AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2025

6:30 PM

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

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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**
6. **Item 10 - Public Exhibition - Code of Meeting Practice**
7. **Item 12 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 May 2025**
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9. **Item 18 - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Determination of Mayor and Councillor Fees 2025/26**
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15. **Item 34 - 2024-2025 Annual Pecuniary Interest Returns**
16. **Item 35 - Community Safety Action Plan**
17. **Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Jubilee Place**
18. **Item 38 - Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety at Ashfield Park; Traffic Calming Measures at Orpington and Pembroke Street, Ashfield**
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20. **Item 42 - Notice of Motion: Bower Bike 1st birthday**
21. **Item 43 - Notice of Motion: Hercules Street, Ashfield cleanliness**
22. **Item 44 - Notice of Motion: Inner West Active Transport Survey**
23. **Item 46 - Notice of Motion: Kids Play / Kids Say - Playground Consultation**
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25. **Item 49 - Notice of Motion: Improving Pedestrian Safety on Pemell Lane, Newtown**
26. **Item 50 - Notice of Motion: Apprentices, trainees and cadets**
27. **Item 51 - Notice of Motion: Marrickville Library maintenance blitz**

28. **Item 52 - Notice of Motion: Extended season at Steel Park Waterplay Park**
29. **Item 53 - Notice of Motion: Circular economy support and promotion**
30. **Item 54 - Notice of Motion: Airspace land adjacent to St Peters Town Hall**
31. **Item 55 - Notice of Motion: Inner West Flood Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference amendment**
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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2. **Item 4 - Investment Policy Update**
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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 80th 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 Clr 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 Clr 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 Clr 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:

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

NSW GOVERNMENT

Ref: MINS-38381

Mayor Darcy Byrne
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.donaldsion@gsp.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

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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.

Item No: C0825(1) Item 3

Subject: CONDOLENCE MOTION: FATHER NEKTARIOS ZORBALAS

From: Councillors Deputy Mayor Mat Howard and Chloe Smith

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.**

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 4

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

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.**

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 Tsardoulias 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:

- Ashfield District Historical Society
- Committee for Sydney
- Cooks River Alliance
- Faith Housing Australia
- Haberfield Association
- Labor for Ending Homelessness
- Marrickville Chamber of Commerce
- Marrickville Town Square
- North Ashfield Town Centre Committee
- NSW Council of Social Service
- NSW Nurses and Midwives Association
- Property Council of Australia
- Save Dully
- Save Marrickville
- Shelter NSW
- Sydney Alliance
- Sydney Anglican Property
- 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$^{2.}$. 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

GYDE

Our Fairer Future Plan

Engagement Outcomes Summary Report

11 August 2025

Acknowledgment of Country

Towards Harmony by Aboriginal Artist Adam Laws

Gyde Consulting acknowledges and pays respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples past, present, Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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1. Engagement purpose

Our Fairer Future Plan concentrates new homes around town centres and transport hubs while preserving the unique character of the Inner West

The Plan is prepared in line with Council's Planning Principles which were consulted with the community in mid 2024 and endorsed by Council in October 2024.

It is intended that the place-based Our Fairer Future Plan will apply to the Inner West instead of the NSW Government's Housing Reforms.

Our Fairer Future Plan

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.

This plan proposes changes to the Inner West Local Environmental Plan (IWLEP) 2022 and includes the following three components:

Residential review

The Residential Review has reviewed the planning controls to:

- harmonise residential land use controls across the LGA so that there is consistency across the Inner West
- create a clear difference between the residential zones (low, medium, high) to facilitate more diversity in the type of housing built across the Inner West.
- bring alignment between the height of building and varying densities within the residential zones,
- introduce height of building controls in the northern part of the LGA predominantly reflecting existing character

Master Planning of Housing Investigation Areas

The master plans identify areas of change through a place-based urban design approach to support increased housing density in well-located and well-serviced areas.

The proposal also recommends improvements to social, recreational, and transport infrastructure such as libraries, walking and cycling paths, parks and plazas and improved public domain.

General amendments

The following general amendments are proposed to facilitate additional housing, particularly affordable housing, maximise housing choice, deliver good design and increased consistency of planning controls across the LGA.

- Incentivising the delivery of affordable housing on land owned by faith-based organisations
- Minimising the loss of dwellings through gentrification, through the restriction of net dwelling loss in any redevelopment
- Harmonising minimum subdivision lot size for dwellings in certain areas
- Introducing minimum lot size for dual occupancies and associated modifications to reflect permissibility changes
- Introducing new clause for architectural roof features
- Removing the existing LEP clause regarding dwelling mix
- Setting a minimum affordable housing contribution from developments, to be reviewed at regular intervals.

2. Engagement approach

Implementation of Our Fairer Future Plan proposes amendments to the Inner West Local Environmental Plan (IWLEP) 2022. Any proposal to amend an LEP is placed on public exhibition. In May 2025, Council resolved to exhibit the draft plan for a minimum of 6 weeks.

As Our Fairer Future Plan proposes a transformative approach to new housing, Inner West Council committed to delivering an extensive engagement program to assist the community understand the proposed changes and their impacts.

Gyde Consulting supported Council to plan and deliver an engagement program that prioritised individual access to Council staff, and a personalised approach to responding to enquiries, questions and concerns.

This approach ensured that individuals had accurate information about their property and local area, were able to access information directly from Council's planning team, and were well positioned to provide a meaningful submission to Council in response to Our Fairer Future Plan.

Key features of the engagement:

- A high quality personalised service that put the community at the centre of the engagement
- A far-reaching promotional campaign to inform residents and the wider community about the Plan, and the opportunity to provide their feedback to Council
- A significant number of face-to-face engagement activities that allowed direct access to Council Planners to answer questions and clarify information.
- A high quality, purpose-built mapping tool, made available online and at face-to-face engagement to provide clear and accurate information about individual properties, local areas and the wider LGA.
- Equal opportunity and access to engagement events across the LGA.
- A variety of ways to provide formal feedback to Council about the Plan.

The benefits of this approach can be seen in the high level of community participation in the engagement activities.

Engagement principles

- Build community awareness of Our Fairer Future Plan
- Support community knowledge and understanding
- Make information widely available
- Provide tools that support engagement and fact finding
- Prioritise one-on-one engagement
- Provide a high level of personalised customer service
- Understand the community response to Our Fairer Future Plan

3. Community awareness

In May 2025, Council considered Our Fairer Future Plan and resolved that it be exhibited for a minimum of six weeks. Public exhibition of the draft plan was open from 21 May to 6 July 2025.

A variety of promotion methods were used to ensure that residents, property owners, businesses and stakeholders were aware of the draft plan, the scheduled engagement opportunities, and how they could provide feedback to Council. Promotion activities are outlined below.

