenant reimbursements.
- Other Operating Contributions increase due to grant for drainage easement service.
- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to lower than expected costs for Sydney Gateway and Development of Affordable Housing in the current Financial Year.
- Other Expenses increase due to movement of budget from Materials & Services to align with expenses.
- Capital Expenditure decrease due to realignment to 2025/26 Financial Year.

**ITEM 31 – Resource Recovery**

Increase Domestic Waste Charge	\$400k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$17k
Increase Materials & Services	\$1,400k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$983k

- Domestic Waste Charge increase due to new apartment dwellings.
- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services increase due to mattress recycling and agency costs due to staff on extended leave.

**ITEM 32 – Resource Recovery Planning**

Increase Operating Grants	\$127k
Increase Employee Costs	\$1k
Increase Materials & Services	\$1,023k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$897k

- Operating Grants increase due to Illegal Dumping Prevention Program and Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) grants.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Material & Services increase is due to compostable bag delivery and Illegal Dumping Prevention Program funded by grants.

**ITEM 33 – Service Transformation**

Increase Employee Costs	\$50k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$38k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$12k

- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to reduced ICT software costs.

**ITEM 34 – Social and Cultural Planning**

Increase Operating Grants	\$5k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$117k
Increase Other Expenses	\$5k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$117k

- Operating Grants increase due to realignment of grants received.
- Employee Costs increase due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Other Expenses increase due to realignment of Marrickville Youth Resource Centre to actuals.

**ITEM35 - Strategic & Corporate Communications**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$9k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$35k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$44k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease as fewer newsletters issued this year than expected.

**ITEM 36 - Strategic Planning**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$314k
Decrease Other Income	\$90k
Decrease Capital Grant & Contribution	\$6,678k
Increase Employee Costs	\$36k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$64k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$6,427k

- User Charges & Fees increase due to realignment of year to date actual for pre-planning proposal.
- Other Income decrease due to the transfer of heritage program fee to Development Assessment.
- Capital Grant & Contributions decrease due to realignment of year to date actual for Developer Contributions.
- Employee Costs increase due salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to realignment to year to date actuals.

**ITEM 37 – Traffic & Transport Planning**

Increase User Charges & Fees	\$272k
Increase Materials & Services	\$84k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$188k

- User Charges & Fees increase due to realignment of parking meter revenue to run rate.
- Material & Services increase due to unbudgeted EV Charging Station mailout and increase in traffic surveys.

**ITEM 38 – Urban Ecology**

Increase Operating Grants	\$122k
Decrease Capital Grants & Contributions	\$382k
Decrease Employee Costs	\$16k
Decrease Materials & Service	\$28k
Decrease Capital Grants & Contributions Expenditure	\$382k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$167k

- Operating Grants increase related to grant funding for Litter Prevention Program and Landcare Enabling Program.
- Capital Grants & Contributions decrease due to budget reallocation to 2025/26 Financial Year.
- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Service decrease due to realignment to year to date actuals.
- Capital Grants & Contributions expenditure decrease due to budget reallocation to 2025/26 Financial Year.

**ITEM 39 – Urban Forest**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$3k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$3k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.

**ITEM 40 – Urban Sustainability**

Decrease Employee Costs	\$23k
Decrease Materials & Services	\$90k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$112k

- Employee Costs decrease due to salary realignment to actuals for March year to date.
- Materials & Services decrease due to realignment of year to date actual predominantly from Energy Audits to residents and community solar project.

## 5) Summary Profit & Loss Statement

Description	Original Budget	September Budget	December Budget	Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>							
Rates & General Revenue	138,429	-	-	138,429	500	138,929	104,483
User Charges & Fees	60,913	189	3,090	64,191	4,216	68,407	49,891
Domestic Waste Charge	43,523	-	-	43,523	400	43,923	33,020
Interest Income	9,328	678	-	10,006	2,000	12,006	10,026
Other Income	30,159	1,633	1,350	33,143	1,241	34,384	24,312
Operating Grants & Contributions	10,353	2,552	2,956	15,860	661	16,521	7,608
Capital Grants & Contributions	40,576	4,222	17,441	62,239	(3,508)	58,731	20,195
Profit or Loss on Disposal	(1,109)	-	391	(718)	-	(718)	519
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>332,171</b>	<b>9,274</b>	<b>25,227</b>	<b>366,672</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>372,182</b>	<b>250,053</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Employee costs	149,127	390	1,255	150,772	2,834	153,606	115,540
Materials & Contracts	95,592	4,144	4,875	104,611	5,318	109,929	80,568
Borrowing Costs	723	-	-	723	-	723	536
Depreciation & Amortisation	34,204	3,901	-	38,104	46	38,150	28,353
Other Expenses	13,672	(521)	125	13,276	730	14,006	11,124
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>293,319</b>	<b>7,913</b>	<b>6,255</b>	<b>307,487</b>	<b>8,928</b>	<b>316,415</b>	<b>236,121</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit )</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>18,972</b>	<b>59,185</b>	<b>(3,419)</b>	<b>55,767</b>	<b>13,933</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital</b>	<b>(1,724)</b>	<b>(2,861)</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>(3,053)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(2,964)</b>	<b>(6,267)</b>

6) Service Unit P&L Summary

Description	Original Budget	September Budget	December Budget	Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>							
Aquatic Services	20,927	(0)	947	21,874	1,382	23,257	17,787
Building Certification	752	-	-	752	20	771	613
Capital and Major Projects	36,447	3,782	(1,265)	38,964	3,580	42,544	9,266
Children's Services	20,197	149	530	20,876	784	21,659	15,818
Civil Maintenance	6,105	(0)	1,300	7,405	2,338	9,743	6,406
Community Centres	61	-	-	61	-	61	40
Community Venues	441	-	-	441	72	514	419
Community Wellbeing	263	-	38	301	3	304	246
Corporate Support Services	170,970	2,150	(406)	172,715	3,576	176,291	129,490
Development Assessment	4,240	-	-	4,240	(277)	3,963	2,868
Engineering Services	5,218	-	-	5,218	(400)	4,818	3,185
Environmental Health & Building Regulation	1,716	-	199	1,914	49	1,964	1,545
Events	83	-	-	83	6	89	79
Facilities Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2)
Libraries and History	637	8	-	645	15	660	723
Living Arts	6	-	-	6	-	6	3
Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Parking & Ranger Services	16,503	111	-	16,614	257	16,871	12,587
Parks and Streetscapes Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Parks Planning and Recreation	1,006	-	-	1,006	15	1,021	484
Resource Recovery	41,510	-	-	41,510	400	41,910	31,521
Resource Recovery Planning	120	-	(100)	20	127	147	(4)
Social and Cultural Planning	-	-	-	-	5	5	4
Strategic Planning	1,129	340	23,049	24,518	(6,454)	18,064	12,302
Traffic & Transport Planning	3,752	1,890	-	5,642	272	5,914	3,145
Urban Ecology	62	844	936	1,842	(260)	1,582	1,515
Urban Forest	25	-	-	25	-	25	4
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>332,171</b>	<b>9,274</b>	<b>25,227</b>	<b>366,672</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>372,182</b>	<b>250,053</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Aquatic Services	23,106	196	947	24,250	446	24,696	18,539
Building Certification	1,045	4	-	1,049	4	1,052	786
Capital and Major Projects	4,016	(3)	(0)	4,013	(122)	3,891	5,583
Children's Services	21,675	484	544	22,703	1,363	24,067	18,192
Civil Maintenance	22,606	3,437	53	26,096	1,938	28,034	22,131
Community Centres	318	(118)	-	200	1	201	138
Community Venues	2,748	(106)	(47)	2,595	6	2,601	2,065
Community Wellbeing	3,200	61	57	3,318	(187)	3,131	1,932
Corporate Support Services	69,069	910	2,486	72,465	1,580	74,045	53,872
Development Assessment	7,848	152	177	8,177	(111)	8,066	5,627
Economic Development	1,394	177	(200)	1,370	(290)	1,080	714
Engineering Services	6,017	94	-	6,111	498	6,609	5,725
Environmental Health & Building Regulation	4,761	159	26	4,947	110	5,057	3,655
Events	2,025	867	(66)	2,826	(17)	2,809	1,872
Facilities Management	10,557	(294)	36	10,299	436	10,735	7,893
Libraries and History	13,159	99	(483)	12,775	40	12,815	9,079
Living Arts	1,839	(240)	140	1,739	(2)	1,737	1,203
Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Parking & Ranger Services	11,733	4	-	11,737	537	12,273	9,053
Parks and Streetscapes Operations	23,599	(501)	-	23,098	394	23,492	17,654
Parks Planning and Recreation	2,005	(58)	-	1,947	114	2,061	1,602
Resource Recovery	37,758	(1)	-	37,757	1,383	39,140	30,999
Resource Recovery Planning	2,115	40	126	2,281	1,024	3,304	2,303
Social and Cultural Planning	1,787	(174)	54	1,667	(112)	1,554	1,235
Strategic Planning	6,241	78	1,392	7,711	(28)	7,683	4,918
Traffic & Transport Planning	3,640	1,915	-	5,556	84	5,640	2,925
Urban Ecology	2,210	711	8	2,929	(45)	2,884	1,783
Urban Forest	4,705	8	1,000	5,713	(3)	5,710	3,137
Urban Sustainability	2,144	10	6	2,160	(112)	2,048	1,387
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>293,319</b>	<b>7,913</b>	<b>6,255</b>	<b>307,487</b>	<b>8,928</b>	<b>316,415</b>	<b>236,002</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>18,972</b>	<b>59,185</b>	<b>(3,419)</b>	<b>55,767</b>	<b>14,052</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) after Capital</b>	<b>(1,724)</b>	<b>(2,861)</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>(3,053)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(2,964)</b>	<b>(6,663)</b>

## 7) Capital Expenditure Statement

Description	Original Budget	September Budget	December Budget	Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>							
Plant & Equipment	4,397	-	-	4,397	-	4,397	3,539
Office Equipment	-	50	-	50	-	50	64
Furniture & Fittings	-	239	-	239	60	299	242
Land Improvement (Depreciable)	43,268	5,530	(650)	48,148	(1,414)	46,734	27,805
Buildings	27,066	2,671	(6,850)	22,888	(5,713)	17,174	8,995
Aquatic Facilities	9,470	(3,191)	(350)	5,929	(1,047)	4,883	1,347
Wharves	386	-	(376)	10	-	10	-
Local Roads	10,479	757	(250)	10,986	(1,615)	9,371	6,136
Regional Roads	200	-	-	200	329	529	528
Bridges	1,150	-	(150)	1,000	(815)	185	1
Footpaths	4,075	10	(305)	3,780	(251)	3,530	1,880
Kerb & Gutter	1,165	252	(366)	1,051	(481)	571	454
Traffic Devices	5,520	21	(1,025)	4,516	(893)	3,623	2,291
Car Parks	200	-	-	200	(103)	97	91
Storm Water Drainage	3,568	245	(5)	3,808	(505)	3,303	1,527
Bicycle facilities	3,330	129	10	3,469	(1,218)	2,251	260
Town Centres	11,351	(1,585)	(297)	9,469	(6,583)	2,886	1,882
Principal Repayments	2,047	-	-	2,047	-	2,047	1,999
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>127,673</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>(10,614)</b>	<b>122,189</b>	<b>(20,249)</b>	<b>101,939</b>	<b>59,042</b>
Rates and Annual Charges	(664)	41	(6,159)	(6,782)	(4,784)	(11,566)	7,033
Operating Grants & Contributions	1,807	(1,700)	-	107	-	107	107
Capital Grants & Contributions	26,983	4,222	5,628	36,832	3,198	40,031	8,635
Sale of Assets	1,405	-	-	1,405	-	1,405	2,457
Transfer from External Reserves	33,371	(1,173)	(793)	31,406	(5,145)	26,260	10,516
Transfer from Internal Reserves	9,603	2,041	(1,910)	9,735	(765)	8,970	5,642
Trf fr Depreciation Contra Reserve	55,168	1,697	(7,380)	49,485	(12,754)	36,731	24,652
<b>Total Funding Source</b>	<b>127,673</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>(10,614)</b>	<b>122,189</b>	<b>(20,249)</b>	<b>101,939</b>	<b>59,042</b>
<b>Net Budget Result</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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)	14,643	(635)	72,020	73,315
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	3,916	-	3,640	3,640	7,556	2,154
Domestic Waste Management	11,973	(3,659)	(1,837)	(5,497)	6,476	4,789
Stormwater Management	4,623	(380)	(1,482)	(1,861)	2,762	5,334
Special Rate Variation Income	15,664	523	1,987	2,510	18,174	19,055
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>16,951</b>	<b>(1,843)</b>	<b>108,204</b>	<b>105,863</b>
<b>Internally Restricted</b>						
Employment Leave Entitlements	15,638	-	-	-	15,638	17,406
Deposits Retentions & Bonds	32,977	(1,064)	-	(1,064)	31,913	36,698
Investment Property Reserve	5,863	-	-	-	5,863	5,863
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	19,446	(1,200)	610	(590)	18,856	19,255
Depreciation Contra Reserve	68,468	(23,084)	15,036	(8,048)	60,420	67,992
<b>Total Internally Restricted</b>	<b>142,392</b>	<b>(25,348)</b>	<b>15,646</b>	<b>(9,702)</b>	<b>132,690</b>	<b>147,214</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>7,399</b>	<b>(9,606)</b>	<b>13,253</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>11,046</b>	<b>3,502</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>259,838</b>	<b>(53,748)</b>	<b>45,851</b>	<b>(7,897)</b>	<b>251,941</b>	<b>256,580</b>
<b>Total Investment Portfolio As at 31 March 2025</b>						<b>256,580</b>

Council's cash position sees an unrestricted balance of \$3.5 million as at 31 March 2025. 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 March 2025 Council's investment portfolio was made up of 100% non-fossil fuel investments.

## 9) Contracts

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value (EXC GST) \$'000	Commencement Date of Contract	Duration Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Sydney Waste Pty Ltd	RFT 29-24 Recycling Collection Services for North & South Service Areas	26,240	31-Mar-25	7 years	Y
Romba Pty Ltd	RFT 44-24 Richard Murden Reserve Inclusive Playground Construction	1,948	19-Feb-26	1 year & 6 months	Y
TechnologyOne	EX 067-25 TechnologyOne SaaS licence renewal	1,550	27-Mar-25	12 months	Y
Southern Cross Recycling Group Pty Ltd	RFT 11-24 SCR - Hard-to-recycle Materials Doorstep Collection Services	818	16-Jan-25	6 years	Y
Australian Red Cross Society	RFT 36-24 First Aid and Mental Health First Aid Training	375	05-Feb-25	5 years	Y
Civilscape Pty Ltd	RFT 45-24 Illoura and Tom Kenny Reserve Playgrounds Upgrade	318	19-Dec-24	1 year	Y
Reactivate Consulting Pty Ltd	RFQ 306-24 Norton Street Leichhardt Place Plan	208	13-Jan-25	1 year	Y
Gyde Consulting Pty Limited	RFT 03-25 Community Engagement Consultant for Inner West LEP	200	28-Feb-05	11 months	Y
Cox Architecture Pty Limited	EX 019-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment Concept Design	150	24-Jan-25	5 months	Y
Architectus Group Pty Ltd	RFQ 331-24 Review of R1 Zonings in Inner West LGA	146	29-Jan-25	6 months	Y
Atlas Urban Economics Pty Ltd	EX 022-25 Economic Feasibility Study for Housing Investigation Areas	118	28-Jan-25	6 months	Y
SMEC Australia Pty Limited	RFQ 337-24 Climate Resilient Infrastructure Needs Study	110	17-Feb-25	4 months	Y
Perfect Remediation Pty Ltd	RFT 38-24 Remediation of Four Short Span Bridges in Marrickville	95	23-Dec-24	1 year & 6 months	Y
Scidvev Water Services Pty Ltd	EX 030-25 Operation and Maintenance of Leachate Treatment Plant	95	21-Feb-25	5 months	Y
Neural Networks Concepts Pty Ltd	EX 023-25 Authentic Leader Program Delivery	85	04-Feb-25	5 months	Y
TAG Building Services Sydney Pty Limited	EX 046-25 Tempe Leachate Treatment Plant	60	10-Mar-05	1 month & 2 weeks	Y
Dean Trailers Australia	EX 249-24 Replacement Trailers for Parks Operations	57	17-Jan-25	10 months	Y
Infosurety Pty Ltd T/A Infotrust	RFQ 15-25 Veritas Enterprise (Arctera) Cloud Renewal	54	13-Mar-25	13 months	Y

Above is a listing of contracts Council entered into during the period 1 January to 31 March 2025.

**10) Consultancy & Legal Expenses**

Expense	Expenditure YTD \$'000	Budgeted (Y/N)
External Legal Fees	1,166	Y
Consultancy Fees	4,858	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:** C0525(1) Item 6  
**Subject:** BILL SMOOTHING - UPDATED RECOMMENDATION  
**Prepared By:** Deepa Desikan - Acting Senior Manager Transformation  
**Authorised By:** Darren Morris - Acting Director Corporate

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council introduces Bill Smoothing as an option for rate payers for 2025/26 Financial Year.**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on Council’s assessment of a flexible bill smoothing initiative aimed at supporting community needs and enhancing the customer experience.

Three options were evaluated:

- Enhancing the existing Council’s TechnologyOne platform
- Leveraging BPOINT Council’s current banking payment solution
- Implementing Payble, a purpose-built digital platform

BPOINT was originally considered due to its cost-effectiveness and ease of deployment.

However, further evaluation revealed that it did not sufficiently address key process improvement requirements or deliver the desired customer experience outcomes. In particular, BPOINT requires ratepayers to manually manage payment schedules and does not offer the necessary flexibility to tailor payment amounts based on the total amount due.

In response, Council undertook further market exploration to identify a solution that offered enhanced functionality, automation and user experience. This process led to the evaluation of Payble.

Following updated financial modelling and internal workshops, Payble is now recommended as the preferred solution. It is expected to deliver a measurable productivity gains and supporting Council’s commitment to service excellence and digital transformation.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 22 October 2024, Council resolved the following:

*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.*

This report provides an update on Council’s proposed introduction of a bill smoothing initiative, following a further market scan to identify a solution capable of delivering a more enhanced bill

smoothing experience, alongside improvements in internal processes, customer journey design and automation.

**DISCUSSION**

As part of the market assessment process, a comprehensive review was undertaken of Council’s current rates capabilities for bill smoothing, along with an evaluation of alternative solutions available in the market.

This review identified several key pain points and process gaps:

- Limited bill smoothing options are currently available – Customers to contact Council via phone or email to request direct debit or payment arrangements.
- Manual forms are used for direct debit setup requiring Rates team to enter data and process manually.
- Customer information updates are manually re-entered into Council’s TechnologyOne system increasing the likelihood of data entry errors.
- The current process involves paper-based form, which are completed, scanned, save and emails.
- There is no self-service functionality available for customers/rate payers to create or apply for payment arrangements.

To provide further context, the figures below highlight the significant scale and complexity of current payment transactions and the associated processing fees. The data clearly indicates an opportunity to reduce costs by shifting transaction volumes from higher cost channels such as BPAY and Australia Post to more cost-effective alternatives like Direct Debit.

Summary of payment transactions and processing fees for 2023/24:

- The table below outlines the payment transactions for 79,726 properties

Payment Channels	Transaction Volume	% of Total Volume	Average Cost / Total Cost Transaction
BPAY	199,323	71%	\$0.51 / \$101,655
Australia Post	30,628	11%	\$5.56 / \$170,292
Direct Debit	21,026	8%	\$0.03 / \$631
Credit/Debit Card	25,489	9%	Merchant Service Fee (MSF) on Sales 0.05%
Over the Counter	4,027	1%	Cash or Cheque deposit
<b>Total</b>	<b>280,498</b>	100%	

These payments are managed directly by Council, underscoring the need for a more automated, scalable and customer-centric solution. To address this, the Council has embarked on reviewing potential solutions, with Payble being a key option under consideration.

Payble is a digital-first payment experience platform for local government. Payble allows ratepayers to break down their bills into manageable payments through Direct Debit, offering a streamlined and more accessible way to handle payments.

For instance, a ratepayer struggling with a \$450 lump sum every three months could opt to pay \$150 per month. This method aligns payments with income schedules and other financial obligations, helping households better manage their finances so they can avoid falling behind or incurring additional interest charges.

There are several features offered by Payble that are not currently available through Council’s existing systems. These enhancements are split across 4 key categories:

Categories	Key Features
Bill Smoothing/Flexibility	Customers can select their preferred payment start date and choose from weekly, fortnightly, or monthly frequencies – without needing to contact Customer Service or Rates team.
	Customers can create their own payment agreements using either a bank account or credit/debit card.
	Payment amounts are recalculated dynamically, offering flexible adjustment options.
	Customers can opt to skip a payment, pay early or pay the remaining balance in full at any time.
Customer Experience	Customers can access their rates account using only their phone number.
	Live account balances are visible to customers in real-time as payments are made.
	Customers can easily modify or update their direct debit details online.
	QR code payment is enabled directly from the rates notice.
	SMS reminders and alerts can be customised by the customer.
	Property numbers are auto populated when using QR code payment, reducing data entry errors by linking accounts to customer phone numbers.
Process Improvement	The entire payment experience is optimised for mobile use.
	Customer self-manage their direct debits and arrangement requests.
	Receipt details are directly sent to Council’s TechnologyOne system to update Rates account.
	Direct debit data is automatically submitted to the bank, removing the need for manual file transfers.
	Failed direct debit payments (dishonours) are automatically re-tried for processing and a SMS notification sent to the customer.

Based on this expanded capability and value proposition, Payble is now recommended as the preferred option to support the rollout of Council’s bill smoothing initiative with the following key benefits:

- The platform enables a **more proactive and responsive approach** to community needs particularly important in supporting residents facing cost-of-living pressures and greater self-service options.
- It has the potential to recover all the costs.
- Significantly **enhanced customer experience** through a modern, user-friendly platform.
- Payble will provide payment **flexibility and support bill smoothing** through a seamless, digital-first experience for ratepayers.
- The solution is expected to **generate productivity gains** equivalent to 782 hours annually, by automating manual tasks currently performed by Council staff.
- It fully integrates with TechnologyOne CiA and existing Council bank/payment processing systems ensuring **alignment with current IT infrastructure**.

The estimated implementation timeframe is 10–12 weeks, with delivery involving teams across ICT, Finance, Customer Service and Communications.

If Council resolve to proceed with Bill Smoothing at the May 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, it can be then implemented by the first rate instalment for 2025/26.

Communication materials will be developed including updates to Rates Notices, website content and other channels to effectively promote the initiative to the community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed costs for the implementation - \$29,000 with the estimated annual ongoing costs \$114,000. Some of these costs will be offset by rate payers opting for the Payble payment method over the traditional methods. This payment method will be reviewed after 25/26 rate instalment payments are made in time for 26/27 Financial Year.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 7  
**Subject:** HYGIENIC DISPOSAL IN MEN'S TOILETS  
**Prepared By:** Con Loukaitis - Facilities Management Manager  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council endorse the installation of men’s hygienic bins within Aquatic Centres and Libraries across the Inner West as detailed in this report for a 12 month trial.**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council called for the installation of one hygienic disposal bin in the men’s toilets in each of the Inner West Council’s aquatic centres and libraries as a part of a 12-month trial.

It is proposed to implement the 12 month trial by installing hygienic disposal bins within the accessible/ ambulant cubicles. This will necessitate 25 bins across aquatic centres and libraries which will be combined with nappy bins where possible to ensure a cost effective delivery of services.

The trial service will be incorporated into the existing Sanitary and Hygiene Services contract. The Sanitary and Hygiene contractor will provide monthly reports on usage and contamination that will inform the trial. While national data on usage of like services in men’s toilets is limited, it is envisaged that for the trial to be successful, a monthly usage rate beyond 60% would be required.

To provide adequate planning time, it is proposed to commence the 12 month trial from 1 July 2025.

The total estimated cost per annum of the trial is \$22,500 which will be accommodated within existing operational budgets.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council investigate whether there are any hygienic disposal bins in any Council men’s toilets across the inner west.*
2. *That Council prepare a report with options for installation of one hygienic disposal bin in the men’s toilets in each of the Inner West Council’s aquatic centres and libraries, including identification of budget and options to add this service to the Sanitary and Hygiene Product Services contract approved in October 2023 for a 12-month trial.*

Hygienic disposal bins are a standard facility in most female-designated toilets. However, they are not routinely provided in male-designated toilets. The introduction of hygienic disposal bins in male toilets may assist the needs of transgender men, non-binary individuals, and men

managing medical conditions requiring sanitary products (i.e. incontinence pads, colostomy bags, etc.).

**DISCUSSION**

Providing hygienic disposal bins in men's toilets promotes inclusion, public health, and proper waste management.

A review of Council-managed public toilets found that there were no public facing hygienic disposal bins in any Council men's toilets across the inner west though there were some disposal bins for males in service centres for staff.

The resolution calls for the installation of one hygienic disposal bin in the men's toilets in each of the Inner West Council's aquatic centres and libraries as a part of a 12-month trial. These facilities have the following number of male/ all gender cubicles:

Facility	No of Male/ All Gender Cubicles
<b>Aquatic Centres</b>	
1. Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre (AKAC)	4
2. Ashfield Aquatic Centre (AAC)	4
3. Dawn Fraser Baths (DFB)	3
4. Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC)	3
5. Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC)	5
<b>Libraries</b>	
6. Balmain Library	3
7. Emanuel Tsardoulis Library	2
8. Haberfield Library	3
9. Leichhardt Library	3
10. Marrickville Library & Pavilion	3
11. Stanmore Library	2
12. St Peters Library	3
13. Ashfield Library	3
<b>Total (13 facilities)</b>	<b>41</b>

It is proposed to implement the 12 month trial by installing hygienic disposal bins within the accessible/ ambulant cubicles. This will necessitate 25 bins across all the facilities which will be combined with nappy bins where possible to ensure a cost effective delivery of services.

In addition to installation, appropriate signage will be developed to raise awareness and inform users of the availability/location of the bins and their appropriate use.

The trial service will be incorporated into the existing Sanitary and Hygiene Services contract. The Sanitary and Hygiene contractor will provide monthly reports on usage and contamination

that will inform the trial. While national data on usage of like services in men's toilets is limited, it is envisaged that for the trial to be successful, a monthly usage rate beyond 60% would be required.

To provide adequate planning time, it is proposed to commence the 12 month trial from 1 July 2025.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The trial involves 13 Aquatic centres and Libraries within the Inner West, which necessitate 25 hygienic disposal bins.

The total estimated cost per annum of the trial is \$22,500 which will be accommodated within existing operational budgets.

Ongoing maintenance costs are expected to be minimal and will be absorbed into existing Sanitary and Hygiene contract. Any increase in waste disposal volumes will be monitored and reviewed as required.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 8  
**Subject:** LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 14 APRIL 2025  
**Prepared By:** Jason Scoufis - Acting Traffic and Transport Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Acting Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025.**

**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 Local Traffic Committee meeting was held at the Ashfield Service Centre and has made recommendations for Council's consideration and adoption.

**DISCUSSION**

The April 2025 meeting of the Local Traffic Committee was held at the Ashfield Service Centre. The minutes of the meeting are shown in *Attachment 1*.

**ITEMS BY WARD –**

Ward	Item
Baludarri (Balmain)	Mary Street, Lilyfield - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing
	Final Draft Annandale LATM Study
	Darling Street at Nelson Street, Rozelle- Proposed Kerb Extensions & Relocation of Mobility Parking
	Elizabeth Street, Rozelle - Proposed 'No Stopping' Zone
Gulgadya (Leichhardt)	Allen Street, Leichhardt - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing
	Myrtle Street, Leichhardt - Proposed 10km/H Shared Zone And Line-Marked Parking Bays
	Catherine Street, Leichhardt - Proposed 'No Stopping' Zone
	Empire Street, Haberfield - Proposed Landscaped Island
	Easter Street, Leichhardt - Proposed Parking Changes
Midjuburi (Marrickville)	Review of pedestrian crossings in various locations in Marrickville
	Shepherd Street, Marrickville - Proposed '1P 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M9'

	Goodsell Street, St Peters - Proposed line marking of parking spaces
Djarrawunang (Ashfield)	Cobar Street at Old Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill – Proposed Kerb Extensions and Kerb Ramps - Design Plan 10334A
	Gower Street, Summer Hill - Proposed Kerb Extensions
Damun (Stanmore)	Nil.
All Wards	Inner West LGA - Proposal for GoGet car share parking spaces

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report. Projects proposed for implementation are funded within existing budget allocations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Local Traffic Committee minutes - 14 April 2025

**Minutes of Meeting held on 14 April 2025**

**Meeting commenced at 11:03 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**

Victor Macri	Councillor –Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward (Chair)
Liz Atkins	Councillor – Damun - Stanmore Ward
Bill Holliday	Representative for Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain
Miriama Tamata	Representative for Jenny Leong MP, Member for Newtown
Nina Fard	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

**NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Michael Takla	Representative for Transit Systems
Jason Scoufis	IWC's Acting Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Sunny Jo	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (North)
George Tsaprounis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (South)
Christy Li	IWC's Business Administration Officer

**VISITORS**

Rebecca Bestic	Public Speaker (Item 11)
Resident Of 26 Empire Street	Public Speaker (Item 12)
James Pullar	Public Speaker (Item 13)
George Piazza	Public Speaker (Item 13)
Bernhard Huber	Public Speaker (Item 14)
Jon Farry	Public Speaker (Item 14)

**APOLOGIES:**

Sgt Charles Buttrose	NSW Police – Leichhardt Police Area Command
Graeme McKay	Representative for Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:**

Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on Monday, 17 March 2025 be confirmed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES**

Nil.

**LTC0425(1) Item 1 Inner West LGA - Proposal for GoGet car share parking spaces  
(All wards, all electorates, all PACs)**

**SUMMARY**

A request has been received from a GoGet Car Share representative for the installation of Fifteen (15) on-street dedicated 'Car Share' parking spaces for existing floating car share vehicles around the Inner West. Due to community feedback and opposition to one location only fourteen of the fifteen nominated car share spaces are recommended for installation.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the following 'No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicle Expected, Area GOGET' restrictions be approved:

1. A 5.5m restriction in the first parking space after statutory 10m 'No Stopping' restriction sign on the northern side of Albert Parade east of Frederick Street, Ashfield/
2. A 3.5m wide angled parking space on the western side of Nelson Street, Annadale, immediately south of the driveway of No.22 Nelson Street. To minimise the impact on the adjacent driveway, a small GoGet vehicle allocation is proposed.
3. A 5.5m restriction in the first parking space after the statutory 10m 'No Stopping' restriction sign on the southern side of Alt Street west of Charlotte Street, adjacent to side boundary of No.92 Charlotte Street, Ashfield.
4. A 5.5m restriction in the first parking space after the statutory 10m 'No Stopping' sign on northern side of Thomas Street east of Edwin Street, Ashfield (adjacent to side boundary of No.45 Edwin Street) after the kerb blister.
5. A 5.5m restriction in the first parking space after the statutory 10m 'No Stopping' restriction sign on the eastern side of Burfitt Street south Allen Street, adjacent to side boundary of No. 102 Allen Street, Leichhardt.
6. A 6.6m restriction in the first legal parking space on the western side of George Street south of Treadgold Street Road, Leichhardt, adjacent to side boundary of No. 30-40 George Street, Leichhardt.
7. A 5.5m restriction in the first legal parking space on the western side of Justin Street south of O'Neill Street, Lilyfield, adjacent to side boundary of No. 29 O'Neill Street, Lilyfield.
8. A 5.5m restriction in the first legal parking space on the eastern side of Harrison Street north of Marrickville Road, Marrickville (adjacent to the side boundary of 343 Marrickville Road). The statutory 10m 'No Stopping' sign will also be included 10m from the intersection of Harrison Street from Marrickville Road.
9. A 5.5m restriction in the first space after statutory 10m 'No Stopping' sign on the eastern side of Wemyss Street south of Newington Road (adjacent to the side boundary of 70 Newington Road), Marrickville.
10. A 5.5m restriction in the first parking space after the statutory 10m 'No Stopping' restriction sign on the western side of Station Street north of Enmore Road (adjacent to the side boundary of 47 Enmore Road, Newtown).
11. A 2.5m wide restriction in the first 90° angle parking space after the 'Mobility' parking space on the western side of Middleton Street north of Newington Road, Petersham.

12. A 5.5m restriction in the first parking space after the statutory 10m 'No Stopping' sign on southern side of May Street east of Applebee Street, St Peters.
13. A 5.5m restriction in the first legal parking space on the first legal parking space on the western side of Bruce Street south of Albany Road, Stanmore (adjacent to the side boundary of 147 Albany Road). The statutory 10m 'No Stopping' sign will also be included 10m from the intersection of Bruce Street and Albany Road.
14. A 5.5m restriction in the first parking space after the statutory 10m 'No Stopping' sign on western side of Holt Street north of Cavendish Street (adjacent to boundary of No.16 Holt Street) after the kerb blister, Stanmore.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Chairperson tabled in some correspondence received from a resident regarding point 11 of the recommendation. The resident noted that they opposed the recommendation to have a GOGET carshare restriction in Middleton Street due to the existing parking issues and pressures on the street. The resident noted that there is already limited parking available on Middleton Street, and residents often compete for parking spaces with the students and teachers from the nearby Newington College. It was noted that the parking issues are often exacerbated during school sports days. The resident notes that although they have off-street parking, they often experience people parking across their driveway and are unable to access their property.

The Representative for TfNSW requested a copy of the correspondence sent in by the resident.

The Chairperson raised concerns regarding what processes are in place for carshare companies to follow before Council can approve a carshare space. The Chairperson questioned whether the process should be similar to Council's requirements for Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) investigations, it was noted that the carshare companies do the community consultation themselves, and often, the response rates from the consultation are low.

Council Officers noted that as Resident Parking Schemes usually affect the whole street, Council requires a minimum number of responses to be received to determine what the majority of the residents of the street want. It was noted that with carshare proposals, it is usually just one parking space that is affected, which is why the response rate is usually lower as there is less direct impact to the people in the surrounding area. Council Officers also noted that the carshare operators also often do community consultation a little further than the required area as a marketing strategy to advertise their carshare business to the nearby residents. Council Officers noted that the guidelines for Resident Parking Schemes may not be required due to the lower impact of the proposal when compared with Resident Parking Schemes.

The Chairperson noted that his concerns regarding the consultation processes and questioned if Council oversees their processes. Council Officers advised that Council liaise with the carshare operators and review their draft letters before they are sent out to the residents. Council Officers noted that they provide guidelines on what needs to be reported back to Council, i.e. how many responses were sent and how many responses were received etc. as well as the consultation parameters. Council Officers also noted that the carshare operators also provide survey data regarding their proposed carshare spots.

The Chairperson noted that there should be a better system in place for the community consultation process for the proposed carshare spaces and suggested the possibility of the carshare operators doing community consultation via door knocking to ensure a clearer response is provided.

