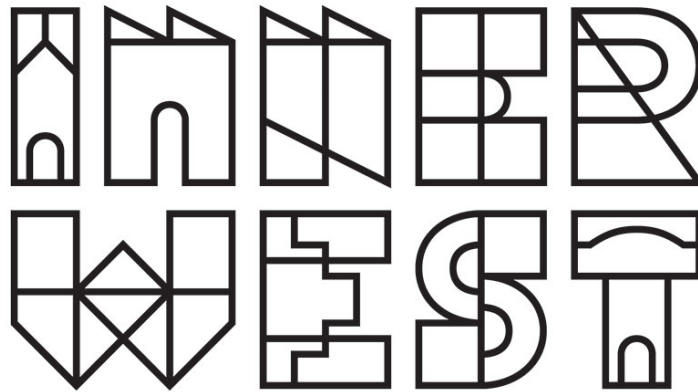


SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023

6.30pm

MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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Item No: C1223(1) Item 46
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: NEXT STEPS FOR INDIGENOUS JUSTICE
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council hold an event, in the new year, to thank local citizens who contributed to the Yes campaign and to provide a forum for discussion about the next steps in their collective advocacy for Indigenous justice.
2. That Council convene a roundtable forum, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, local Indigenous organisations and leaders, to discuss how the Inner West community can continue to contribute to the movement for Indigenous justice.

Background

On October 14, the referendum on constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a Voice to Parliament was held with the result, disappointingly, being a clear majority for No across Australia.

In the Inner West, the Yes vote was amongst the highest in Australia and comparable to the proportion of people who voted Yes in remote Indigenous communities.

Throughout the campaign, thousands of Inner West citizens became advocates for the Uluru Statement from the Heart and for the Yes campaign. This included organising an enormous number of community events held in the Inner West as well as outreach efforts into many other communities across Sydney and NSW.

Notwithstanding, the disappointing result overall, the Inner West community can be proud to have made a positive contribution to such an historic referendum.

The coalition of community organisations and advocates who helped to build the campaign in the Inner West constitutes a large and passionate body of people, all of whom remain very committed to overcoming Indigenous injustice and to building a better and more respectful relationship between Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

It is important that Inner West Council continue to play a leadership role in contributing to the movement for Indigenous justice.

The many thousands of Australians who gave their time and effort to the Yes campaign, as well as the millions of Australians who voted Yes, should be encouraged to continue their advocacy in a constructive way now that the Referendum has concluded.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1223(1) Item 47
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: ROZELLE PARKLANDS
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council welcome the commitment of Roads Minister John Graham of an additional \$20 million from the NSW Government to Council to improve Rozelle Parklands and provide additional facilities within the local community.
 2. That Council write to the Government thanking them for their acknowledgement of the need to further improve Rozelle Parklands and accepting their proposal to fund a new Masterplan which Council will undertake.
 3. That Council receive a report at the February Ordinary Council Meeting about the Government's proposed \$20 million investment, including an initial assessment of what facilities and amenities could be provided in the Rozelle Parklands and in nearby locations through the funding.
 4. That Council note the advice from Transport for NSW that an all-weather sporting surface cannot be delivered under the existing conditions of consent for Rozelle Parklands and commence community consultation on nearby locations where an all-weather surface could be delivered by Council for the benefit of local clubs. Potential locations for the community to be consulted on include Waterfront Drive (Callan Park), Leichhardt no.2, Easton Park, and Balmain Road playing fields (Callan Park).
 5. That Council commence the new Masterplan process as soon as possible, including holding an initial community consultation event at the pending opening of the Rozelle Parklands.
 6. That Council write to local residents in Rozelle, Lilyfield, Annandale, Leichhardt, and Balmain to inform them of the \$20 million funding commitment by the NSW Government and Council's intention to commence the new Rozelle Parklands Masterplan.
 7. That Council urgently convene a meeting with local sports Clubs and Transport for NSW to discuss the design of the new amenities block at Rozelle Parklands as well as expediting the availability of the sporting fields.
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Background

For several years, Council has been advocating alongside our local community to ensure that the public park delivered at Rozelle Parklands, above the Rozelle Interchange, is of high quality and can meet the needs of local people.

The Rozelle Parklands was promised to our local community as compensation for the enormous impacts of Westconnex construction and the Rozelle Interchange in particular. Council has had to advocate continually for funding to be made available for the construction of the park.

