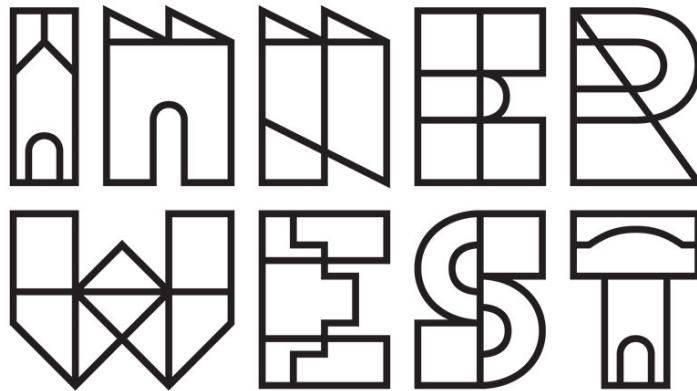


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**COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2025**

**6:30 PM**

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- contact details;
- item on the Agenda you wish to speak to; and
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- whether you are speaking in person or online

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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 17 June 2025 at Ashfield Service Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 6.32pm**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Mat Howard	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Scott Mullen	Acting Director Property and Major Projects
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Chris Sleiman	Acting Director Corporate
Manod Wickramasinghe	Acting Director Engineering
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Daniel East	Senior Manager Strategic Planning
Elizabeth Renneberg	Internal Ombudsman
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Akelo Costa	Business Paper Officer

**APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

**Motion: (Antoniou/Scott)**

That apologies from Councillor Atkins be accepted.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Raciti declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 61 – *Licence to Wests Tigers for Leichhardt Oval* as her husband is the President of the Leichhardt Tigers, and her son is on the board. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Raciti declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 63 - *RFT10-25 Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds Upgrade* as her husband is the President of the Leichhardt Tigers, and her son is on the board. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Blake declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 58 - *RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services Tender Evaluation Report* as he has worked with many of the tenderers. Out of an abundance of caution to remove any perception of conflict of interest, he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Scott declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 63 - *RFT 10-25 Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds Upgrade* as part of the money for part of the upgrade to Hammond Park is an election commitment by the Federal Member for Reid who is her employer. She advised that, she will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter. When the item was discussed at the meeting, she clarified that as her interest is non-significant non-pecuniary, she would remain in the meeting.

Councillor Carlisle declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 63 - *RFT 10-25 Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds Upgrade* as she works for the federal MP for Reid who has contributed federal Government funding to the upgrade of Hammond Park. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Carlisle declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 59 - *Contributions and Reimbursements*, as a person who is owed money by Council is a member of her local Australian Labor Party Branch. She will leave the meeting during voting and discussion on the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 59 - *Contributions and Reimbursements*, as he knows a person listed to receive a reimbursement within the report. He will leave the meeting during voting and discussion on the matter.

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 - *Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 19 May 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.

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

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

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

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion: (Smith/Scott)**

That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 1 Condolence Motion: Dr Peter Bokor**

**Motion: (Macri/Howard)**

1. That Council notes the recent passing of Dr Peter Bokor and acknowledges the 56 years of caring for our community in his service as a local Doctor from 1960 to 2016 when he retired.
2. That Council write to the family thanking them for their father's service to the community over such a long period of time.
3. That Council considers a memorial tree planting in a local park, in consultation with the family.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 67 Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion - Brother Paul Conn**

**Motion: (Byrne)**

That Council note the sad passing of Brother Paul Conn and offer our deep condolences to his family and the school community at Christian Brothers High School, Lewisham.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 68 Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion: Gladys Barnes**

**Motion: (Byrne)**

1. That Council write to the family of Gladys Barnes to express our gratitude for the contribution she made throughout her life to the Ashfield community, women's bowling and the Pratten Park Bowling Club.
2. That Council work with the Barnes family and the Pratten Park Bowling Club to create a permanent memorial to Gladys and her long service to the "Pratto" and the Ashfield community at her beloved Pratten Park.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 69      Mayoral Minute: State Emergency Services Accommodation**

**Motion: (Byrne)**

1. That Council investigate alternate accommodation options for the Ashfield-Leichhardt State Emergency Services (SES) unit within the Local Government Area (LGA), including sites controlled by Council and the NSW Government.
2. That Council write to the Minister for Lands and Property, requesting his assistance in identifying potential accommodation sites located on State Government owned land within the Inner West.
3. That Council develop a Memorandum of Understanding that will support the ongoing management of the Council buildings that are being used to provide SES services.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                Nil

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Barlow)**

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

1. Item 3 - Public Exhibition - Draft Economic Development Strategy
2. Item 4 - Investment Policy Update
3. Item 7 - Post Exhibition - Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy
4. Item 8 - Post Exhibition - Code of Conduct
5. Item 9 - Post Exhibition - Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
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- 32. Item 62 - Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report
- 33. Item 65 - Bignell Lane, Annandale
- 34. Item 66 - Return of Notional Member Interest from CivicRisk Mutual Limited

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Barlow)**

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

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**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 3 Public Exhibition - Draft Economic Development Strategy**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 4 Investment Policy Update**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council adopts the draft Investment Policy, as attached to the report.
2. That Council places the adopted Investment Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and provide a report back to Council if Council receives any feedback that requires an amendment to the adopted Investment Policy.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 7 Post Exhibition - Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 8 Post Exhibition - Code of Conduct**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council adopt the Code of Conduct.

2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally, and externally the adopted Code of Conduct.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 9 Post Exhibition - Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council adopt the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.
2. The Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally, and externally the adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 10 Public Exhibition - Code of Meeting Practice**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council publicly exhibits the draft Code of Meeting Practice for a period of 28 days, and invite submissions for a period of 42 days after the draft Code of Meeting Practice is placed on public exhibition.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition and submission period, the draft Code of Meeting Practice be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.
3. That Council receives a further report after the Office of Local Government releases the new Model Code of Meeting Practice.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 12 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 May 2025**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

**That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 May 2025.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 15 Use of recycled plastics in Inner West procurement and projects**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council endorse the Sustainable Procurement Working Group investigation of priority areas for use of recycled materials, highlighting the use of recycled soft plastics in capital works projects, with an update report to the December 2025 Council meeting.
2. That Council require that tenders include recycled content materials (e.g. recycled crushed glass, recycled plastic and crumb rubber) in infrastructure and civil works projects where proven technology, and specifications are available.
3. That Council amend procurement processes to consider lifecycle costs of products when comparing pricing for recycled content alternatives.
4. That Council write to relevant state and federal ministers to advocate for the inclusion of recycled content and circular economy requirements as standard practice in government tenders and infrastructure projects.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 18 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Determination of Mayor and Councillor Fees 2025/26**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council sets Mayor and Councillor Fees, effective 1 July 2025, at the maximum level for a Metropolitan Large Council being:
  - a) Councillor Annual Fee - \$34,820
  - b) Mayoral Additional Fee - \$101,470
2. That Council re-confirms the current Additional Fee for the Deputy Mayor, being \$10,000 of the Mayoral Additional Fee.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 20 Investment Report at 31 May 2025**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 21      Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Monthly Project Update**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                      Nil

**C0625(1) Item 22      Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Monthly Project Update**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                      Nil

**C0625(1) Item 29      Pocket City Farms**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                      Nil

**C0625(1) Item 33      Priority Access to Council Early Learning Centres for Children of Women in Refuges**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                      Nil

**C0625(1) Item 34      2024-2025 Annual Pecuniary Interest Returns**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                      Nil

**C0625(1) Item 35 Community Safety Action Plan**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Jubilee Place**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council notes the removal of parking spaces by the NSW Marine Area Command (MAC) in March 2025, following the installation of *Tow Away Zone* signs on the northern side of Jubilee Place, without prior community consultation.
2. That Council acknowledges that the removal of these parking spaces has significantly reduced the availability of residential parking in the area.
3. That Council notes that Jubilee Place is Crown Land and governed by the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, meaning Inner West Council does not currently have the authority to manage or enforce parking in this area.
4. That Council further notes that a subdivision certificate was lodged with the former Leichhardt Council (now Inner West Council) to subdivide the parcel and dedicate the road area as a public road; however, the process stalled due to unresolved issues relating to land contamination.
5. That Council recognises Council's ongoing efforts since March 2025 to engage with the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) and thanks Council staff for securing a formal meeting to work towards a mutually acceptable outcome.
6. That Council requests that, in its discussions with the NSWPF, Council explore options to enable the introduction of appropriate parking restrictions to address residential parking pressures, including long-stay vehicles such as trailers, boats, and camper-vans. These options should include, but not be limited to:
  - a) Dedication of Jubilee Place to Council as a public road, in line with the original conditions of consent; and
  - b) Appointment of Council officers as authorised officers under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* by the Minister for Lands and Property, to allow Council to install and enforce parking
  - c) signage.
7. That Council requests that a progress report be provided to Council at the August 2025 meeting, outlining developments and next steps.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety at Ashfield Park; Traffic Calming Measures at Orpington and Pembroke Street, Ashfield**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council notes the existing work currently being carried out by Council staff in the preparation of the Ashfield North and Croydon Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) plan.
2. That Council notes the advocacy of local residents Akira Cheema and Neel Cheema, and thanks them for their contribution to community safety.
3. That Council ensures the Ashfield North and Croydon LATM plan includes consideration of speed signs and a pedestrian refuge, or other proper traffic calming measures within the vicinity of the Pembroke Street / Orpington Street intersection.
4. That Council reviews the prioritisation of the suburban streets surrounding Ashfield Park within the InnerWest@40 program.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Commemorating the 80th anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 9 August 1945**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council commemorates the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 8 August 1945, and honours the memory of more than 210, 000 people who perished as a result of these attacks. We pay tribute to the Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) and Hibakunisei (second-generation survivors), and acknowledge the enduring impacts of nuclear weapons on human lives, health and the environment.
2. That Council affirms that nuclear weapons continue to pose an unacceptable threat to humanity and our shared environment, and expresses deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian and ecological consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, whether by design, accident or miscalculation.
3. That Council reiterates that all people, including those in the Inner West, have the right to live in a world free from the threat of nuclear annihilation and supports efforts to educate and engage younger generations about peace, disarmament and global cooperation.
4. That Council notes that the Inner West Council endorsed ICAN's Cities Appeal, a global initiative for cities, towns and local governments to show support for the TPNW, in 2018 and calls again on the Australian Government to sign and ratify the Treaty without delay.
5. That as a community committed to peace, Council will explore opportunities to raise awareness of this issue locally and explore opportunities to hold commemorative activities around Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day, including by engaging with local schools and community groups.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Bower Bike 1st birthday**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council congratulates Ben Norgrove and the team at Bower Bikes in the Bower Reuse and Repair Centre at the Inner West Sustainability Hub in Summer Hill on their first birthday.
2. That Council notes that Bower Bikes have saved more than 630 bikes from landfill in 12 months.
3. That Council notes the fantastic work of the Bower Bikes team in repairing bikes, upcycling new bikes, teaching bike repair skills and building community connections.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Hercules Street, Ashfield cleanliness**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council notes the successful street beautification initiatives along Hercules Street, Drakes Lane, Fox's Lane, and Brown Street in Ashfield, including the installation of planter boxes, bench seating, and integrated bin storage facilities.
2. That Council recognises these streets serve as critical pedestrian corridors with high foot traffic, connecting residents and visitors to Ashfield train station, bus stops, and the vibrant local commercial precinct including shops, bars, cafes, and restaurants.
3. That Council reaffirms its commitment to maintaining high standards in this precinct through:
  - a) Regular bin collection services to prevent overflow and maintain hygiene standards
  - b) Consistent street cleaning schedules appropriate to the high pedestrian usage
  - c) Rapid removal of graffiti
  - d) Ongoing maintenance of street furniture and landscaping elements to preserve the aesthetic improvements
4. That Council requests staff to ensure continued maintenance of this area.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 44 Notice of Motion: Inner West Active Transport Survey**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council engages a consultant specialising in Active Transport to conduct a comprehensive Inner West wide survey of residents.
2. That Council ensures the survey gathers community feedback on priorities and preferences for the future design of streets and neighbourhoods, and identifies the infrastructure needed to create safer streets, more liveable communities, and reduce reliance on cars for short trips.
3. That Council schedules the survey to be conducted in November 2025.
4. That Council receives a report at the September 2025 Council meeting detailing survey costs, funding opportunities, and proposed methods for conducting the survey.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Kids Play / Kids Say - Playground Consultation**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council formalises the process of engaging with local preschools and primary schools by establishing a Kids Play / Kids Say Community Engagement Program to gather feedback on the design and upgrade of playgrounds. The program may draw on consultation practices used in the Inclusive Playgrounds engagement process and include:
  - a) Interactive sessions conducted at local preschools and primary schools;
  - b) Onsite interactive sessions at playground locations; and
  - c) Invitations for schools to participate in the formal opening of newly upgraded playgrounds.
2. That Council provides a report to the September 2025 Council Meeting outlining how the Kids Play / Kids Say program will operate, including how children will participate, the level of input they will have, and the criteria for engagement (e.g. playground size).

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 48 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian safety intersection of Marion Street and Renwick Street, Leichhardt**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council note the line marking upgrades at the intersection of Renwick Street and Marion Street, Leichhardt approved in March 2025 and due to be completed in July 2025, which are primarily designed to reduce vehicle conflict at the intersection and to improve vehicle safety.

2. That within six months of the completion of the works, Council survey the following surrounding residents regarding potential additional road treatments designed for pedestrian safety.
  - a) Residents of Renwick Street between Marion Street and Cary Street;
  - b) Residents of the south side of Marion Street between Renwick Street and Cromwell Street; and
  - c) Parents, carers and employees of Only About Children Leichhardt (Marion Street) childcare.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Improving Pedestrian Safety on Pemell Lane, Newtown**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council allocate \$40,000 for the installation of signs and road markings identifying Pemell Lane as a 'shared zone' with a 10km/h speed limit, with funding to be sourced through the next quarterly budget review.
2. That Council provide an update to the Traffic Committee upon completion of the design process, including whether any additional funding is required.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 50 Notice of Motion: Apprentices, trainees and cadets**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council acknowledge the vital contribution of apprentices, trainees and cadets to Inner West Council.
2. That Council notes Inner West Council has been successful in securing funding to hire and support 29 new apprentices, trainees and cadets through the NSW Government's Fresh Start program.
3. That Council thanks the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig MP, the Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Steve Whan, and the Minister for Skills and Training, and the United Services Union for their work to support apprentices, trainees and cadets through the Fresh Start program.
4. That Council hosts an annual reception event for apprentices, trainees and cadets thanking and acknowledging their contribution to the work of Council.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 51 Notice of Motion: Marrickville Library maintenance blitz**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council conduct an audit of maintenance at the Marrickville Library.
2. That Council undertake a program of escalated maintenance to ensure proper upkeep of this award winning local landmark within the next three months.
3. That Council provide a report to councillors on the works undertaken and any other pertinent information via councillor briefing note upon the completion of works and no later than October 2025.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 52 Notice of Motion: Extended season at Steel Park Waterplay Park**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

That Council provide a report to the August 2025 Council meeting detailing the feasibility of extending the opening season at the Steel Park Waterplay Park, Illawarra Road, Marrickville South for a month prior to (September) and one month following (April) the current season, in line with other seasonal aquatic centres managed by Council.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 53 Notice of Motion: Circular economy support and promotion**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council note the success of the Circular Economy Roundtable held in May 2025 and thanks staff for their diligence, expertise and hard work in organising it.
2. That Council acknowledges the critical leading role local organisations play in sustaining and supporting the circular economy in the local community, NSW and Australia.
3. That Council establish a database on local organisations working in the circular economy, including locations, contact information and donations that can be made.
4. That Council includes a feature on the circular economy in a future edition of the Inner West Community news, including:
  - a) A pull out map identifying local organisations, their locations, contact information, and the types of donations that can be made at each location;
  - b) Initiatives and services from the Inner West Council that assist residents to responsibly dispose, recycle and reuse materials and waste; and
  - c) A QR code linking to the Inner West Waste Calendar and other information about waste and the circular economy.

5. That Council provide a report back to councillors via councillor briefing note on

**the outcomes of the Circular Economy Roundtable by September 2025.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0625(1) Item 54 Notice of Motion: Airspace land adjacent to St Peters Town Hall**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

1. That Council note there is a considerably sized block of land immediately adjacent to St Peters Town Hall owned by Air Services Australia (Commonwealth Government) that has remained vacant since the opening of the third runway at Sydney Airport.
2. That Council prepare a report to the August 2025 Council meeting:
  - a) Outlining possible uses for the land to maximise community benefit in the event that the Commonwealth Government agreed to transfer ownership of the land to Inner West Council; and
  - b) Detailing the process by which Inner West Council might request a transfer of ownership of the land.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0625(1) Item 55 Notice of Motion: Inner West Flood Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference amendment**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

**That Council amend the Terms of Reference for the Inner West Flood Management Advisory Committee to:**

- a) Remove reference to a quorum, consistent with the Inner West Traffic Committee; and
- b) Include a member of the Inner West Access Local Democracy Group to attend and hold voting rights as a member of the Committee.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0625(1) Item 62 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report**

**Motion:(Howard/Barlow)**

**That Council receive and note the report**

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0625(1) Item 65      Bignell Lane, Annandale**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

**That Council in its capacity as the roads authority provides its *'in principle'* support to the proposal for the closure of Bignell Lane, Annandale and subsequent sale to Landcom.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                      Nil

**C0625(1) Item 66      Return of Notional Member Interest from CivicRisk Mutual Limited**

**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)**

- 1. That Council notes the offer from CivicRisk Mutual Limited to return to Inner West Council the notional member interest of Marrickville Council in the accumulated funds of CivicRisk Mutual Limited.**
- 2. That Council delegates authority to Council's General Manager to enter into an agreement with CivicRisk Mutual Limited to effect the return to Inner West Council of the notional member interest of Marrickville Council in the accumulated funds of CivicRisk Mutual Limited, subject to the General Manager receiving independent actuarial advice.**
- 3. That Council receives a report back to the next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled after the deed of settlement has been entered into by Council's General Manager.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**                      Nil

**C0625(1) Item 2 Draft Economic Development Budget 2025-26**

**Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

**That Council supports modifying the draft economic development budget to establish an annual grants program to support Inner West Business Chambers / Networks / Associations as outlined in the officers' report, subject to the following changes:**

- a) Funding for the grant funded program be increased to \$350,000 from 2026-2027 by reducing the staff establishment and that the additional \$130,000 in 2025-26 be allocated towards to the purchase of new Christmas decorations for main streets;**
- b) Add any staff savings accrued during the recruitment of the vacant economic development position to the program budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, and that this funding also be allocated to the purchase of new Christmas decorations;**
- c) That as a requirement of applying, Chambers, business associations or networks be asked to demonstrate commitment to diversity and inclusion;**
- d) That capital works on main streets and in the public domain be included in the list of eligible projects, subject to approvals and collaboration with Inner West Council;**

- e) The grant program for 2025-2026 commence as early as possible in the new financial year, with future grant rounds aligned with the Inner West Council's Annual Grant Program;
- f) Amend the eligibility criteria for chambers and business associations from "have 30 members" to "have no fewer than 30 financial members"; and
- g) That a report be provided to council one year following the endorsement of successful applicants providing an evaluation of the first year of the program.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Byrne/Smith)**

**That Council allow Clr Scott to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 5.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Scott/D'Arienzo)**

**That Council allow the Mayor, Clr Byrne to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 5.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 5 Post Exhibition - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan and Budget 2025/26, and Resourcing Strategy**

**Motion: (Scott/Byrne)**

1. That Council receive and note the outcomes of the public exhibition of key integrated plans:
  - Draft Community Strategic Plan 2041
  - Draft Delivery Program 2025-29, Operational Plan and Budget 2025/26 (including Fees and Charges 2025/26)
  - Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-35
2. That Council endorse:
  - a) Draft Community Strategic Plan 2041 with the following changes:
    - i. Housing:
      - a) In SD2 include the increase of the number of affordable dwellings managed by Council or CHPs in the LGA; and
      - b) Alter CSP Strategic Direction 2.1.1 to 'Facilitate and advocate for affordable and public housing and its retention, and work with developers, providers and the NSW state government to manage affordable and public housing opportunities'.
    - b) Draft Workforce Management Strategy 2025-29 with the following changes:
    - c) That specific reference to the initiatives developed through councillor

- resolution, including the delivery of anti-racism training as part of the Anti-Racism Strategy, the establishment of a Pride Network and ongoing work to expand supports to recruit, retain and support employees with disability
- d) That anti-racism training be listed and measured as a key action in the “Fostering a Thriving workplace” focus area.
  - e) Include in the Strategy measures to:
    - i. Increase our expertise and qualifications on ecological urban design and design for people walking and bicycling; and
    - ii. Increase our ability to write and win NSW and Federal Grants in all areas of the CSP.
3. That Council adopt:
    - Draft Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan and Budget 2025/26
    - Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-35 (scenario 1)
    - Draft Asset Management Strategy 2025-35, Draft Asset Management Policy and Draft Asset Management Plans
  4. That Council note the updated package of Service Statements which include Delivery Program principal activities, Operational Plan actions and KPIs, levels of service where relevant and budget for every service; and
  5. That Council publish the final documents on its corporate website by 30 June 2025 and notify the Office of Local Government of the link to its web page.
  6. That progress on the Workforce Management Strategy be reported to Council on an annual basis.
  7. That Council acknowledges that active transport and achieving mode shift are relevant to all five Strategic Directions of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), and that this should be reflected accordingly through the incorporation of the following amendments to the CSP;
    - a) Add the following to item 4 in SD1; Prioritise active transport infrastructure as a key climate action strategy,
    - b) Change SD2 CSP Strategy Point 3 from ‘Prioritise active transport and manage and/or deliver transport infrastructure’.
    - c) Add to SD4 CSP Outcome and Strategy Table - point 2; Encourage and facilitate active transportation use to improve community health outcomes.
    - d) Pg 54, SD2 Key performance metric table, 2.3.1a target of ‘1,157’ to ‘50% increase’.
  8. That Council recognises the importance of an Integrated Transport Strategy within the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework in reducing car dependency and supporting mode shift, and commits to collecting and utilising baseline data to establish measurable targets to be incorporated into the 2026 Integrated Transport Strategy.
  9. That Council reallocate \$1.2m in funding through to the next quarterly budget review from the Birchgrove Oval amenities upgrade to a partnership with the NSW Government to renovate Building 497 in Callan Park.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

*\*\* The Mayor, Councillor Byrne tabled a letter on ‘Building 497 Community Multi-Sports Building project in Callan Park’ which is available at the end of these minutes.\*\**

**Amendment (Barlow/Blake)**

That Council amend point 2 to the following:

**2. That Council endorse:**

**a) Draft Community Strategic Plan 2041 with the following changes:**

**i. Active Transport**

**1. Revise current sections of the plan to include stronger measures relating to active transport:**

- a) In SD1, include transport pollution reduction via uptake of active transport.
- b) In SD2, include noise reduction from buses, trucks and cars.
- c) In SD2, include systemic reduction in crashes, focusing on people walking, and cycling. Crashes occur where concentrations of people meet fast cars.
- d) In SD2, include measures driving vehicle ownership down.
- e) In SD2, acknowledge existence of, and positive role of, of e-mobility devices.
- f) In SD2, plan for TODs to incorporate dedicated paths and parking for cycling.

**2. Include specific metrics in the plan:**

- a) Halving of crashes involving people walking and cycling.
- b) kilometres of paths, crossings at & between intersections, bike lanes built.
- c) Exercise participation up by 10% and car ownership down by 10% p.a.
- d) Walking distance to public transport (80% < 500m).
- e) Public transport usage increases.
- f) Share-bike and -car availability and usage increases.
- g) E-mobility uptake increases
- h) Target of 10% of trips by active transport by 2040
- i) Target of 50km of walkable, cyclable shared or separated paths per year.

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Amendment (Barlow/Antoniou)**

That Council amend point 2 to the following:

**ii. Open Space**

- 1. In SD4 include the increase of areas of the Inner West within a 400m walkable catchment of a sizeable public park

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Amendment (Barlow/Antoniou)**

That Council amend point 2 to the following:

**iii. Tree Canopy**

- 1. Alter CSP Strategic Direction 1.2.1a to 'Number of trees increased by [1000]'

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Carlisle)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Fergusson left the Meeting at 8:02 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm

The meeting resumed at 8:12

Councillor Fergusson returned to the Meeting at 8:13 pm.

**Procedural Motion (Byrne/Scott)**

**That Council allow Clr Smith to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 6.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 6 Post Exhibition - Special Entertainment Precincts Planning Proposal**

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

**1. That Council as local plan-making authority endorse the amendments to the Inner West Local Environment Plan 2022, Marrickville Development Control Plan 2011, Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013, and Special Entertainment Management Plan to establish the six new Special Entertainment Precincts and extend the Enmore Road precinct, subject to the following amendments:**

- a) That the Precinct Management Plan for each of the SEPs in the Inner West Council Area be amended to allow trading hours to 2am on Friday, Saturday and the night before a public holiday, excluding properties proposed to be added to the Enmore Road SEP which are to trade to midnight, for a trial period of 12 months. The SEP trading hours contained in the Precinct Management Plan would otherwise apply.**
- b) That the Precinct Management Plan for each of the SEPs in the Inner West Council Area be amended to allow trading for outdoor areas on private land within the SEP to 12am on Friday and Saturday and the night before a public holiday and 11pm on other days, for a trial period of 12 months.**
- c) That Council allow trading on footpaths and roadways on main streets (Sound Category Area 1) within the SEPs to 12am on Friday and Saturdays and on the day before a public holiday, and 11pm on other days, for a trial period of 12 months.**

**2. That Council hold a series of webinars to inform business owners of the relevant changes and write to impacted businesses to inform them of the changes.**

3. That Council invest in banners and posters to promote the dedication of SEPs in each of the precincts, with funding sourced through the existing Communications Budget or Economic Development Budget for 2025-2026.
4. That Council receive a report back after the 12-month trial period, including an engagement survey of impacted businesses to assess the impact of changes to trading hours.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 8:18 pm.

**C0625(1) Item 11 Public Exhibition - Loyalty Square, Balmain Improvement Works**

**Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the conceptual designs for the Loyalty Square, Balmain Improvement works including List of Fallen Soldiers for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the conceptual designs for Loyalty Square, Balmain improvement works including List of Fallen Soldiers be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.
3. That officers investigate whether the upgrade can be undertaken in advance of the 2026 ANZAC Day commemoration or whether the works relating to the listing of fallen soldiers can be.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

**C0625(1) Item 13 Local Democracy Groups progress report and policy challenges for the term**

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

1. That Council endorse policy challenges for the Local Democracy Groups to deliberate on during the term.
2. That progress on the policy challenges will be reported to Council every six months.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

**Amendment (Barlow/Antoniou)**

That Council endorse policy challenges for the Local Democracy Groups to deliberate on during the term, with the following changes:

- a) Housing for All - "How can Council provide our diverse community with more housing that is accessible, affordable and in well located, appropriate areas?"

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

**Amendment (Barlow/Antoniou)**

That Council endorse policy challenges for the Local Democracy Groups to deliberate on during the term, with the following changes:

- b) Seniors - "What issues and engagement will support redevelopment of the current Healthy Ageing Strategy with a continued focus on supporting the participation and reducing loneliness of older people?"

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

**C0625(1) Item 14 Planning Proposal for 75-85 Crown Street and 116 Princes Highway, St Peters**

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

1. That Council support the Planning Proposal for 75-85 Crown Street and 116 Princes Highway St Peters to amend the *Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022*, proceeding to Gateway subject to the following:
  - a) Reduce the maximum Floor Space Ratio (FSR) to 4:1.
  - b) Include a site-specific local provision requiring at least 2% of new residential Gross Floor Area (GFA) be provided as affordable housing, managed by a registered community housing provider in perpetuity.
  
2. That Council forward the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, requesting the following Gateway conditions:
  - a) Planning Proposal document be updated consistent with the reduced FSR and affordable housing requirement;
  - b) Urban Design Report be updated illustrating the built form outcome consistent with reduced FSR, including a reference scheme showing the corresponding GFA and number of dwellings;
  - c) Traffic Impact Assessment be updated and include a strategic-level Green Travel Plan demonstrating mechanisms for delivering effective mode shift;
  - d) Sustainability strategy be prepared to demonstrate a commitment to exceed minimum sustainability requirements established by standards such as NABERS, BASIX, or NatHERS; and
  - e) Site-specific amendment to Marrickville Development Control Plan 2011 be updated to be consistent with the updated Planning Proposal and other

supporting documents.

3. That Council request the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to authorise Council to be the Local Plan Making Authority (LPMA), and if Council is authorised as the LPMA, Council delegate the plan making functions to Director Planning to exercise the function in accordance with the LEP Making Guideline.
4. That following receipt of an affirmative Gateway Determination and compliance with its conditions, agree to place the updated Planning Proposal and supporting documentation on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and consult with public authorities in accordance with the Gateway Determination.
5. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the Planning Proposal be brought back to Council for consideration.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

**Amendment (Antoniou/Blake)**

That point 1 be amended to:

1. That Council support the Planning Proposal for 75-85 Crown Street and 116 Princes Highway St Peters to amend the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022, proceeding to Gateway subject to the following:
  - a) Reduce the maximum Floor Space Ratio (FSR) to 4:1.
  - b) Include a site-specific local provision requiring at least 15% of new residential Gross Floor Area (GFA) be provided as affordable housing, managed by a registered community housing provider in perpetuity.

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

**Amendment (Blake/Antoniou)**

1. That Council note the Fairer Future for the Inner West plan has new standards for new developments in regards to Sustainability and Resilience, Streetscape and Public Domain, and Access and Parking.
2. That Council support the Planning Proposal for 75-85 Crown Street and 116 Princes Highway St Peters to amend the *Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022*, proceeding to Gateway subject to the following:
  - a) Reduce the maximum Floor Space Ratio (FSR) to 4:1.
  - b) Include a site-specific local provision requiring at least 2% of new residential Gross Floor Area (GFA) be provided as affordable housing, managed by a registered community housing provider in perpetuity.
3. That Council forward the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, requesting the following Gateway conditions:
  - a) Planning Proposal document be updated consistent with the reduced FSR and affordable housing requirement;

- b) Urban Design Report be updated illustrating the built form outcome consistent with reduced FSR, including a reference scheme showing the corresponding GFA and number of dwellings;
  - c) Traffic Impact Assessment be updated and include a strategic-level Green Travel Plan demonstrating mechanisms for delivering effective mode shift;
  - d) Sustainability strategy be prepared to demonstrate a commitment to exceed minimum sustainability requirements established by standards such as NABERS, BASIX, or NatHERS; and
  - e) Site-specific amendment to Marrickville Development Control Plan 2011 be updated to be consistent with the updated Planning Proposal and other supporting documents and our Fairer Future Plan Proposal including maximum car parking rates and tree canopy requirements as follows:
    - i. Maximum car parking rates: Studio apartment = 0, 1 bedroom apartment = 0, 2 bedroom apartment = 0.4, 3+ bedroom apartment = 1
    - ii. Tree canopy target of 25%
4. That Council request the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to authorise Council to be the Local Plan Making Authority (LPMA), and if Council is authorised as the LPMA, Council delegate the plan making functions to Director Planning to exercise the function in accordance with the LEP Making Guideline.
  5. That following receipt of an affirmative Gateway Determination and compliance with its conditions, agree to place the updated Planning Proposal and supporting documentation on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and consult with public authorities in accordance with the Gateway Determination.
  6. That Council receive a post exhibition report for its consideration.

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 8:34 pm.

**Procedural Motion (Byrne/Carlisle)**

**That Council allow Cr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 16.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 16 Recreational Needs Survey for Girls, Young Women and Gender Diverse People**

**Motion: (Smith/Byrne)**

1. That Council endorse the draft survey and engagement framework outlined in this report subject to the following amendments:
  - a) Include reference to non-physical recreation and leisure in questions and response options, including activities such as gaming, visuals arts, and social clubs, and facilities and spaces such as libraries, community centres, town halls, and creative arts facilities.
  - b) For barriers to participation, include response options such as feeling

unsafe, feeling unwelcome or excluded, feeling that spaces are male-dominated, lack of physical accessibility, lack of awareness, and financial cost of participation.

- c) Amend response options for age to include a bracket of 18-24.
- d) Include additional demographic questions regarding cultural or ethnic background, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity, and disability status.

2. That Council commence community engagement on a research survey which will gather information on the recreational needs, preferences and barriers faced by women, girls and gender-diverse people aged 12-24 in the Inner West.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 17 Clontarf Cottage Refurbishment Update**

**Motion: (Fergusson/Tastan)**

1. That Council provide a report to the August 2025 Council meeting detailing the costs associated with replacing the existing chairs and tables at Clontarf Cottage with smaller, stackable alternatives that require minimal storage space.
2. That Council investigate options to repurpose or incorporate the existing furniture into a circular economy framework to minimise environmental impact.
3. That Council acknowledge the existence of \$58,000 currently held in an account raised through venue hire revenue when the venue was managed by the Friends of Clontarf Cottage, and:
  - a) Thank the Friends of Clontarf Cottage for notifying Inner West Council about the available funds and acknowledge their ongoing advocacy for the care and preservation of the cottage;
  - b) Advise on the process for transferring these funds to Inner West Council;
  - c) Confirm that the funds will not be consolidated into general revenue;
  - d) Confirm that the funds will be used to complete current works at Clontarf Cottage; and
  - e) Specify which projects the funds will be allocated to.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 19 Local Government NSW Board Election and Annual Conference 2025**

**Motion: (Howard/Blake)**

1. That Council nominate Councillors to attend the 2025 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Conference
  - a) Mayor Darcy Byrne

- b) Cr Jo Carlisle
- c) Cr Vicki Clay
- d) Cr Jess D'Arienzo
- e) Cr Kerrie Fergusson
- f) Cr Philippa Scott
- g) Cr Liz Atkins
- h) Cr Ismet Tastan
- i) Cr Andrew Blake
- j) Cr Olivia Barlow
- k) Cr Izabella Antoniou

2. That Council determine the 9 voting delegates for the LGNSW Board Election
  - a) Mayor Darcy Byrne
  - b) Cr Jo Carlisle
  - c) Cr Vicki Clay
  - d) Cr Jess D'Arienzo
  - e) Cr Kerrie Fergusson
  - f) Cr Philippa Scott
  - g) Cr Liz Atkins
  - h) Cr Olivia Barlow
  - i) Cr Ismet Tastan
  
3. That Council determine the 9 voting delegates for voting on motions at the 2025 LGNSW Conference.
  - a) Mayor Darcy Byrne
  - b) Cr Jo Carlisle
  - c) Cr Vicki Clay
  - d) Cr Jess D'Arienzo
  - e) Cr Kerrie Fergusson
  - f) Cr Philippa Scott
  - g) Cr Liz Atkins
  - h) Cr Olivia Barlow
  - i) Cr Ismet Tastan
  
4. That a further report be submitted to the 19 August 2025 Council meeting which is to include the LGNSW Motions Submissions Guide (and the Conference Program) to assist Councillors who wish to submit any motions for consideration at the Conference.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 23 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service review of Customer Service Improvements**

**Motion: (Howard/Raciti)**

**That Council defer this item to a councillor briefing for further consideration including information on complaints per directorate.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 24 Customer Experience Strategy 2024-2027 Update**

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That to support the efficiency of mobile customer service, Council concentrate only on the most efficient locations: Council events; shopping centres and main streets; aquatic centres and libraries.
3. That Council design and print a universal one-page, double-sided flyer outlining what help Council can provide to residents, and contact details; and proactively hand it out to passers-by at mobile customer stalls, not just to those who approach the desk for help.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Byrne/Smith)**

**That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 25.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 25 Christmas Decorations**

**Motion: (Howard/Tastan)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council allocate \$130,000 and additional funds accrued by the recruitment of Economic Development staff from the Economic Development Budget in addition to the \$66,000 outlined in the report to purchase new Christmas trees and other elements, in accordance with Item 2 of the Council business agenda.
3. That in addition to the key business centres outlined in the report, decorations be installed at:
  - a) Pride Square, Newtown
  - b) St Peters Town Hall
4. That Council investigate working with Reverse Garbage and/or other circular economy organisations to design and construct Christmas elements, as has been successful at the Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre.
5. That Council collaborate with local Chambers and provide support to deliver localised initiatives such as Christmas window dressing competitions that engage the community, increase business participation, and enhance the overall festive atmosphere and;
  - a. Arrange a meeting with the Balmain Rozelle Chamber of Commerce to collaborate on a detailed plan for Christmas 2025, and explore

opportunities to integrate these plans with the Balmain Street Festival.

6. That an update be provided to councillors no later than July 2025 via councillor briefing note, detailing the items to be acquired, proposed locations, and actions to be taken.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Carlisle/Scott)**

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 26.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 26 Tourism Action Plan Expenditure - Bi-Monthly Report**

**Motion: (Smith/Scott)**

1. That Council defer adoption of the Advertising Strategy and investigate engaging an external agency to review and advise on the strategy, with a report back to the August 2025 Council meeting on an external engagement process including cost.
2. That Council endorse the remaining expenditure of the Inner West Tourism Fund 25/26 subject to the following amendments to budget allocation No. 3 in the expenditure table:
  - a) Allocate \$10,000 towards development of a self-guided walking tour of Perfect Match and local artists studios; and
  - b) Allocate \$10,000 towards live music and outdoor dining activations for Inner West Brewers Association member venues.
3. That Council include digital influencers as additional advertising median for inclusion in the Sponsored Content and Advertising Strategy.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 27 Fire & Rescue NSW Inspection Report - 260A Liverpool Road Ashfield**

**Motion: (Carlisle/Byrne)**

That Council receive and note the report.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 28 Working with Homes NSW and social housing providers to improve waste management across the Inner West**

**Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council add 53 Whites Creek Lane, Leichhardt to the list of Homes NSW properties to have a bin audit, jet washing and education program.
3. That Council negotiate a plan with Homes NSW to specifically improve bulky waste collection and illegal dumping within and around Homes NSW and community housing properties.
4. That further reports be provided to councillors on waste matters with Homes NSW and community housing providers each quarter via councillor briefing note.
5. That Council raise in a roundtable with Homes NSW and that their response be provided to Council.
  - a) note disapproval of the use of security cameras at Cahill Place Marrickville to monitor dumping;
  - b) request the approach of installing security cameras not be taken at 55 Livingstone Road Petersham and 99 Lilyfield Road Lilyfield; and
  - c) advocate that alternative measures to the installation of security cameras be explored to reduce mismanagement of waste.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 30 Utilisation of Council Venues**

**Motion: (Smith/Scott)**

1. That Council receive a report to the August 2025 Council meeting on the Expression of Interest process for management and operation of the basement space within Marrickville Town Hall as a live music/performance venue.
2. That the draft EOI process include criteria on how external management and operation would:
  - a) Enhance community access to and community benefit from use of the space as a live music venue.
  - b) Align with Council's Creative Town Halls program and the Inner West Cultural Strategy.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 31 Robert Street, Balmain - Opportunities for separated pedestrian/cycle lane**

**Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council write to the NSW Government seeking to have the design concepts for the potential Robert Street cycling link incorporated in the pending design of the reconfiguration of the White Bay Power Station entrance and adjoining intersection and seek clarification about when the community consultation process for the will commence.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Byrne/Howard)**

**That Council allow Clr Barlow to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 32.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 32 Gambling Harm Minimisation**

**Motion: (Barlow/Smith)**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council approach the Sydney Local Health District, Wesley Mission and other relevant organisations to take part in a research project to ascertain actual gambling harm in the Inner West.
3. That Council approach the NSW Office of Responsible Gambling to seek funding for such a research project, working with the population health unit of Sydney Local Health District, relevant organisations and public health researchers.
4. That Council use the August 2025 Roundtable on Gambling Harm Minimisation to further such work as well as to workshop things Council can do to prevent harm in the first place.
5. That when reviewing or entering new leases or licences on Council owned or managed land, Council use its best endeavours to negotiate terms which would minimise or eliminate direct gambling advertising viewable from the public domain.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Parking availability to local shopping strips**

**Motion: (Macri/Raciti)**

1. That Council undertake an Economic Impact study regarding the potential impacts of the loss of parking availability to local shopping strips.
2. That Council facilitate an information evening for the shopping strips of Marrickville and Dulwich Hill.

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Macri and Raciti

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

**Foreshadowed Motion (Howard/D'Arienzo)**

1. That Council undertake an Economic Impact Study regarding future parking availability to local shopping strips, as well as the benefits of increased public transport, improved active transport and additional density for local businesses.
2. That the Study be brought back for consideration as part of the Public Domain Studies.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Byrne)**

**That Council allow Clr Macri to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 39.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Key Site Silver Street Open Space**

**Motion: (Macri/Raciti)**

1. That Council investigate as part of the LEP process for the Marrickville Town Centre the potential to create additional open space in Silver Street, Marrickville (between Marrickville Road and Calvert Street) connecting to the Alex Trevillian Plaza.
2. That Council seek clarification from staff on the required control framework to establish additional basement public parking to support this proposed open space and offset the loss of on-street parking within the adjacent residential and commercial blocks identified for uplift.
3. That Council investigate the potential widening of Illawarra and Marrickville Lanes via dedication by providing incentives to future redevelopment sites to support this proposal.

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Macri and Raciti

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

**C0625(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Koori Knockout Live Screening**

**Motion: (Barlow/Byrne)**

1. That Council consider hosting a live screening of the 2025 Koori Knockout Women's and Men's Grand Finals, pending consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee with a report to be tabled at the August Ordinary Council Meeting.
2. That preference should be given for Camdenville Oval to host the live screening, due to its historical association with the tournament, but Council should work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee to identify a suitable alternative venue if Camdenville Oval cannot be used.
3. That Council consult with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, the organisers of the Koori Knockout and National Indigenous Television (NITV) about the best way to host the screening event.
4. That Council prepare a report on costs, including pathways for funding this event on an annual basis, by the August 2025 Council meeting.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: Floodlighting upgrade Birchgrove Oval**

**Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)**

1. That Council initiates the design and Development Application (DA) process for a floodlighting upgrade at Birchgrove Oval, in accordance with the AS/NZS 2560 series standard for Club Level Match Lighting at 200 lux.
2. That Council provides a progress report on the design and DA process to Council at the August 2025 Council Meeting.
3. That Council includes funding for the design and DA in the next quarterly Budget Review.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0625(1) Item 47 Notice of Motion: Biodegradable dog waste bags main street trial – Balmain / Rozelle**

**Motion: (Fergusson/Tastan)**

1. That Council consider a trial of biodegradable dog waste bags along the Darling Street main streets in Rozelle and Balmain.
2. That Council ensures bags are attached to Council bins to improve accessibility and encourage responsible disposal of dog waste.
3. That Council receives a report within 12 months of the trial's commencement outlining the outcomes, with a view to expanding the program to other main streets across the LGA if successful.
4. That Council provides a report to the August 2025 Council Meeting:
  - a) Detailing the costs, rollout, including how the initiative will be funded, the start date and a map showing the locations where bags will be available; and
  - b) Identifies at least one suitable street in each ward that the program could be extended to if the program is deemed viable to expand.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion: (Howard/Carlisle)**

**That Council enter into Confidential session.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0625(1) Item 58 RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services Tender Evaluation Report** (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.

**C0625(1) Item 59 Contributions and Reimbursements** (Section 10A(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

**C0625(1) Item 60 Potential Acquisition of TfNSW owned property at 2 Hay Street Leichhardt (car park)** (Section 10A(2)(d)(iii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed reveal a trade secret.