Council Officers questioned that if the surveys provide the details of the person undertaking the survey and whether they are directly impacted by the parking space. It was noted that survey submissions were submitted to a website, and the person providing feedback could either choose to supply their details or do so anonymously.

Councillor Atkins requested the proposed carshare space in Wemyss Street south of Newington Road be reviewed due to similar objections received as tabled earlier by the resident regarding Middleton Street.

The Chairperson suggested amending the recommendation to remove parts 9 and 11 in the officer's recommendation relating to the approval of the carshare space on the eastern side of Wemyss Street south of Newington Road (adjacent to the side boundary of 70 Newington Road), Marrickville and the carshare space on the western side of Middleton Street north of Newington Road, Petersham.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 2 Cobar Street at Old Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill – Proposed Kerb Extensions and Kerb Ramps - Design Plan 10334A (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward / Summer Hill Electorate / Inner West PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council is planning to improve safety for pedestrians and other road users in Cobar Street, Dulwich Hill at its intersection with Old Canterbury Road by constructing kerb extensions and two kerb ramps. The works aim to improve pedestrian safety by better defining pedestrian crossing points and reducing the crossing width.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the detailed design plan for the proposed new kerb extensions and kerb ramps in Cobar Street at its intersection with Old Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill and associated signs and line markings (as per Design Plan No.10334A) be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the detailed design plan for the proposed new kerb extensions and kerb ramps in Cobar Street at its intersection with Old Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill and associated signs and line markings (as per Design Plan No.10334A) be approved.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 3 Gower Street, Summer Hill - Proposed Kerb Extensions (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC.)**

**SUMMARY**

Council is planning to improve safety in Gower Street, Summer Hill, proposing both sides kerb extension, pits, and new stormwater pipelines along with a set kerb ramps in Gower Street at its intersection with Sloane Street. The proposal aims to improve pedestrian and motorist safety by better defining safe pedestrian crossing points and addresses pedestrian safety and driver behaviour at this location.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the detailed design plan (10327) for proposed new kerb extensions to the corners of Gower Street at Sloane Street, with associated pram ramps, signs, line marking, and drainage (as shown in *Attachment 1*) be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Representative for Transport for NSW requested that the BB line marking be modified to comply with the relevant delineation guidelines.

The Committee agreed with the amended recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the detailed design plan (10327) for proposed new kerb extensions to the corners of Gower Street at Sloane Street, with associated pram ramps, signs, line marking, and drainage (as shown in *Attachment 1*) be approved and that the BB linemarking be modified to comply with the relevant delineation guidelines.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 4 Mary Street, Lilyfield - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council is planning to improve safety for pedestrians in Mary Street, Lilyfield by constructing a new raised pedestrian crossing and kerb extensions in Mary Street at Perry Street. The proposal aims to improve pedestrian and motorist safety by formalising a pedestrian crossing point, improving pedestrian access to existing Bus Stop in Mary Street, and links to footpath to the Orange Grove Public School.

This project was identified as one of the priority projects in Council's Capital Works program.

It is proposed to replace the existing raised threshold in Mary Street, Lilyfield and replace with a raised pedestrian crossing including landscaped kerb extensions near the crossing.

The proposed crossing will result in no loss of legal on-street parking.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the attached detailed design plan (No.10336) for the proposed new raised pedestrian crossing and kerb extension on Mary Street, Lilyfield at Perry Street be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the attached detailed design plan (No.10336) for the proposed new raised pedestrian crossing and kerb extension on Mary Street, Lilyfield at Perry Street be approved.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 5 Final Draft Annandale LATM Study (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council has prepared the final draft Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study to address key community concerns about traffic, pedestrian and cycling facilities in the Annandale LATM precinct area.

The recommendations aim to align with Council policies and strategies, with an emphasis on improving pedestrian and cyclist movements, whilst retaining safe and acceptable traffic volume and speeds in local streets.

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That the final draft Annandale Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study be endorsed for community consultation.
2. The report be placed on Public Exhibition, providing a minimum 28 days for community feedback and the results be reported back to the Traffic Committee.

**DISCUSSION:**

Council Officers noted that they had received feedback from Transport for NSW advising that the Wells Street and Whites Creek Lane 'Shared Zones' will require a 'Road Safety Audit' to be undertaken and that the proposal for the 3-tonne load limit restriction in John Street, Hill Street and Emma Street will need to be approved by Transport for NSW prior to implementation.

Council Officers also noted that on page 67 of the agenda, the dot point 'Request TfNSW install a 6-metre length of No Stopping 7am-10am, 3pm-6pm Mon-Fri,' should read 'Request TfNSW install a 6-metre length of No Stopping 7am-10am, 3pm-6pm Mon-Fri on the eastern side of Johnston Street, north of Piper Street South.'

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That the final draft Annandale Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study be endorsed for community consultation.**
2. **The report be placed on Public Exhibition, providing a minimum 28 days for community feedback and the results be reported back to the Traffic Committee.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 6 Darling Street at Nelson Street, Rozelle- Proposed Kerb Extensions & Relocation of Mobility Parking (Baludarri-Balmain**

**Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council is planning to improve safety by providing a new landscaped kerb extension and modify the existing accessible parking arrangements at the intersection of Darling Street and Nelson Street, Rozelle. The site is adjacent to the Hannaford Community Centre, which offers a range of welling and social activities for people 55 and over. The proposal aims to improve access to the Hannaford Centre and the surrounding retail shops, including road safety for pedestrians and motorists. This proposal was identified as one of the recommendations from the Rozelle North and Balmain Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) studies.

This proposal will result in the loss of approximately 3m length Motor bike Parking zone.

**Officers Recommendation:**

**That the attached detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10322) for the proposed relocation of a mobility parking space, kerb extensions and associated signposting and linemarking on Darling Street at Nelson Street, Rozelle be approved.**

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the attached detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10322) for the proposed relocation of a mobility parking space, kerb extensions and associated signposting and linemarking on Darling Street at Nelson Street, Rozelle be approved.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 7 Allen Street, Leichhardt - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing (Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council is planning to enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Allen Street and Norton Street by constructing a new Raised Pedestrian Crossing on Allen Street west of Norton Street with kerb blisters on both the approach and departure sides of the proposed crossing. The proposal aims to improve pedestrian accessibility along the Norton Street shopping area and improve safety for pedestrians and vehicle conflicts at this location.

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Allen Street at Norton Street, Leichhardt be supported in-principle and included in Council's Capital Works program subject to detailed design investigations and community consultation.
2. That the detailed design for the proposed raised pedestrian crossing be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Allen Street at Norton Street, Leichhardt be supported in-principle and included in Council's Capital Works program subject to detailed design investigations and community consultation.
2. That the detailed design for the proposed raised pedestrian crossing be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 8 Myrtle Street, Leichhardt - Proposed 10km/H Shared Zone and Line-Marked Parking Bays (Gulgadya -Leichhardt/Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council has prepared a detailed design plan for a 10 km/hr Shared Zone and marked footpath parking for Myrtle Street, Leichhardt (between Elswick Street and Ivory Street). The proposal aims to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists and was developed through previous community consultation to formalise parking on the footpath within marked parking bays, whilst maintaining a clear travel lane and improving pedestrian amenity.

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That the attached detailed design plan (No. 10311) for the Proposed 10km/h Shared Zone and associated linemarking and signage in Myrtle Street between Elswick and Ivory Street, Leichhardt be approved, subject to TfNSW approval of the reduced speed limit.
2. That a review be undertaken 6 months after the implementation of the 10km/h Shared Zone in Myrtle Street, Leichhardt.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Representative for Transport for NSW advised that a Road Safety Audit will need to be undertaken as part of the project and submitted to TfNSW.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the attached detailed design plan (No. 10311) for the Proposed 10km/h Shared Zone and associated linemarking and signage in Myrtle Street between Elswick and Ivory Street, Leichhardt be approved, subject to TfNSW approval of the reduced speed limit and undertaking a Road Safety Audit and submitted to TfNSW.
2. That a review be undertaken 6 months after the implementation of the 10km/h Shared Zone in Myrtle Street, Leichhardt.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 9 Review of pedestrian crossings in various locations in Marrickville (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Inner West PAC/Summer Hill)**

**Electorate)**

**SUMMARY**

This report presents findings from investigations completed in response to the Notice of Motion (C0924(1) Item 40) raised at the Council meeting on 22 October 2024. This Notice of Motion raised concerns in relation to motorists speeding through the pedestrian crossings in the Marrickville Town Centre along Marrickville Road and Illawarra Road.

A site assessment has been completed to assess the existing condition of the at-grade pedestrian crossing and works orders have been issued to address any deficiencies identified.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the report be received and noted.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Chairperson questioned if Council could investigate potential treatments for motorists doing illegal right turns from Calvert Street into Illawarra Road. Council Officers advised they will investigate the matter and examine potential treatments such as additional signage.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the report be received and noted.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 10 Elizabeth Street, Rozelle - Proposed 'No Stopping' Zone (Baludarra-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council has received concerns regarding parked vehicles near the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Catherine Street, Rozelle causing damage to property and impacting vehicle accessibility. It is proposed that a 10m 'No Stopping' zone is installed at the corner of this intersection to prevent damage to the adjacent property and improve vehicle accessibility.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the proposed 10m 'No Stopping' zone at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Catherine Street, Rozelle be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

Council Officers noted that during the community consultation for the proposed 'No Stopping Zone', Council had sent out 19 letters and received 7 responses, 1 in support and 6 against the proposal. Council Officer's noted that although there was strong opposition for the proposal, it was recommended to proceed with the proposal due to there being inadequate space for vehicle access in Elizabeth Street with vehicles parked on both sides of the street.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the proposed 10m 'No Stopping' zone at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Catherine Street, Rozelle be approved.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 11 Catherine Street, Leichhardt - Proposed 'No Stopping' Zone (Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines the consultation undertaken for a 7m length 'No Stopping' zone adjacent to the driveway of No.233 Catherine Street, Leichhardt. Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) has identified that the on-site 150mm large bore suction was installed in a position that does not facilitate fire brigade pumping appliance access and recommended that a hardstand 9.5m No Stopping zone be installed. Consultation was undertaken on a 7m No Stopping Zone, and due to concern received regarding loss of on-street parking, it is recommended that the 7m No Stopping zone on Catherine Street not be supported.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the requested 7m 'No Stopping' zone adjacent the driveway for No.233 Catherine Street, Leichhardt not be supported.

**DISCUSSION:**

*Public Speaker Rebecca Bestic entered the meeting at 11.06am*

Ms Bestic noted she represented the owners of 233 Catherine Street, Leichhardt and opposed the recommendation to not support the proposed 'No Stopping' zone in Catherine Street. Ms Bestic advised that the development of 233 Catherine Street had previously been approved for 8 small industrial units across 2 levels with main street access from Catherine Street. It was noted that the parking criteria for the development was to provide 19 off-street parking spaces and that the developers had provided 28 off-street parking spaces onsite. Ms Bestic also noted that during the development, two driveways were removed, reinstating two on-street parking spaces back to the community and requested the 'No Stopping' zone to be granted for the purpose of allowing FRNSW to access their booster pumps.

Ms Bestic advised that it was originally intended for the fire truck could be positioned within the site across the driveway; however, due to an issue with high voltage substation, which had to be relocated onto the upper level of the development as requested by Ausgrid. As such the fire truck located onsite or at the driveway would make it non-compliant with FRNSW guidelines as they required a 10m distance from the high voltage substation.

*Public Speaker Rebecca Bestic left the meeting at 11.12am*

The Chairperson noted that due to the changes to the plan and having to move the substation as required by Ausgrid, it would be unfair to penalise the applicant. The Chairperson suggested that the 7m 'No Stopping' zone adjacent to the driveway for No.233 Catherine Street, Leichhardt be supported in principle, granted that documentation can be provided to show that all other options were exhausted due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the requested 7m 'No Stopping' zone adjacent the driveway for No.233 Catherine Street, Leichhardt be supported subject to the applicant providing documentation and details justifying the inability to provide an alternate arrangement that did not result in the loss of on street parking, noting that this is not the desired outcome.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 12 Empire Street, Haberfield - Proposed Landscaped Island (Galgadya-Leichhardt Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

A review has been undertaken regarding the obstructed driveway access from parking of vehicles between the driveways of No.24 and 26 Empire Street, Haberfield, which was previously considered at the Local Traffic Committee meeting on 9 December 2024.

At this meeting, a 'Motor Bike Parking' zone proposal was deferred by the Traffic Committee to allow officers to undertake investigation into other options.

After liaison with nearby residents, it is proposed to construct a narrow strip (2m x 1m) landscaped island between the two driveways to deter parked vehicles from encroaching on the driveway of No.26 Empire Street.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the proposed landscaped island between the driveway of No.24 and No.26 Empire Street, Haberfield as shown in the attached concept plan be approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

*Public Speaker Resident of 26 Empire Street entered the meeting at 11.13am*

The resident of 26 Empire Street advised that they supported the recommendation as it will assist with safe access to both driveways at all times. They advised that the current proposal retains some parking outside No.24 without impeding access, as well as allowing for Motorbike parking as originally proposed by Council.

*Public Speaker Resident of 26 Empire Street left the meeting at 11.22am*

Council Officers tabled in correspondence from a resident noting they are not opposed to the proposed recommendation although it is not their preferred outcome. The proposed dimensions of the island provides 2.9m which is acceptable. The resident further requested the possibility of having the landscaped island width reduced by 0.5m so that it would lessen the negative impact whilst allowing for adequate planting.

Council Officers advised that reducing the width of the island could pose as a trip hazard and may be insufficient for planting.

The Chairperson suggested amending the recommendation to note that this is an exceptional circumstance and that the kerb space between the driveways of No.24 and No.26 is not deemed as a sufficient parking space by Council.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the proposed landscaped island between the driveway of No.24 and No.26 Empire Street, Haberfield as shown in the attached concept plan be approved.
2. That the proposed landscaped island is noted as an exceptional circumstance and that the 3.9 metre length space does not comply with a standard car parking space.

For Motion: Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 13 Easter Street, Leichhardt - Proposed Parking Changes (Gulgadya-Leichhardt/Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council has received several concerns from businesses along Parramatta Road regarding the lack of on-street parking and the impact of the existing 'No Parking' zone in Easter Street on business operations. It is also understood that consistent illegal parking behaviour in Easter Street has prevented vehicular access to some residential properties along Easter Street.

In response, Council has investigated reinstating sections of permissible on-street parking spaces in Easter Street between Flood Street and National Street, Leichhardt. These spaces would not prevent vehicular access to all properties on Albert Street, Leichhardt.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the proposed parking changes in Easter Street between National Street and Flood Street, Leichhardt as shown within the attached plan be not supported due to concerns received from residents.

**DISCUSSION:**

*Public Speaker James Pullar entered the meeting at 11.23.*

Mr Pullar advised that he partially supported the recommendation if parking is enforced by Council and driveways are not obstructed. Currently, with the signposting there are high levels of illegal parking in the street. Mr Pullar noted the businesses' needs for parking but did not want cars parking across his garage and impeding on access to residential properties. He suggested that additional No Parking signage may need to be implemented in the middle of the street to avoid confusion.

*Public Speaker James Pullar left the meeting at 11.26am.*

*Public Speaker George Piazza entered the meeting at 11.27am.*

Mr Piazza opposed the recommendation to not support the proposed parking changes in Easter Street as he would prefer to have the flexibility to park near his business without being penalised. Due to a bus zone in Parramatta Road, parking is not possible at the front of his business. Mr Piazza noted that there are limited parking options and is difficult to conduct business. Mr Piazza advised that his business does not obstruct access to properties and request that the proposed parking changes be supported.

*Public Speaker George Piazza left the meeting at 11.39am.*

The Chairperson asked if time restricted parking for the proposed parking spots should be considered to prevent long-term parking.

Council Officers also noted that during the consultation period, Council received a high level of anonymous submissions which made it challenging to understand resident's views.

The Chairperson suggested deferring the item to allow Council to further consultation of nearby residents and businesses of a proposal to include a time limited parking restriction of the proposed parking in Easter Street.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the proposed parking changes in Easter Street between National Street and Flood Street, Leichhardt as shown within the attached plan be deferred to undertake consultation on a revised plan which includes time restricted parking of the proposed parking of spaces in Easter Street.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 14 Shepherd Street, Marrickville - Proposed '1P 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M9' (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Inner West PAC/Summer Hill Electorate)**

**SUMMARY**

Upon receiving a petition from residents of Shepherd Street, Marrickville. Council initiated an investigation for implementing residential parking restrictions in Shepherd Street, Marrickville. A parking utilisation survey was carried out and it was found that there were high parking occupancies on Shepherd Street during the evening period.

Accordingly, Council officer's proposed timed permit parking restrictions on the northern side of Shepherd Street, signposted as '1P 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M9', and consulted on this proposal with households and businesses. This report provides the results of this survey. Consultation with owners and occupiers in Shepherd Street indicated that there was sufficient support to implement the proposed '1P 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M9' restrictions.

**Officers Recommendation:**

**That the proposed parking restrictions signposted as '1P 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M9' and 'No Stopping' on the northern side of Shepherd Street between Chapel Lane and Handley Street be approved.**

**DISCUSSION:**

*Public Speakers Bernhard Huber and Jon Farry entered the meeting at 11.40am*

Mr Huber and Mr Farry supported the proposed recommendation, noting that the proposed restrictions will assist with the parking issues in the area. Mr Farry noted that with the success of local businesses in the area, residents often find themselves in competition for parking. Mr Farry advised that the proposed '1P 6pm-10pm' parking restrictions will discourage people from misusing the parking spaces, whilst allowing the nearby businesses to utilise the spaces for their needs during business hours and allowing residents to find parking near their homes. Mr Huber and Mr Farry noted that there was broad support amongst the residents for the proposed changes and that they have also reached out to nearby businesses to ensure such changes will not adversely affect their operations.

*Public Speakers Bernhard Huber and Jon Farry left the meeting at 11.47am*

Councillor Atkins questioned if both businesses and residents were consulted regarding the proposal. Council Officers advised that both businesses and residents were consulted on either side of Shepherd Street.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the proposed parking restrictions signposted as '1P 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Exceeded Area M9' and 'No Stopping' on the northern side of Shepherd Street between Chapel Lane and Handley Street be approved.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0425(1) Item 15 Goodsell Street, St Peters - Proposed line marking of parking spaces (Midjuburi-MarrickvilleWard/Heffron Electorate/Inner West PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines current parking problems at the existing unmarked angle parking spaces on Goodsell Street, St Peters and proposes line markings to maximise the number of parking spaces. In addition, wheel stops are also proposed at the angle parking spaces on the northern side of Goodsell Street to improve stormwater flow and reduce flooding.

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That the existing 90 degree parking spaces on the south side of Goodsell Street, St Peters be linemarked to better delineate the parking spaces.
2. That wheel stops be installed and linemarking of the 90 degree spaces be approved for the northern side of Goodsell Street between no.3 and no.15.

**DISCUSSION:**

Council Officers noted that the minimum standard for 90 degree parking spaces was 2.4 meters and that Council had tried to widen as much spaces as possible to 2.7 meters to allow for extra leeway for those using the parking spaces.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That the existing 90 degree parking spaces on the south side of Goodsell Street, St Peters be linemarked to better delineate the parking spaces.**
2. **That wheel stops be installed and linemarking of the 90 degree spaces be approved for the northern side of Goodsell Street between no.3 and no.15.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**General Business:**

**Item 16 – Review of Clearway restrictions on Parramatta Road**

The Representative for the Member for Newtown advised that a constituent had written in to request an evaluation of the current clearway restrictions on Parramatta Road. It was noted that the constituent had reached out to the Local Members' office regarding the Clearways from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm between Phillip Street and Missenden Road, Petersham advising that the traffic flows do not necessitate these current restrictions being in place and that there is an impact to local businesses along Parramatta Road. The Representative for Transport for NSW noted the concerns raised by the Representative for the Member for Newtown and noted that there is currently a 'Parramatta Road Integrated Transport Strategy' being reviewed where the team will be looking at all the existing restrictions on Parramatta Road and how it benefits the local residents and through traffic on Parramatta Road. It was noted that the issues raised by the Representative of the Member of Newtown will be part of the review.

**Item 17 – Request for enforcement of illegal parking in Hubert Street, Lilyfield**

The Representative for the Member for Balmain noted that there have been instances of people illegally parking and blocking the footpaths and requested Council's parking enforcement team to patrol the area. Council Officers advised they will pass on the information to the relevant team.

**Item 18 – Update on the width of the angled parking spaces proposed for Elswick Street North and William Street Leichhardt**

The Chairperson noted that he had received correspondence from a resident requesting an update on the width of the angled parking spaced proposed in the March LTC meeting; LTC0325(1) Item 2 - Elswick Street North and William Street, Leichhardt - Proposed Angle Parking and Raised Pedestrian Crossing. Council Officers advised they would follow up with the relevant team members and will provide an update to the Chairperson.

**Item 19 – Request for additional speed limit signage along The Boulevarde, Lewisham**

The Chairperson requested a review for additional speed limit signage along The Boulevarde, Lewisham and Dulwich Hill as there are a lot of motorists who speed down the street. It was also requested that Council investigate potential traffic counts to get some speed/traffic data along the street.

Meeting closed at 12.47pm.

**CHAIRPERSON**

Councillor Macri

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 9  
**Subject:** RFT 41-24 INSURANCE SERVICES - ADDENDUM  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk  
**Authorised By:** Darren Morris - Acting Director Corporate

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council considers RFT41-24 Insurance Services at Item 34 at the 20 May 2025 Council Meeting, and not at the 17 June 2025 Council Meeting.
2. That Council undertakes an external service review in the 2025/2026 Financial Year into the insurance claims customer experience and receives a report back on the outcome of that service review.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 29 April 2025, Council resolved the following in respect of the Item RFT 41-24 Insurance Services:

*That the report be deferred to the June 2025 meeting of Council.*

**DISCUSSION**

Officers recommend a decision is made in respect of appointing an insurance services provider at the 20 May 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, and not the 17 June 2025 Council Meeting. This is on the basis that to place cover for Council insurance policies, the General Manager must confirm certain details in writing on 13 June 2025, to enable cover to take effect on 1 July 2025 (when our current cover will expire).

If Council does not place cover for insurance by this date, it will not be able to comply with the obligation in section 382 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 to make arrangement for adequate insurance against public and professional liability. Council would be self-insured and solely liable for all commercial liability claims from 1 July 2025.

Separately, Officers recommend that Council undertakes an external service review into the insurance claims customer experience, to be undertaken in the 2025/2026 Financial Year, and receives a report back on the outcome of this service review.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 10  
**Subject:** REVIEW OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR EV PUBLIC CHARGING IN TEMPE RESERVE AND BALMAIN DEPOT - ADDENDUM  
**Prepared By:** Ken Welsh - Coordinator Strategic Transport Planning  
**Authorised By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Acting Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the provision of EV charging facilities in Balmain Depot no longer proceed noting that 102 public EV kerbside charging ports have been commissioned to date in the Inner West.**

**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 is an addendum to Item 17 of the May 2025 Council Meeting Agenda – *Review of Opportunities for EV Public Charging in Tempe Reserve and Balmain Depot* which was deferred at the March 2025 Council meeting and provides an update on changing circumstances since the previous report was prepared.

Council has been exploring the provision of public EV charging within Council’s Balmain Depot as part of the ongoing rollout of EV charging infrastructure. The conversion of the depot has been determined to be complex and would require significant funding to upgrade the depot so that EV charging could be provided. In addition, there will be impacts to Council operations and there are no viable alternative locations for the operational activities currently accommodated on the site.

Based on this analysis and the successful provision of 22 public charging ports on the Balmain Peninsula and a total of 102 ports across the Inner West to date it is considered that the creation of a public charging hub at Balmain Depot is no longer required.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

*That Council report back by February 2025 about the feasibility, costs and timeline of potential works to upgrade power at Tempe Reserve to facilitate the installation of electric vehicle chargers in this location....*

At the Council meeting held on 21 November 2023, Council resolved the following in part:

*That Council incorporate Balmain Depot as a proposed location for electric vehicle charging in current procurements processes and in the exploration of opportunities with AUSGRID group.*

A report on these two items was considered at its meeting on 11 March 2025, Council resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration at Council's 20 May 2025 meeting.

This report is an addendum to Item 17 of the May 2025 Council Meeting Agenda – *Review of Opportunities for EV Public Charging in Tempe Reserve and Balmain Depot* which was deferred at the March 2025 Council meeting and provides an update on changing circumstances since the previous report was prepared.

## DISCUSSION

Council's current approach for the delivery of EV charging within carparks is via a partnership model with EV charging providers installing infrastructure which is funded by the provider/state government grants.

The partnership model provides benefits to Council by reducing costs and leveraging the expertise of EV charging providers. The providers are tasked with installing, operating and maintaining the EV chargers at no cost to Council. The providers are also at the forefront of EV charging technology, allowing greater responsiveness to changing technology needs and leveraging the data they collect from use of their charging networks.

In addition, it should be noted that after Round 1 of the NSW EV Kerbside Grant, councils are not eligible to apply directly for subsequent rounds of funding. Council's partnership model however, allows for EV charging partners to continue to apply for funding.

### **Progress Since the Previous Report (Item 11 of the May 2025 Council Meeting Agenda)**

#### **Current Kerbside Public Charging**

As Council's rollout of kerbside public charging continues, to date (1 May 2025) its partners have successfully installed 102 kerbside public charging ports associated with Round 1 of the State Government's Kerbside Public Charging Grants. From Round 1 funding a total of 136 ports will be rolled out by July 2025.

It is also anticipated that the results of Round 2 of the State Government's public charging grants will be announced by mid-2025.

The state government has announced that further rounds of funding may be considered but no timeline has been proposed.

#### **Tempe Reserve**

When Holbeach Road, within Tempe Reserve was considered for EV Charging ports, it was found that this portion of roadway was within the existing parks Plan of Management (PoM) and that the PoM did not permit third party EV charging.

The new Plan of Management (PoM) for Tempe Reserve is currently being revised and Council is intending to update this to include the potential for EV charging should such an initiative proceed in the future.

Changes to the PoM will permit Tempe Reserve car parks to be included in future grant applications.

#### **Balmain Depot**

Planning regarding the Balmain Depot Hub has indicated that the project is complex and requires many of the assets in the depot to be adjusted, relocated and/or rebuilt. The redesign also requires safe separation of the public charging area from the operational sections of the depot.

Additionally, the primary power source is on the northern side of the site and will require significant power to extend the full length of the depot to its Llewellyn Street frontage, where the charging hub is proposed.

Consequently, the project is a complex and will require a redesign of at least part of the depot.

Since the previous report, additional assessment of opportunities for a public charging hub at Balmain Depot has been carried out.

Included in this assessment was consideration of the use of the Depot for operating activities including:

- Parks Operations north and records/archive staff work from this depot.
- Access is required throughout weekdays by all operations teams.
- Weekend access is required to permit essential overtime works to be delivered.
- Storing of equipment and materials used in Parks maintenance.
- Storing of heavy, light and C class vehicles.
- Taking deliveries of materials, plants and equipment.
- Daily muster for staff working from depot.

Investigations have indicated that the Depot is fully utilised and that there are no viable alternative locations for the operational activities currently accommodated on the site.

Based on this analysis and the existing provision of 22 public charging ports on the Balmain Peninsula and total of 102 ports across the Inner West, it is considered that the creation of a public charging hub at Balmain Depot is no longer a necessary intervention and would require significant funding for the project to be realised. The project would also significantly impact on Council's operational activities that rely on the Depot.

Therefore, Council staff will now work with Origin Energy to determine whether a suitable alternative location is available to accommodate the proposed increased public charging capacity.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 11

**Subject:** REVIEW OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR EV PUBLIC CHARGING IN TEMPE RESERVE AND BALMAIN DEPOT

Council at its meeting on 11 March 2025 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 20 May 2025.

**Prepared By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager

**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Infrastructure

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## RECOMMENDATION

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

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## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information regarding EV charging opportunities at Tempe Reserve and the potential establishment of a public charging hub as part of Balmain Depot.

Council's current approach for the delivery of EV charging within carparks is via a partnership model with EV charging providers installing infrastructure which is funded by the provider/ state government grants.

The partnership model provides benefits to Council by reducing costs and leveraging the expertise of EV charging providers. The providers are tasked with installing, operating and maintaining the EV chargers at no cost to Council. The providers are also at the forefront of EV charging technology, allowing greater responsiveness to changing technology needs and leveraging the data they collect from use of their charging networks.

In addition, it should be noted that after Round 1 of the NSW EV Kerbside Grant, councils are not eligible to apply directly for subsequent rounds of funding. Council's partnership model however, allows for EV charging partners to continue to apply for funding

In relation to Tempe Reserve:

- Council's application for the state government's Round One kerbside public charging grants, included several locations for EV public charging in the Tempe-Sydenham area. While Council was successful in obtaining grants for 136 charging ports, the Tempe-Sydenham sites we're not successful in attracting funding;
- Council's Request for Quotation to provide charging in its car parks could not include Tempe Reserve, as the Reserve's existing Plan of Management (PoM) does not permit EV charging. A new PoM is currently being prepared which will include the opportunity for EV charging.
- While there are some power grid constraints near Tempe Reserve, Council has included several adjacent sites (that do not have grid constraints) in its Round Two funding applications.

- It is anticipated that Round 2 funding announcements will be made by the state government early in the second half of 2025.
- Additionally, once the new PoM has been adopted, Council intends to include Tempe Reserve in the next stage of its car park charging program, currently programmed to commence in the second half of 2026.

In relation to the proposed Balmain Depot public charging hub:

- The site was included in Council’s car park EV charging Request for Quotation.
- Origin Energy have been appointed as the partner provider, to install approximately 10 public charging ports adjacent to the Llewellyn Street entrance to the Depot;
- Design of the depot EV charging will commence in the second half of 2025, including preparation of a business case.
- It is estimated that the project could be completed by early 2026 including design, procurement and construction of required changes to the depot and installation of EV charging infrastructure.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

2. *That Council report back by February 2025 about the feasibility, costs and timeline of potential works to upgrade power at Tempe Reserve to facilitate the installation of electric vehicle chargers in this location....*

At the Council meeting held on 21 November 2023, Council resolved the following in part:

2. *That Council incorporate Balmain Depot as a proposed location for electric vehicle charging in current procurements processes and in the exploration of opportunities with AUSGRID group.*

This report details experiences with providing EV public charging within, and adjacent to, Tempe Reserve, as well as an update on progress with the proposed Balmain Depot public charging hub.

**DISCUSSION**

Council’s current approach for the delivery of EV charging within carparks is via a partnership model with EV charging providers installing infrastructure which is funded by the provider/ state government grants.

The partnership model provides benefits to Council by reducing costs and leveraging the expertise of EV charging providers. The providers are tasked with installing, operating and maintaining the EV chargers at no cost to Council. The providers are also at the forefront of EV charging technology, allowing greater responsiveness to changing technology needs and leveraging the data they collect from use of their charging networks.

In addition, it should be noted that after Round 1 of the NSW EV Kerbside Grant, councils are not eligible to apply directly for subsequent rounds of funding. Council’s partnership model however, allows for EV charging partners to continue to apply for funding.

**Tempe Reserve**

Council’s investigations into constraints associated with the installation of EV public charging in Tempe Reserve have indicated the following:

- Applications for Round One of the State Government’s Kerbside Public Charging Grants excluded Tempe Reserve because the grants were only available for kerbside charging. Power grid capacity issues were not experienced within Tempe Reserve.

- Kerbside locations in Holbeach Road were considered for the Round One grant applications, however Ausgrid advised that there were power grid constraints between Princes Highway and the Tempe Reserve boundary.
- When Holbeach Road, within Tempe Reserve was considered, it was found that this portion of roadway was within the existing parks Plan of Management (PoM) and that the PoM did not permit third party EV charging.

Council’s application for the state governments’ Round One kerbside public charging grants included several locations for EV public charging in the Tempe-Sydenham area. While Council were successful in obtaining grants for 136 charging ports, the Tempe-Sydenham sites were not successful in attracting funding because the area was not identified as a *priority area*, under Round 1 of the state funding.

At the time of Council’s RfQ for public charging in Council car parks; limitations placed on third party charging by Tempe Reserve’s PoM excluded consideration of Tempe Reserve car parks.

Since the time of the Round One applications and Council’s car park charging RfQ, several circumstances have changed, or are in the process of changing. In this regard:

- The State Government’s grant criteria has changed and now includes the *Sydenham-Tempe-St Peters* in its priority areas.
- Council is intending to update the Plan of Management for Tempe Reserve to include the potential for EV charging should such an initiative proceed in the future.
- Changes to the PoM will permit Tempe Reserve car parks to be included in future grant applications.

It’s worth noting that the exhibition of the PoM is expected in the second half of 2025.

Based on discussions with the State Government, Council’s charging partners and Ausgrid, it is considered that the most efficient way to provide charging in Tempe Reserve is to include Tempe Reserve in future stages of Council’s car park charging program once the revised PoM has been adopted.

Additionally, based on the State’s new grant criteria, Council’s partners have included several sites in Tempe and Sydenham as part of their Round Two kerbside grant applications. It is anticipated that Round 2 funding announcements will be made by the state government early in the second half of 2025. Installation of successful Round Two sites would commence early in 2026.

Currently, 11 public charging ports are available near Tempe Reserve, including:

- 3 in Arncliffe Street, Wolli Creek;
- 6 at IKEA;
- 1 at BP, Princes Highway, Sydenham;
- 1 in Terry Street.

Next Steps:

- Council has included several nearby sites in its Round Two grant application and will work with its partners to commence installation of successful sites early in 2026.
- Subject to the Tempe Reserve’s PoM being adopted, Council will include Tempe Reserve in the next stage of its car park charging program, aimed at commencing in the second half of 2026.

**Balmain Depot:**

The proposal to include a 10-port public charging hub in Balmain Depot was incorporated into Council's car park charging RfQ. Review of the RfQ responses has been completed and the following 2 charging partners chosen:

EVIE will provide public chargers in the following car parks:

- Barclay Street, Marrickville;
- Beattie Street, Balmain;
- Leichhardt Town Hall, Leichhardt;
- Lennox Street/Church Street, Newtown.

Origin Energy will provide public chargers in the following car parks, as well as working with Council to create the Balmain Depot Public Charging Hub:

- Ashfield Aquatic Centre;
- Bedford Crescent, Dulwich Hill;
- Charles Street, Petersham;
- Federal Place, Haberfield;
- Fisher Street, Petersham;
- Haberfield Centre, Haberfield
- Hamilton Street, Rozelle;
- Merton Street (east), Rozelle;
- Summer Hill.

Planning regarding the Balmain Depot Hub has initiated and have indicated that the project is extremely complex; requiring many of the assets in the depot to be adjusted, relocated and/or rebuilt. The redesign also requires safe separation of the public charging area from the operational sections of the depot.