Our Fairer Future Plan

Community letters	Letters were sent to all property owners and occupants across the LGA, introducing the Plan, inviting them to visit Council's website to find out more, and inviting them to participate in community engagement activities. Letters were also sent to owners of properties proposed for full and partial acquisition or included in a Key Site.
Postcards	Postcards directing people to Your Say Inner West were distributed in all libraries, Council service centres and at engagement events.
Document display	All documents were made available for public review in all Council Libraries and Service Centres across the LGA for the duration of the public exhibition period, from 21 May 2025 to 6 July 2025
Council website	A landing page for the Plan was launched on Council's website following the May Council meeting. The draft plan and all attachments were made available on the website, with an explainer video and a link to Council's early engagement on the Principles for Planning. Over 15,000 unique visitors accessed the page. A dedicated Your Say Inner West page provided information about engagement activities, an interactive mapping tool, 'speak with a planner' bookings, a community survey and how to make a submission. All subscribers to Your Say Inner West received email notifications.
Interactive mapping tool	An online interactive mapping tool was made available at Your Say Inner West to allow people to view the current and proposed controls for individual properties and wider areas of the Inner West LGA.
Subscriber emails	1,499 subscribers to Your Say Inner West received an email notification when the Our Fairer Future Plan page went live.
Digital newsletters	Two digital newsletters were sent with information about the Fairer Future Plan and upcoming engagement sessions to 3,599 Your Say Inner West subscribers.
Print newsletters	Information about the draft Plan was included in the print newsletter issued to 70,000 Inner West households in June 2025. An electronic version of the newsletter was issued to 3,455 subscribers.

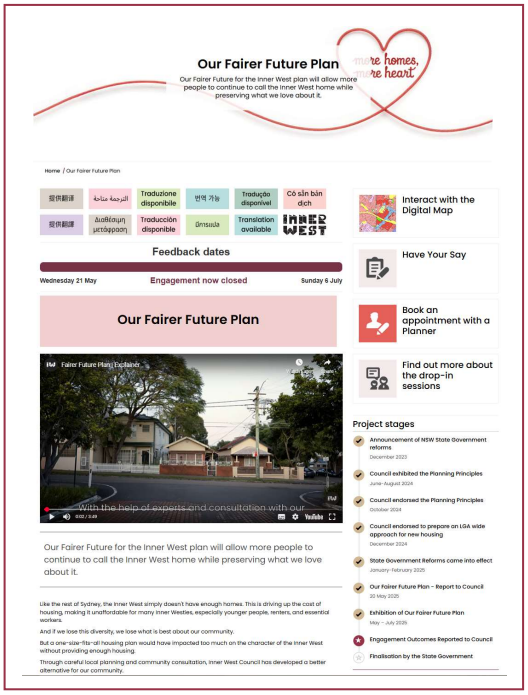
	Digital screens and posters	Digital screens promoted Our Fairer Future Plan in Council service centres and libraries. Posters were also displayed at these locations and on community noticeboards.
	Social media	Our Fairer Future Plan was promoted via Inner West Council social media pages, with over 17,000 views on Facebook and 22,000 views on Instagram.
	Video campaign	Short advertising clips were developed for use on the website, and in targeted social media and YouTube advertising campaigns promoting the Plan to the community. A longer 'explainer' video was also embedded into the Your Say Inner West page to assist the community to understand the project.
	Information displays	Informative displays were positioned at each Inner West Council Service Centres in Ashfield, Leichhardt and Petersham, as well as Balmain, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill Libraries. The displays provided a summary of the key features of the Our Fairer Future Plan, promoted engagement activities, and provided information about how the community could make submissions to Council. Physical copies of the plan documents were also displayed in each location.

3.1 Your Say Inner West

Information about Our Fairer Future Plan was made available on the Your Say Inner West Council webpage from the launch of the project on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

Information available on the website included:

- Summary explanation of the draft plan and frequently asked questions
- The full suite of Our Fairer Future Plan documents, including the draft plan and supporting attachments
- An explainer video, providing a summary of the Plan and its purpose
- An interactive mapping tool, allowing people to view the existing and proposed controls for their individual property or the wider local area
- Information about the community drop-in sessions
- A booking system to make an appointment with a planner during the drop-in sessions
- Access to the Our Fairer Future Plan community survey
- Guidance on how to make a formal submission to Council
- Council contact information for enquiries including a dedicated email address and hotline phone number.



Your Say Inner West – Our Fairer Future Plan

11,060 unique page visitors

313 Speak with a Planner bookings

6,668 QR code scans

123 email enquiries

4. Engagement activities

A comprehensive program of engagement was carried out to ensure that the community had a wide range of opportunities to review the proposed changes and to speak directly with members of the planning team, to ensure that residents, ratepayers, businesses and community groups had access to the information they needed to make an informed submission in response to the Fairer Future Plan.

Community Engagement Activities

Phoneline	A dedicated hotline was available for members of the public to make enquiries directly to Council's Strategic Planning team. 342 phone calls were received from the community.
Project inbox	123 email enquiries were received and responded to by the planning team.
Service Centre drop-in sessions	The community were invited to drop-into Council's Ashfield Service Centre between 9:30am – 11:30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 22 May to 3 July to speak with an allocated planner. 60 people attended across the 8 drop-in sessions.
Community drop-in sessions	11 community drop-insessions were held at Council venues across the Inner West, including Balmain, Petersham, Leichhardt, Dulwich Hill, Marrickville and Ashfield. Members of Council's Strategic Planning team were available to answer questions at all sessions. 777 members of the community attended the drop-in sessions.
Speak with a Planner appointments	5 Council planning officers were available at each community drop-in session for 15 minute, one-on-one meetings that could be booked through Your Say Inner West. 313 Speak with a Planner meetings were held during the sessions.
Stakeholder meetings	Council held meetings key stakeholder organisations and community groups on request during the exhibition period to provide information about the draft plan and answer questions. Dedicated workshops were also held with Council's Local Democracy Groups, including three meetings with the Housing For All Group, and a combined workshop with all groups.
Door-knocking	Door-knocking was carried out for people at properties proposed for future full acquisition by Council, supported by tailored letters to property owners.

4.1 Phone and email enquiries

Phone and email enquiries were available to the community throughout the public exhibition period.

A dedicated hotline was available for members of the public to make enquiries directly to Council's Strategic Planning team.

A total of 342 phone calls were received from the community,

The project inbox received 123 email enquiries. Email enquiries were counted separately from formal submissions received about the project via email.

342 calls received

123 email enquiries

4.2 Service Centre drop-in sessions

Community members had the opportunity to drop-in to the Ashfield service centre to speak with a member of the Council planning team.

Drop-in sessions were held at the service centre during the week. Combined with evening and weekend sessions, this ensured that the community could access information about the Plan at a time that suited them.

Sessions were held from Thursday 22 May to Thursday 3 July 2025:

- 9:30am – 11:30am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

A total of 8 sessions were available to the public held, and a total of 60 members of the community spoke with a planner during these sessions.

60 service centre visitors

4.3 Community drop-in sessions

A total of 11 community drop-in sessions were hosted in each Ward at 6 Council venues across the LGA, between 11-28 June 2025.

Sessions were hosted in Balmain, Leichhardt, Petersham, Ashfield, Dulwich Hill and Marrickville.