**C0625(1) Item 61 Licence to Wests Tigers for Leichhardt Oval** (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.

**C0625(1) Item 63 RFT 10-25 Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds Upgrade** (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 (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.

**C0625(1) Item 64 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Stage 2 Upgrade Construction Contract EOI** (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 (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**

Councillor Blake left the Meeting at 9:46 pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 58 as he has worked with many of the tenderers.

Councillor Tastan left the Meeting at 9:46 pm.  
Councillor D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 9:46 pm.

Councillor Tastan returned to the Meeting at 9:47 pm.  
Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Meeting at 9:47 pm.

### **C0625(1) Item 58 RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services Tender Evaluation Report**

**Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)**

1. That Council accepts the following ten (10) tender submissions for RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services for a three (3)-year term plus possible extensions of one (1) + one (1) years:
  - a) Adpost Group Pty Ltd
  - b) Allied Print Aus Pty Ltd
  - c) Bright Print Group
  - d) Bing Technologies Pty Ltd
  - e) Ecodesign Ecoprint
  - f) Lewis Media Group
  - g) Finsbury Green Pty Ltd
  - h) Corrective Services Industries
  - i) Access Digital Visual Communications Pty Limited
  - j) Advertising Printing Australia Pty Ltd.
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute individual agreements with each of the proposed RFT 09-24 Print and Associated Services suppliers.

**Motion Carried**

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

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

**Absent:** Councillor Blake

**Amendment (Antoniou/Barlow)**

That point 1 h be removed 'Corrective Services Industries'.

**Motion Lost**

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

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

**Absent:** Cr Blake

Councillor Carlisle left the Meeting at 9:49 pm as she declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 59 as a person who is owed money by Council is a member of her local Australian Labor Party Branch.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 9:49 pm and vacated the chair as he declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 59 as he knows a person listed to receive a reimbursement within the report. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard assumed the Chair.

Councillor Blake returned to the Meeting at 9:49 pm.

**C0625(1) Item 59 Contributions and Reimbursements**

**Motion: (Scott/Macri)**

**That Council reimburse monies to the property owners from the General Fund in accordance with section 356(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as recommended in *Table 1* of the Report.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Byrne and Carlisle

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 9:50 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard, vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the Chair.

Councillor Carlisle returned to the Meeting at 9:51 pm.

**C0625(1) Item 60 Potential Acquisition of TfNSW owned property at 2 Hay Street Leichhardt (car park)**

**Motion: (Scott/Clay)**

1. **That Council decline to acquire 2 Hay Street, Leichhardt (Lot A DP 348040) for the figure contained in the confidential attachment from the land valuation report.**
2. **That Council seek to negotiate with TfNSW and businesses on Hay Street to complete the Dot Lane shared path along the public roadway.**
3. **That Council advise TfNSW and the state government that if the land is required in order for the state government to meet it's open space obligations under Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy (PRCUTS) that the state government should acquire or redevelop it at their cost.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 9:54 pm as she declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 61 and 63 as her husband is the President of the Leichhardt Tigers, and her son is on the board.

**C0625(1) Item 61      Licence to Wests Tigers for Leichhardt Oval**

**Motion: (Byrne/Scott)**

**That Council as the Crown land manager of Leichhardt Park (D500207):**

- 1. Resolves to grant a licence of Leichhardt Park Oval No.1 to Wests Tigers Rugby League Football Pty Ltd (the Wests Tigers) for rugby league matches and training; and**
- 2. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to execute the licence.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**              Nil

**Absent:**                              Cr Raciti

**C0625(1) Item 63      RFT 10-25 Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds Upgrade**

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

- 1. That Council accepts the tender submitted by Romba Civil & Landscape Pty Ltd, for the Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds Upgrade for the lump sum price of \$2,401,804.52 excluding GST (\$2,641,984.97 Inc. GST).**
- 2. That Council approves the contingency amount as stated in the Confidential report: RFT10-25 Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds upgrade provided to Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 17 June 2025.**
- 3. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to execute an agreement with Romba Civil & Landscape Pty Ltd at the value of the approved lump sum.**
- 4. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager, or their delegate, to execute any number of variations to the agreement with Romba Civil & Landscape Pty Ltd up to the total value of the contingency amount as stated in the Confidential report: RFT10-25 Steel Park and Hammond Park Sporting Grounds upgrade provided to Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 17 June 2025.**
- 5. That the approved upgrade to the Hammond Park amenities block be done simultaneously with the sporting ground upgrade with a commencement date of September 2025 and a completion date of March 2026.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**              Nil

**Absent:**                              Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 9:57 pm.

**C0625(1) Item 64      Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Stage 2 Upgrade Construction Contract EOI**

**Motion: (Scott/Byrne)**

1. That Council invites the following shortlisted Respondents to participate in the Request for Tender (RFT) process for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) Stage 2 Design & Construct (D&C) contract:
  - a) FDC Constructions (NSW) Pty Ltd
  - b) ADCO Constructions Pty Ltd
  - c) Lipman Pty Ltd
  
2. That Council advises the remaining Respondents that their EOI submissions have not been successful and will therefore not participate in the Stage 2 D&C RFT process.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**            Nil

**Procedural Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**            Nil

Meeting closed at 9.58 pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
<b>Item 6:</b>	Les Johnston	Balmain
<b>Item 14:</b>	Ben Porges	Sydney
<b>Item 31:</b>	Keith Stallard	Balmain
<b>Item 36:</b>	Robert Eaton	Balmain
<b>Item 44:</b>	Rachel Davies	Ashfield
<b>Item 45:</b>	George Peros	Annandale
	Adelaide Matthews	Annandale
	Nick Jackson	Marrickville
<b>Item 67:</b>	Mark Woodbury	Lewisham
	Dan Valencic	Lewisham

\*\*\*Tabled letter for C0625(1) Item 5 Post Exhibition - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan and Budget 2025/26, and Resourcing Strategy\*\*\*

**The Hon Paul Scully MP**  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



Ref: MINS-38381

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Inner west Council  
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Dear Mayor Byrne, *Darcy*

As you are aware, Greater Sydney Parklands is partnering with the Balmain and District Football Club (Club) on the revitalisation of Building 497 in Callan Park, transforming it into a vibrant community sporting facility.

However, the project currently faces a funding shortfall. To ensure its successful completion, we are seeking financial support of \$1.2 million from Inner West Council (IWC) to contribute to the upgrade of Building 497 – set to become the new clubhouse for the Club.

This investment, combined with contributions from the Club, the Office of Sport, and Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP), will make the project viable and bring this important facility to life.

GSP remains committed to working alongside the Balmain Football Club to realise this vision. We appreciate IWC's support to making this valuable community project a reality.

Should you require any further information please contact Jane Donaldson at [jane.donaldson@gsp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jane.donaldson@gsp.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Scully MP**  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

CC: [president@balmainfootball.com.au](mailto:president@balmainfootball.com.au) 17/6/25

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 1  
**Subject:** CONDOLENCE MOTION: SUE SHORT  
**From:** Councillor Ismet Tastan

**MOTION**

1. That Council record our sadness at the passing of Sue Short and writes to the family expressing our condolences.
2. That Council recognise on behalf of the Balmain community the contribution Sue has made to the community and propose an appropriate recognition of her service to the community.

**Background**

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Sue Short in July 2025. Sue was a kind, generous soul and much loved member of the Birchgrove / Mort Bay community.

Sue was a long-time resident of Mort Bay, having lived there for over 45 years and made our community a much warmer and better place. Sue Short was a teacher for most of her working life, but she also did extensive community work in Balmain, including working as a childcare worker with the Uniting Church in Balmain for several years. Sue was also a trusted child minder for numerous parents, including picking up children from Birchgrove Public School and Balmain Public School. Sue was well known to fellow dog owners around Mort Bay, you could often find her there sitting on her favourite bench, chatting away with passersby.

Sue was a remarkable community member for her entire life, and we can't thank her enough for all the support, conversations and love she shared with our community.

Sue will be missed dearly by those that knew her, and her legacy of love, support, and community spirit will live on.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 2  
**Subject:** CONDOLENCE MOTION: CARLA STACEY AO  
**From:** The Mayor, Darcy Byrne and Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

**MOTION**

1. That Council note the sad passing of Carla Stacey AO and write to her family expressing the sincere and deep condolences of the Inner West Council.
2. That Council acknowledge the significant and enduring contribution of Carla Stacey AO to the Marrickville and Inner West communities by:
  - a) Establishing an award program in her name recognising citizens who make a contribution to nurturing participation and excellence in sport and recreation, to be included as part of the Inner West community awards program; and
  - b) Investigate naming the pathway between Amy Street and Centennial Street, Marrickville - currently informally designated the “Amy Street pathway”- in her honour, in accordance with the Inner West Naming Policy, with a report to be forthcoming at a later date.

**Background**

Through her work in local and state government, the trade union movement, the non-government sector and through her selfless work supporting countless local organisations, Carla Stacey AO made an extraordinary contribution to the Inner West community.

Carla served as the inaugural Coordinator of Inner West Council’s Office of Sport and in that role, ensured hundreds of girls and women, people from disadvantaged backgrounds, and people with disability had access and opportunity to participate in community sport.

One of her most significant contributions in this role was to greatly expand facilities for cricket in the Inner West. In so doing, she helped countless boys and girls to reach their full potential as cricketers by having access to the best facilities on offer.

Carla served for several years as the P&C President at Marrickville High School, where she made an indelible contribution to public education.

In her capacity as a senior ministerial adviser in the NSW Government, she worked to transform public transport in the State and here in the Inner West. As a passionate cyclist, she worked to expand active transport infrastructure, especially in the regions and Western Sydney.

She was a champion of working women, a fighter for gender equality, and as an organizer of the Ernies - a tongue in cheek ceremony that would award trophies for sexist comments made by public figures – Carla was a thorn in the side of powerful misogynists wherever they might be.

In 2015, Carla was named Marrickville Citizen of the Year and in 2023, was honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia.

For those of us who knew Carla, we know her greatest contribution was in her love of family and we extend our deepest condolences to her husband, Antony, and their sons Oscar, Reuben and Connor.

Carla Stacey was someone who truly believed in the power of community, and that people working together can make life better for us all.

Carla's loss is a very hard thing for us to bear.

But her legacy stands as an inspiration to us all.

Carla changed the lives of tens of thousands of people for the better.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing her will never forget her warmth, understanding, selflessness and kindness.

She made our community, our city and our world a far better place.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 3  
**Subject:** CONDOLENCE MOTION: FATHER NEKTARIOS ZORBALAS  
**From:** Councillors Deputy Mayor Mat Howard and Chloe Smith

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**MOTION**

1. That Council note the sad passing of Father Nektarios Zorbalas and write to his family and the Parish of Saints Constantine and Helen, Newtown, expressing the sincere and deep condolences of the Inner West Council.
  2. That Council consult with the parish of Saints Constantine and Helen and Father Nektarios Zorbalas' family and plant a tree in his memory.
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**Background**

Father Nektarios Zorbalas passed away on the 23rd of July 2025 at the age of 90.

Nektarios Zorbalas was born in Kos in 1935 and emigrated to Australia in the 1960s.

After entering the priesthood in 1971, Father Nektarios Zorbalas served in several parishes, including the parishes of St Nicholas in Marrickville and of Saints Constantine and Helen in Newtown.

In addition to the countless weddings, baptisms, funerals and services he performed in these roles, Father Nektarios also knew that he could touch people's lives by expanding the outreach of the church into the local community.

He established; shed the Soup Kitchen, and it was always open for people who needed it, including on Christmas Day.

Father Nektarios believed deeply in equality: everyone was welcome at the Church, irrespective of race, religion, sexuality or their beliefs.

Father Nektarios made an indelible contribution to the lives of not only local Greek Australians, but on the Inner West community.

He was farewelled at a moving ceremony on Monday 28 July at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady in Redfern and will be fondly remembered.

Vale Father Nektarios Zorbalas.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 4  
**Subject:** UPDATE ON 'FAIRER FUTURE FOR THE INNER WEST PLAN' - COUNCIL LED ALTERNATE PLANNING APPROACH FOR NEW HOUSING  
**Prepared By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning  
**Authorised By:** Peter Gainsford - General Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council hold an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 6.30pm at the Ashfield Service Centre to consider the detailed engagement outcomes report for the Our Fairer Future Plan, and amendments recommended to the Our Fairer Future Plan in response to the submissions received by Council.
2. That Council publish the agenda on Tuesday 16 September 2025 for the Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 September 2025.
3. That Council hold the Public Forum on Monday 22 September 2025 at 6.30pm at the Ashfield Service Centre for the Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 September 2025, and publicise details about the Public Forum on Council's website.
4. That Council request that any person wishing to speak at the Public Forum on Monday 22 September 2025 make an application to speak by 2pm on the day of the Public Forum.

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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 gives an update on the public feedback received for *Our Fairer Future Plan*, which Council approved for public exhibition in May 2025.

*Our Fairer Future Plan* is a Council-led plan to support more housing in the Inner West. It responds to the housing crisis and aligns with recent NSW Government reforms - Transport Oriented Development (TOD) and Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMRH). The plan is based on the *Principles for Planning in the Inner West*, adopted by Council in October 2024, and a decision made in December 2024 to prepare a draft LGA-wide LEP for public exhibition by April 2025.

The draft plan was on public exhibition for six weeks, from 21 May to 6 July 2025. Council received 3,146 submissions - 1,622 from an online survey and 1,524 by email or mail. All submissions are being carefully reviewed. A number of these submissions are technical in nature, require detailed consideration and are being jointly reviewed with Council's planning consultants.

Although staff began reviewing submissions during the exhibition period, this report recommends presenting the engagement outcomes report at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 30 September 2025. This allows more time for a thorough review.

It is also recommended that the Public Forum that would ordinarily be held on the day of a Council meeting be held on a separate day, 22 September, prior to this proposed extraordinary meeting, to allow all members of the community to address Councillors on the final report being considered by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Our *Fairer Future Plan* is a Council-led alternative approach to the NSW Government's TOD and LMRH reforms that are currently in force. The draft plan proposes changes to planning controls in the *Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 (IWLEP)*, in order to deliver the housing capacity required for the future, but in a more place-based manner that respects and protects the Inner West's unique character.

The draft plan also responds to a set of [\*Principles for Planning in the Inner West\*](#), which were exhibited for community feedback from June to August 2024 and adopted by Council at its meeting on 22 October 2024 (C1024(2) Item 18).

At the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025, Council considered the draft *Fairer Future Plan* and resolved the following:

1. *That Council endorse for exhibition Item, 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, Ashbury, Ashfield, Balmain, Balmain East, Birchgrove, Camperdown, Croydon, Croydon Park, Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Hurlstone Park, Lewisham, Lilyfield, Newtown, Petersham, Stanmore, Summer Hill, Sydenham and 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 Council process submissions contemporaneously during the exhibition period and provide an update at every Councillor briefing until the August Council meeting.*
4. *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.*
5. *The final "Fairer Future for the Inner West" plan is to be reported back for adoption to the August 2025 Council meeting.*
6. *That the final plan should be amended to make the acquisition of new housing stock, owned by Council in perpetuity, be made the highest priority for public benefits to be achieved through developer contributions. This is to be reflected in the plans tabled for adoption.*
7. *That Council defer consideration of any changes to planning controls in the suburb of Croydon pending consultation with Burwood Council to identify how to harmonise controls across Croydon.*

8. That Council note that following the adoption of the “Fairer Future for the Inner West” Plan that a new stage (stage 2) of investigations will be required for areas not examined under the plan so far.
9. That Stage 2 of the “Fairer Future for the Inner West” Plan will commence immediately after the adoption of the Stage 1 and include:
  - a) Incorporating the 3,000 - 5,000 new homes in the Bays Precinct;
  - b) Increasing density on Parramatta Road;
  - c) Increasing density on main streets, heavy and light rail stations not examined fully in Stage 1; and
  - d) completion of the further technical investigations required for the ‘additional housing opportunity areas’.
10. That Council makes available a video explainer on how to read the Fairer Future Plan and attachments.
11. That Council appoints a single point of contact from within the Strategic Planning team for Councillors and Members of Parliament.
12. That the Plan be exhibited for a minimum of 6 weeks.

## DISCUSSION

### Community Engagement

Following the above Council resolution, exhibition of the draft plan was undertaken for six weeks between 21 May and 6 July 2025.

The exhibition included the following promotion and displays:

- **Hardcopy letters** – sent to all property owners and occupants across the LGA, inviting them to visit Council’s website to participate via a QR code. Additional letters were sent to owners of properties proposed for acquisition or inclusion in a Key Site.
- **Web pages** – A landing page was launched on [Council’s website](#) which contained links to the draft plan. The page was promoted on Council’s website throughout the exhibition:

Following Council’s meeting on 20 May, a dedicated engagement page was also set up on Council’s [Your Say Inner West website](#): Subscribers of this website were notified automatically when the page went live.

The webpage contained:

- an explanation of the draft plan,
  - document library,
  - video explainer on the draft plan as required by the 20 May Council Resolution,
  - interactive map tool showing current and proposed planning controls,
  - information about community drop-in sessions (including booking system for ‘speak with a planner’ appointments), online survey tool and contact details for inquiries.
- **Newsletters** - Information about the draft plan and upcoming engagement sessions was provided in the June edition of Council’s monthly newsletter, *Inner West Council News*.

- **Postcards** – These directed people to the engagement webpage and were distributed in all libraries, Council service centres and at engagement events.
- **Digital screens and posters** - Digital screens promoted the draft plan in service centres and libraries. Posters were also displayed at these locations and on noticeboards
- **Video campaign** - A short clip was aired in targeted social media and YouTube advertising campaigns
- **Static displays** - Information displays were positioned at Council's Ashfield, Leichhardt and Petersham Service Centres and at Balmain, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill Libraries, displaying 6 information boards throughout the engagement period. Hard copies of the documents were also displayed at all Council service centres and libraries.

In addition to the above, a comprehensive program of engagement activities was carried out to provide opportunities to the community to review the proposed changes and speak directly with Council's Strategic Planning team officers:

- **General Enquiries Hotline and Email Address** - A dedicated phone and email address were made available for members of the public to make inquiries directly to Council's Strategic Planning team
- **Speak with a Planner at Ashfield Service Centre** - Council's Ashfield Service Centre was staffed between 9:30am – 11:30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 22 May to 3 July, for unscheduled drop-ins from the community to speak with a planner.
- **Community Drop-In Sessions** - 11 community drop- in sessions were held across the Inner West LGA, including at least two sessions per ward:
  - Balmain Library (Baludarri Ward) – Wednesday 11 June (evening) and Saturday 14 June (morning)
  - Petersham Service Centre (Damun Ward) – Monday 16 June (evening) and Saturday 28 June (morning)
  - Leichhardt Service Centre (Gulgadya Ward) – Thursday 12 June (evening) and Saturday 14 June (afternoon)
  - Marrickville Library (Midjuburi Ward) – Wednesday 18 June (evening) and Saturday 21 June (morning and afternoon)
  - Emanuel Tsardoulis Community Library (Djarrawunang Ward) – Wednesday 25 June (evening)
  - Ashfield Service Centre (Djarrawunang Ward) – Tuesday 24 June (evening) and Saturday 28 June (afternoon)

These sessions were made available to provide the community with the opportunity to be informed about the project. Drop-in sessions were held in a conversational format where community members could have a more in-depth discussion with a planner.

Community members were also able to pre-book an appointment (15 minutes per session) to speak with a planner during these drop-ins.

- **Stakeholder and Local Democracy Group meetings** - Stakeholder meetings were organised with relevant interest groups on request. This included meetings with Haberfield Association, Save Dully, Save Marrickville and Sydney YIMBY.

Four dedicated workshops were also held with Council’s Local Democracy Groups, including 3 meetings with the Housing for All Group and a combined workshop including all Groups.

These activities were carried out to ensure that property owners, residents, ratepayers, businesses and community groups had access to the information they needed to make an informed submission – by online survey, email or mail – in response to *Our Fairer Future Plan*.

The engagement methods is provided at *Attachment 1*.

**Outcomes of Community Engagement**

The engagement program for *Our Fairer Future Plan* saw the following general activity:

- 342 calls received to Hotline and Customer Service phone numbers
- 123 email inquiries received and responded to by Council officers
- 6,668 QR scans to the *Our Fairer Future Plan* landing web page
- 15,060 unique visitors to the Your Say Inner West engagement webpage
- 809,239 views of info-video across different online channels
- Newsletters:
  - *Inner West Council News* June edition delivered to approximately 70,000 households
  - 3,455 subscribers viewed the *What’s On Inner West* June edition eNewsletter by email
  - 7,198 subscribers viewed the *Your Say Inner West* June edition eNewsletter by email
- 60 enquiries at Ashfield Service Centre weekday morning drop-in sessions
- 777 attendees at community drop-in sessions
- 313 (of 480 available) speak with a planner 1:1 appointments

**Submissions Received**

A total of 3,146 formal submissions were received during the engagement period. This includes 1,622 online surveys completed and 1,524 written submissions received by email and mail.

These submissions included

- 3,115 submissions from residents and individuals (including pro-forma)
- 20 submissions from Stakeholder Organisations, Institutions and Interest Groups
- 2 submissions – one each from Council’s Housing For All Local Democracy Group and the Combined Local Democracy Group workshop
- 3 submissions from Public Authorities and Service Providers
- 6 petitions collectively including 2,000 signatures

Feedback was received from the following stakeholder organisations, peak bodies, interest groups, including:

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| • Ashfield District Historical Society | • NSW Council of Social Service       |
| • Committee for Sydney                 | • NSW Nurses and Midwives Association |
| • Cooks River Alliance                 | • Property Council of Australia       |
| • Faith Housing Australia              | • Save Dully                          |
| • Haberfield Association               | • Save Marrickville                   |
| • Labor for Ending Homelessness        | • Shelter NSW                         |
| • Marrickville Chamber of Commerce     | • Sydney Alliance                     |
| • Marrickville Town Square             | • Sydney Anglican Property            |
| • North Ashfield Town Centre Committee | • Sydney YIMBY                        |
|  | • Tenants Union                       |

A detailed assessment of these submissions is underway and once tested and reviewed relevant changes will be recommended to the draft Plan and Design Guide in response to the community and stakeholder feedback.

**Key Matters for Investigation**

*Our Fairer Future Plan* received considerable interest from the community and stakeholders. While submissions are still being analysed in detail, below is a high-level outline of how matters raised in these submissions are being reviewed. This is in relation to both generic themes across *Our Fairer Future Plan* and site-specific matters raised in detailed individual and organisation submissions.

Submissions raised concerns about environmental and social impacts, traffic, parking, building bulk and scale, overshadowing, amenity, affordable housing and infrastructure. To address these, Council is conducting detailed testing of response options. This includes:

- Assessing amenity impacts
- Reviewing alternate proposals from the community and Council officers
- Testing different building heights, transitions and setbacks
- Ensuring future amenity is protected

The list below while not exhaustive demonstrates how the analysis and testing of matters raised in submissions is being reviewed in order to respond to the matters raised, i.e.:

- **Amenity Impacts:** Assessing how proposed changes will affect the amenity of both existing neighbourhoods and future developments, with particular focus on access to sunlight, privacy, noise, and the quality of the public realm.
- **Overshadowing:** Modelling solar access impacts on adjacent properties, public open spaces, and streets, and testing alternative built form options to minimise shadowing.
- **Building Bulk and Scale:** Reviewing how the scale and massing of proposed developments relate to their context, and exploring design alternatives that reduce visual dominance.
- **Setbacks and Transitions:** Testing various built form scenarios to ensure appropriate transitions between higher-density developments and lower-scale residential areas, including side and rear setbacks.
- **Building Heights:** Exploring alternative height limits and their implications for local character, view lines, and solar access.
- **Landscaping and Green Infrastructure:** Ensuring adequate provision for deep soil zones, canopy tree planting, and landscaping to support urban greening, stormwater management, and biodiversity.

This detailed investigation of issues and outcomes of urban design modelling and testing by technical experts will provide recommendations to validate or update the proposed planning controls relating to land uses, heritage, FSR, height, setback and building envelope controls. Recommendations will be made to update the *Our Fairer Future Plan* proposed controls which will be brought back to Council to the September meeting when this testing has been completed.

**Affordable and Faith Based Housing**

*Our Fairer Future Plan* as exhibited proposed an affordable housing contribution of either a dwelling unit or monetary value for any development of at least 2,000m<sup>2</sup>. This contribution was proposed at:

- 2% on commencement of the proposed amendments;
- 3% after 2 years of commencement; and
- 5% after 5 years of commencement.

A development may provide affordable housing on-site, in another location within the Inner West LGA, pay an equivalent monetary contribution to allow housing units to be built or purchased elsewhere in the Inner West LGA, or a combination.

*Our Fairer Future Plan* includes recommendations to mandate affordable housing contributions to provide affordable housing and support Council’s priority to increase the supply of affordable housing in the Inner West through a specific Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme (AHCS) or equivalent proposed LEP clause. Housing acquired via this mechanism will be owned in perpetuity by Council and managed through a Community Housing Provider. Through policy interventions, Council is able to determine which specific sectors of the community are targeted for access to this new affordable housing stock.

Organisations and agencies provided 24 detailed submissions and half of these provided a strong focus on affordable housing. Of these all 12 submitted that the affordable housing rate of contribution being sought is too low.

Council resolved at the May Council Meeting that the acquisition of new housing stock through affordable housing contributions paid by developers be a high priority, and this also accords with the Planning Principles. The Council resolution in May, the Planning Principles and submissions received from affordable housing industry specialists and members of the community support a review of the affordable housing contribution as exhibited. Further feasibility testing is underway by council officers to explore opportunities to require a higher rate of contribution whether this be a steeper increase in the contribution over time, a greater contribution for development over a certain size or whether there may be other incentives to improve the affordable housing contribution model.

Further, specific submissions were also received from Faith Based organisations in relation to Council’s proposed affordable housing amendments for faith-owned land. The matters raised include:

- expand to all Tiers of Community Housing Providers
- covenants and the requirement for affordable housing to be provided in perpetuity
- opportunity to broaden the zones where the clause applies
- percentage rate of affordable housing contribution
- calculation of GFA to exclude ministry and community uses.

All of these matters are under consideration and will be brought back in the September 2025 Council report.

**Next Steps**

Council officers are carrying out a detailed review of matters raised in the submissions received, in collaboration with Council’s appointed technical consultants.

A comprehensive Engagement Outcomes Report is being prepared which will include a full thematic breakdown of general and location-specific matters and Council officer responses to each theme/ issue. This will be brought forward to Council, along with final recommendations on the draft plan resulting from this review, at the meeting in September 2025.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

For Fairer Future Plan Stage 2, the cost for implementation is being scoped out and required budget will be considered in the first quarterly review. The intention is to fund the costs within the existing budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Our Fairer Future Plan - Engagement Summary Report













































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 5  
**Subject:** ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
**Prepared By:** Daniel East - Senior Manager Strategic Planning  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council approve the proposed Business Façade Improvement Program outlined in this report.**

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A pilot Business Façade Improvement Program has been developed with input from the Small Business Local Democracy Group. The program allows for minor works to be undertaken with matched funding of up to \$5,000 for 5 individual properties. If successful the program, in the future, will form one of the grant streams under the Inner West Council's annual grant program using the smarty grant process.

## BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on 11 March 2025, Council resolved the following in part:

1. *That Council establish a Business Façade Improvement Program as part of the Council's ongoing Mainstreets program, incorporating the following principles:*
  - a) *the program intent is to support businesses that are prominently located to make facade improvements and enhance Mainstreets, in turn supporting local jobs and our local economy;*
  - b) *the program represent an extension of the existing Perfect Match program by:*
    - i. *matching mural artists with local businesses to paint murals on awnings, facades and windows*
    - ii. *providing decals of murals by local artists that can be installed in vacant shopfronts*
    - iii. *providing opportunities for eligible businesses to seek financial support to undertake other minor works (such as window or awning repairs, repointing or painting)*
  - c) *eligibility be restricted to businesses within the Inner West local government area that can demonstrate an ongoing connection to a property such as a long-term lease or property ownership;*
  - d) *businesses be required to make a matching financial contribution;*
  - e) *when deciding successful applicants, weighting be applied to multicultural businesses and businesses owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and*
  - f) *successful applicants are evenly distributed across the five wards of the Inner West Council.*

**DISCUSSION**

A Business Façade Improvement Program has been developed with input from the Small Business Local Democracy Group and Council staff from Creative Communities and Economic Development teams. Staff also reviewed façade improvement programs from other councils including City of Newcastle and Burwood Council to help inform the development of the program which is consistent with what other councils offer. The program will form one of the grant streams under the Inner West Council’s annual grant program using the smarty grant process. The program allows for minor works to be undertaken and requires approved business to match funding of up to \$5,000 for 5 Inner West properties, based on .

The introduction of a one-year pilot Business Facade Improvement Program is outlined below.

**Business Façade Improvement Program**

*What is the Business Façade Improvement Program?*

The Inner West Council knows how important it is for our high streets and villages to be welcoming and appealing. Council introduced our main street revitalisation program to enhance the look and feel of the main streets to make the more inviting for residents and visitors. This contributes to the economy by creating a welcoming place for people to come, shop and play. To build on this work the Inner West Council is offering funding for local businesses who want to improve the appearance of their street level shopfront.

The Business Façade Improvement Program seeks to:

- Support local businesses by providing additional resources to enhance shopfronts.
- Stimulate local economic activity by attracting more visitors and customers to local businesses by enhancing the visual appeal of shopping areas.
- Promote community engagement and activation by encouraging community pride, showcasing creative shopfront design that reflects the character of the local area.
- Enhance public spaces by creating a more vibrant and welcoming streetscape and improving the visual appeal and attractiveness of shopfronts in prominent locations.

Applicants can apply for a one-off matching grant of up to \$5,000 (inclusive of GST) for eligible projects. This means businesses must also contribute \$5,000 of their own money to undertake minor works to their shop front. Funding for approved projects is paid directly to the applicant upon completion of façade works and on verification that the businesses has also expended the agreed amount for the works.

**Who can apply?**

Eligibility is restricted to businesses within the Inner West LGA that are situated in prominent main street shopping centre whose shopfront has being assessed by Council officers to be overdue for uplift. Businesses must have a long-term lease in place and be able to provide matching funding will be eligible to apply. Business owners and/or tenants (with owner’s consent) of each street level property that fronts a main street with the Inner West Council Local Government Area are eligible for funding.

**What types of projects can be funded?**

Likelihood of success increases with the development of an approach that includes local creatives, and other general criteria include:

- Engaging local creatives to update the design of a façade, including muralists, artists and/or designers (as applicable to the property and proposed improvements)
- Installation of window decal designed by local artists to enhance visual appeal.
- Repairs to awnings or lighting that increase pedestrian and shopfront safety.
- Street level façade improvements (e.g. external painting, the reinstatement of heritage features, minor window works and new signage).
- Façade enhancements that are sensitive to character of the main street.

It is proposed to target the program only in areas that would benefit the most from this form of investment that is shops whose facades really need an uplift and are taking away from the look and feel of key business centers.

**What types of projects will not be funded?**

Council will not fund the following:

- Works already commenced or completed at the time of application.
- Works that require consent under a Development Application and where that consent has not yet been approved by Council or other Consent Authority.
- Routine maintenance or interior work (e.g. carpet cleaning, cleaning of gutters, cleaning of facades).
- Any work that would not improve the appearance, detail, fabric or finish of the premises.
- Any work that is not in keeping with of Council’s development controls, plans or policies.
- Any work that would preclude more worthy applications from being funded.

**Application Process**

Businesses would apply for funding through Council’s annual grant program using the smarty grant process. Businesses must make a matching financial contribution and provide evidence of this. Grant will only be provided on verification that the businesses has undertaken works and has contributed the agreed amount towards the works.

Staff will ensure that the assessment process includes a weighting be applied to multicultural businesses and businesses owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business operators, proposals that include the employment of local creatives and that the program is evenly distributed across the five wards. An assessment panel will be established that includes an independent from a local business chamber.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

A total of 5 businesses could be assisted under the program at a cost of up to \$25,000, with a one-off grant of up to \$5,000 (inclusive of GST) for eligible projects who can match the funding. This grant is being funded by readjusting other elements of the economic development budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 6  
**Subject:** TOURISM PLAN BI-MONTHLY REPORT - UPDATED ADVERTISING STRATEGY  
**Prepared By:** Daniel East - Senior Manager Strategic Planning  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the amended Advertising Strategy as outlined in *Table 1* of this report.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report provides an information on the draft advertising strategy that has been reviewed by an external agency. The report also provides an update on the implementation of actions from the Tourism Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council defer adoption of the Advertising Strategy and investigate engaging an external agency to review and advise on the strategy, with a report back to the August 2025 Council meeting on an external engagement process including cost.*
2. *That Council endorse the remaining expenditure of the Inner West Tourism Fund 25/26 subject to the following amendments to budget allocation No. 3 in the expenditure table:*
  - a) *Allocate \$10,000 towards development of a self-guided walking tour of Perfect Match and local artists studios; and. Grant of \$10,000 will be allocated to the Association*
  - b) *Allocate \$10,000 towards live music and outdoor dining activations for Inner West Brewers Association member venues - Grant of \$10,000 will be allocated to the Association*
3. *That Council include digital influencers as additional advertising median for inclusion in the Sponsored Content and Advertising Strategy*

**DISCUSSION**

**Review of draft Advertising Strategy**

Council staff have worked with a third party agency that specialises in tourism advertising and communications. The agency has reviewed the draft advertising strategy and provided the following feedback:

- The draft strategy relies heavily on traditional media and lacks a cohesive digital layer to sustain awareness and engagement.
- Enhancing spend and a changed focus is recommended to:
  - a) Rebalance mix to increase digital and social spend.
  - b) Allocate more to digital influencers, especially for events with food, music, or culture hooks.
  - c) Create a reusable content bank – videos, social carousels, influencer reels.
  - d) Implement a campaign calendar to drip-feed excitement year-round.
  - e) Track performance: Add a reporting line item to evaluate impact per channel.

The feedback received on the Tourism Advertising Strategy by the external agency has been used to update the draft plan in both approach and expenditure as outlined below:

*Table 1: Proposed Tourism Advertising funding*

Category	Budget	Comment
Media and print (billboard, print, radio, online outlets)	\$35,000	Reduced slightly; still maintain high-impact locations and key online and radio outlets
Digital Influencers	\$15,000	Work with influencers on general inner west content and some tied to specific events
Paid Social Media + Boosted		
Posts	\$25,000	Ads and original content on platforms including Meta, Youtube, Tiktok, Google
Discretionary	\$10,000	Held to be directed towards high performing content as needed
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	

**Self-guided walking tour**

An allocation of \$10,000 towards development of a self-guided walking tour of Perfect Match and local artists studios has been made available to Living Arts Team to implement this action.

Two options are being explored – working with a tour operator for creative tours to connect visitors with local artists and studios. The other option is to develop a walking tour of Perfect Match. The budget identified for this element is seed funding to establish the opportunity within the inner west for a small business tour operator initiative. It relies on the identification of a partner to deliver a combination of one or both options

**Inner West Brewers Association**

A grant totaling \$10,000 will be made available to be shared between Inner West Brewers Association member venues for live music and outdoor dining activations as required by the Council resolution in June 2025.

Staff continue to work with the Inner West Brewers Association in the development, design and implementation of the Ale Trail wayfinding signage. Project completion is expected late September.

**Distillers**

An Inner West Distillery Trail has been developed and will be launched late August. The trail includes a map and website that features all distilleries with location markers, pop-up info boxes and videos. The project included developing blog articles and updates on the distillery

pages. The Distillery Trail is an action from the Tourism Action Plan and is funded from the Economic Development budget. Work continues to explore opportunities to showcase this sector.

**Digital influencers**

The draft advertising strategy has been updated to include the use of digital influencers with an allocation of \$15,000.

**Tourism wayfinding**

Staff are investigating what key information will be placed on the signs to enhance the visitor experience when navigating cultural precincts and tourism experiences at the three major transport hubs: Sydenham/Marrickville, Balmain/Rozelle and Newtown/Enmore. Information may include directions to key tourism places like Enmore Special Entertainment Precinct, Enmore Theatre, Pride Square, Eat streets, Marrickville Metro, Balmain Heritage Pubs, Dawn Fraser Swimming Pool, ale and art trails for example only. Staff are liaising with industry specialists, City of Sydney and Destination NSW to determine what format will work best on the signage.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The expenditure outlined in this report is within the existing economic development budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 7  
**Subject:** MICROFORESTS IN EVERY WARD UPDATE  
**Prepared By:** Luke Murtas - Senior Manager Environment and Sustainability  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

Item 7

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council endorse the development of the “Option A” sites in Ashfield-Djarrawunang and Stanmore-Damun wards.
2. That Council investigate the budget and maintenance implications of the “Option B” and “Option C” sites to progress in future years.
3. That Council endorse an update to Council’s Environment and Sustainability and Urban Forest webpage(s) to include current information about the locations and benefits of microforests for Inner West residents.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Inner West is one of Australia’s most densely populated urban LGAs, where a diverse community needs to share limited green open space.

Our community places a high value on Council’s work in restoring and protecting our natural environment. However, due to competing recreational needs and the ongoing development of major infrastructure, the space available for native plants and habitat restoration in the Inner West is increasingly scarce.

In 2022, Council resolved to take a new approach to this problem by trialing small, concentrated planting areas throughout the LGA known as “microforests”. To date there have been six (6) microforests established in the LGA, and Council has resolved as a priority that there should be one microforest in each Ward.

This report details the opportunities and requirements to achieve Council’s goal of one microforest for each ward of the Inner West.

**BACKGROUND**

In its first Strategic Direction, Council’s Community Strategic Plan sets out the following outcome and strategies specific to increasing urban vegetation, biodiversity and habitat:

- “An increasing and resilient network of green corridors provide habitat for plants and animals*
- *Maintain and increase Inner West’s urban tree canopy*
  - *Manage and improve Inner West’s mid and understorey vegetation*
  - *Protect, connect and enhance natural areas, biodiversity corridors and sensitive habitat”*

Working towards these goals, the microforest project commenced when Council considered the revised Tree DCP at the Council meeting held on 8 February 2022, Council resolved the following in part:

5. *That Council notes that plantings of ‘micro forests’ are being trialed in cities across the world and in Australia, with research showing they have the potential to exponentially increase biodiversity and carbon reduction in dense urban environments/*
7. *That Council supports in principle Council staff’s amendments to the Tree Management DCP. Commences immediate planning work to support a trial of ‘micro forests’ planted across the Local Government Area.*

The initial planting of Microforests had begun in May 2022, with Council resolving in relation to the Leichhardt Skatepark project at the Council meeting held on 10 May 2022, Council resolved the following in part:

3. *That Council commit to, in addition to replacing the “not well-maintained” trees at the skate park site one for one per the report, planting the first new microforest in the Inner West as committed at the February 2022 Meeting of Council in proximity to the skate park.*

At the Council meeting held on 22 October 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council commit to establishing a new microforest in every ward of the LGA to support increased biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions, and that potential locations for each microforest be identified in consultation with:*
  - a) *Local Bushcare and community garden groups*
  - b) *The Environment Advisory Committee*
  - c) *Citizen science groups*
  - d) *Other relevant local environment and biodiversity volunteer groups.*
2. *That Council receive a report back on identified locations, management, and costs to the March 2025 Council meeting.*

Subsequently, at the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

1. *That Council adopt the Biodiversity Strategy with the inclusion of the following items in the Action Plan:*
  - a) *continue investigations into establishing microforest trial sites in the Ashfield-Djarrawunang and Stanmore-Damun wards*

Microforests are now embedded as part of Theme 1 “Increase Biodiversity” in Council’s recently adopted Biodiversity Strategy:

*1.1.1.6 Establish microforest trial sites in each ward, with priority afforded to Ashfield-Djarrawunang and Stanmore-Damun wards, which do not currently host microforests*

*1.3.1.4 Maintain and monitor microforest trial sites, assess for biodiversity*

**DISCUSSION**

**Established Sites**

In keeping with Council’s early resolutions and direction on microforests, six trial sites have been established since 2022. These are detailed in the Figure 1 below.

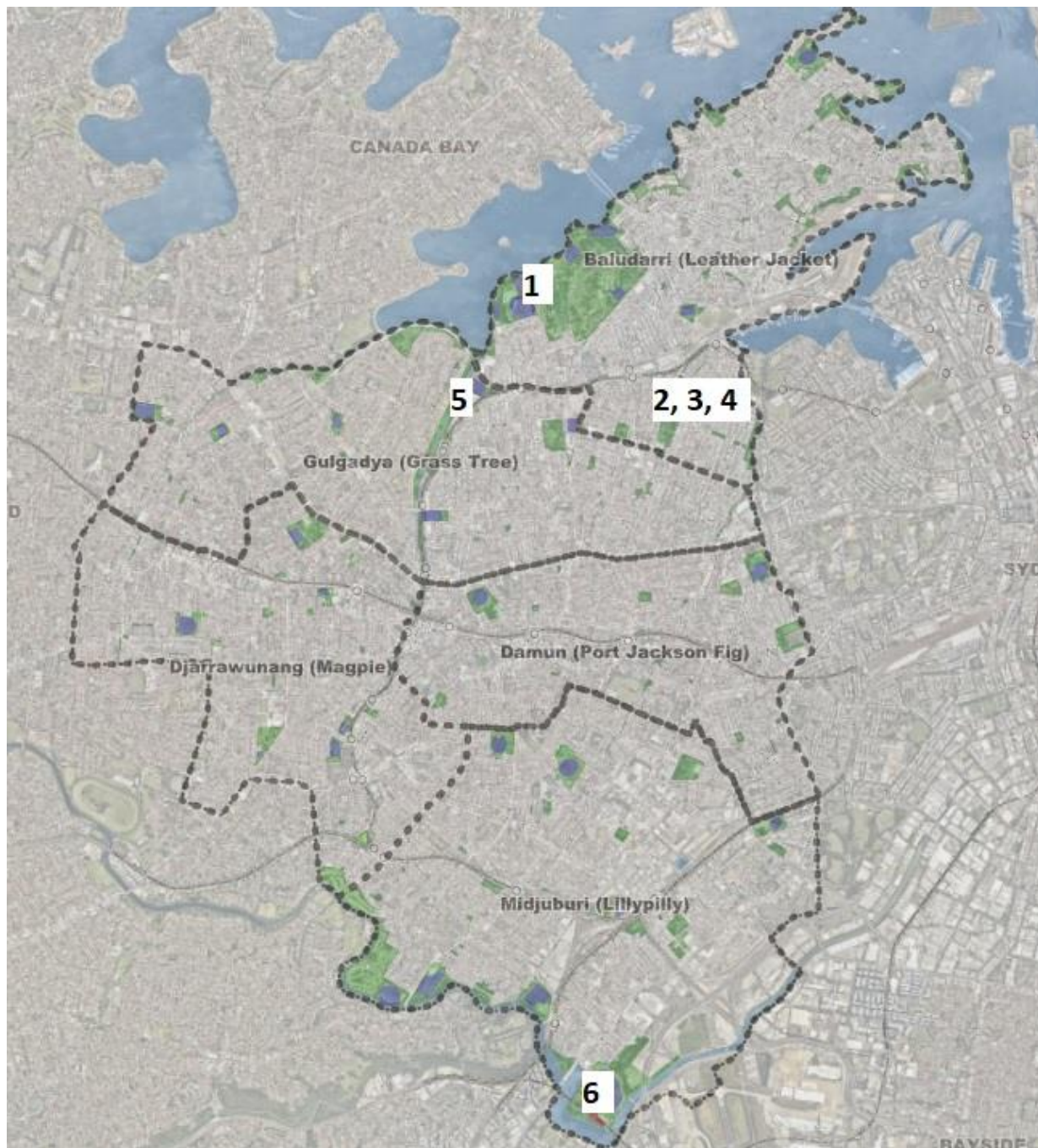


Figure 1: Map of existing microforest locations

The completed projects and their ecological characteristics include:

1. At the rear of Leichhardt Oval No. 2 (adjacent to the Bay Run, associated with the Leichhardt Skatepark project)
  - Balmain-Baludarra ward
  - Approximately 200m<sup>2</sup> in area
  - Estuarine Swamp Oak Forest – contains trees, shrubs and understorey – forms part of Natural Area, high habitat value

2. Hogan Park/Johnsons Creek Aqueduct (between Nelson Lane and Nelson Street)
  - Balmain-Baludarri ward
  - Approximately 40m<sup>2</sup> in area
  - Sydney Sandstone Foreshores and Estuarine Swamp Oak Forest – contains a row of *angophora* trees in a lawn area
  
3. In Whites Creek Reserve (near IWC Nursery, “food forest” and the Community Garden)
  - Balmain-Baludarri ward
  - Approximately 200m<sup>2</sup> in area
  - Sydney Sandstone Foreshores Forest – contains trees only no understorey – high failure rate requiring ongoing maintenance
  
4. Cohen Park Annandale (also part of the Whites Creek Valley parklands)
  - Balmain-Baludarri ward
  - Approximately 230m<sup>2</sup> in area
  - Estuarine Swamp Oak Forest – contains trees only no understorey – now managed as part of nearby National Tree Day (2023) site to preclude invasive species
  
5. At the northern end of Richard Murden Reserve (linking to the Greenway)
  - Leichhardt-Gulgadya ward
  - Approximately 500m<sup>2</sup> in area
  - Estuarine Swamp Oak Forest – contains trees only no understorey – high maintenance requirement
  
6. At the north-western side of Tempe Reserve near the sports fields off Holbeach Avenue
  - Marrickville-Midjuburi ward
  - Approximately 550m<sup>2</sup> in area
  - Estuarine Swamp Oak Forest – contains trees only no understorey – high maintenance requirement

Based on the work undertaken so far, Council has established sites in three of the five wards, with four microforest sites already located in the Balmain-Baludarri ward. Leichhardt-Gulgadya and Marrickville-Midjuburi wards both currently house one microforest each, with the Stanmore-Damun and Ashfield-Djarrawunang wards yet to develop a project.