Additionally, the primary power source is on the northern side of the site and will require significant power to extend the full length of the depot to its Llewellyn Street frontage, where the charging hub is proposed.

Consequently, while the project is progressing, it is a complex, which will require a redesign of at least part of the depot.

It is estimated that the project could be completed by early 2026 including design, procurement and construction of required changes to the depot and installation of EV charging infrastructure.

To assist in the interim, Council has been working with its partners to ensure the availability of public charging with 136 kerbside public charging ports being installed across the Inner West. Of these ports; there are 16 public charging ports in the Balmain/Birchgrove/Rozelle area.

**Next Steps:**

- Design of the depot recharging will commence in the second half of 2025, including preparation of a business case.
- Costings will be considered as part of the design process.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Under Council's partnership model, there are no capital costs to Council associated with the implementation of the proposed public EV chargers. However, the Balmain Depot charging and associated works will require Council funding to be allocated with costs to be determine through the design process.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 12  
**Subject:** INVESTMENT REPORT AT 30 APRIL 2025  
**Prepared By:** Sajjad Ali - Acting Chief Financial Officer  
**Authorised By:** Darren Morris - Acting Director Corporate

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive, and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A monthly investment report is provided to Council detailing the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of the total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value. During the month of April 2025:

- Council new investments:
  - \$5.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.19%pa
  - \$5.0M 2 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 3.99%pa
  - \$5.0M 3 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.04%pa
  - \$5.0M 4 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.14%pa
  - \$5.0M 5 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.29%pa
  - \$2.0M 3 year Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 3.96%pa
  - \$3.0M 4 year Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 4.04%pa
  - \$7.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bendigo and Adelaide at fixed rate of 4.19%pa.
- Council matured investments:
  - \$25.0M 6 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 5.00%pa
  - \$7.0M 6 month Term Deposit with Bendigo and Adelaide at fixed rate of 5.04%pa
  - \$5.0M 6 month Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 4.94%pa.
- Council is preparing for the maturity of further investments in May and June 2025, with interest rates declining compared with prior months.
- Council’s entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 52% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel Lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 10% in Socially Responsible Investments, and 38% in Green investments.

Council’s investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council’s Investment Policy.

**BACKGROUND**

A monthly investment report is provided to Council detailing the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value.

The intention of investing Council's funds is to seek the most favourable return available, whilst having due consideration of risk and security for that investment type and ensuring that its liquidity requirements are being maintained; with consideration given to the preservation of capital, liquidity, and the return on investment.

Preservation of capital is the principal objective of the investment portfolio. Investments are placed in a manner that seeks to ensure security and safeguard the investment portfolio. This includes managing credit and interest rate risk within identified thresholds and parameters.

Council determined to proactively invest in a non-fossil fuel investment portfolio.

### Legislative Requirements

All investments are to comply with the following:

- *Local Government Act 1993;*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021;*
- *Ministerial Investment Order dated 17 February 2011;*
- *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;*
- *Australian Accounting Standards; and*
- *Division of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines May 2010.*

Council's Socially Responsible Investments consist of Green Term Deposits/Floating Rate Notes from otherwise fossil fuel lending banks, such as CBA and Westpac and also long dated bond issues from a range of institutions and government agencies. These investments provide targeted funding to a wide range of green and socially responsible projects and initiatives. Council also utilises these investments to remain within the credit rating policy guidelines imposed by the NSW TCorp loan covenant requirements.

### Certification

The Acting Chief Financial Officer, Sajjad Ali, as the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of *the Local Government Act 1993*, Section 212 of *the Local Government General Regulation 2021*, and Council's Investment Policy.

### DISCUSSION

Council's investments are held in various investment categories which are listed in the table below. Council's market value investment portfolio size is \$202.2M, \$0.3M higher than the prior month market value of \$201.9M. All Socially Responsible Investments (SRI's) are investments that comply with the Non-Fossil Fuel standards. Council's portfolio during the month had a return of 4.87% pa, against the 'AusBond Bank Bill Index' Benchmark (4.38% pa) on a marked-to-market basis. For the past 12 months, the portfolio has returned 4.75% pa on a marked-to-market basis.

Volatility intensified early in the month after US President Trump's tariff wars wreaked havoc across global financial markets. The losses in equity markets reversed over the second half of the month on hopes that trade deals would be achieved after Trump announced a 90-day moratorium on new tariffs. For now, recession fears have overwhelmed any concerns over a tariff-led spike in inflation.

As interest rates rise/fall the dollar valuations of existing bonds rise/fall in the market. While Fixed Rate Bond's (or Floating Rates Notes) market value may drop below its face value (or par value) during the life of a security, providing Council does not sell the security and the issuer is sound (which all of Council's holdings are) then the bond's market value will come back to the face value by the time it matures.

**Changes in the value of our portfolio**

New investments were:

- \$5.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.19%pa
- \$5.0M 2 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 3.99%pa
- \$5.0M 3 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.04%pa
- \$5.0M 4 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.14%pa
- \$5.0M 5 year Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.29%pa
- \$2.0M 3 year Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 3.96%pa
- \$3.0M 4 year Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 4.04%pa
- \$7.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bendigo and Adelaide at fixed rate of 4.19%pa.

Matured investments were:

- \$25.0M 6 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 5.00%pa
- \$7.0M 6 month Term Deposit with Bendigo and Adelaide at fixed rate of 5.04%pa
- \$5.0M 6 month Green Term Deposit with Westpac at fixed rate of 4.94%pa.

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider diversifying and taking an ‘insurance policy’ against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4.25 to 4.50% p.a.

Council’s entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 52% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 10% of the portfolio in Socially Responsible Investments, and 38% of the portfolio in Green investments.

Category	Amount	%
Green	\$76,139,084	37.66%
Socially Responsible	\$20,069,897	9.93%
Non Fossil Fuel Lending	\$105,973,187	52.41%
Fossil Fuel Lending	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$202,182,168</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Council has two Emerald Investments that were purchased by the former Marrickville Council in July 2006 with maturity dates of August 2051 and August 2056 representing a market value \$1.1M of Councils invested funds.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	Commonwealth Govt	AAA	\$2,534,245	1.25%	50%	\$98,556,839
✓	National Housing FIC	AAA	\$3,951,219	1.95%	50%	\$97,139,865
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X	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	\$798,894	0.40%	0%	-\$798,894
			<b>\$202,182,168</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

^Note valuations of Council's securities on the Imperium Markets platform are marked-to-market and priced on a daily basis from an independent third party provider.

The attachments to this report summarise all investments held by Council and interest returns for the period ending 30 April 2025.

The Current Market value is required to be accounted for. The Current Market Value is a likely outcome if Council were to consider recalling the investment prior to its due date.

All investments held in the month of April were in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, *Local Government Regulations*, and the Inner West Council Investment Policy.

**External / Internal Restrictions & Working Funds**

Council's external restriction reserves are funds that are restricted for use by external entities and have a specific purpose. Examples of such reserves include:

- Developer Contributions
- Grants
- Domestic Waste Reserve
- Stormwater Levy.

Internal Restriction reserves are reserves created internally by Council for a specific purpose. Examples include:

- Employment Leave Entitlements
- Investment Property Reserve
- Infrastructure Renewal Reserve
- Depreciation Contra Reserve.

**External / Internal Restrictions & Working Funds**

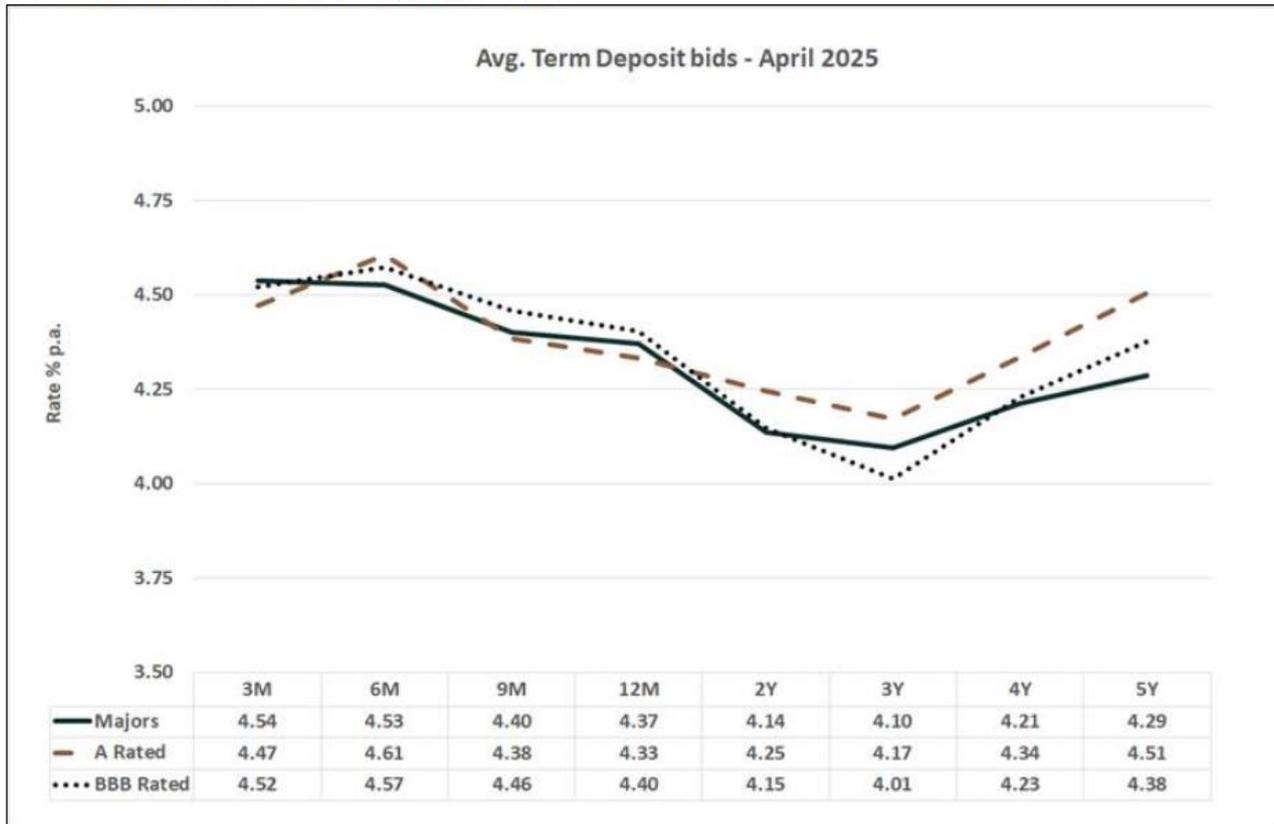
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Apr 2025</b>
External Restrictions	106,575,765
Internal restrictions	137,824,774
Working Funds	2,776,819
	<b>247,177,358</b>

<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Apr 2025</b>
Bank & Cash	40,995,723
Investments	206,181,635
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>247,177,358</b>

**Other Investment Information**

The chart below shows the average Term Deposit bids available for Council over the next five years across banks from different credit ratings.

**Term Deposit Rates – Currently (April 2025)**

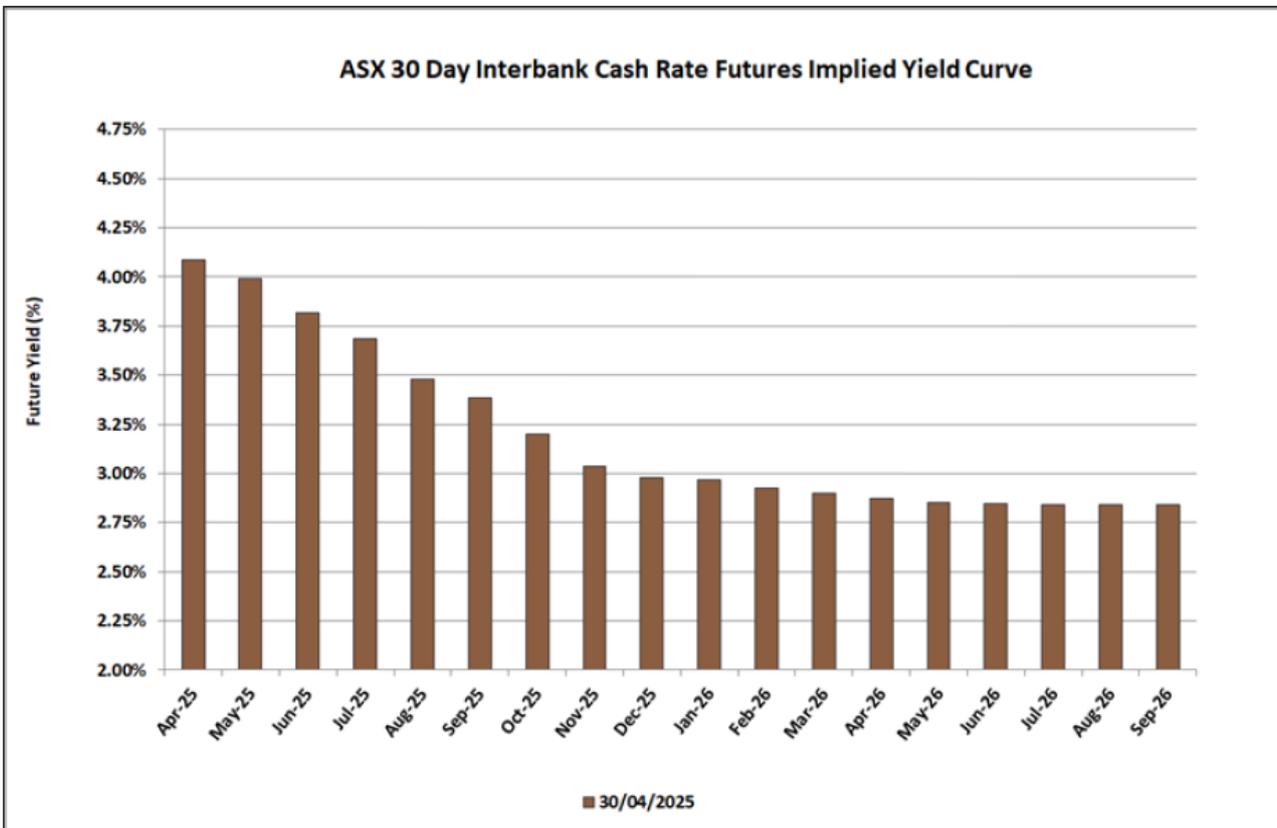


Source: Imperium Markets

In the deposit market, over April, at the very short-end of the curve (less than 6 months), the average deposit rates offered by the domestic major banks fell by around 15-20bp compared to where they were the previous month (March), with the market all but factoring in another rate cut in coming months. At the longer-end of the curve (1-5 years), the average rates have fell by another 25-30bp compared to where they were in March.

**Domestic issues:**

- The RBA kept rates on hold as widely expected. The post-Meeting Statement and the Governor’s press conference played a relatively straight bat in terms of not giving any indication of a live meeting in May. While the Board “*did not explicitly discuss a rate cut*”, the Governor noted “*it did talk a little bit about downside risks and including the global downside risks*”.
- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose +0.9% in the March 2025 quarter and +2.4% annually. The trimmed mean annual inflation rose +0.7%, coming in at +2.9% in the March quarter, down from +3.3% in the December quarter - the lowest annual trimmed mean inflation rate since the December 2021 quarter.
- Retail sales came in a modest +0.2% m/m in February after a +0.3% gain in January. The rise was led by food retailing (+0.6% m/m).
- Financial markets are now pricing up to five additional rate cuts by early to mid 2026, despite Governor Bullock’s jawboning against such expectations. The next rate cut is fully priced in by June.



Source: ASX

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

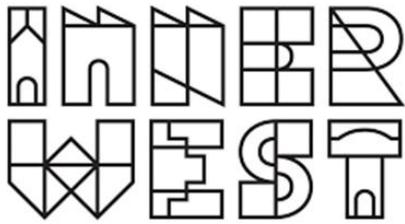
There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [Inner West Council Economic and Investment Portfolio Commentary - April 2025](#)
2. [Inner West Council Investment Report - April 2025](#)



## Monthly Investment Review



April 2025

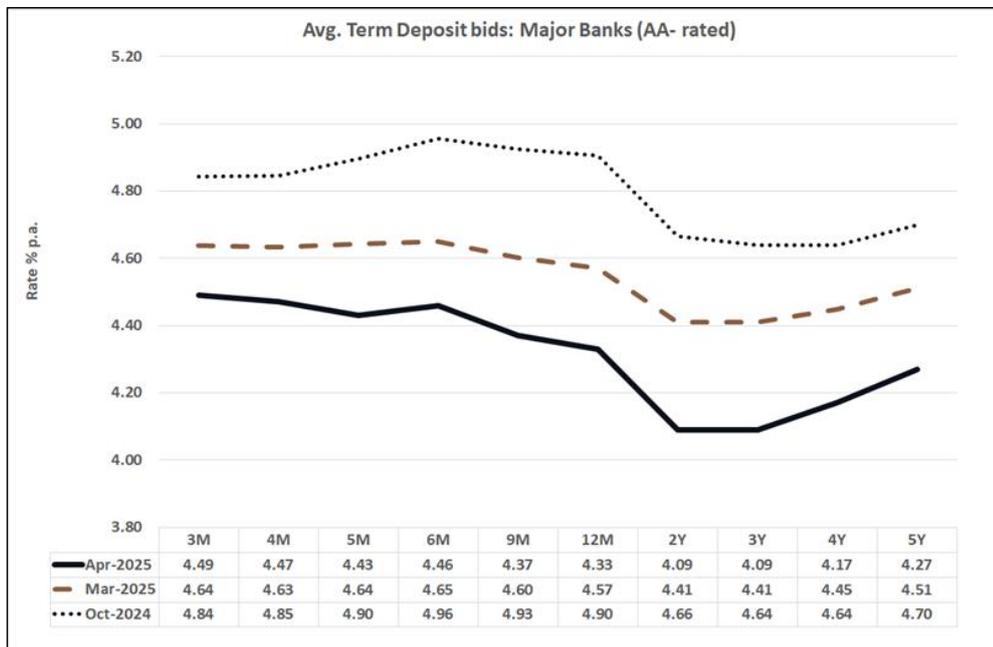
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### Market Update Summary

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With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider diversifying and taking an ‘insurance policy’ against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4¼-4½% p.a. (small allocation only).



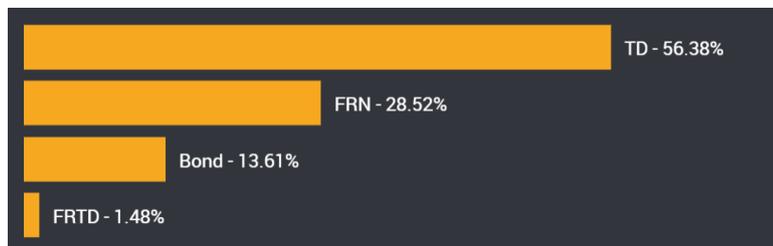
## Inner West Council’s Portfolio & Compliance

### Asset Allocation

A large proportion of the portfolio is directed to fixed and floating rate term deposits (~58%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in FRNs (~29%), which includes a residual exposure to the grandfathered mortgage backed securities, and fixed bonds (~13%).

Senior FRNs are now trading at a ‘fair value’ on a historical basis, and new issuances should be considered on a case by case scenario. For fixed interest investments, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 12 months to 5 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

With additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn being priced in 2025, investors can choose to allocate a small proportion of longer-term funds and undertake an insurance policy against additional rate cuts by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits, locking in and targeting yields above 4% p.a. Should inflation be within the RBA’s target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, returns around 4% p.a. or higher should outperform benchmark.





**Term to Maturity**

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 41% of assets maturing within 12 months.

There is significant capacity to invest in short-medium (1-3 years), which is where we see the current value to optimise returns in the longer-run once the immediate capital projects are delivered. Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed term deposits or newly issued FRNs (refer to respective sections below).

The non-compliance in the +10 year category reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities which have a final maturity date of +2050.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 12 months	\$82,577,540	40.84%	40%	100%	\$119,604,627
✓	1 – 3 years	\$74,213,209	36.71%	0%	60%	\$47,096,092
✓	3 – 5 years	\$24,131,726	11.94%	0%	30%	\$36,522,924
✓	5 – 10 years	\$20,166,812	9.97%	0%	15%	\$10,160,513
X	+10 years	\$1,092,880	0.54%	0%	0%	-\$1,092,880
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### Counterparty

Capacity limits are often dependent on the overall movement in the portfolio's balances (inflows or capital expenditures). Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to unrated ADIs. The exposure to "Unrated" assets reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities.

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✓	Commonwealth Govt	AAA	\$2,534,245	1.25%	50%	\$98,556,839
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**Ethical (Environmentally, Socially Responsible or Fossil Fuel Free) Investments**

Council has made the active decision to divest any investment which has an exposure to fossil fuels. Council will continue to favour newly issued fossil fuel-free investment products and/or ethical investments, providing it does not significantly compromise the risk and return profile of the overall investment portfolio.

The overall summary of Council’s investments can be categorised as follows:

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Non Fossil Fuel Lending	\$105,973,187	52.41%
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$202,182,168</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Credit Quality**

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The portfolio is mainly directed amongst the investment grade spectrum. All aggregate ratings categories are within the adopted Policy limits. The exposures to “Unrated” investments comprise of the grandfathered MBS investments.

There is now some capacity to invest with the “BBB” rated ADIs following the ratings upgrade for BoQ and Bendigo-Adelaide (moved up from BBB to A category range), although this is also dependent on movements in the overall portfolio’s balances.

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA Category	\$6,485,464	3.21%	100%	\$195,696,704
✓	AA Category	\$88,527,071	43.79%	100%	\$113,655,097
✓	A Category	\$73,042,422	36.13%	70%	\$68,485,096
✓	BBB Category	\$33,034,331	16.34%	20%	\$7,402,103
✓	Unrated Category	\$1,092,880	0.54%	10%	\$19,125,337
		<b>\$202,182,168</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

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## Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending April 2025 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.33%	0.98%	2.07%	3.55%	4.29%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.35%	1.04%	2.18%	3.70%	4.46%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.40%	1.18%	2.42%	4.11%	4.97%
Council's FRT/D Portfolio	0.38%	1.10%	2.23%	3.77%	4.54%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.40%	1.18%	2.41%	4.19%	5.01%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.32%	0.93%	1.29%	2.33%	2.88%
<b>Council's Total Portfolio<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>0.39%</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	<b>2.28%</b>	<b>3.93%</b>	<b>4.75%</b>
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>

<sup>^</sup>Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	4.10%	4.10%	4.23%	4.28%	4.29%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	4.38%	4.34%	4.44%	4.46%	4.46%
Council TDs	5.02%	4.93%	4.94%	4.96%	4.97%
Council's FRT/D Portfolio	4.68%	4.58%	4.55%	4.54%	4.54%
Council FRNs	5.04%	4.94%	4.92%	5.05%	5.01%
Council's Bond Portfolio	3.93%	3.85%	2.63%	2.80%	2.88%
<b>Council's Portfolio<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>4.87%</b>	<b>4.78%</b>	<b>4.66%</b>	<b>4.74%</b>	<b>4.75%</b>
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>0.22%</b>	<b>0.28%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>

<sup>^</sup>Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

For the month of April, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.39% (actual) or +4.87% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.35% (actual) or +4.38% p.a. (annualised).



**Recommendations for Council**

**Term Deposits**

Going forward, over the long-run, Council’s interest income can be increased by undertaking a slightly longer duration position (spread across 1-3 years), with rates on offer along this part of the curve likely to be offered up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is a growing belief that additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn is imminent and so locking in rates above 4¼% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors may provide some income protection against a lower rate environment.

As at the end of April, Council’s **deposit** portfolio was yielding 4.57% p.a. (down 28bp from the previous month) with a weighted average duration of around 519 days (~1.42 years). **We recommend Council maintains this average duration in the long-run to optimise returns.**

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

**Securities**

Primary (new) **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) are now ‘fair value’ again and remain appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario. **Fixed Bonds** may also provide some attractive opportunities from new (primary) issuances and potentially secondary market offers (or ‘tap’).

Please refer to the sections below for further details on each market.

**Council FRNs – Recommendations for Sale/Switches**

We now recommend Council sells/switches out of the following FRN(s):

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	Trade Reference	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	Capital Price (\$)	Unrealised Gain (\$)
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542014	AU3FN0063103	\$1,500,000	+58.2bp	\$100.205	\$4,068^
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542019	AU3FN0063103	\$5,000,000	+58.2bp	\$100.205	\$20,590^
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542413	AU3FN0063103	\$10,000,000	+58.2bp	\$100.205	\$124,780^

^These assets were purchased in the secondary market at a discount to par.

The above sale would result in a capital gain of ~\$149k and could easily be switched into higher yielding complying assets. We will inform Council when the opportunity arises.

**Council’s Fixed Bonds**

The majority of Councils’ fixed bonds are now at a discount to par given the rise in bond yields over the past few years. Unless there is an emergency to access funds at short notice, Council is likely to hold these assets to maturity and will receive its original face value back. If there is an opportunity to sell prior to maturity (if official rates fall to an attractive level), we will inform Council accordingly.



**Grandfathered Investments**

Council holds the following ‘grandfathered’ Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS). The valuation as at the end of April 2025 is shown as follows:

Asset	Maturity Date	ISIN	Capital Value	Current Value	Coupon Margin	~Current Trading Margin	Monthly Actual Return (%)
2006-1A*	21/08/2051	AU300EMER013	\$293,986	\$92.979	+45bp	+145bp	-0.01%
2006-1B	21/08/2056	AU300EMER021	\$798,894	\$79.889	+75bp	+305bp	-0.22%

\* Emerald MBS 2006-1A paid out a distribution of \$16,576.72 in November 2024 which resulted in the decline in the face value to \$316,186 from \$332,763

The MBS2006-1A security should pay its capital well before the final maturity date.

We note the liquidity of assets such as the above in the secondary market is considered very poor with large bid-ask spreads (we would indicatively suggest a bid-ask spread of around \$5-\$10 either side of the current ‘fair’ value). In most circumstances, bids are well below the indicated “mid” or “fair” values. As such, Council is expected to hold this asset for the long-term, potentially until it makes its final payment.

**Third Party Valuer (“Arms-Length”)**

Imperium Markets uses an external third party provider (IBS Capital<sup>1</sup>) who has started valuing (effective 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) Council’s holding of this asset on a daily basis (end-of-business day valuations).

IBS Capital prices all investor’s securities (FRNs, bonds, mortgage backed securities) on a daily basis. We believe this is important for auditing purposes, especially when investors reevaluate their assets at the end of every financial year. The revaluations of all securities on the Imperium Markets platform is NOT biased i.e. they are not provided by the bank or financial intermediary that sold the security to the client.

IBS Capital’s methodology is based on extensive experience in financial markets, and it has been developed by an AFMA accredited principal. In designing the valuation methodology the following AASB directives were used – market approach valuation technique as per paragraphs 61-66 of the AASB13 Standard as well as Appendix B, Application guidance, Valuation techniques paragraph of the same document.

Where applicable, end-of-day closing prices (trading margins and yields) are crossed checked and compared with other external data providers including YieldBroker, Refinitiv and/or Bloomberg’s. To make sure that adverse liquidity conditions do not influence closing prices, changes to each day’s closing prices from the previous trading date are analysed. If the changes are considerably different to changes in benchmark rates, the use of interpolation, based on securities with similar characteristics such as credit rating, maturity and capital structure (level of seniority), are applied.

<sup>1</sup> <http://ibscapital.com.au/>



## Term Deposit Market Review

### Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of April, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING Bank	A	5 years	4.45%
BoQ	A-	5 years	4.30%
Hume Bank	BBB+	5 years	4.20%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.15%
ING Bank	A	4 years	4.30%
BoQ	A-	4 years	4.15%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	4.05%
Hume Bank	BBB+	4 years	4.00%
ING Bank	A	3 years	4.15%
BoQ	A-	3 years	4.05%
BankVIC	BBB+	3 years	4.00%
State Bank of India	BBB-	3 years	4.00%
State Bank of India	BBB-	2 years	4.35%
BankVIC	BBB+	2 years	4.10%
ING Bank	A	2 years	4.08%
Suncorp	AA-	2 years	3.97%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (*we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments*):



ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
State Bank of India	BBB-	12 months	4.70%
BankVIC	BBB+	12 months	4.40%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	12 months	4.40%
Australian Unity	BBB+	12 months	4.35%
Suncorp	AA-	12 months	4.31%
State Bank of India	BBB-	9 months	4.70%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	9 months	4.50%
Suncorp	AA-	9 months	4.45%
BankVIC	BBB+	9 months	4.30%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	6 months	4.75%
State Bank of India	BBB-	6 months	4.70%
BankVIC	BBB+	6 months	4.55%
Suncorp	AA-	6 months	4.43%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	3 months	4.75%
State Bank of India	BBB-	3 months	4.70%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.50%

For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer term, they will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle if they roll for an average min. term of 12 months, with a spread of investments out to 5 years (this is where we see current value). In a normal market environment (upward sloping yield curve), investors could earn over a cycle, on average, up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

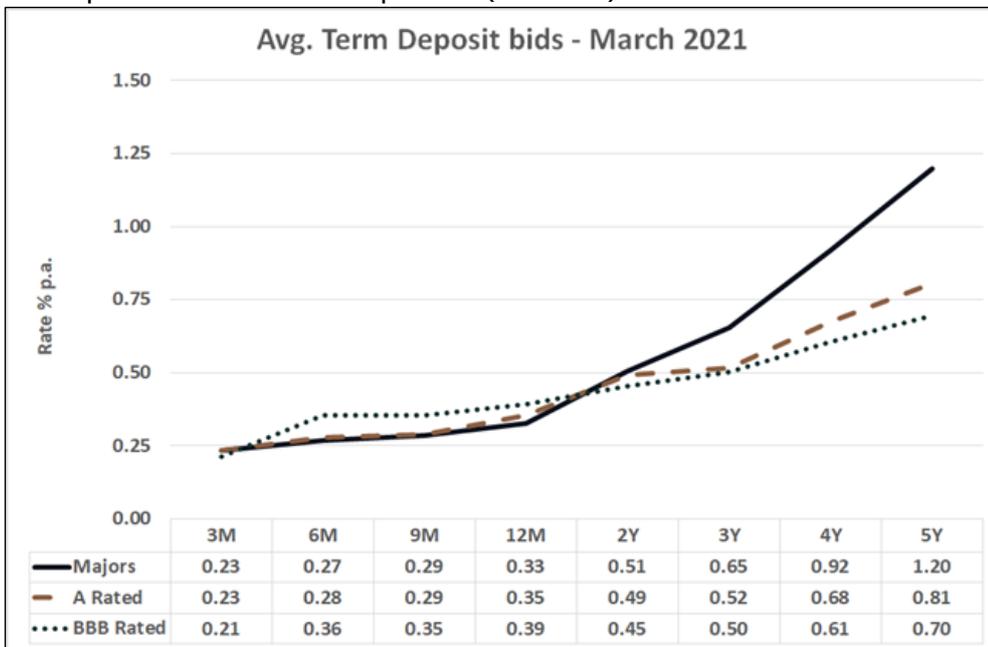
With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider allocating some longer-term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4¼-4½% p.a. This will provide some income protection if the RBA decides to continue cutting rates over 2025 and into 2026.



**Term Deposits Analysis**

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

**Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)**



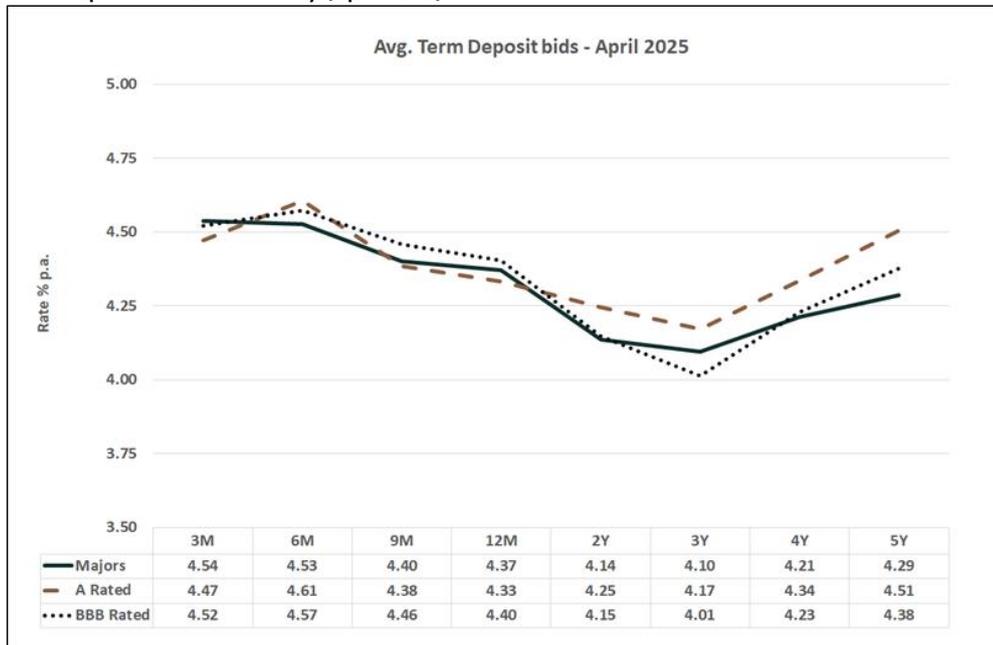
Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.



Going forward, investors should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

**Term Deposit Rates – Currently (April 2025)**



Source: Imperium Markets

**Financial Stability of the Banking (ADI) Sector**

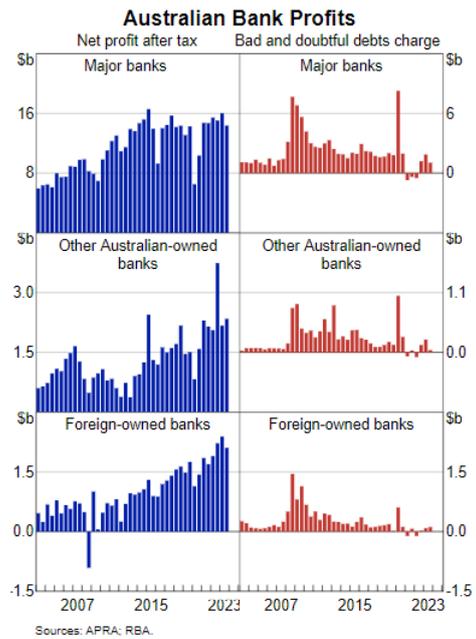
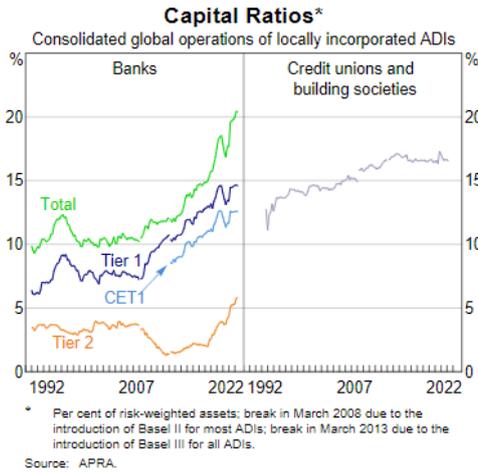
The RBA's latest Financial Stability report of 2024 reaffirms the strong balance sheet across the ADI sector. They noted that the risk of widespread financial stress remains limited due to the generally strong financial positions of most (individual) borrowers. Very few mortgage borrowers are in negative equity, limiting the impact on lenders (ADIs) in the event of default and supporting their ability to continue providing credit to the economy. Most businesses that have entered insolvency are small and have little debt, limiting the broader impact on the labour market and thus household incomes, and on the capital position of lenders (ADIs).