After the change of Government in NSW in March this year, we have been advocating strongly to Transport for NSW and the new Roads Minister, John Graham, to ensure that the facilities within the park would be fully funded and delivered.

As Councillors will be aware, the previous Liberal / National Party Government had removed from the final plans for Rozelle Parklands a number of sporting and recreational facilities, as well as basic amenities, that had been identified in previous plans, which are necessary to ensure the park is functional and meets the community's needs. There was also not provision for public car parking.

I am excited to advise that I have now received correspondence from Minister Graham which commits the new Government to providing an additional \$20 million to Council to address these deficiencies.

As well as constituting a substantive new investment in the Rozelle Parklands, this offer is also an acknowledgement that Council's principled advocacy on behalf of the community was justified and correct.

The Government further proposes that through this funding agreement, Council take on care control and management of the Rozelle Parklands in November 2024.

I table this correspondence from the NSW Government here.

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1. [Letter from Roads Minister John Graham](#)

The Hon John Graham MLC

Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts,
Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, Minister for Jobs and Tourism,
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council



Ref: BN23/00652

Councillor Darcy Byrne
Mayor
Inner West Council
PO Box 14
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Re: Rozelle Parklands

Dear Cr Byrne,

As part of the Rozelle Interchange project, Transport for NSW (Transport) will deliver the Rozelle Parklands, 10 hectares of public parkland and open space for community of Rozelle and the Inner West.

The Rozelle Parklands Working Group was established to determine the Parklands' optimal 'end state' and ensure all perspectives were considered.

The report outlines a preferred Parklands' 'end state', which includes recreation, sporting activities and fields, amenities and facilities, and parking changes.

Transport progressed the delivery of the majority of the recommendations including:

- an oval field with a natural turf surface for various sports
- a rectangle field (without a synthetic surface)
- two multi-purpose courts (not four as proposed)
- a facility building
- lighting for both the oval and rectangle fields, and the multi-purpose courts
- a toilet facility within the vicinity of the BBQ and playground
- bus drop-off area near a park entry point
- parking study, to determine the local area's potential traffic impacts arising from the Parklands' increased use.

As you have outlined, several items have not been implemented by Transport, which include:

- A synthetic surface on the rectangle field
- two of the four multi-purpose courts
- a pedestrian crossing between the Parklands and Easton Park
- parking changes on Lilyfield Road to increase parking.

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Following your representations, I understand the importance of these facilities for sporting organisations and the Inner West Community.

Given this strong sentiment, Transport has been working with Inner West Council on opportunities to consider the needs, and where appropriate how the outcomes can be delivered in or near the Rozelle Parklands to meet community needs.

It is proposed that Inner West Council lead a Master Plan for the Rozelle Parklands and associated consultation with the community.

The Masterplan would consider elements such as:

- refinements to the parklands to enable improvements over time (without changing the existing layout)
- the need and justification for additional parking
- potential to deliver additional multipurpose courts and synthetic all-weather sporting fields at alternate locations within proximity to the Parklands.

We will provide \$250,000 in funding for the delivery of the Master Plan.

Transport would normally lead the delivery of these items as it has done for the rest of the Rozelle Parklands. However, as these would be Inner West Council assets that need to be delivered to your specifications and requirements, on Inner West Council land, the cost effective and efficient way for them to be delivered is by Inner West Council. As such, it is proposed that funding be provided to Inner West Council for their delivery.

A funding envelope of \$20 million will be made available to Inner West Council for the delivery of the items identified through the Master Plan.

Following the completion of the Master Plan, the funds would be transferred to Council when the total costs to deliver improvements within their Local Government Area are known.

As you would be aware the intent has always been that Transport would deliver the Rozelle Parklands, and they would be managed and maintained by Inner West Council through a Care, Control and Management agreement.

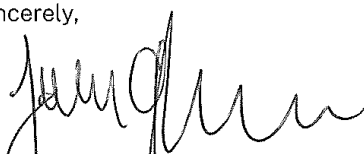
Transport is in the process of providing Inner West Council with the required asset information to prepare to operate and manage the Parklands, as such no agreement is currently in place with Council to manage the Parklands.

Transport has agreed to manage the Rozelle Parklands until an agreement can be entered with Inner West Council, to operate and maintain the site.