**Consultation and Recommendations for Site Management**

In line with Council’s resolution, the Urban Ecology team has undertaken broad consultation on microforests with our local Environmental Stakeholders (including Bushcare and community gardeners, local democracy groups including ATSI and the Environment Advisory Committee, as well as citizen scientists). In the main, this has been during the various stages of consultation on Council’s Biodiversity Strategy (mid – late 2024).

Many of those initially consulted were unfamiliar with the microforest concept, and sought clarification about it would differ from existing revegetation and restoration projects. New tree plantings were welcomed however the bushcare and nursery volunteer community raised a concern that the “tried and tested” restoration approach is working well and wanted to be reassured that it would not be *replaced* with microforests given the limited space available.

The sentiment among environmental volunteers is that Council should continue to deliver resilience in restored landscapes such as our Natural Areas and Bushcare sites. Some recent microforest plantings have been observed to only include trees, in without mid- or understorey plants. This has led to outcomes such as myna birds and weeds; and their maintenance

requirements have the potential to damage the base of those trees with the requirement of herbicide and whipper snipping to keep invasive grasses down.

Whilst this feedback has not necessarily assisted to narrow down specific sites for new microforests, it has identified constraints and issues that experienced local volunteer land managers can foresee in rolling out this new program. Based on this community feedback it is recommended that:

- No existing bushcare sites are *replaced* by microforests, given their unique and separate function as revegetation and restoration areas, based on many years of volunteer effort
- Microforest design takes into account the observations of our environmental volunteers, by becoming multi-layered and not simply a tract of canopy tree planting, but must include mid-storey plants and native groundcovers
- Better community information about microforests and their benefits will be made available on Council’s webpage and social media channels.

In addition, although they have been included in Council’s Biodiversity Strategy and consultation has been sought from Council’s environmental volunteers, microforests are not well suited as bushcare sites, because they consist principally of canopy trees which need qualified staff to manage installation and establishment. It may be possible for volunteers and ecology staff to maintain a microforest site once it has been well established.

The Ecology team proposes a new microforest trial model which includes multi-layered forests with mid-storey native shrubs and ground covers sourced from Council’s native plant nurseries (which are also volunteer-driven) and once established there may be some capacity for volunteers to assist with the maintenance of these microforests as they have experience managing these plants on other Inner West sites. This is in keeping with the actions in Council’s adopted Biodiversity Strategy.

**Proposed Sites for Priority Trial**

In light of Council’s resolution and the above analysis, staff have sought to identify sites in the Stanmore-Damun and Ashfield-Djarrawunang wards to ensure that each ward has at least one microforest. In addition, other sites with high community engagement value, or which might “dovetail” with other Council works projects have been explored to improve value for our community.

**1. Ashfield-Djarrawunang ward**

Option A – Inner West Sustainability Hub

There are two gardens at Council’s Sustainability Hub which have a combined area of approximately 60m<sup>2</sup>. These gardens are at the focal point of the Hub, where Council’s Green Living Centre offices and the workshop rooms are located, as well as the demonstration garden and Bower repair centre.

At present, there are 3 large Jacaranda trees in these gardens, which provide some shade and scenic quality to the centre but locally exclude native plants from the gardens and do not support local biodiversity, which is not an ideal outcome for Council’s sustainability centre. In addition, the Jacaranda trees have given rise to complaints from tenants and visitors to the Hub in relation to the foliage and branches that they drop. They create a substantial maintenance burden for the Hub.

Council’s environment services are well represented at the Hub and able to engage with our community, including the home sustainability-focussed Green Living Centre and the Resource Recovery Planning team which are highly involved with circular economy activities. The establishment of a microforest could be a project which also allows Council’s Urban Ecology team to build a presence and a point for community engagement at the Hub.

As a demonstration and education -focussed microforest, this will assist to achieve Biodiversity Strategy Action 2.1.2.1 “Activate Council’s Sustainability Hub with Urban Ecology staff for consultation with the public and hold events on site”. Although the removal of mature trees is not always optimal, in this instance it is considered acceptable given that they would be replaced with higher numbers of locally endemic trees, shrubs and groundcovers, which can also be used as a community engagement centrepiece and will quickly support additional local biodiversity such as small mammals and birdlife.

Option B – Iron Cove Creek Corridor

Alternative sites in the Ashfield-Djarrawunang ward include opportunities along Iron Cove creek, as part of the bank naturalisation plan, which currently appears in the public domain plans accompanying Council’s draft LEP. The opportunities range in scope from small, constrained sites closer to the channelised portion of the creek near Ashfield pool; or where the creek is closer to open parkland in the north-east. It is noted that Sydney Water and the Parramatta River Catchment Group are also currently exploring bank naturalisation opportunities in this area.

The bank naturalisation project is in its infancy and opportunities are not likely to be able to be fully realised until future years.

**2. Stanmore-Damun ward**

Option A - O’Dea Reserve

A potential microforest site has been identified within O’Dea Reserve in Stanmore. The site would be along the Cardigan Lane side of the reserve on the western side of the park and will improve cooling and local microclimate in the park as well as increasing native habitat and biodiversity links in a densely developed part of inner Sydney.

There is the potential to install a well-designed tract of microforest along the edge of the park which will integrate well with existing plantings and go toward replacing some of the vegetation lost through recent infrastructure and private development in the surrounding area.

A microforest in this area will also enhance the connection with the established vegetation corridors in Salisbury Road and Cardigan Street and improve green links to the Camperdown Park precinct. It is noted there is significant access to this side of the park so the design of the microforest will need to be subject to consultation, taking into account community needs and the ongoing recreational use of the space.

Option B – Stanmore Railway Corridor

Alternative sites in the Stanmore-Damun ward include the Railway Reserve adjacent to Stanmore Library in the Stanmore Centre.

This site has potential as it is visually prominent and will build on an existing urban bushland area along the railway corridor. It would augment an existing area of native planting and habitat and allow Council to showcase the microforests initiative in a commuter-intensive central location in a sensitive manner.

A microforest could also add to the amenity of the area by dampening railway noise and creating a “green screen” to infrastructure such as fencing from the adjacent parkland. It is noted that Council would likely need to explore a licensing agreement with Transport for NSW (in the same manner as some of the Greenway planting and offset sites) to plant and manage trees in this area.

**3. Alternative site in ward which already hosts a microforest (Marrickville-Midjuburi)**

Option C Bedwin – Road Splay (Sydney Gateway handback)

At the south-west corner of Unwins Bridge Road and Bedwin Road in St Peters is a large leftover corner splay of land which has been handed back to Council from the SydneyGate/Sydney Metro works program by Transport for NSW. The site is very sparsely landscaped and is isolated at the intersection of two busy roads, so it is awkward and expensive for Council’s streetscapes team to effectively maintain.

A microforest at this site would greatly improve the scenic quality of the area, improve biodiversity on the site and in terms of local links, increase local shade and cooling and reduce mowing and maintenance costs for Council.

**Cost estimate**

Although each microforest site presents different constraints and limitations, an indicative project budget has been provided below for Council’s reference.

This employs Council teams to design and prepare the sites, and also propagate some of the plants, as well as use recycled materials for some of the site controls. This proposal will significantly reduce delivery costs. It is recommended that this simplified model is used to deliver easier to simple sites such as the initial Stanmore-Damun and Ashfield-Djarrawunang ward sites. More complex sites in future may require the assistance of contractors but this would be dependent on budget.

<b>Simple Microforest budget – 100m<sup>2</sup> site</b>		
Design by Parks Planning team	In house	
Site prep by Streetscapes Operations team	In house	
Canopy Trees and mid-storey sourced by Public Trees team	Approximate	\$5,000
Understorey plants	In house (propagate at IWC nurseries)	
Site controls	To be sourced in house and recycled	
Maintenance	Spread over multiple years – \$5-10k pa	\$20,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$25,000</b>

This budget can be used as a model for the site at O’Dea Reserve which is relatively flat and uncomplicated; and likely to be around 100m<sup>2</sup> in size. The recommended space at the Sustainability Hub is ¾ the size at 75m<sup>2</sup> and is likely to be correspondingly cheaper to install and maintain.

By contrast, based on Council’s previous experience utilising contractors to deliver the Leichhardt Park microforest site cost \$475 per sqm and including additional costs such as design, site controls and maintenance, a 100sqm site costs approximately \$82,500 if delivered externally.

**Enhanced Communication with Inner West Residents**

There is little information available on Council’s website regarding microforests and their benefits. One of the key Actions of Council’s adopted Biodiversity Strategy is to “*Develop an education program on the threatened and unique species of the Inner West and habitat creation*”, which will be reinforced by improving Council’s environment webpages around our current native tree planting programs.

It is recommended that Council update the Environment and Sustainability and Urban Forest webpages to provide key information about microforests, including a microforest landing page; and also include an interactive map which will highlight existing and planned microforest sites for residents to visit and experience (similar to Council’s interactive map of Water Sensitive Urban Design installations across the Inner West).

As part of the communications and promotion plan for the Sustainability Hub, and for the Environment program generally, it is also recommended that Council post social media alerts about new microforest projects to inform our residents about microforest locations and their ecological benefits.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

If the proposed sites in Stanmore-Damun and Ashfield-Djarrawunang wards are considered acceptable, the funding for the supply of plants is available within the current Public Trees budget in order to progress these projects.

The maintenance component (approximately \$20,000 per site, spread over multiple years) will be progressed by Council’s Urban Ecology team in the subsequent period and within the existing budget.

Should other suitable sites be considered suitable by Councillors or our community, it is recommended that these be progressed in subsequent years in order to minimise financial impacts and allow the benefits of these initial projects to be consolidated within the resourcing available in the Public Trees and Urban Ecology teams.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 8  
**Subject:** OPTIONS ANALYSIS FOR A SOLIDARITY CROSSING  
**Prepared By:** David Paton - Engineering Services Manager, Adele Pittaway - Community Wellbeing Manager and Aaron Callaghan - Parks and Public Domain Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Peter Shields - Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council approve the provision of a trans solidarity crossing along the footpath outside the Pride Hub in Camdenville Park subject to agreement from Trans Pride Australia.
2. That funding in the amount of \$17,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.

**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 has been investigating options to provide a trans solidarity crossing in a number of locations across the inner west, this has included the closed section of Derbyshire Road, Shields Park, Sydenham Green, Camdenville Park and Jack Shanahan Reserve.

Following review, it is recommended that the provision of a solidarity crossing be provided outside the Pride Hub in Camdenville Park, noting the Pride Hub will be further enhanced from the development of the solidarity crossing in front of the Amenities Building which will be highly visible to park users and further promote inclusion and acceptance.

As required by resolution of Council, further engagement with Trans Pride Australia regarding the sites proposed within this report will be scheduled.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025, Council considered a report on 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”.

Trans Pride Australia initially suggested that a potential site for a crossing could be the intersection at Marrickville and Livingstone Roads in Marrickville or nearby at Marrickville library.

Neither site is considered feasible due to existing statutory requirements in relation to 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.

At the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council officers meet with Clrs Howard, Atkins and representatives from Trans Pride Australia to further discuss proposals for a solidarity crossing.
3. That Council provide an updated report at the August 2025 Council meeting with five feasible options for a solidarity crossing, including the rationale for each option, and a recommendation for decision.

Council staff have since been liaising with Trans Pride Australia regarding the initial resolution and that from 20 May 2025. Discussions have been positive in relation to Council's commitment to identifying appropriate sites for a Pride crossing and a commitment has been made to further consultation with Trans Pride once suitable sites are identified. This could include a visit to the preferred site at Camdenville Park before any final commitment is made by Council and to ensure that stakeholders are supportive.

**DISCUSSION**

A review of possible sites has been undertaken and the results are summarised below.

**Sydenham Green**

Sydenham Green is a large public park in Sydenham created by Council after the Federal Government bought and demolished houses for the airport.

Sydenham Green has a number of internal roads which are only used for maintenance access. There is opportunity to provide a solidarity crossing across Reily Lane, connecting George Street to the centre of Sydenham Green.

The cost estimate for this option is \$5,000.

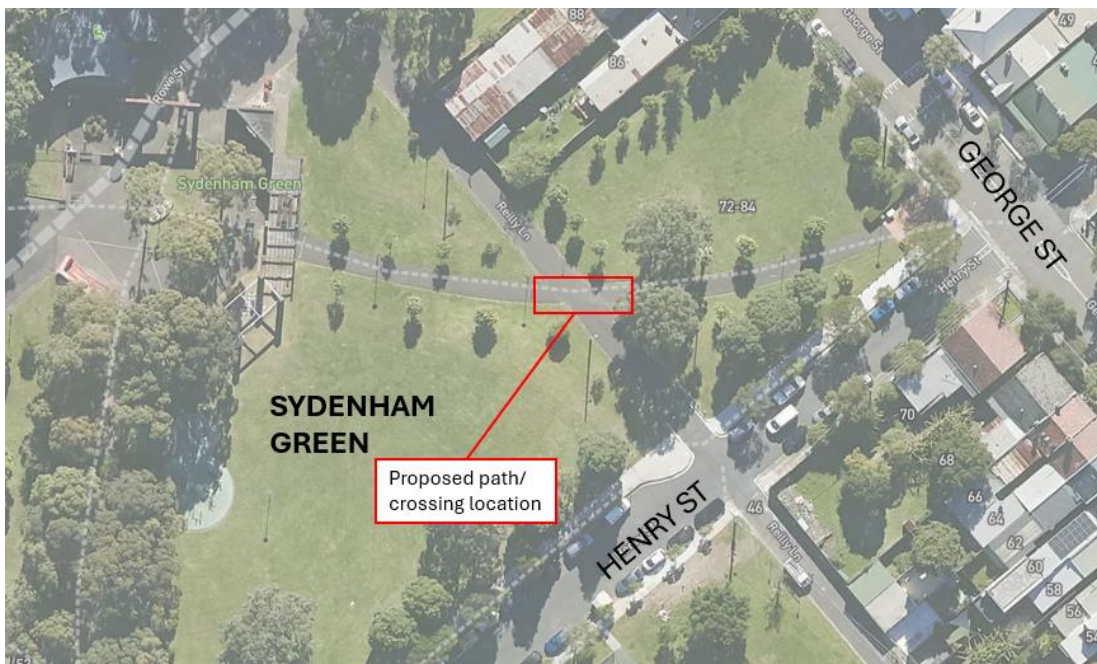


Figure 1- Sydenham Green – Proposed crossing location

## Closed off Section of Derbyshire Road

There is opportunity to provide a solidarity crossing through the closed off section of Derbyshire Road adjacent to Pioneers Memorial Park. This section of pathway connect Pioneers Memorial Park to Sydney Secondary College and a pathway that connects Derbyshire Road to Balmain Road. This connection is well utilised and would be a prominent location.

The cost estimate for this option is \$7,000.

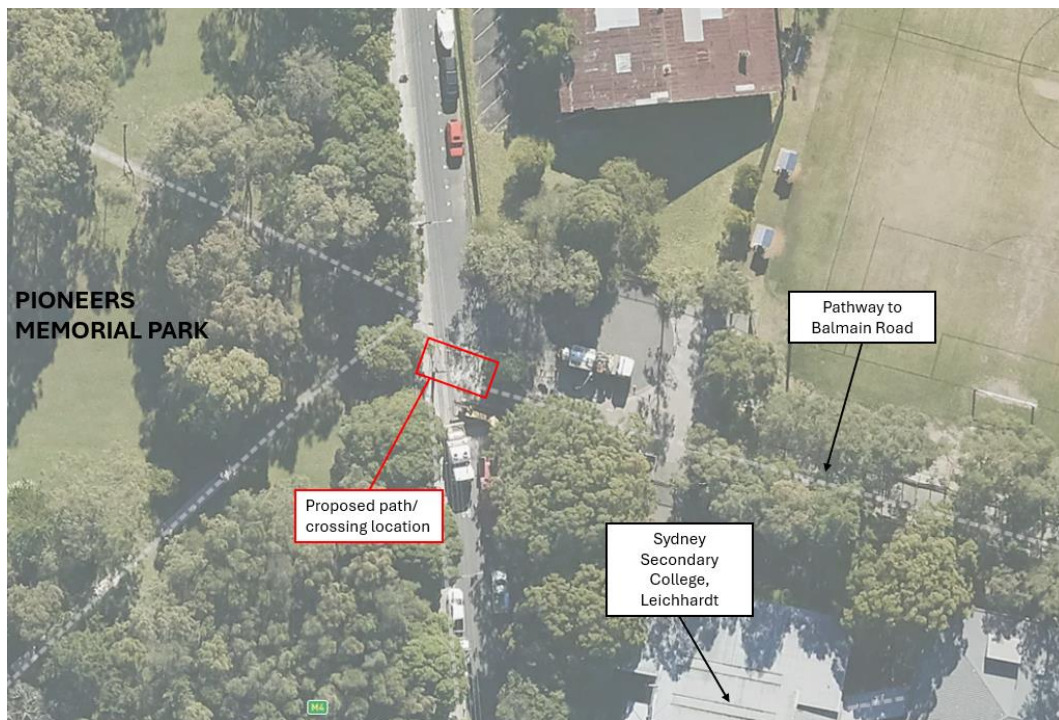


Figure 2 - Derbyshire Road – Proposed crossing location



Figure 3 – Derbyshire Road at Road Closure – looking north

**Shields Park**

Shields Park is located in Leichhardt, between the Hawthorne Light Rail Station and Darley Road.

There is an existing pedestrian desire line through the grassed area of the park which has created a noticeable ‘goat track’. There is opportunity to construct a pathway to formalise this desire line.

Due to the civil works associated with this option, there would be a greater capital cost for the works, however, this would achieve a solidarity pathway whilst also providing for the strong pedestrian desire line from Darley Road to the Light Rail Station.

The cost estimate for this option is \$50,000.

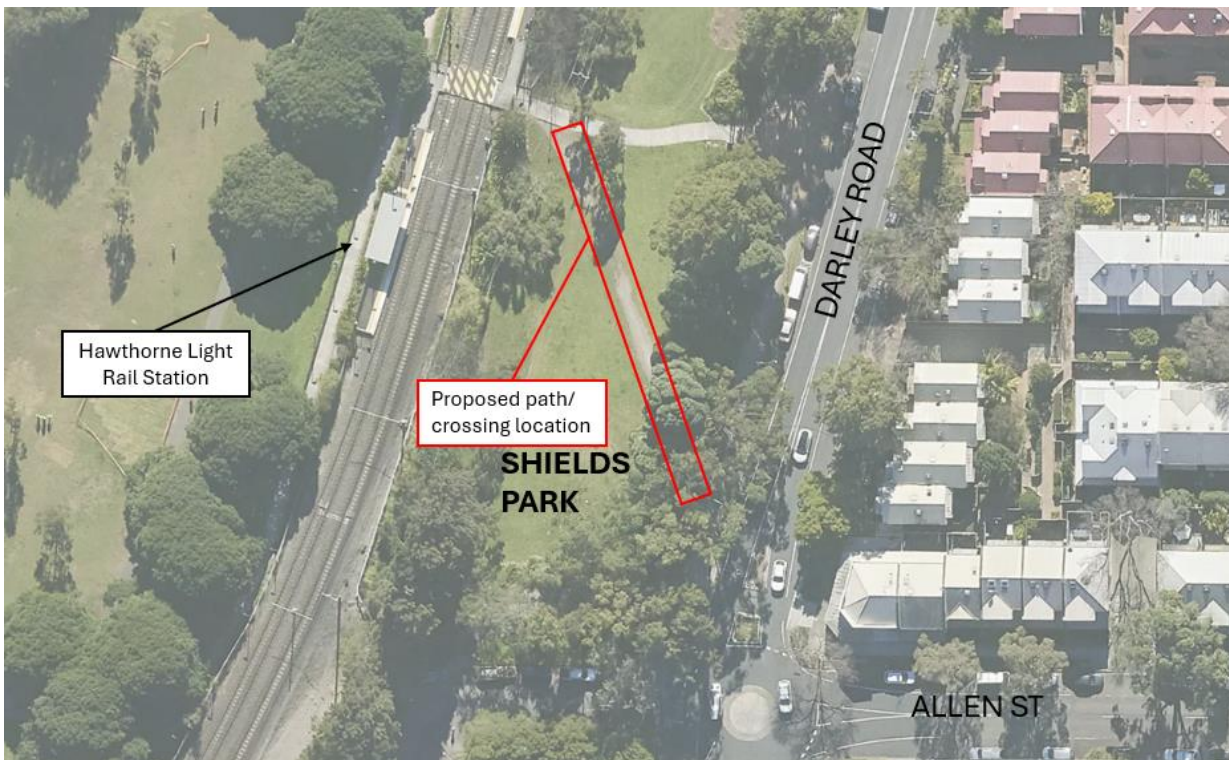


Figure 4 – Shields Park – Proposed crossing location

**Camdenville Park – Pride Sports Hub**

The Pride Sports Hub was officially opened as part of the Camdenville Park opening on 17 May 2025. The Pride Hub includes a new amenity building at Camdenville Park which serves as the home for the Sydney Rangers and the Flying Bats Football Club. The facility is part of an \$8.2 million upgrade to the park, which also includes a new playground, BMX Track and the Peter Bulger Wetlands.

A Pride mosaic wall on the Amenities building is inspired by the Pride Flag and celebrates diversity and inclusion.

The location as a Pride Hub will be further enhanced from the development of the solidarity crossing in front of the Amenities Building which will be highly visible to park users and further promote inclusion and acceptance.

The cost estimate for this option is \$17,000.



Figure 5 – Camdenville Park – Proposed crossing location



Figure 6 – Amenities building and Pride mosaic wall

### Jack Shanahan Reserve

Jack Shanahan Reserve is a large park in Dulwich Hill with various recreation facilities and open parkland including a skate park and basketball courts.

There is opportunity to provide a solidarity crossing along the pathway connecting Jack Shanahan Reserve to Dulwich Hill Light Rail Station. This connection would be well utilised and provide for a prominent location.

The cost estimate for this option is \$17,000.



Figure 7 – Jack Shanahan Reserve – Proposed crossing location

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost to deliver the pathways range from \$7,000 to \$50,000 and is unfunded in the current 2025/26 budget and Long-Term Financial Plan. The required budget will be considered in the first quarterly budget review as part of the capital program of works.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 9  
**Subject:** INNER WEST CHORAL FESTIVAL  
**Prepared By:** Michael Daly - Creative Communities Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council endorse the proposal to deliver the inaugural Inner West Choral Festival at White Bay Power Station in August 2026 as outlined in this report.
2. That funding of \$100,000 form part of the 2026/27 budget consideration.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 3: Creative communities and a strong economy

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In February 2025, Council resolved to investigate opportunities to host an annual Inner West Choral Festival featuring local choirs and singing groups based in and around the Inner West and receive a report back to Council. This report outlines the proposed model to deliver the inaugural Inner West Choral Festival at White Bay Power Station on Sunday 23 August 2026 between 12pm and 6pm. The timing of the Festival will be after the Sydney Biennale, which will be using the majority of the space at White Bay for the first half of 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

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

1. *That Council investigate opportunities to host an annual Inner West Choral Festival, featuring local choirs and singing groups based in and around the Inner West, and receive a report back to Council by the April 2025 Council Meeting.*
2. *That as part of the report, Council consult with local choirs and singing groups, the Inner West Creative Network, and the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee on the structure, composition, funding opportunities, and other elements of the Festival.*

**DISCUSSION**

**Consultation**

Council staff have consulted with a range of stakeholders on the proposal, including 13 choirs based in the Inner West, the Inner West Creative Network and individuals from the Arts Advisory Committee. Feedback was sought on the:

- a) scope of the festival
- b) how many choirs should be involved
- c) the proposed time of year for the event
- d) the format of the festival
- e) whether they would be interested in applying

In summary the feedback was positive and included:

- Choirs supported the proposal, particularly the importance of showcasing a diverse mix of professional and community choirs and providing a variety of opportunities for participation.
- They also emphasised the importance of the connection to the Inner West and the number of choirs based locally.
- There was a strong preference for cooler months and avoiding school holidays, long weekends or busy periods.
- Almost all choirs indicated a strong desire to apply for the proposed expression of interest to be part of the event.
- All choirs indicated that there would be a strong desire for audiences to attend the event and connect with other choirs, so a large physical space would be required.

**Proposed Venue**

Staff investigated the possibility of White Bay Power Station being the venue for the Choral Festival in the second half of 2026. The White Bay Power Station will house the Sydney Biennale from March to June 2026, which will include Council and inner west creatives as collaborators following the success of Biennale 2024. The White Bay Power Station, due to its unique architecture, has acoustics in the venue that lends itself to choral performances and provides a dynamic backdrop. Additionally, White Bay Power Station would be a prestigious and high-profile site for the inaugural event.

Council staff have made initial enquires with Placemaking NSW to scope the hosting of the Inner West Choral Festival at the White Bay Power Station between 12pm and 6pm on Sunday 23 August 2026. The festival would be held in The Boiler Room, providing a variety of opportunities for both main stage and site-specific choral performance.

Presentation at White Bay Power Station provides the opportunity to create a destination event, with significant public interest and impact across the LGA, and Sydney more broadly. The event creates an opportunity for significant audience reach and consolidates the Inner West’s position as a leader in the cultural sector.

**Proposed Format**

Applications will be sought by a public EOI process to ensure equitable access for choral groups to apply in line with a curatorial brief. The public EOI will be distributed to all choirs based in the Inner West, plus through the Inner West Creative Network and the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, as well as being advertised via Council’s social media channels. Choirs will be encouraged to pitch works for specific spaces within the White Bay venue. Large scale and traditional choral works can take place on the main stage with community and chamber choirs also operating on unique stage set ups throughout the site.

There will be an opportunity for local food and beverage stallholders to supply and attend this event, consistent with Council’s economic objectives.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost to deliver the Choral Festival is in the amount of \$100,000 and is unfunded in the current Long-Term Financial Plan. That funding of \$100,000 form part of the 2026/27 budget consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 10  
**Subject:** TOWN HALL OPEN DAY FESTIVALS  
**Prepared By:** Michael Daly - Creative Communities Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council approve the program and budget proposed in this report to deliver the Town Hall Open Day program.
2. That Council provide funding of \$105,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.
3. That funding of \$105,000 form part of the 2026/27 budget consideration.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 3: Creative communities and a strong economy

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report proposes an event program and implementation format for the Town Hall Open Day program for Council’s seven town halls. It details how the Council resolution will be actioned and is based on stakeholder input and collaboration with the local creative community. The proposed model will involve a schedule of Open Days delivered over a two year cycle and require new funds of a total of \$105,000 over 2025/26 (\$50,000) and 2026/27 (\$55,000).

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on the 22 October 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council note the success of our Creative Town Halls project in activating seven town halls across the Inner West for free hire by creatives and local artists, with more than 700 applications in the first two months of the program.*
2. *That Council note that the Inner West is home to more artists and people employed in the creative industries than anywhere else in NSW, and that Council is committed to supporting local artists and creatives in our community.*
3. *That Council commit to establishing an annual program of Open Day Festivals across all seven town halls, showcasing local musicians and artists, and curated in consultation with the community and local creative industry stakeholders.*
4. *That Council receive a report at the February 2025 meeting detailing a proposal for an annual Town Hall Open Day Festivals program, including costs, to be developed in consultation with local artists and creative industry stakeholders, including:*
  - a) *the Inner West Creative Network;*
  - b) *the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee;*
  - c) *Attendees of the Arts and Live Music Recovery Summit; and*

d) *Participants in the Creative Town Halls project.*

**DISCUSSION**

**Proposal**

There is currently no budget allocation to deliver the Town Hall Open Days. To manage community impact and creative engagement, as well as costs and resources, it is proposed that each Open Day event would align with an existing Council event. For example, Marrickville Town Hall Open Day could feature as part of the Marrickville Music Festival or Ashfield Town Hall Open Day to feature as part of the Ashfield Lunar New Year program. Where this arrangement is not possible, a standalone Town Hall Open Day event would be established. This arrangement would ensure that the Open Days benefit from an association with established event audiences, ensuring good attendances and a sharing of costs for marketing and some operational costs.

The Town Hall Open Day program would include town halls highlighted over a two year cycle to ensure that all venues are showcased to the community. For illustrative purposes only the cycle could look like the following:

**2026**

Marrickville Town Hall  
Ashfield Town Hall  
Annandale Town Hall

**2027**

Balmain Town Hall  
Petersham Town Hall  
St Peters Town Hall  
Leichhardt Town Hall

Actual dates would be confirmed once the model is approved.

It is proposed that Council draw programming content from creative users of the town halls through the Creative Uses of Town Halls and Community Venues program utilising an Expression of Interest process to gauge users’ interest in participating. By utilising Inner West creatives as program content providers, we would be creating a uniquely Inner West experience and showcasing local community creatives. The program would be marketed as a chance for attendees to experience the town hall spaces and share their work with a wider audience.

Cultural sector key stakeholders such as the Inner West Creative Network, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, attendees of the Arts and Live Music Recovery Summit and participants in the Creative Uses of Town Halls program, would be consulted as part of planning process.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total cost to deliver the program over two years is in the amount of \$105,000 and is unfunded in the current 2025/26 budget and Long-Term Financial Plan. The required budget will be considered in the first quarterly budget review. While this expenditure will reduce Council’s budgeted surplus for the 2025/26 Financial Year, in the first quarter budget there is estimated to be an improvement to Council’s surplus which will allow for this funding to be provided. That future years funding of \$105,000 form part of the 2026/27 budget consideration.

Allocation to the Town Halls are as follows:

- Marrickville Town Hall - \$15,000 (aligned with Marrickville Music Festival)
- Petersham Town Hall - \$20,000 (not aligned, potentially a showcase of Petersham Town Hall Creative Spaces users)

- Ashfield Town Hall - \$15,000 (aligned with Lunar New Year celebrations)
- Balmain Town Hall - \$15,000 (aligned with Festival of Balmain)
- Leichhardt Town Hall - \$20,000 (not aligned currently, to be determined)
- St Peters Town Hall - \$10,000 (aligned with Celebrate 2044 event)
- Annandale Town Hall - \$10,000 (not aligned currently, to be determined)

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 11  
**Subject:** SXSW FEST BY INNER WEST 2025 UPDATE  
**Prepared By:** Michael Daly - Creative Communities Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council approve allocation of \$150,000 for collaboration with SXSW Sydney to deliver the Fest by Inner West program.
2. That Council provide funding in the amount of \$150,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Fest by Inner West was successfully delivered by SXSW Sydney for the first time in 2024, with Council contributing \$200,000 as resolved. The event activated venues in the Enmore Rd precinct with local and international acts performing. An estimated audience of over 6,000 people attended.

In February 2025, Council resolved to once again partner with SXSW Sydney in 2025 to deliver the Fest by Inner West program, showcasing the Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct.

This report updates work underway for the 2025 event to take place on Saturday 18 October from 12pm to 10pm. It is proposed that \$150,000 be allocated by Council for the 2025 event.

**BACKGROUND**

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

1. *That Council note the success of Fest by Inner West in supporting local musicians and creative venues, and in promoting the Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct and the Inner West broadly as the premier entertainment and arts precinct in Sydney.*
2. *That Council commence discussions with SXSW Sydney, Century Venues, and the Newtown Enmore Business Chamber about hosting Fest by Inner West in 2025, including incorporating learnings from the 2024 event.*

Through a partnership with SXSW Sydney, Council delivered *Fest by Inner West* which took place in the Enmore Rd Special Entertainment Precinct on Sunday 20 October 2024. Council’s \$200,000 investment predominately funded payment of bands on the program including international and national headline acts as well as marketing and operational costs.

Council's funding supported Inner West programming that showcased Inner West talent and promoted the significance of Enmore Road as NSW's first Special Entertainment Precinct to a global and national audience.

### **DISCUSSION**

Following Council's resolution of February 2025, discussions have commenced with SXSW Sydney for the 2025 Fest by Inner West event to once again take place along Enmore Road, showcasing the Enmore Special Entertainment Precinct.

In 2025, the proposed date is Saturday 18 October from 12pm to 10pm. The program will be delivered in partnership with SXSW Sydney again and will activate venues along Enmore Rd as well as working with the Newtown Enmore Business Chamber. Discussions are underway with potential participating venues. There will once again be a focus on local Inner West acts working with international and national headliners. As in 2024, Council would have a formal agreement with the organiser's, including deliverables and outcomes.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council's contribution to partner with SXSW Sydney to deliver the Fest by Inner West in 2025 is in the amount of \$150,000 and unfunded in the current 2025/26 budget. The required budget will be considered in the first quarterly budget review. While this expenditure will reduce Council's budgeted surplus for the 2025/26 Financial Year, in the first quarter budget there is estimated to be an improvement to Council's surplus which will allow for this funding to be provided.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 12  
**Subject:** SWIMMING SEASON FOR FANNY DURACK AQUATIC CENTRE AND OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT PETERSHAM PARK  
**Prepared By:** Simon Duck - Senior Manager Aquatics and Recreation  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council approve the summer swimming season for the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre to include April and September each year at an additional cost of \$140,000 per annum.
2. That Council approve the summer swimming season for the Steel Park Water Play area to include April and September each year.
3. That Council approve the location of the outdoor fitness equipment in Petersham Park near the grandstand.

**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 Inner West Council meeting held 22 October 2024 Council resolved to consider several elements of facilities relating to the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC), Petersham Park and the Steel Park Waterplay area. This included tabling a report to determine the summer operating season for the FDAC and Steel Park Waterplay from 1 September to 30 April each year, and to determine the location of outdoor fitness equipment at Petersham Park.

From 3 March – 24 March 2025, the community was invited to provide feedback on a proposal to extend the outdoor swimming season at the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre and installation of free outdoor gym equipment in Petersham Park. During this period, Council officers also considered additional items such as a lighting upgrade and potential for extended daily opening hours in addition to an extended season.

Based on the community feedback received regarding the FDAC, the community has overwhelmingly supported extension of the operating season at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre to open on 1 September and close on 30 April. Noting there was limited community support received in relation to extended operating hours, a lighting upgrade is not recommended. In relation to the Steel Park Waterplay area, it is confirmed that there is no impediment for the system settings can be adjusted to allow for the operation of the Water Play Park to include September and April each year.

It is therefore recommended that Council endorse the summer swimming season for the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre to include April and September each year with no change to lighting; the Steel Park Water Play to operate from September to each year and for the installation of a free outdoor gym in Petersham Park at the preferred location near the grandstand as identified by the community.

It should be noted that extending the swimming season will be an additional cost of \$140,000 per annum, which is budgeted for 2025/2026.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

*That Council provide a report to the August 2025 Council meeting detailing the feasibility of extending the opening season at the Steel Park Waterplay Park, Illawarra Road, Marrickville South for a month prior to (September) and one month following (April) the current season, in line with other seasonal aquatic centres managed by Council.*

At the Council meeting held on 22 October 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council investigate opportunities to extend the outdoor swimming season at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC) from 1 September until 30 April annually, and to install a free outdoor gym co-located with FDAC, with a report back to Council to be tabled by the February 2025 meeting.*
2. *That as part of the report, undertake community engagement on extending the outdoor swimming season and installation of a free outdoor gym, including:*
  - a) *writing to neighbouring residents and businesses;*
  - b) *on Council’s Your Say website and social media platforms; and*
  - c) *community engagement stalls at FDAC/Petersham Park.*

**DISCUSSION**

During the engagement process, the community was asked “Do you support extending the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC) summer swimming season by two months to operate from 1 September to 30 April?” 471 comments were captured from the community indicating overwhelming support with 99.36% of comments in support of extending the swimming season. This will cost an additional \$140,000 per annum and has been included in the adopted budget for 2025/2026.

Currently, FDAC operates between sunrise and sunset during the summer period with some minor modifications to hours because of adjustments required due to daylight saving. There were only 6 items of feedback from residents requesting extending the daily operation hours of the facility (which would require a lighting upgrade). It is estimated that a lighting upgrade would cost approximately \$250,000 and would also adversely affect surrounding residents with light spill. As a result, a lighting upgrade is not recommended.

In relation to extending the season for the Steel Park Water Play area, Council officers have confirmed that this can be achieved by adjusting the annual maintenance schedule and by adjusting the system settings to allow for a September to April swimming season.

In relation to the outdoor fitness equipment at Petersham Park, the community were asked “Do you support the installation of an outdoor fitness station in Petersham Park?” A total of 91 responses were received with:

- 71 (81%) in favour
- 13 (14%) were against and
- 4 (5%) were unsure.

The community was asked to provide feedback on the preferred locations of fitness equipment as outlined in the image below.



- 35 respondents (41%) supported area 1
- 11 respondents (13%) preferred area 2
- 16 respondents (19%) preferred area 3
- 24 respondents (28%) preferred area 4

In relation to the question 'What fitness equipment do you prefer?'

- 63 (60%) preferred static equipment only
- 7 (7%) preferred dynamic equipment only
- 63 (60%) preferred a combination of static and dynamic equipment

The community have confirmed a preference for a combination of static and dynamic equipment to be installed in area 1 near the grandstand in line with the original masterplan for Petersham Park.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$140,000 to extend the summer swimming season at FDAC and install the outdoor fitness equipment in Petersham Park is included in the adopted budget for 2025/2026.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 13  
**Subject:** PROPOSED LIVE SCREENING OF THE KOORI KNOCKOUT 2025  
**Prepared By:** Simon Watts - Social and Cultural Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

Item 13

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council endorse the proposed live screening of the Koori Knockout at Leichhardt Oval in 2025 as outlined in this report.
  2. That Council provide funding of \$30,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.
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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**

A June 2025 resolution of Council proposed that consideration be given to a live screening of the Koori Knockout for 2025 with a preference for it to take place at Camdenville Oval.

The 2025 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout (Koori Knockout) will be hosted by Walgett Aboriginal Connection, from October 3-6 at Tamworth. The schedule of games is yet to be released, as registrations are still open. In previous years the finals were all played on the last day of the competition and the free live broadcast by NITV covered the latter part of the day.

Following investigations by Council staff, the most cost effective and appropriate location for a live streaming event would be Leichhardt Oval, as Camdenville Oval does not have the required infrastructure (including three phase power). Indicative costing for hosting a live streaming event outdoors is approximately \$30,000 based the actual cost of similar live screenings (e.g. Mardi Gras Parade, Matildas World Cup final) and the fact that 6 October is a public holiday. There is no current budget allocation for the event to take place.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council consider hosting a live screening of the 2025 Koori Knockout Women's and Men's Grand Finals, pending consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee with a report to be tabled at the August Ordinary Council Meeting.*
2. *That preference should be given for Camdenville Oval to host the live screening, due to its historical association with the tournament, but Council should work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee to identify a suitable alternative venue if Camdenville Oval cannot be used.*

3. *That Council consult with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, the organisers of the Koori Knockout and National Indigenous Television about the best way to host the screening event.*
4. *That Council prepare a report on costs, including pathways for funding this event on an annual basis, by the August 2025 Council meeting.*

## DISCUSSION

The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout (Koori Knockout) will be held on the October long weekend in 2025 from October 3-6, at the Riverside Sporting Complex, Tamworth. There is limited accommodation in Tamworth, and accommodation is understood to be completely booked out both there and in neighbouring towns. The Knockout is the largest Aboriginal cultural event in Australia.

Should Council decide to proceed with a live streaming event, Camdenville Park is not a viable option owing to the absence of three phase power and the fact that the soccer season will be underway.

The schedule of the 2025 Koori Knockout has not yet been released. In previous years the finals were all held on the last day of the competition and the live broadcast covered the latter part of that day.

In 2025, registration for the Koori Knockout is underway for teams in seven categories:

- Women's
- Under 15 Girls
- Under 17 Girls
- Men's
- Under 13 Boys
- Under 15 Boys
- Under 17 Boys.

Usually, the Koori Knockout would commence on the Friday with the games of the younger categories, with the finals of all categories played on the Monday, which in 2025 will be Monday 6 October.

Indicative costing for hosting a live streaming event outside is in the range of \$30,000 based on previous experience, particularly with the streaming of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. There is currently no 2025/26 budget allocation for the Koori Knockout.

Engagement has been undertaken with Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group and with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples more broadly. The Local Democracy Group considered the motion, the potential locations for a live screening, and they generally favoured Leichhardt Oval as the potential venue, given the constraints at Camdenville Park.

Leichhardt Oval is available for use on 6 October, and has the following advantages:

- A screen could be installed alongside the pitch, and up to 1,500 viewers could be accommodated in the grandstand
- There are ample amenities including food and drink options, and Council's vendors are available to service the event
- The Centurion Lounge might be utilised as an Elders space
- There is excellent proximity to public transport and parking.

Should the live streaming proceed, Council would promote the event through the Local Democracy Group and non-government organisations as well as Koori Radio and through the members and networks of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost to deliver the live stream is in the amount of \$30,000 and is unfunded in the current 2025/26 budget. The required budget will be considered in the first quarterly budget review. While this expenditure will reduce Council's budgeted surplus for the 2025/26 Financial Year, in the first quarter budget there is estimated to be an improvement to Council's surplus which will allow for this funding to be provided.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 14  
**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**

1. That Council endorse proceeding with a playground as a part of Stage 2 of the LPAC Upgrade as detailed within the report.
2. That Council endorse proceeding with the additional shade structures as a part of Stage 2 of the LPAC Upgrade as detailed within 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**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) Upgrade project.