Australian banks (collectively the APRA regulated ADIs) have maintained prudent lending standards and are well positioned to continue supplying credit to the economy. A deterioration in economic conditions or temporary disruption to funding markets is unlikely to halt lending activity. Banks have anticipated an



increase in loan arrears and have capital and liquidity buffers well above regulatory requirements (see *Capita Ratios chart below*). APRA’s mandate is to “protect depositors” and provide “financial stability”.

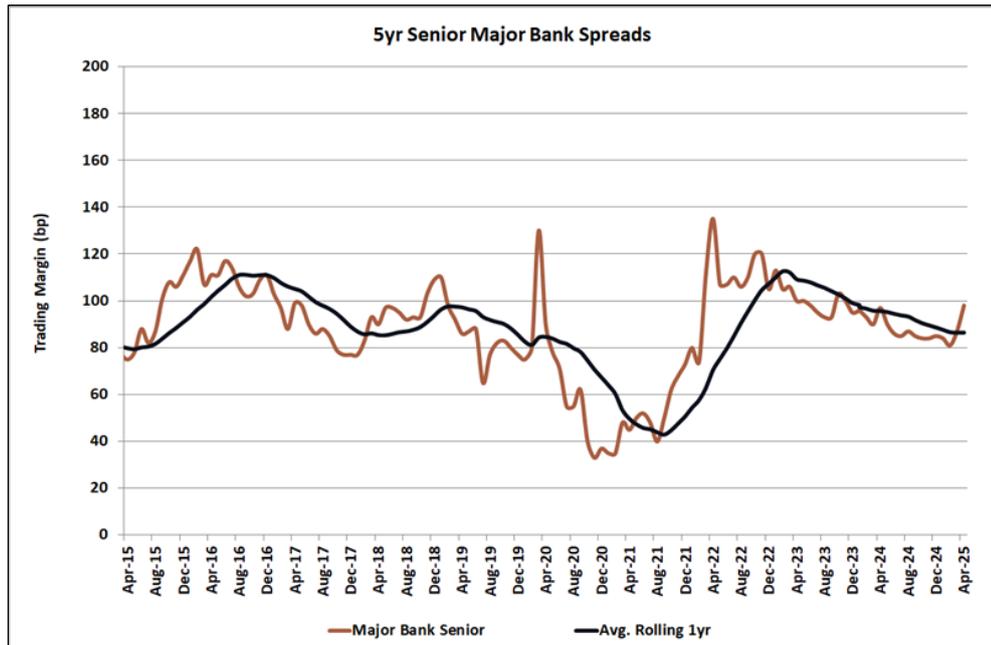
Over the past two decades, both domestic and international banks continue to operate and demonstrate high levels of profitability (see *Australian Bank Profits chart below*), which also includes two stress-test environments being the GFC (September 2008) and the COVID pandemic (March 2020):





### Senior FRNs Market Review

Over April, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities widened between 7-11bp at the long-end of the curve. Spreads widened aggressively at the beginning of the month, reacting to Trump’s tariff policies, before stabilising after announcing the 90-day moratorium. Long-term major bank senior securities are now looking fair value again as the 5yr margin approaches the +100bp level.



Source: IBS Capital

There was a lack of new issuances amongst the ADIs during the month, sitting on the sidelines in a volatile month for risk markets. Amongst the “A” and “BBB” rated sectors, the securities widened up to 15bp at the longer-end of the curve.

Overall, credit securities remain fair value on a historical basis. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors’ portfolios mainly based on their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.



Senior FRNs (ADIs)	30/04/2025	31/03/2025
“AA” rated – 5yrs	+98bp	+87bp
“AA” rated – 3yrs	+77bp	+70bp
“A” rated – 5yrs	+110bp	+95bp
“A” rated – 3yrs	+88bp	+74bp
“BBB” rated – 3yrs	+130bp	+118bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches (‘benchmark’ issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before mid-2027 for the “AA” rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before mid-2026 for the “A” rated ADIs; and
- Within 6–9 months for the “BBB” rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs (‘benchmark’ issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.



**Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)**

With global inflation softening and official interest rates starting to drop progressively, investors may look at some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0314763	Bendigo	A-	Senior	24/10/2028	3.49	4.79%	4.41%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	4.01	5.30%	4.54%
AU3CB0319879	Nova Sco.	A-	Senior	21/03/2030	4.90	5.23%	4.94%



## Economic Commentary

### International Market

Volatility intensified early in the month after US President Trump’s tariff wars wreaked havoc across global financial markets. The losses in equity markets reversed over the second half of the month on hopes that trade deals would be achieved after Trump announced a 90-day moratorium on new tariffs. For now, recession fears have overwhelmed any concerns over a tariff-led spike in inflation.

Across equity markets, the US S&P 500 Index fell -0.76%, whilst the NASDAQ gained +0.85%. Europe’s main indices were mixed, with losses in France’s CAC (-2.53%) and UK’s FTSE (-1.02%). Germany’s DAX gained +1.50% for the month.

US CPI came in softer than expected in March. Headline inflation fell -0.1% m/m, its first monthly decline in close to five years, pulling the annual rate down to +2.4%. More significant was the core reading which came in a full 0.2% below consensus at +0.1%.

Canadian CPI was much weaker than expected with the annual rate falling to +2.3% from +2.6% (consensus +2.7% y/y). The Bank of Canada held the policy rate at 2.75% as expected.

The UK unemployment rate was steady at 4.4% and slightly weaker than expected. In contrast, wage inflation data remained strong, with annual increases running just under 6%. UK CPI inflation data came in on the softer side of expectations, with the headline inflation measure falling to +2.6% y/y compared to expectations of +2.7% y/y.

Eurozone inflation came in line with expectations at +2.2% y/y. The core measure slowed to +2.4% from +2.6%, while services inflation cooled to +3.4%. The ECB cut its Deposit Rate by 25bp for a sixth consecutive meeting, bringing it to 2.25% and they removed the restrictive label from its policy statement.

China’s GDP for Q1 came in at +5.4% y/y (better than expected) and industrial production and retail sales accelerated in March to +7.7% y/y and +5.9% y/y respectively.

In the first decision under new interim governor Christian Hawkesby, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) cut its official cash rate by 25bp to 3.50%, as widely expected.

The IMF cut its 2025 global growth forecast to +2.8% from +3.3%, and the US to +1.8% from +2.7% (with a 40% chance of a US recession).

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +0.64% for the month of April:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	-0.76%	-7.81%	+10.59%	+10.46%	+13.84%	+10.32%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+0.64%	-4.76%	+10.71%	+9.55%	+12.32%	+7.62%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+3.62%	-3.69%	+9.79%	+7.18%	+12.14%	+7.72%

Source: S&P, MSCI



**Domestic Market**

The RBA kept rates on hold as widely expected. The post-Meeting Statement and the Governor’s press conference played a relatively straight bat in terms of not giving any indication of a live meeting in May. While the Board “did not explicitly discuss a rate cut”, the Governor noted “it did talk a little bit about downside risks and including the global downside risks”.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose +0.9% in the March 2025 quarter and +2.4% annually. The trimmed mean annual inflation rose +0.7%, coming in at +2.9% in the March quarter, down from +3.3% in the December quarter – the lowest annual trimmed mean inflation rate since the December 2021 quarter.

Retail sales came in a modest +0.2% m/m in February after a +0.3% gain in January. The rise was led by food retailing (+0.6% m/m).

Dwelling prices for March rose +0.4% m/m, sustaining the +0.3% rise in February after having fallen by small increments over the prior few months.

Consumer confidence for April fell –6.0% m/m on the Westpac-MI measure following the previous month’s +4% rise. The survey period spanned 31 March to 4 April and so captured some of the reaction to the Trump Administration’s tariff announcement on 2 April and subsequent market sell-off.

The Australian dollar rose around +2.17%, finishing the month at US64.16 cents (from US62.80 cents the previous month).

**Credit Market**

The global credit indices widened in the risk-off environment. They are now back to levels last seen in early 2023:

Index	April 2025	March 2025
CDX North American 5yr CDS	67bp	61bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	68bp	64bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	92bp	88bp

Source: Markit



## Fixed Interest Review

### Benchmark Index Returns

Index	April 2025	March 2025
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.35%	+0.35%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+1.70%	+0.17%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.22%	+0.32%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+1.09%	+0.28%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+1.82%	+0.12%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+1.22%	-0.90%

Source: Bloomberg

### Other Key Rates

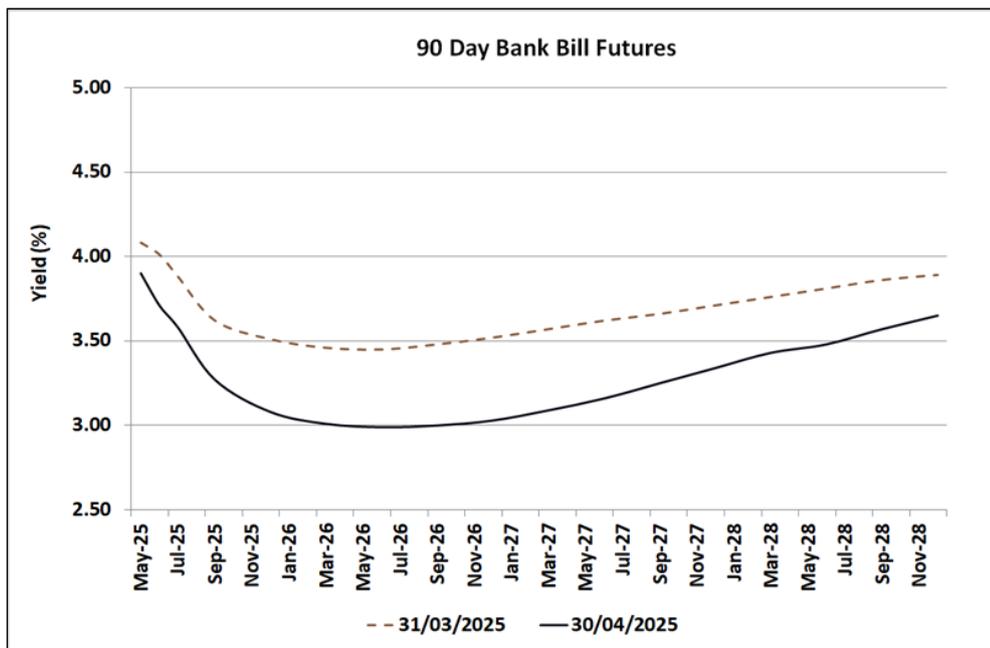
Index	April 2025	March 2025
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.10%	4.10%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	3.87%	4.13%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.30%	3.69%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.14%	4.40%
US Fed Funds Rate	4.25%-4.50%	4.25%-4.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.60%	3.89%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.17%	4.23%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury



**90 Day Bill Futures**

Bill futures fell at the very short-end of the curve, with markets all but factoring another 25bp rate cut by June 2025:



Source: ASX



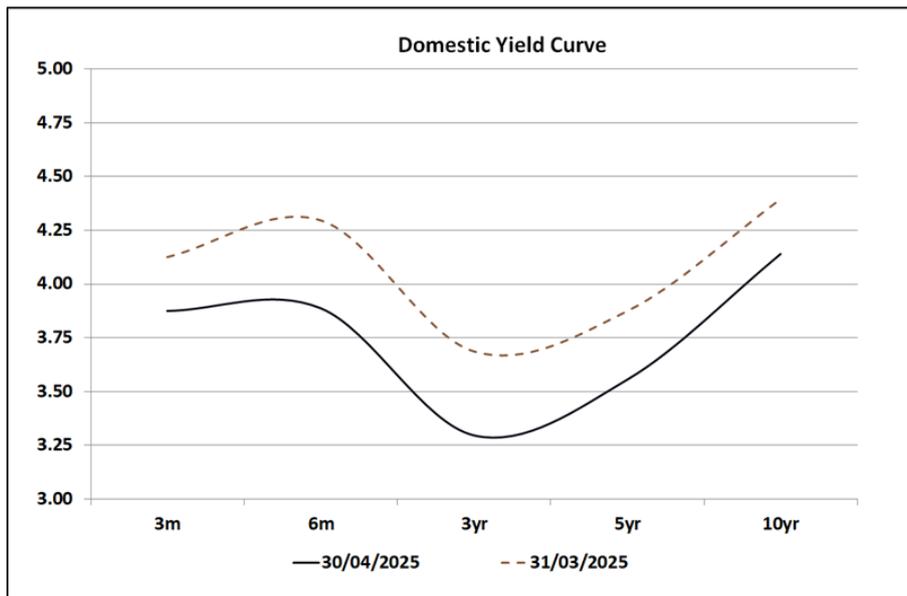
## Fixed Interest Outlook

Trump’s abrupt tariff policies continue to cause volatility across financial markets and will place significant pressure on global growth. For now, recession fears have overwhelmed any concerns over a tariff led jump in inflation, with the market now factoring at least 3 cuts by the US Fed for the remainder of 2025.

Domestically, geopolitical uncertainties are starting to be discussed more extensively by the RBA Board and certainly is one large potential downside risk for the outlook. The negative directional impact on global activity is clear. Less clear though is how it could impact on global inflation (*“inflation, however, could move in either direction”*) and the follow-on impact for Australia given the potential for trade flows to re-direct.

The overall direct impacts of US tariffs on Australia will be small (estimated to be less than 0.1% of GDP), but the indirect impacts could be more significant and are highly uncertain. The effects will depend on impacts to trading partners and whether stimulus can offset headwinds. The most likely pass-through from this will be lower commodity prices, reduced business investment, and a potential hit to consumer confidence. However, on the positive side, export re-direction could see more goods deflation, giving the RBA more room to ease rates.

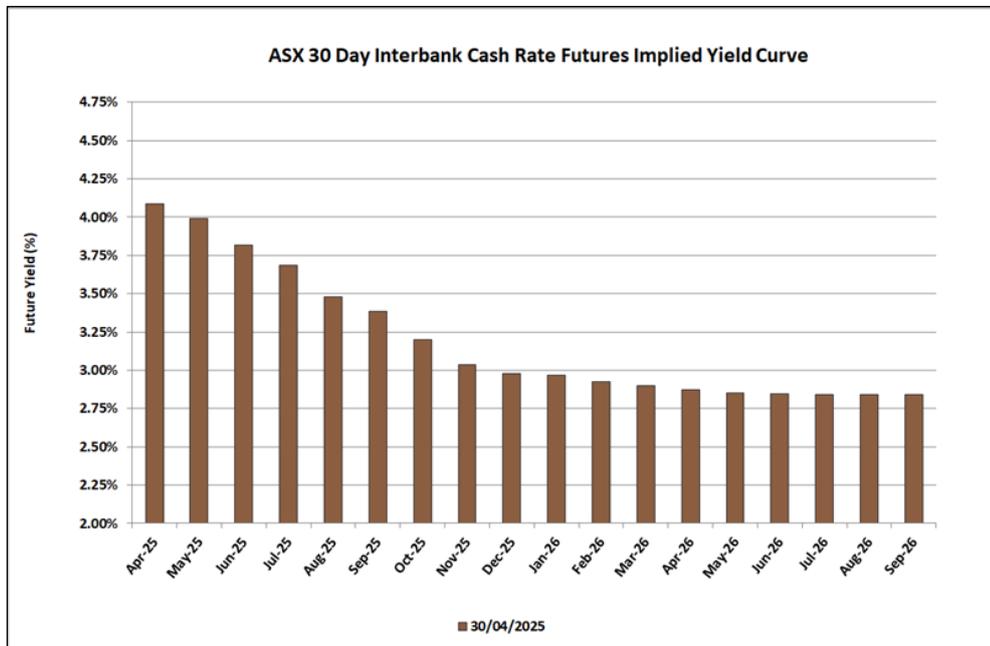
Yields fell up to 40bp at the long-end of the curve:



Source: ASX, RBA



Financial markets are now pricing up to five (5) additional rate cuts by early-mid 2026, despite Governor Bullock's jawboning against such expectations. The next rate cut is fully priced in by June:



Source: ASX

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# Investment Report

01/04/2025 to 30/04/2025

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## Portfolio Valuation as at 30/04/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/06/2025	4.9000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	90,616.44	12,082.19
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/06/2025	4.9000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	145,657.53	20,136.99
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/01/2025	09/07/2025	5.0200	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	154,038.36	41,260.27
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/09/2025	4.6400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	20,021.92	13,347.95
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	89,136.99	11,884.93
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	189,924.66	25,323.29
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	142,090.41	19,643.84
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	282,991.78	39,123.29
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/10/2025	5.0200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	125,843.84	20,630.14
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.6353	5,598,930.40	5,600,000.00	41,958.99	21,335.08
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	573.97	573.97
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	803.56	803.56
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.7464	9,978,610.00	10,000,000.00	75,422.25	39,011.51
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/03/2026	4.5200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	22,290.41	14,860.27
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.5254	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	11,530.47	11,158.52

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Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.3745	1,657,718.70	1,650,000.00	242.96	242.96
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.5268	9,973,320.00	10,000,000.00	47,128.33	37,206.58
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.5268	4,986,660.00	5,000,000.00	23,564.16	18,603.29
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.5268	1,495,998.00	1,500,000.00	7,069.25	5,580.99
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.5268	4,986,660.00	5,000,000.00	23,564.16	18,603.29
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	5.2030	4,746,185.75	4,750,000.00	54,168.22	20,313.08
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.7173	2,213,829.20	2,200,000.00	19,642.45	10,338.13
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	17/03/2025	17/03/2027	4.3800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	10,800.00	7,200.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	95,030.14	69,534.25
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2027	3.9900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	546.58	546.58
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,628,339.20	1,600,000.00	37,558.36	6,706.85
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1793	2,004,594.00	2,000,000.00	21,568.59	8,513.92
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	5.2649	1,447,121.75	1,450,000.00	18,196.36	6,274.61
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	5.8423	1,513,861.50	1,500,000.00	16,566.52	7,202.84
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	5.8423	1,362,475.35	1,350,000.00	14,909.87	6,482.55

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Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	5.2600	1,196,445.60	1,200,000.00	7,090.19	5,187.95
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	4.0400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	553.42	553.42
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	3.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	216.99	216.99
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	4.7900	708,334.20	700,000.00	643.04	643.04
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,903,085.00	5,000,000.00	68,630.14	12,328.77
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	6.0293	918,082.80	900,000.00	11,298.74	4,460.03
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	9,843.29	8,202.74
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.1400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	567.12	567.12
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.0400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	332.05	332.05
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,081,510.00	3,000,000.00	435.62	435.62
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9580	2,036,124.00	2,000,000.00	41,837.37	8,150.14
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9460	2,484,590.00	2,500,000.00	21,003.56	10,163.01
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2030	4.2900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	587.67	587.67
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,336,335.00	1,500,000.00	9,682.19	1,873.97
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	4.5000	2,034,624.00	2,000,000.00	38,712.33	7,397.26

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,086,560.00	5,000,000.00	96,780.82	18,493.15
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,614,884.00	3,000,000.00	17,018.63	4,290.41
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	1.7500	1,560,164.00	2,000,000.00	15,054.79	2,876.71
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,534,245.00	2,500,000.00	37,551.37	8,732.88
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.5923	293,986.24	316,186.31	2,744.92	1,193.44
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	4.8923	798,894.00	1,000,000.00	9,248.46	4,021.07
<b>TOTALS</b>								<b>202,182,167.69</b>	<b>203,216,186.31</b>	<b>2,173,290.24</b>	<b>615,233.13</b>

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## Portfolio by Asset as at 30/04/2025

### Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/06/2025	4.9000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	90,616.44	12,082.19
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/06/2025	4.9000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	145,657.53	20,136.99
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/01/2025	09/07/2025	5.0200	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	154,038.36	41,260.27
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/09/2025	4.6400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	20,021.92	13,347.95
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	89,136.99	11,884.93
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	189,924.66	25,323.29
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	142,090.41	19,643.84
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	282,991.78	39,123.29
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/10/2025	5.0200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	125,843.84	20,630.14
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	573.97	573.97
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	803.56	803.56
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/03/2026	4.5200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	22,290.41	14,860.27
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	17/03/2025	17/03/2027	4.3800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	10,800.00	7,200.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	95,030.14	69,534.25

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2027	3.9900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	546.58	546.58
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	4.0400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	553.42	553.42
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	3.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	216.99	216.99
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	9,843.29	8,202.74
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.1400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	567.12	567.12
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.0400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	332.05	332.05
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2030	4.2900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	587.67	587.67
<b>TD SUBTOTALS</b>								<b>114,000,000.00</b>	<b>114,000,000.00</b>	<b>1,382,467.12</b>	<b>307,411.51</b>

### Asset Type: FRTD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.5254	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	11,530.47	11,158.52
<b>FRTD SUBTOTALS</b>								<b>3,000,000.00</b>	<b>3,000,000.00</b>	<b>11,530.47</b>	<b>11,158.52</b>

### Asset Type: FRN

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.6353	5,598,930.40	5,600,000.00	41,958.99	21,335.08
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.7464	9,978,610.00	10,000,000.00	75,422.25	39,011.51
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.3745	1,657,718.70	1,650,000.00	242.96	242.96
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.5268	9,973,320.00	10,000,000.00	47,128.33	37,206.58
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.5268	4,986,660.00	5,000,000.00	23,564.16	18,603.29
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.5268	1,495,998.00	1,500,000.00	7,069.25	5,580.99
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.5268	4,986,660.00	5,000,000.00	23,564.16	18,603.29
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	5.2030	4,746,185.75	4,750,000.00	54,168.22	20,313.08
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.7173	2,213,829.20	2,200,000.00	19,642.45	10,338.13
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1793	2,004,594.00	2,000,000.00	21,568.59	8,513.92
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	5.2649	1,447,121.75	1,450,000.00	18,196.36	6,274.61
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	5.8423	1,513,861.50	1,500,000.00	16,566.52	7,202.84
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	5.8423	1,362,475.35	1,350,000.00	14,909.87	6,482.55
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	5.2600	1,196,445.60	1,200,000.00	7,090.19	5,187.95
Newcastle Greater	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	6.0293	918,082.80	900,000.00	11,298.74	4,460.03

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Mutual Group Ltd			LENDING								
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9460	2,484,590.00	2,500,000.00	21,003.56	10,163.01
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.5923	293,986.24	316,186.31	2,744.92	1,193.44
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	4.8923	798,894.00	1,000,000.00	9,248.46	4,021.07
<b>FRN SUBTOTALS</b>								<b>57,657,963.29</b>	<b>57,916,186.31</b>	<b>415,387.99</b>	<b>224,734.31</b>

### Asset Type: BOND

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,628,339.20	1,600,000.00	37,558.36	6,706.85
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	4.7900	708,334.20	700,000.00	643.04	643.04
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,903,085.00	5,000,000.00	68,630.14	12,328.77
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,081,510.00	3,000,000.00	435.62	435.62
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9580	2,036,124.00	2,000,000.00	41,837.37	8,150.14
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,336,335.00	1,500,000.00	9,682.19	1,873.97
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	4.5000	2,034,624.00	2,000,000.00	38,712.33	7,397.26

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,086,560.00	5,000,000.00	96,780.82	18,493.15
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,614,884.00	3,000,000.00	17,018.63	4,290.41
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	1.7500	1,560,164.00	2,000,000.00	15,054.79	2,876.71
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,534,245.00	2,500,000.00	37,551.37	8,732.88
<b>BOND SUBTOTALS</b>								<b>27,524,204.40</b>	<b>28,300,000.00</b>	<b>363,904.66</b>	<b>71,928.79</b>

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**Portfolio by Asset Totals** as at 30/04/2025

Type	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
TD	114,000,000.00	114,000,000.00	1,382,467.12	307,411.51
FRTD	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	11,530.47	11,158.52
FRN	57,657,963.29	57,916,186.31	415,387.99	224,734.31
BOND	27,524,204.40	28,300,000.00	363,904.66	71,928.79
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>202,182,167.69</b>	<b>203,216,186.31</b>	<b>2,173,290.24</b>	<b>615,233.13</b>

## Counterparty Compliance as at 30/04/2025

### Long Term Investments

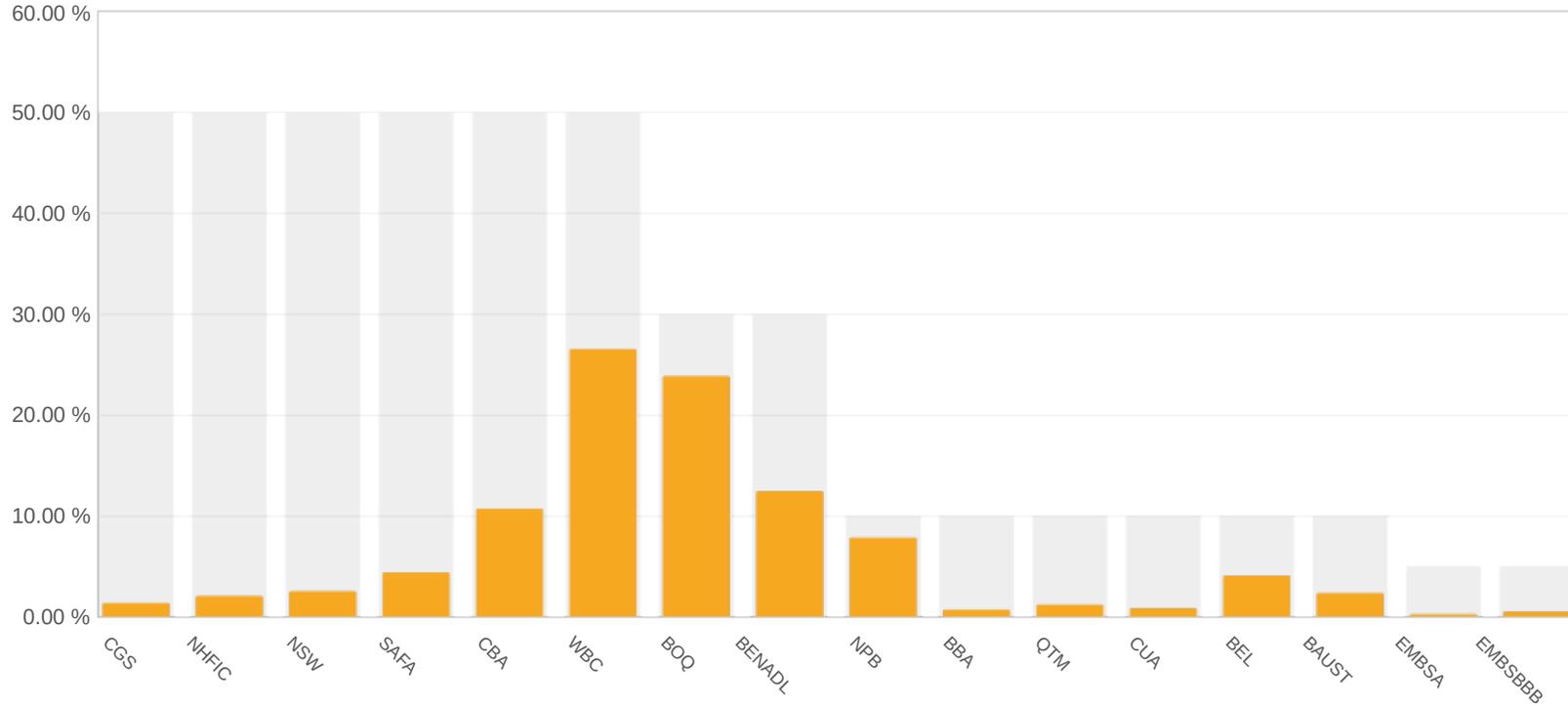
Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	Commonwealth Government	Long	AAA	2,534,245.00	1.25	50.00	-	98,556,838.84
✓	NHFIC	Long	AAA	3,951,219.00	1.95	50.00	-	97,139,864.84
✓	NSW Treasury Corp	Long	AA+	4,903,085.00	2.42	50.00	-	96,187,998.84
✓	South Australian Government	Long	AA+	8,681,348.00	4.29	50.00	-	92,409,735.84
✓	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	21,442,638.00	10.61	50.00	-	79,648,445.84
✓	Westpac	Long	AA-	53,500,000.00	26.46	50.00	-	47,591,083.84
✓	BOQ	Long	A-	48,081,510.00	23.78	30.00	-	12,573,140.31
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	Long	A-	24,960,911.80	12.35	30.00	-	35,693,738.51
✓	Newcastle Permanent	Long	BBB+	15,642,878.55	7.74	10.00	-	4,575,338.22
✓	Beyond Bank	Long	BBB+	1,196,445.60	0.59	10.00	-	19,021,771.17
✓	RACQ Bank	Long	BBB+	2,213,829.20	1.09	10.00	-	18,004,387.57
✓	Great Southern Bank	Long	BBB+	1,447,121.75	0.72	10.00	-	18,771,095.02
✓	Bank of Us	Long	BBB+	8,000,000.00	3.96	10.00	-	12,218,216.77
✓	Bank Australia	Long	BBB+	4,534,055.55	2.24	10.00	-	15,684,161.22

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Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Long	Unrated	293,986.24	0.14	5.00	-	9,815,122.15
✓	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Long	Unrated	798,894.00	0.40	5.00	-	9,310,214.38
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>202,182,167.69</b>	<b>100.00</b>			

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Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



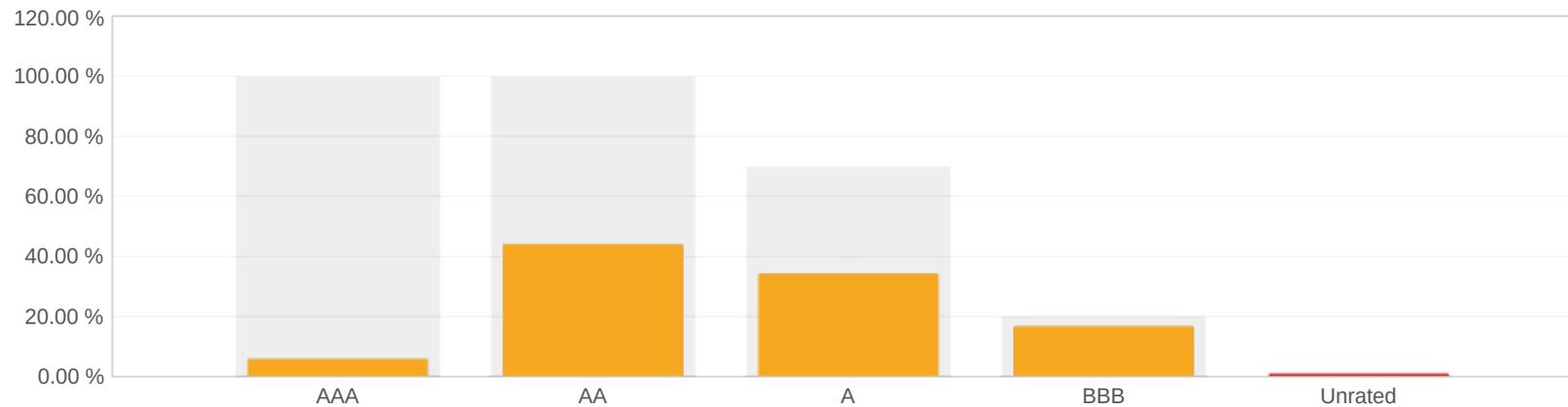
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### Credit Quality Compliance as at 30/04/2025

#### Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA	11,006,178.00	5.44	100.00	191,175,989.69
✓	AA	88,527,071.00	43.79	100.00	113,655,096.69
✓	A	68,521,707.80	33.89	70.00	73,005,809.58
✓	BBB	33,034,330.65	16.34	20.00	7,402,102.89
✗	Unrated	1,092,880.24	0.54	0.00	-1,092,880.24
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>202,182,167.69</b>	<b>100.00</b>		

#### Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments

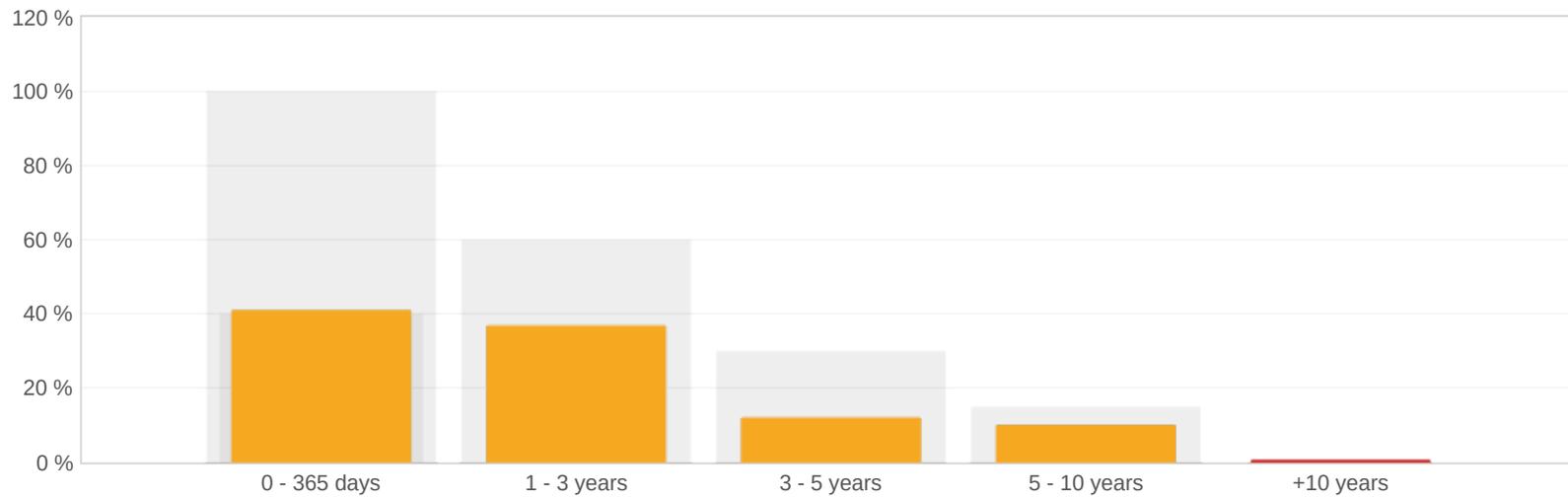


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**Maturity Compliance** as at 30/04/2025