Each Ward had an evening session during the week, and a Saturday session on the weekend to ensure that residents of each Ward had equal access to information about the Plan.

A total of 777 community members attended the community drop-in sessions, talking to members of the planning team, sharing their ideas and concerns.

777 drop-in attendees

Council Planning staff were available for both booked appointments and to talk to drop-in attendees, with access to the interactive mapping tool and all documents to support enquiries.

A summary of the events in each location is provided below.

While a summary of sentiment, key issues and site specific issues were recorded at each session, residents, rate payers and local businesses were encouraged to make a formal submission in writing, via email or by completing the survey.

Community drop-in sessions

Balmain Library

Two community drop-in sessions were hosted at Balmain Library.

Date	Time	Attendees
Wednesday 11 June	5:30 – 8:30pm	20
Saturday 14 June	9:30 – 11:30am	16

Balmain Library drop-in session

Leichhardt Service Centre

Two community drop-in sessions were hosted at the Council Service Centre in Leichhardt.

Date	Time	Attendees
Thursday 12 June	5:30 – 8:30pm	46
Saturday 14 June	1:00 – 3:00pm	31

Leichhardt Service Centre drop-in session

Petersham Service Centre

Two community drop-in sessions were hosted at the Council Service Centre in Petersham.

Date	Time	Attendees
Monday 16 June	5:30 – 8:30pm	28
Saturday 28 June	9:30 – 11:30am	39

Petersham Service Centre drop-in session

Marrickville Library

Two community drop-in sessions were hosted at Marrickville Library.

Date	Time	Attendees
Wednesday 18 June	5:30 – 8:30pm	171
Saturday 21 June	9:30 – 11:30am 1:30 – 3:30pm	174

Marrickville Library drop-in session

Ashfield Service Centre

Two community drop-in sessions were hosted at the Council Service Centre in Ashfield.

Date	Time	Attendees
Tuesday 24 June	5:30 – 8:30pm	88
Saturday 28 June	1:00 – 3:30pm	105

Ashfield Service Centre drop-in session

Dulwich Hill Library

One community drop-in session was hosted at Dulwich Hill Library.

Date	Time	Attendees
Wednesday 25 June	5:30-8:30pm	59

Dulwich Hill Library drop-in session

4.4 Speak with a Planner appointments

Community members were able to book appointments with a Council planner during the community drop-in sessions.

The booking facility was available via the Your Say Inner West page, or appointments could be made via the customer service phone line.

5 Inner West Council planners were available for each session and appointments were scheduled for 15 minutes.

This ensured that the planners were able to provide face-to-face information and responses to questions about individual properties, local areas and the wider LGA for a significant number of people.

Planners had access to all documents and the interactive online mapping tool, allowing them to provide accurate, on the spot information to support enquiries.

314 bookings were made for planner appointments during the 11 community information sessions. This represents 78 hours of one-on-one time with the community.

314 Speak with a Planner bookings

Location	Appointments booked
Balmain	13
Leichhardt	42
Petersham	42
Marrickville	106
Ashfield	65
Dulwich Hill	46
Total	**314**

In many cases, planners were able to meet with additional people attending the drop-in sessions who had not made an appointment.

In addition to appointment planners, roaming planners were available at all sessions to speak with all attendees.

The Speak with a Planner sessions proved to be a highly effective tool for ensuring that people were supported to understand the technical planning matters associated with the Plan and had opportunities to discuss how it may impact them, directly with the team.

4.5 Stakeholder meetings

A number of stakeholder meetings were held to explain what Our Fairer Future Plan proposed changes are, which included Inner West community groups and associations.

These included:

- Save Dully
- Save Marrickville
- Housing for All Local Democracy Group
- Combined Local Democracy Groups
- Sydney YIMBY
- Haberfield Association.

These meetings assisted the various groups in understanding the plan and potential impacts, plus gave them an opportunity to ask detailed questions before making a formal submission

4.6 Door knocking

A door knock was carried out in locations where whole properties were flagged for potential future acquisition.

A letter directly addressed to the property owner was hand delivered and explained to those that were home.

A general overview was also given about the Our Fairer Future Plan and opportunities to continue conversations with a Council planner over the coming weeks through the engagement program. Residents were also referred to the website for more information.

5. Formal submissions

The community were invited to provide formal submissions to Inner West Council in response to the Our Fairer Future Plan. Submissions were open for six weeks during the public exhibition period.

A total of 3,146 submissions were received by Council via online survey, email or mail.

Submission formats

Online surveys	An online survey was made available on Your Say Inner West and survey responses were invited as formal submissions. Surveys included both closed response questions and free text questions, allowing participants to explain their response to the draft plan. A total of 1,622 completed surveys were received by Council.
Written submissions	Written submissions could be provided to Council in postal or email format. There was not restriction to the length or format of written submissions. A total of 1,524 written submissions were received by Council.
Organisations, agencies and local democracy groups	Included within the total written submissions were submissions provided by local community and interest groups, peak bodies and associations, government agencies and local democracy groups that wished to provide a formal response to the draft plan.
Community petitions	A number of unsolicited petitions were also submitted to Council, and these have been accepted as single written submissions.

5.1 Snapshot of survey respondents

The online survey was available on the Your Say Inner West page. Completed surveys were counted as submissions on the draft plan.

The survey comprised 30 questions, with both closed and open response questions covering:

- Overall response to the draft plan, including positive outcomes, concerns and potential improvements
- Response to specific aspects of the proposed changes
- Respondent demographics
- Ability of the community to access information about the Plan.

A total of 1,622 survey responses were received from a wide cross-section of the community across age, gender and suburb of residence

A full analysis of survey responses will provided in the second state Engagement Outcomes Report in September 2025

1,622 completed surveys

More than **50%** of all submissions

Demographic data

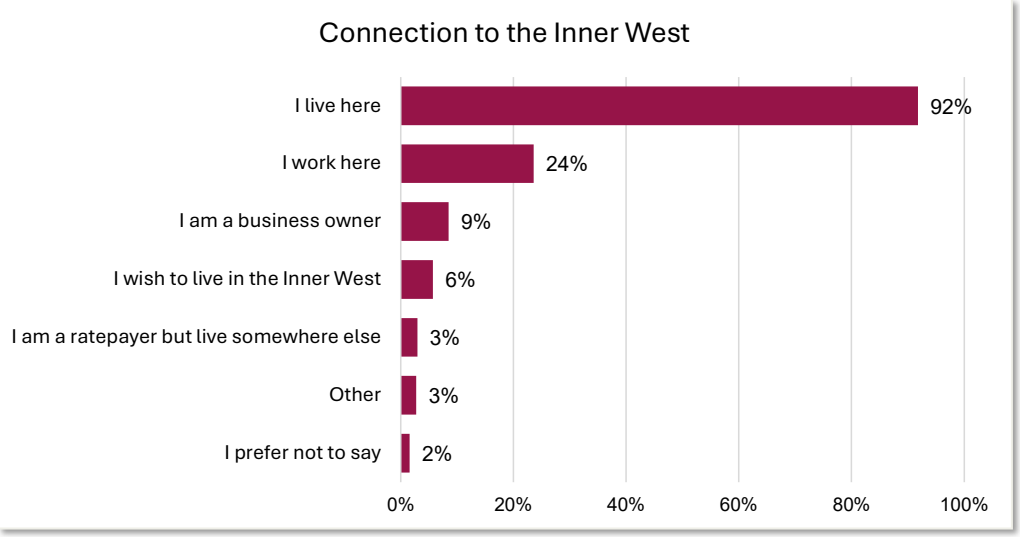
The survey responses provide demographic information about respondents. While this data is only available for survey submissions, surveys represent more than 50% of total submissions. As such, it is considered that survey demographic data is broadly representative of all submissions provided.