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. Demolition works have been completed and excavation/sub grade works are underway. The works area is fenced, with the outdoor pools and indoor pools remaining operational. It is anticipated that Stage 1 will be completed in December 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 progressed substantially, with the project team completing a review of the 80% detailed design package. The next phase involves addressing the feedback received and updating the cost estimate report accordingly. Once these actions are complete, the design package will be prepared for the select tender process.

Council’s April 2025 resolution requested an investigation into the potential inclusion of a small playground in the grassed area between the pools and the Bay Run, as well as additional shade for the concourse areas surrounding the 50m and 25m pools. These items are being considered as a part of the 80% design package.

Regarding the playground, the project team has examined possible design configurations using recently completed playgrounds and recommend the inclusion of a playground generally located near the current seating area, just to the north of the new 25m pool.

Regarding the additional shade for the concourse areas surrounding the 50m and 25m pools, the project team has reviewed the site and confirmed that up to eight more free-standing shade structures can be added. This increases the total from ten to eighteen shade structures and are recommended to be included in the project scope.

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.

It is proposed to allocate additional funds to the project to accommodate the playground and additional shade structures.

**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 with demonstratable experience and capability to successfully deliver the project.

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 though their network of state offices designing elite level sporting and aquatic centre projects.

Altus Group were appointed in late 2024 as the Project Managers and bring with them a wealth of experience in delivering aquatic centre projects.

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 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 & Woolard 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 its meeting held on 29 April 2025, Council resolved to:

*Investigate options to include a small playground in the grassed area between the pools and the Bay Run, including funding sources, and investigate options to include more shade over the concourse areas around the 50m and 25m pools, including funding sources.*

**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 works commenced in April 2025, with early excavation works uncovering some bonded asbestos containing materials in the soil underlying the removed pavements. The areas in question have now been cleared of any asbestos and as such the need for responding controls have been removed. Note that some additional excavation works will be undertaken later in the program that will require appropriate management. These works will be conducted in areas removed from public access and will not present any risk to the public.

In relation to other Stage 1 work, electrical trenching for the new plant is complete, and preparations are progressing for installation of the main switchboard.

Sub-base preparation with stabilised sand for the splash pad and mushroom pool surrounds has also been finalised.

Detailed excavation at the plantroom area has concluded, with reinforcement installed for the ground slab and retaining wall of the new plantroom building.

Utility service rough ins within the plantroom have been completed.

There have been wet weather days over the period which have impacted the program.

Due to the above, it is anticipated that Stage 1 will now be completed in December 2025 (weather permitting).

**Stage 2**

The current scope 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.

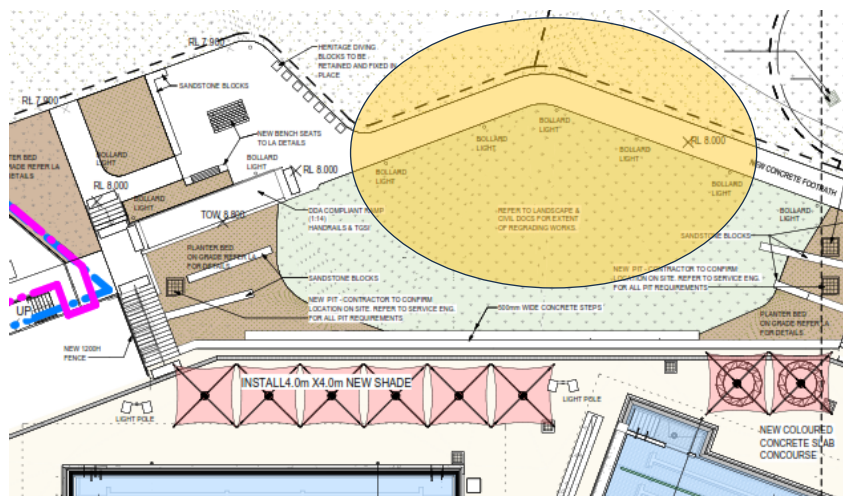
Planning and design activities have progressed substantially, with the project team completing a review of the 80% detailed design package. The next phase involves addressing the feedback received and updating the cost estimate report accordingly. Once these actions are complete, the design package will be prepared for the select tender process.

Council’s April 2025 resolution requested an investigation into the potential inclusion of a small playground in the grassed area between the pools and the Bay Run, as well as additional shade for the concourse areas surrounding the 50m and 25m pools. These items are being considered as a part of the 80% design package.

Regarding the playground, the project team has examined possible design configurations using recently completed playgrounds at Hoskins Park and Illoura Reserve as reference templates.

These sites offer comparable size and cost parameters to those being considered for the grassed area.

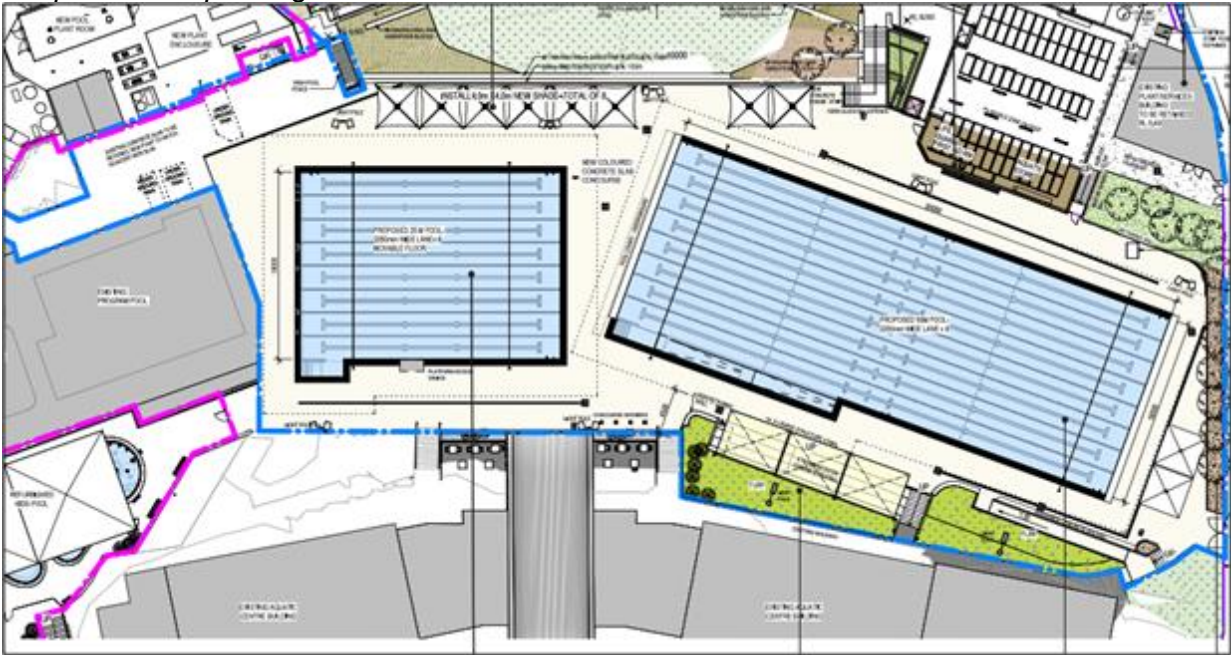
It is considered feasible to include a playground generally located near the current seating area, just to the north of the new 25m pool (as shown below) and as such is recommended for inclusion within the project scope. It should be noted that the exact location of the playground within the rear turf area would need to be confirmed following the civil design.



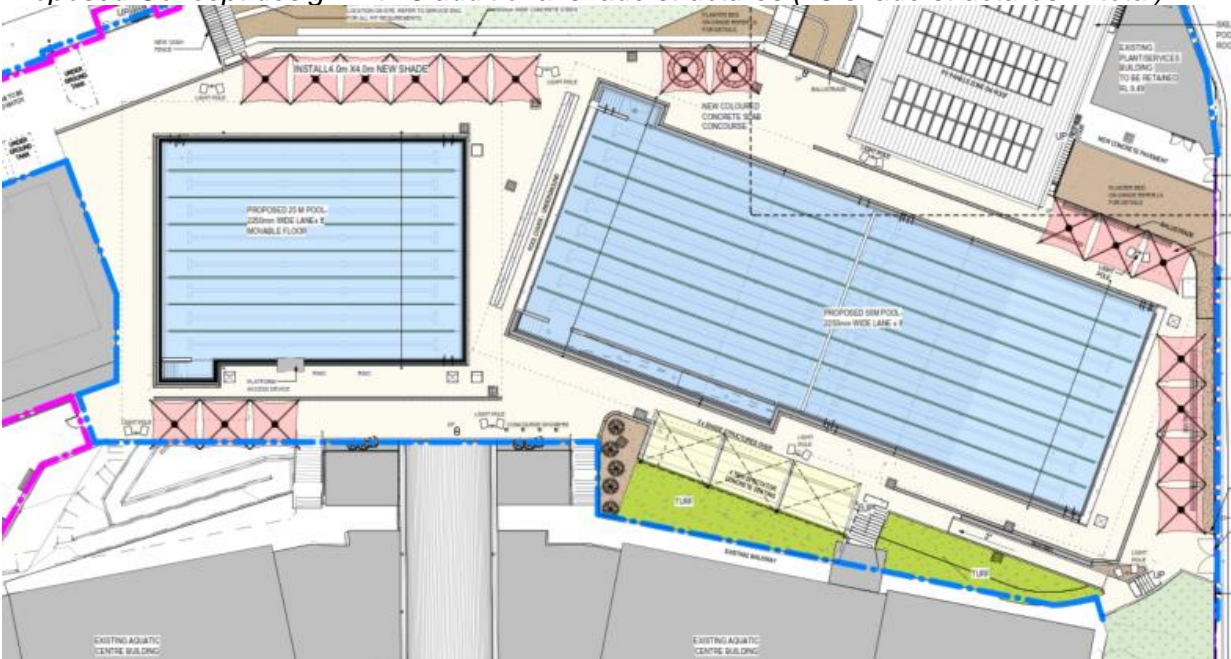
The new playground would be designed to offer engaging experiences for children of various ages and will provide inclusive play opportunities. The playground design will accommodate various play experiences such as multi-age and nature-based play to foster physical development, coordination, and social interaction among children. The play elements will respond to physical, sensory, or cognitive needs ensuring children can participate fully in play and have fun together.

Regarding the additional shade for the concourse areas surrounding the 50m and 25m pools, the project team has reviewed the site and confirmed that up to eight more free-standing shade structures can be added. This increases the total from ten to eighteen shade structures and are recommended to be included in the project scope. A comparison image of the adopted concept and proposed concept is included below for reference.

Adopted Concept design with 10 shade structures



Proposed Concept design with 8 additional shade structures (18 shade structures in total)



An Expression of interest (EOI) document was released to the market on the 31 March which closed on 28 April 2025.

These EOI submissions have been evaluated and presented to Council at the 17 June 2025 Council meeting with the successful respondents having now been notified of their shortlisting for the D&C construction tender. The 80% design package will be provided to the shortlisted tenderers following the design's finalisation.

Stage 2 has the following high-level program:

- Complete 80% design for tender – August 2025
- Construction tender and evaluation – December 2026
- 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 (CFO) 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.

Within this report, it is recommended to include the playground and additional shade structures in the project scope. The cost of these elements is \$290,000 and \$144,000, respectively. It is proposed to increase the project budget by \$434,000 to account for these items. This results in a revised overall project budget of \$55.934M. The CFO has confirmed that the additional funding can be drawn from the Infrastructure reserve and can be considered in the first quarterly budget review for FY25/26.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 15  
**Subject:** ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY HUB  
**Prepared By:** Michael Craven - Projects Delivery Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council notes the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Democracy Group’s endorsement at its meeting on 15 July 2025 of the building located adjacent to 24A Australia Street in Camperdown Park, as the preferred site for the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.
2. That Council endorse the building located adjacent to 24A Australia Street in Camperdown Park, as the site for the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.
3. That Council endorse proceeding with the commencement of concept designs and cost estimates for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Camperdown Park.
4. That Council endorse the demolition of the former Tempe Jets Club building in Tempe Reserve in line with the Tempe Reserve Plan of Management, and demolition of the adjacent remote control racetrack.
5. That Council provides funding of \$500,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly 2025/26 budget review for the demolition of the former Tempe Jets Club building and adjacent remote control racetrack.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub project and seek Council’s endorsement to proceed with an alternative site and demolish the former Tempe Jets Club building and Racetrack in Tempe Reserve.

Council’s Reconciliation Action Plan contains a commitment to explore opportunities for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.

Council initially explored the potential of a site in Tempe Reserve, but the condition of that building meant that demolition and a new building would be required. Costings for a new building were prepared, that turned out to be more costly than anticipated.

Subsequently, a desktop review of similar facilities in other areas was undertaken, leading to a stocktake of potential Council own buildings and a shortlist of nine potential sites that were considered in detail. Upon completion of this review, the following sites have been identified for further consideration:

- Camperdown Park (Australia Street, Camperdown)
- Jimmy Little Community Centre (Lilyfield)

Members of Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group inspected both sites. The unanimous view of the Elders and members is that the most suitable site is the Australia Street, Camperdown Park location due to its larger space, outdoor cultural potential, better connectivity, and proximity to local amenities and cultural facilities.

The Camperdown Park building is in good condition, vacant, and requires only minor remedial works and upgrades. The surrounding setting is culturally respectful and well connected by public transport. The adjacent Damun Inclusive Playground, nearby recreational facilities, Chrissie Cotter Gallery, and Camperdown Commons enhance opportunities for integrated cultural, community, and intergenerational programming.

It is estimated to cost \$1,539,850 to create the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Camperdown Park, with funds available within current capital budgets.

It is recommended that Council endorse the building located adjacent to 24A Australia Street in Camperdown Park, as the site for the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.

Pending Council endorsement, officers will:

- Engage a specialist architect and quantity surveyor
- Prepare concept designs and cost estimates
- Update the Camperdown Park Plan of Management (PoM)
- Lodge a Development Application post PoM approval (mid-2026)
- Commence construction in 2027 for completion in early 2028.

It is also recommended to proceed with the demolition of the former Tempe Jets building in accordance with the Tempe Reserve Plan of Management and Masterplan adopted by Council in 2020. The existing structure is in a state of disrepair due to termite infestation and structural deterioration, contains hazardous materials, and poses safety risks to both the public and unauthorised visitors.

Given that there is no significant community interest in the retention of the adjacent remote control racetrack, it is also recommended that this item be removed along with the building to allow for future community recreational facilities that provide greater benefit to the community, including tennis courts as detailed in the Plan of Management.

## BACKGROUND

Inner West Council is committed to working in partnership with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to promote cultural heritage, address disadvantage, and support culturally appropriate services. A key commitment in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan is to explore opportunities for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.

Detailed investigations were conducted at the former Tempe Jets Club, in Tempe Reserve, to assist with determining the feasibility of establishing the Community Hub at this location.

Officers collaborated with multiple building consultants and the project architect to develop a concept design (Option 1) centred on refurbishing the existing structure. The initial cost estimate provided by the quantity surveyor was \$5,357,886. However, subsequent investigations revealed that extensive remedial works were necessary due to significant termite damage effecting more than 50% of the structural members, the building's age, substantial water damage and the presence of hazardous materials. Accordingly, the revised

cost estimate increased to \$8,561,464, incorporating these additional requirements as well as allowances for professional services and contingencies.

In December 2024, this development was reported to Council, along with a recommendation to explore a complete knock-down and rebuild option at the Tempe site to deliver a new purpose-built Community Hub.

At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council receive and note the report.*
2. *That Council officers report back to Council no later than March 2025 on options to rebuild a new purpose-built facility, potential funding sources, procurement strategies, and possible temporary alternative locations that might be accessed while work is underway or in the event the former Jets Club is not a viable location.*

Officers subsequently explored Option 2, which involved demolishing both the existing structure and the racetrack in order to construct a new facility closer to the Cooks River. While the overarching design intent was preserved, this approach enabled a more compact and cost-efficient layout unrestrained by the footprint of the current building. The estimated cost for this option was \$8,314,909, inclusive of professional services and contingencies.

As such, officers began assessing alternative locations within the funding envelope.

This report outlines progress since the December Council Resolution and seeks Council's endorsement to proceed with an alternative site.

## DISCUSSION

A desktop review was conducted to establish a baseline of recently opened Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community centres in Sydney to understand their offerings and floor area. Representative examples include:

### *Aboriginal knowledge and Culture Centre - 19 Redfern Street, Redfern – City of Sydney*

Opened in May 2024, this centre provides a dedicated gathering place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Operated by the City of Sydney, the facility supports cultural events, services, shared knowledge and community programs. It includes:

- Multipurpose Space – For workshops, courses, and cultural events. Includes a kitchen and seating.
- Performance Space – Suitable for performances, presentations, exhibitions.
- Tea Room – Used for cultural and family events.
- Family Room – Supports meetings and family history research.
- There are no apparent external spaces however the spaces on offer are broadly comparable to potential sites under consideration

### *Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation - 15 Jannali Ave, Jannali*

Kurranulla is a not-for-profit organisation serving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Sutherland and Georges River Local Government Areas. Their services focus on culturally safe practices and long-term community outcomes. Programs include:

- Education – Art, dance, storytelling, and cultural artefact engagement.
- Community & Youth Support – Yarning circles, bush foods, mentoring, workshops, men's and women's groups.
- This building's footprint appears broadly comparable to potential sites under consideration.

First Nations Cultural Hub and Resource Centre - 7 West Terrace, Bankstown – Canterbury Bankstown Council

Opened in June 2024, this cultural hub aims to connect First Nations and non-Indigenous communities. It hosts a broad range of services and events including:

- Cultural awareness and training sessions
- Educational and art programs
- Movie screenings and social activities
- Health and community service support
- This facility appears to be larger than the sites being assessed by Council.

A thorough assessment of properties under Council ownership was subsequently conducted to ascertain the most suitable alternative locations for conversion into a Community Hub. The following sites were identified and shortlisted for further evaluation:

- Camperdown Park, adjacent to 24A Australia Street
- Jimmy Little Community Centre – 19 Cecily Street, Lilyfield
- Seaview Street Hall – 12-14 Seaview Street, Dulwich Hill
- Enmore Resource Centre – Enmore Park, Marrickville
- Former ESP Gallery – 228 Illawarra Road, Marrickville
- Steel Park PCYC – Steel Park, Marrickville
- Stone Villa – 19 Railway Street, Sydenham
- SHARE Building – 135 Smith Street, Summer Hill
- Herb Greedy Hall – 79 Petersham Road, Marrickville

The venues were reviewed by internal stakeholders against the following criteria:

- Location and setting
- Suitability of the building/site for use as the Community Hub
- Accessibility and proximity to public transport and parking
- Building age, condition and estimated remaining life
- Floor space (internal and external)
- Internal configuration/layout
- Current use
- Lease/Licence status
- Risks
- Relevant Plan of Management if located within a park

After this assessment, Camperdown Park and Jimmy Little Community Centre were shortlisted for further evaluation.

**Analysis of the proposed sites**

*1. Camperdown Park (Adjacent to 24A Australia Street, Camperdown)*

The building is located adjacent to 24A Australia Street, within Camperdown Park, Camperdown. Within *Attachment 1, Figure 1* shows the site's location within the LGA, and *Figure 2* presents the building's position in Camperdown Park. *Photos 1* and *2* depict the building in its park context, and *Figure 3* provides a 2013 floor plan.

Situated beneath mature fig trees, the site offers a quiet, culturally respectful setting with strong links to Country. It is immediately adjacent to the future Damun Inclusive Playground (*Photo 3*), which will incorporate Aboriginal cultural elements into its design. The location is also close to Camperdown Commons, local cafés, and the Chrissie Cotter Gallery, enhancing its potential for cultural programming and events. A variety of nearby recreational amenities, including multi-purpose courts, tennis and basketball courts, open space, fitness stations, and other sporting facilities, provide further opportunities for wellbeing programs and community events.

Camperdown Park is within walking distance of major bus routes along Parramatta Road and Salisbury Road, providing convenient access by public transport. On-street parking is available

around the park, including adjacent to the Chrissie Cotter Gallery. The site is also located close to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

The building has been vacant since mid-2022, following the completion of roof repairs and the installation of a new red metal roof. It is in good condition and presents an immediate opportunity for repurposing to the Hub, with no major building works or tenant relocations required to activate the space.

The building provides approximately 185 square metres of internal floor space with a layout that supports a range of uses. The northern end includes two studio spaces, a foyer, and an accessible toilet. The central hall features an exposed beam ceiling, timber floor, kitchenette, general-purpose toilets, and storage cupboards. The southern end comprises an open-plan area, one office, a toilet, and additional storage. All internal areas open onto a landscaped outdoor space of approximately 100 square metres, forming a small, rectangular courtyard within Camperdown Park. This courtyard offers potential as a dedicated outdoor gathering space suitable for yarning circles and informal cultural activities. Due to the presence of significant Morton Bay fig tree roots, any construction in this area may require sensitive design treatments such as timber decking or permeable surfaces, along with decorative screening to enhance privacy and amenity.

The building is well-integrated into the surrounding park, supported by accessible paths of travel. Step-free entry is provided via a concrete ramp from Australia Street, with additional level pathways from the east and southeast connecting the site to the broader Camperdown Park precinct. There is one fully accessible bathroom located in the northern wing. However, an internal step within the central hall would need to be reconstructed to ensure full accessibility throughout the facility.

The building requires minor remedial works to bring it to a functional base condition, including repainting, and upgrades to accessibility and services. The total works are estimated at \$1.54 million. Existing capital budgets from two projects (Australia Street Hall and the Aboriginal Community Hub – Tempe) could be combined to fully fund this proposal.

Camperdown Park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation and is situated on Crown Land for which Council is appointed Crown Land Manager. Creating the Community Hub at this location will require:

- An amendment to the Camperdown Park Plan of Management
- A Development Application, as the building's use as a community facility is not currently exempt or complying development.

## 2. *The Jimmy Little Centre*

The Jimmy Little Community Centre is located at 19 Cecily Street, Lilyfield, in a quiet residential setting. *Attachment 1, Figure 4* illustrates the site's position within the local government area (LGA), while *Figure 5* details the centres specific location in Lilyfield. Photographs 4, 5, and 6 provide both exterior and interior views of the facility. *Figure 6* presents the survey floor plan.

The facility is a single-storey brick building with a metal roof and a combination of concrete and plasterboard internal walls. The flooring consists of vinyl, carpet, and timber finishes, supporting a range of community uses.

The Jimmy Little Community Centre is currently a hireable community venue featuring a hall, stage, storerooms, kitchen, quiet room, office, ceramic room, meeting room, a covered paved area and external playground/landscaped area with an accessible parking space. The Main Hall is suitable for exercise, dance classes, social gatherings, meetings, parties, music events and performances and the meeting room can be used for any number of purposes.

The building could be repurposed into a multi-functional space to provide the Hub. There is also an outdoor covered paved area and a playground/landscaped area, although it is situated in a residential area with limited privacy for the external spaces.

The building is situated approximately 300 metres from Balmain Road, with a notable incline that may present accessibility challenges between the Centre and Balmain Road. Additionally, parking availability in the vicinity is limited and bus stops are not nearby. To ensure the building meets required standards, remedial works would include a complete roof replacement, repairs to damaged ceilings, window replacements, structural timber restoration, internal painting, and enhancement of external landscaping.

While there is one accessible parking space and bathroom, the building has some accessibility challenges, including steep access from street level and within the building (for example the stage is not accessible, and a ramp has been retrofitted to access the bathroom).

Should the site be selected for the Hub, regular weekly hirers would need to be re-accommodated including Einsteinz Music Group, Playback Theatre, Inner West Council Recreation (Mums get Active), The Yoga Workshop, and AA Lilyfield 12 Steps.

There is future capital budget allocated to this site to the value of \$370,000. The remaining budget from the Aboriginal Community Hub – Tempe project could be transferred to complete the repurposing works.

The site is classified as Operational Land, allowing Council flexibility to repurpose and lease or license as needed. There is no Plan of Management associated with the building as it is not located within a park. A Development Application for building works would likely be required.

Engagement with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Members of Council’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group inspected both Camperdown Park and the Jimmy Little Centre on 15 July 2025 and subsequently discussed their recommendation at their regular meeting. The minutes for this meeting can be found in the *Attachments*.

The Group’s view on the Australia Street site included:

- There is more space for the building to be used by multiple community members and organisations simultaneously
- The building is more connected to the outside and space for community, kids and Elders to get together
- There is better parking, however, might need to apply for accessible parking spots in Australia Street.

The Group’s view on Jimmy Little Centre included:

- Pity it is so small, as the name is good
- Public transport is an issue here
- No real outdoor space at this centre.

From the meeting and conversations, the unanimous view of the Elders and members is that the most suitable site is the Australia Street, Camperdown Park location. The group particularly noted that there are multiple spaces that might be used simultaneously by community, that it’s located in an active participation and recreation precinct, that Chrissie Cotter Gallery is nearby, and that Council is about to redevelop the adjacent playground to inclusive standards, and with a new Aboriginal name and cultural identity.

Recommended Site – Australia Street, Camperdown

Following comprehensive investigation and analysis, it is recommended that the Australia Street site in Camperdown Park be endorsed as the site for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Community Hub due to its accessibility by public transport, and proximity to community, cultural, and recreational facilities. The building is structurally sound, currently vacant, requires minimal works, and offers immediate repurposing opportunities. Its setting supports cultural activities and community engagement, and it is well linked with nearby amenities and playgrounds, encouraging collaboration and intergenerational participation.

**Next Steps**

Should Council proceed as recommended, Council officers will initiate the engagement of a project architect with substantial experience collaborating with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to lead the concept design process for the proposed Community Hub within the available budget detailed in the financial implications of this report. Officers will incorporate previous feedback gathered from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders regarding their needs, and coordinate with the appointed architects to develop concept designs that optimise both the building and its external spaces. The intention is to realise a contemporary Community Hub that meaningfully celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Additionally, a quantity surveyor will be engaged to provide cost estimates.

The concept designs will undergo initial consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group, and then wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholder consultation before being tabled to Council.

The Camperdown Park Plan of Management (PoM) will require updating to accommodate the Community Hub. This review presents an opportunity to revise land use categorisations, ensuring alignment with evolving community needs and enabling a broader range of activities, including the granting of leases and licences for community purposes such as the Community Hub. Once the revised PoM is prepared, it will be submitted to Council for endorsement and subsequently to Crown Lands for adoption.

A Development Application will be required to repurpose the building to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hub which would be tabled at the Local Planning Panel.

The proposed project program is:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Estimated Date</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August Council Meeting</li> <li>• Consideration to proceed with alternative site</li> </ul>	-		August 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camperdown Park PoM Submission</li> <li>• Allow 6 months for Crown Approval</li> <li>• Plan for community engagement</li> <li>• 42 days public exhibition</li> <li>• Prepare Engagement Outcomes Report</li> <li>• PoM required to be adopted by Council</li> <li>• PoM to Crown for adoption</li> </ul>	September 2025		July 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept Design and QS Cost Estimate</li> <li>• Engage Architect</li> <li>• Prepare Concept Designs</li> <li>• Prepare Concept Cost Estimates</li> <li>• Quality Assurance and Design Reviews</li> <li>• Consultation</li> </ul>	September 2025		February 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report Concept and QS Cost Estimate to March 2026 Council Meeting</li> </ul>	March 2026		March 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare DA documentation</li> </ul>	April 2026		July 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Approval</li> </ul>	August 2026		February 2027

• allow 6 months approval process through Local Planning Panel		
Finalise Design and Cost Estimates	February 2027	March 2027
Construction Procurement	March 2027	May 2027
Award Contract	June 2027	June 2027
Obtain Construction Certificate	June 2027	June 2027
Construction Period including obtaining Occupation Certificate	July 2027	February 2028

Former Tempe Jets Building at Tempe Reserve

It is recommended to proceed with the demolition of the former Tempe Jets building in accordance with the Tempe Reserve Plan of Management and Masterplan adopted by Council in 2020. In this regard, the existing structure is in a state of disrepair due to termite infestation and structural deterioration, contains hazardous materials, and poses safety risks to both the public and unauthorised visitors.

Under the Masterplan, it's worth noting that the area where the former Tempe Jets Building now occupies calls for:

- The existing remote control racetrack infrastructure being retained with the boundary fence removed to allow for open public use.
- Relocation of the temporary dog off leash areas and the future construction of new tennis courts.
- Dedicated public space.

Given that there is no significant community interest in the retention of the remote control racetrack, it is also recommended that this item be removed along with the building to allow for future community recreational facilities that provide greater benefit to the community, including tennis courts as detailed in the Plan of Management for the parkland.

Council officers are presently developing master planning options for the Sydney Gateway site, situated at the northern end of the Tempe Lands. This planning process includes provisions for the re-establishment of a fully enclosed off-leash area for dogs.

Once the building and remote control racetrack have been demolished, the area can be reinstated with turf for use as public open space before a future project in line with the Plan of Management.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is estimated to cost \$1,539,850 to undertake building remedial repairs and upgrades to create the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Camperdown Park:

The following funding allocations are available to create the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Camperdown Park.

Project	Financial Year	Total
302657 - Aboriginal Community Hub - Tempe	FY24/25 \$1,067,000	\$1,067,000
302613 - Australia Street Hall	FY26/27 \$400,000 FY27/28 \$400,000	\$800,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,867,000</b>

As such, there are adequate funds to proceed as recommended.

The associated budget consolidations as noted in the above table can be completed in the first quarterly budget review and will be included in the preparation of the 2026/27 4-year Operational Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

*Tempe Jets Building in Tempe Reserve*

The estimated cost to complete the demolition of the existing Tempe Jets Club Building and the adjacent racetrack is in the amount of \$500,000 and is unfunded in the current 2025/26 budget. The required budget will be considered in the first quarterly 2025/26 budget review as part of the capital program of works.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Location Maps, Site Photos and Plans
2. [↓](#) LDG Agenda and Meeting Minutes 15 July 2025























**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 16  
**Subject:** LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 16 JUNE 2025 AND 21 JULY 2025  
**Prepared By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Peter Shields - Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meetings held on 16 June 2025 and 21 July 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 meetings were held at the Ashfield Service Centre and has made recommendations for Council’s consideration and adoption.

**DISCUSSION**

The June and July 2025 meetings of the Local Traffic Committee were held at the Ashfield Service Centre. The minutes of the meeting are shown in *Attachment 1* and *Attachment 2*.

**ITEMS BY WARD – JUNE**

Ward	Item
Baludarri (Balmain)	Beattie Street, Balmain – Proposed linemarking changes between Elliott Street and Evans Street
	Darling Street, Balmain - Global TMP for Balmain Street
	Darling Street, Balmain - Proposed motor bike parking restriction
	Elliott Street, Balmain - Proposed Resident Parking Scheme
Gulgadya (Leichhardt)	Nil.
Midjuburi (Marrickville)	Richardson's Crescent, Marrickville - Traffic treatments at the intersection of Richardson's Crescent and Carrington Road
	Shepherd Street and Chapel Street, Marrickville – Proposed two raised pedestrian crossings and kerb extensions - Design Plan 10339
	Camdenville Park, St Peters - Proposed parking changes to the Camdenville Park carpark at Council Street, St Peters
	Holbeach Avenue, Tempe – Temporary Full Road Closure for MS Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride on Sunday 2 November 2025

Djarrawunang (Ashfield)	Holborow Street (at Liverpool Road), Croydon - Proposed new landscaped kerb blister and extension re-alignment of the intersection of Holborow Street and Liverpool Road
	Gower Street, Ashfield - Proposed Resident Parking Scheme at Gower Street between Liverpool Road and Ormond Street
Damun (Stanmore)	McGill Street, Lewisham - Proposed Shared Zone
All Wards	Inner West LGA - Proposal for Flexicar Car Share Parking Spaces

### ITEMS BY WARD – JULY

Ward	Item
Baludarri (Balmain)	Railway Parade, Annandale - Proposed Road and Streetscape Upgrade
	Carrington Street, Lilyfield - Temporary full road closure and associated construction Traffic Management Plan
	College Street, Balmain - Proposed One Way Restriction
Gulgadya (Leichhardt)	Anthony Street, Croydon - Proposed installation of statutory 'No Stopping' restrictions at the junction of the unnamed laneway and Anthony Street between Robinson Street and Edwin Street, Croydon
	Allen Street, Leichhardt - Safety at Driveway of 141-143 Allen Street
Midjuburi (Marrickville)	Tempe Station - Proposed shared path
	Renwick Street at Illawarra Road, Marrickville - Proposed raised pedestrian crossing
	Woodland Street, Holmesdale Street and Centennial Street, Marrickville – Temporary Road Closures for up to eight (8) separate weekend days to hold AFLW matches at Henson Park
	Burrows Avenue, Sydenham - Proposed installation of 'No Parking' restrictions to provide one drop-off space on the southern side opposite Sydenham Station
	Permit Plug Play Project – Global TMPs - Temporary Full Time Road Closures for community events - up to six Sunday events per year at three locations
Djarrawunang (Ashfield)	Permit Plug Play Project – Global TMPs - Temporary Full Time Road Closures for community events - up to six Sunday events per year at three locations
	Victoria Street, Ashfield - Installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone at the front of Ashfield Fire Station
Damun (Stanmore)	Percival Road and Temple Street, Stanmore – Temporary full road closure for Stanmore Music Festival – Saturday 15 November 2025
	London Street and Simmons Street, Enmore - Updated Report for the Proposed Temporary Road Closure and Part Road Closure
	Salisbury Road, Stanmore - Request for a residential parking scheme
	Baltic and Bedford Streets, Newtown- Proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions
All Wards	Nil.

### **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 - 16 June 2025
2. [↓](#) Local Traffic Committee minutes - 21 July 2025

































































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 17  
**Subject:** PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT PARKING STRATEGY & PUBLIC DOMAIN PARKING POLICY  
**Prepared By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Peter Shields - Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft *Parking Strategy* and draft revised *Public Domain Parking Policy (Attachment 1 and 2)* for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Strategy and Policy.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft *Parking Strategy* and draft revised *Public Domain Parking 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:

- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In recognition of the complex issues associated with the provision and management of parking, both in the private and public domains, Council officers have developed a draft *Parking Strategy* and have revised the 2020 *Public Domain Parking Policy*.

The Strategy provides high-level guidance to inform the parking section of the new *Development Control Plan (DCP)*, *Public Domain Parking Policy* and other current and future policies such as the *Our Fairer Future Plan*. The Policy provides detail to guide the management of kerbside parking via permit parking schemes.

The Strategy's vision is: "*In the Inner West, all types of parking are managed holistically to maximise short and long-term benefits for the community, including affordability, equity of access, liveability and sustainability.*" The vision is supported by 10 objectives and 27 actions. It is recommended the draft *Parking Strategy* (at Attachment 1) and the draft revised *Public Domain Parking Policy* (at Attachment 2) be exhibited for public comment.

**BACKGROUND**

Council's 2020 *Integrated Transport Strategy - GOING PLACES* recognised the many complex issues associated with parking in both the private and public domains. In response to these issues *GOING PLACES* identified the need for a parking strategy. Separately, in response to the need to harmonise on-street parking controls, in 2020 Council adopted a *Public Domain Parking Policy* for the former Marrickville and Ashfield LGAs.

It was subsequently decided that a more strategic approach to parking management was also necessary, and a *Parking Strategy* should be developed concurrently with a review of the 2020 *Public Domain Parking Policy*.

The 10 objectives of the draft *Parking Strategy* were developed at meetings of a parking policy working group comprising staff from the Strategic Planning, Traffic & Transport Planning and Enforcement sections of Council. Draft versions of the Strategy have been discussed at Council's Transport Local Democracy Group.

## DISCUSSION

### **2020 Integrated Transport Strategy**

Council's 2020 *Integrated Transport Strategy - GOING PLACES* identified the complexity of issues associated with both public and private domain parking in the Inner West. Key initiatives proposed in *GOING PLACES* included:

- Review parking requirements in areas within close proximity to high frequency public transport
- Development of maximum parking provisions in areas within close proximity to public transport and centres, for inclusion in the new DCP
- Ensure that minimum bicycle parking requirements are in new DCP
- Ensure destinations, such as schools and community facilities have adequate accessible parking, located in appropriate places
- Provide an adaptive and responsive parking provision scheme that considers land use, location of development and access to alternative transport. This will include providing appropriate parking rates for different developments depending on proximity to high frequency public transport services
- Adopt a minimum car park rate of zero for new developments within close proximity of high-quality public transport services, together with adequate visitor parking on site and a street-parking permit regime that considers function demand, location and access to alternative transport
- Investigate opportunities to encourage and provide de-coupled and detached parking to support new developments
- Restrict parking permits in new developments that are within close proximity to public transport and services
- Reduce incentives for car ownership by constraining parking in both the public and private domains.

### **Draft Parking Strategy**

The draft *Parking Strategy* is based on local, national and international good practice parking policy and management, tailored to fit the Inner West's needs through research and internal (staff) consultation.

The Strategy's 10 objectives are:

1. Draw on good practice and link to other relevant policies
2. Involve the community and all stakeholders
3. Advocate for State and National level policy improvements
4. Reduce the need for car ownership and constrain parking
5. Prioritise areas of high parking demand
6. Mandate constrained maximum parking rates for new developments in accessible areas and encourage flexible provision
7. Design, manage and repurpose public domain parking for maximum benefit
8. Use technology, data, pricing and wayfinding to improve parking management
9. Prioritise parking for targeted users to improve equity and efficiency of access
10. Continue to enforce parking rules efficiently, diligently and fairly.

To achieve these objectives, 27 actions are recommended, divided into three categories: immediate, medium-term and on-going / long-term.

Immediate actions are:

1. Develop land use plans to facilitate dense, mixed-use development oriented to major commercial centres, public transport nodes and *Our Fairer Future Plan* uplift areas
2. Prioritise major commercial centres, public transport nodes, *Our Fairer Future Plan* uplift areas, major events and other places of high parking demand for improved parking management
3. Prioritise *Our Fairer Future Plan* uplift areas for implementation and improvement of permit parking schemes, to occur as redevelopment proceeds
4. Mandate constrained *maximum* parking rates for new developments in accessible areas and *Our Fairer Future Plan* uplift areas to facilitate affordable housing and allow flexible provision
5. Encourage shared and flexible parking arrangements in new developments to improve the efficiency of use of parking space and allow flexible provision
6. Improve permit parking schemes to ensure permit availability relates to available parking space, permits are appropriately priced, schemes operate consistently across the Council area and the parking needs of all users are considered and balanced
7. In areas of high parking demand, implement demand-related timing and pricing systems for parking at the kerb and in council car parks, to optimise turnover and generate funds for transport and streetscape improvements
8. Improve the operation of mobility parking schemes to ensure mobility parking is available for genuine users
9. Mandate and encourage provision of *electric vehicle ready* infrastructure in new developments and continue to install electric vehicle charging facilities at the kerb and in council car parks
10. Incorporate what is considered locally and internationally to be proven good practice parking policy and management when developing and implementing this strategy
11. Consider relevant Inner West Council and NSW Government policies when developing and implementing this strategy.

Medium-term actions are:

12. Constrain public domain parking space and ensure it is well designed so that safety, traffic, amenity and environmental impacts are minimised
13. Subject to a parking study, repurpose some public domain parking space to create space for other uses such as pedestrian, bike and bus priority, landscaping, outdoor dining and affordable housing
14. Adopt contemporary technology for efficient management and enforcement of parking, and to generate data that can be used for monitoring and continuous improvement
15. Develop and disseminate physical and digital information to drivers about locations, availability, restrictions and pricing of parking
16. Price permit parking schemes to discourage multiple vehicle ownership, discourage excessively large vehicles and generate funds for transport and streetscape improvements
17. Map and monitor areas of high demand, including temporary 'hot spots', to assist with a proactive approach to parking management and a timely response to issues
18. Develop policies and manage parking holistically across the private and public domains in recognition of interactions between these two areas
19. Use technology, pricing and other actions identified in this strategy to improve parking management so there is a reduction in breaches of parking rules and fines
20. Ensure other relevant Inner West Council policies consider this strategy as part of their development and implementation.

On-going / long-term actions are:

21. Advocate to the NSW and Australian Governments the need for strong, supportive parking policies and actions based on local and international best practice
22. Continue to oppose expanded road capacity, including new motorways, and encourage sustainable transport - to reduce private car ownership and use

23. Generally, constrain parking provision in new developments, at the kerb and in council car parks
24. Mandate and/or encourage, in both the private and public domains, priority parking space for the targeted users identified in this strategy
25. Implement actions in this strategy to facilitate enforcement that is proactive as well as reactive
26. Continue to improve this strategy, based on feedback on parking issues and solutions from the community and all stakeholders
27. Raise awareness of this Strategy through meetings, workshops, the media and other information outlets, with a view to a broad dialogue and consensus on good practice.

**Draft revised *Public Domain Parking Policy***

At the Council meeting held on 9 June 2020 meeting, Council considered a draft *Public Domain Parking Policy*. It proposed to harmonise all policies related to permit parking schemes of the former councils. It brought them into a single policy that would apply across Inner West Council area. Whilst it was recommended that all prior policies be rescinded and replaced by the new policy, Council resolved to retain the existing rules and fees for the former Leichhardt Council area and apply the new policy only to the former Marrickville and Ashfield Council areas.

As the 2020 *Public Domain Parking Policy* is now due for review, the opportunity has been taken to update this policy, progress the harmonisation process and generally improve the effectiveness of permit parking schemes across the Council area. *Attachment 2* is the proposed draft version of this revised policy. A summary of the main changes proposed is provided below.

The main general changes proposed to the 2020 *Public Domain Parking Policy* are:

- Enhancing clarity and readability
- Clarifying wording around specific issues that have previously been ambiguous
- Changing some policy rules to progress the harmonisation of existing schemes toward a single scheme
- Ensuring consistency with relevant NSW Government guidelines – in particular, the 2024 TfNSW *Permit Parking Guidelines*
- Ensuring references to names of NSW Government agencies and guidelines are up to date
- Changing selected rules to improve the operation of permit parking schemes.

The main section-specific changes are:

- 7.2.2 *Delivery & Service Vehicles* – confirmation that ‘live music venues’ would warrant creation of loading zones
- 7.6 *Parking Encroachment on Driveways* – includes an explanation of how Council will consider historical parking arrangements for the purposes of enforcement
- 7.8 *Boat, Caravan & Trailer Parking* – includes reference to the *NSW Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021*
- 7.11 *Car Share Parking Schemes* – includes reference to Council’s 2021 *Car Share Policy*
- 7.12.2 – *Display and Use of Permits* – explains that permits may be physical or digital
- 7.12.4 *Exclusion of Certain Developments* – explains permit eligibility where a single rateable property is subdivided into two or more properties
- 7.14.3 *Quantity of Permits* – explains that the maximum number of resident permits is two in lower density areas, or one in densely developed areas
- 7.14.4 *On-Site Parking* – explains that permit eligibility will depend on the number of on-site spaces regardless of their size, and explains that Council will support closing a driveway if the parking space is considered too small
- 7.14.5 *Temporary Resident Parking Permits* - explains that Council may grant a temporary permit in exceptional circumstances

- 7.15 *Visitor Parking Permits* – explains that visitor permits may be issued in the form of a transferable permit or a one-day single use permit
- 7.15.3 *Quantity of Permits (visitor)* – explains that Council will move toward a single system of one-day permits rather than transferrable permits
- 7.16.2 *Eligibility (of trades permits)* – includes removalist trucks and explains the decision to issue a trades permit is at the discretion of Council
- 7.16.3 *Quantity of Permits (trades)* – allows only three permits annually, and the permit period being up to 12 weeks
- 7.17.3 *Quantity of Permits (business)* – a maximum of two permits is permitted, reduced from three as were previously available in some scheme areas
- 7.20 *Parking Scheme Investigations & Development* – clarifies warrants for implementation
- 7.22.2 *Pensioner Permits* – no longer available to new applicants.