Compliant	Term	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 365 days	82,577,540.40	40.84	40.00	100.00	119,604,627.29
✓	1 - 3 years	74,213,209.05	36.71	0.00	60.00	47,096,091.56
✓	3 - 5 years	24,131,726.00	11.94	0.00	30.00	36,522,924.31
✓	5 - 10 years	20,166,812.00	9.97	0.00	15.00	10,160,513.15
✗	+10 years	1,092,880.24	0.54	0.00	0.00	-1,092,880.24
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>202,182,167.69</b>	<b>100.00</b>			

**Maturity Compliance**



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## Trades in Period

From: 01/04/2025 To: 30/04/2025

### New Trades - From: 01/04/2025 To: 30/04/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2030	4.2900	5,000,000.00	1144035
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.1400	5,000,000.00	1144034
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	4.0400	5,000,000.00	1144033
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2027	3.9900	5,000,000.00	1144032
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	5,000,000.00	1144031
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	7,000,000.00	5121152
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.0400	3,000,000.00	12414724
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	3.9600	2,000,000.00	12414714
<b>TOTALS</b>								<b>37,000,000.00</b>	

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**Sell Trades - From: 01/04/2025 To: 30/04/2025**

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Yield/Margin (%)	Face Value (\$)	Gross Value (\$)	Capital Value (\$)	Reference
No entries for this item												
<b>TOTALS</b>									0			

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**Matured Trades - From: 01/04/2025 To: 30/04/2025**

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/04/2025	5.0000	25,000,000.00	1050650
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/04/2025	5.0400	7,000,000.00	4939813
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/04/2025	4.9400	5,000,000.00	11987784
<b>TOTALS</b>								<b>37,000,000.00</b>	

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## Unrealised Gains / Losses as at 30/04/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	5,600,000.00	5,598,930.40	100.0000	99.9809	-1,069.60
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	10,000,000.00	9,978,610.00	100.0000	99.7861	-21,390.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,650,000.00	1,657,718.70	100.0000	100.4678	7,718.70
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	GREEN	9,848,540.00	9,973,320.00	98.4854	99.7332	124,780.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	4,966,070.00	4,986,660.00	99.3214	99.7332	20,590.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	1,491,930.00	1,495,998.00	99.4620	99.7332	4,068.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	5,000,000.00	4,986,660.00	100.0000	99.7332	-13,340.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	4,750,000.00	4,746,185.75	100.0000	99.9197	-3,814.25
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,200,000.00	2,213,829.20	100.0000	100.6286	13,829.20
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,597,888.00	1,628,339.20	99.8680	101.7712	30,451.20
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,004,594.00	100.0000	100.2297	4,594.00
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,450,000.00	1,447,121.75	100.0000	99.8015	-2,878.25
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,521,030.00	1,513,861.50	101.4020	100.9241	-7,168.50
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,350,000.00	1,362,475.35	100.0000	100.9241	12,475.35
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,200,000.00	1,196,445.60	100.0000	99.7038	-3,554.40
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	700,000.00	708,334.20	100.0000	101.1906	8,334.20

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss (\$)
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	4,903,085.00	100.0000	98.0617	-96,915.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	900,000.00	918,082.80	100.0000	102.0092	18,082.80
BOQ	A-	BOND	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,992,470.00	3,081,510.00	99.7490	102.7170	89,040.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,036,124.00	100.0000	101.8062	36,124.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,500,000.00	2,484,590.00	100.0000	99.3836	-15,410.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,535,415.00	1,336,335.00	102.3610	89.0890	-199,080.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,983,600.00	2,034,624.00	99.1800	101.7312	51,024.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	5,086,560.00	100.0000	101.7312	86,560.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	3,000,000.00	2,614,884.00	100.0000	87.1628	-385,116.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,536,340.00	1,560,164.00	76.8170	78.0082	23,824.00
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	2,492,450.00	2,534,245.00	99.6980	101.3698	41,795.00
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	MBS	316,186.31	293,986.24	100.0000	92.9788	-22,200.07
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	MBS	1,000,000.00	798,894.00	100.0000	79.8894	-201,106.00
<b>TOTALS</b>						<b>85,581,919.31</b>	<b>85,182,167.69</b>			<b>-399,751.62</b>

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## Realised Gains / Losses

From: 01/04/2025 To: 30/04/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Cost Price	Current Price	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Realised	Type
No entries for this item											
<b>TOTALS</b>						0	0			0	

## Interest Received in Period

From: 01/04/2025 To: 30/04/2025

### Periodic Interest

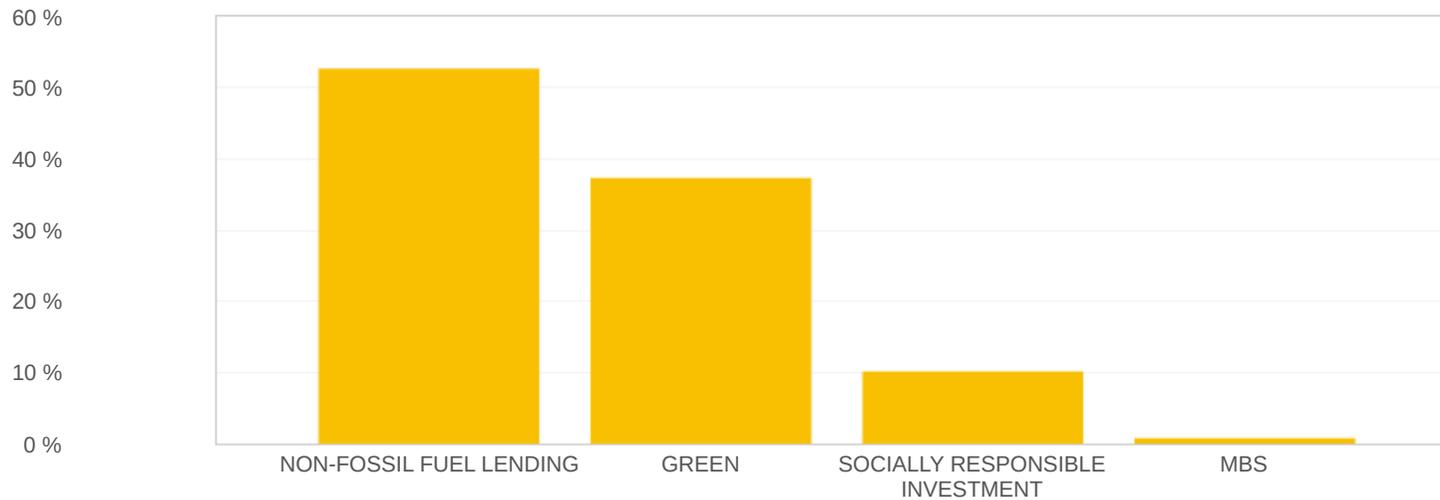
Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value (\$)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received (\$)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	7,000,000.00	30/10/2024	30/04/2025	30/04/2025	Maturity	5.0400	175,916.71
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	25,000,000.00	30/10/2024	30/04/2025	30/04/2025	Maturity	5.0000	623,287.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	30/10/2024	30/04/2025	30/04/2025	Maturity	4.9400	123,161.64
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	1,650,000.00	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	30/04/2025	Periodic	5.7553	23,415.40
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	700,000.00	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	24/04/2025	Periodic	4.7900	16,765.00
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	3,000,000.00	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	30/04/2025	Periodic	5.3000	79,500.00
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>42,350,000.00</b>						<b>1,042,046.43</b>

Allocation as at 30/04/2025

**Allocation** as at 30/04/2025

Code	Number of trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	29	106,076,752.45	52.47
GREEN	13	74,942,638.00	37.07
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	7	20,069,897.00	9.93
MBS	2	1,092,880.24	0.54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>202,182,167.69</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Allocation Distribution** as at 30/04/2025

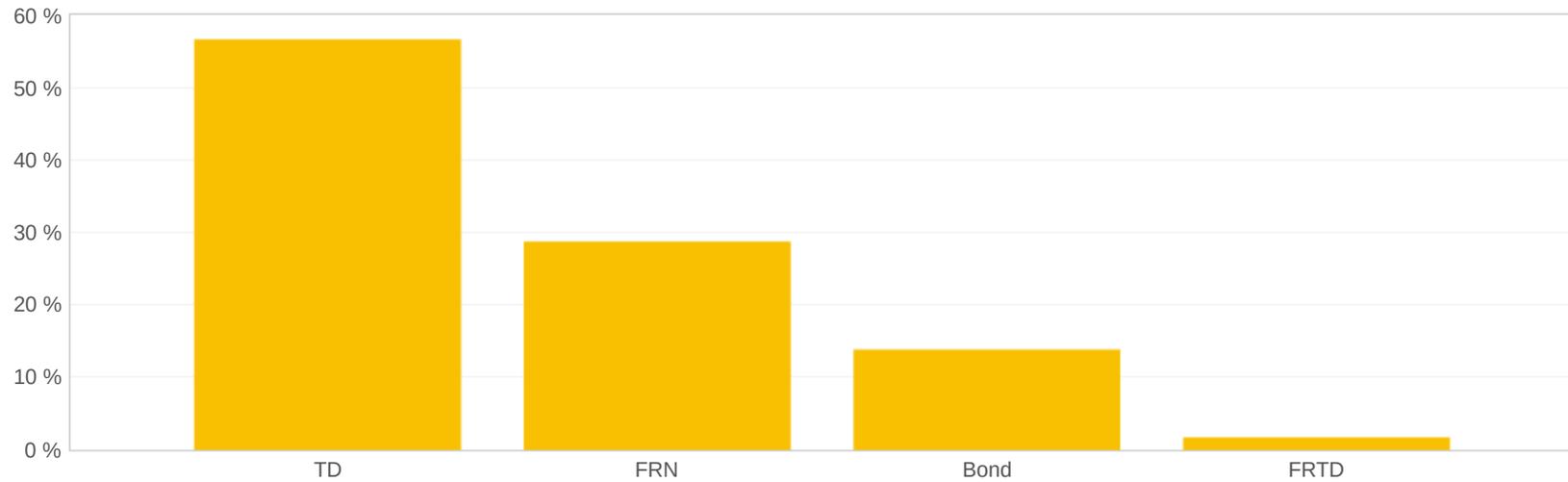


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**Asset Class** as at 30/04/2025

Code	Number of Trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
TD	21	114,000,000.00	56.38
FRN	18	57,657,963.29	28.52
Bond	11	27,524,204.40	13.61
FRTD	1	3,000,000.00	1.48
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>202,182,167.69</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Asset Class Distribution**



**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 13  
**Subject:** LEICHHARDT PARK AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADE - MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATE  
**Prepared By:** Stuart Hull - Senior Manager Capital Works  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

It is proposed to deliver the LPAC Upgrade generally in two stages due to construction practicalities and ensuring as many facilities at LPAC are open as possible during construction. It is also proposed to commence construction works during the winter months to minimise impacts on community pool users, sport groups, swim learners and LPAC operations.

A project team with demonstratable experience and capability to successfully deliver the project has been formed, with a comprehensive project assurance and governance framework being applied to the project.

Stage 1 (mushroom pool and a new kids’ splash play area) is currently in the construction phase with the contractor taking site possession of the works area on 1 April 2025. The works area is fenced, with the outdoor pools and indoor pools remaining operational. It is anticipated that Stage 1 will be completed in October 2025 (weather permitting).

Stage 2 (construction of new heated 8-lane 50m pool and a heated 25m pool) is currently in the design phase having its high level scope confirmed at the April 2025 Council meeting by endorsement of the revised conceptual designs.

Planning and design activities have advanced significantly with the 50% design package currently under internal review. The 50% design package is expected to be completed by June 2025.

Additional scope elements as identified in the April 2025 Council resolution for Stage 2 will now be investigated and these findings reported to Council through the monthly project update.

An Expression of interest (EOI) document was released to the market on the 31 March which closed on 28 April 2025. This process will deliver a short list of appropriately experienced and qualified contractors to participate in a selective tender process for the construction contract. The EOI submissions are now under evaluation

Stage 2 is due for completion in September 2027.

The LPAC upgrade is estimated to cost \$55.5M which is accounted for in the draft Long Term Financial Plan for the 2025/2026 financial year.

## BACKGROUND

With the existing 50m and dive pools reaching the end of their lifespan having been constructed in the early 1960s, Council is undertaking a comprehensive upgrade to revitalise the facility. This transformation will ensure the Aquatic Centre remains a vibrant and sustainable hub for the community for the next 50 years.

Council has appointed external consultants to provide Architectural design, Project Management and Project Assurance services for the delivery of the upgrade.

In this regard, CO.OP Studios were appointed as the lead design consultant in mid-2023 to provide all architectural and engineering design services. CO.OP and their sub-consultant team have extensive experience around Australia through their network of state offices designing elite level sporting and aquatic centre projects for both the private sector and government agencies. Some of these projects include Bayside Council Botany Aquatic Centre, Wyndham Council Aqua Pulse Leisure Centre (Victoria), Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Aquatic centre, City of Glen Eira Carnegie Aquatic Centre (Victoria), The Western Australian Institute of Sport, Dandenong Aquatic & Wellness centre (Victoria) and the City of Mount Gambier Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Altus Group were appointed in late 2024 as the Project Managers and bring with them a wealth of experience in delivering aquatic centre projects. This includes the Griffith City Council Sports Precinct which included a first-class multi-purpose regional sports complex comprising athletics track, new grandstand, all weather netball courts, indoor basketball stadium and a new 50 metre outdoor pool. The aquatic centre and sports complex were completed in early 2021 and late 2022 respectively and achieved World Athletics and FINA accreditation. Altus Group also worked closely with the City of Sydney for the design and delivery of the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre that opened in 2007.

There is a comprehensive project assurance and governance framework being applied to the project. In this regard, Council appointed Turner and Townsend (T&T) as the Project Assurance Consultant in late 2023 to have oversight of Stages 1 and 2 to ensure the highest standards of project integrity and risk management.

T&T have extensive experience in delivering aquatic centre projects which includes The Hills Shire Council Waves Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Coffs Harbour City Councils Woolgoolga and Sawtell pools, Dandenong Aquatic & Wellness centre (Victoria) and the Surf Coast Aquatic & Health Centre (Victoria).

T&T have had an ongoing involvement through the development of the designs, project risk management, cost estimates and business case documents. This involvement will continue through to project completion and include monthly reporting to the Major Capital Projects Committee on the progress of the project.

Wilde & Wollard has been appointed as the projects Quantity Surveyor (QS) to prepare cost estimates. The QS will also have an on-going role through the construction stages in assessing progress claims and variation costs, and monitoring cash flows.

The project continues to be monitored in accordance with the Risk Management Plan and is reported to Governance forums including:

Project Control Group – Monthly  
Major Capital Projects Committee – Monthly

Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – Quarterly  
Inner West Council meetings – Monthly

At the Council meeting held on 29 April 2025, Council resolved:

1. *That Council note the outcomes of the Engagement Report, including that the vast majority of respondents supported the stage 2 works to Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre, including three quarters of people who saw the plans in person.*
2. *That Council investigate options to include a small playground in the grassed area between the pools and the Bay Run, including funding sources.*
3. *That Council investigate options to include more shade over the concourse areas around the 50m and 25m pools, including funding sources.*
4. *That Council staff include the results of these investigations in their monthly reports to Council.*
5. *That Council adopt the revised conceptual designs in Attachment 2 of the Council report, for Stage 2 of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre.*
6. *That Council endorse proceeding with detailed design development, planning approval and delivery stages for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade Stage 2.*
7. *That Council note that the required funding detailed in the funding implications of this report for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade is included in the draft 2025/26 operational plan and budget.*

## DISCUSSION

It is proposed to deliver the LPAC Upgrade generally in two stages due to construction practicalities and ensuring as many facilities at LPAC are open as possible during construction. It is also proposed to commence construction works during the winter months to minimise impacts on community pool users, sport groups, swim learners and LPAC operations.

### Stage 1

This includes refurbishment of the outdoor kid’s pool known as mushroom pool and a new kids’ splash play area that will have a BBQ area, seating, and shade structures.

The indoor program pool hall will have HVAC upgrades, alongside the construction of a new fully electrified heating and filtration plant for the indoor program pool and kid’s pool.

Stage 1 is currently in the construction phase with the contractor taking site possession of the works area on 1 April 2025. The works area is fenced, with the outdoor pools and indoor pools remaining operational.

Demolition is continuing in the mushroom pool and excavations are underway for the new splash pad and plant room areas.

It is anticipated that Stage 1 will be completed in October 2025 (weather permitting).

Council has been successful in securing an additional \$1,054,000 in Federal Grant Funding (Community Energy Upgrade Fund – Round 1) for stage 1 works, negotiation for the grant agreement execution is ongoing with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. The execution of this agreement has been impacted by the Federal election caretaker period.

## **Stage 2**

This includes the construction of new heated 8-lane 50m pool (1.1 to 1.8m deep) and a heated 25m pool (from zero to 2.1m depth with movable floor and accessible device), spectator seating and shade structures, new first aid, lifeguard, and storage rooms, new fully electrified pool heating system and filtration plants for 50 m and 25 m pools, accessibility lift and upgraded stairs to access the rear turfed area along with re-turfing, accessible pathway link and new picnic shelter.

Stage 2 is currently in the design phase having its high level scope confirmed at the April 2025 Council meeting by endorsement of the revised conceptual designs.

Planning and design activities have advanced significantly with the 50% design package currently under internal review. The 50% design package is expected to be completed by June 2025.

Additional scope elements as identified in the April 2025 Council resolution will now be investigated and these findings reported to Council through the monthly project update.

An Expression of interest (EOI) document was released to the market on the 31 March which closed on 28 April 2025. This process will deliver a short list of appropriately experienced and qualified contractors to participate in a selective tender process for the construction contract. The EOI submissions are now under evaluation.

Stage 2 has the following high level program:

- Complete 80% design for tender – July 2025
- Construction tender and evaluation – November 2025
- Contract award and execution – February 2026
- Construction commences on-site – May 2026
- Construction complete – September 2027

Leichhardt Park’s Plan of Management establishes the objectives and performance targets for Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre upgrade which includes implementing the conceptual plans.

The planning pathway approval for the project is via Section 2.73(2) of the State Environmental Planning Policy. This requires a Review of Environment Factors to confirm compliance and ensure the works are consistent with the Plan of Management and relevant environmental considerations prior to works commencing.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

An extensive value engineering and cost saving exercise has been undertaken to the project with oversight by the external Project Assurance Consultant and Quantity Surveyor.

The LPAC upgrade is estimated to cost \$55.5M (Stage 1 - \$9.78M and Stage 2 - \$45.72M).

Council was recently advised of its successful application for the Federal Government’s Round 1 Community Energy Upgrade Fund grant in the amount of \$1,054,000 for Stage 1 works.

The Chief Financial Officer has confirmed that funding to cover the estimated project cost is accounted for in the draft Long Term Financial Plan for the 2025/2026 financial year.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 14  
**Subject:** LEICHHARDT OVAL REFURBISHMENT - MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATE  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**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
- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment is currently in the design phase having its high level scope confirmed at the April 2025 Council meeting by endorsement of the final design concepts.

This resulted in a project scope to the:

- Western Grandstand Player Amenities
- Western Grandstand – modern facilities for spectators, sponsors and media
- Lower Seating Bowl – All new ‘stadium type’ seating to ensure safety and compliance
- New Northern Grandstand

A project team with demonstratable experience and capability to successfully deliver the project has been formed, with a comprehensive project assurance and governance framework being applied to the project.

The project has the following high level program:

- Project Planning Scope Confirmation – May 2025
- Planning Approval Consent – August 2026
- Complete 80% design for tender – August 2026
- Contract award and execution – September 2026
- Construction commences on-site – October 2026
- Construction complete – February 2028

The Quantity Surveyor has confirmed the Project Budget breakdown and the estimated costs for the design concepts are approximately \$50M which is subject to further value engineering and a future procurement process to ensure that Council receives the best value for money from the project.

There is \$40M funding allocated in the draft Long Term Financial Plan for the 2025/2026 financial year and Council will seek further State and Commonwealth grant funding opportunities and could potentially stage some of the works.

## BACKGROUND

In October 2023 Inner West Council adopted the Leichhardt Oval Masterplan following extensive public engagement. The Masterplan was developed in partnership with Cox Architecture.

In June 2024, the Commonwealth, State and Local Governments formed a funding partnership to secure the future of Leichhardt Oval. The Commonwealth committing \$20 million to the project, with the NSW Government and the Inner West Council investing \$10 million each towards the upgrade.

Ernst and Young (EY) were appointed as project managers in August 2024 and Cox Architecture brought on board to finalise the concept designs for the upgrade.

EY have experience from overseeing big stadium projects including Allianz Stadium, CommBank Stadium and the new Penrith Stadium.

Cox Architecture bring a wealth of expertise when it comes to designing and redesigning some of Australia's most outstanding sporting venues.

A stakeholder workshop was held on 20 August 2024 with attendees from Wests Tigers, Sydney FC, NRL, NSWRL, Australian Professional Leagues, and APIA Leichhardt.

The workshop was facilitated by Cox Architects. The major themes from the workshop identified as priorities were the provision of female friendly players and officials' amenities as well as a seating bowl upgrade.

As one of the outcomes of the adopted Masterplan, Council has also allocated \$1.2 million to develop new Museum of Inner West Rugby League that represents the five foundational Rugby League clubs - Annandale, Balmain, Glebe, Newtown, and Wests.

The work involves renovation of the caretaker's cottage opposite the Mary Street entrance to Leichhardt Oval and the development of the museum to display memorabilia, as well as the history and related stories related to the clubs through the use of multimedia, and also includes an immersive, virtual museum that provides alternative access to the fans and the public. The Museum will be ready for opening before the 2026 Season.

At the Council meeting held on 29 April 2025, Council resolved the following:

*That Council endorse the Leichhardt Oval renovation final design concepts April 2025 (Attachment 1) and proceed with preparing detailed plans in order to seek planning approval.*

This resulted in a project scope to the:

- Western Grandstand Player Amenities
- Western Grandstand – modern facilities for spectators, sponsors and media
- Lower Seating Bowl – All new 'stadium type' seating to ensure safety and compliance
- New Northern Grandstand

There is a comprehensive project assurance and governance framework being applied to the project. In this regard, a Project Control Group has been established, with the General Manager as the Sponsor, that will have oversight of the project.

Council is also engaging a project assurance consultant to ensure project integrity and risk management. This engagement will include reviewing performance, costs, and timelines,

providing improvement recommendations, and preparing monthly reports for Inner West Council throughout the project.

The project continues to be monitored in accordance with the Risk Management Plan and is reported to Governance forums including:

Project Control Group – Monthly  
Major Capital Projects Committee – Monthly  
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – Quarterly  
Inner West Council meetings – Monthly

## DISCUSSION

The Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment is currently in the design phase having its high level scope confirmed at the 29 April 2025 Council meeting by endorsement of the final design concepts.

The current design activities includes the development and finalisation of the design, including costing analysis and value engineering to ensure that Council obtains the maximum value from the works, and preparation of planning approval documentation for the project.

It is currently anticipated that the planning pathway for the scope would be a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) via the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

As such, a Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) is required to identify what information needs to be included in the environmental impact statement (EIS) of the application.

To obtain SEARs, an application and scoping report needs to be lodged on the NSW planning portal. The scoping report will be published online and seek advice from key government agencies during the preparation of the SEARs. The department may also visit the site and surrounds.

The SEARs will be published online within 28 days of the application being lodged. The Planning Secretary may revise the SEARs at any time.

It is anticipated that the SEARs application will be made in June 2025. It is estimated that it will take until June 2026 to have a determination of the SSDA.

Council will seek an Expression of Interest for building contractors at the end of 2025 then proceed through a select tender process to appoint a successful contractor to commence work at the end of the 2026 winter season.

The project has the following high level program:

- Project Planning Scope Confirmation – May 2025
- Planning Approval Consent – August 2026
- Complete 80% design for tender – August 2026
- Contract award and execution – September 2026
- Construction commences on-site – October 2026
- Construction complete – February 2028

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Quantity Surveyor has confirmed the Project Budget breakdown and the estimated costs for the recommended design concepts are approximately \$50M which is subject to further value engineering and a future procurement process to ensure that Council receives the best value for money from the project.

There is \$40M funding allocated in the draft Long Term Financial Plan for the 2025/2026 financial year and Council will seek further State and Commonwealth grant funding opportunities and could potentially stage some of the works

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 15  
**Subject:** CLONTARF COTTAGE REFURBISHMENT AND MARKETING STRATEGY  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments and Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

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## RECOMMENDATION

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

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## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Clontarf Cottage is part of Council's community venues and is available for community use through Council's website.

Council is currently in the planning/design phase for capital improvements to the roof, kitchen and heating/cooling of Clontarf cottage.

A marketing strategy has been developed and is being implemented to promote all of Council's local community venues across the Inner West, including Clontarf Cottage

Investigation of the feasibility and costs to provide accessible access to the cottage is underway.

## BACKGROUND

A historical cottage built in 1844, Clontarf Cottage (the cottage) was purchased by Council in 1974, and was restored for community use in 1988.

The cottage seats 50 people and is suitable for small community gatherings, meetings, celebrations, low impact events and activities, including weddings and functions, that can also utilise the outdoor spaces.

The cottage is small at 61m<sup>2</sup>, has two main rooms that are both dividable, a small kitchen with basic bar fridge and domestic stove, male and female toilets, and includes a variety of tables, and chairs and is currently heated by two oil heaters that are at the end of useful life.

The cottage offers the use of grounds at the front of the premises as part of the hire, however there is no accessible access from the grounds into the venue.

This venue is bookable daily from 8am to 11pm daily (including set up and pack down time) for hourly, day, evening, or whole day rates.

As this venue is located in a residential area and noise regulations apply, events deemed high impact are not permitted. Due to noise regulations, events must finish and have vacated by 11pm.

The cottage is located at the eastern end of Balmain Peninsular as soon in the below map and currently has a booking rate of 7% (2024).



At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council note that work is in preparation to replace the Clontarf Cottage roof shingles in the first quarter of 2025.*
2. *That Council install a new kitchen in Clontarf Cottage by August 2025 that can be used for small scale functions for the purpose of reheating food, storing cold items such as platters and drinks and reconfigure in a way that maximises bench space for food preparation. Including;*
  - a) *Replacing the existing gas oven with an electric oven*
  - b) *Replacing the small bar fridge with a full-size fridge.*
3. *That Council investigate energy efficient heating and cooling options for the main rooms with a report back to the March meeting.*
4. *That Council create a marketing strategy for council community venues with a focus on an uptake in bookings for Summer 2025 and with a report back at the March meeting.*
5. *That Council investigate planning for disability access at Clontarf Cottage in advance of the 2025/26 capital works budget. Plans were previously drawn up that considered the heritage status of the building that may be utilised.*

## DISCUSSION

The resolution called for capital improvements to the roof, kitchen and heating/cooling of Clontarf cottage.

In this regard, the planning/design phase for roof repairs is in progress though has been impacted by long lead times to source the required shingles given the heritage nature of the building, with works now anticipated to be completed by the end of August 2025.

The planning/design phase for a new kitchen is in progress with the design intention to better support catering related to events and functions at the cottage. These works are on track to be delivered by the end of August 2025.

The existing two oil heaters servicing the cottage are at the end of their useful life, and will be replaced with new sustainable, energy efficient split system air conditioning before 30 June 2025. It is worth noting that the two sides of the cottage will be able to be separately heated and cooled, and closing the internal doors during use will assist in the efficient use of the split system.

## Marketing Strategy for Utilisation of Councils venues

The resolution called for a marketing strategy for council community venues with a focus on an uptake in bookings for Summer 2025.

Council officers continue to work on opportunities to improve the customer experience in relation to hiring. This includes making changes to streamline the booking process.

From September 2024, a Customer Satisfaction Survey with each application commenced to establish a baseline understanding of levels of satisfaction with the booking experience that can inform decisions moving forward.

It is considered that Council can significantly boost the utilisation of its venues, including Clontarf Cottage for community use by focusing on visual appeal through professional photography, highlighting local suppliers, enhancing the social media presence with engaging content and targeted ads, and fostering local partnerships.

In this regard, each of the strategies outlined below are designed to simplify the process for potential hirers, increase venue visibility, and build a strong sense of community engagement, leading to increase venue utilisation and user satisfaction.

### 1. Photography and Visual Appeal

Goal: Enhance the visual representation of the venues to inspire community members to envision how the spaces could be used for their own events.

#### *Action Steps*

- Provide higher quality photography: Source high-quality images of key venues. Ensure the photos showcase the venues in their best light, with particular focus on well-styled setups for various types of events (e.g., weddings, conferences, fitness classes, or community fairs).
- Styled Photoshoots: Arrange photoshoots that demonstrate the venues in use. Styled events, whether it's a community gathering or a corporate seminar, will help prospective customers visualise how the space could work for their own needs.
- Before-and-After Photos: Include shots that show the venue both empty and set up for an event. This highlights the versatility of the space and helps future hirers imagine the potential.
- Update the website and all marketing materials with new images to create a fresh, inviting look.

### 2. Streamlining the Booking Process with Local Supplier Lists

Goal: Simplify the event planning process for those hiring the spaces and establish a clear, reliable network of local suppliers.

#### *Action Step*

- Highlight Local Suppliers: Focusing on local suppliers will foster community partnerships and create a supportive network that benefits both businesses and hirers.

### 3. Social Media & Paid Advertising

Goal: Boost visibility of the venues through effective use of social media and paid advertising campaigns.

#### *Action Steps*

- Update Social Media Focus: Currently, the social media presence highlights some of the creative uses of the spaces, but there's limited promotion of the paid hire options. A strong focus should be placed on showcasing the venues as rentable spaces for events, meetings, and community activities.
- Leverage Visual Content in Social Media Campaigns: Once professional photos are

obtained, incorporate them into a social media content calendar. Post images of venues in action, alongside customer testimonials and event highlights to build interest and engagement.

- **Paid Advertising:** Use targeted social media ads and Google Ads to reach both local residents and businesses looking for event venues. Ads can promote special deals, seasonal offers, or highlight venues that are currently available for booking.
- **Hashtags and Community Engagement:** Create and promote a branded hashtag that can be used by customers when posting their own event photos at the venues. This will help build a sense of community and showcase real-life events held at council venues.

*Action Steps:*

- Create a content calendar for social media that includes regular posts featuring high-quality images of the venues.
- Target specific demographics based on event type and venue size.
- Set up social media engagement opportunities, such as competitions, where users can win a discounted booking by tagging the council’s venues.

**4. Local Partnerships and Community Engagement**

Goal: Establish and strengthen relationships with local organisations to encourage regular use of council venues.

*Action Steps:*

- **Establish Partnerships with Community Groups:** Collaborate with local non-profits, schools, and businesses to offer venue space for community events, such as fundraisers, workshops, and local meet-ups. This can increase the venues' visibility while fostering a sense of community ownership.
- **Incentives for Community Events:** Consider offering discounts or priority booking for community events that benefit local initiatives or align with the council's social impact goals.
- **Host Open Days:** Organise an “open day” where community members can tour the venues, meet with event planners, and experience the spaces firsthand. This also offers the opportunity to promote the preferred supplier list and any booking incentives.
- Reach out to local organisations and schools and offer exclusive deals or support for their events.

**5. Website Optimisation and Online Booking**

Goal: Make the booking process seamless and user-friendly to encourage more online reservations.

*Action Steps:*

- **Easy-to-Use Website:** Ensure the council’s venue website is easy to navigate and features up-to-date information about availability, fees, charges and subsidies, and available facilities. Include a gallery of high-quality images of the venues, along with testimonials from previous hirers.

**Access**

The resolution called to investigate access at Clontarf Cottage in advance of the 2025/26 capital works budget.

It is a complex matter to achieve accessibility within the cottage given the heritage nature of the building, and the substantial change in finished floor levels from the front to the rear of the cottage. This has impacted the investigation timeline.

While some plans were previously drawn up, a detailed review is required along with the development of costings for the work. This review is currently in progress, with the findings to be reported to Council by August 2025.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is an allocation of \$485,000 as a part of the draft 2025/26 budget for capital improvements to the cottage. This includes work associated with the roof repair, kitchen upgrade, and split system air conditioning.

There is currently no funding allocated for accessibility work. This will be a consideration of a future report to be tabled to Council.

The actions outlined in the Marketing Strategy are being funded by operational budgets.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 16  
**Subject:** NEW PUBLIC TOILETS - WEEKLEY, MCNEILLY AND JARVIE PARKS  
**Prepared By:** Michael Craven - Projects Delivery Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

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## RECOMMENDATION

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

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## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolved to construct new public toilets at Weekley, McNeilly and Jarvie Parks.

It is proposed to construct a single accessible all gender public toilet at Weekley and Jarvie Parks and upgrade the existing toilet at McNeilly park to include a new ambulant toilet.

Funding allocations have been made for these projects.

## BACKGROUND

Council has an adopted Inner West Public Toilet Strategy that has an overarching aim of providing the community with the strategic framework for the management and provision of public toilets within the Inner West. This includes improving the standard of existing facilities, especially with respect to accessibility and safety and provides benchmarking tools for future new public toilet facilities. The strategy aims to deliver best practice outcomes in public toilet design, hygiene, safety and maintenance. The Strategy also notes priority locations for refurbishment and/or replacement over the next 5 to 10 years.

At the Council meeting held on 14 February 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council commit to reinstating public toilet facilities in Weekley Park, Stanmore.*
2. *That Council prepare a report on costs and timeline for installation in this current term of council by the May Council Meeting.*

At the Council meeting held on 11 March 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council commit to upgrading the public toilet facilities at McNeilly Park, Marrickville.*
2. *That Council prepare a report on costs and timeline for installation in this current term of Council by the May 2025 Council meeting.*
3. *That Council scope the inclusion of additional left hand transfer grab rail, NCC compliant signage, and baby change station in the report on costs and timeline for installation.*

At the Council meeting held on 11 March 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council commit to building public toilet facilities at Jarvie Park, Marrickville.*
2. *That Council prepare a report on costs and timeline for installation in this current term of Council by the May 2025 Council Meeting.*
3. *That Council scope the inclusion of right- and left- hand transfer grab rails, NCC compliant signage, and baby change station for in the report on costs and timeline for installation.*

## DISCUSSION

### **Weekley Park**

Weekley Park is located in Stanmore bounded by Percival, Albany and Clarendon Roads, and currently does not include a public toilet. In 2014, the previous public toilet located at the end of Clarendon Lane was demolished due to its age condition and unsuitable positioning within the park.

A draft concept plan prepared by Marrickville Council for 2006-2007 referenced proposed future works to construct a single accessible toilet on Percival Road, adjacent to the end of the Clarendon Road cul-de-sac with associated connections and paths of travel.