As recently discussed and proposed, Inner West Council will enter into a Care, Control and Management agreement for the Rozelle Parklands at no cost to Transport, and they will take control of the Parklands by November 2024.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Steve Issa, Executive Director, Community and Place, Greater Sydney, Transport for NSW, on 0403 098 121.

Sincerely,



John Graham MLC
Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts,
Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, Minister for Jobs and Tourism,
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

01/12/23.

Item No: C1223(1) Item 48
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: ROZELLE INTERCHANGE
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council restate Council's longstanding concerns about the traffic impact from the opening of the Rozelle Interchange and the completion of Westconnex which have unfortunately been proven correct since the opening of the project.
2. That Council note that the repeated claims by the former NSW Government that traffic volumes would be reduced by 50% on Victoria Road have been proven false.
3. That Council convene a Rozelle Interchange public meeting on Thursday December 7 at 6:30 at Balmain Town Hall to brief the local community about the traffic conditions and to identify measures to propose to the Government.
4. That Council write to the NSW Government calling for:
 - a) The immediate release of traffic data for Victoria Road, the City West Link and the ANZAC Bridge on a daily basis in order to establish an evidence base for necessary mitigations.
 - b) An immediate review of lane configurations on all roads connecting to the Rozelle Interchange to address the traffic chaos that is occurring.
 - c) The funding that the previous NSW Government failed to include in the State Budget for public domain and traffic infrastructure on Victoria Road to be made available now.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1223(1) Item 49
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: INNER WEST CREATIVE NETWORK
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council writes to the Chair of the Inner West Creative Network expressing Council's support for their work representing artists and creatives in the Inner West and acknowledging that they now have 411 members
2. That Council provides \$25,000 from the Economic Development Budget to support the Inner West Creative Network.
3. That Council signs a Service Agreement with the Inner West Creative Network that covers the financial support detailed in the Mayoral Minute as well as in-kind support for workshops including usage of Council venues for workshops.

Background

A thriving arts scene within the Inner West brings benefits to residents and artists, both financially and culturally, and ensures that the Inner West is seen as one of the most significant cultural hubs in Australia.

The Covid era had an adverse effect on the local creative industries with a lack of opportunities and work for most creatives and creative spaces. As part of Council's commitment to the Inner West Economic Recovery Taskforce, support for local creatives was identified as a priority. One of the strategies to help local creatives was to facilitate a local "chamber" style association to represent creatives.

Council worked with a number of local creative stakeholders to develop the Inner West Creative Network (IWCN) as an association in 2021/22. The IWCN helps upskill the sector while advocating for more support and resources for creatives and creative spaces in the Inner West. The IWCN has now grown to have 411 members and their stated aim is to reach 2000 members by 2025.

In order for the IWCN to reach their next targets, a dedicated administrator needs to remain in place to ensure growth and to organise professional development of artists and creatives in the Inner West by holding formal workshops covering arts management, promotions, legal requirements of operating a commercial arts practice, managing memberships and the website directive.

Additionally, the administrator will help with arranging MeetUp forums for networking, sharing news, and creating a collegial supportive connection between artists and creatives within the Inner West, many of whom work alone and have little means of networking with other creatives.

The Chair of the IWCN has met with Council and is seeking \$25,000 funding for the 2024 calendar year from Council whilst they grow their membership base and establish a longer term financially sustainable funding model. There is funding available in the economic development budget for 23/24.

It is important that Council seek to ensure the longevity and sustainability for the IWCN by providing financial support.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1223(1) Item 50
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

Item 50

MOTION

1. That Council notes that foreign affairs is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.
2. That Council opposes the resumption of military hostilities in Gaza, reaffirms support for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, and calls for the unimpeded humanitarian flow of aid to the people of Gaza.
3. That Council reiterates its condemnation of the of the October 7 attacks by Hamas on Israeli civilians.
4. That Council calls for the immediate release of all hostages being held by Hamas.
5. Supports a just and lasting peace between Israel and Palestine, which can only be achieved through a two-state solution and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.
6. That Council notes that the Union Aid Abroad Gaza Emergency Appeal is advertised in the December newsletter and commits to ongoing promotion of the Appeal across Council's communications channels.
7. That Council recommits to the completion and implementation of Council's Anti-Racism Strategy, noting that this is a NSW first.
8. That Council thanks the members of the Multicultural Advisory Committee who have recently resigned for their contribution to policy development at Council and invites them to rejoin the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.