The proposed changes to Policy are considered modest and would not significantly impact existing parking rights in any part of the Council area.

The changes do not fully harmonise the policies of the three former councils, but it is intended that that further harmonisation could be considered in the next policy review.

At this stage, no changes to permit fees are proposed. In the future, permit fee changes may be recommended as part of Council's consideration of its fees and charges schedule.

For schemes to operate effectively, the number of permits issued should be constrained so that permit numbers do not unreasonably exceed the number of kerbside spaces available, as required in the TfNSW *Permit Parking Guidelines*. It follows that in densely developed areas, permits should be restricted to no more than one per rateable property, whilst in less densely developed areas this can be two.

Ideally, permit numbers should be in the range of 100%, but no more than 150%, of parking spaces available. Council's permit data shows there are currently several schemes that have permit numbers well in excess of 150% of spaces available.

When schemes are over-allocated to this extent, their effectiveness is reduced, and they are unbalanced in terms of favouring permit holders over those without permits. In the long term, to improve the effectiveness of these schemes, there will need to be a further reduction in permit numbers. Such a reduction can be coordinated with improved active and public transport, which will ultimately reduce demand for private car ownership.

In the future, the extent of the Inner West Council area covered by permit parking schemes will likely increase as new apartments are constructed in accordance with Council's *Our Fairer Future Plan*. Council should be proactive in investigating permit parking schemes, as development proceeds, in the interests of existing residents of older properties within or near these redevelopment areas that do not have onsite parking. Council should also continue to be proactive in informing residents of new developments that they are not eligible for permits.

#### **Proposed community engagement**

It is proposed that both the draft *Parking Strategy* and the draft revised *Public Domain Parking Policy* be placed on public exhibition for a minimum four weeks but may extend to six weeks to accommodate school holidays (if applicable).

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Draft Parking Strategy
2. [↓](#) Draft revised Public Domain Parking Policy



























































































































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 18  
**Subject:** POST EXHIBITION - DRAFT MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY  
**Prepared By:** Jonny Browne - Strategic and Corporate Communications Manager  
**Authorised By:** Peter Gainsford - General Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council’s Media Policy is due for review. As reported to the 29 April 2025 Council meeting, officers have taken the opportunity to also review the Social Media Policy and consolidate these two policies into a single draft Media and Social Policy. The Draft Media and Social Media Policy was approved for public exhibition. Three submissions were received during the exhibition period.

It is recommended that Council adopt the policy that was placed on public exhibition, with no changes.

**BACKGROUND**

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

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.*

The purpose of the draft Policy is to set out a framework to assist Councillors with media relations and outline processes relating to media and social media engagement.

The draft Policy consolidates Council’s Media Policy and Social Media Policy, given the closely related subject matter of those two policies. It incorporates certain sections of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy that deal with the provision of communications support to Councillors. It also includes certain additional policy considerations and obligations from the Model Media Policy and Model Social Media Policy produced by the Office of Local Government (OLG).

The draft Policy does not depart from any of the established policy settings in any of the current Media, Social Media, or Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policies. In respect of the

OLG’s Model Media and Social Media Policies, the draft Policy does not replicate all of the content from the OLG’s model policies. This is to avoid duplication with Council’s current Media and Social Media Policies, which already contain a significant amount of content addressed by the OLG’s polices.

The Draft Policy was placed on public exhibition on 12 May 2025 with comments invited until 10 June 2025.

**DISCUSSION**

There were 261 visits to the ‘Have Your Say Inner West’ project page and 56 downloads of the draft Policy during the public exhibition period.

Three submissions were received and these are outlined below along with an Officer comment:

Support (Yes or No)	Public Exhibition Comment/Explanation	IWC Comment
Unsure	<i>“I strongly believe that council should make a statement by boycotting X(Twitter).”</i>	It is important to note that Council does not post on X (formerly twitter) but maintains an account for the purposes of monitoring.
No	<i>“Too much use of Facebook, Insta etc. by councillors. need to use hard copy into letterboxes or on community noticeboards as many in community are not able to access the aforementioned so are ignorant of what council is doing”</i>	Council does not rely solely on digital and social media but makes extensive use of printed communications including the monthly Newsletter that goes to every residence in the Inner West as well as leaflets and information booklets in Libraries and service centres and community noticeboards.
Yes	<i>“I welcome the block and remove approach to disrespectful comments but recommend strengthening it with an explicit "zero-tolerance" stance on identity-based hate speech”</i>	The policy as exhibited contains a clause 6.2 that gives guidance on why and when Councillors can block comments and users on social media <i>6. 2 Councillors are responsible for the administration and moderation of their own social media accounts, and the preparation, posting and management of their own content on social media channels. <b>Councillors may block users and remove comments at their discretion, having regard to the importance of</b></i>

		<p><i>respectful democratic discussion and debate.</i></p>
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**Conclusion**

As none of the three submissions called for any substantive changes to the policy, it is recommended that Council adopt the Media and Social Media Policy as exhibited (*Attachment 1*).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. [↓](#) Draft Media and Social Media Policy































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 19  
**Subject:** POST EXHIBITION - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Senior Manager Governance and Risk  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice.
2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally and externally the adopted Code of Meeting Practice.
3. That Council receives a further report after the Office of Local Government releases the new Model Code of Meeting Practice.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires councils to adopt a code of meeting practice that is consistent with the Model Code of Meeting Practice (Code) prescribed by the Office of Local Government, within 12 months of an ordinary election of councillors. Prior to adopting the code of meeting practice, councils must place the document on public exhibition for 28 days and invite submissions for 42 days.

Officers submitted Council’s current code of meeting practice to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 June 2025 to obtain approval to place it on public exhibition. One submission was received during the exhibition period, which is addressed in the report and does not necessitate a change to the current code of meeting practice. This report recommends that Council adopts the code of meeting practice that was placed on public exhibition, with no changes.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council publicly exhibits the draft Code of Meeting Practice for a period of 28 days and invite submissions for a period of 42 days after the draft Code of Meeting Practice is placed on public exhibition.*
2. *That following the conclusion of the exhibition and submission period, the draft Code of Meeting Practice be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.*
3. *That Council receives a further report after the Office of Local Government releases the new Model Code of Meeting Practice.*

The draft Code was subsequently placed on public exhibition from 23 June 2025 and submissions invited until 3 August 2025.

**DISCUSSION**

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires councils to adopt a code of meeting practice that is consistent with the Model Code of Meeting Practice prescribed by the Office of Local Government, within 12 months of an ordinary election of councillors. Prior to adopting the code of meeting practice, councils must place the document on public exhibition for 28 days and invite submissions for 42 days.

In December 2024, the Office of Local Government released a Consultation Draft Model Code of Meeting Practice (Consultation Draft) and sought feedback. At an Ordinary Council meeting on 18 February 2025, Council considered a draft submission in respect of the Consultation Draft and resolved to approve the submission to be sent to the Office of Local Government.

The Office of Local Government is considering the feedback received as part of the consultation process and has not yet released a new Model Code of Meeting Practice. The timeline for releasing the new Model Code of Meeting Practice is not publicly available.

Council has until September 2025 to adopt a code of meeting practice that is consistent with the current Model Code of Meeting Practice. To meet this statutory timeframe, in accordance with the 17 June 2025 resolution, Council placed the current Code on public exhibition, with no changes, and invited submissions.

There were 136 visits to the ‘Have Your Say Inner West’ project page and 56 downloads of the draft Policy during the public exhibition period.

One submission was received, and this is outlined below along with an Officer comment:

<b>Support (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Public Exhibition Comment/Explanation</b>	<b>IWC Comment</b>
No	Reducing the number of people that can attend to speak for or against the item is reducing the input from the residents.	<p>Clauses 9.9 and 4.10 deal with this as copied:</p> <p><i>9.9 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak ‘for’ or ‘against’ any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may request the speakers to nominate from among themselves the persons who are to address the Council on the item of business. If the speakers are not able to agree on whom to nominate to address the Council, the General Manager or their delegate is to determine who will address the Council at the public forum.</i></p> <p><i>1.10 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak ‘for’ or ‘against’ any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may, in consultation with the Mayor or the Mayor’s nominated chairperson, increase the number of speakers permitted to speak on an item of business, where they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so to allow the Council to hear a fuller range of views on the relevant item of business.</i></p> <p>Council often increases the numbers of speakers</p>

	permitted to speak on an item.
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After reviewing the feedback provided during the public exhibition period, it is proposed to adopt the publicly exhibited Policy, as exhibited, with no changes. Noting the comment provided has been addressed in the table above.

Officers also recommend that Council receives a further report when the Office of Local Government releases its new Model Code of Meeting Practice.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. [↓](#) Code of Meeting Practice





















































































































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 19  
**Subject:** POST EXHIBITION - LOBBYING POLICY  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Senior Manager Governance and Risk  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council adopt the Lobbying Policy.
  2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally and externally the adopted Lobbying Policy.
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**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 Lobbying Policy (Policy) outlines requirements for Council to publish details of meetings between Councillors and registered lobbyists and/or property developers.

Officers submitted the draft Policy to the 20 May 2025 meeting for public exhibition. Two submissions were received during the public exhibition period in support of the Policy.

The report recommends that Council adopts the Policy that was placed on public exhibition, with no changes.

**BACKGROUND**

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.

A draft Policy was then prepared and at the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That in the definition of ‘Property Developer’, add the following as a new (b) and renumber:*
  - a) *an individual or a corporation that carries on a business mainly concerned with a residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit, as defined by section 53(1)(a)(I) of the Electoral Funding Act; and*
  - b) *any other party proposing a development which would be subject of a decision by resolution of Council and/or the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel.*
2. *That Council insert a new section 5.1 c) and renumber, which states that: For avoidance of doubt, a Councillor is not required to record in a Lobbying Record Form any request for a meeting from a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer which is not accepted by that Councillor.*

3. *That Council delete section 5.3 and replace with:  
A Councillor is not required to complete a Lobbying Record Form in respect of any interactions with Registered Lobbyists or Property Developers:*
  - a) *at events, social and public functions where no substantial interactions took place (unless the interaction leads to a substantive discussion of values);*
  - b) *in respect of any interaction with a Registered Lobbying or Property Developer, where:*
    - i. *That Councillor has previously disclosed a pre-existing relationship with that Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer through Council's written returns of interest processes; and*
    - ii. *The interaction is not held in a Councillor's capacity as an Inner West Councillor, and/or does not directly relate to matters involving Inner West Council; and*
  - c) *in respect of any interaction that is not held in a Councillor's capacity as an Inner West Councillor, and/or does not directly relate to matters involving Inner West Council.*
  
4. *That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Lobbying Policy be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.*

The changes were made and the draft Policy was subsequently placed on public exhibition.

## **DISCUSSION**

The draft Policy was placed on public exhibition from 26 May 2025 to 23 June 2025. There were 136 visits to the 'Have Your Say Inner West' project page and 41 downloads of the draft Policy during the public exhibition period.

Two submissions were received and both supported the Policy. No other comments were made.

It is proposed to adopt the publicly exhibited Policy, as exhibited, with no changes.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Lobbying Policy





















**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 21  
**Subject:** STATUTORY REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Senior Manager Governance and Risk  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council increases the General Manager’s delegated financial authority to enter into a contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding to \$2 million (excluding GST)/\$2.2m (including GST), subject to the limitations and exclusions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager.
2. That Council delegates to the General Manager, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, all the powers and functions of the Council that it may lawfully delegate, subject to the limitations and exclusions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager.
3. That Council re-affirms its delegations to the Mayor and delegates to the Mayor, or any person acting in that role, all the powers and functions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the Mayor, subject to the limitations and exclusions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager.

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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) requires each council to review its delegations within 12 months of council elections. Officers have conducted a review of Council’s delegations and recommend that the Mayor and General Manager’s current delegations be re-affirmed.

In respect of the General Manager Delegation, Officers recommend increasing the General Manager’s delegation to enter into contracts and agreements to \$2 million (excluding GST)/\$2.2 million (including GST).

This is on the basis that the General Manager’s current financial delegation limit of \$1.5m was first set, and has remained, at that level since 2018. Since then, the costs of contracting with third party suppliers has increased, such that it is reasonable to consider increasing the General Manager’s financial delegated authority limit.

Officers do not recommend making substantive changes to the Mayoral Delegation apart from clarifying that references to expenditure limits are inclusive of GST.

## BACKGROUND

The Act and other relevant statutes authorise Council to undertake a significant range of functions. Delegations enable these functions to be carried out efficiently and effectively, by allowing decisions in respect of functions to be made at the appropriate level across the organisation.

### **Power of Council to delegate**

Section 377 of the Act enables a council to delegate to its general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of that council) any of the functions of the council under the Act or any other Act, apart from the following:

- a) the appointment of a general manager,
- b) the making of a rate,
- c) a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate,
- d) the making of a charge,
- e) the fixing of a fee,
- f) the borrowing of money,
- g) the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations,
- h) the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),
- i) the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council,
- j) the adoption of an operational plan under section 405,
- k) the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report,
- l) a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6,
- m) the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land,
- n) the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work,
- o) the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*,
- p) the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194,
- q) a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,
- r) a decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office,
- s) the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister,
- t) this power of delegation,
- u) any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.

Section 377(1A) provides that a council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if –

- a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program,
- b) the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and
- c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and
- d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.

**Statutory requirement to review delegations**

Section 380 of the Act requires Council to review all its delegations during the first 12 months of each term of office.

As part of this review, Council has reviewed its suite of delegations, sub-delegations made by the General Manager, and authorisations issued to authorised officers of Council. The review process also covered the current Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Mayor made on 13 September 2022 (Mayoral Delegation), and the Instrument of Delegation from Council to the General Manager made on 11 April 2023 (General Manager Delegation), which both remain in force unless and until Council revokes them.

**Content of General Manager Delegation**

Council’s practice has historically been to provide delegations to the General Manager by exception. That is, the position of General Manager is delegated all functions that Council is able to lawfully delegate, subject to certain conditions, limitations, and exclusions. This approach overcomes the impracticality of identifying every function imposed on Council by legislation and deciding whether or not each function should be delegated. In addition, delegation by exception is the most appropriate approach to deal with frequently changing legislation.

At an Ordinary Council Meeting on 11 April 2023, Council reviewed the delegations framework, and the delegation to the General Manager in place at the time. Council approved the making of a change to the delegation to clarify that a Council resolution is always required for entry into a lease for a property not owned by Council. This change was made in the General Manager Delegation, through which Council delegated to the General Manager all functions capable of being lawfully delegated pursuant to section 377 and section 381 of the Act, subject to certain conditions, limitations, and exclusions listed in the delegation instrument.

Specifically, the conditions, limitations, and exclusions in the General Manager Delegation are:

- All functions not capable of being delegated by Council, as specified in section 377(1) of the Act.
- All functions which are expressly required by legislation to be exercised by a resolution of Council.
- All functions delegated to the Inner West Local Planning Panel under the Local Planning Panels.
- A limit on the ability to sub-delegate the authority to accept tenders.
- A decision to make or amend Council policy.
- The authority to approve the disposal of certain approved categories of assets above the value of \$100,000.
- The authority to write off debts above the value of \$2,500.
- The authority to write off rates and charges above the value of \$2,500.

The General Manager Delegation provides that the delegation and authorities contained in it must be exercised in accordance with the requirements of relevant legislation, all conditions and limitations in the General Manager Delegation and any resolution, policy, procedure or budget adopted by Council.

**Content of Mayoral Delegation**

At an Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 September 2022, Council reviewed a previous Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Mayor made on 22 May 2018. Following that review, Council resolved to adopt the Mayoral Delegation, which contained the following additional delegations to align with the Mayor’s statutory role, as outlined in section 226 of the Act:

- Approve the General Manager’s leave and expenses.

- Authorise press statements and publications on behalf of the Council, including to make public statements on matters of official Council attitude or interpretation of Council policy or concerning Council's resolutions and proposals.
- Respond to media enquiries.
- Authorise expenditure within the adopted budget for the Office of the Mayor not exceeding \$20,000, and only with the concurrence of the General Manager for an amount over \$10,000.
- Make urgent decisions on behalf of Council during the annual recess period, with any such decisions to be reported to the first available Ordinary Council meeting.

The Mayoral Delegation contains the following general limitations, conditions, and exclusions:

- All functions not capable of being delegated by Council, as specified in section 377(1) of the Act.
- All functions which are expressly required by legislation to be exercised by a resolution of Council.
- All functions delegated to Council's General Manager.

The Mayoral Delegation provides that the delegation and authorities contained in it must be exercised in accordance with the requirements of relevant legislation, all conditions and limitations in the Mayoral Delegation and any resolution, policy, procedure, or budget adopted by Council.

## DISCUSSION

The delegations made by Council to the General Manager and the Mayor enable the efficient administration of the organisation.

In relation to the General Manager Delegation, the only substantive change Officers recommend making to the draft Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager (*Attachment 1*) is increasing the General Manager's financial delegation in relation to contracts, agreements and memoranda of understanding to \$2 million (excluding GST)/\$2.2 million (including GST).

As background, the General Manager's financial delegation was set, and has remained at, \$1.5m since 2018, when Council resolved at an Ordinary Council Meeting on 3 July 2018 to delegate to the General Manager the power to enter into contracts up to \$1.5m. Since then, the cost of engaging third party suppliers has increased. Using the Construction Price Index created by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as a guide, there has been at least a 29.7% increment in the period since June 2021. Applying this increment would produce a value of \$1.945m. Officers recommend rounding this up to \$2 million (excluding GST)/\$2.2 million (including GST) for practicality. The General Manager's delegated financial authority is subject to conditions specified in the draft Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager, including the condition that any commitment to expenditure must be covered by a budget adopted by Council or by a resolution of Council. In addition, in the exercise of delegated financial authority, Council's General Manager would continue to comply with the requirements for tendering specified in the Act and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, ensuring that Council continues to emphasise value for money principles whenever incurring expenditure.

Officers also recommend removing the reference to the Fixed Assets Policy, on the basis that Council has discontinued this policy, and replacing this with a reference to Council's Disposals Policy.

In respect of the Mayoral Delegation, Officers do not recommend making any substantive changes. However, Officers recommend clarifying in the draft Mayoral Delegation (*Attachment 2*) that references to expenditure limits are inclusive of GST.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Draft Instrument of Delegation to the Mayor
2. [↓](#) Draft Instrument of Delegation - General Manager

















**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 22  
**Subject:** AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 MAY 2025 MINUTES  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Senior Manager Governance  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 21 May 2025.**

**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 confirmed minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 21 May 2025 are attached for Council’s consideration.

**BACKGROUND**

Council’s ARIC is established in accordance with section 428A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The objective of Council’s ARIC is to provide independent assurance to Council by monitoring, reviewing, and providing advice about the Council’s governance processes, compliance, risk management and control frameworks, external accountability obligations and overall performance.

**DISCUSSION**

In accordance with the ARIC Terms of Reference (TOR), *Secretariat* clause 10.15, the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2025 were approved Out of Session on 24 June 2025. The ARIC TOR require the minutes of ARIC meetings to be provided to Council and published to Council’s website after adoption by Council. The approved minutes of the ARIC meeting held on 21 May 2025 are attached for Council’s consideration and adoption.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. [Draft Minutes - ARIC Meeting 21 May 2025](#)





















**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 23  
**Subject:** QUARTER FOUR - PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-26  
**Prepared By:** Prue Foreman - Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is the final progress update on the Inner West Delivery Program 2022-26 (year three) and Operational Plan and Budget 2024/25 which guided Council’s work to 30 June 2025. In previous updates for quarters 1-3, the Quarterly Budget Review Statement was also included, however there is no such requirement for quarter four. Overall achievements for the 2024/25 financial year including audited financial statement will be presented to Council in the Annual Report at the November meeting.

The report highlights achievements during the quarter, the status of actions including brief commentary on each, and tracks key performance indicators.

Council made excellent progress in the final quarter of 2024/25. Overall, 94% of the 162 actions in the Operational Plan were completed or are on track (work to continue in the 2025/26 financial year), while 85% of the 136 measures were on target or within tolerance (+/- 10% of the target) at the end of 2023/24.

**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.

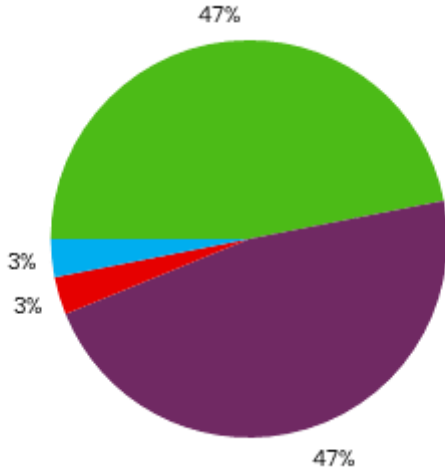
**DISCUSSION**

**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 made excellent progress against the Operational Plan 2024/25.

**Actions** – as of 30 June 2025:

- 94% (152) were ‘Completed’ or ‘On Track’
- 6% (10) were ‘On Hold’ or ‘Rescheduled’

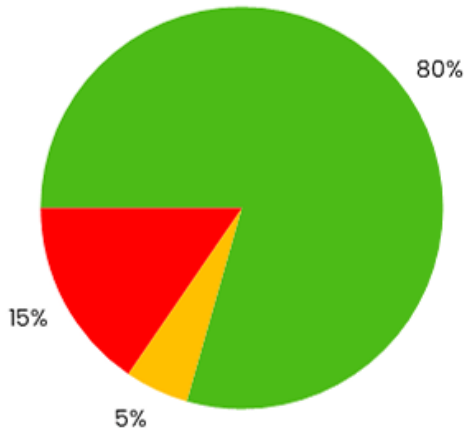


Actions legend:

- On Track
- ★ Completed
- Behind Schedule
- ▲ On Hold
- ◆ Rescheduled

Measures - as of 30 June 2025:

- 85% (115) were 'On Target' or 'Within Tolerance'
- 15% (21) were 'Below Target'



Measures legend: ● On Target    ● Within Tolerance    ⊗ Below Target

All performance indicators including actions off track or measures below target are monitored by the relevant manager and Director. Reasons for measures which did not meet the target include higher than expected missed bins due to the commencement of a new contractor, a significant increase in road requests due to the higher number of potholes reported (noting that potholes continue to be repaired within the service standard) and a decrease in the number of times items in the Libraries' physical collection are borrowed (but an increase in digital collection borrowings).

**Highlights for the quarter:**

- The Fairer Future Plan was launched as an alternative proposal to housing development for the Inner West. The plan enables an additional 35,000 homes across the area to be built over the next 15 years.
- During the 2024-25 year, there were over 2,100 visitors to Inner West Council Aquatic centres, over a million library visitors, more than 170 electrical vehicles chargers

installed, 5,560 patrols of parking areas, over 8,800 plants supplied and 2,855 bushcare hours provided.

- At the June 2025 Local Government Professionals annual awards, Inner West’s team the Innervators, won the prestigious Management Challenge, showing what’s possible when creativity and collaboration come together in local government.
- Council won a NSW Local Government Excellence award for the Disability Traineeship and EmbraceAbility Mentoring Program. This celebrated Council’s commitment to prioritising inclusive employment for people with disabilities in the Inner West.
- Council was also a Gold Award Winner in the Australasian Reporting Awards for the 2023-24 Annual Report in the Public Administration category. This is Council’s second consecutive Gold Award win for our Annual Report.
- Camdenville Park was re-opened after an \$8.2 million upgrade. Works included new turf, irrigation, sustainable LED floodlighting, new playground, BMX pump track, amenities and picnic facilities. The opening featured the unveiling of a heritage blue plaque commemorating the first NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout (Koori Knockout) held in 1971.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report. Overall achievements for the 2024/25 financial year including audited financial statement will be presented to Council in the Annual Report at the November meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [Download](#) Quarter 4 progress report 2024/25





































































































































































































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 24  
**Subject:** INVESTMENT REPORT AT 30 JUNE 2025  
**Prepared By:** Sajjad Ali - Acting Chief Financial Officer  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

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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:

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 June 2025:

- Council new investments:
  - There were no new trades during the month.
- Council matured investments:
  - \$3.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.90%pa
  - \$5.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.90%pa
- Council is preparing for the maturity of further investments in July 2025, with interest rates declining compared with prior months.
- Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 51% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel Lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 10% in Socially Responsible Investments, and 39% 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 \$194.4M, \$7.8M lower compared with the prior month market value of \$202.2M. 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 4.57% pa, against the 'AusBond Bank Bill Index' Benchmark (3.94% pa) on a marked-to-market basis. For the past 12 months, the portfolio has returned 4.57% pa on a marked-to-market basis.

Global equity markets set all-time highs again, despite the escalating tensions in the Middle East throughout the month. The global tariff wars seem to have taken a backburner for now, whilst market expectations are for further rate cuts to be delivered by most global central banks.

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:

- There were no new investments during the month.

Matured investments were:

- \$3.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.90%pa
- \$5.0M 9 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 4.90%pa

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, Council is being advised to 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% p.a. (small allocation only).

Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 51% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 10% of the portfolio in Socially Responsible Investments, and 39% of the portfolio in Green investments.

Category	Amount	%
Green	\$76,187,497	39.19%
Socially Responsible	\$20,148,231	10.36%
Non Fossil Fuel Lending	\$98,077,357	50.45%
Fossil Fuel Lending	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$194,413,085</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	\$2,538,413	1.31%	50%	\$94,668,130
✓	National Housing FIC	AAA	\$3,973,500	2.04%	50%	\$93,233,043
✓	NSW TCorp	AA+	\$4,916,810	2.53%	50%	\$92,289,733
✓	South Australian Govt	AA+	\$8,719,508	4.49%	50%	\$88,487,035
✓	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$21,487,595	11.05%	50%	\$75,718,948
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$53,500,000	27.52%	50%	\$43,706,543
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	\$24,999,714	12.86%	35%	\$43,044,866
✓	BOQ	A-	\$40,097,317	20.62%	35%	\$27,947,263
✓	Bank Australia	BBB+	\$4,544,329	2.34%	20%	\$34,338,288
✓	Beyond Bank	BBB+	\$1,199,903	0.62%	20%	\$37,682,714
✓	Bank of Us	BBB+	\$8,000,000	4.11%	20%	\$30,882,617
✓	Great South. Bank	BBB+	\$1,451,549	0.75%	20%	\$37,431,068
✓	Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	\$15,671,085	8.06%	20%	\$23,211,532
✓	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,219,217	1.14%	20%	\$36,663,400
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	\$292,858	0.15%	0%	-\$292,858
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	\$801,288	0.41%	0%	-\$801,288
			<b>\$194,413,085</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 June 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:

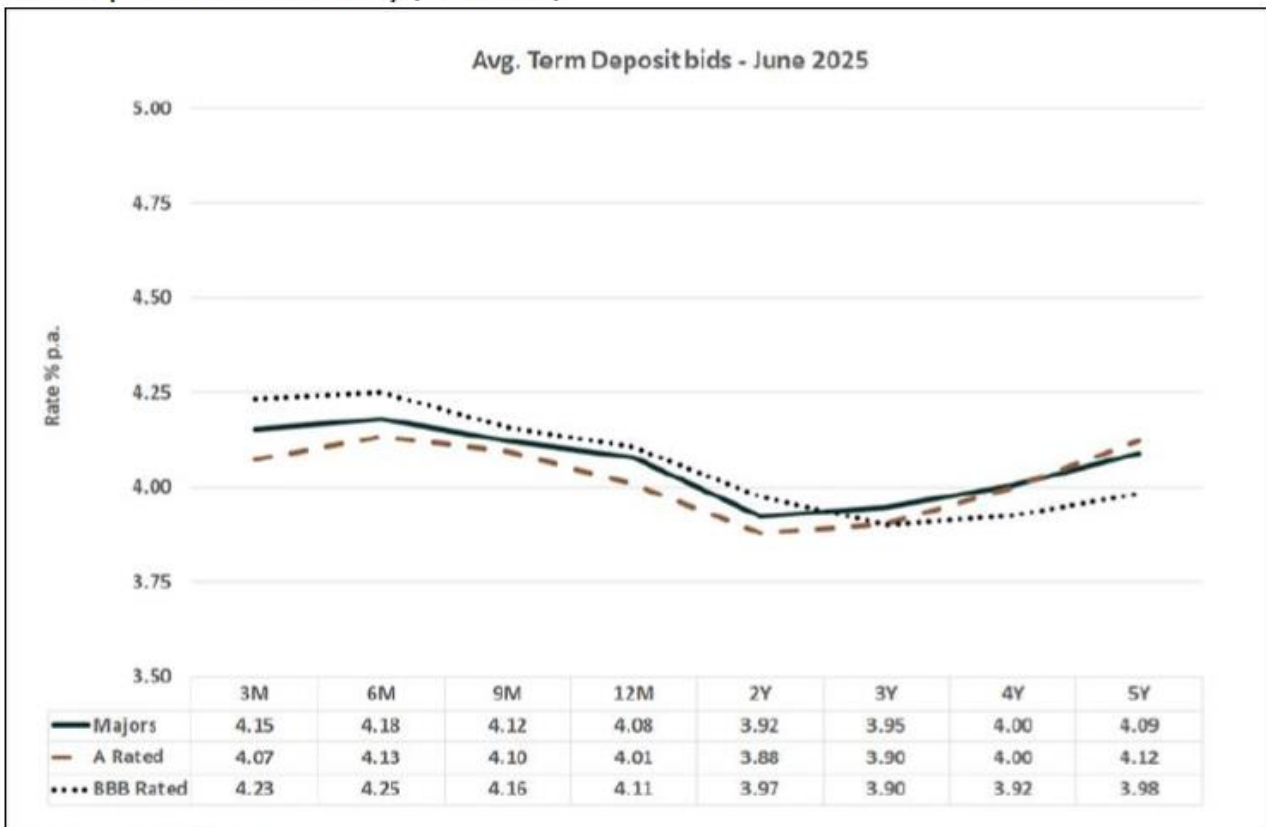
- Employment Leave Entitlements
- Investment Property Reserve
- Infrastructure Renewal Reserve
- Depreciation Contra Reserve.

Due to the 2024/25 Financial Year End process currently in progress, the split between the External and Internal Restrictions are not available at this time.

**Other Investment Information**

The chart below shows the average Term Deposit bids available for Council over the next five years across banks from different credit ratings.

**Term Deposit Rates – Currently (June 2025)**

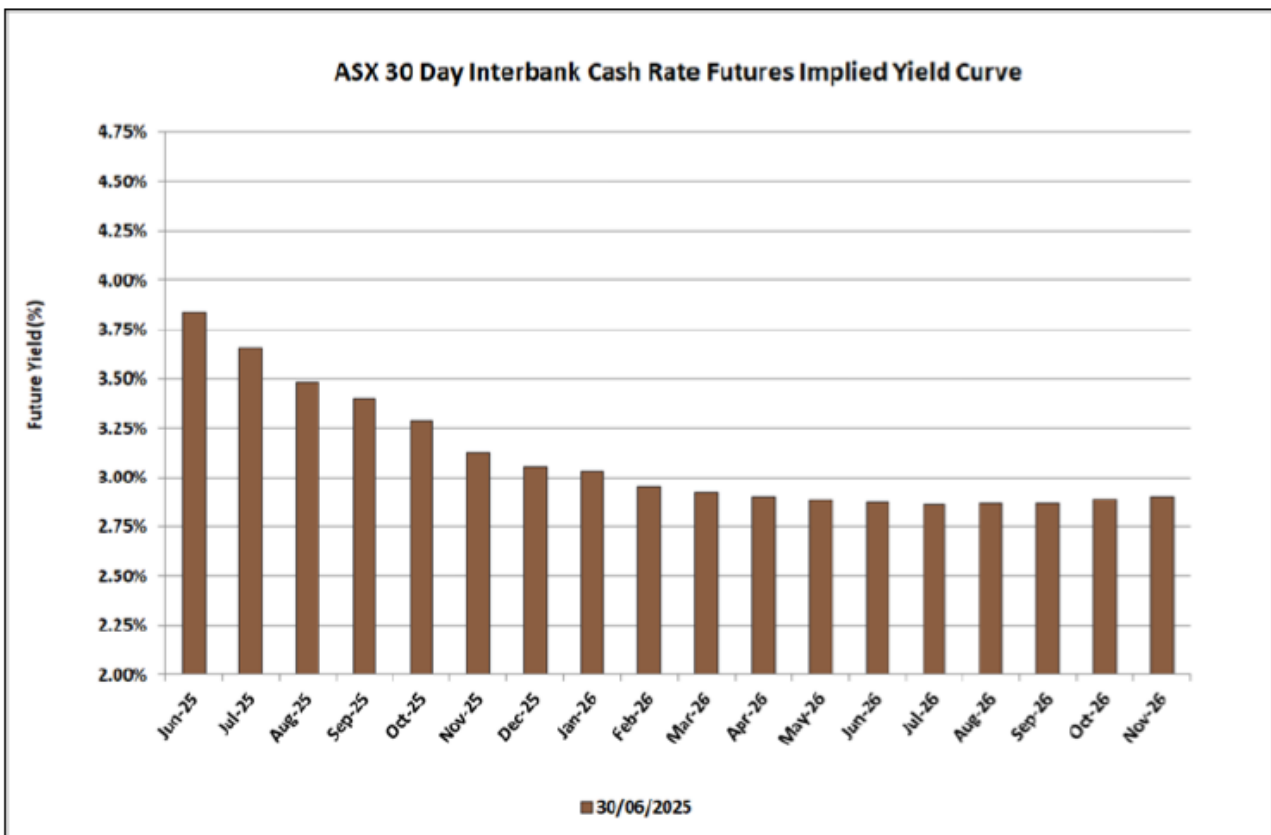


Source: Imperium Markets

In the deposit market, over June, at the very short-end of the curve (less than 6 months), the average deposit rates offered by the domestic major banks fell between 7-10 basis points (bp) compared to the previous month (May). At the longer-end of the curve (1-5 years), the average rates dropped by 10-15bp compared to where they were in May, as the market continues to expect additional rate cuts over the next few months.

**Domestic issues:**

- Australia’s monthly inflation eased faster than expected in May, with consumer prices rising +2.1% y/y (versus +2.3% expectations), which is near the bottom of the RBA’s target band. Core inflation also fell from +2.8% in April to +2.4% in May (its lowest rate since November 2021). Services inflation on the monthly indicator is running at +3.3% y/y, its lowest since May 2022.
- Australia’s unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.1% in May, for the fourth consecutive month. Despite a surprise fall in jobs (-2.5k in May versus +20k expectation), the unemployment rate was steady as the participation rate slightly eased to 67.0% (from 67.1%).
- Financial markets are now factoring up to four (4) additional rate cuts by early-mid 2026 after the latest monthly inflation reading. This could potentially take the official cash rate down to 2.85%, although the RBA remains cautious on the potential upside risks to inflation due to international markets, particularly surrounding the ongoing tariff wars and geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.



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 - June 2025](#)
2. [Inner West Council Investment Report - June 2025](#)



































































































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 25  
**Subject:** INVESTMENT REPORT AT 31 JULY 2025  
**Prepared By:** Sajjad Ali - Acting Chief Financial Officer  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - 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 July 2025:

- Council new investments:
  - There were no new trades during the month.
- Council matured investments:
  - \$10.0M 6 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 5.02%pa.
- Council is preparing for the maturity of investments in September 2025, with interest rates expected to decline towards the end of 2025 and early 2026.
- Council’s entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 48% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel Lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 11% in Socially Responsible Investments, and 41% 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 \$184.3M, \$10.1M lower compared with the prior month market value of \$194.4M. All Socially Responsible Investments (SRI's) are investments that comply with the Non-Fossil Fuel standards. Council's portfolio during the month had a return of 4.53% pa, against the 'AusBond Bank Bill Index' Benchmark (3.60% pa) on a marked-to-market basis. For the past 12 months, the portfolio has returned 4.54% pa on a marked-to-market basis.

Global equity markets continue to set all-time highs in July. Despite the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the tariff wars, inflation appears to be trending lower, unemployment remains low, and with interest rates expected to ease further, this is providing support to global growth.

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:

- There were no new investments during the month.

Matured investments were:

- \$10.0M 6 month Term Deposit with Bank of Queensland at fixed rate of 5.02%pa.

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over the next 6-12 months, 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 close to or above 4% p.a. (small allocation only).

Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested, with 48% of the portfolio in Non-Fossil Fuel lending authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs), 11% of the portfolio in Socially Responsible Investments, and 41% of the portfolio in Green investments.

Category	Amount	%
Green	\$76,181,515	41.33%
Socially Responsible	\$20,084,255	10.90%
Non Fossil Fuel Lending	\$88,061,158	47.77%
Fossil Fuel Lending	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,326,928</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	\$2,518,928	1.37%	50%	\$89,644,537
✓	National Housing FIC	AAA	\$3,960,503	2.15%	50%	\$88,202,962
✓	NSW TCorp	AA+	\$4,901,350	2.66%	50%	\$87,262,114
✓	South Australian Govt	AA+	\$8,703,475	4.72%	50%	\$83,459,989
✓	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$21,480,607	11.65%	50%	\$70,682,857
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$53,500,000	29.02%	50%	\$38,663,464
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	\$24,989,804	13.56%	35%	\$39,524,621
✓	BOQ	A-	\$30,087,423	16.32%	35%	\$34,427,002
✓	Bank Australia	BBB+	\$4,546,723	2.47%	20%	\$32,318,662
✓	Beyond Bank	BBB+	\$1,200,908	0.65%	20%	\$35,664,477
✓	Bank of Us	BBB+	\$8,000,000	4.34%	20%	\$28,865,386
✓	Great South. Bank	BBB+	\$1,452,127	0.79%	20%	\$35,413,258
✓	Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	\$15,669,804	8.50%	20%	\$21,195,581
✓	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,218,733	1.20%	20%	\$34,646,653
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	\$293,030	0.16%	0%	-\$293,030
X	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	\$803,513	0.44%	0%	-\$803,513
			<b>\$184,326,928</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

<sup>A</sup>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 31 July 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:

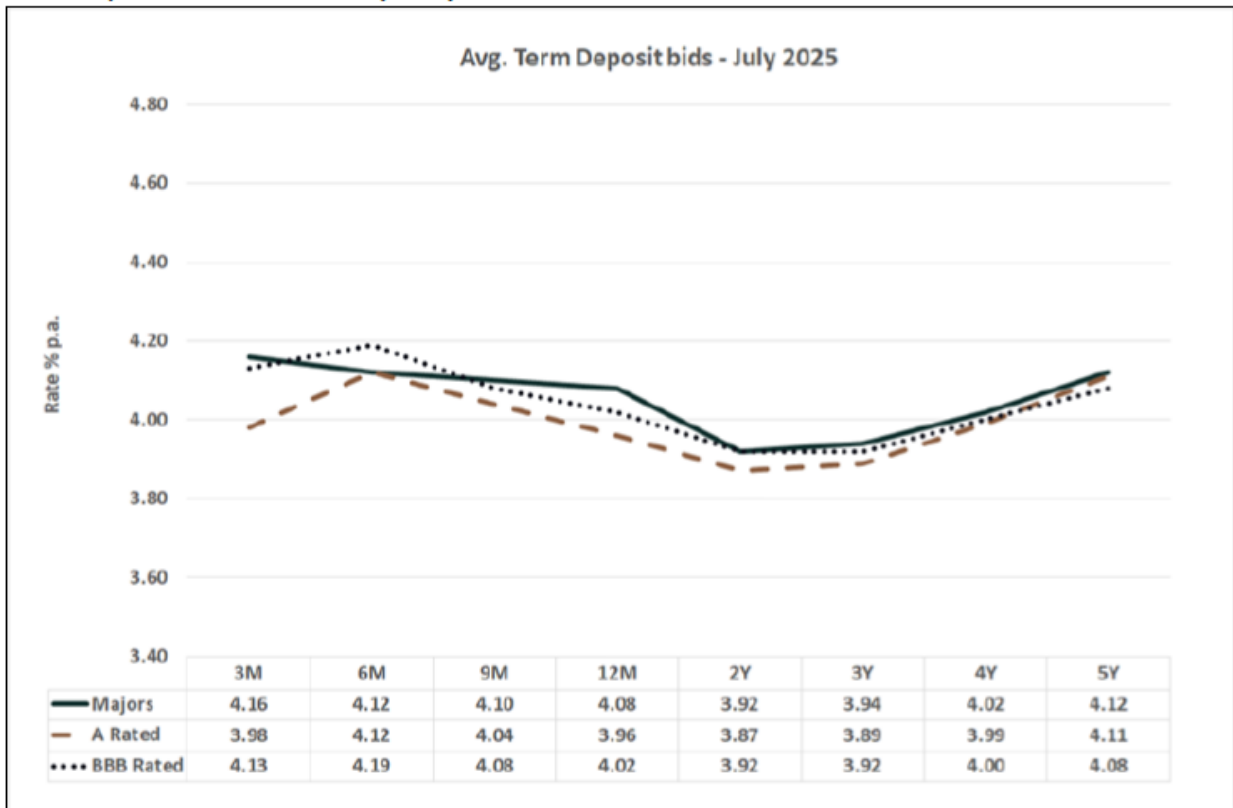
- Employment Leave Entitlements
- Investment Property Reserve
- Infrastructure Renewal Reserve
- Depreciation Contra Reserve

Due to the 2024/25 Financial Year End process currently in progress, the split between the External and Internal Restrictions are not available at this time.

**Other Investment Information**

The chart below shows the average Term Deposit bids available for Council over the next five years across banks from different credit ratings.