In line with this approach, it is proposed to construct a single all gender accessible toilet accordance with the design guidelines from the Public Toilet Strategy. This includes a baby change table and accessibility requirements such as grab rails and compliance signage.

Weekley Park has been added to the priority works program under the Public Toilet Strategy by inclusion of funding as a part of the 2025/26 budget planning process.

It is proposed to plan and design the facility in 2025/26, with construction in 2026/27 (Anticipated construction commencement February 2027, Construction completion May 2027).

It is worth noting that the planning and design year will be used to carry out site investigations, check where all the current services are located (power, sewer and water), prepare concept designs, facilitate planning pathways and approvals, and concept consultation with the community.

Following the concept plan consultation, detailed design and procurement for construction can take place.

### **McNeilly Park**

McNeilly Park is located in Marrickville bounded by Herb Greedy Place and the railway line, and currently includes a single accessible public toilet.

The Park is referenced in the Public Toilet Strategy which notes long term works as 'consider expansion of the facility to provide two unisex options, with municipal handwash'.

In this regard, it is proposed to construct an extension to the left-hand side of the existing toilet to create an additional single all gender ambulant toilet in accordance with the design guidelines from the Public Toilet Strategy. The existing accessible toilet will be upgraded to include a baby change table and meet accessibility requirements such as grab rails and compliance signage.

Planning and design are currently in progress, with construction scheduled in 2025/26 (Anticipated construction commencement February 2026, Construction completion May 2026).

**Jarvie Park**

Jarvie Park is located in Marrickville bounded by Yabsley Avenue and Malakoff Street, and currently does not include a public toilet.

It is proposed to construct a single all gender accessible toilet in accordance with the design guidelines from the Public Toilet Strategy. This includes a baby change table and accessibility requirements such as grab rails and compliance signage.

Jarvie Park has been added to the priority works program under the Public Toilet Strategy by allocating funding in the Delivery Program from the Public Toilet Strategy program budget.

It is proposed to plan and design the facility in 2025/26, with construction in 2026/27 (Anticipated construction commencement February 2027, Construction completion May 2027).

It is worth noting that the planning and design year will be used to carry out site investigations, check where all the current services are located (power, sewer and water), prepare concept designs, facilitate planning pathways and approvals, and concept consultation with the community.

In preparation of this report, early discussions were made with the CEO of the Youth Centre in Jarvie Park who indicated a preference to locate the new toilet away from being adjacent to the Youth Centre to maintain the privacy of the youth in attendance. This will be included as a design consideration moving forward.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The budget allocations made within the current 2024/25 budget, and draft 2025/26 budget which is currently on exhibition are as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>FY24/25</b>	<b>FY25/26</b>	<b>FY26/27</b>
Weekley Park New Public Toilet	\$10,000	\$40,000 Design	\$250,000 Construction
McNeilly Park New Public Toilet	\$50,000 Design	\$150,000 Construction	
Jarvie Park New Public Toilet		\$50,000* Design	\$250,000* Construction

\*Jarvie Park proposed budgets are available from the Public Toilet Strategy Program budget.

It is estimated that the ongoing maintenance costs for each public toilet is in the order of \$10,000 per annum.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 17  
**Subject:** CLEANING UP OUR LANEWAYS  
**Prepared By:** Erin White - Manager Resource Recovery and Fleet Services  
**Authorised By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Acting Director Engineering

**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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council previously resolved to undertake a 6 month trial of measures to improve the state of laneways adjacent to Enmore Road. Thirteen lanes were involved in the trial which was a collaboration between the Environmental Health Team, Waste Inspectors and Resource Recovery operations staff.

The trial period is now complete and included increases to the amount of servicing undertaken in the laneway as well as increased compliance activity and education.

Noting the success of the increased servicing, it is proposed that the trial service level in the Enmore laneways be maintained. It is also proposed that the assessment of waste storage be included in annual inspections of all medium and high risk food businesses and that the Waste Inspectors reinforce their usual educational approach with regulatory action when education fails to prevent illegal dumping.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 24 June 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council undertake a 6-month trial of measures to improve the state of designated laneways off Enmore Road. The trial will include the following:*
  - a. *Increasing the street sweeping/cleaning cycle to ensure no laneway is cleaned less frequently than a 14-day cycle;*
  - b. *Increasing council inspections of laneways to no fewer than a weekly cycle to identify and manage illegal dumping;*
  - c. *Increasing inspections to check for correct storage of bins and waste by businesses;*
  - d. *Targeted outreach to businesses on Enmore Road to inform them of their obligations regarding bin storage on property and penalties for incorrect storage;*
  - e. *Where repeat offenders are identified, targeted follow up with businesses and relevant waste management companies; and*
  - f. *Writing to residents in neighbouring streets informing them about relevant waste collection and recycling services and penalties for illegal dumping.*
  
2. *That Council undertake an audit of lighting in laneways to identify areas with no or poor lighting and options to install additional lighting in these areas.*

3. That following the trial period, a report be provided to council on the outcomes of the trial and audit and potential financial implications of implementing these measures Local Government Area wide in identified laneways near main streets.
4. That the report also consider additional opportunities and costs to beautify laneways, including but not limited to street art, street furniture, and planter boxes.

**DISCUSSION**

The following lanes adjacent to Enmore Road were included as part of the trial.

- Crescent Lane (east of Station Street)
- Reiby Lane (Reiby Street to Station Street)
- Pemell Lane (Simmons Street to Reiby Street)
- Wilford Lane (Wilfred Street to Station Street)
- Thurnby Lane (Phillip Street to Wilfred Street)
- Belmore Lane (London Street to Phillip Street)
- Cavendish Lane (Liberty Street to Cambridge Street)
- Cambridge Lane (Cambridge Street to London Street)
- Fotheringham Lane (Cowper Street to Newington Road)
- Scouller Lane (Llewellyn Street to Scouller Street)
- Juliett Lane (Scouller Street to Juliett Street)
- Enmore Lane (Edgware Road to Simmons Street)
- Unnamed lane (rear of Nos.305-271 Enmore Road)

The following map highlights the subject lanes:



Figure 1: Trial Enmore Laneways

**Auditing of business premises**

Council’s Waste Inspectors and Environmental Health Team were tasked with auditing all business premises on Enmore Road with rear access to nominated laneways in order to check for correct storage of bins and waste and identify any issues. Following this, staff informed those with issues of their obligations regarding bin storage and penalties for incorrect storage. Targeted follow up was conducted for repeat offenders.

A total of 62 food businesses and 81 non-food businesses were inspected during the audit period. The majority (80%) of food businesses were found to have satisfactory waste storage arrangements at the time of inspection, with just under half (49%) of non-food businesses returning a similar result.

Fifty-three (53) businesses (both food and non-food businesses) were identified as having unsatisfactory waste storage arrangements, which resulted in 46 verbal warnings, 6 written warnings, 17 re-inspections, and 1 Improvement Notice being issued under the *Food Act 2003*.

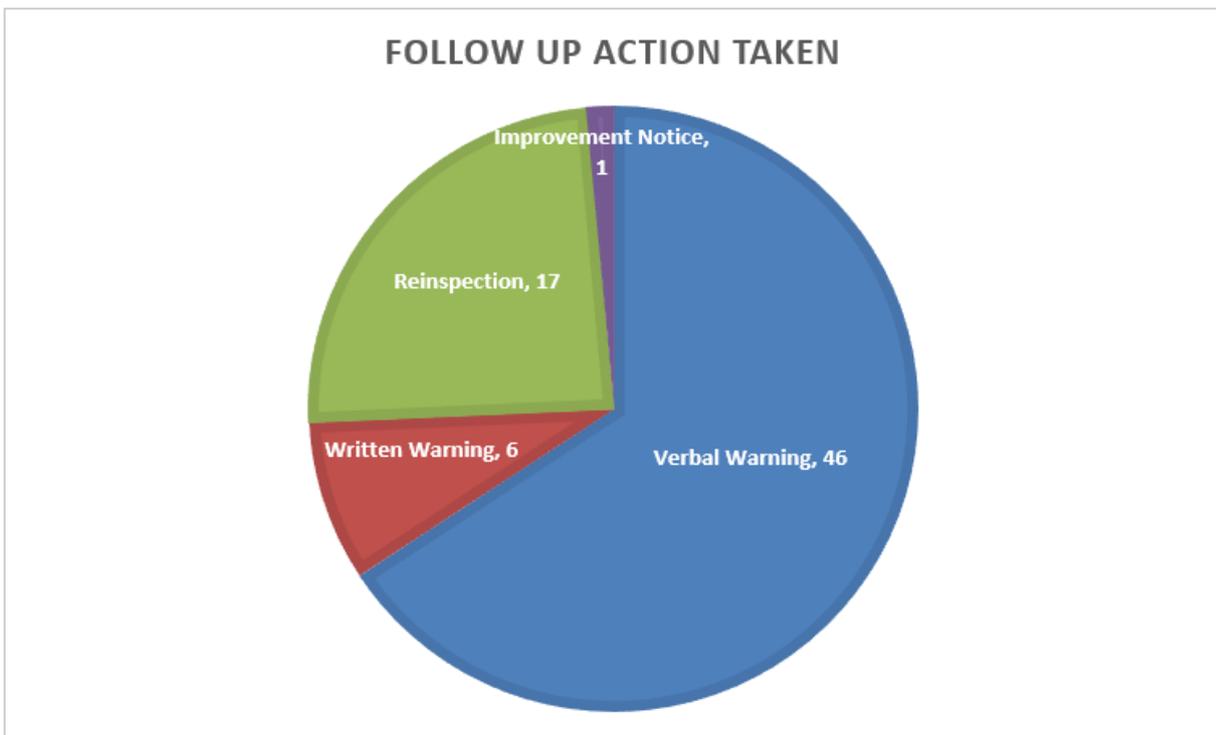


Figure 2: Break down of follow up action taken for businesses with identified waste issues.

Most issues were able to be easily remedied by the business involved, though officers identified that poor design of some premises posed an ongoing challenge with respect to waste management. Specifically, some premises had approval (either via DA or CDC) without any internal waste storage area provided, and creating a suitable internal area was not feasible given likely impacts on food safety. Other premises had a significant drop in elevation between the back of the private premises and the laneway and therefore the movement of bins from the lane back into the property was very difficult, resulting in bins being left out permanently.

Finally, some businesses had carried out illegal works to convert internal waste storage areas to other purposes, necessitating a somewhat protracted process to have them converted back.

Further challenges were posed by a lack of regulatory options available to enforce requirements around use of residential bins for disposal of business waste. In the absence of a

specific condition of consent requiring a commercial waste service to be utilised, there is little option to compel businesses to do so if the waste storage itself is not posing a direct public health or pollution risk at the time.

Nonetheless, waste storage issues within businesses can generally be resolved through a combination of regulatory action under the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Food Act 2003*, *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

### **Lane cleaning**

Council's lane cleansing trucks service the trial lanes at a minimum three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and additionally if any dumped waste is reported. This is an increased level of servicing as the normal service level is once a week for hot spot run inspections (for the collection of illegally dumped items) and a 15 day cycle of weeding and cleansing.

The collection is mostly dumped clean up items and litter, although bags of commercial rubbish that are not containerised are also collected. The laneways are also weeded, and hand swept on a fortnightly cycle.

The collection of dumped rubbish and bagged rubbish equates to approximately 100 kgs of waste collected per day in the trial area, however this varied across the trial period. Lane cleaning staff have noted that there has been an improvement with a decrease in the amount of commercial waste that has been presented next to the bins. However, the dumped rubbish has remained consistent across the trial period and hence, letterbox drops have been undertaken of surrounding, multi-unit dwellings encouraging them to book in a Council Clean up collection.



Figure 3: Cavendish Lane following Council's Trial (photo dated 12 May 2025).

**Lighting**

An audit of the lighting in laneways off Enmore Road was conducted through an Electrical Lighting Assessment of the Ausgrid lighting network. It highlighted some areas within some lanes that have deficiencies in lighting.

Council staff are working toward gaining relevant approvals with Ausgrid prior to the installation of additional lighting in the laneways.

**Consideration of Broader Rollout of Measures**

Council's Environmental Health Team already carries out annual inspections of all medium and high risk food businesses in the LGA as part of Council's obligations under the Food Regulation Partnership with the NSW Food Authority. This equates to approximately 1240 food businesses inspected per financial year. The purpose of the inspections is to assess compliance with the requirements of the *Food Act 2003*, including some basic standards relating to containment of waste and recycling. It is proposed that these annual inspections include the additional assessment of proper waste storage noting the success of the trial.

With regard to the lane cleaning service levels, it is proposed that the increased servicing of the subject Enmore laneways be maintained. This will include the inspection of these laneways three times per week and includes the collection of additional or illegally dumped waste.

Based on ongoing review of laneways adjacent to main roads, or commercial districts throughout the Inner West, it is not considered necessary to increase the servicing of all laneways to the level that is being undertaken in Enmore.

The current service level includes a once a week inspection and collection of illegally dumped waste, and the 15-day weeding and cleansing service level.

Furthermore, Council currently has four Waste Inspectors. Whilst these staff to date have adopted an educational approach, this will be reinforced with regulatory action where education fails to prevent illegal dumping. This would allow Waste Inspectors to potentially undertake enforcement action for illegal dumping. The increased powers combined with proper enforcement training and the development of process that aligns with Council Enforcement Policies will provide a valuable tool in improving the environmental standards of Council laneways.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The current service is funded from the Resource Recovery budget, and this will continue through the trial being made permanent in Enmore.

### **Conclusion**

Noting the success of the trial, it is proposed that the increased servicing of the subject Enmore laneways be maintained. It is also proposed that annual inspections of all medium and high risk food businesses include the assessment of waste storage and that the Waste Inspectors reinforce their usual educational approach with regulatory action when education fails to prevent illegal dumping.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 18  
**Subject:** ROBERT STREET, BALMAIN - OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE LANE  
**Prepared By:** Jason Scoufis - Acting Traffic and Transport Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Acting Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report notes ongoing discussions that Council is undertaking with Placemaking NSW, Transport for NSW, and Port Authority of NSW to progress pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Robert Street, Balmain. Further planning work is required to be undertaken prior to seeking funding for the design of pedestrian and cycling facilities in the area.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 18 February 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council notes the significant investment of \$17m committed by the Transport Minister to upgrade pedestrian accessibility and active transport links surrounding White Bay Power Station.*
2. *That Council liaise with Place Making NSW to convene a series of community consultation meetings in partnership with Transport NSW at White Bay Power Station to discuss proposed works.*
3. *That Council liaise with Transport for NSW, Place Making NSW and the Port Authority to determine design and explore shortfall funding opportunities (if required) for the Robert Street separated pedestrian/cycle lane.*
4. *That Council prepare a report on the above for the April 2025 Council meeting.*

**DISCUSSION**

Council has been liaising with Placemaking NSW, Transport for NSW and Port Authority of NSW to develop a consistent active transport plan with a vision to connect Council’s existing cycling network to White Bay Power Station, along Robert Street and connecting to Booth Street via White Bay Cruise Terminal.

At the time of this report, project meetings are ongoing in preparation for public engagement of the improved active transport links surrounding White Bay Power Station. The high-level plans are shown below in *Figure 1*.

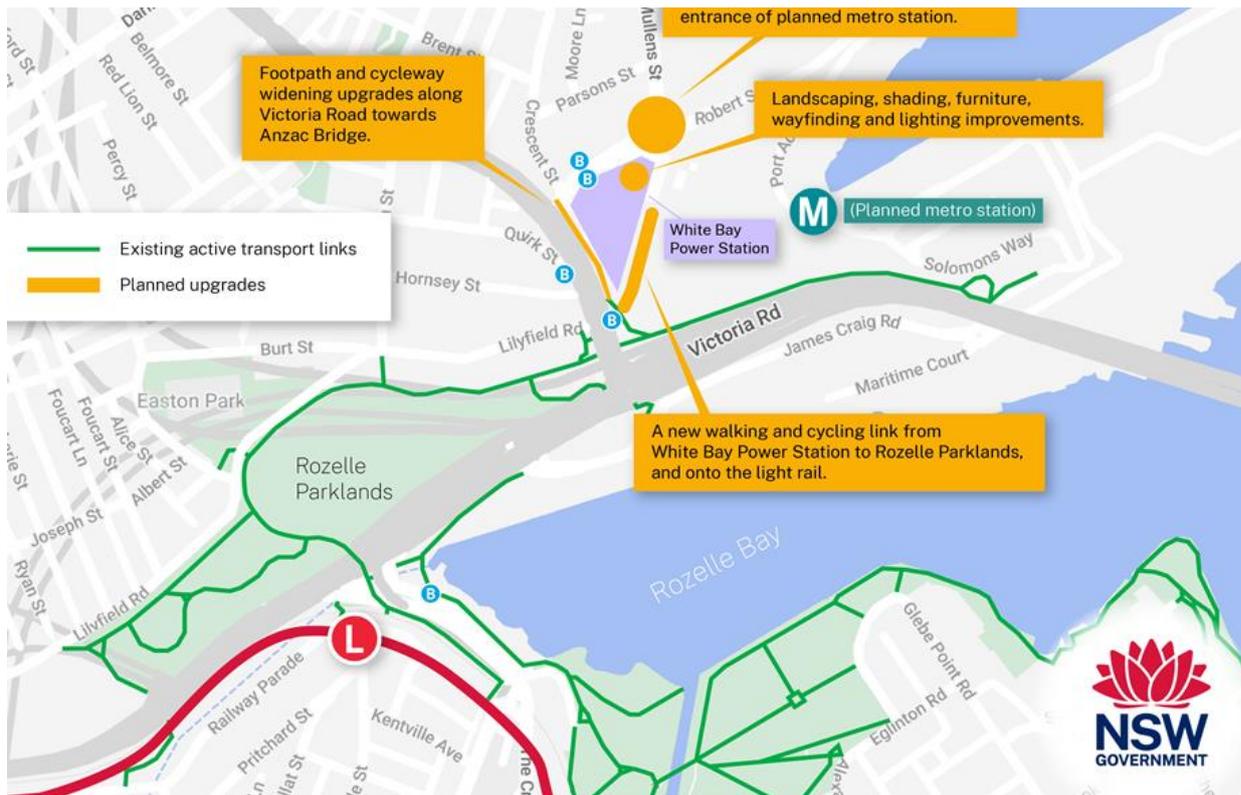


Figure 1: NSW Government Active Transport Upgrades

Council staff have provided initial feedback on the proposed concept design for the signalised intersection of Mullens Street and Robert Street, Rozelle which is forecast for operation by the end of 2025, including a number of other active transport connectivity works in the area.

The project aims to provide improved pedestrian accessibility and safety at the subject intersection. The project will include the following features:

- Removal of existing slip lanes and median islands at the intersection and installation of kerb extensions and footpath widening. Pedestrian crossing signals on all legs of the intersection.
- Retention of the right turn lane from Robert Street to Robert Street eastbound.
- Upgrade of the public street lighting at the intersection.
- Integration of the White Bay Power Station Forecourt with the upgrade of the traffic signals.
- Changes to the road layout, including changes to on-street parking near the intersection.
- Short section of new Shared Path on the southern side of Robert Street (east of the intersection).

The existing on-road (mixed traffic) bicycle route along Robert Street will remain in place with a view to upgrade the route from Mullens Street to Buchanan Street in the future.

With both sides of Robert Street having 90 degree angle parking, the existing road layout does not provide capacity for improved walking or cycling facilities without the removal of on-street parking.

The existing road layout at the intersection of Robert Street and Mullens Street as well as Robert Street and Buchanan Street are illustrated in *Figure 2* and *Figure 3* respectively.

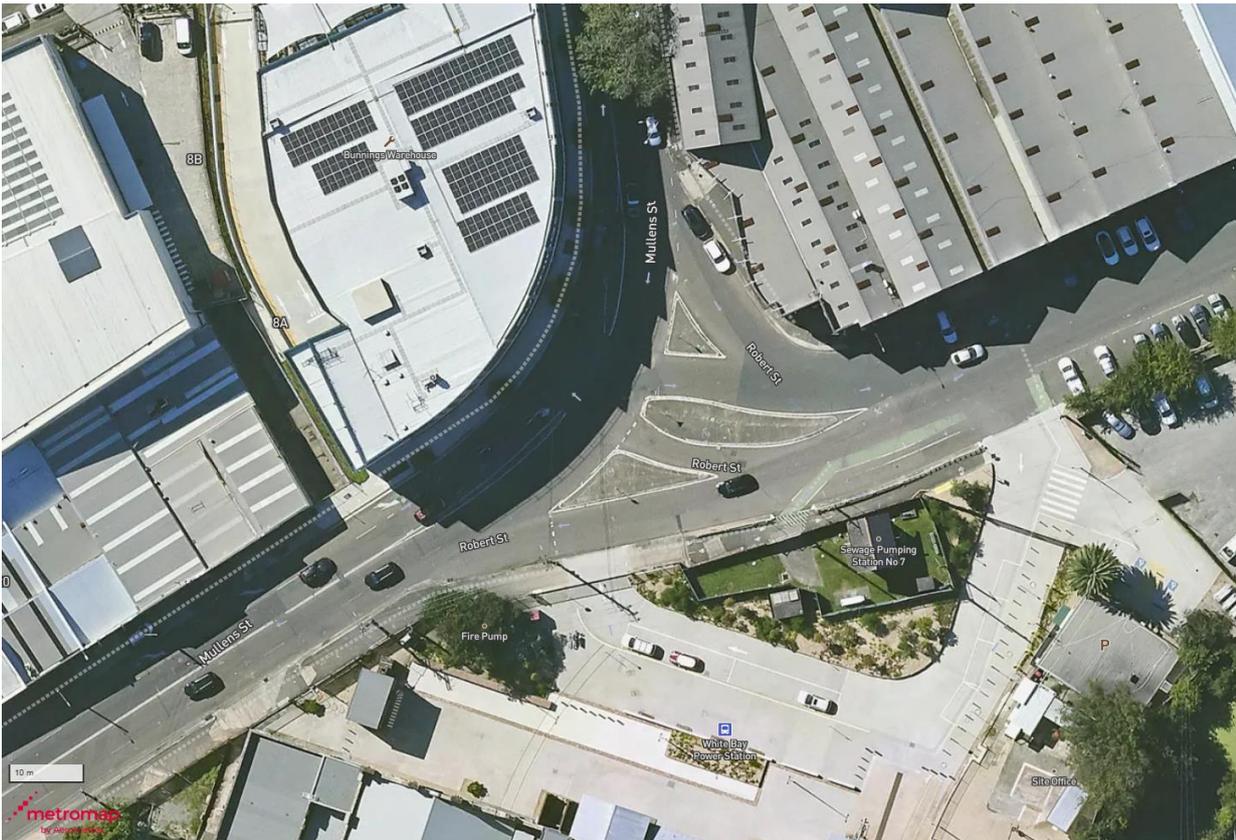


Figure 2: Existing road configuration at the intersection of Robert Street and Mullens Street, Rozelle. Source – Metromap

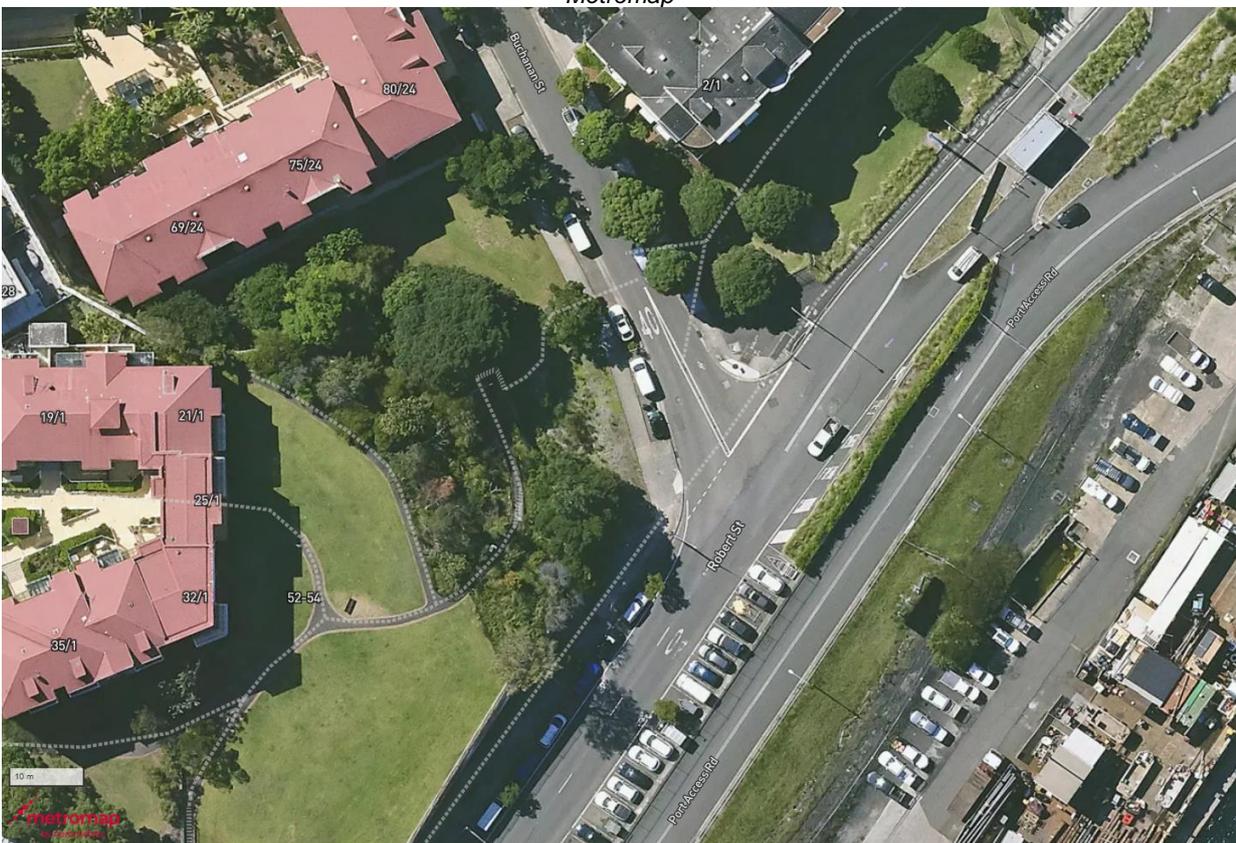


Figure 3: Existing road configuration at the intersection of Robert Street and Buchanan Street, Rozelle. Source – Metromap

Under the Inner West Council's Cycling Strategy, Robert Street is identified as a prioritised cycling access route. Existing pedestrian and bicycle shared paths connect Victoria Road to

the entrance of White Bay Power Station and continues to the east as an on-road bicycle route until Buchanan Street.

A pedestrian and bicycle shared path is available on the north side of Robert Street east of Buchanan Street. The path connects Buchanan Street to the entrance of the White Bay Cruise Terminal.

The nearby cycling route network from the adopted Inner West Cycling Strategy 2023 is shown in *Figure 4*.

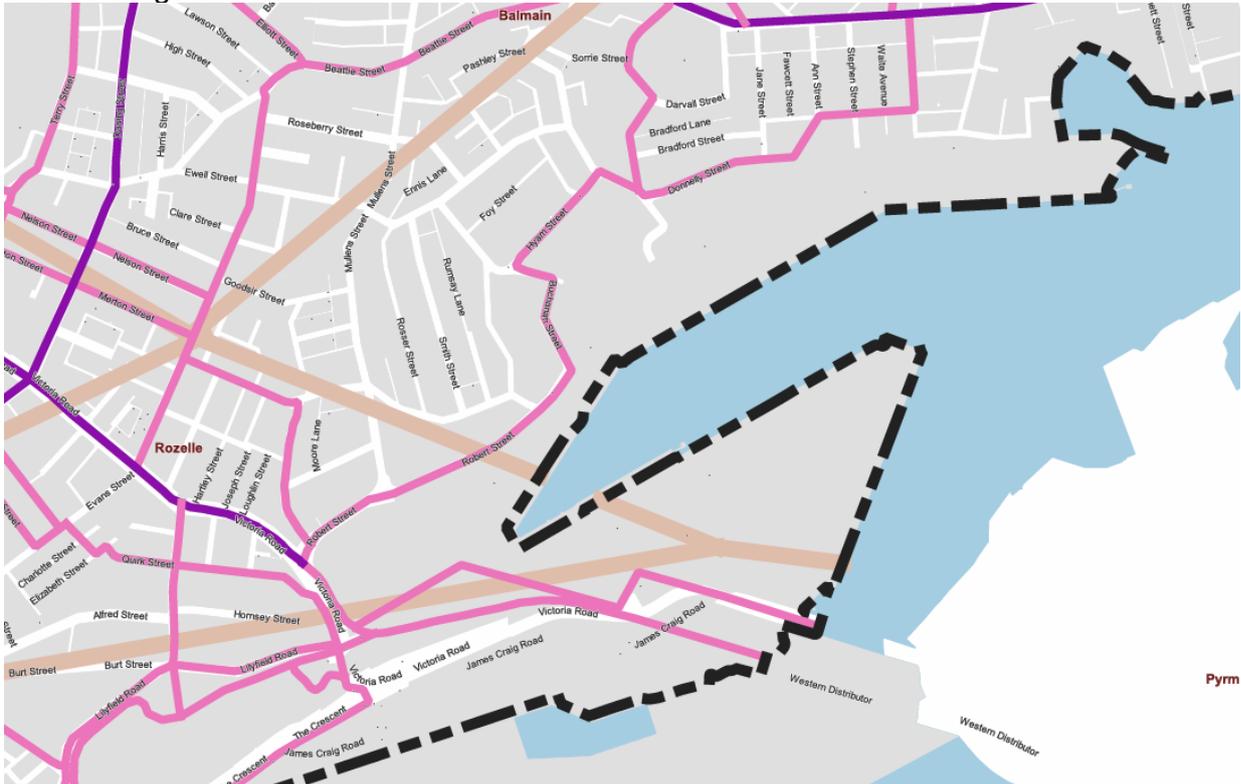


Figure 4: Existing cycling access routes (in pink) and place-based cycling access routes (in purple). Source – Inner West Cycling Strategy 2023

The provision of improved pedestrian/cyclist facilities on Robert Street on Council controlled land is only feasible through the removal of parking spaces on the northern side of Robert Street. This would include conversion of existing angle parking spaces to parallel spaces and removal of some existing parallel parking spaces.

A link on the northern side of Robert Street would require cyclists to cross Robert Street at Mullen Street (at the proposed traffic signals) and again across Buchanan Street at Robert Street to join with the existing shared path east of Buchanan Street.

Alternatively, improved pedestrian/cyclist facilities could be provided on the southern side of Robert Street, connecting to the short section of the proposed Shared Path near the Robert Street/Mullens Street intersection. This would require the crossing of a future access point into the Bays Precinct Stage 1 site as well as a crossing of Robert Street to reconnect with the existing shared path east of Buchanan Street.

It should be noted that the Port Authority of NSW has also agreed to collaborate with Council to develop a medium to long term strategy for improved access within White Bay Cruise Terminal land, including consideration of active transport corridors and the potential use of Booth Street as a network link connecting local communities.

Ports Authority of NSW have also advised that due to their White Bay Cruise Terminal Shore Power project work commencing in June 2025, the enabling of bicycle or pedestrian access through Booth Street in the short to medium term would not be possible.

#### Next Steps

Council staff will continue to liaise with Placemaking NSW, Transport for NSW and Port Authority of NSW to develop a plan for active transport connections in and around White Bay. Grant funding opportunities will be sought to progress design works for pedestrian/cyclist facilities outside the scope of current Placemaking NSW proposals.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The provision of any improved pedestrian/cycling facilities on Robert Street not being delivered by Placemaking NSW would require funding for planning, design and delivery.

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The Inner West Local Infrastructure Contribution Plan 2023 includes transport works items on Robert Street which will be utilised to commence design works for improved active transport facilities along Robert Street commencing from the 2025/26 financial year.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 19  
**Subject:** FLOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR EVAN JONES PLAYGROUND AND WHITES CREEK LANE, LEICHHARDT  
**Prepared By:** David Paton - Engineering Services Manager  
**Authorised By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Acting Director Engineering

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On Monday 10 February 2025, Sydney experienced widespread thunderstorms affecting homes and flooding roads, including areas of Inner West Council.

Community members have reported extensive overland flow from Evan Jones Playground into the lane, together with the lid of the gross pollutant trap (GPT) near Evan Jones Playground dislodging and causing a dangerous hazard. Additionally, there has been debris accumulation, including soft-fall wood chips from the playground, regularly blocking the drainage system and impacting on flooding.

A subsequent investigation was conducted to examine opportunities to minimise flooding impacts on Evan Jones Playground and Whites Creek Lane. The primary mitigation options involve significant upgrades of the trunk drainage systems which are cost prohibitive to upgrade.

Therefore, the available actions to manage and mitigate the impact of flooding are non-structural measures such as planning controls, emergency response planning and inspection and maintenance of stormwater assets. To reduce the impact of future event, maintenance activity to the playground and gross pollutant trap (GPT) have been completed.

**BACKGROUND**

On Monday 10 February 2025, Sydney experienced widespread thunderstorms affecting homes and flooding roads, including areas of Inner West Council.

Rainfall data from nearby rain gauges at Sydney Olympic Park, Canterbury Racecourse and Sydney Observatory indicate that approximately 25mm water fell over the Inner West over the course of 30 minutes. This dispersion of rain is approximately equivalent to a 20% AEP event (sometimes known as a 1 in 5 year storm event). Council received more than 130 stormwater and flood-related requests following that event.

The local community have documented the impacts of recent weather events that have impacted Evan Jones Park and the adjacent Whites Creek Lane, including this event in February.

Community members have reported extensive overland flow from Evan Jones Playground into the lane, together with the lid of the gross pollutant trap (GPT) near Evan Jones Playground dislodging and causing a dangerous hazard. Additionally, there has been debris accumulation, including soft-fall wood chips from the playground, regularly blocking the drainage system and impacting on flooding.

At the Council meeting held on 11 March 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council develop a plan for safe and effective flood management across Evan Jones Playground and Whites Creek Lane, Leichhardt and upgrades to the infrastructure in this playground and street, including:*
  - a) *reviewing and reporting on the timeline for the implementation of any relevant recommendations of the Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Plan which applies to flood management in this area;*
  - b) *undertake investigations of all components of the stormwater drainage system which drains from Emma Street to the Whites Creek Channel through Evan Jones Park, in collaboration with Sydney Water;*
  - c) *ensuring that stormwater improvements are included as part of the playground upgrade for Evan Jones Playground planned in FY2025/2026, including the replacement of bark chips in the playground with a surface that does not clog local drains;*
  - d) *clearing and preparing a maintenance plan for the stormwater drains in Whites Creek Lane, in collaboration with Sydney Water where necessary;*
  - e) *reviewing the street sweeping schedule for the lane and advising Whites Creek Lane residents via letterbox drop of the schedule;*
  - f) *Council officers to hold a public meeting with residents to publicly discuss and assess the grove of trees in the reserve land on the corner of Whites Creek Lane and Styles Street for any danger and soft soil as the result of recent heavy rains; and*
  - g) *reviewing and improving the dead-end signage at the entrance to Whites Creek Lane at Reserve Street.*
  
2. *That Council report this plan to the May 2025 Council meeting, in time to inform the budget.*

Evan Jones Park is located at the confluence of two significant trunk drainage systems, being Whites Creek, which is located along Whites Creek Lane, and one of its tributaries which extends up to Balmain Road in Leichhardt. Both these drainage systems are owned and managed by Sydney Water.