The following information provides an analysis of the demographic data received through survey responses.

Connection to the Inner West

Participants were asked to identify their current connection to the Inner West. 1,489 of 1,622 respondents currently live in the Inner West, and one quarter of respondents work in the Inner West.

Note: As respondents could select multiple options, the total is greater than 100%.

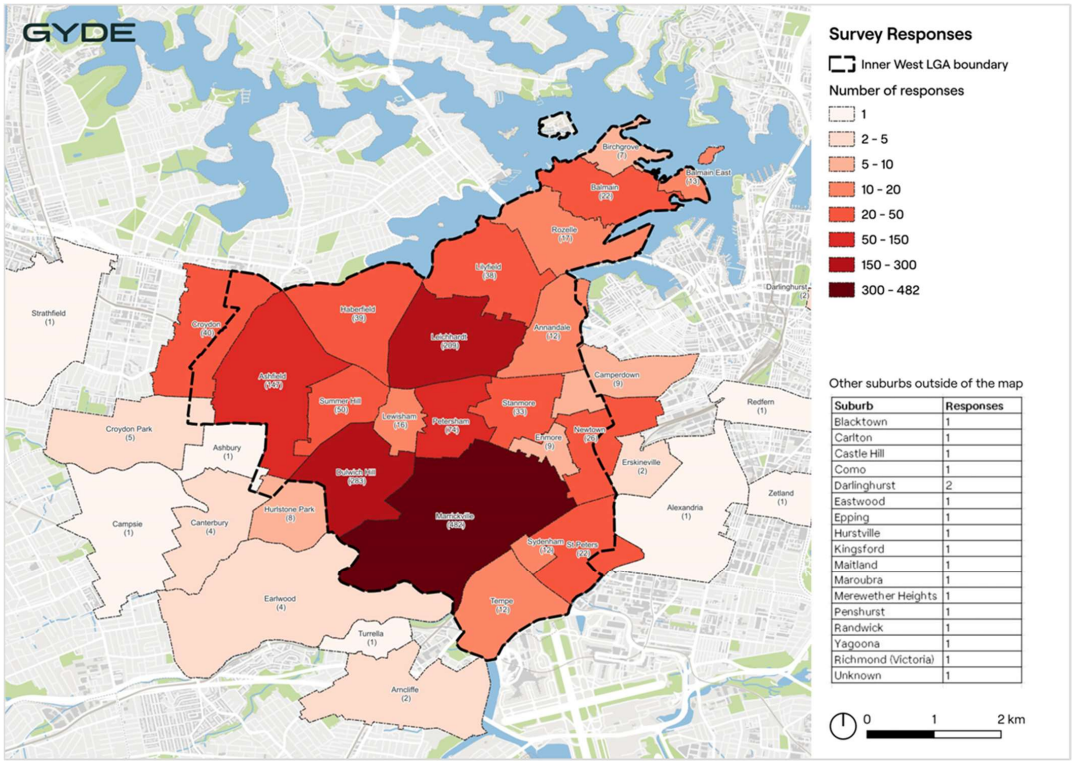


Survey responses by suburb

The following map shows the number of survey responses received by suburb.

Key trends include:

- Almost one third (30%) of responses were from Marrickville
- More than two thirds (69%) of all responses came from four suburbs - Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, Leichhardt and Ashfield
- Other suburbs each accounted for less than 5% of the total responses received.
- While the vast majority of survey responses were received from Inner West residents, individual responses were also received from as far away as Maitland NSW and Victoria.

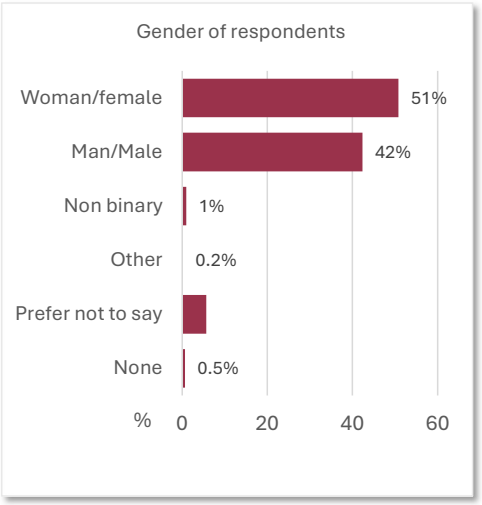


Suburb	Responses
Blacktown	1
Carlton	1
Castle Hill	1
Como	1
Darlinghurst	2
Eastwood	1
Epping	1
Hurstville	1
Kingsford	1
Maitland	1
Maroubra	1
Merewether Heights	1
Penshurst	1
Randwick	1
Yagoona	1
Richmond (Victoria)	1
Unknown	1

Individual characteristics

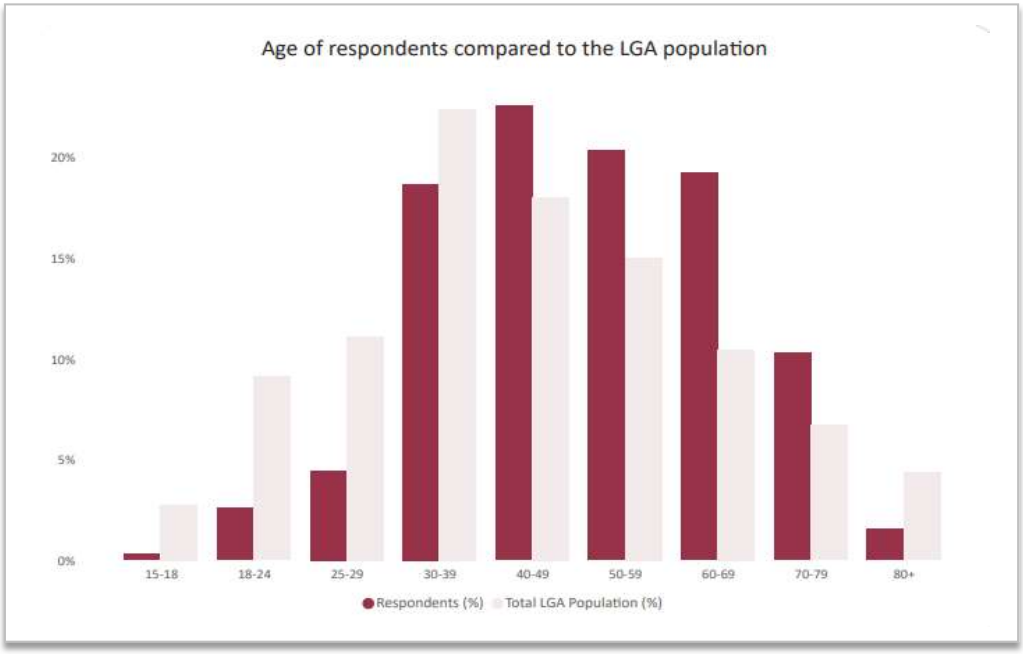
The majority of respondents were over 30 years of age, with lower participation levels among younger people.