**Term Deposit Rates – Currently (July 2025)**

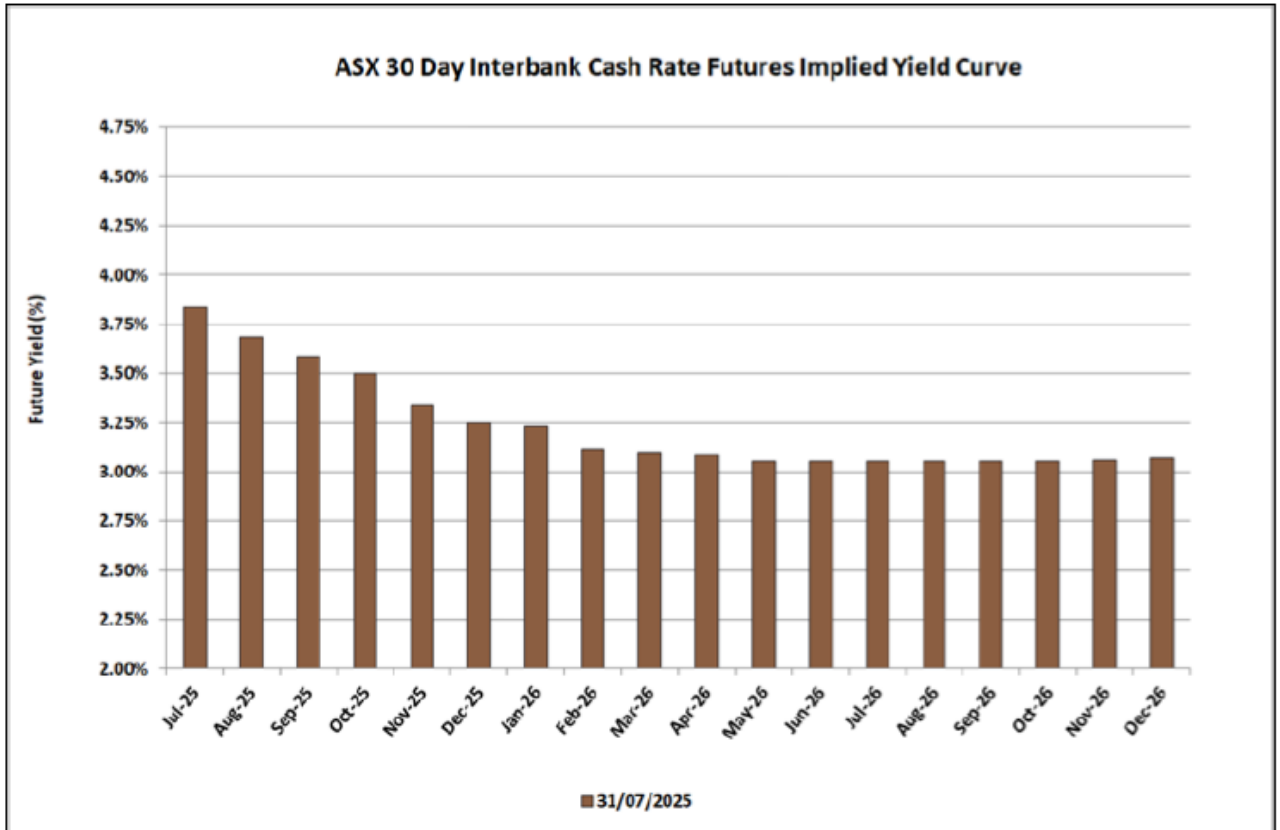


Source: Imperium Markets

In the deposit market, over July, across the curve (short and long-end), the average deposit rates offered by the domestic major banks remained relatively flat compared to the previous month (June) after the RBA unexpectedly kept official interest rates unchanged. The market continues to price in additional rate cuts over the next few months and if delivered, this should see the deposit curve drop further.

**Domestic issues:**

- The RBA surprised markets by holding the cash rate at 3.85% in its meeting in July. The Board is “*looking for confirmation we are still on the path*” but this is a “*decision on timing but not direction*”. The RBA has seemingly shifted their approach from ‘cautious and predictable’ to ‘cautious and gradual’, taking the option to wait and see how the 50bp of cuts is flowing through the economy, and gather further information on the June quarter CPI, the labour force and global developments.
- The June quarterly headline CPI came in at +0.7% q/q and +2.1% y/y (slightly below consensus of +0.8%/+2.2%). The quarterly trimmed mean came in +0.6% q/q and +2.7% y/y (consensus +0.7%/+2.7%). The Monthly Inflation Indicator also came in softer at +1.9% y/y and the monthly trimmed mean was +2.1% y/y.
- The unemployment rate rose 0.2% to 4.3% in June, the highest since November 2021. This comes after months of remarkably little change in the unemployment rate. The labour market has shown some gradual cooling that was not fully reflected in the steady unemployment rate in recent months.
- Financial markets are factoring up to three (3) additional rate cuts by early 2026.



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 - July 2025](#)
2. [Inner West Council Investment Report - July 2025](#)



































































































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 26  
**Subject:** MANDATORY REPORTING TO COUNCIL OF REPORT RECEIVED FROM FIRE & RESCUE NSW - 5 AND 6 WOOD STREET TEMPE  
**Prepared By:** Michael Ryan - Senior Manager, Health & Building  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, when an inspection report is received by Council from Fire and Rescue New South Wales (FRNSW), Council must table this report and recommendations at the next meeting of the Council. Council has received a report for 5 & 6 Wood St from FRNSW on 26 June 2025.

On 13 June 2025, Fire Safety Officers from Inner West Council (IWC), in collaboration with officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of FRNSW, conducted a joint inspection on two properties at 5 & 6 Wood St Tempe. This inspection was requested by Council Fire Safety Officers due to concerns relating to fire safety.

The joint inspection by Inner West officers and FRNSW identified a significant fire safety risk due to the large quantity of tyres stored within the buildings, insufficient fire safety measures and significant unauthorised works that are non-compliant with the Building Code of Australia.

Following the inspection FRNSW has submitted its inspection report to Council. The report highlighted major concerns relating to fire safety and recommended that, *“Council exercise its powers under Schedule 5 Development Control Orders. Part 1 General Orders of the EP&A Act and issue an Order 1 Stop Use Order”*.

Council officers concur with FRNSW and accordingly Orders from the Land and Environment Court are being sought to cease the use of the premises.

**BACKGROUND**

The building at 5 & 6 Wood Street, Tempe has no consent for the storage of tyres and extensive unauthorised works have been carried out. The unauthorised works include additional floors within the building envelope, a roofed storage area on top of the building and opening in fire walls between the two properties. This combined with the storage of more than 40,000 tyres, has created an extreme life safety, property and environmental risk.

The issue of illegal works and illegal tyre storage was first raised with Council in August 2023. Council undertook an investigation into the unauthorised business and illegal works. The unauthorised use also resulted in constant traffic and parking problems within the cul-de-sac. Regular parking patrols were undertaken; however, enforcement was made difficult as parking signs were being illegally removed within hours of their installation.

Throughout 2024 council officers investigated the Wood St properties and undertook legal action resulting in February 2025 in a prosecution of the owners of the two properties Starcorp Property Pty Ltd & Taleb Property Pty Ltd for a range of offences relating to unauthorised works and unauthorised storage of tyres. A fine was issued by the Local Court of \$402,300. To date the fine has not been paid through the Office of State Revenue.

During the investigation it became apparent to senior officers that the unauthorised storage of tyres combined with significant unauthorised works posed a significant fire safety risk and advised FRNSW Marrickville Station and sought assistance from Fire Safety experts from the FRNSW Fire Safety Compliance Unit by requesting a joint inspection.

### DISCUSSION

Tyres pose a significant fire hazard due to their combustible nature. They are not easily ignited but once alight they burn intensely, releasing high heat and toxic smoke and are difficult to extinguish. The high carbon content and steel cords within tyres act as heat sinks, making extinguishment challenging and increasing the risk of re-ignition.

On 2 April 2025, IWC Fire Safety Officers carried out an inspection of the premises. This inspection revealed serious non-compliances with regards to Fire Safety and the Building Codes resulting in extreme risk to life and property including adjoining properties.

Council notified the local FRNSW station (Marrickville) to enable them to put in place strategies to address critical factors for any future crews attending fire events at these premises. Council also requested a joint inspection with FRNSW – Fire Safety Division to arrange a joint inspection with their Fire Safety Compliance unit.

On 8 May 2025 Council issued a Development Control Order (DCO) which required the owners to obtain and submit a Building Code Audit of the premises to identify the scale of non-compliance. Council proceeded to issue the Development Control Order (DCO) on 30 May 2025

In response to the Order, Council received a Building Code Audit Report, for each property which was prepared by an A1 Certifier in response to the Development Control Order. The report identified significant deficiencies and substandard fire safety with a time frame for a remedial action.

On 13 June 2025 a joint inspection between Council Fire Safety Officers and FRNSW Fire Safety Compliance Officers was undertaken. A detailed inspection report from FRNSW identifying significant non-compliances and fire safety risks was submitted to Council on 23 June 2025. This report recommended that, *“Council exercise its powers under Section 5 Development Control Order, Part 1 General Orders of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act (the Act)” and issue an ‘Cease Use Order’.*

Given the significant risk, Council is commencing Class 4 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court (LEC) to *“cease the use”* of the building/s.

The decision to commence proceedings to issue a 'Cease Use Order' is not taken lightly. It will have a severe impact on the business and its employees. In the event of a fire within the properties a significant fire hazard results from a combination of the number of tyres, the lack of adequate fire safety measures and the inappropriate construction methodology. FRNSW have stated in their report that, *"FRNSW may be unable to commit fire fighters to internal fire fighting and search and rescue operations due to the fire load, lack of fire suppression and lightweight internal fit out and smoke spread into the fire isolated stairways"*.

Council has also referred the matter to the Environmental Protection Authority given potential environmental impacts and has been advised by FRNSW that worker safety concerns have been forwarded to SafeWork NSW.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Fire & Rescue Referral - 5 and 6 Wood Street Tempe























**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 27  
**Subject:** MANDATORY REPORTING TO COUNCIL OF REPORT RECEIVED FROM FIRE & RESCUE NSW - 193-195 LIVERPOOL ROAD ASHFIELD - 6-12 DUDLEY STREET MARRICKVILLE - 4 WOOD STREET TEMPE  
**Prepared By:** Michael Ryan - Senior Manager, Health & Building  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, when an inspection report is received by Council from Fire and Rescue New South Wales (FRNSW), Council must table this report and recommendations at the next meeting of the Council. Council has received a report for the following four properties:

- 193-195 Liverpool Road Ashfield - report received from FRNSW on 3 June 2025 (*Attachment 1*).
- 6-12 Dudley Street Marrickville report received from FRNSW on 3 June 2025 (*Attachment 2*)
- 4 Wood Street Tempe– report received from FRNSW on 26 June 2025 (*Attachment 3*)

**DISCUSSION**

**193-195 Liverpool Road Ashfield**

This property is a recently constructed premises (2022) consisting of an eight-storey mixed use building comprising of a retail tenancy on the ground floor with a 43-room boarding house above with associated basement parking (Class: 3, 6, 7a). This type of boarding house is known as “new age”.

This property was inspected by FRNSW Fire Safety Compliance Unit following an automatic fire alarm (no fire) and identified:

- i. The Fire Brigade Panel (FBP) was displaying one ‘Disablement’, identified as ‘001 – Zone 12 – All devices (pump monitor).
- ii. The control panel for the diesel pumpset indicated ‘low fuel’ and the low fuel alarm was activated.
- iii. It appeared inadequate pressure was present in the system, as displayed on the pressure gauges.
- iv. There is insufficient space for Fire & Rescue NSW appliances to undertake fire-fighting operations.

Council’s Senior Fire Safety Officer inspected the premises on 11 June 2025 and determined that a Notice of Intention to serve a Development Control Order was warranted (direction

EPA/2025/0117). The proprietor appointed an Accredited Practitioner (Fire Safety) to rectify the majority of the concerns raised by Fire & Rescue NSW and covered in the Notice. Items (i)-(iii) as above have all since been rectified and documentation has been submitted to Council detailing the rectification works undertaken. Discussions are ongoing with Fire & Rescue NSW, Council and the tenant with regards to access for the hydrant/sprinkler booster, in the hope that a practical solution can be found to ensure occupant safety.

### **6-12 Dudley Street Marrickville**

Correspondence was received from Fire & Rescue NSW (Attachment 1) on 3 June 2025, which identified some concerns in relation to the existing provision of fire safety at 6-12 Dudley Street Marrickville.

The recently constructed premises (2022) consists of a seven-storey mixed use building comprising of a retail tenancy on the ground floor with a 35-room boarding house above with associated basement parking (Class: 3, 6, 7a). This type of boarding house is known as “new age”.

This property was inspected by FRNSW Fire Safety Compliance Unit following an unsuccessful evacuation drill. Prior to these anonymous complaints had been received by Council officers and the property had been inspected multiple times by the Fire Safety Team Leader regarding the consistent obstruction of the fire door due to an accumulation of milk crates another large waste disposal items.

Following review by FRNSW, in correspondence to Council they identified:

- The Fire Brigade Panel (FBP) was displaying three disablements.
- The smoke detector located on Level 3 (outside Room 23) was missing from its mounting bracket.
- The latest entry in the maintenance logbook (23 February 2025), for the detection system highlighted that the batteries were out of date, however there was no further entries in the logbook to verify that the batteries had been replaced.
- The Hydrant Booster assembly arrangement did not appear to be adequately supported in accordance with Section 8 of AS 2419.1-2005 as the feed/outlet connections were observed to be flexible when pushed by hand.
- The latest entry in the maintenance logbook for the diesel pump, dated 25 February 2025, reported that the batteries were out of date, however there was no indication that these batteries had been replaced.
- A current copy of the Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) for the building was not displayed in a prominent location.
- The travel distance from the storeroom (commercial tenancy) on basement Level 2, exceeds 20 metres from an exit. It was noted that a Performance Solution which addresses the travel distances to the residential part of the building has been endorsed by the certifier, however this did not include the travel distances on basement Level 2.

Council’s Senior Fire Safety Officer inspected the premises again on 19 June 2025, and due to not only the FRNSW advice but also due to the number of prior council inspections determined that a Notice of Intention to serve a Development Control Order (EPA/2025/0118) was warranted. A certified Fire Safety Statement has since been received which demonstrates that all fire safety measures within the premises are compliant with their relevant performance standards.

Council’s Fire Safety Officers will continue the follow up inspection to ensure the property remains compliant and fire doors remain unobstructed.

#### 4 Wood Street Tempe

On 13 June 2025, Authorised Fire Safety Officers from Inner West Council (IWC), in collaboration with officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW), conducted a joint inspection of the property. The property is adjacent to Tempe Tyres and is used by the proprietors of Tempe Tyres as a bulky items storage facility. At the time of inspection, it was not being used for the purpose of tyre storage

The inspection identified that emergency exit doors leading from the fire isolated corridor were blocked by stored items. This creates a risk to the occupants of the building. This was raised with the building owner at the time of the inspection.

On 30 June 2025 Council received a report from FRNSW that identified the following issue:

*“All emergency exit doors, in the warehouse part, which provide access to the isolated corridor were blocked by stored items, contrary to the requirements of Clause 109 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 (EPAR21)”.*

FRNSW made the recommendation that Council reinspect the premises to address the noncompliance and any other deficiencies identified on the premises.

Council Fire Safety Officers contacted the owners of the building advised them of a reinspection date. The inspection was carried out on 30 July 2025. The inspection identified that the items were removed, and the egress complied.

The building has a current Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) that was lodged on 5 June 2025 – the only relevant noncompliance was regarding egress. The next AFSS due date is 24 March 2026.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Fire & Rescue Referral - 193-195 Liverpool Road Ashfield
2. [↓](#) Fire & Rescue Referral - 6-12 Dudley Street Marrickville
3. [↓](#) Fire & Rescue Referral - 4 Wood Street Tempe





























**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 28  
**Subject:** BIODEGRADABLE DOG WASTE BAGS MAIN STREET TRIAL - BALMAIN-ROZELLE  
**Prepared By:** Helen Bradley - Manager Resource Recovery Planning  
**Authorised By:** Simone Plummer - Director Planning

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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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In June 2025, Inner West Council resolved to provide biodegradable dog waste bags along Darling Street in Rozelle and Balmain. The project can commence immediately and will be completed in 2025.

Dog waste bag dispensers cannot be attached to existing bin infrastructure but will need to be mounted to existing street infrastructure along Darling Street, near Woolworths Metro in Balmain and the Rozelle Presbyterian Church.

The trial's estimated one-off cost is \$160 for two dog waste bag dispensers, with ongoing quarterly bag supply costs of approximately \$100. These costs can be accommodated within the Resource Recovery and Fleet service unit budgets.

Pending trial outcomes, future streets proposed for provision of this dog waste bag service include high-traffic areas in Leichhardt, Marrickville, Ashfield and Stanmore. This initiative supports responsible pet ownership and environmental sustainability across the Inner West.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council consider a trial of biodegradable dog waste bags along the Darling Street main streets in Rozelle and Balmain.*
2. *That Council ensures bags are attached to Council bins to improve accessibility and encourage responsible disposal of dog waste.*
3. *That Council receives a report within 12 months of the trial's commencement outlining the outcomes, with a view to expanding the program to other main streets across the LGA if successful.*
4. *That Council provides a report to the August 2025 Council Meeting:*
  - a) *Detailing the costs, rollout, including how the initiative will be funded, the start date and a map showing the locations where bags will be available; and*

- b) *Identifies at least one suitable street in each ward that the program could be extended to if the program is deemed viable to expand.*

This report responds to points 1, 2 and 4 above.

## DISCUSSION

### Procurement

The provision of biodegradable dog waste bags (that are also fully compostable) was expanded to all Inner West parks following a successful trial in the North area in 2023/24. In June 2025 Council resolved to trial the provision of biodegradable dog waste bags on the main streets of Rozelle and Balmain to further support responsible pet ownership.

Biodegradable dog waste bags are already sourced from an approved supplier appointed under RFT 16-22 for use in parks. Extending this supply into main streets under the existing contract will allow Council to deliver this offering to the community as soon as possible.

The costs of stocking the dispensers have been estimated based on volume/ usage rates at nearby parklands sites.

### Rollout

Compostable dog waste bag dispensers will be installed in two locations across Darling Street in Rozelle and Balmain. The works can commence immediately and dependent on the trial outcome's further locations can be completed before the end of 2025.

Dog waste bag dispensers cannot be attached to existing bin infrastructure due to the circular design of bins in the North area. Council does also not own the bin housings.

It is recommended that a small upstand (support pole) is installed adjacent to the bins, which the dispensers can be attached to independently, which is visually apparent to pedestrians, and can be relocated easily if necessary.

Alternatively, to minimise capital works costs and disruption to the community, the bag dispensers could be attached to existing infrastructure located near bins, such as metal signage poles.

The installation works will be completed on a weekday by the Civil Works team.

### Location

The following high traffic locations are proposed for Balmain and Rozelle:

- Darling Street Balmain – near Woolworths Metro
- Darling Street, Rozelle – near the Rozelle Presbyterian Church

These locations are heavily frequented, particularly on weekends, and are popular due to the markets (Rozelle) and shopping/ café strip (Balmain).

Following the trial, potential locations for expansion to the remaining four Inner West Wards are proposed in the following high pedestrian traffic areas:

- Norton Street, Leichhardt
- Marrickville Road, Marrickville
- Liverpool Road, Ashfield
- Percival Road, Stanmore

The final bag dispenser locations will be selected to minimise capital works costs by co-locating with existing infrastructure.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The following costs are based on the installation of two bag dispensers on Darling Street, one in each Balmain and Rozelle, co-located with existing infrastructure.

The one-off costs involve the purchase of 2 x metal dog waste bag dispensers (\$160). The installation will be undertaken during normal work hours and so no additional staff costs are factored into this cost estimate.

Ongoing costs include the provision of compostable dog waste bags in the two proposed locations, with a quarterly stock cost estimated at approximately \$100 per quarter.

Item	Cost (GST incl.)
Metal dog waste bag dispensers (one-off)	\$160
Estimated ongoing bag supply (quarterly)	\$100

The costs associated with the trial can be funded from the existing Resource Recovery Operations budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. [Darling Street dog waste bag dispenser proposed locations](#)





**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 29  
**Subject:** STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESS TO INNER WEST COUNCIL AQUATIC FACILITIES  
**Prepared By:** Simon Duck - Senior Manager Aquatics  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is providing scheduled access to local volunteers of the State Emergency Service (SES) to conduct training and practice sessions in line with their operational needs. NSW Ashfield-Leichhardt and Marrickville SES Units are skilled teams of volunteers who manage the local response to natural disasters including floods, storms and other weather events, and assist the State-based emergency services in any rescue missions which may be necessary.

Providing the SES access to Inner West Council Aquatic Facilities allows them the opportunity for ongoing training to ensure they are ‘response ready’ and able to assist the Inner West community as required. The SES are currently accessing the facilities for training at a variety of times and are settled into the current routine.

**BACKGROUND**

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

- 3. *That Council resolves to:*
  - a) *provide regular scheduled access to Council-operated swimming facilities for authorised training sessions by Ashfield - Leichhardt and Marrickville SES units.*
  - b) *allow the use of rescue equipment, including inflatable rescue rafts, during these training sessions, subject to appropriate safety protocols.*
  - c) *request that Council Staff work with SES unit commanders to establish suitable times and conditions for this training access.*
  - d) *waive any associated facility hire fees for these essential training activities; and*
  - e) *provide a report back to Council within three months on the implementation of this resolution.*

**DISCUSSION**

After initial contact with representatives of the SES to consider both their needs and availability of pool space, the following times have been agreed.

- SES training is held at the Ashfield Aquatic Centre on the first Sunday of every month and commenced on 4 May 2025. This training is held between 6am to 9am in the outdoor Program Pool.
- SES training is held at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre each Thursday between 7pm to 8pm and commenced on 10 April 2025.

There are some additional considerations required from time to time including access and delivery of apparatus for training which may include use of inflatable equipment or similar items. This takes place on an ad hoc basis and operational issues are managed directly between staff of the Aquatic Centres and the SES.

The SES are accessing the facilities for lane hire at agreed off peak times which does not disrupt any existing programs or services within the Aquatics facilities.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 30  
**Subject:** RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE AND ENGAGEMENT  
**Prepared By:** Simon Watts - Social and Cultural Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership
- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Inner West Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan was adopted in 2022/23 for a two-year period. A review of this current RAP is underway, with the intent of refreshing it and including new initiatives for a further two-year period. This will be done in collaboration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group and other key stakeholders, including Reconciliation Australia, which is the national body responsible for endorsing and overseeing RAP’s.

This report to Council provides an update on implementation of the current RAP for the first half of 2025.

Key results include:

- Identifying a site in Camperdown Park for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub, which has been endorsed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group and is the subject of a separate report to Council for endorsement at its August meeting.
- The Aboriginal Survival Memorial in Yeo Park was a finalist in the 2025 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards, and artist Nicole Monks was shortlisted for the 2025 First Nations Arts and Culture Business Innovation Award which included a \$10,000 prize, in the broader First Nations Arts and Culture awards presented by Creative Australia.
- A significant program of events marked both Reconciliation week (27 May to 3 June) and NAIDOC week (6 to 13 July) in the Inner West.
- Heritage and construction approvals have been secured for the second Aboriginal Survival Memorial in Illoura Reserve, East Balmain and this is on track for completion in 2025.

On 5 March 2024, Council adopted the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Procurement Strategy. As a result of the Strategy, there has been an increase in contracts awarded to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses from 0.25% in financial year 2022/23 to 0.50% in the 2024/25 financial year. This is a doubling of the contract share from the beginning of the period but does not yet meet the target of 1%.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 13 September 2022, Council resolved the following in part:

1. *That Council adopts the Reconciliation Action Plan.*
4. *That Council receives quarterly progress reports of progress toward establishing the community hub; and*

At the Council meeting held on 5 March 2024, Council resolved the following in part:

1. *That Council adopt the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Procurement Strategy, with the addition of a note stating that Council will review the Strategy after one year with the view of assessing council's progress in meeting the proposed target for procurement from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Suppliers or products and seeking to at least double the target each year in the next five years.*

In close collaboration with Reconciliation Australia, Council prepared and adopted an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan in September 2022. Reconciliation Australia (RA) advise that an Innovate RAP is appropriate for organisations with a strong relationship with their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders; that are continuing to implement strategies, initiatives and policies that support reconciliation; and deliver additional actions tailored to their organisation.

The expectations of Reconciliation Australia on Council include developing mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders, develop and pilot strategies for reconciliation initiatives, engage staff in reconciliation, identify the best approach for the organisation through aspirational deliverables, and explore how the organisation can drive reconciliation through its business, activities, services, programs, stakeholders and spheres of influence.

Since the adoption of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, significant actions have commenced and been completed. Following discussion with RA and the advice of Council's Aboriginal Cultural Advisor, the existing plan will be redeveloped for a further two-year period in collaboration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group. A plan for community engagement and collaboration with the Democracy Group to refresh the RAP for another 2 years will be developed for Council's consideration in the coming months.

This report also provides an update on implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Procurement Strategy, which was adopted by Council on 5 March 2024.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan contains four key themes, prescribed by Reconciliation Australia: relationships; respect; opportunities; and governance, reporting and assessing. The information below sets out major achievements for the first half of 2025.

### **Aboriginal Stakeholder Engagement**

Council has expanded its relationship with Gadigal Information Service and Koori Radio. Council provided increased financial assistance for the Yabun Festival in January 2025 of \$30,000. This amount will increase to \$40,000 for 2026. In addition, a further library author talk was recorded and broadcast.

### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub**

An appropriate site has been identified in collaboration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group, who support the choice, and the Community Hub is subject of a separate report to Council in August 2025.

**Aboriginal Survival Memorials**

The Aboriginal Survival Memorial in Yeo Park was a finalist in the 2025 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards, and artist Nicole Monks was shortlisted for the 2025 First Nations Arts and Culture Business Innovation Award which included a \$10,000 prize, in the broader First Nations Arts and Culture awards presented by Creative Australia. The Memorial is being used extensively by local school groups and residents. A large group of students from Christian Brothers Lewisham and Trinity Grammar marked Reconciliation week in May 2025 with an event at the Memorial. In addition, more than five schools from across Sydney also used the Memorial as a focus for their NAIDOC celebrations in July 2025.

One of Australia's leading Aboriginal film makers, Ashley Gibb, has delivered two short films on the creation of this Memorial and the work is available on Council's website: <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/live/community-wellbeing/aboriginal-community/aboriginal-survival-memorial>. New interpretative signage will be installed on site providing interpretative narrative and QR codes to the films.

Heritage and construction approvals have been secured for the second Aboriginal Survival Memorial in Illoura Reserve, East Balmain. Landowners consent from the NSW Government has been achieved, along with approval to create the work in a state significant heritage precinct from the delegate of the NSW Minister for Heritage.

**Closing the Gap health outcomes**

Engagement with Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) continues in Aboriginal health, health education and wellbeing. In this period engagement with the district on extreme heat preparedness for Elders through the coming summer has occurred.

**Anti-Racism Bystander Training**

As a major initiative of the 2024 Anti-Racism Strategy, Council is preparing for a pilot of Anti-Racism Bystander Training which will commence later in 2025 and continue through early 2026. 400 pilot participants will be offered training and support in three phases:

- Access to 5 module cultural competence training package developed at University of Sydney by the National Centre for Cultural Competence
- Training in Anti-Racism Bystander Training in groups of 20 by the University of Western Sydney, a global leader in the field, beginning with two trial groups in 2025
- Post training support and skill development in small social learning groups, supported by Council and the National Centre for Cultural Competence.

Council will call for expressions of interest for participants later in 2025. This will include the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Democracy Group, and local Aboriginal residents.

**Reconciliation week (27 May to 3 June)**

The 5th annual staff golf day was held in collaboration with Marrickville Golf, Sporting and Community Club. This saw 75 council staff members enjoy a competitive round-robin golf tournament. The morning started with a Welcome to Country, followed by traditional dancing from the Budja Budja Butterfly Dancers and breakfast.

Under the cultural leadership and support of Council's cultural advisor, many schools within the Inner West visited the Yeo Park Survival Memorial *Breathe* to reflect on the connection to Country and the road to Reconciliation that this artwork invites.

**NAIDOC week (6 to 13 July 2025)**

NAIDOC 2025 saw Council supporting several NGO's and schools with their activities, including SLHD and AbSec.

- Sydney Local Health District and Council hosted an event in Gladstone Park Balmain, which also had the hospital run tours for residents to understand where and how Balmain Hospital fits into the SLHD services.

- AbSec, Council, and local NGO's collaborated on the Family Fun Day NAIDOC event at Marrickville PCYC. Council's outdoor staff cooked the BBQ for all the participants of this event which was close to 2,000 people. Council staff from early learning and community wellbeing led a number of activities and stalls at the event.

Many schools in the Inner West held NAIDOC activities either before or just after the July school vacation, which Aboriginal community members attended.

**Celebrating Aboriginal culture**

Collaboration with Marrickville Golf and Community Club over the three Council funded illuminated Wurridjal's (Mullets) on the greens of Marrickville Golf Course has seen these retained on site. Council has funded an upgrade for weather treatment and solar lighting to enable permanent display and these were installed in tie for the 2025 Wurridjal festival.

**Demonstrating respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples**

Cultural protocols are being reviewed and updated for Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country, along with a flag protocol for all Council flag poles. The Naming Policy has been utilised in naming the five new Inclusive Playgrounds.

**Employment outcomes**

Council's newly launched traineeship program for 2025 includes four Aboriginal trainees in early learning, civil concreting, and parks and street maintenance.

**Council support for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children in Early Learning Services**

Council is providing bespoke support for Aboriginal families in its family services aimed at supporting family care of Aboriginal children and providing the best possible start for early years learning and transition to school.

**Research on Aboriginal cultural heritage**

Major new research on Aboriginal cultural heritage has been published to the Council website and libraries. A GIS mapping layer of current sites of significance has been produced and for use internally by Council's planners and heritage teams to ensure archaeology is identified and protected, enabling awareness of cultural heritage sites and management of issues arising within the planning process. This research informed development of Council's heritage application for the Illoura Reserve Survival Memorial.

**Memorialisation of the birth of the Koori Knockout**

A Blue Heritage Plaque was unveiled by the NSW Minister for Heritage in Camdenville Park on 17 May 2025. Five founders of the Koori Knockout travelled to Sydney as guests of Council and were present for the launch. Council's landscape architect designed additional cultural elements into the park including the colours of the foundation teams, and inscription of the team names into the footpath leading to the plaque. Council is installing additional interpretative signage on site to acknowledge its Aboriginal history.

Finally, Council funded redevelopment of UNSW Professor Heidi Norman's history of the Koori Knockout to tell the story of women's participation in parallel with the existing story of male players. This work will be published shortly.

**Perfect Match projects by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists**

New works have been completed by Kyra Kum-Sing at 229 Denison St, Newtown and Chris Edwards (in collaboration with local artist Elbows) at Balmain East Village Hotel, Darling Street Balmain East.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Procurement Strategy**

The Strategy has produced an increase in contracts awarded to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses from 0.25% in financial year 2022/23 to 0.50% in the 2024/25 financial year. This is a doubling of the contract share from the beginning of the period but does not yet meet the target of 1%. This upward trajectory underscores a growing commitment to engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers and fostering economic opportunities.

**Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suppliers**

This has been bolstered by platforms like VendorPanel, which facilitate the identification and inclusion of Indigenous businesses in procurement activities. The procurement team engaged with over 20 Supply Nation businesses to onboard, meet and discuss opportunities to work closer with Council.

**Identifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suppliers in Reporting Systems**

The procurement compliance officer has been categorising Council's entire supplier data base to identify, Indigenous, local and sustainable businesses. Procurement have also opted in to use *givvable* which is a due diligence platform focused on environmental, ethical sourcing, social impact, diversity, equity and inclusion. The system provides a badge in platforms such as VendorPanel that easily identify Indigenous businesses.

**Redevelopment of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan**

Council has made significant progress with implementation of the two year RAP since adoption in late 2023, and that implementation will continue during the redevelopment period.

Discussion with Reconciliation Australia supports continuing for a further two year period with an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, to both conclude what has been commenced, and to address any new needs that have emerged in the period of the first RAP. Reconciliation Australia advise that Council might continue with existing commitments allowing development of a deeper understanding of Council's sphere of influence and establishing more leading practice approaches to advancing reconciliation, including particularly the Anti-Racism Strategy. This will allow continued focussing on strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through piloting new methods and strategies for reconciliation.

A plan for community engagement and collaboration with the Democracy Group to refresh the RAP for another 2 years will be developed for Council's consideration in the coming months.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 31  
**Subject:** TOGETHER2: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CAFE FOR DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT  
**Prepared By:** Adele Pittaway - Community Wellbeing Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The CEO of Together2, formally known as the Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, approached Council staff in late 2024 with a request that Council contribute to capital works to convert a space in its building at 756 Darling St Rozelle (which it rents from the Uniting Church) to establish a social enterprise café aimed at providing training, work experience and potential employment for young people with disabilities. Council then resolved that consultations commence with Together2 and Council staff on the potential for a joint project and consideration of what the capital costs might be.

Based on information and quotes provided by Together2 to Council staff during 2025, the organisation is seeking \$472,986 as a “one-off capital investment” for the project. While the concept is supported and several meetings seeking further information have been held, the scope of the works needs to be more clearly defined before Council can commit to significant funding to a building that it does not own. As the attachments to this report indicate, the information provided to date includes the proposed floor plan, architectural drawings and material finishes (furniture, cabinetry etc).

Council’s Major Projects team have indicated that to effectively assess the extent of the project, including quantification of project costs, further information would be required such as a report on the building’s condition, survey, hazmat report etc and other due diligence in relation to the structure of the building. Council could offer to Together2 that building project experts from the Major Projects team could be made available for a walk through of the building and assistance in identifying next steps.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 22 October 2024, Council resolved the following:

*That Council consult with Together2 about joint project with Council to fit out and establish a social enterprise cafe at the Together2 premises to provide training and employment opportunities for local young people living with disability, and table a report for the December Ordinary Council meeting on how the partnership could be structured and what the capital costs of the project might be.*

A report was received and noted by Council on 3 December 2024. The report detailed that the Director Community met with the Together2 CEO and project staff on 20 November 2024 to discuss the social enterprise café and requested further detail in relation to the project scope and financial costs.

On 4 March 2025 a meeting was held between Together2 leadership and senior Council staff to discuss the capacity for funding the social enterprise café given that Council does not own the premises and there is no current budget allocation. Since then there have been several meetings and email discussions but staff do not yet have the detail required to do a full assessment of the proposal.

## DISCUSSION

Together2 (formerly the Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre) fosters inclusivity and celebrates diversity through work with community including older people, young people and those living with disabilities. Together2 state that the proposed social enterprise will “provide employment and training pathways for individuals with disabilities and those facing workforce participation barriers” in addition to serving as “a welcoming ‘third space’ where informal and intentional social interactions thrive”. Council is supportive of this community development approach.

During the meeting on 4 March 2025, Together2 were advised by staff that funding was not available to cover the costs indicated in the quotes provided to that date (up to \$450,000). An email sent following the meeting asked for detailed information on; what aspects of the social enterprise Council could Council support financially or otherwise, what referral pathways could be established to ensure benefit to the wider local government area and the funding required for capital works to the building.

On 7 April 2025 (see attached document of that date) Together2 confirmed a request “seeking a one-off capital investment of \$472,986 from Council to support the establishment of a fully compliant and accessible social enterprise café at 756 Darling Street, Rozelle.”

Ongoing discussions are required to assess the project and the size of any potential investment by Council including a more detailed scope of the proposed structural works to the building. Staff from Council’s major projects area with the relevant expertise could assist with this by providing expert guidance on next steps to Together2.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Revitalising Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre - SEC Proposal IWC
2. [↓](#) Proposed Interior Fit-out Design Concept V2.0
3. [↓](#) WD-200A-Proposed Plan
4. [↓](#) ROZELLE - Quote Summary (12.06.2024) - *Confidential*

***This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.***

5. Quotation - Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre - *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.***

6. AGC Quote - Commercial. Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre - *Confidential*

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**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 32  
**Subject:** PROGRESS UPDATE - PARKING AND LAND DEDICATION IN JUBILEE PLACE, BALMAIN  
**Prepared By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Peter Shields - 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 is to provide a progress update on the ongoing discussions that Council is undertaking with NSW Police Force regarding the land dedication and parking management of Jubilee Place, Balmain.

**BACKGROUND**

Jubilee Place, Balmain is a two-way road situation within Crown Land and provides access to the Police Marine Area Command, some residential properties and Ewenton Park. Vehicular access to Jubilee Place can only be undertaken only via Darling Street.

Historically, parallel parking was provided on both sides of the street with some sections on angle parking on the southern side of the street outside of Ewenton Park and angle parking on the northern side of the street near the Marine Area Command.

In early 2025, the Marine Area Command installed Tow Away Zone signs on the northern side of Jubilee Place, removing approximately 20 parallel parking spaces from the street in order to improve access for NSW Police vehicles.



At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council notes the removal of parking spaces by the NSW Marine Area Command (MAC) in March 2025, following the installation of Tow Away Zone signs on the northern side of Jubilee Place, without prior community consultation.*
2. *That Council acknowledges that the removal of these parking spaces has significantly reduced the availability of residential parking in the area.*
3. *That Council notes that Jubilee Place is Crown Land and governed by the Crown Land Management Act 2016, meaning Inner West Council does not currently have the authority to manage or enforce parking in this area.*
4. *That Council further notes that a subdivision certificate was lodged with the former Leichhardt Council (now Inner West Council) to subdivide the parcel and dedicate the road area as a public road; however, the process stalled due to unresolved issues relating to land contamination.*
5. *That Council recognizes Council's ongoing efforts since March 2025 to engage with the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) and thanks Council staff for securing a formal meeting to work towards a mutually acceptable outcome.*
6. *That Council requests that, in its discussions with the NSW PF, Council explore options to enable the introduction of appropriate parking restrictions to address residential parking pressures, including long-stay vehicles such as trailers, boats, and campervans. These options should include, but not be limited to:*
  - a) *Dedication of Jubilee Place to Council as a public road, in line with the original conditions of consent; and*
  - b) *Appointment of Council officers as authorised officers under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 by the Minister for Lands and Property, to allow Council to install and enforce parking signage.*
7. *That Council requests that a progress report be provided to Council at the August 2025 meeting, outlining developments and next steps.*

**DISCUSSION**

Subsequent to the resolution, a meeting with the NSW Police Force was held 17 July 2025 to discuss the processes required for the land dedication at Jubilee Place and interim measures that could be implemented to address the parking issues including access for Police Marine vehicles. A further meeting is scheduled for 15 August 2025.

The actions arising from the 17 July 2025 meeting are:

Land Dedication

To facilitate the land dedication to Inner West Council, an application for a subdivision certificate along with supporting documents is required to be lodged by the NSW Police Force (NSWPF).

Council would then engage a contamination expert to provide a report on contamination of those parcels of land to be dedicated to Council along with the future management of the land.

Once NSWPF lodge the application for a subdivision certificate the process to undertake dedication of the road will be approximately 2 months and the transfer of land to Council a further 1-2 months.

Interim measures

Noting, Council currently does not have authority to manage or enforce parking in Jubilee Place, as an interim measure, NSWPF are considering Council’s proposal to appoint Council officers as authorised officers to manage parking in Jubilee Place. This would allow Council to put in place signage regarding parking on the road to allow the authorised officers to take enforcement action.

The appointment of Council employees as authorised officers is a matter undertaken by the Minister for Lands and Property or his delegate.

Parking Management

In order to more quickly progress a review, the NSWPF will be providing information regarding the size of vehicles that will be accessing Jubilee Place. This will allow Council Traffic Engineers to undertake a technical assessment of the required access width and minimise the loss of on-street parking.

Council staff will also review opportunities to introduce parking restrictions to increase turnover and prevent long-stay parking.

Any proposed changes would require engagement with the local community including NSW Police prior to consideration and approval.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The preparation of a contamination report and the installation of any signage can be funded from operational budgets.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 33  
**Subject:** INNER WEST SHIFTING GEARS FORUM  
**Prepared By:** Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager  
**Authorised By:** Peter Shields - Director Engineering

Item 33

**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**

At its meeting on 3 December 2024 Council resolved to convene a forum to discuss opportunities to achieve mode shift toward active and public transport, away from private car use. This forum was held on 16 May 2025, as *Inner West Shifting Gears: GreenWay and Beyond* (The Forum). In total thirty participants attended the Forum and provided their thoughts on:

- Potential elements to help develop Council’s 10-year transport vision;
- Immediate steps that Council could consider;
- Potential threats to achieving this vision;
- Ways of tracking success; and
- Elements to consider when developing Council’s new integrated transport strategy.

Suggestions made by The Forum will be used to inform the updating of Council’s current Integrated Transport Strategy when the review process commences in the second half of this year.

**BACKGROUND**

In response to its desire to encourage increased use of public and active transport, on 3 December 2024, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council acknowledge the vital role Active Transport will play in the design and liveability of our communities as population and density increases in the Inner West*
2. *That Council convene a forum by April 2025 consisting of Council representatives from the Planning and Transport departments, relevant community stakeholders and subject matter experts to;*
  - a) *agree on and produce a vision statement for our streets and community liveability in 10 years’ time;*
  - b) *identify key components of a holistic strategy to modal shift including education and infrastructure;*
  - c) *identify key projects and prioritise roll out and report back to Traffic Committee;*
  - d) *deliberate on Inner West modal shift targets and look at how these targets can be applied to corresponding council departments such as Planning and Transport;*

- e) identify potential shortfall in council resources to achieve targets and discuss solutions; and
  - f) identify State Government and Federal Funding sources and how they can be utilised to achieve determined outcomes.
3. That Council write to the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, e-bike and e-scooter operators to request key staff attend the Forum.
  4. That Council report back to Council on the outcome of the forum and apply learnings to the 2025 revised Integrated Transport Strategy.

Subsequently, transport consultant Matt Faber of Niobe Consulting, was commissioned to facilitate the *Inner West Shifting Gears: The GreenWay and Beyond*. (The Forum) This Forum was aimed at examining, and discussing, opportunities to achieve a shift of movement patterns away from private cars toward active and sustainable transport modes.

## DISCUSSION

### Overview of Forum

The Forum was held at The Pavilion, Marrickville Library, from 10.00am until 12.30pm on Friday 16 May 2025. It was facilitated by transport consultant Matt Faber and supported by members of Council’s Transport and Traffic Planning Unit.

In total, 30 participants attended, including representatives from:

- Community advocacy groups;
- State agencies;
- Adjacent councils; and
- Inner West Council (Councillors and staff).

A full list is included in the facilitators report (*Attachment A*)

The Forum was designed with five key components:

- Today’s context;
- 10-year Vision;
- Immediate steps toward a Transport Vision;
- Tracking success;
- Development of a holistic transport strategy.

Each of these components is briefly summarised below and included in the facilitator’s report (*Attachment 1*).

### Today’s Context

It was considered that the Inner West currently has a robust framework to grow the proportion of walking and riding trips, particularly for shorter trips. It has a dense urban environment and an active transport network which includes The Bay Run, Cooks River shared path and soon, The GreenWay. Several other major interventions are also underway including conversion of the Bankstown heavy rail line to Metro, the Metro-West line and potential for increased housing densities (*Our Fairer Future*).

At a high-level, the Inner West has a *Cycling Strategy & Action Plan*, which includes many of its streets. Council is also rolling out the *InnerWest@40* program to make local streets friendlier and safer for all road users.

In 2021-22 Inner West residents made about 909,000 daily trips. While driving dominated, with 44% of recorded trips being made by drivers and 18% as passengers. *Walking-only* trips

represented 30% of total travel with public transport accounting for 7% and cycling being less than 2%.

Through its existing Integrated Transport Strategy *GOING PLACES*, Council provides a Road User Hierarchy (*Figure 1*) and identifies the need to prioritise creating a safe, connected network for pedestrians and cyclists.



Figure 1 – Inner West Road User (Going Places – 2020)

Currently though, cycling routes are often fragmented, while safe and direct movement for pedestrians along and across roads is constrained by infrastructure gaps and limited crossing opportunities. In many instances, cycle routes are often only indicated by painted cycle symbols on the road.

### **10-year vision**

Participants at The Forum articulated a clear, uncomplicated vision of a future Inner West in which walking and riding (including e-micromobility) is the natural and preferred first choice for local journeys.

The vision discussion identified the need for Council (and the State) to deliver based on the following principles:

- *Active transport is No 1.*
- *Active transport options that are accessible and inclusive for all community members.*
- *Implementation extending beyond individual transport to include public and shared options.*
- *Peaceful streets inviting more walking.*

- *Achieving environmental goals including reduced emissions.*
- *Inner West Council becoming a global case study for active transport implementation.*

It is envisaged that the proposed review of the existing Integrated Transport Strategy will commence toward the end of 2025 and that it will be informed by these principles to assist in the creation of its active transport Vision Statement.