Gross pollutant traps (GPTs) have been constructed to collect litter, silt and debris from these trunk drainage lines, with both located in Evan Jones Park. Sydney Water owns and cleans the GPT connected to the Whites Creek Channel, whilst Council is responsible for the GPT near the Evan Jones Playground which services the tributary.

**DISCUSSION**

- a) Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Plan

Council adopted the Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP) in 2018, which included mitigation options to address the risk of flooding across all catchments in the former Leichhardt Local Government Area, including this area of Whites Creek.

The Leichhardt FRMSP identifies the following potential flood mitigation options for this area:

- Upgrade of the Whites Creek stormwater channel, which is largely located within Whites Creek Lane, but extends from Rozelle Bay to Norton Street and upstream of Parramatta Road.
- Upgrade of the stormwater pipeline which extends from Whites Creek Lane to Balmain Road.

Although these trunk drainage lines are owned by Sydney Water, previous discussions with their representatives have indicated that the costs associated with any upgrade or amplification of these pipelines would need to be funded by Council. The combined cost for the above works was estimated in 2017 to be approximately \$35 million, which is a prohibitive for Council to fund alone.

While Council does seek additional funds through state and federal grants to support these types of major upgrades, due to the limited funding available through these grant programs and the increasing level of detailed design required to support such a grant, it is likely that such works would be beyond the capacity of Council to deliver in the short to medium term without significant impact on other Council services.

Therefore, the current primary management actions to manage and mitigate the impact of flooding are therefore primarily dependent on non-structural measures such as planning controls (raising houses and garages above flood levels), emergency response planning (evacuation routes and education) and inspection and maintenance of stormwater assets (video survey of pipelines and cleaning where required).

It must be noted that any upgrade of Whites Creek and its surrounds would not remove flooding in its entirety through the former creek line and that these non-structural measures would still need to be kept in place regardless of the delivery of any stormwater upgrade.

b) Drainage system from Emma Street

The trunk drainage line between Emma Street and Whites Creek Lane extends as far north as Balmain Road. This drainage line is owned and maintained by Sydney Water.

Sydney Water advise that they undertake yearly condition assessments of their stormwater pipelines. Council has requested that they undertake a CCTV inspection of this line in light of the recent flooding event.

c) Playground Upgrade

Following the storm event in February this year, timber edging has been installed around the Evan Jones Playground to assist in holding the bark/ wood chips in place during rainfall.

The playground is scheduled for upgrade as part of the 2026/27 Capital Works program, with the scope including replacement of the wood chips with rubber soffitall.

d) Drainage maintenance

Maintenance and cleaning of all Council GPTs is conducted on a quarterly schedule, with the Evan Jones GPT serviced in December 2024, then again in March 2025 following the storm event.

The most recent service indicated that the unit was operating as expected, with a volume of collected materials consistent with previous cleans. However, it was identified that the lids of the GPT had missing or damaged bolts which have been repaired/replaced.

A specialist consultant has also been arranged to conduct a comprehensive audit of the GPT in the next four weeks to confirm the unit is operating effectively and whether any improvements are necessary.

As above, Council staff have requested that Sydney Water undertake an inspection of their drainage pipeline to ensure that it is operating at full capacity.

Staff are also in discussions with Sydney Water to review our maintenance scheduling and processes to identify whether there is an opportunity for both organisations to collaborate to improve our respective maintenance services for the community.

e) Street sweeping

Whites Creek Laneway is currently serviced on Council's endorsed 40 working day cleaning program for residential streets and laneways across the LGA. Council operations teams will continue to monitor this site and assess the need for an increase in service. White's Creek Lane is next due to be serviced in May as per the current program. This service will include weed removal, collection of dumped rubbish, gutter cleaning, and debris removal. Council operations teams will letterbox drop the surrounding properties notifying them of the current service levels, the last service date and the next proposed service date as per the current service program.

f) Trees on corner of Styles Street and Whites Creek Lane

Council's Public Tree team will lead a meeting on site to discuss any tree matters across the site. Council's engagement and Public Tree team will work with the community to finalise a meeting date and time which is expected to be in the first week of June.

g) Street signage

The intersection of Whites Creek Lane and Reserve Street has been reviewed by the Traffic and Transport Planning team who advise that both approaches have sufficient signage indicating that the road (Whites Creek Lane) is a 'No Through Road' north of Reserve Street. However, the signage will be repositioned to improve visibility.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

An amount of \$150,000 has been included in the draft budget for the 2026/27 financial year for the upgrade of the Evan Jones Playground.

Maintenance undertaken to date, including installation of timber edging in the park and cleaning of the Evan Jones GPT, was funded through existing operational budgets.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 20  
**Subject:** TRANSFER OF GOODS TO REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES  
**Prepared By:** Adele Pittaway - Community Wellbeing Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the Council meeting held on 18 February 2025, Council resolved the following:

*That Council officers meet with Gamarada Boys and Together2 to discuss how we can assist with the transfer of goods to remote Indigenous communities, with a report of the outcome of discussions to be tabled at an Ordinary Council meeting.*

Following discussions with Gamarada Boys and Together2, it is proposed that Council will provide a one-off grant of \$3,000 as a contribution to cover truck hire and petrol for the delivery of the donated goods being provided by Bill Crews Foundation and Together2 to outback Communities. The funds are available within existing 2024/25 budget.

**BACKGROUND**

An informal arrangement to provide food and necessities donated by the Inner West community has been supported by Council in previous years. For 2025, the collection of donated goods has already been organised between Gamarada Boys and Together2, with the former identifying and liaising with remote communities in need at Engonia, Goodooga, Wanaaring and Brewarrina (TBC).

Council officers have been advised that in 2024, Together2 covered expenses relating to fuel, transport hire and accommodation. Following discussions for 2025 arrangements, Council has been asked to assist with trucks and petrol, with drivers being provided by Together2. As Council's insurance does not cover the use of Council trucks by non-employees, Council can best assist by covering the cost of truck hire and petrol, which is estimated by Gamarada Boys at under \$3,000.

**DISCUSSION**

Gamarada Boys is already working collaboratively with Together2 and Bill Crews Foundation to gather donations for delivery to remote Aboriginal communities between 7 June and 9 June 2025. Donations will include furniture, blankets, sheets, food, clothing and bikes.

Currently the three locations for delivery are Engonia, Goodooga and Wanaaring. A fourth location (Brewarrina) may be added by Gamarada Boys as logistical plans are finalised.

Gamarada Boys have confirmed that two (3 tonne) trucks are required and provided an estimate of fuel cost and truck hire of under \$3,000. Two volunteer drivers have been sourced by Gamarada Boys.

Council can provide financial assistance up to three thousand dollars, for the hiring and fuel costs associated with the truck for the June 2025 scheduled dates and the funds are available within the Community Directorate budget for 2024/2025.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The one-off cost of \$3000 can be met within the existing Community Directorate budget 2024/2025.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 21  
**Subject:** TRANS PRIDE AUSTRALIA PROPOSAL FOR SOLIDARITY CROSSING  
**Prepared By:** Adele Pittaway - Community Wellbeing Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 18 February 2025, Council considered a proposal from Trans Pride Australia for the "installation of a trans flag or a vibrant 'trans solidarity crossing or steps at Marrickville Library to [drive] impactful change by creating a welcoming space that celebrates diversity and strengthens our community network". Council requested a report on the possible location, feasibility and potential cost of such an initiative.

Trans Pride Australia suggested that a potential site for a crossing could be the intersection at Marrickville and Livingstone Roads in Marrickville or nearby at Marrickville library. Council staff have considered this proposal and neither site is considered feasible due to existing statutory requirements in relation to State Roads and the design and aesthetic of Marrickville Library. Consideration was also given to the footpath adjacent to the gender centre alongside Marrickville Road, however staff of the centre indicated that they do not support that site as it may draw unwanted attention and inadvertently make their clients feel unsafe.

Council staff have been consulting with the Secretary of Trans Pride Australia on progress to date and will continue to work with them to identify a Council owned public space or pathway that will be feasible.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 18 February 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council request a report on the feasibility, possible location and cost of installing a crossing or steps depicting the trans flag colours to show solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community in the Inner West.*
2. *That that report be provided by the April 2025 Council meeting in order to allow consideration of the proposal in the context of the 2025/26 budget process.*

**DISCUSSION**

In its proposal to Council, Trans Pride Australia suggested that a trans flag crossing be installed at either the Marrickville and Livingstone Road intersection or the concourse of Marrickville Library. While the intent of the proposal is strongly supported and is consistent with Council's commitment to inclusion and solidarity with the trans community, neither of these sites are considered feasible.

The intersection identified is a State Road and Council has no authority to make any changes to it. Council's traffic experts also advise that roads with motor vehicle traffic are not suitable whether they are State or Council owned because of the relevant Australian standards which prescribe what markings are allowed on roads. Any so-called "non-standard road treatment" is considered potentially dangerous to motorists and pedestrian traffic as bright colours and shapes can distract attention and contribute to accidents and create potential risk.

Marrickville Library is an important focus for all community. However, the architecture and aesthetic design of the building are not considered amenable to the proposal. Council staff also consulted with the Gender Centre about the possibility of a "crossing" on the Council owned footpath outside the Centre adjacent to Petersham Rd. This was not supported, as they were concerned that it may inadvertently draw negative attention to their work and clients. This was also noted in relation to Marrickville Library.

Council officers are consulting with Trans Pride Australia, who understand the issues involved. Officers are identifying other Council owned locations in Marrickville or nearby that may be suitable and meet the relevant requirements. For example, pathways in Sydenham Green and areas in or around Alex Trevallion Plaza. Any site being considered will need to be closed to vehicle traffic and Council owned. Trans Pride Australia are aware that depending on the options and Council consideration, community consultation and review by the Council Traffic Committee may be required in the scoping of this work.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report. Once viable sites for a crossing are identified, costings will be developed for consideration.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 22  
**Subject:** 2024-2025 UPDATED ANNUAL DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk and Patricia Clive - Governance Manager  
**Authorised By:** Darren Morris - Acting Director Corporate

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive and note updated Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Returns lodged by Councillor Howard and Councillor Barlow.

**BACKGROUND**

Councillors’ Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Returns have been submitted pursuant to Council’s Model Code of Conduct. These disclosures are a key transparency mechanism for promoting community confidence in council decision making from its elected representatives.

**DISCUSSION**

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires the Code of Conduct to include provisions for disclosure of pecuniary interests. Councillors are required under clause 4.21 of the Code of Conduct to complete a Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest form within 3 months of becoming a Councillor

Additionally, Councillors must at any time during their tenure, submit updated returns if/when they become aware of any changes that may affect their previously submitted returns. Councillors Barlow and Howard have submitted updated returns since their last return post 30 June 2024, both attached.

The General Manager is required under clause 4.25 of the Code to table returns at the first meeting of the Council after these are lodged.

The information contained in the returns is made publicly available in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009* and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner. Certain personal information has been redacted in attached returns in accordance with this requirement. The attached returns will be made available on Council’s website following this meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (updated return) - Clr Olivia Barlow
2. [↓](#) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (updated return) - Clr Mat Howard



**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURN**

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received:  
Checked by:  
Date returned incomplete:  
Date received:  
Checked by: Gov  
Redacted by: Gov

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by

Olivia Barlow as at 21/4/25

Name Date

In respect of the period from 30 June 2024 to 30 June 2025.

A. Real Property		
In the case of interests in real property, you must disclose all interests in real property you hold in Australia.		
You must disclose the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>street address of each parcel of real property you had an interest in: on the return date, and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and</li> <li>nature of the interest (e.g., freehold, lease (renting), option to purchase etc).</li> </ul>		Nature of interest
[Redacted]  Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individual's personal information.		Lease
B. Sources of income		
You must disclose each source of income you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reasonably expect to receive from the first day after the return date to 30 June, and received in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year.</li> </ul>		
In disclosing sources of income from your occupation, you must disclose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of your occupation, and</li> <li>if you are employed or the holder of an office, the name and address of your employer, or a description of the office, and</li> <li>if you have entered into a partnership with other persons, the name (if any) of the partnership.</li> </ul>		
You do not need to disclose a source of income if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it did not exceed, or you do not reasonably expect it to exceed, \$500</li> <li>you ceased to receive income from that source prior to becoming a councillor or designated person, or</li> <li>it is your fee as a councillor.</li> </ul>		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)

**\*NOTE**

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Community Organiser	Office of Kobi Shetty MP	N/A
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2 Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June.

Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

*In disclosing sources of income from a trust, you must disclose the name and address of the settlor and trustee.*

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
N/A	N/A

3 Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June

Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June

*In disclosing the sources of any other income, you must provide a description that identifies the person you received or reasonably expect to receive the income from, or the circumstances in which you received or reasonably expect to receive the income.*

N/A	N/A
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**C. Gifts**

*Gifts include any item, property, or money you have been given without consideration or with inadequate consideration, unless it was received under a will.*

You do not need to disclose gifts if:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they did not exceed \$500 in value, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$500 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months</li> <li>• it was given to you by a relative (see provided <b>OLG Guideline</b> for definition of "relative")</li> <li>• it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018, or</li> <li>• it was received prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12-month period and the gifts total more than \$500).</li> </ul>		
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June of the previous year		Name and address of donor
N/A		N/A
<p><b>D. Contributions to travel</b></p> <p>You must disclose the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• name and address of any person who has made a financial or other contribution to the expenses of any travel you have undertaken since 30 June of the previous financial year</li> <li>• dates on which you undertook the travel, and</li> <li>• names of the states and territories and of the overseas countries where the travel was undertaken.</li> </ul> <p>You do not need to disclose a contribution to travel if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it was made from public funds</li> <li>• it was made by a relative (see provided <b>OLG Guideline</b> for definition of "relative")</li> <li>• it was made in the ordinary course of your occupation that was not related to your functions as a councillor or designated person</li> <li>• it was under \$250, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$250 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months</li> <li>• it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018</li> <li>• it was made by a political party you are a member of and you undertook the travel for the purpose of political activity of the party in NSW, or to represent the party within Australia, or</li> <li>• you received the contribution prior to becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift or contribution from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12 month period and the gifts/contributions total more than \$250).</li> </ul>		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
N/A	N/A	N/A

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**E. Interests and positions in corporations**

*You must disclose the:*

- the name and address of each corporation in which you held an interest or position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year
- the nature of the interests or positions held in each corporation, and
- a description of the principal objects (if any) of each corporation, except if it is a listed company.

*You do not need to disclose an interest or position in a corporation if the corporation:*

- is formed for the purpose of providing recreation or amusement, or for promoting commerce, industry, art, science, religion or charity, or for any other community purpose, **and**
- it is required to apply its profits or other income for the purpose of promoting its objects, **and**

*You also do not need to disclose an interest in a corporation if it is a beneficial interest in shares in the corporation that does not exceed 10 per cent of the voting rights in the corporation or if you ceased to hold the interest or position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.*

Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**F. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date? (Yes or No)**

A person or a corporation is a 'property developer' if they carry out a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit.

*You must disclose if you are a 'property developer' or a close associate of an individual (see attached OLG Guideline for definition of "close associate") or corporation that is a 'property developer' for the purposes of the Electoral Funding Act 2018.*

N/A

**G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations**

*You must disclose:*

- the name of each trade union and of each professional or business association in which you held any position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and
- a description of the position.

*You do not need to disclose a position in a trade union or a professional or business association if you ceased to hold that position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.*

Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Description of position

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CPSU PSA	Ordinary Member Ordinary Member
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**H. Debts**

You must disclose the name and address of each person you are/were liable to pay a debt to on the return date, and at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year (this includes Study Loans).

You must disclose a liability to pay a debt whether or not the amount, or any part of the amount, to be paid was due and payable on the return date or at any time in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year.

You do not need to disclose a liability to pay a debt if:

- the debt arose from a loan you have with a deposit taking institution (eg a bank) or other authorised deposit taking institution which lends money, and the loan was part of the institution's ordinary course of business
- the amount to be paid did not exceed \$500, unless the debt was one of two or more debts owed to the same person, and the combined value of the debts exceed \$500.
- the debt was owed to a relative (see provided **OLG Guideline** for definition of "relative")
- in the case of a debt for the supply of goods or services:
  - the goods or services were supplied to you within the 12 months before the return date, or at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, or
  - the goods or services were supplied to you in the ordinary course your occupation that is not related to your duties as a councillor or designated person, or
- the debt was discharged prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person, unless the debt was one of two or more debts you owe to the same person, and the value of the combine debts exceeds \$500.

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt at the return date/at any time since 30 June

HELP Loan - Australian Government

**I. Dispositions of property**

You must disclose details of each disposition of real property by you (including the street address of the property) since 30 June of the previous financial year if you wholly or partly retained the use and benefit of the property, or the right to re-acquire it.

You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.

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You do not need to disclose a disposition of real property if it was made prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person.

1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time

N/A

2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property

You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.

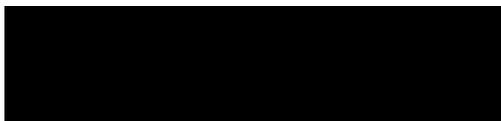
N/A

**J. Discretionary disclosures**

You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have, whether or not they are pecuniary, which you have not been required to disclose elsewhere in the return.

Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Member

Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individual's personal information.



21/4/25

**SUBMIT**

[Councillor's or Designated Person's signature] <sup>(08)</sup> Date

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### Redaction Explanatory Guide

Council's Governance and Risk team will review each Return in conjunction with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the "GIPA Act"), with reference to the "Public interest considerations against disclosure" which are listed in the Table to section 14.

For example, Council officers will redact signature and current principal place of residence in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table as this is considered personal information and consequently "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... reveal an individual's personal information".

If a property listed on a Return, e.g. an investment property, is not the current principal place of residence of a Councillor or a Designated Person, Council officers will review the information in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table if the property is the principal place of residence or business of an immediate family member, and will conduct a Public interest test in accordance with section 13 of the GIPA Act.

Council officers when conducting a Public interest test must also consider other public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act, such as:

Part 3 (e) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... expose a person to a risk of harm or of serious harassment or serious intimidation";

Part 4 (d) "There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests".

Additionally, the amount of any income, shareholding or debt disclosed will be redacted in accordance with Part 4 (d) and the names of a spouse/partner if that information is provided throughout the return will be redacted in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table to section 14 of the GIPA Act, as above.

***This list is not exhaustive: Council officers will review every Return on its merits in conjunction with the complete list of public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act;***



**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY  
INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURN**

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by

Mat Howard

as at 10 May 2025

In respect of the period from 30 June 2024 to 30 June 2025.



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[Councillor's or Designated Person's signature]

<b>A. Real Property</b> In the case of interests in real property, you must disclose all interests in real property you hold in Australia.		
You must disclose the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>street address of each parcel of real property you had an interest in: on the return date, and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and</li> <li>nature of the interest (e.g., freehold, lease (renting), option to purchase etc).</li> </ul>		Nature of interest
Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individual's personal information. 262 Mount Irvine Road Mount Irvine NSW 2786		Joint owner / principal place of residence  Joint owner
<b>B. Sources of income</b> You must disclose each source of income you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reasonably expect to receive from the first day after the return date to 30 June, and received in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year.</li> </ul> In disclosing sources of income from your occupation, you must disclose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of your occupation, and</li> <li>if you are employed or the holder of an office, the name and address of your employer, or a description of the office, and</li> <li>if you have entered into a partnership with other persons, the name (if any) of the partnership.</li> </ul> You do not need to disclose a source of income if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it did not exceed, or you do not reasonably expect it to exceed, \$500</li> <li>you ceased to receive income from that source prior to becoming a councillor or designated person, or</li> <li>it is your fee as a councillor.</li> </ul>		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Partner	Circadia Partners 262 Mount Irvine Road Mount Irvine NSW 2786	Circadia Partners

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2 Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June.

Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

*In disclosing sources of income from a trust, you must disclose the name and address of the settlor and trustee.*

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
N/A	

3 Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June

Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June

*In disclosing the sources of any other income, you must provide a description that identifies the person you received or reasonably expect to receive the income from, or the circumstances in which you received or reasonably expect to receive the income.*

Office of the Minister for Transport, NSW, The Cabinet office, NSW Government (ceased 4 April 2025).	Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individual's personal information.
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**C. Gifts**

*Gifts include any item, property, or money you have been given without consideration or with inadequate consideration, unless it was received under a will.*

You do not need to disclose gifts if:

- they did not exceed \$500 in value, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$500 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months
- it was given to you by a relative (see provided **OLG Guideline** for definition of "relative")
- it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018, or
- it was received prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12-month period and the gifts total more than \$500).

Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June of the previous year	Name and address of donor
Beanie, Marrickville (\$39)	Kylie Moulds, Wharf Road Marrickville

**D. Contributions to travel**

*You must disclose the:*

- name and address of any person who has made a financial or other contribution to the expenses of any travel you have undertaken since 30 June of the previous financial year
- dates on which you undertook the travel, and
- names of the states and territories and of the overseas countries where the travel was undertaken.

*You do not need to disclose a contribution to travel if:*

- it was made from public funds
- it was made by a relative (see provided **OLG Guideline** for definition of "relative")
- it was made in the ordinary course of your occupation that was not related to your functions as a councillor or designated person
- it was under \$250, unless it was among gifts totalling more than \$250 from the same person/organisation within the last 12 months
- it was a political donation that has been disclosed or is required to be disclosed under the Electoral Funding Act 2018
- it was made by a political party you are a member of and you undertook the travel for the purpose of political activity of the party in NSW, or to represent the party within Australia, or
- you received the contribution prior to becoming a councillor or designated person (unless you have received a subsequent gift or contribution from the same person/organisation since becoming a councillor/designated person and within a 12 month period and the gifts/contributions total more than \$250).

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Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
NIL		

**E. Interests and positions in corporations**

*You must disclose the:*

- the name and address of each corporation in which you held an interest or position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year
- the nature of the interests or positions held in each corporation, and
- a description of the principal objects (if any) of each corporation, except if it is a listed company.

*You do not need to disclose an interest or position in a corporation if the corporation:*

- is formed for the purpose of providing recreation or amusement, or for promoting commerce, industry, art, science, religion or charity, or for any other community purpose, **and**
- it is required to apply its profits or other income for the purpose of promoting its objects, **and**

*You also do not need to disclose an interest in a corporation if it is a beneficial interest in shares in the corporation that does not exceed 10 per cent of the voting rights in the corporation or if you ceased to hold the interest or position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.*

Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
N/A			

**F. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date? (Yes or No)**

A person or a corporation is a 'property developer' if they carry out a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit.

*You must disclose if you are a 'property developer' or a close associate of an individual (see attached OLG Guideline for definition of "close associate") or corporation that is a 'property developer' for the purposes of the Electoral Funding Act 2018.*

NO

**G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations**

*You must disclose:*

- the name of each trade union and of each professional or business association in which you held any position (whether remunerated or not) on the return date and since 30 June of the previous financial year, and
- a description of the position.

*You do not need to disclose a position in a trade union or a professional or business association if you ceased to hold that position prior to becoming a councillor or designated person.*

Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Description of position
Public Service Association (PSA)	Member
Australian Services Union NSW	Member

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<p><b>H. Debts</b></p>
<p><i>You must disclose the name and address of each person you are/were liable to pay a debt to on the return date, and at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year (this includes Study Loans).</i></p> <p><i>You must disclose a liability to pay a debt whether or not the amount, or any part of the amount, to be paid was due and payable on the return date or at any time in the period since 30 June of the previous financial year.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to disclose a liability to pay a debt if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>the debt arose from a loan you have with a deposit taking institution (eg a bank) or other authorised deposit taking institution which lends money, and the loan was part of the institution’s ordinary course of business</i></li> <li>• <i>the amount to be paid did not exceed \$500, unless the debt was one of two or more debts owed to the same person, and the combined value of the debts exceed \$500.</i></li> <li>• <i>the debt was owed to a relative (see provided <b>OLG Guideline</b> for definition of “relative”)</i></li> <li>• <i>in the case of a debt for the supply of goods or services:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>the goods or services were supplied to you within the 12 months before the return date, or at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, or</i></li> <li>- <i>the goods or services were supplied to you in the ordinary course your occupation that is not related to your duties as a councillor or designated person, or</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>the debt was discharged prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person, unless the debt was one of two or more debts you owe to the same person, and the value of the combine debts exceeds \$500.</i></li> </ul>
<p>Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt at the return date/at any time since 30 June</p>
<p>NIL</p>
<p><b>I. Dispositions of property</b></p>
<p><i>You must disclose details of each disposition of real property by you (including the street address of the property) since 30 June of the previous financial year if you wholly or partly retained the use and benefit of the property, or the right to re-acquire it.</i></p> <p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to disclose a disposition of real property if it was made prior to you becoming a councillor or designated person.</i></p>
<p>1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time</p>
<p>NIL</p>
<p>2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June of the previous financial year, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property</p>
<p><i>You must also disclose details of each disposition of real property to another person under an arrangement with you (including the street address of the property), since 30 June of the previous financial year under which you obtained wholly or partly the use of the property.</i></p>
<p>NIL</p>

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**J. Discretionary disclosures**

*You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have, whether or not they are pecuniary, which you have not been required to disclose elsewhere in the return.*

My spouse [REDACTED] is a Director of [REDACTED] a local architecture firm that routinely submits development applications and complying development applications to Inner West Council for assessment on behalf of clients. [REDACTED] is listed on these applications as designer/architect and not as applicant (who are typically the owner or client).

My spouse, [REDACTED] is a Director and the Co-Chair of the Board of both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Member, Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)  
 Member, Rainbow Families NSW  
 Social Member, Marrickville Bowling and Recreation Club  
 Social Member, Marrickville Golf, Sporting and Recreation Club  
 Member, Amateur Beekeepers Association Australia  
 Member, Inner West Beekeepers  
 Member, Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and Mardi Gras Arts  
 Member, Pride History Group  
 Member, Labor Environment Action Group (LEAN)  
 Member, NSW Labor Left

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### Redaction Explanatory Guide

Council’s Governance and Risk team will review each Return in conjunction with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the “GIPA Act”), with reference to the “Public interest considerations against disclosure” which are listed in the Table to section 14.

For example, Council officers will redact signature and current principal place of residence in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table as this is considered personal information and consequently “There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... reveal an individual’s personal information”.

If a property listed on a Return, e.g. an investment property, is not the current principal place of residence of a Councillor or a Designated Person, Council officers will review the information in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table if the property is the principal place of residence or business of an immediate family member, and will conduct a Public interest test in accordance with section 13 of the GIPA Act.

Council officers when conducting a Public interest test must also consider other public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act, such as:

Part 3 (e) “There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... expose a person to a risk of harm or of serious harassment or serious intimidation”;

Part 4 (d) “There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ... prejudice any person’s legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests”.

Additionally, the amount of any income, shareholding or debt disclosed will be redacted in accordance with Part 4 (d) and the names of a spouse/partner if that information is provided throughout the return will be redacted in accordance with Part 3 (a) of the table to section 14 of the GIPA Act, as above.

***This list is not exhaustive: Council officers will review every Return on its merits in conjunction with the complete list of public interest considerations against disclosure in the GIPA Act;***

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 23  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: DRIVEWAY EXIT SAFETY AT ARA (141-143 ALLEN ST AND 220-224 FLOOD ST, LEICHHARDT)  
**From:** Councillor Philippa Scott

**MOTION**

1. That Council notes the concerns raised by residents of the “Ara” building complex (Strata Plan 106156), located at 141–143 Allen Street and 220–224 Flood Street, Leichhardt regarding safety issues at the driveway exit due to limited visibility caused by adjacent parked vehicles.
2. That Council requests that the Traffic Committee investigate the feasibility of installing “No Stopping” signage as outlined in the Stanbury Traffic Planning proposal, including any implications for pedestrian and vehicle safety and existing parking supply.
3. That Council notes the proactive advocacy of residents for this solution, demonstrated through a local survey, and the findings of an independent report from Stanbury Traffic Planning commissioned by the strata committee, both of which are tabled for the benefit of Council.
4. That Council requests that the findings of the Local Traffic Committee be reported back to Council via the Local Traffic Committee report.

**Background**

Residents of the Ara building complex at 141–143 Allen Street and 220–224 Flood Street in Leichhardt have raised ongoing safety concerns regarding limited visibility when exiting their shared driveway onto Flood Street. Parked vehicles adjacent to the driveway obstruct sight lines, creating a risk for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Following a site visit in March 2025, Cr Scott was provided with a resident survey demonstrating strong support for action, as well as an independent traffic assessment by Stanbury Traffic Planning commissioned by their strata committee. Their report confirms that installing “No Stopping” signage 4–5 metres on each side of the driveway would significantly improve visibility and safety without reducing available parking.

This Motion seeks to formally refer the matter to the Local Traffic Committee for investigation.

**Officer’s Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Resident Survey Report from Strata Plan 106156
2. [↓](#) Stanbury Traffic Planning Safety Report (pages 1–2)

# ARA

Strata Plan 106156

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## Resident survey – Flood St driveway safety

March 2025

Report prepared by Dr Kieren Po, Treasurer, Strata Plan 106156; on behalf of the Strata Committee  
5 May 2025

## Executive summary

**Background:** The Strata Committee of ARA (Strata Plan 106156) has identified a safety issue at the driveway exit onto Flood Street, primarily due to limited visibility caused by parked vehicles. Residents have reported numerous near-misses when exiting the driveway.

**Methods:** A survey was conducted in March 2025 among ARA residents to gather feedback on the issue. The survey included questions about difficulties experienced, near-misses, and support for proposed safety measures. It was open for 48 hours and received 43 responses from approximately 100 occupied lots.

### Results:

- **Driveway Difficulties and Safety Issues:** 95% of respondents reported experiencing difficulties when exiting the driveway, mainly due to obstructed views from parked vehicles.
- **Near-Misses:** 70% of respondents reported near-misses, with some experiencing incidents more than once a week.
- **Visibility:** 86% of respondents reported needing to move their vehicles beyond the line of parked cars (i.e. onto the main carriageway of Flood St) to see approaching traffic, posing a hazard to themselves, pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users.
- **Support for Measures:** 98% supported placing No Stopping signs on each side of the ARA driveway entrance to improve sight lines.

**Conclusions:** The survey results indicate a significant safety issue at the driveway exit, with strong resident support for implementing No Stopping signs to improve visibility and safety. Advice we have received from an independent traffic consultant indicates that these signs could be placed 4–5 metres to each side of our driveway exit with only minimal impact on general amenity and no reduction in the availability of street parking.

**Background**

The Strata Committee of ARA (Strata Plan 106156) has identified a safety issue at the driveway exit of our building onto Flood Street through direct observation and feedback received from building residents. In particular, a number of residents had reported near-misses when driving their vehicles out onto Flood Street due to limited visibility of approaching traffic – especially to the right hand side.

Street parking on the western side of Flood Street between the roundabout intersection and the ARA driveway is generally 75–100% occupied at all times of day. Vehicles – many of which are taller vehicles such as utes, vans or SUVs – are often parked right up to the driveway exit and obstruct visibility to the right-hand side when vehicles are attempting to exit the ARA car park (see figure 1). However, visibility is poor even when light vehicles (cars) are parked there. This means that residents often need to move the front of their vehicles forward past the line of parked cars (i.e. onto the main carriageway of Flood St) in order to see approaching traffic from the right.



*Figure 1. View to the right (south) in a vehicle exiting the ARA driveway onto Flood St, with the front of the vehicle positioned just before the bicycle lane. Northbound traffic approaching from the right cannot be seen until it is in-line with the first parked vehicle (white Toyota Hilux in this photo).*

These safety concerns had been discussed at several Strata Committee meetings in 2024 and 2025, and the Committee had previously instructed the Strata Managing Agent to make enquiries with Inner West Council on our behalf, with no apparent effect.

Subsequently, members of the Strata Committee made direct enquiries with Inner West Council and sought advice from an independent traffic consultant (Stanbury Traffic Planning) in March 2025. The traffic consultant gave preliminary advice that the placement of No Stopping signs approximately 3 metres to each side of the driveway entrance would improve sight lines without reducing the number of car spaces on Flood St. On 20 March 2025 members of the Strata Committee met with Cr Philippa Scott (Leichhardt - Gulgadya Ward, Inner West Council) to discuss the matter. This meeting took place on-site at ARA so that Cr Scott could observe the safety concerns first-hand. The final report from Stanbury Traffic Planning indicated that No Stopping signs could be placed 4–5 metres to each side (rather than 3 metres) without affecting the number of car spaces.

## Methods

The Strata Committee determined that a survey of ARA residents would be the best method of giving feedback from our residents to the decision makers at Inner West Council.

A survey was developed by the Strata Committee using the Google Forms online survey platform with the following questions:

1. Have you experienced any difficulties or safety issues when exiting the ARA car park onto Flood St in your vehicle? If yes, please describe the difficulties/issues you have experienced.
2. Have you had any near-misses when exiting onto Flood St in your vehicle? If yes, approximately many times in the past 3 months?
3. When exiting onto Flood St, how far forward do you need to move your vehicle before you can get a clear view of traffic approaching from the right?
4. To improve safety for ARA residents turning out onto Flood St, a traffic consultant has proposed that Council places "No Stopping" signs 3 metres<sup>1</sup> (approximately half a car space length) on each side of our driveway entrance. This would improve sight lines by preventing vehicles from being parked too close to our driveway entrance. Doing so should not reduce the number of parking spaces along Flood St. Would you support such a measure?

All residents at ARA were invited by email to submit responses to the survey. Survey respondents were required to answer all questions. The survey was open for approximately 48 hours between Monday 24 March 2025 and Wednesday 26 March 2025.

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1. This question was based on the preliminary advice from the Stanbury Traffic Planning. Their final report indicates that the signs can be placed at 4–5 metres without affecting street parking.

## Results

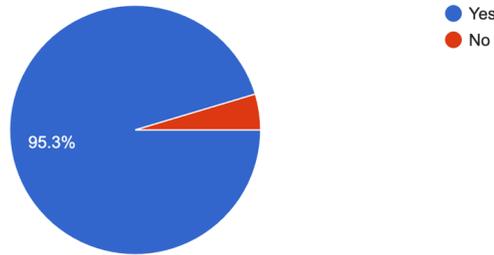
The Committee received 43 responses to the survey, out of approximately 100 occupied lots at ARA. This is concordant with the expected response rate for online surveys.<sup>2</sup> Responses were received from residents at all 6 buildings at ARA, roughly corresponding with the number of residents in each building.