- People under 30 provided less than 8% of all responses
- Half of respondents were 50 years or older, and half under 50 years.
- Respondents over 40 were over-represented in the survey when compared to the Inner West population.
- Women were more likely than men to respond.



The vast majority of responses preferred not to identify any diversity and inclusion categories. Of those that did respond to this question:

- 1% identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 14% identified a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Background
- 4% live with a disability.

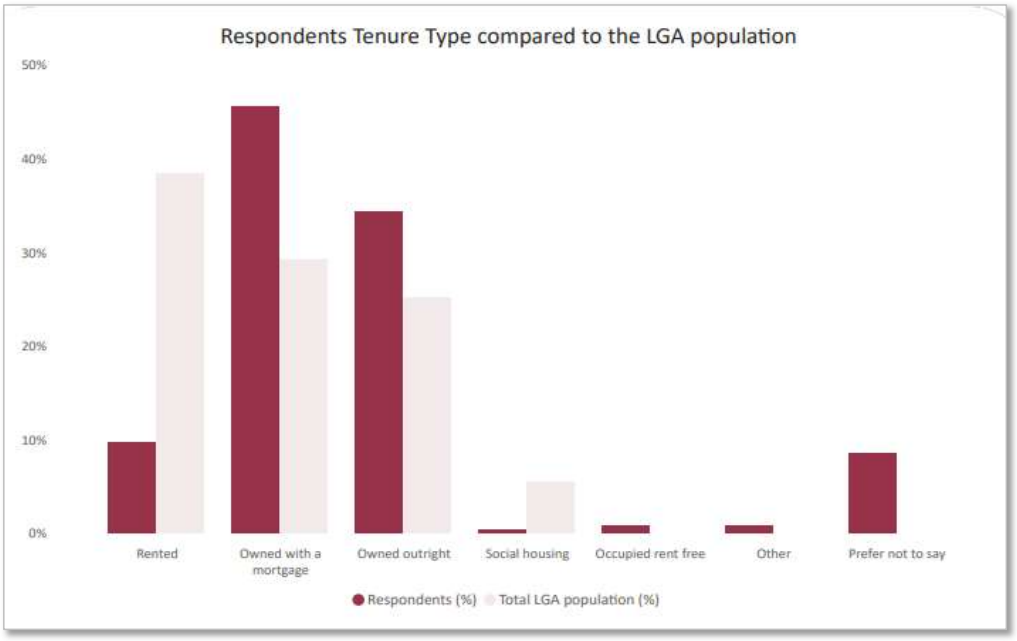


Living circumstances

80% of all respondents own their home outright or with a mortgage (1,295 of 1,622), indicating that home owners were more likely to engage with the draft Plan.

Higher levels of participation by people 30 years and over correlate with respondent home ownership increasing significantly, and then progressively, in 30 years and above age groups.

Renters and those living in social housing were under-represented in the submissions as a proportion of the Inner West community.



5.2 Organisations, agencies and local democracy groups

Included within the total written submissions were submissions provided by local community and interest groups, peak bodies and associations, government agencies and local democracy groups that wished to provide a formal response to the draft plan.

The organisation and officials who responded are listed below:

Ashfield District Historical Society	North Ashfield Town Centre Committee
Committee for Sydney	NSW Council of Social Services
Community Housing Industry Association	NSW Nurses & Midwives Association
Cooks River Alliance	Property Council of Australia
Faith Housing Australia	Save Dully
Haberfield Association	Save Marrickville
Homes NSW	Shelter NSW
Inner West Council Combined Local Democracy Groups	Sydney Alliance
Inner West Council Housing for All Local Democracy Group	Sydney Anglican Property
Labor for Ending Homelessness	Sydney YIMBY
Marrickville Chamber of Commerce	Sydney Water
Marrickville Town Square	Tenants Union

6. Next steps

A comprehensive engagement program has been undertaken to allow the Inner West community and key stakeholders to identify their needs, priorities and concerns relating to Our Fairer Future Plan.

There was a high level of participation across all engagement activities, and a total of 3,142 submissions were received.

A large number of responses were received towards the end of the public exhibition period.

Nearly 50% of all submissions (1,472) were received in the final four days of exhibition.

Inner West Council is now undertaking an intensive review of all submissions.

Care is being taken to work through these submissions, to ensure that all perspectives are captured, key themes and concerns are identified, and key sites or locations that may need particular attention can be carefully considered.

This process includes:

- Understanding the community response to the draft plan
- Updating any identified errors or omissions
- Working through feedback that relates to key sites and specific locations, and determining the outcome for those sites
- Understanding key concerns, themes and issues raised by the community
- Determining a response to key issues raised
- Preparing a final Engagement Outcomes Report that provides a full analysis of community submissions
- Amending Our Fairer Future Plan for Council consideration.

A final draft version of this report including analysis of key issues raised will be prepared for submission to Council in September 2025, alongside an updated Our Fairer Future Plan.

Our Fairer Future Plan

Recommendations will be prepared for Council's consideration in September 2025. This will include changes made in response to feedback from the community and key stakeholders.

Should Council agree to adopt the proposed changes, it will then be submitted to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, who is the final decision maker on whether the plan is made.

Council's submission to the Minister will request that the *Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022* is amended via an accelerated pathway to introduce the new controls and that the NSW Government's housing reforms that are in-force in the Inner West are repealed. It will include a copy of the final Engagement Outcomes Report.

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Item No: **C0825(1) Item 5**

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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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 Facade 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
Total	**$85,000**	

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

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.