**Immediate steps toward the Vision**

Participants proposed the following key actions and deliverables to be considered in the immediate timeframe:

- *Successful implementation of comprehensive active transport infrastructure across the Inner West.*
- *Connected and accessible network suitable for all users (ages 8-80).*
- *Direct routes via main roads, railways and waterways rather than indirect ‘wiggle’ routes.*
- *Safe connections across arterial roads.*
- *Slower speed limits (30 km/hr) and comprehensive traffic calming measures.*
- *Improved wayfinding systems making routes easy to navigate.*
- *Trial and pilot programs for new infrastructure solutions.*
- *Cycleways designed to accommodate mobility carts and various devices.*
- *Shared mobility options for last-mile links, with appropriate parking facilities.*
- *Adequate bike parking at every station, including sheltered and secure options.*
- *Seamless multi-modal transport integration.*

It should be noted that several of the steps proposed above are already underway and, as such, it is considered that these proposals reaffirm the importance of pursuing them with vigour and allocating sufficient resourcing to ensure their provision.

**Threats to achievement of ultimate outcomes**

Participants also identified the following potential threats to achieving the Forum’s desired outcomes:

- *Lack of adequate infrastructure to support active transport.*
- *Inflexible planning frameworks unable to adapt to new needs and technologies.*
- *Council inaction leading to missed opportunities.*
- *Continued congestion issues despite active transport initiatives.*
- *Muddled messaging, misinformation and lack of community education about active transport options.*
- *Resulting and resource-consuming need for every parking space change or modal filter to be fought over at street-by-street level.*
- *Failure to achieve environmental and sustainability goals.*
- *Significant changes may not materialise in 10 years’ time.*
- *Regarding electric bicycles: Various private e-bike enterprises have attempted to implement safety measures by developing helmets equipped with sensors that prevent operation unless properly worn. However, these technological solutions come with considerable financial implications, with costs potentially reaching up to \$65 per helmet.*

**Tracking success**

The Forum identified mode shift, away from car use, toward walking and riding to be the simplest measure of success. This especially relates to trips short distances.

Participants recognised the need for Council to establish a baseline (using a variety of data sources) to establish existing levels of walking and cycling before setting a mode shift outcome target.

Additionally, targets should address both progressive changes to the configuration of existing local roads and the delivery of new active transport projects, as well as assessing community sentiment in response to Council's progress.

It was also proposed that aggregated usage outcomes should be broken down to understand changes in participation by women, girls and young people generally.

The Forum suggested that monitoring should include:

- *Comprehensive data collection on active transport usage.*
- *Establishing clear baselines for measurement.*
- *Conducting baseline measurements of current new cyclists to establish reference points for future comparative analysis.*
- *Establishment of clear baseline metrics for comparison.*
- *Implementation of comprehensive measurement systems.*
- *Utilisation of Opal card data for transportation analysis and planning.*
- *Usage measurements such as:*
  - *Usage data from Household Travel Survey.*
  - *Counter data for pedestrian and cyclist movement.*
  - *Car ownership rates relative to walking / cycling rates.*
  - *Share bike utilisation statistics.*
  - *Crash data and safety improvements.*
- *Setting clear targets for active transport adoption.*
- *Community satisfaction surveys and feedback mechanisms, measuring:*
  - *Overall sentiment regarding 'better streets' walking / riding investments (target – to be determined but could be tripling or more).*
  - *Clarity around what has been delivered.*
  - *Level of understanding of associated trade-offs that have been required.*
- *Infrastructure measurements including:*
  - *Kilometres of new cycleways developed.*
  - *Areas with reduced speed limits (target – 100 per cent of streets to be 40 km/hr, with few State Road exceptions; 30 km/hr in all town centres, around schools, where cycleways use the road, other high pedestrian-activity areas).*
  - *Extension of walking infrastructure achieving disability access compliance.*
- *Reduction in percentage of short trips made by car.*
- *Number of women walking / cycling (as a key equity indicator).*
- *Youth participation in active transport.*

**Development of a holistic transport strategy**

Participants were informed that Council will commence a revision of its existing Integrated Transport Strategy (*GOING PLACES*) toward the end of 2025. Subsequently, participants proposed that this review should ensure that sufficient resourcing is provided for both its preparation and follow-through actions.

It was also noted that mode shift toward active and public transport should be key to the Strategy's review.

The Forum specifically noted that the mainstreaming of active transport-oriented activities across Council should be transparent to the Community, including through financial decisions and that Council should ensure:

- *Dedicated resources for active transport delivery.*
- *Evidence that the road user hierarchy drives budget allocation decisions.*
- *Integration with Metro and broader transport networks.*
- *Consideration of housing density in active transport planning.*
- *Embrace both Transport-Oriented Development and Development-Oriented Transport.*
- *Exploration of e-scooter legalization.*

- *Learning from successful examples in other locations.*

Further to the points above, participants proposed that the revised Strategy should include:

- *Coordinated and evidence-based strategic planning approach.*
- *Completion of safe and connected networks.*
- *Supportive urban domain.*
- *Education campaigns, incentives and behaviour change programs.*
- *Community and business collaboration.*

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Shifting Gears Forum - Facilitator's Report































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 34  
**Subject:** BIRCHGROVE OVAL FLOODLIGHTING UPGRADE  
**Prepared By:** Michael Craven - Projects Delivery 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:

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines the planning and proposed delivery of an upgraded floodlighting system at Birchgrove Oval in line with a Council resolution on the matter.

Design and construction timelines will be coordinated with the winter sports season to minimise disruption to the community and sport clubs given the works will involve trenching and excavation of the playing surface. In this regard, it is proposed to undertake construction between September 2026 and March 2027.

The adopted Delivery Program currently allocates \$20,000 in 2027/28 for design and \$1,200,000 in 2028/29 for construction of the Birchgrove Oval Floodlighting upgrade. It is proposed to advance this funding, in line with the Council’s resolution, to allocate \$20,000 for design in 2025/26 and \$1,200,000 for construction in 2026/27. This adjustment will be recommended as part of the 2025/26 first quarter budget review.

**BACKGROUND**

Birchgrove Oval is located on the waterfront of Sydney Harbour in Birchgrove. It was one of the first publicly developed parks in Sydney and is one of our premier sports and recreation venues. It is regarded as the spiritual home of rugby league in Australia because it hosted the first professional match in 1908.

Birchgrove Oval currently accommodates two senior natural turf soccer/rugby league fields and currently has 6 floodlight poles which were installed in 2007, with a minor upgrade in 2014.

In May 2022, Council engaged a lighting consultant to conduct a lighting level audit on the Birchgrove Oval floodlighting. The audit identified that the existing floodlighting lux levels did not meet the minimum Australian Standards AS2560.2 – 2021 lighting for Lighting for Football (all codes). To address this, the Oval was added to Council’s floodlighting upgrade program with funds allocated in the Delivery Program to undertake works by 2028/29.

At the Council Meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council initiates the design and Development Application (DA) process for a floodlighting upgrade at Birchgrove Oval, in accordance with the AS/NZS 2560 series standard for Club Level Match Lighting at 200 lux.*
2. *That Council provides a progress report on the design and DA process to Council at the August 2025 Council Meeting.*
3. *That Council includes funding for the design and DA in the next quarterly Budget Review.*

**DISCUSSION**

Following the June 2025 Council resolution, officers have initiated the planning, investigation, and design phase for new oval floodlighting, with completion of these elements anticipated by May 2026. It is expected that the upgrade will utilise LED technology to replace the existing metal halide fixtures.

The project benefits include enhanced visibility for players and spectators, reduced injury risk, and improved energy efficiency. The new lighting will also allow for better light control, minimising light pollution and promoting sustainability.

Approval under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, Division 12, will be required for the floodlighting installation. This process involves the preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors report.

Demolition of the existing lights can be considered under a Heritage Exemption Certificate given it is deemed as minor and not adversely affecting the site's heritage significance, consistent with Clause 5.10(3)(a) of the Local Environmental Plan. The replacement lighting will be designed to respect the heritage value and setting of the park.

Design and construction timelines will be coordinated with the winter sports season to minimise disruption to the community and sport clubs given the works will involve trenching and excavation of the playing surface.

In this regard, the proposed project timeline is as follows:

Milestone	
<b>July – September 2026</b>	Planning and Investigations – Delivery program, stakeholder identification and project risk identification
<b>October – May 2026</b>	Design development - Concept design, detailed design development, technical specifications and obtrusive lighting compliance report.
<b>January – May 2026</b>	Part 5 Planning Pathway and Heritage Exemption Certificate – Preparation of Review of Environmental Factors and Part 5 approval. Preparation of Heritage documents and Heritage Exemption Certificate. (Design development and Part 5 approval to run concurrently).
<b>June – August 2026</b>	Construction Procurement - Preparation of construction tender documentation, public tender for construction contractor and construction contract award.
<b>September 2026 – February 2027</b>	Construction contract period – 6 months including material lead times.
<b>March 2027</b>	Project completion and handover to clubs for the 2027 winter sports season.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The adopted Delivery Program currently allocates \$20,000 in 2027/28 for design and \$1,200,000 in 2028/29 for construction of the Birchgrove Oval Floodlighting upgrade.

It is proposed to advance this funding, in line with the Council's resolution, to allocate \$20,000 for design in 2025/26 and \$1,200,000 for construction in 2026/27. This adjustment will be recommended as part of the 2025/26 first quarter budget review.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 35  
**Subject:** LEICHHARDT OVAL REFURBISHMENT - MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATE  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments & 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:

- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment project.

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.

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

The planning approval pathway for the finalised scope is a State Significant Development (SSD) as the estimated cost of development exceeds \$30 million, with the NSW DPHI Planning and Public Spaces Team as the Consent Authority.

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 was lodged on the NSW planning portal on Thursday 29 May 2025. A response was received on 24 June 2025.

The SEARs included requests for specialist reports which will involve the engagement of specialised consultants to undertake the work.

A consultant team (currently being procured) will prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is required to be submitted seeking consent for the refurbishment.

Concurrently, Council has undertaken tender processes to engage project management services for the project and appoint a Principal Design Consultant. The evaluation reports for these services are being tabled to Council as separate confidential reports to this Council meeting.

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 (Completed)
- 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.

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

*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.*

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 planning approval pathway for the finalised scope is a State Significant Development (SSD) as the estimated cost of development exceeds \$30 million, with the NSW DPHI Planning and Public Spaces Team as the Consent Authority.

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 was lodged on the NSW planning portal on Thursday 29 May 2025. A response was received on 24 June 2025.

The SEARS included requests for specialist reports which will involve the engagement of specialised consultants to undertake the work.

A consultant team (currently being procured) will prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is required to be submitted seeking consent for the refurbishment.

Concurrently, Council has undertaken tender processes to engage project management services for the project and appoint a Principal Design Consultant that will lead a team of consultants including structural, electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, planning, heritage, accessibility and BCA to undertake the design development and schematic design phase. This will form the 80% design package. The evaluation reports for these services are being tabled to Council as separate confidential reports to this Council meeting.

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 (Completed)
- 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.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 36  
**Subject:** CLONTARF COTTAGE REFURBISHMENT UPDATE  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments & Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

Item 36

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the report**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report notes the replacement of the existing timber chairs at Clontarf Cottage due to their limited suitability for current and future usage, with new indoor / outdoor stackable chairs at a cost of \$1,733.87. This will improve accessibility, functionality, and free up usable space to better support community activities at the venue.

The total cost of purchasing and delivering the new chairs is \$1,733.87 (Inc GST).

The revenue collected by the Friend of Clontarf Cottage (\$57,939.80) will be transferred to Council in September 2025, once the account matures. It will be allocated to the restricted reserve and used to pay for the proposed new seating and the current kitchen upgrade works.

**BACKGROUND**

Clontarf Cottage is a heritage-listed Council facility built in 1844 and is used for weddings, milestone events, community meetings and small group activities.

The venue was previously managed by the Friends of Clontarf Cottage (Friends) who collected \$57,939.80 in revenue from the hire of the venue, and it is currently held in a trust account that matures in September 2025.

At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council provide a report to the August 2025 Council meeting detailing the costs associated with replacing the existing chairs and tables at Clontarf Cottage with smaller, stackable alternatives that require minimal storage space.*
2. *That Council investigate options to repurpose or incorporate the existing furniture into a circular economy framework to minimise environmental impact.*
3. *That Council acknowledge the existence of \$58,000 currently held in an account raised through venue hire revenue when the venue was managed by the Friends of Clontarf Cottage, and:*

- a) *Thank the Friends of Clontarf Cottage for notifying Inner West Council about the available funds and acknowledge their ongoing advocacy for the care and preservation of the cottage;*
- b) *Advise on the process for transferring these funds to Inner West Council;*
- c) *Confirm that the funds will not be consolidated into general revenue;*
- d) *Confirm that the funds will be used to complete current works at Clontarf Cottage; and*
- e) *Specify which projects the funds will be allocated to.*

**DISCUSSION**

The stated capacity of Clontarf Cottage as a venue is 50 people, with a 2024/25 utilisation rate of 14%.

There are three regular long-term hirers who use Clontarf Cottage on a monthly or fortnightly basis, with groups ranging from 12 to 20 people. Casual bookings vary in size from small meetings of four people to events such as birthdays or weddings with up to 50 attendees.

The annual "Festive Season Gathering" hosted by the Friends of Clontarf Cottage attracts between 30 and 50 participants. This event primarily takes place on the front lawn and uses the plastic outdoor chairs.

The existing indoor timber chairs are substantial in size and weight, presenting challenges in handling and storage. Currently, these chairs occupy approximately 16% of the available internal space, thereby limiting flexibility and reducing the venue's suitability for a range of bookings.

Following an assessment of current and anticipated utilisation patterns, it is proposed to reduce the quantity of indoor chairs from 50 to 30. This adjustment is intended to optimise spatial efficiency and enhance adaptability for various event configurations.

Accordingly, it is proposed to replace the current timber seating with the "Specta Chair" in brown. This chair is a single-piece, recyclable chair that is stackable, lightweight, durable, and appropriate for both indoor and outdoor use. The chosen colour palette complements the venue's heritage aesthetic, while the selected materials and design minimise safety risks typically associated with heavier furnishings.

When stacked, the new chairs will occupy less than one square metre of space. This represents a reduction in the total floor area being used for storage to 1.36%. If endorsed by Council, the "Specta Chair" is in stock and can be purchased immediately.

The existing four beech-coloured flip tables are in good condition and will be retained as a reduction in the number of tables would negatively impact the venue's usability and attractiveness for hire.

The existing 20 plastic outdoor chairs will also be retained. These will be stored at the Balmain Depot and made available when needed for outdoor events.

Venue information on Council's website will be updated to reflect the new seating inventory. This will help manage expectations while ensuring users understand the venue's flexibility.

**Environmental and social considerations**

The current inside timber chairs were originally repurposed from Haberfield Library in 2021, with their reuse at Clontarf Cottage supporting Council's circular economy approach.

Disposal of any chairs will be managed in line with Councils Disposal Policy for Assets of fair quality which includes reuse within Council facilities or donating to charities or non-profit community groups.

The proposed approach noted in discussion supports Council’s asset renewal and optimisation goals by ensuring the venue remains safe and fit for purpose. It contributes to community wellbeing by improving accessibility and user experience.

The project aligns with Council’s sustainability commitments.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total cost of purchasing and delivering the new chairs is \$1,733.87 (Inc GST).

The revenue collected by the Friend of Clontarf Cottage (\$57,939.80) will be transferred to Council in September 2025, once the account matures. It will be allocated to the restricted reserve and used to pay for the proposed new seating and current kitchen upgrade works.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 37  
**Subject:** MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS FOR THE USE OF THE BASEMENT  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments & 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:

3: Creative communities and a strong economy

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council resolved to use Marrickville Town Hall for live music and multicultural performances and transform the basement into a flexible black-box performance space to support live music, multicultural events, and the Inner West’s creative sector. This initiative aligns with Council’s strategic goals to foster creative communities and strengthen the local economy and aligns with *Council’s Creative Town Halls program* and *the Inner West Cultural Strategy*.

An Expression of Interest process is underway to identify a qualified operator, either commercial or not-for-profit or as a consortia, to manage and program the venue. The selected organisation will oversee operations, bookings, and community access in line with Council’s cultural strategy.

Council is currently in the planning phase to convert the basement into a flexible performance space, with construction to proceed in stages. The project will deliver an adaptable venue suitable for intimate gatherings, rehearsals, and smaller-scale performances. Additionally, several ancillary rooms are planned, including a soundproof room, restroom facilities, and a kitchen, to support a range of functions.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) process is expected to conclude by March 2026 which includes the new operator commencing. Basement work is scheduled to be carried out concurrently and is also anticipated to be completed by March 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

*Creative Inner West: Cultural Strategy 2022 - 2025* highlighted a significant need for affordable, fit-for purpose spaces for the creative sector. The Strategy supported leveraging Council owned creative spaces for the benefit of creatives and the community as follows:

*Action 4.4: Consolidate and expand Council owned Creative Spaces, including town halls, and optimise the community cultural benefit provided*

Based on learnings from the Creative Use of Council Venues Pilot Program, Council resolved at its December 2023 meeting to fit out the Marrickville Town Hall basement as a performance space for the local creative industry and community.

Council's vision for the Marrickville Town Hall Basement is to establish it as a culturally inclusive, dynamic, and professionally managed venue that:

- Provides a platform for live music and multicultural performance
- Prioritises Inner West creatives and community access
- Operates a fair and equitable booking system
- Reflects the diverse character of the Inner West
- Supports career pathways for local artists and arts workers
- Contributes to place-making and the local night-time economy
- Aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan, Creative Inner West: Cultural Strategy 2022 - 2025 and Creative Town Halls.

It is proposed to fit out the space as a flexible black box. This is a common a set up approach in the creative industry which provides versatility for multipurpose use, including live performance.

At the Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council receive a report to the August 2025 Council meeting on the Expression of Interest process for management and operation of the basement space within Marrickville Town Hall as a live music/performance venue.*
2. *That the draft EOI process include criteria on how external management and operation would:*
  - a) *Enhance community access to and community benefit from use of the space as a live music venue.*
  - b) *Align with Council's Creative Town Halls program and the Inner West Cultural Strategy.*

## DISCUSSION

### Expression of Interest

The objective of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process is to ensure that the Marrickville Town Hall basement evolves into a vibrant and inclusive venue that reflects and advances Council's cultural and community objectives. This initiative is consistent with both the Creative Town Halls program and the Inner West Cultural Strategy, and it is committed to delivering a diverse, dynamic, and accessible program of cultural activities that serve the wider community.

Through the EOI, Council seeks to identify organisations capable of managing the basement as a creative space, including oversight of programming and bookings. The selected applicant will be expected to attract artists, performers, and cultural organisations, thereby enhancing the vibrancy and inclusivity of the local area through innovative and high-quality programming.

Applicants may be either commercial or not-for-profit organisations, operating independently or as part of a consortium, provided they can demonstrate an understanding of the needs and aspirations of the Inner West community. Consortia submitting applications must nominate a lead organisation for agreement negotiations.

Prospective applicants are required to submit a comprehensive description of their proposed operational model, including details on booking management, programming content selection, and strategies for serving the community through commercial or programming initiatives.

The EOI requires that use of the basement aligns with Council's cultural and community strategic objectives, as articulated in the *Council's Creative Town Halls program and the Inner West Cultural Strategy*. To ensure alignment, the following criteria will apply to the EOI submissions:

- Provide a fair and equitable booking process for creatives to apply to use the basement
- Provide a model that is financially sustainable and follows Council's fees and charges schedule for bookings
- Give priority to Inner West creatives for use of the space
- Applicants will be required to demonstrate suitable experience in delivering similar models
- Applicants will need to demonstrate a strong knowledge of the Inner West creative sector

It is anticipated that the EOI process will consist of two stages: initially, suitable applicants will be shortlisted; subsequently, these shortlisted parties will be invited to submit a more detailed business case.

Council will invite selected applicants to proceed to the second stage, during which they will be required to submit further supporting documentation and deliver a presentation detailing their strategies for maximising public value through the project.

Supporting information will need to include detailing the operational model that will be used to manage and operate the basement noting that the successful applicant will be responsible for staffing and all related employment conditions, and compliance for operating the spaces. The model must include a financial plan with a budget forecast showing operational costs and a proposed funding model.

A further assessment will then be conducted, after which the successful applicant will be invited to enter negotiations regarding the lease and a Service Level Agreement with Council.

The EOI advertisement is scheduled to be issued on Friday 8 August 2025.

It is intended that the EOI process will be conducted concurrently with building works to the basement. This approach enables the selection and negotiation of an operator while construction is underway, ensuring that the basement can become occupied and operational immediately upon completion of the works.

It's worth noting that the main hall on the ground floor, as well as other rooms on both the ground and first floors of the Town Hall, will still be managed by the Council. These spaces will remain part of the Creative Use of Town Halls project and continue to be overseen by Council staff.

### **Basement Works**

Council is currently in the planning phase to convert the basement into a flexible performance space, with construction to proceed in stages. This project will deliver an adaptable venue suitable for intimate gatherings, rehearsals, and smaller-scale performances. Additionally, several ancillary rooms are planned, including a soundproof room, restroom facilities, and a kitchen, to support a range of functions.

The scope of works include:

#### **Stage 1a – Demolition**

- Take down the office ceiling to increase the height from floor to ceiling.
- Remove any old electrical wiring and air conditioning units that are no longer needed, including those on walls and ceilings.
- Paint the ceiling and any exposed pipes or wires black.
- Remove all carpet tiles and prepare the concrete floor underneath. Depending on its condition, the floor will either be polished or painted with an epoxy finish.
- Take out any unused library shelves or fixtures.

Stage 1b – Basic Fitout

- Add soundproofing to the ceiling, outside walls, and columns to stop noise going between the basement and the main town hall above, and to reduce noise outside for people living on Lilydale Street, following advice from the Acoustic Consultant.
- Install a new air conditioning system because the current one is worn out and needs replacing.
- Increase the number of toilets. At the moment, there are only enough bathrooms for 50 people, but the new setup needs to serve 150 people.
- Build a new kitchen that is accessible to everyone, since the current kitchen cannot be easily accessed and is too expensive to upgrade.
- Soundproof the back room (currently used for storage) as recommended by the Acoustic Consultant.
- Add the wiring and supports needed for stage lighting and an audio-visual control desk.
- Upgrade the electrical supply and move equipment as needed so the venue can be used in different ways.
- Install wiring so the building can have a fast internet (NBN) connection.
- Look into ways to improve access to the building, possibly by adding a dedicated loading area.

Stage 2 – User Fitout

- Set up lighting rigs that can be moved and adjusted for different types of events.
- Make small improvements, as budget allows, to support the new operator. This could include adding curtains, stage risers, lighting, chairs, or flexible staging

**Proposed Timeline**

The Expression of Interest (EOI) process is expected to conclude by March 2026, as outlined below.

Basement works are scheduled to be carried out concurrently and are also anticipated to be completed by March 2026.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Time / Date</b>
Expression of Interest is available on Vendor Panel <i>*Respondents begin to prepare submissions</i>	Friday 8 August 2025 (6 weeks)
Project Briefing by Council officers at Marrickville Town Hall Basement <i>*Respondents can attend and seek further information on the EOI.</i>	Wednesday 27 August 2025
Deadline for all respondent enquiries <i>* to allow sufficient time for response to all respondents prior to EOI closing</i>	Friday 12 September 2025
Expression of Interest Close <i>Stage 1 Submissions Due</i>	Friday 19 September 2025
EOI Assessment Period <i>*Selected respondents may be invited for an interview to present their proposal</i>	21 September to 3 October 2025 (2 weeks)
Request for Proposals (RFP) <i>*Successful respondents will be shortlisted and requested to submit a detailed proposal</i>	Monday 6 October 2025 Friday to Friday 21 November 2025 (6 weeks)
Stage 2 Business Case Submissions Due	Friday 21 November 2025
Presentation to Council	Week commencing Monday 24 November 2025
Successful respondent notified	Friday 12 December 2025

Lease Agreement Negotiations <i>*Lease terms and conditions agreed and finalised</i>	December 2025 to March 2026
Lease Agreement Executed	March 2026
Tenant takes possession of the building	By 31 March 2026

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

An allocation of \$654,000 is available for the proposed basement works within the 2025/26 Capital Works Budget, which is considered sufficient for the purpose to create a 'blackbox'

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 38  
**Subject:** COUNCILLOR EXPENSES FOR 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Senior Manager Governance and Risk  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

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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:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to publicly table the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors for the 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 period, in accordance with the adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

## BACKGROUND

Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy requires that Council report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors publicly and that these reports include expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.

A report on Councillors' expenditure covering the 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 period was submitted to the 11 March 2025 Council meeting. This report covers the expenditure relating to the provision of expenses and facilities to anyone who was a Councillor during the 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 period.

## DISCUSSION

The provision of expenses being reported on are outlined below and align to the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy adopted expenditure:

- General Travel Expenses
- Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses
- Professional development including conferences and seminars
- ICT Expenses
- Carer expenses
- Home office expenses
- Greeting cards

There has been no expenditure that has exceeded the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy or adopted budget.

Councillor	General travel	Interstate, intrastate (Canberra) travel	Professional development conferences, seminars	ICT expenses	Carer expenses	Home office expenses	Greeting cards
Mayor Byrne	\$835		\$398	\$3,128			
Clr Antoniou		\$1,542	\$2,997	\$1,053			
Clr Atkins	\$257	\$4,863	\$4,703	\$2,619			
Clr Barlow		\$1,100	\$1,303	\$106			
Clr Blake			\$773	\$258			
Clr Carlisle	\$61		\$3,972	\$826			
Clr Clay	\$228	\$850	\$4,096	\$809	\$403		
Clr D'Arienzo	\$374		\$1,525	\$375			
Clr Fergusson			\$1,907	\$127			
Deputy Mayor Howard	\$79	\$1,100	\$1,280	\$387			
Clr Macri			\$472	\$260			
Clr Raciti			\$3,745	\$258			
Clr Scott	\$157		\$472	\$405			
Clr Smith				\$306			
Clr Tastan			\$3,242	\$260			
Clr Da Cruz	\$63	\$99		\$328		\$420	
Clr Drury	\$55	\$924		\$594		\$136	
Clr Griffiths	\$666	\$562		\$138			
Clr Langford		\$709	\$5,009	\$184			
Clr Lockie	\$26	\$788	\$104	\$319			
Clr Shetty			\$59	\$153			
Clr Stamolis			\$53	\$1,480			
Clr Stephens							
Clr Tsardoulis	\$51			\$134	\$493		
<b>Total combined Councillor actual expenses</b>	\$2,852	\$12,537	\$36,110	\$14,507	\$896	\$556	Nil
<b>Adopted budget per Councillor per year</b>	\$3,075 per Councillor	\$15,375 Total for all Councillors	\$6,150 per Councillor	\$3,690 per Councillor  \$6,150 (Mayor)	\$9,000 per Councillor	\$615 per Councillor	\$100 (Councillors)  \$500 (Mayor)

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the tabling of Councillor expenses.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 39  
**Subject:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025  
**Prepared By:** Julian Sakarai - Senior Manager Governance and Risk  
**Authorised By:** Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

Item 39

## 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 Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) Annual Conference will be held at Penrith from 23 to 25 November 2025. Voting for the LGNSW President and Director positions will also take place at the conference.

The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to the Annual Conference and to assist Councillors who wish to submit any motions for consideration at the Annual Conference. Any such motions need to be endorsed by Council at the 23 September 2025 Council meeting so that they can be submitted to the Annual Conference by the 30 September 2025 deadline for submissions.

## BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 June 2025, Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council nominate Councillors to attend the 2025 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Conference*
  - a) *Mayor Darcy Byrne*
  - b) *Cr Jo Carlisle*
  - c) *Cr Vicki Clay*
  - d) *Cr Jess D'Arienzo*
  - e) *Cr Kerrie Fergusson*
  - f) *Cr Philippa Scott*
  - g) *Cr Liz Atkins*
  - h) *Cr Ismet Tastan*
  - i) *Cr Andrew Blake*
  - j) *Cr Olivia Barlow*
  - k) *Cr Izabella Antoniou*
  
2. *That Council determine the 9 voting delegates for the LGNSW Board Election*
  - a) *Mayor Darcy Byrne*
  - b) *Cr Jo Carlisle*
  - c) *Cr Vicki Clay*
  - d) *Cr Jess D'Arienzo*
  - e) *Cr Kerrie Fergusson*
  - f) *Cr Philippa Scott*

- g) Cr Liz Atkins
- h) Cr Olivia Barlow
- i) Cr Ismet Tastan

3. That Council determine the 9 voting delegates for voting on motions at the 2025 LGNSW Conference.
  - a) Mayor Darcy Byrne
  - b) Cr Jo Carlisle
  - c) Cr Vicki Clay
  - d) Cr Jess D'Arienzo
  - e) Cr Kerrie Fergusson
  - f) Cr Philippa Scott
  - g) Cr Liz Atkins
  - h) Cr Olivia Barlow
  - i) Cr Ismet Tastan
  
4. That a further report be submitted to the 19 August 2025 Council meeting which is to include the LGNSW Motions Submissions Guide (and the Conference Program) to assist Councillors who wish to submit any motions for consideration at the Conference.

Officers have registered the Councillors attending the Annual Conference and the nominated voting delegates.

## DISCUSSION

LGNSW is the peak body representing New South Wales local councils. LGNSW holds an Annual Conference, which is the main policy making even for NSW Councils where issues are debated and motions put forward for consideration by delegates.

This report deals with the following two components:

- LGNSW Board election; and
- Motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference

### LGNSW Board Election

The opening date to nominate as a candidate in the LGNSW Board election is 30 September 2025 and the closing date is 21 October 2025. The Board election is being conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission. Further information about the election will be contained in the Election Notice, which will become available on 30 September 2025. Individual Councillors can nominate and this does not require a Council resolution.

Board voting will be undertaken on Monday 24 November 2025.

### Motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference

Motions may be submitted for debate at the Annual Conference so long as they meet the criteria determined by the LGNSW Board, as outlined below. Members are asked to submit motions by **30 September 2025** to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Annual Conference. Under the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the business paper is **26 October 2025**.

LGNSW will distribute the Business Papers the week commencing 10 November 2025.

The LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they:

1. Are consistent with the objects of LGNSW (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules),
2. Relate to or concern local government as a sector in NSW and/or across Australia,

3. Seek to establish or change policy positions of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the Association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for decisions around resourcing any campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process),
4. Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws),
5. Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature, and
6. Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

If Councillors wish to submit any motions for the Annual Conference, these should be considered by Council and adopted at the 23 September 2025 meeting, in order to meet the 30 September 2025 lodging deadline.

To assist Councillors who wish to submit any motions for consideration at the Annual Conference, the following information is attached to the report:

- Motions Submission Guide (*Attachment 2*);
- Decisions from the previous Annual Conference held in November 2024 (*Attachment 3*); and
- LGNSW Policy Platform which outlines current policy positions shaped by past resolutions (*Attachment 4*).

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

### ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) LGNSW Annual Conference Draft Program
2. [↓](#) LGNSW Annual Conference Motion submission guide
3. [↓](#) 2024 LGNSW Conference resolutions
4. [↓](#) LGNSW Policy Platform













































































































































































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**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 40  
**Subject:** 54 THORNLEY STREET LEICHHARDT - TREE REMOVAL  
**Prepared By:** Lindsay Field - Public Tree Manager  
**Authorised By:** Peter Shields - 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:

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## DISCUSSION

This report provides additional information to the Officer's comment provided to Item 42 Notice of Motion: Tree Removal at 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt on the 19 August 2025 Council meeting agenda.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

1. [Briefing Note - Tree Removal 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt - 1 August 2025](#)
2. [Briefing Note - Council Staff Review of resident Arborist Report and resident submission 54 Thornley St Leichhardt 12 August 2025](#)



























































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 41  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: CAR SHARE SPOTS  
**From:** Councillor Victor Macri

**MOTION**

**That a report on the annual fee for car share spaces to include a comparison of other councils to come back to Council for consideration at the February 2026 meeting.**

**Background**

*With the number of car share companies expanding, it is putting increase pressure on at grade parking spots it is crucial that we use this resource wisely and in the best interests of the residents ensuring we achieve an equitable outcome.*

*Dear all,*

*I am writing in relation to Item 9 of the Local Traffic Committee meeting on 16 June 2025. The item referred to an approach from Flexicar for 12 on-street car share spaces in the Inner West LGA. The Minutes will record that the motion passed with the exclusion of Arthur Street Marrickville.*

*I voted for the motion and the exclusion as I believed it was my responsibility as Jo Haylen's rep to do so. Personally, I am opposed to the motion and would like to justify my opposition. I will preface my comments by saying that I understand the positive aspects of car-share, i.e., alternative to car ownership, convenience, environmental benefits to mention a few.*

*My issue revolves around the use of public car spaces and the charges involved. As I understand, the current fees are:*

*Application fee - \$187  
 Signage - \$439  
 Annual fee - \$200*

*The annual fee for a dedicated car space is not realistic. A quick Google search found the following commercial car space rents in residential or other private carparks.*

*Ashfield \$141-\$292/month  
 Leichhardt \$208-\$242/month  
 Marrickville \$312-\$390/month  
 Balmain \$260-\$403/month  
 Summer Hill \$130-\$364/month  
 Annandale \$412-\$637/month*

*It is important to recognise that these car spaces are off-street and not utilising public streets. The other major difference is that these rentals are monthly.*

*Calculating on an annual amount, these commercial rents are between \$1,440 and \$7,644 per annum. Based on that alone, the \$200 annual fee charged by IWC is unrealistic.*

*As to rental charges, following is a comparison of the four major car share companies.*

*GoGet KINTO Popcar Flexicar  
 Subscription (Mth) \$30 - \$20 \$15  
 Daily hire \$69 \$68 \$79 \$85*

Per KM - 27c - 35c

Compared to No Birds (\$31-60 daily) and Orana (\$35-65) rentals charged by the car share companies isn't necessarily a good deal.

Car share companies doubtless take money away from established car hire companies. That may explain why Hertz purchased the car-sharing company Flexicar in December 2010.

Given the concessions offered to car share companies it was a sound business decision. Generally, car hire companies must own or rent premises to hold its vehicles, whilst car share companies do incur such overheads. The formation of this business plan is pure genius and unfortunately councils across Sydney are on board for the ride.

Private car ownership reveals the following –

Per Household Greater Sydney IWC  
Overall Car Ownership 84.2% 78.8%  
One Car 38.1% 50.3%  
Two Cars 31.0% 22.5%  
Three Cars or more 15.1% 6.1%  
No Cars 10.8% 17.0%

There are approximately 880 car share spaces in Greater Sydney, of which I believe around 80 are in the IWC LGA. Keeping in mind that the Fairer Future for the Inner West strategy mentions 35,000 homes, the statistics above would indicate an increase of around 17,600 cars.

According to Statista.com revenue in the Australian car-sharing market is projected to reach US\$246.80m (AUS\$380m) in 2025.

On that figure alone, it is time that IWC charged commercial rents for the use of spaces. The use of public street spaces should also be reconsidered. It is reasonable that the IWC use council owned car parks to rent spaces.

The car share industry has set up an advantageous business model, and good luck to them. That said, the IWC is losing out on an income stream that would benefit all ratepayers. It is undeniable that car share companies (i.e., private car rental companies) are receiving advantages not open to similar companies.

I urge the Council to reconsider the low charges made available to car share companies for use of public car parking space. Whilst I oppose use of parking spaces on public roads, the Council should at least consider raising the annual fees to reflect commercial rents in the IWC LGA.

Failing that, car share spaces should only be available in council owned car parks.

Graeme McKay

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 42  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: TREE REMOVAL AT 54 THORNLEY STREET LEICHHARDT  
**From:** Councillor Andrew Blake

**MOTION**

1. That Council note that:
  - a) Thornley Street is a quiet residential street situated on the Excelsior Estate running north to south;
  - b) Outside 54 Thornley Street is a 16m tall Yellow Bloodwood tree which is one the last remaining mature aged tree within the area;
  - c) The tree plays significant functions such as:
    - i. Canopy and shade;
    - ii. Emotional solace to those waiting at Leichhardt Women’s Medical Centre; and
    - iii. Home to multiple species of mammals including possums, and birds, including lorikeets, cockatoos and currawongs.
  - d) On about 5 June 2025, Council affixed a tree removal notice to the tree;
  - e) On 6 June 2025, a local resident submitted a GIPA application in respect of the tree (*Attachment 3*). The GIPA application sought production of documents dated or coming into existence on or after 1 January 2023 concerning, constituting or on the subject matter of any of the following:
    - i. The decision made by the Inner West Council to issue a tree removal notice dated on or about 6 June 2025.
    - ii. The reasons for the decision.
    - iii. Inspections of the tree by employees and/or consultants of the Inner West Council.
    - iv. Assessments by employees and/or consultants of the Inner West Council on the condition of the tree including written reports.
  - e) On 10 June 2025, being 2 business days after affixing the notice, Council commenced preparatory works to remove the tree the following date by placing bollards outside 54 Thornley Street. There were no extenuating circumstances requiring the removal of the tree within 14 days after the affixing of the notice and such action was contrary to Section 9 of Council’s Urban Forest Policy adopted 20 May 2025.
  - f) On 10 June 2025, Council stopped the works to remove the tree following representations by Cllr Philippa Scott.
  - g) On a date after 10 June 2025, council replaced the tree removal notice with a second notice. The notice advises that a replacement Brush Box (understood to be “100 litre” tree) shall be planted as part of Council’s 2025/2026 Tree Planting Program if the tree is removed.
  - h) On about 22 June 2025, residents established a petition calling for the rescission of the decision to remove the tree. Notice of the petition was given to residents via a letter box drop to the 500 houses closest to the tree and posts to the Leichhardt Community Group Facebook page. As at 10:00am on 9 August 2025, 380 residents have signed the petition
  - i) On about 17 July 2025, Council responded to the GIPA Application by only providing an extract from its CRM and correspondence to/from Councillors and residents dated after the first removal notice was affixed to the tree.
  - j) On 30 July 2024, Michael Tay, Coordinator Public Tree prepared an Inspection Report addressing details of his inspection of the tree on 21 March 2025 and the

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- reasons for the tree’s removal. In his report, Mr Tay considered that:
- i. The condition of the tree is good, and it is generally healthy.
  - ii. The only reason for its removal is because, in his opinion, there are no practical remedial options to reinstate the footway to a conforming level and width
- k) Residents have commissioned Margot Blues, Consulting Arborist (AQ5) to prepare an independent report on the condition of the tree. In her report dated 4 August 2025 Ms Blues expressed opinions to the following effect:
- l) Her TRAQ assessment resulted in an overall tree risk rating of LOW and an overall residual risk rating of LOW.
- i. As the tree is mature, in good health and well established, its removal should be the last consideration especially from an environmental viewpoint.
  - ii. The tree has a very high retention value based on its health, condition, environmental benefits, prominence and estimated remaining ULE.
  - iii. The slight disruption to the footpath ... would not seem significant enough to warrant the removal of such a mature healthy tree. [The issue] could be managed and the tree retained.
2. That Council accept the petition tabled as *Attachment 2* to this Notice of Motion.
3. That Council requests the General Manager to:
- a) Rescind the decision made on or before 5 June 2025 to remove the tree situated at 54 Thornley Street, Leichhardt (Tree).
  - b) Commission a report from a suitably qualified independent environmental consultant (Environmental Consultant) to provide advice and recommendations in respect of Council’s obligations under the NSW Biodiversity and Conservation Act (NSW) 2016 and the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act (Cth), and on receiving such a report act in accordance with the recommendations made the Environmental Consultant.
  - c) Work with residents of Thornley to explore options for repairing the cracked footpath, include ramps, and/or constructing a footpath around the eastern side of the tree.
  - d) In the event that Council has demonstrated that it has fulfilled its obligations with the above acts and exhausted all engineering options to preserve the tree, a replacement tree is to within four weeks of the removal of the Tree as part of its 2025/2026 tree planting program.
  - e) If the tree is to be removed, a wildlife removal plan is to be put in place before removing the tree.
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### **Background**

The Thornley Street Bloodwork is an iconic landmark in Leichhardt. It provides shade to residents and passerby’s, as well as a home for numerous wildlife. This tree was slated for removal in June. The residents of Thornley have organized a petition to save this tree with almost 400 signatures. Despite repeated requests to delay the removal of this tree until after the August council meeting – so that the residents petition could be table, the tree was set for removal on 6 August. Over a dozen residents gathered in the early morning as a protest to the removal before the chain saws were called off.

This meeting is now opportunity for the residents to be heard and for Council to look at alternative solutions to removing integral parts of our urban canopy.

**Officer’s Comments:**

**Comment from General Manager:**

Following recent requests from Councillors to defer removal of the tree, Legal Services have advised that the role of a Councillor is not to influence an administrative decision by Council officers when such decision has been properly performed under delegation. There is no express prohibition that forbids a Councillor from becoming involved in an operational decision of Council. However, if such a decision has been made in accordance with the legislation and more importantly to protect the safety of members of the public, then the role and influence of a Councillor in such decisions is limited. There is an open question in relation to the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (WHS Act) about whether a Councillor or Council vote and decision which may override an operational decision of Council [the organisation], impacts the exclusion of Councillors from section 5 *Meaning of ‘Person conducting a business or undertaking’* (or PCBU) subsection (5) which provides “An elected member of a local authority does not in that capacity conduct a business or undertaking.”. If so, Councillors risk being held liable as an Officer under the WHS Act for any associated public safety incidents which follow.

The reason for the tree removal of the tree was addressed in correspondence to residents on 30 June 2025 with a new tree removal date proposed of 24 July 2025.

Council’s reason for removal hasn’t changed since this time but further supplementary information was provided to Councillors in a Briefing Note dated 1 August and the most recent submission provided by residents has been also addressed in detail in the file note dated 12 August 2025. Both of these are attached for Council’s reference in an additional report titled 54 Thornley Street Tree removal.

There is no practical option that will keep the footway open and retain the tree. Council has a responsibility to manage foreseeable risk and maintain appropriate footpaths for all users regardless of mobility. The removal and replacement of the tree provides a viable intergenerational option that removes the risk and provides for the future.

Council staff have formed the opinion that the tree is generally healthy, the High risk posed to pedestrians is foreseeable and unacceptable, and there are no practical remedial options to reinstate the footway to a conforming level and width. As stated in Council’s Risk Management Policy, Council has a low risk appetite for activities that pose safety risks to the public.

The tree will be removed under the *Roads Act 1993* to allow the works to be undertaken and address the traffic hazard. The works include:

1. The tree removal, stump grinding,
2. Footway and kerb and gutter reinstatement with an investigation to expand to increase space for the new tree, and
3. A new 100 litre Brushbox planted as part of Council 2025/26 program due to commence in spring 2025.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [↓](#) Tree Photograph
2. [↓](#) Save the Tree Petition
3. [↓](#) Tree Removal Notice
4. [↓](#) Tay Report
5. [↓](#) Blues Report













































































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 43  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: AMY STREET PATHWAY  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

**MOTION**

1. That Council note that at the Council meeting on 9 August 2022, Council resolved to amend the Plan of Management for Henson Park, and that this included retaining the pathway known as the “Amy Street Pathway” connecting Amy Street and Centennial Street, Marrickville.
2. That Council notes this is a vital pedestrian thoroughfare connecting the north and south communities of Marrickville.
3. That Council notes the pathway is currently closed while construction is underway as part of Stage 2 of the Henson Park upgrades.
4. That Council upgrades the pathway before reopening it later this year, including:
  - a) Resurfacing the pathway;
  - b) Removing the barbed wire fences and replacing fences on both sides of the pathway, incorporating artistic elements that reflect the sporting, industrial and natural history of the precinct and other elements that ensure the pathway is aesthetically pleasing, safe and accessible; and
  - c) Incorporating interpretative signage.
5. That Council investigate naming the pathway in commemoration of the late Carla Stacey AO in accordance with the Inner West Naming Policy, to be reported at an upcoming meeting of the Council and with sufficient time to incorporate recognition prior to the pathway’s reopening.
6. That should the pathway be nominated for renaming in honour of Carla Stacey AO, consultation be undertaken with her family regarding the recognition to take place.
7. That Council fund the upgrades to the pathway through the second quarter budget review.