2. Wu et al. Response rates of online surveys in published research: a meta-analysis. Comput Hum Behav 2022;7:100206.

### Most residents have personally experienced difficulties or safety issues

Have you experienced any difficulties or safety issues when exiting the ARA car park onto Flood St in your vehicle?

43 responses



Some 95% of respondents (41 of 43) reported that they had personally experienced difficulties or safety issues when exiting the ARA car park onto Flood St in their vehicle.

When asked to describe their experiences, residents raised concerns that primarily focused on poor visibility due to parked vehicles – often larger vehicles parked close to the driveway entrance – and particularly when turning right onto Flood St. Many respondents reported near-misses due to the inability to see oncoming traffic until they are well into the road.

Representative quotes from respondents:

*“The visibility to the right-hand side when exiting the driveway is severely compromised, primarily due to vehicles parking too close to the start of the driveway and, in some cases, extending past the entrance. This completely blocks the view of oncoming traffic, creating a dangerous situation, especially when oversized vehicles are parked in the area. However, even when regular vehicles are parked there, the visibility remains poor, contributing to the near-miss incidents reported by residents.”*

*“Poor visibility and multiple near-miss accidents. Please consider No Stopping sign to right of carpark exit.”*

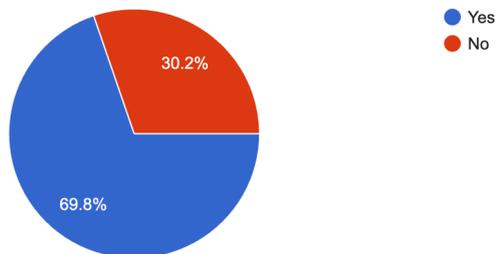
*“Its a blind spot and you have to creep out gradually to avoid being hit by drivers who think they have right of way and they do, but they don’t slow down its very dangerous”*

*“When a larger ute or small van is parked adjacent to the driveway (south) you cannot see oncoming vehicles at all. Have to edge forward.”*

**Most residents have experienced a near miss**

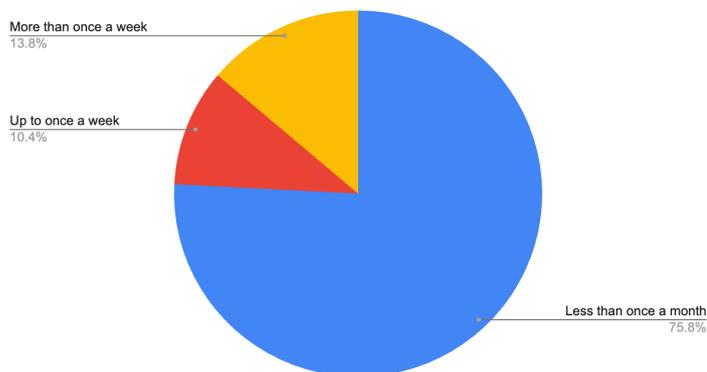
Have you had any near-misses when exiting onto Flood St in your vehicle?

43 responses



Approximately 70% of respondents (30 of 43) reported that they had nearly been involved in a motor vehicle accident when exiting the ARA car park onto Flood St. The Strata Committee is not aware of any motor vehicle accidents at the location to date, but one is inevitable given the number of incidents reported.

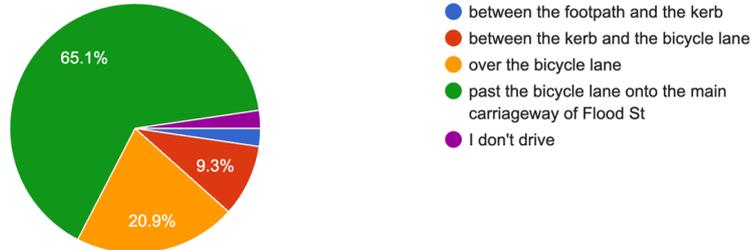
Twenty-nine respondents were able to quantify the number of near-misses that they had experienced between January and March 2025. Most respondents (75.8%) reported between 1 to 5 incidents over this approximately 3-month period. Concerningly, 10.4% of respondents reported near-miss incidents up to once a week, and 13.8% of respondents reported near-miss incidents more than once a week.



**Residents need to move their vehicles onto the roadway to see approaching traffic**

When exiting onto Flood St, how far forward do you need to move your vehicle before you can get a clear view of traffic approaching from the right? The front of your vehicle is...

43 responses

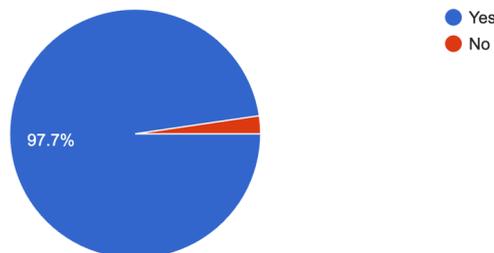


The majority of respondents (86%) reported that they needed to move the front of their vehicles beyond the line of parked cars onto either the bicycle lane or the main carriageway of Flood St in order to see approaching traffic from the right on Flood St. This is also clearly shown in Figure 1 in the background section above. This clearly presents a hazard for residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and northbound vehicles on Flood St.

**Residents strongly support the No Stopping signs proposal**

To improve safety for ARA residents turning out onto Flood St, a traffic consultant has proposed that Council places "No Stopping" signs 3 metres (approx.) from Flood St. Would you support such a measure?

43 responses

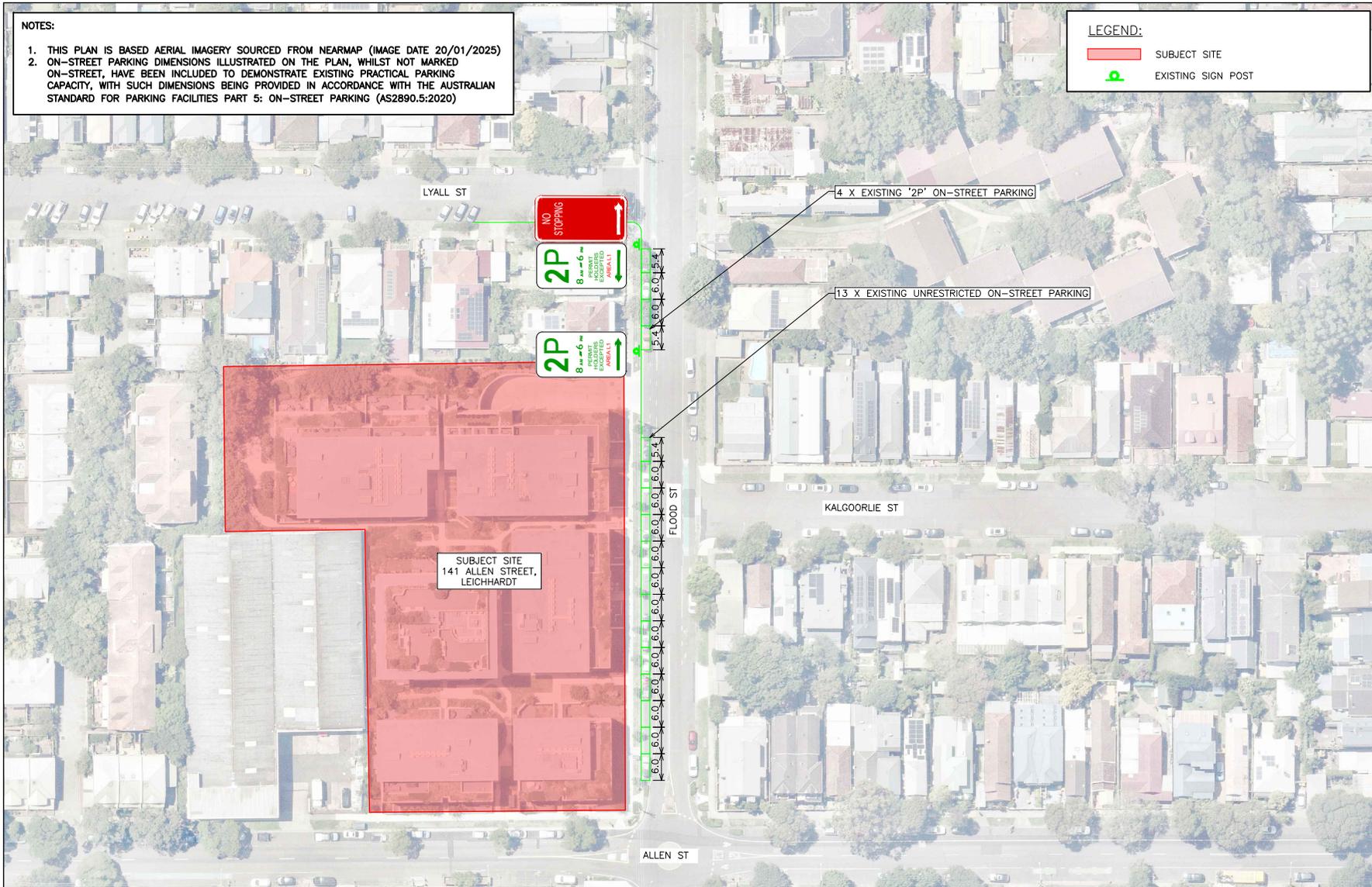


Some 98% of respondents (42 of 43) supported a proposal to place No Stopping signs 3 metres to each side of the ARA driveway entrance on Flood St. Indeed, in the free response section of the survey, several respondents voiced that the signs should be placed 5–6 metres to each side of the driveway entrance. The final report from Stanbury Traffic Planning, received by the strata committee after the closure of this survey, indicates that No Stopping signs can be placed 4–5 metres to each side of our driveway without reducing the number of car spaces along Flood St. We consider the responses to this question to be equally valid if No Stopping signs were to be placed at 4–5 metres.

## Conclusions

We consider the response to this survey to be representative of the views of all residents in the ARA complex. A large majority of residents at ARA have identified a safety issue at our driveway entrance, namely poor visibility of approaching vehicles when exiting the driveway, and have experienced an unacceptable rate of near-misses when exiting the driveway. There is very strong support from our residents for the placement of No Stopping signs to each side of our driveway entrance to improve safety for our residents, cyclists, and other drivers using Flood St. The report from Stanbury Traffic Planning indicates that it would be feasible to place No Stopping signs 4–5 metres to each side of our driveway without reducing the number of parking spaces available along Flood St.

Therefore, the ARA Strata Committee, on behalf of The Owners – Strata Plan 106156, requests that Inner West Council consider placing No Stopping signage 4–5 metres to each side of our driveway exit to improve sight lines by preventing vehicles being parked too close to the driveway exit. Such a measure would help to improve safety for our residents and the general public, without significantly impacting on general amenity nor access to street parking for local residents.



**NOTES:**

1. THIS PLAN IS BASED AERIAL IMAGERY SOURCED FROM NEARMAP (IMAGE DATE 20/01/2025)
2. ON-STREET PARKING DIMENSIONS ILLUSTRATED ON THE PLAN, WHILST NOT MARKED ON-STREET, HAVE BEEN INCLUDED TO DEMONSTRATE EXISTING PRACTICAL PARKING CAPACITY, WITH SUCH DIMENSIONS BEING PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD FOR PARKING FACILITIES PART 5: ON-STREET PARKING (AS2890.5:2020)

**LEGEND:**

- SUBJECT SITE
- EXISTING SIGN POST

 <p><b>STANBURY TRAFFIC PLANNING</b> <small>TRAFFIC, PARKING &amp; TRANSPORT CONSULTANTS</small></p>	<p>ADDRESS: 401/380 HARRIS ST, PYRMONT</p> <p>PH: (02) 8971 8314</p> <p>EMAIL: info@stanburytraffic.com.au</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.stanburytraffic.com.au</p>	<p>STANBURY TRAFFIC PLANNING</p> <p>141 ALLEN STREET, LEICHHARDT</p> <p>EXISTING ON-STREET PARKING ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>WESTERN SIDE OF FLOOD STREET</p> <p>BETWEEN ALLEN STREET &amp; LYALL STREET</p>		<p>SCALE  1:800@A3</p>	<p>CREATED BY X.D</p>
			<p>DATE</p> <p>1 April 2025</p>	<p>APPROVED BY M.S</p>	
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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 24  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ANNANDALE POLICE STATION: UPDATE AND PARKING NEEDS  
**From:** Councillor Philippa Scott

**MOTION**

1. That Council writes to NSW Police requesting an update on the current and future use of the Annandale Police Station at the corner of Collins Street and Annandale Street.
2. That Council notes that NSW Police advised Council in 2022 that three existing ‘No Parking Police Vehicles Excepted’ angle parking spaces on the west side of Annandale Street north of Collins Street, Annandale in front of the Police Station may be reverted to unrestricted parking, and that this has not yet occurred.
3. That Council write to NSW Police requesting that they work with Council staff to immediately implement the proposed reduction in the number of dedicated on-street parking spaces reserved for police vehicles outside the Annandale Police Station and seek clarification as to whether the remaining two spaces are still needed, in recognition of the station’s non-operational status and the significant parking constraints in the area.
4. That Council reports the outcomes of that discussion to the Local Traffic Committee and to Council via the Local Traffic Committee report.
5. That Council notes that the site was subjected to a fire in 2024, further underscoring the importance of clarifying use of the building.
6. That Council writes to the Hon Yasmin Catley MP, the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Heritage requesting that the long-term future of this heritage-listed building be clarified, preserved, and activated in a way that reflects its heritage value and contributes to the Annandale community.

**Background**

The Annandale Police Station at the corner of Collins St and Annandale St is a heritage-listed building designed by Government Architect Walter Liberty Vernon in 1908. It ceased operational use as a police station in January 1981, and while it may have since been used for file storage or administrative purposes since that time, it has not served a frontline policing role for over four decades.

Despite this, five on-street parking spaces directly outside the station remain reserved for police vehicles. The station also has its own driveway, further reducing the need for these reserved public spaces. In a high-density area with limited off-street parking, adjacent to residential terraces, the shops and cafes in nearby Booth St and Johnston St, Hunter Bailie church, St Brendan’s Catholic Church and Primary School, and the Victoria Hotel this reservation significantly impacts local residents and visitors

In February 2022 Council was notified by NSW Police that the utilisation of the existing ‘No Parking Police Vehicles Excepted’ angle spaces on the western side of Annandale Street, Annandale in front of the Police Station is low and the spaces can be reverted to unrestricted

parking. NSW Police also advised that the existing 'No Parking Police Vehicle Excepted' parking spaces on the northern side of Collins Street, Annandale, west of Annandale Street were then still required. Council staff should seek to implement the proposal by NSW Police which is now more than three years old, and seek clarification as to whether the two remaining spaces identified in February 2022 are also still required or can be returned for community use.

In 2024 the building was subject to a fire, highlighting ongoing risks associated with long-term vacant or underused buildings.

Given the current less-intensive use of the building it is appropriate that Council request updated information from NSW Police and the NSW Government as to the future of this site, as well as a reallocation of on-street parking back to general community use.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 25  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: HABERFIELD BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE  
**From:** Councillor Philippa Scott and Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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**MOTION**

1. That Council note the contribution local businesses make to Haberfield and the Inner West.
  2. That Council host a Roundtable with local Haberfield businesses, AshBiz and the Member for Summer Hill, the Hon Jo Haylen MP, about ways Inner West Council and the NSW Government can better support local businesses in Haberfield.
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**Background**

Haberfield is home to unique and diverse small businesses and represents a dynamic local village with a variety of exciting offerings.

A Roundtable of local businesses can help representatives from various levels of Government to better understand the needs of local businesses and ways to better improve supports to help them thrive.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 26  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: INNER WEST PRIDE WALK  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard and Councillor Jessica D'Arienzo

**MOTION**

1. That Council acknowledge the Inner West is home to multiple sites of significance for national LGBTIQA+ history.
2. That Council note that many local LGBTIQA+ organisations are engaged in the important work of documenting, preserving and engaging our community with this history.
3. That Council establish an Inner West Pride Walk in consultation with key local groups, consisting of an audio tour, a printed guide, and physical markers or plaques at key locations detailing the significance of people, locations and events important to LGBTIQA+ people.
4. That the launch of the Inner West Pride Walk be included as part of the Feel the Love event in 2026.
5. That Council, as part of consultation for this program, consult with key local organisations and individuals including the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, the LGBTIQA+ Working Group and others.
6. That funds for this project be drawn from the Mainstreet Revitalisation Fund and a report detailing a timeline for realisation, budget, list of proposed locations and potential third-party partners, as well as information regarding the consultation, be provided to Council by October 2025.

**Background**

Each year, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence host a popular and informative walking tour of key sites of importance to LGBTIQA+ communities in the Inner West and City of Sydney as part of the Mardi Gras season.

Establishing a permanent walk is a positive way to compliment this important work and to further commemorate and raise visibility about the important role Inner West communities, organisations, people and locations have played in the history of LGBTIQA+ liberation in Australia.

The establishment of the Inner West Pride Centre and Pride Square have created sites of significance for LGBTIQA+ people and the establishment of an Inner West Pride Walk is a good way to expand that work to other suburbs across the Inner West local government area.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 27  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ELIMINATING PRODUCE STICKERS,  
MICROPLASTICS AND FOGO CONTAMINANTS  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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**MOTION**

1. That Council note the use of produce stickers (or Price Look-Up Codes) contributes to the prevalence of microplastics in our environment, including our local rivers, and forms a contaminant in our FOGO and other waste streams.
2. That Council writes to the Federal and NSW State Environment ministers requesting an update on the phasing out of plastic produce stickers and other microplastics.
3. That Council reports back to Council by October 2025 on:
  - a) ways council is managing polluting microplastics, including plastic produce stickers, and any other opportunities to minimise or eliminate them in our waste streams; and
  - b) Data and information on the types of contaminants in council's FOGO waste stream and strategies to eliminate them as council continues to embed FOGO.
4. That Council include information in a future Inner West community news about removing produce stickers before disposing of produce in FOGO.

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**Background**

Produce stickers, or Price Look-Up Codes, are often made of vinyl or single use plastic and since 1990, have become a popular way for retailers and wholesalers to identify and process produce sales.

While produce stickers may assist consumers to identify produce and obtain information about foods, including the country of origin and whether produce contains genetically modified organic matter, they continue to bear an environmental cost.

Our local rivers and waterways continue to be polluted by microplastics. Produce stickers inhibit the ability of wholesalers and retailers to adequately compost spoiled produce. Microplastics continue to be a source of contamination in FOGO and other waste streams, undermining the extraordinary work of Inner West residents when diverting over 20,000 tonnes of food waste from landfill since October 2023.

It should be noted that contamination rates in the FOGO waste produced by Inner westies continues to be far lower than in other comparable local government areas.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 28  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: COOKS RIVER FISHING SIGNAGE AND DISPOSAL BINS  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

**MOTION**

1. That Council install bins for fishing hooks along the Cooks River at key locations where recreational fishing occurs.
2. That Council consult with the Cooks River Alliance, Cooks River Mudcrabs, Transport for NSW, NSW Department of Primary Industries and NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and consider erecting signage along the river in multiple community languages:
  - a) advising the regulations and laws pertaining to fishing in the Cooks River;
  - b) providing information about the health and environmental risks of fishing in the Cooks River; and
  - c) information about the proper and responsible disposal of fishing bait and tackle.
3. That Council report back by October 2025 advising on the consultation above, and any actions to be taken by Council.

**Background**

There have been reports of dogs ingesting fish hooks at sites along the Cooks River, requiring urgent and expensive veterinary care.

Recreational fishing occurs at sites along the Cooks River and there is minimal signage regarding the laws, regulations, health and environmental advisories.

It is prudent for fishing tackle disposal bins to be installed to assist to promote the safe disposal of fish hooks.

It is prudent for council and other regulatory bodies to consider whether improved signage might help to reduce any risk to recreational fishers who choose to fish in the Cooks River.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 29  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: GANNON STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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**MOTION**

1. That Council note the raised pedestrian crossing on Gannon Street at Edwin Street continues to pose a significant risk to pedestrians.
  2. That Council review safety at the crossing and consider further ways to improve pedestrian and road user safety at the crossing.
  3. That Council report back to the Inner West Council Local Traffic Committee no later than September 2025 with options to improve pedestrian safety at this location.
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**Background**

The pedestrian crossing on Gannon Street and Edwin Street is critical for families and students at the Betty Spears Early Childcare Centre, Tempe Public School, Tempe High School as well as all residents living in South Tempe and those accessing Tempe Train Station.

The crossing has been raised and line markings put in place, however, Gannon Street is extremely busy and near-misses and accidents continue to be reported.

It is important that Council undertake a review of safety at the crossing in the interests of residents and all road-users.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 30  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: CALVERT STREET CARPARK PLUG AND PLAY EVENTS  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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**MOTION**

1. That Council notes the success of the recent Sunday Sessions event held at the Calvert Street Carpark in Marrickville.
  2. That Council thanks council staff, local Illawarra Road businesses, local brewers and distillers, and residents who attended for making the event such a success.
  3. That Council acknowledges that Inner West Council was successful in receiving a grant from Transport for NSW's Plug and Play program, designed to simplify and aid public events at key locations.
  4. That Council hosts an information session, either in person or via webinar, advising interested parties as to how they might activate the carpark for public events and utilise the Plug and Play program to do so.
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**Background**

The Marrickville Sunday Sessions event held at the Calvert Street carpark in Marrickville was a huge success, bringing together local businesses on Illawarra Road, local distillers and brewers and a huge contingent of local residents to celebrate our suburb.

Earlier this year, Transport for NSW awarded Inner West Council money to activate the Calvert Street carpark, Railway Parade in Sydenham and other locations for events like the Marrickville Sunday Sessions. The funding enables some infrastructure works to be undertaken at the site, as well as for logistical and bureaucratic barriers to be more easily overcome (such as a reduction in costs and requirements for traffic management studies).

Following the success of the event, organisations have expressed an interest in hosting other events at the site.

Providing further information about how these events can be hosted would help facilitate further activation and engagement with the site and ensure other high-quality, inclusive and fun events are held at the Calvert Street carpark.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 31  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: SUPPORTING SOLAR UPTAKE AS PART OF THE DCP  
**From:** Councillor Chloe Smith

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### **MOTION**

1. That Council notes that the Inner West DCP is due to be considered by Council following the LEP.
  2. That Council supports greater uptake of solar panels and installations across the Inner West and requests that measures to support and streamline this be considered as part of the DCP, including a review of current restrictions around installation on street-facing roofs and in heritage areas.
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### **Background**

Inner West Council is Australia's most sustainable Council, with the distinction of being the first council in the country to be both 100% divested from fossil fuels and 100% powered by renewable energy. Our Council is committed to reducing the community's carbon footprint while also supporting households to lower their energy bills, and we recognise that greater uptake of renewable energy is the best way to achieve this.

Solar installations are one significant way households can harness the benefits of the renewable energy transition. In many instances under the current controls, solar installations can be considered as exempt developments that don't require DA approval. However properties that are heritage items or within Heritage Conservation Areas (HCAs) can face significant restrictions on solar installations. Given that almost half of the LGA is under some form of heritage protection, these restrictions impact a significant proportion of properties and can act as a deterrent for greater solar uptake.

The Inner West DCP presents an opportunity to review these restrictions and identify a way forward that balances heritage concerns with the Council's commitment to supporting renewable energy and solar uptake.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 32  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: PETERSHAM PARK – NAPPY CHANGE TABLE FACILITIES  
**From:** Councillors Vicki Clay and Chloe Smith

**MOTION**

1. That Council install nappy changing facilities in the public toilets in Petersham Park outside Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre, as an additional option for parents visiting Petersham Park.
2. That Council install dedicated waste bin with the nappy changing facility

**Background**

At a recent meeting with constituents at Splash Cafe, next to Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC), a general discussion brought to light that the only nappy changing facility available for parents visiting the park, is within FDAC only.

There are no nappy changing facilities outside of/in closer proximity to FDAC, i.e. in or near the public toilet facilities.

This requires parents to enter/re-enter FDAC for the purposes of changing baby nappies. If it is a busy day, and there is a queue to enter FDAC, this is an additional impost on parents. Parents needing facilities outside of FDAC operating hours are also disadvantaged and would need to use the ground or benches (not deemed safe for the purpose).

**Officer’s Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 33  
**Subject:** QUESTION ON NOTICE: SUV USE IN THE INNER WEST  
**From:** Councillor Olivia Barlow

**Question**

What consideration has Council given to discouraging the uptake of SUVs in the Inner West LGA, on the basis they emit more pollution and are more dangerous for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, than smaller cars?

**Answer**

The form factor of a vehicle is one factor influencing the emissions of a vehicle and must be considered with factors including vehicle size, weight, fuel type, engine efficiency, emission control systems and ongoing maintenance. In some jurisdictions, parking permit fees are tiered and have been indexed against vehicle emission ratings such as the Green Vehicle Guide, however, this has not been adopted by Council.

With relation to safety, the vehicle form factor alone is not an accurate predictor of road safety outcomes. Modern SUV's benefit from a higher driving position and advanced safety features that can provide improved safety over older vehicle models.

**Question**

How many SUVs have been registered in the Inner West LGA since 2017, broken down by year?

**Answer**

Available registration information does not define a SUV. Approximately 89,598 passenger vehicles are presently registered in the LGA with 9,262 classed as "off-road passenger vehicles" (approx. 10%).

**Question**

How does this compare to the number of passenger cars registered in the Inner West LGA?

**Answer**

See above answer.

**Question**

How does this compare to the number of EVs registered in the Inner West LGA?

**Answer**

2,286 battery electric passenger cars and 5,355 hybrid-electric passenger cars (including 84 hybrid electric "off-road" passenger vehicles) have been registered in the Inner West.

**Question**

How many SUVs have been registered to the Inner West Council fleet since 2017, broken down by year?

**Answer**

Year	SUVs Registered
2017	23
2018	56
2019	33
2020	41
2021	31
2022	24
2023	51
2024	44

The Leaseback Motor Vehicle Policy was adopted in June 2020 and introduced Hybrid or Electric vehicles as one of the criteria for vehicle choice. From 2020 to 2022, Hybrid and Electric Vehicles transitioned into the passenger vehicle fleet with all SUV leaseback vehicles from 2022 being hybrid/electric vehicles.

Note, due to global supply chain issues during and after the pandemic, the supply of hybrid vehicles (such as RAV4s) was delayed in 2021-2022 which resulted in an increase in vehicles being delivered and registered in 2023 and 2024.

**Question**

How does Council monitor and track road safety across the Inner West LGA, including danger spots and/or trends in vehicle usage that may impact the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, children, and other vulnerable road users?

**Answer**

Council uses TfNSW crash data to monitor road safety and identify blackspots.

**Question**

What measures has Council put in place to prevent road injuries and fatalities in the Inner West LGA, particularly around schools and childcare facilities?

**Answer**

Council has various programs that reduce road injuries and fatalities throughout the Inner West, this includes:

- The implementation of the Road Safety Program
- Review of blackspots through the annual blackspot program
- Development of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) studies
- Development of strategic plans such as InnerWest@40, Active Travel to Schools Study, Pedestrian Access and Mobility (PAMP) and Cycling Strategy
- Ad-hoc investigation of road safety concerns
- Delivery of the PAMP, traffic facilities and cycleways programs.
- Working with NSW Police and Council enforcement staff to enforce the Road Rules

**Question**

Has Council taken any specific measures to improve road safety across the Inner West LGA, given SUV use is increasing and children are 8 times more likely to be killed when struck by an SUV compared to a smaller passenger vehicle?

**Answer**

Council continues to deliver a range of treatments to improve road safety across the Inner West including Delivery of the PAMP, traffic facilities and cycleways programs. These works improve safety by slowing vehicle movements and separating vehicular traffic from vulnerable road users.

The road safety behavioural program has included the following:

- Child restraint car seat fittings
- Workshops for parents of learner drivers
- Pedestrian safety education program
- Support TfNSW road safety communication and campaigns
- Road safety around schools program

**Question**

How many pedestrian fatalities in road crashes involving an SUV in the Inner West LGA have been recorded since 2017, broken down by year?

**Answer**

Over the seven-year period (2017 to 2023), there was 10 pedestrian crashes involved in a fatal road crash. One pedestrian fatality involved an SUV/4-wheel drive vehicle, and four pedestrian fatalities involved a car (sedan/hatch). See below table:

<b>Pedestrian Fatalities</b>	<b>4 wheel drive / SUV</b>	<b>Car (sedan/hatch)</b>	<b>Other (Motorcycle, Large Rigid, Light Truck, Light Truck Utility, other Bus)</b>
<b>2017</b>	0	1	0
<b>2018</b>	0	1	1
<b>2019</b>	1	0	0
<b>2020</b>	0	0	0
<b>2021</b>	0	1	1
<b>2022</b>	0	1	3
<b>2023</b>	0	0	0

**Question**

How does this compare to pedestrian fatalities in road crashes involving a standard passenger car?

**Answer**

See above answer.

**Question**

How many parking infringements have been issued to SUVs for parking in a manner that obstructs, including but not limited to footpaths, driveways, other parking spaces, and other traffic in the Inner West LGA since 2017, broken down by year?

**Answer**

Available data categorises vehicles as ‘smaller vehicles’ and ‘larger vehicles’. Smaller vehicles includes Convertible, Coupe, Hatchback and Sedan; where larger vehicles includes 4WD, Wagon and Station Wagon.

See below table for fines issued to ‘larger vehicles’ where an obstruction was occurring.

	<b>4WD</b>	<b>Panel Van</b>	<b>Station Wagon</b>	<b>Wagon</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>Total Large Vehicles</b>
<b>2018</b>	1502	27	914	541	1186	<b>4170</b>
<b>2019</b>	2005	67	2198	1554	2443	<b>8267</b>
<b>2020</b>	1261	153	2346	1428	2084	<b>7272</b>
<b>2021</b>	711	176	2002	1341	1903	<b>6133</b>
<b>2022</b>	702	152	3046	1610	2195	<b>7705</b>
<b>2023</b>	894	120	3317	1762	2375	<b>8468</b>
<b>2024</b>	998	174	3866	2110	2658	<b>9806</b>
<b>2025</b>	258	53	1536	684	808	<b>3339</b>

**Question**

How does this compare to parking infringements issued to standard passenger cars for similar infringements?

**Answer**

Available data categorises vehicles as ‘smaller vehicles’ and ‘larger vehicles’. Smaller vehicles includes Convertible, Coupe, Hatchback and Sedan; where larger vehicles includes 4WD, Wagon and Station Wagon.

See below table for fines issued to ‘smaller vehicles’ where an obstruction was occurring.

	<b>Convertible</b>	<b>Coupe</b>	<b>Hatchback</b>	<b>Sedan</b>	<b>Total Small Vehicles</b>
<b>2018</b>	26	219	2068	4657	<b>6970</b>
<b>2019</b>	42	381	3155	8948	<b>12526</b>
<b>2020</b>	41	324	2199	8346	<b>10910</b>
<b>2021</b>	40	216	1973	6986	<b>9215</b>
<b>2022</b>	37	242	2427	7546	<b>10252</b>
<b>2023</b>	47	355	3545	7030	<b>10977</b>
<b>2024</b>	46	285	3484	8068	<b>11883</b>
<b>2025</b>	23	76	1190	2735	<b>4024</b>

**Question**

Was the Inner West Council approached to make a submission to the Standards Australia consultation on increasing the length of car spaces, and if so, what was the submission?

**Answer**

Inner West Council was not approached by Standards Australia to make a submission.

**Question**

How many complaints have been received by the Inner West Council regarding SUVs since 2017, broken down by year and the nature of the complaint?

**Answer**

This information is not obtainable.

**Question**

How much has the Inner West Council spent per year on roads repair and maintenance since 2017, broken down by year?

**Answer**

Description (\$'000)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Roads Operational - Maintenance & Furniture & Signage	2,996	3,105	3,186	2,652	2,803	2,734	2,873
Roads Capital	2,958	6,474	4,826	7,460	5,724	8,504	11,118
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,954</b>	<b>9,579</b>	<b>8,012</b>	<b>10,112</b>	<b>8,527</b>	<b>11,238</b>	<b>13,990</b>

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 34

**Subject:** RFT 41-24 INSURANCE SERVICES

Council at its meeting on 29 April 2025 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 17 June 2025.

**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk

**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## DISCUSSION

Council will move into a closed session to deal with RFT41-24 Insurance Services as the information is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and (10A(2)(di) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed confidential as, 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 that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential report - RFT 41-24 Insurance Services - *Confidential*

***This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.***

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 35  
**Subject:** RFT 04-25 MACKEY PARK AMENITIES CONSTRUCTION  
**Prepared By:** Michael Craven - Projects Delivery Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**DISCUSSION**

In December 2023, Council adopted the Mackey Park Plan of Management and Masterplan. The plan calls for an upgrade of the existing amenities building with a purpose designed sporting amenities aligned with Richardson Crescent to improve access from Carrington Road.

The design of the new amenities was scoped with both internal and external stakeholders and includes: new public toilets including a full accessible, with external communal handwash basins, new kiosk, new external awning, meeting room with office space, storage rooms, two home and away changerooms with showers and toilets, new accessible paths of travel and associated landscaping works including the small pocket park. The works included the demolition of the existing amenities building.

It is anticipated that the works will commence in September 2025 and be completed by the end of March 2026 to align with the sporting seasons and minimise the impact on the winter sports season.

Council will move into a closed session to deal with Inner West Council RFT 04-25 Mackey Park Amenities Construction as the information is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and (10A(2)(di) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed 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 that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Confidential report - RFT 04-25 Mackey Park Amenities Construction - *Confidential*  
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*commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

2. RFT 04-25 VendorPanel Evaluation Report - *Confidential*

***This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.***

**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 36  
**Subject:** RFT 09-24 PRINT AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES TENDER EVALUATION REPORT  
**Prepared By:** Margaret Merten - Marketing, Media & Communications Coordinator  
**Authorised By:** Peter Gainsford - General Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**DISCUSSION**

Council will move into a closed session to deal with RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services Tender Evaluation Report as the information is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) and (10A(2)(di) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed 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 that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(dii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Confidential Report RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services Tender Report - *Confidential*  
***This attachment is confidential in accordance to 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.***
2. VendorPanel Evaluation Report RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services - *Confidential*  
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**Item No:** C0525(1) Item 37  
**Subject:** CONTRIBUTIONS AND REIMBURSEMENTS  
**Prepared By:** Matthew Pearce - General Counsel  
**Authorised By:** Peter Gainsford - General Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**DISCUSSION**

Council will move into closed session to deal with the *Contributions and Reimbursements*, for information which is classified as confidential under Section 10A(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed confidential, as the matter contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

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)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Confidential report - Contributions and Reimbursements - *Confidential*  
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2. Advice from Lindsay Taylor Lawyers - *Confidential*  
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