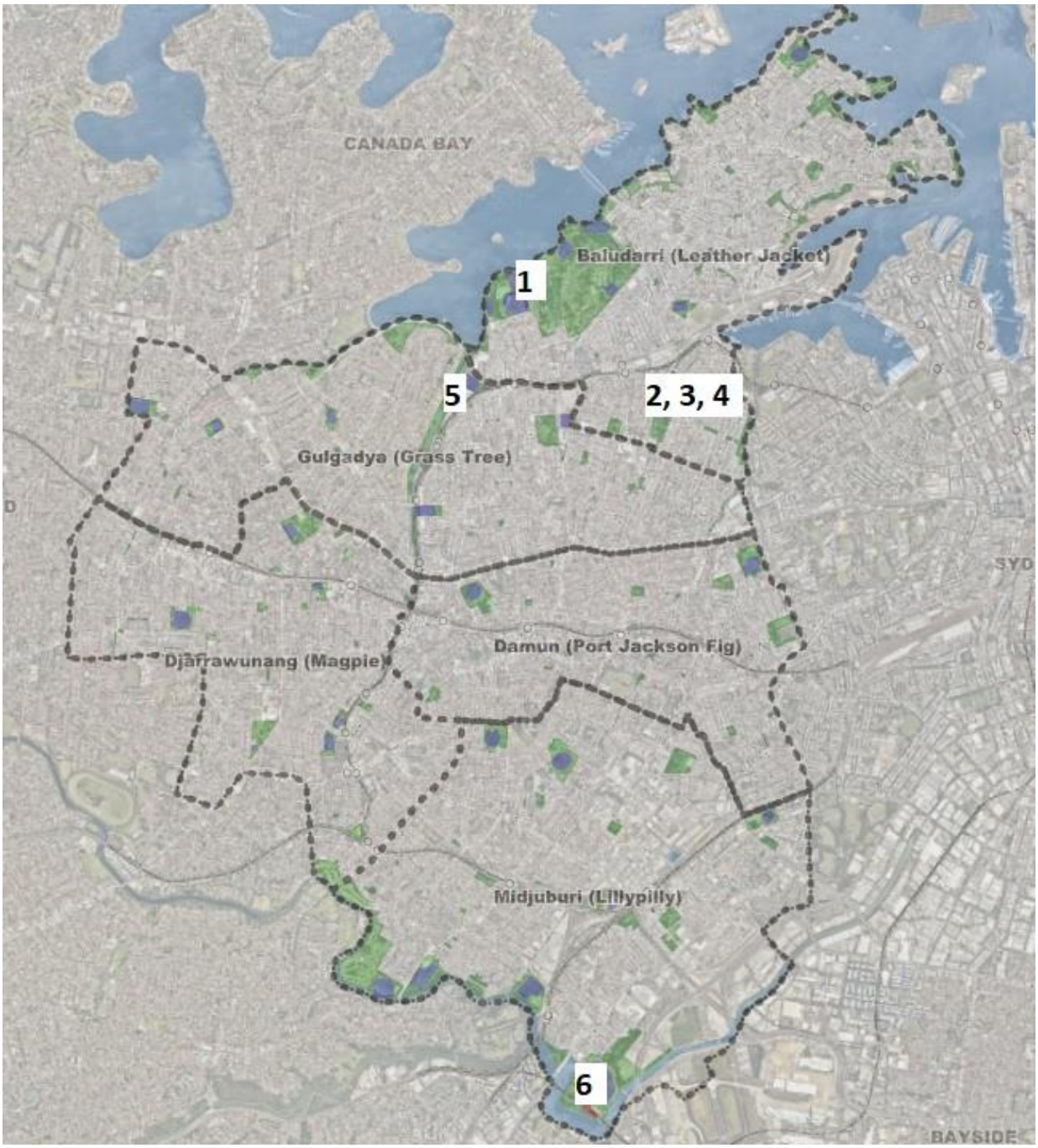


Figure 1: Map of existing microforest locations

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-Baludarri ward
   - Approximately 200m^2 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^2 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^2 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^2 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^2 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^2 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^2. 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.

Simple Microforest budget – 100m^2 site		
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
Total		**$25,000**

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^2 in size. The recommended space at the Sustainability Hub is ¾ the size at 75m^2 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' 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 8

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.

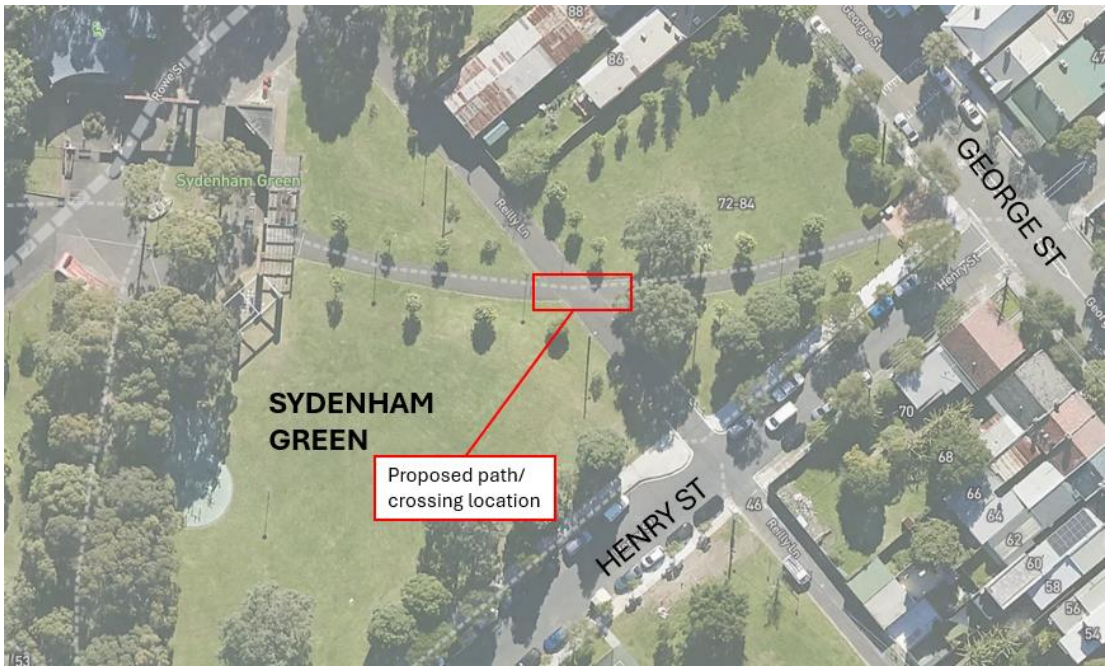


Figure 1- Sydenham Green – Proposed crossing location

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.