**Background**

The Amy Street Pathway is an informal pedestrian and cycling access way running between Henson Park and the Marrickville Hardcourt District Tennis Club. It is a vital connection between north and south Marrickville.

The original amendments to the Henson Park plan of management rightly identified that the pathway is in need of upgrade, with uneven footpath and unsightly barbed wire on fencing along either side. The original plans had sought to incorporate the pathway into Henson Park, however, this would have resulted in a loss of egress when Henson Park is closed to public access.

Following a community campaign, the pathway was retained as a separate thoroughfare. During construction of Henson Park Stage 2, it has been necessary to temporarily close the pathway and council officers and contractors have ensured that an alternative, accessible pathway has been provided during that time.

When the pathway reopens, there is an opportunity to make improvements to the pathway and to make it a more friendly, aesthetically pleasing, safe and accessible thoroughfare.

Some examples of where artistic and placemaking elements have been incorporated in similar pathways and public spaces are included below:



*Sydney Metro Trains Facility South, Sydenham*



*Nuha Saaad art installation, Marrickville High School*

Carla Stacey AO was intimately involved in the promotion of local participation in sport and recreation, both in her role as the Co-ordinator in the council's Office of Sport, and through her extensive volunteer engagement in local P&C's and sporting clubs.

The Amy Street pathway connects Henson Park, Marrickville Hardcourt District Tennis Club and Marrickville High School, three local landmarks where Carla was deeply involved in creating meaningful change. The pathway is a close distance to her home.

Carla was a passionate advocate for active transport, walking and cycling, and the Amy Street pathway is a vital active transport corridor.

Re-naming the Amy Street Pathway to recognise the extraordinary contribution of Carla Stacey AO is an apt recognition of her extraordinary and enduring contribution to sport, recreation, active transport and civic life in the Inner West.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No: C0825(1) Item 44**  
**Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: COOKS RIVER LIGHTING**  
**From: Deputy Mayor Mat Howard**

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**MOTION**

1. That Council notes the recent allocation of funds required to install lighting along the Cooks River Pathway from Kendrick Park, Tempe, to Steel Park, Marrickville.
  2. That Council acknowledges that this funding is the result of tireless community advocacy following the abhorrent attack of a young woman on the Cooks River Pathway in 2023.
  3. That Council recognises the critical contribution of community members, such as Kiera Mackenzie, who have worked to raise awareness around the lack of lighting along the river, as well as local organisations such as the Cooks River Alliance, Mudcrabs, and Marrickville Football Club.
  4. That Council continue to support ongoing community initiatives aimed at improving safety along the Cooks River and throughout the Inner West.
  5. That Council ask council officers to add the Cooks River lighting project to the agenda and regular reporting of the Major Projects Committee.
  6. That Council provide regular updates of progress to the community, Marrickville Football Club, Cooks River Alliance, and the Office of the Member for Summer Hill and Office of the Member for Heffron.
  7. That Council, given the funding commitment from the State Government, and following a further assessment of costs for the Cooks River Lighting project, reallocate any surplus funding initially dedicated to the project in the Inner West Council's operational budget to fund the upgrade of lighting, footpaths, safety upgrades and other infrastructure as part of the Sydenham Road Strategy.
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**Background**

The recent 2025-2026 Budget contained a \$1.6 million allocation of funding to Inner West Council to upgrade lighting along the northern side of the Cooks River from Kendrick Park, Tempe, to Steel Park, Marrickville.

This followed a concerted community campaign to install lighting following a violent attack on a young woman walking along the river, and sustained advocacy from Inner West Council.

A "walk shop" was convened by the Member for Summer Hill in 2024, bringing together representatives from Transport for NSW, Inner West Council, gas and oil companies with responsibility for the high pressure pipelines that run along the river, the Cooks River Alliance and others.

The intention of this motion is to acknowledge this community win and to provide further clarity and oversight over the development of the project.

The 2025-26 Inner West Council Budget provisioned for \$1.6 million to complete this project, drawn from the Depreciation Reserve.

The reallocation of funding from the Depreciation Reserve in Inner West Council's Budget to the Sydenham Road strategy will ensure additional works are undertaken to improve community safety in the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward, further enhancing access to public transport and enhancing active transport.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 45  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ILLAWARRA ROAD BUSINESS SUPPORT  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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### **MOTION**

- 1. That Council host a roundtable of businesses located on Illawarra Road, Marrickville, to determine ways Inner West Council can support them and promote local businesses in Marrickville, and that the Member for Summer Hill and three Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward councillors be invited to participate.**
  - 2. That Council investigate opportunities to upgrade footpaths, lighting, street furniture and other public amenities as part of the Public Domain Strategy and seek grant funding to progress this work as a matter of priority.**
  - 3. That Council commit to hosting a festival and events to celebrate the opening of the Metro in Illawarra Road, Marrickville, and around Dulwich Hill station, funded through the quarterly budget review process.**
  - 4. That Council investigate including Illawarra Road in the Marrickville Music Festival from 2026.**
  - 5. That Council consider ways to work with Illawarra Road businesses directly to activate the Calvert Street carpark for events as part of the Plug and Play program.**
  - 6. That Council report back to Council on the outcome of the Roundtable and other initiatives on or before November 2026**
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### **Background**

Illawarra Road businesses are an eclectic mix of new and established businesses, ranging from Vietnamese grocers to fusion restaurants, small butchers to thriving live music venues, a collection of industry leading small bars, and landmark businesses including the Marrickville Pork Roll shop.

Businesses - particularly hospitality businesses - have struggled to stay afloat during the cost of living crisis and the closure of the T3 Bankstown Line. While the Metro will bring significant opportunity, Council can play a role in supporting businesses in the period leading up to its opening.

Inner West Council was granted funding through the NSW Government's Plug and Play program to activate the Calvert Street carpark for events.

Marrickville - including Illawarra Road - has been designated a Purple Flags district.

Inner West Council has consulted on a public domain strategy, which is due to return to council for further consideration in the future.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 46  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: YOUTH VOICE SUMMIT  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard and Councillor Jo Carlisle

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**MOTION**

1. That Council resolve to hold a Youth Voice Summit as part of the development of the Children and Youth Strategy, involving young people from across the Inner West and organisations that service youth.
  2. That Council hold the Youth Voice Summit in the 2025-2026 financial year, with costs funded through the existing Communities Budget.
  3. That Council involve the Young Leaders local democracy group and other young people in the development of the program.
  4. That Council include as a key outcome of the Youth Voice Summit a communique that captures the discussion, outcomes and aspirations of participants and which specifically addresses opportunities for Council to improve engagement with and services for young people.
  5. That Council report back to Council in November 2025 with a timeline, program of events, and other information, regarding the planned Youth Voice Summit, as well as further details on the Child and Youth Strategy.
  6. That Council consider including the following elements in the Summit:
    - a) A survey or other engagement prior to the event capturing young people's views of the Inner West, and specifically on service provision from Inner West Council and ways to meaningfully engage and serve young people;
    - b) A stakeholder roundtable, including service representatives and young clients from organisations servicing and supporting young people across the local government area;
    - c) Additional engagement with organisations and young people from marginalised communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTIQ+, disability and culturally and linguistically diverse communities;
    - d) A plenary session featuring young leaders from the Inner West focused on youth engagement and empowerment;
    - e) A listening, learning and engagement session for student leaders and representatives from local primary and secondary schools, and youth representatives from other local organisations with Federal, State, and Local elected representatives; and
    - f) Other engagements, activities and events as determined by staff.
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### **Background**

There are roughly 26,313 young people aged 0-14 living in the Inner West Council area, according to the 2021 Census, or 14.6% of the population.

Young people make a significant contribution to local civic life, the local economy, to the arts and creative scene, to improving our local environment, and across all walks of life.

A Youth Summit is intended to form a deep engagement on key issues relevant to young people, gauging their views on life in the Inner West, their vision and aspiration for our future community and to better understand how Inner West Council can meaningfully engage and service their needs.

The program is intended to platform young leaders, to connect young people with elected community representatives, and to directly inform the policy work of the council around children and young people.

It is intended that the Young Leaders local democracy working group play a leading role in shaping and delivering the Summit, enhancing the capacity of the Young Leaders to establish and deliver an event and shape public policy.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 47  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY AUDIT  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard and Councillor Kerrie Fergusson

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**MOTION**

1. That Council undertake a full audit of road safety around local schools in the Inner West Council area, with the ambition of improving road safety for students, pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.
  2. That Council include as part of the audit:
    - a) A safety assessment of all existing infrastructure, including pedestrian crossings, footpaths, cycleways, signalling, signage, parking, line markings and kiss and ride arrangements;
    - b) A program of maintenance of existing infrastructure to improve safety;
    - c) Opportunities for new infrastructure or traffic arrangements that will improve road safety around schools; and
    - d) Opportunities to trial a reduction in school zone speeds to 30 km/hr in select locations.
  3. That Council directly engage schools, P&C's/P&F's, students, residents surrounding schools, and local businesses, in the audit, through both direct engagement and a community survey.
  4. That Council publicise the audit in the Inner West Community News and other council communication channels.
  5. That Council directly engage the Department of Education, independent and catholic schools associations, and Transport for NSW in the audit.
  6. That Council provide a full report, detailing the data and outcomes to the June 2026 Inner West Traffic Committee and a later council meeting, which specifies:
    - a) information and feedback gathered at each school and early childhood education centre in the local government area;
    - b) A list of safety concerns and actions to reasonably address them, including the relevant agency responsible (i.e. Transport for NSW, Department of Education, Inner West Council or other council, or other agency); and
    - c) Any actions taken by Inner West Council to mitigate safety concerns, or plans to do so.
  7. That Council undertake to address any urgent safety-critical maintenance of existing infrastructure as it arises, and as a priority.
  8. That Council fund the audit through existing operational budgets, any critical maintenance works identified through the quarterly budget review process, and any other medium and long-term works through future budget processes.
  9. That Council provide a councillor briefing before December 2025 to update councillors on the staff's recommended approach to undertake this work and on progress made.
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**Background**

Road trauma and injury remains the number 1 killer of children aged 2 and above. The most dangerous time on our roads is around 3pm, the afternoon pick-up.

At the same time, fewer than 40% of school children ride or walk to school.

Inner West Council has a long history of proactive engagement when it comes to promoting safety around local schools, in partnership with local schools, parents and residents.

A full audit of road safety around schools and early childhood education centres will provide critical data and community feedback about safety concerns at local schools and centres, and help determine a program of works alongside other responsible agencies to improve road safety around our schools and places of learning.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 48  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE MEMORIAL  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

**MOTION**

1. That Council note the resolution C0425(1) of 29 April 2025 to acknowledge the contribution of Vietnamese Refugees to the Inner West.
2. That Council further resolve that this acknowledgement should take the form of a permanent memorial and that it be located in the vicinity of Little Vietnam in Marrickville.
3. That Council begin consultation with the Vietnamese community and Marrickville community on the establishment of a permanent memorial.
4. That Council construct and dedicate the memorial prior to 30 April 2026, ensuring it is delivered within the year commemorating 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War.
5. That Council apportion funding from the main streets revitalisation fund to deliver the project.
6. That Council receive a progress report via councillor briefing note in September 2025, outlining the timeline, costs and consultation and engagement schedule for the establishment of a permanent memorial.
7. That Council engage staff from both the Communities Directorate and Infrastructure Directorate in the delivery of the memorial.

**Background**

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

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-Midjubi Councillors*

Following feedback from community, it is clear there is public interest in the acknowledgement taking the form of a permanent memorial.

The motion seeks to formalise and provide clarity on the delivery of a permanent memorial and to commence community consultation.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 49  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: STEEL PARK ILLAWARRA ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING  
**From:** Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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### **MOTION**

1. That Council construct a raised pedestrian crossing on Illawarra Road to replace the existing at-grade pedestrian island at Illawarra Road and Wharf Street, subject to community consultation.
  2. That Council construct receive a report at the Inner West Local Traffic Committee on or before November 2025 regarding a raised pedestrian crossing at this location and outlining a consultation schedule, preliminary designs and other information.
  3. That Council construct time consultation and program delivery to align with the upgrade of Steel Park as an inclusive playground.
  4. That Council construct fund upgrades through the quarterly budget review or annual budget process, dependent on timing of the project.
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### **Background**

The existing pedestrian arrangements at Illawarra Road and Wharf Road are dangerous and are in urgent need of upgrade to prioritise pedestrian access and safety.

The crossing is heavily utilised by pedestrians and cyclists following the Cooks River cycleway and pathway, and accessing Steel Park playground and waterplay park, Steel Park oval, Mahoney Reserve playing fields, the basketball and skate facilities at Mahoney reserve, as well as Marrickville Golf Club and Parklands.

While there is a pedestrian crossing on the southern side of the Cooks River at Homer Street, an additional crossing is required to accommodate pedestrian and other movements on the popular northern (Inner West) side of the River.

Inner West Council is in the process of upgrading the inclusive playground at Steel Park and safe access is a key element of ensuring the playground is accessible for children and young people with disability.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 50  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: CENTENARY PARK, CROYDON  
**From:** Councillors Philippa Scott and Jo Carlisle

Item 50

**MOTION**

1. That Council amend the sporting fields renovation schedule so that Centenary Park is upgraded in 2027/2028 at the same time as the inclusive playground construction already scheduled for Centenary Park, with planning to be completed in 2026/2027.
2. That Council bring forward the planned renovation of Ashfield Park to be upgraded in 2026/2027 with planning to be completed in 2025/2026.
3. That Council commence new consultation on the Centenary Park upgrade with stakeholders including Ashfield Cricket Club, Burwood Football Club, Western Suburbs District Cricket Club, Super Six-a-side Soccer, park users, and Croydon residents, and keep the Mayor and General Manager informed about the consultation and the recommendation for upgrade before it comes to Council.
4. That Council approve that this new schedule and new consultation will supersede the report deferred for consideration at the March 2025 Council meeting, which should not be brought back to Council.

**Background**

Council resolved in November 2023 to improve accessibility and use by young people of Centenary Park, Croydon. In April 2024, the program of building inclusive playgrounds was amended to approve that the playground for Centenary Park would be scheduled for 2027/2028. To minimise disruption and maximise alignment of the accessible and inclusive elements of both the playground and the sportsfield, the construction should be conducted simultaneously.

Council continues to work through the proposed design with stakeholders, and thanks them for their positive engagement with the renovation of this park. All designs remain under consideration. Fresh consultation with the stakeholders should be conducted as preparation for a 2027/2028 build. A project of this size requires proper supervision, and recommendations should be reported directly to the Mayor and General Manager for approval before coming to Council. This will supersede the proposal prepared for March 2025 and deferred, and as such that report should not be returned to Council.

**Officer’s Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 51  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: PARKING ON EASTER STREET, LEICHHARDT  
**From:** Councillor Philippa Scott

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### **MOTION**

1. That Council consult with businesses on Parramatta Rd and residents of Albert St with a rear entrance on Easter Street, Leichhardt to understand the current parking situation on Easter Street.
  2. That Council prepare a report for Council's Local Traffic Committee with recommendations for improving the parking experience on Easter Street for businesses and residents.
  3. That Council as part of the consultation, consider the current parking zoning and whether any rezoning is recommended on Easter Street or any surrounding streets; improvements to the signage, particularly to replace the single sign at the intersection of Easter Street and National Street with signs along Easter Street; use of Council rangers; and the use of residential and business parking permits.
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### **Background**

Easter Street, between Elswick Street and Flood Street in Leichhardt, is designated a 'No Parking' zone along both sides of its full length. This narrow laneway provides rear access only to businesses on Parramatta Road and residences on Albert Street.

Despite Easter Street being a no-parking zone, businesses, and to a lesser extent local residents, often park in the rear lane. This is not uncommon across the inner west. Even though it may be common practice, vehicles parked illegally in this way impede access to rear garages, reduce the space available for vehicle movement, and create safety concerns for both pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

Residents have requested that Council work them to improve parking in the street and ensure consistent access to their properties.

Before Council makes any decisions about how to improve the parking situation in this street, Council should consult with the businesses and residents to understand the current situation, consider their feedback and report to the Local Traffic Committee. As raised by residents, that consultation should include consideration of the parking zoning; improvements to the signage, noting that for half of the street, the only signage is a single sign at the intersection of National Street and Easter Street; Council patrols, and engaging nearby businesses to explore options and educate them about alternate parking solutions.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 52  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: SUPPORT FOR INNER WEST TECH + START UP AND AI PROCUREMENT  
**From:** Councillor Kerrie Fergusson

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**MOTION**

That Council engage directly with Inner West Tech + Start Up, a local organisation supporting innovation and entrepreneurship, to explore opportunities for Council collaboration and support, including but not limited to:

- a) Hosting themed “tech challenge” events that connect local talent to real municipal issues;
  - b) Running Council sponsored competitions that reward tech based solutions delivering community benefit;
  - c) Assist with the establishment of pop-up tech hubs to support networking, development, and collaboration; and
  - d) Prepare a report for the October 2025 Council meeting detailing:
    - Council’s current and proposed support for Inner West Tech + Start Up
    - A plan for Council’s procurement process to enable consideration and piloting of local AI and technology proposals.
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**Background**

Sydney’s tech and start-up scene is booming, valued at around \$55 billion with over 3,000 startups and a fast growing workforce. Inner West Tech + Start Up (IWTS) is a fast growing, volunteer run not-for-profit community of over 200 local founders, engineers, and investors. It is supported by a five person committee comprised of established Inner West business leaders and plays a key role in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship within the Inner West LGA.

Working with IWTS and local startups will open dialogue between council and our local Tech community around solutions that can be tailored specifically to fit the needs of Local Government and our community. Initiatives like pop-up tech hubs and tech challenges encourage fresh ideas. This partnership would demonstrate the Inner West Council’s commitment to not only supporting local innovation and but to improving services for residents.

For more information on the Inner West Tech + Start Up, head to [www.innerwest.tech](http://www.innerwest.tech)

**Officer’s Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 53  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: AUDIT OF 'NO STOPPING' ZONES FOR POTENTIAL CONVERSION TO SHARED E-BIKE PARKING  
**From:** Councillor Kerrie Fergusson

**MOTION**

1. That Council conduct an audit of existing 'No Stopping' zones across the Inner West Local Government Area to identify and compile a list of locations that could be trialled as shared e-bike parking bays.
2. That Council prioritise locations that:
  - a) Are in high traffic areas;
  - b) Are situated on popular cycling and pedestrian routes; and
  - c) Are near sites where shared bikes are frequently parked and/or problematic
3. That Council provide a report to Council at the September 2025 meeting, outlining:
  - a) A list of 'No Stopping' zones deemed suitable for conversion; and
  - b) Estimated costs and potential funding options for implementing the conversions.
4. That Council provide an additional report to Council at the September 2025 meeting outlining progress on Motion C0325(1) Item 29 from the March 2025 meeting, including proposed delivery dates for the following:
  - a) The shared bike roundtable with key local providers; and
  - b) The development of the e-Bike Strategy and e-Bike Policy.

**Background**

The popularity of shared e-bikes continues to grow across the Inner West, providing a low emission, accessible transport option for many residents. However, the lack of clearly designated parking areas can lead to increased footpath clutter, conflict with pedestrians, and complaints about bikes being left in unsuitable locations.

To address these issues, the City of Sydney has implemented a program to repurpose small segments of underused curbside space, particularly former 'No Stopping' or loading zone into designated shared bike parking areas. These dedicated parking bays help reduce footpath obstruction, encourage responsible parking, and improve the integration of micromobility into the broader transport network.

'No Stopping' zones in the Inner West may offer a similar opportunity to create safe, off-path parking locations without reducing car parking capacity. Conducting an audit will allow Council to identify which of these zones could be feasibly converted into shared e-bike parking spaces and prepare us to engage in a trial.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 54  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: CRYSTAL STREET BUSINESS SUPPORT  
**From:** Councillors Councillor Chloe Smith and Councillor Vicki Clay

**MOTION**

1. That Council install a 'Racism Not Welcome' street sign on the corner of Crystal Street and Brighton Street, Petersham.
2. That Council investigate opportunities to upgrade and improve footpaths, lighting, street furniture, pedestrian safety, and other public amenities as part of the Public Domain Strategy and seek grant funding to progress this work as a matter of priority.
3. That Council host a roundtable of businesses and other leaseholders, including the Metropolitan Community Church, located on Crystal Street, Petersham to determine how Council can support these businesses and improve the amenity and safety of the precinct.
4. That Council report back to Council on the outcome of the roundtable and other initiatives by the December 2025 meeting.

**Background**

In April and May this year, a number of Inner West businesses and buildings were targeted as part of a spree of hate-related crimes. These included spray-painting offensive messages and symbols, including a swastika, on buildings and destroying and damaging property.

Two of the buildings impacted were the Wattle and Bee plant store and the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), located next door to each other on Crystal Street, Petersham. The man responsible for the crimes was arrested outside Wattle and Bee after having spray-painted over the Trans, Rainbow, Torres Strait Islander, and Aboriginal flags displayed outside these premises.

The Inner West is a proudly diverse and inclusive community, and both the owner of Wattle and Bee and the Reverend of MCC are determined to continue showing their support for all community members in spite of these attacks. Installing a 'Racism Not Welcome' street sign is a simple act that can send a prominent message to both residents and visitors in the wake of this racist attack, as has been done in many other locations throughout the Inner West.

Beyond this, there is an opportunity for Council to work with local tenants to improve the amenity and safety of Crystal Street. The street is one of the main thoroughfares in Petersham, linking Petersham Town Centre and businesses along Parramatta Road and Norton Street. However a lack of streetscape amenity combined with heavy traffic has made the precinct unwelcoming for pedestrians.

Simple improvements along the streetscape could make the precinct more welcoming and support these businesses. Given the diversity of businesses extending the length of Crystal Street, it is worthwhile to bring together all stakeholders through a roundtable to identify how Council can support them and make one of our main streets more appealing and welcoming.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

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**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 55  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: ADVANCING DISABILITY ACCESS IN COUNCIL STREET INFRASTRUCTURE  
**From:** Councillor Jo Carlisle

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**MOTION**

1. That Council acknowledges the fundamental importance of accessible street infrastructure in ensuring people with disability and low physical mobility can fully participate in community life and exercise their right to equal access to public spaces.
2. That Council notes:
  - a) Council's strong commitment to inclusivity and accessibility for people with disability;
  - b) The increasing awareness of accessibility barriers in our streetscapes requires systematic and ongoing improvement of pedestrian infrastructure;
  - c) Investment in accessible footpaths, kerb ramps, and pedestrian crossings is essential for the mobility and independence of people with disability, older residents, parents with prams, and other community members with mobility needs;
  - d) The Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Action Area 4 specifically commits Council to "improve the accessibility of local infrastructure, venues, parks, and facilities";
  - e) Creating truly accessible infrastructure sometimes requires difficult decisions, including the potential removal and replacement of street trees where root systems or placement significantly impact footpath accessibility; and
  - f) While such decisions must balance environmental and accessibility considerations, Council's commitment to inclusive infrastructure remains paramount.
3. That Council resolves to:
  - a) Reaffirm its commitment to accessibility throughout our communities, including Council venues, streetscapes, and open spaces, as articulated in the DIAP;
  - b) Prioritise the implementation of DIAP Action 4.5 regarding investment in annual footpath renewal and Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan priorities;
  - c) Ensure the priority works program for accessibility improvements is completed by the end of the 2025/26 financial year, including:
    - i. Ongoing footpath and pedestrian crossing maintenance to accessibility standards;
    - ii. Installation of new raised pedestrian crossings where feasible;
    - iii. New and upgraded kerb ramps as standalone projects; and
    - iv. Integration of kerb ramp improvements with scheduled footpath renewal works;
  - d) Maintain accessibility as a key consideration in all infrastructure planning, budgeting, and implementation decisions; and
  - e) Provide a report back to Council within six months on the progress of accessibility improvements in street infrastructure, including completion timelines for priority works.

### **Background**

The Inner West community includes residents with disability who rely on accessible street infrastructure to navigate their neighbourhoods safely and independently. Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan establishes our commitment to creating an inclusive community where all residents can participate fully in civic life.

Accessible footpaths, properly designed kerb ramps, and safe pedestrian crossings are not optional features – they are essential infrastructure that enables equal access to employment, education, services, and social connections. This motion reinforces Council's commitment to translating our accessibility principles into concrete infrastructure improvements that make a real difference in people's daily lives.

### **Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 56  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: RIGHTS TO PROTEST  
**From:** Councillor Liz Atkins

**MOTION**

1. That Council acknowledges the right to peaceful protest is fundamental to a mature democracy.
2. That Council notes that this right has been under attack in New South Wales.
3. That Council calls on the NSW Government to repeal recent changes to the law that have criminalised the right to protest.
4. That Council writes to the NSW Premier, Opposition Leader and all local State MPs advocating for this change.
5. That Council submits points 1-3 of this motion to the Local Government NSW 2025 Annual Conference.

**Background**

NSW has a proud history of protest movements that have shaped our society. From the first Mardi Gras parade to the renowned Green Bans protecting green space and heritage across Sydney - much of what we love about living here has been hard-won through protest movements.

Last year, the Human Rights Law Centre's Protest in Peril report found that the right to protest has been under attack by governments and institutions. Over the previous 20 years NSW has passed more anti-protest laws than any other Australian jurisdiction, including two more under the current government in the past 7 months.

The introduction of several new anti-protest laws have received bipartisan support in recent years. The most egregious of these has been the vague and unnecessary expansion of police "move-on" powers to disperse peaceful protesters who have gathered close to a place of worship.

These anti-protest laws are an affront to our democracy and must be repealed.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 57  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: AMENDMENTS TO INNER WEST LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN  
**From:** Councillors Izabella Antoniou and Liz Atkins

Item 57

**MOTION**

1. That Council acknowledges that the proposed amendment of the Inner West Local Environment Plan to rezone the Inner West to provide for an additional 30,958 dwellings (known as “Our Fairer Future Plan”) is the most significant decision to be made by Council since amalgamation.
2. That Council intends to consider a revised version of the plan at a meeting of Council in September 2025.
3. That Council place that revised version of the plan on public exhibition until the end of November 2025, providing information in plain English and other relevant languages.
4. That Council specifically seek comment on the plan from every Inner West Council local democracy group.
5. That Council during the exhibition period, hold at least one public meeting in each Inner West Council ward.
6. That Council add the plan to the list of major projects in the trial of doorknocking resolved at the 18 February 2025 Council meeting (C0225(1) Item 17) particularly focusing on older residents.
7. That Council consider a final report on the plan at a Council meeting in December 2025.

**Background**

At its meeting on 20 May 2025, Council resolved to exhibit *Our Fairer Future Plan* for community feedback. The documentation for the plan states: *Our Fairer Future Plan* aims to provide diverse housing options, including affordable, family-friendly apartments, and create vibrant, walkable communities while preserving the unique character of our neighbourhoods.

Council has received over 3000 separate submissions from residents either as separate submissions or via the Your Say survey.. A public meeting organised by the Better Futures Coalition of local community organisations was well attended (over 400 attendees reported by the organisers). While that meeting in a straw poll made it clear that attendees on the whole support more housing in the Inner West, they and a significant number of the submissions received, specifically raised issues relating to:

- The need for further and better consultation with the community and real inclusion of the community in decisions about what the place they live looks like
- The percentage of and definition of affordable housing to be included
- Sufficient housing for families
- Provision of social infrastructure including green space and sporting fields, public transport improvements, early childhood education and care places, schools and aged care places

- Sustainability including the loss of biodiversity
- Standards for accessibility and access to housing for people with disability

Acknowledging that the Government's Transport Oriented Development and Low to Medium Rise Housing requirements apply to the Inner West pending putting in place alternative plans through amendments to the Inner West LEP, decisions on those amendments need to be made carefully and not rushed. There is precedent at all levels of government when making complex decisions for providing a further opportunity for input on a revised version of the plan. The motion draws on suggestions from the community for ways in which they will feel they have had a real opportunity to affect what the place they live looks like.

**Officer's Comments:**

No further comments were required for this Notice of Motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 58  
**Subject:** QUESTION ON NOTICE: GREENWAY ART PRIZE  
**From:** Councillor Liz Atkins

The annual GreenWay Art Exhibition and Art Prize has grown over 15 years to become one of the premier community-driven visual arts events in the Inner West. It has received cash and in-kind sponsorship from IWC and its predecessor councils for most of that time. Last year the exhibition was launched at White Bay Power Station, as part of the Power Up Festival. 325 community art works were submitted, prizes with a value of over \$13,000 were awarded, community art works with a value of \$18,900 were sold and the White Bay exhibition was visited by over 1000 people. Despite this profile and community following, the future of the Art Exhibition is now in jeopardy due to the closure of ArtEst, its principal sponsoring partner.

**Question**

In 2024 an Agreement was signed with ArtEst for council to contribute \$35,000 towards the cost of the art exhibition in 2024 and the same amount again in 2025. What specifically were those funds to be used for?

**Answer**

*The agreement signed by Art Est was for the curation and delivery of the event and all productions, setting the program and providing content for the event.*

**Question**

Following the closure of ArtEst in early 2025, can you advise if the \$35,000 commitment in Council funding for 2025 is still available?

**Answer**

*ArtEst advised Council in January 2025 that it was no longer able to deliver the art prize and the agreement was terminated at their request. Council will now be delivering the Greenway Art Prize for 2025 using the funds that had been previously allocated to ArtEst.*

**Question**

If the 2025 funding has been reallocated, at what date was that decision taken? Was a proper analysis done of the pros and cons of such a decision, in particular the significant impact on the substantial GreenWay arts community which has grown up over the past 15 years?

**Answer**

*As above.*

**Question**

Who took the decision to move that funding away from the Greenway Art Prize? Where was the money reallocated to and what was the rationale in terms of the overall benefit and cost to the inner west arts community?

**Answer**

*The funds were not allocated to ArtEst to deliver the Greenway Art Prize as they requested cancellation of the agreement.*

**Question**

Was the Greenway Community Forum advised that this funding was in jeopardy and if not, why were they not involved in the decision?

**Answer**

*Council has had ongoing discussions with the Greenway Community Forum about the Greenway Art Prize and they were aware of ArtEst cancelling the agreement with Council in January 2025.*

**Question**

What if any plans does Council have to maintain its involvement and funding of the GreenWay Art Exhibition in the future, particularly in light of the anticipated opening of the \$68 mil GreenWay Missing Links in late 2025?

Does the art exhibition and the GreenWay Arts and Community Culture Program in general have a future?

**Answer**

*Council will be delivering the Greenway Art Prize in 2025 and has had a number of meetings with the Greenway Community Forum to discuss future arrangements, most recently on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.*

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 59  
**Subject:** QUESTION ON NOTICE: INNER WEST HOUSING PLAN  
**From:** Councillor Liz Atkins

**Question**

How much has Council spent so far on independent planning, architectural and other experts in developing the Our Fairer Future plan which is currently on exhibition:

- a) In total
- b) On each individual consultant including but not limited to:
  - i. Hassell
  - ii. Architectus
  - iii. Cred Consulting
  - iv. GML Heritage
  - v. Worley Consulting
  - vi. Urbis
  - vii. Biosis
  - viii. Atlas Economics
  - ix. Djinjama

**Answer**

No.	Description	Total Spend @ 14 July 2025
i.	HASELL LIMITED including Djinjama as sub-consultant of Hassell	1,378,897
ii.	ARCHITECTUS GROUP	180,445
iii.	CRED COMMUNITY	59,430
iv.	GML HERITAGE	31,500
v.	WORLEY CONSULTING	89,900
vi.	URBIS PTY LTD	248,245
vii.	BIOSIS PTY LTD	57,785
viii.	ATLAS URBAN ECO	56,320
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,102,522</b>

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 60  
**Subject:** QUESTION ON NOTICE: TREE REMOVALS  
**From:** Councillor Andrew Blake

**Comment by the General Manager:**

*Answers to the questions will be provided at the Ordinary Council meeting in September 2025.*

**Compliance with Environmental Legislation**

**Question**

What assessment has Council made of its legal obligations under the NSW Biodiversity and Conservation Act (NSW) 2016 and the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act (Cth) (Environmental Legislation) when deciding whether to remove a tree such as the one situated at 54 Thornley Street?

**Question**

What work did Council undertake in accordance with its legal obligations under the state and federal Environmental Legislation before making the decision to remove the Tree at 54 Thornley Street?

**Compliance with Urban Forestry Policy**

**Question**

What internal controls are in place to ensure Council complies with the Urban Forest Policy adopted 20 May 2025 (May 2025 Policy) when making decisions to remove trees on and after 20 May 2025?

**Question**

When making the Decision to remove the Tree at 54 Thornley Street, did Council have an obligation to comply with Section 9 of the May 2025 Policy (or a similar provision of an earlier urban forestry policy that was current at the time of the Decision)? In not, why not?

**Question**

Did Council prepare a Notification Memo (or equivalent) for management stating the reason for the removal of the tree and options considered?

**Question**

What was the basis for reducing the minimum 14 day notification period so as to permit the removal of the Tree within 14 business days after the affixing the removal notice to the Tree on about 5 June 2025?

**Removing and Replacing trees**

**Question**

What is the value of a mature Blood Wood tree in the Inner West?

**Question**

What is the value of the tree at 54 Thornley Street?

**Question**

What is the average cost of removing a tree across the Inner West?

**Question**

What is the average cost of removing a mature Blood Wood tree?

**Question**

What is the estimated cost of removing the tree at 54 Thornley Street?

**Question**

What remedial options were considered for preserving the tree at 54 Thornley Street?

**Question**

What methods had previously been used to extend the life of the tree at 54 Thornley Street?

**Question**

How many limb failures have been recorded for the tree at 54 Thornley Street?

**Question**

What is the average number of limb failure for a Bloodwood tree of a similar age of the tree at 54 Thornley Street?

**Question**

Has Council investigated the practicalities of planting a replacement tree at 54 Thornley Street, including whether the stump of the tree can be removed to allow such planting to occur?

**Question**

What actions will Council take if it is not possible to plant a Replacement Tree at 54 Thornley Street, (e.g. if it is not possible to satisfactorily remove the stump of the Tree)?

**Question**

What is Council's evaluation criteria for determining whether a tree on public land ought to be removed?

**Question**

How does Council evaluate requests made by residents that such trees be removed?

**Question**

How many trees on public land with a size index of 700 or greater are being considered for removal, and where are those trees located?

**Question**

How many trees on public land with a size index of 700 or greater have been removed by Council since 1 July 2024, and where were those trees located?

**Question**

Does Council use the services of external AQ5 qualified arborists to assess the health of all trees with a size index of 1000 or greater that are being considered for removal?

**Question**

How does Council assess the health of a tree with a size index of 1000 or greater?

**Question**

How many times has Council made such assessments since 1 July 2024?

**Question**

How are those assessments recorded?

**Evidence and record keeping**

**Question**

When was the first decision made to remove the tree at 54 Thornley Street, and is there a written record of this decision?

**Question**

Did any inspections of the Tree or the footpath immediately adjacent to it (Adjacent Footpath) occur between 1 January 2023 and the Decision Date?

**Question**

Does Council have a record of any complaints about the footpath immediately adjacent to the Tree at 54 Thornley Street, beyond the 2 that Michael Tay refers in his Inspection Report dated 30 July 2025?

**Question**

What is the risk posed to pedestrians at 54 Thornley Street in the foreseeable future to which Mr Tay refers to in his report from 30 July?

**Question**

What is the basis of Mr Tay's opinion that there are no practical remedial options to reinstate the Footpath at 54 Thornley Street to a conforming level and width?

**Question**

Why does Council consider that it is not possible to repair the Adjacent Footpath using materials similar to those used at 14 Thornley Street?

**Question**

Were any requests made to Council during the period 1 January 2025 and 5 June 2025 to remove the Tree at 54 Thornley Street either in writing or otherwise which are not recorded in Council's CMR? If so, please provide details.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 61  
**Subject:** MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE AND PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT  
**Prepared By:** Stuart Hull - Senior Manager Capital Works  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Major Capital Projects Committee meetings held on 25 November 2024, 24 February 2025, 31 March 2025, 28 April 2025, 26 May 2025 and 23 June 2025.**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

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

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines the Major Capital Projects Quarterly update including the minutes of the Major Capital Projects Committee held in 25 November 2024, 24 February 2025, 31 March 2025, 28 April 2025, 26 May 2025 and 23 June 2025 and the current project summary report.

Please note that there were no meetings in December 2024, January 2025 or July 2025.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting held on 8 March 2022, Council resolved to establish a Major Capital Projects Committee to oversee the larger Capital Projects being delivered by Council.

**DISCUSSION**

Major Capital Projects Committee meetings are attended by the Director Property and Major Projects and the Senior Manager Capital Works, and representatives from NSW Public Works Advisory (GreenWay assurance) and Turner and Townsend (LPAC assurance) with additional internal or external attendees as required e.g. General Counsel.

Detailed meeting minutes are produced however are not made public due to the nature of the discussions at the meetings to protect both the commercial position and confidentiality of commercial information of Council, along with that of the consultants, suppliers and contractors that are engaged to deliver these projects. As such a project summary report is provided to record each projects progression/position for public reference.

As a part of the governance structure for the committee, it is a requirement to table minutes of the meetings quarterly to Council. Minutes for the meetings held in 25 November 2024, 24 February 2025, 31 March 2025, 28 April 2025, 26 May 2025 and 23 June 2025 are confidentially attached, there were no meetings held in December 2024, January 2025 and July 2025.

The summary report attached is current to August 2025.

No	Description	Budget	Performance Status	
			Budget	Schedule
1	Callan Park Swim site	\$4,200,000		
2	Elkington Park Cottage restoration	\$1,216,170		
3	Richard Murden Reserve Inclusive Playground	\$2,290,000		
4	Not used			
5	Marrickville Rd East Cycleway	\$3,475,000		
6	St Peters, Mary St to Sydenham Cycleway	\$1,689,386		
7	Greenway capital budget	\$18,062,279		
8	Greenway Central Links Construction	\$24,442,721		
9	Not Used			
10	Mackey Park Amenities	\$2,500,000		
11	Mackey Park Canoe Ramp	\$1,450,000		
12	Leichhardt Oval Master Plan	\$40,000,000		
13	Main Street Local Placemaking	\$1,750,000		
14	Not used			
15	Cardinal Freeman Village	\$595,000		
16	Petersham Town Hall upgrade works	\$2,120,000		
17	Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan PAMP	\$8,000,000		
18	Marrickville Town hall internal refurbishment	\$2,600,000		
19	Annandale Town Hall Community Centre	\$1,508,000		
20	Not used			
21	LPAC Major Project	\$55,500,000		
22	Not used			
23	Ashfield Service Centre upgrade	\$897,947		
24	Not used			
25	Henson Park Grandstand Upgrade	\$6,500,000		
26	Dawn Fraser Bath Northern Pavilion Upgrade	\$2,000,000		
27	Pyrmont Bridge Road (PRUAIP)	\$2,250,000		
28	Main Street Revitalisation	\$7,500,000		
29	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Hub	\$1,150,000		
30	EV Charging Stations	\$740,000		
31	Steel Park Sports field upgrade	\$2,250,000		
32	Yeo Park Inclusive Playground	\$2,000,000		
33	Lilyfield Road cycleway	\$2,398,000		

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. MCPC - 25 November 2024 meeting minutes - *Confidential*  
***This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.***
2. MCPC - 24 February 2025 meeting minutes - *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.***
3. MCPC - 31 March 2025 meeting minutes - *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.***
4. MCPC - 28 April 2025 meeting minutes - *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.***
5. MCPC - 26 May 2025 meeting minutes - *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.***
6. MCPC - 23 June 2025 meeting minutes - *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.***
7. [↓](#) Major Capital Projects Committee Project Summary Report as at July 2025

























































**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 62  
**Subject:** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HUBS  
**Prepared By:** Adele Pittaway - Community Wellbeing Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council endorse the trial of a Domestic Violence Hub as set out in the confidential report and that a report on the outcomes of the trial be provided to Council by December 2026.**

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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

**DISCUSSION**

Council will move into closed session to deal with the Domestic Violence Hubs, for information which is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(f) of the Local Government Act 1993) contains matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property

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)(f)* of the Local Government Act 1993.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Confidential Report - Domestic Violence Hubs - *Confidential*

***This attachment is confidential in accordance to matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property (Section 10A(2)(f) of the Local Government Act 1993).***

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 63  
**Subject:** RFT 18-25 LEICHHARDT OVAL REFURBISHMENT – PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments & Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopt the recommendations contained in Confidential Attachment 1.**

**DISCUSSION**

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, on Thursday 12 June 2025, Inner West Council invited tenders for RFT 18-25 Project Management Services for the refurbishment of Leichhardt Oval. The advertisement period closed on Friday 4 July 2025.

Council will move into closed session to deal with the RFT 18-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Project Management Services, for information which is classified as confidential under *Section 10A(2)(c)* of the *Local Government Act 1993* and section 10A(2)(d)(i) (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 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 that 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 18-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Project Management Services - *Confidential*  

***This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.***
2. RFT 18-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment \_ Project Manager 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:** C0825(1) Item 64  
**Subject:** RFT 17-25 LEICHHARDT OVAL REFURBISHMENT - ARCHITECT AND PRINCIPAL DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments & Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopt the recommendations contained in Confidential Attachment 1.**

**DISCUSSION**

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, on Thursday 12 June 2025, Inner West Council invited tenders for RFT 17-25 Architectural and Principal Design Consultant Services for the refurbishment of Leichhardt Oval. The advertisement period closed on Friday 4 July 2025.

Council will move into closed session to deal with the RFT 17-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Architect and Principal Design Consultant Services for information which is classified as confidential under *Section 10A(2)(c)* of the *Local Government Act 1993* and section 10A(2)(d)(i) (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 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 that 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 17-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Architect and Principal Design Consultant Services - *Confidential*

***This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.***

2. RFT 17-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment Architect - Evaluation Report SIGNED - *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:** C0825(1) Item 65  
**Subject:** CAMPERDOWN COMMONS - LEASE ASSIGNMENT  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments & Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in *Confidential Attachment 1*.

**DISCUSSION**

Council will move into closed session to deal with Camperdown Commons - Lease Assignment, for information which is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) (of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Confidential Report - Camperdown Commons - Lease Assignment - *Confidential*  
*This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*
2. Lease to Camperdown Project Pty Ltd - Expires 20 June 2026 - *Confidential*  
*This attachment is confidential in accordance to information (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*
3. Annexure E - Agreed Manner of Operation - *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.*

**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 66  
**Subject:** LAMBERT PARK SPORTING GROUND - APIA LEASE CONDITIONS  
**Prepared By:** Scott Mullen - Strategic Investments & Property Manager  
**Authorised By:** Ryann Midei - Director Property and Major Projects

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopt the recommendations contained in Confidential *Attachment 1*.**

**DISCUSSION**

Council will move into a closed session to deal with the Lambert Park Sporting Ground - APIA Lease Conditions, as the information is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The matter is deemed confidential, as the matter is commercial information of a confidential nature, that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Pursuant to section 10A(2), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public will be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Lambert Park Sporting Ground - Apia Lease Conditions - *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.***