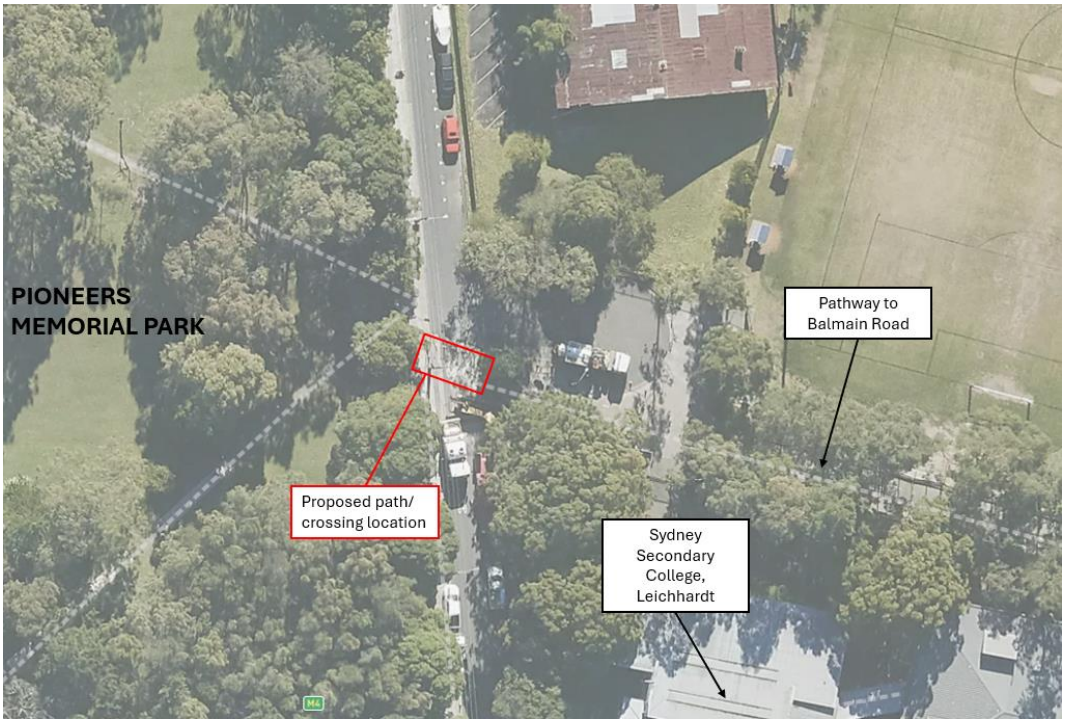


Figure 2 - Derbyshire Road – Proposed crossing location

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 Darly Road to the Light Rail Station.

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

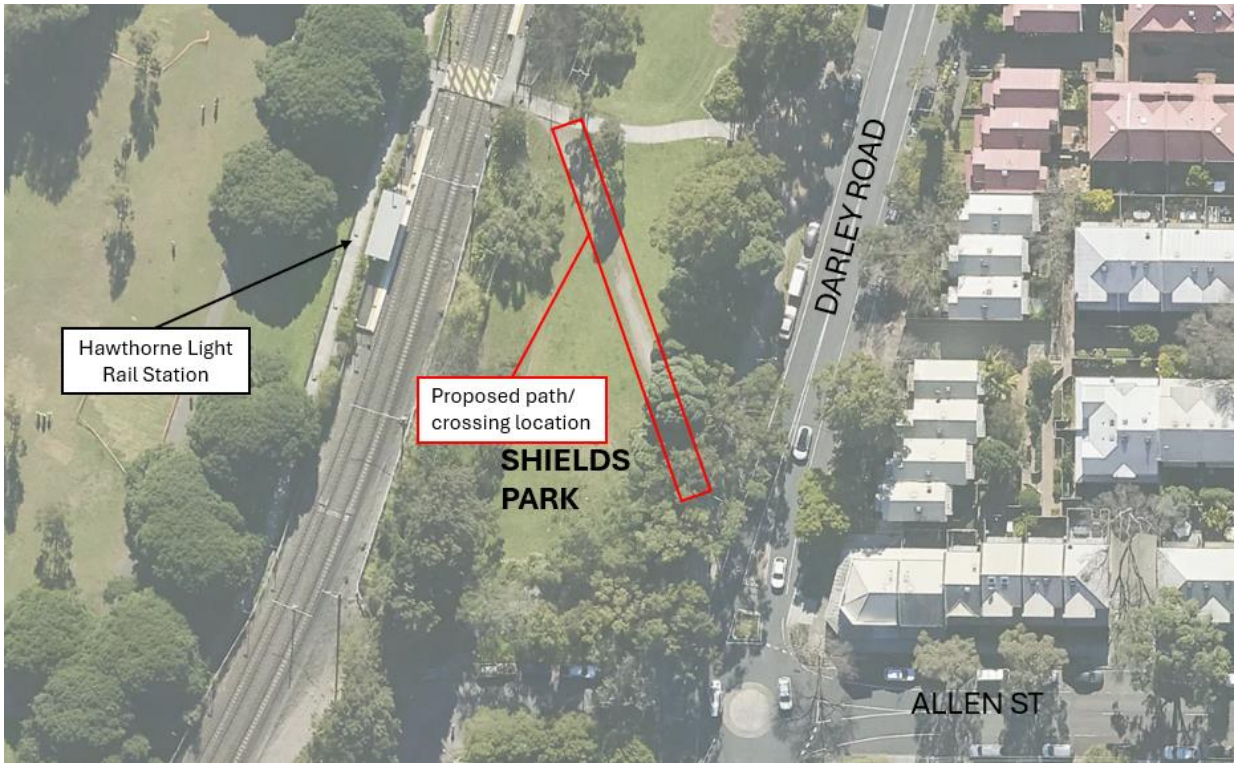


Figure 4 – Shields Park – Proposed crossing location

Camdenville Park – Pride Sports Hub
The Pride Sports Hub was officially opened as part of the Camdeville 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

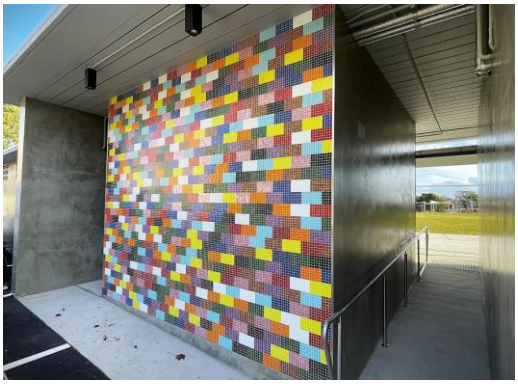


Figure 6 – Amenities building and Pride mosaic wall

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

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.**

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 Strat 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 Louge 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 14

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.

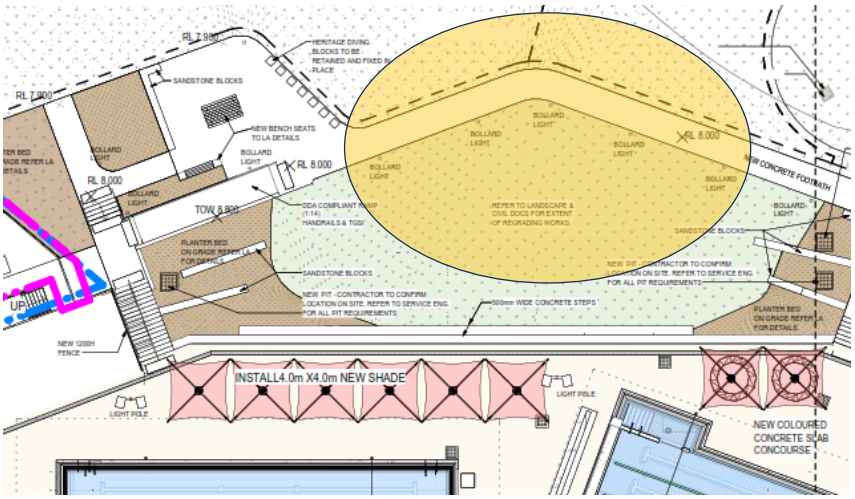
Stage 2 is currently in the design phase having its high-level scope confirmed at the April 2025 Council meeting by endorsement of the revised conceptual designs.

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.

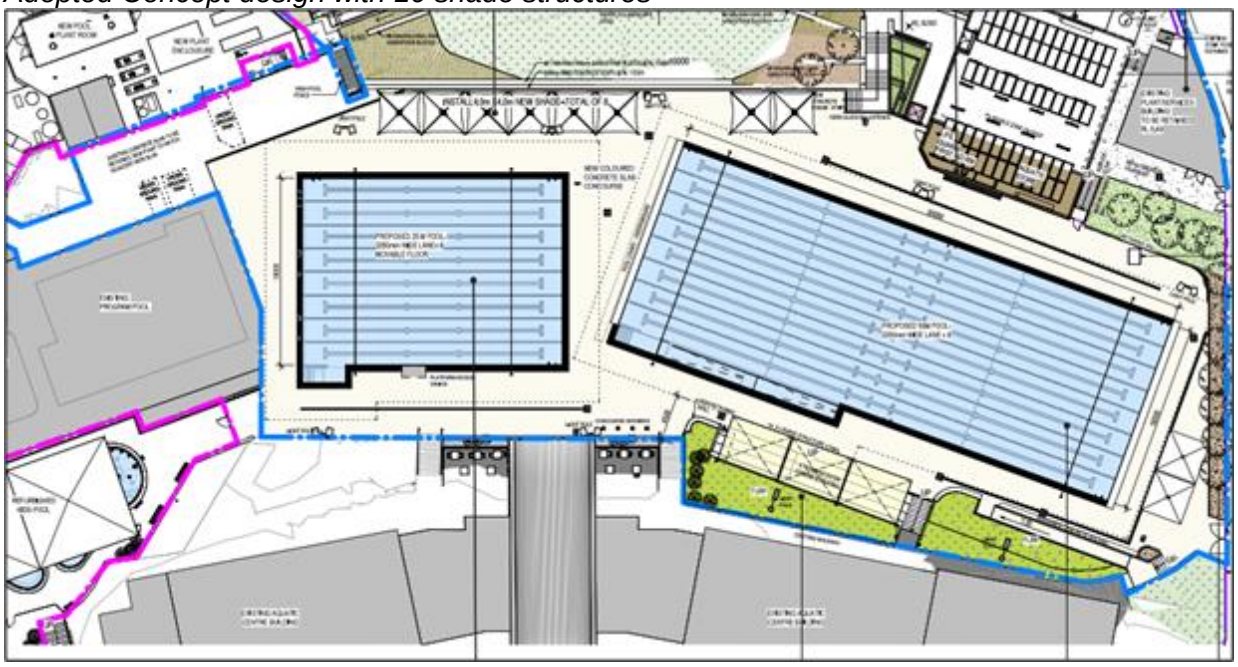
It is considered feasible to include a playground generally located near the current seating area, just to the north of the new 25m pool (as shown below) and as such is recommended for inclusion within the project scope. It should be noted that the exact location of the playground within the rear turf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



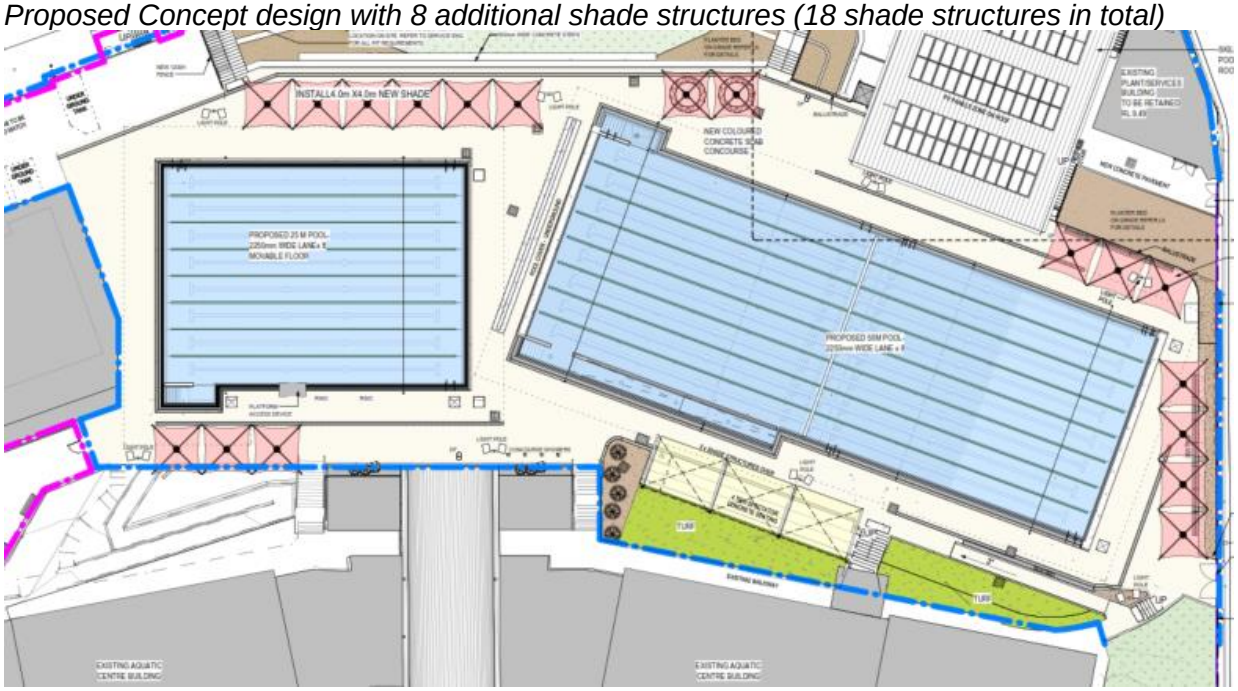
The new playground would be designed to offer engaging experiences for children of various ages and will provide inclusive play opportunities. The playground design will accommodate various play experiences such as multi-age and nature-based play to foster physical development, coordination, and social 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 that 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:

Task	**Estimated Start Date**	**Estimated Completion Date**
• August Council Meeting • Consideration to proceed with alternative site	-	August 2025
• Camperdown Park PoM Submission • Allow 6 months for Crown Approval • Plan for community engagement • 42 days public exhibition • Prepare Engagement Outcomes Report • PoM required to be adopted by Council • PoM to Crown for adoption	September 2025	July 2026
• Concept Design and QS Cost Estimate • Engage Architect • Prepare Concept Designs • Prepare Concept Cost Estimates • Quality Assurance and Design Reviews • Consultation	September 2025	February 2026
• Report Concept and QS Cost Estimate to March 2026 Council Meeting	March 2026	March 2026
• Prepare DA documentation	April 2026	July 2026
• Planning Approval	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 remove 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
	Total	**$1,867,000**

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

Attachment 1 – Location Maps, Site Photos and Plans

Figure 1. Location of Camperdown Park within the LGA

Figure 2. Location of the proposed site within Camperdown Park (Map courtesy of MetroMap)

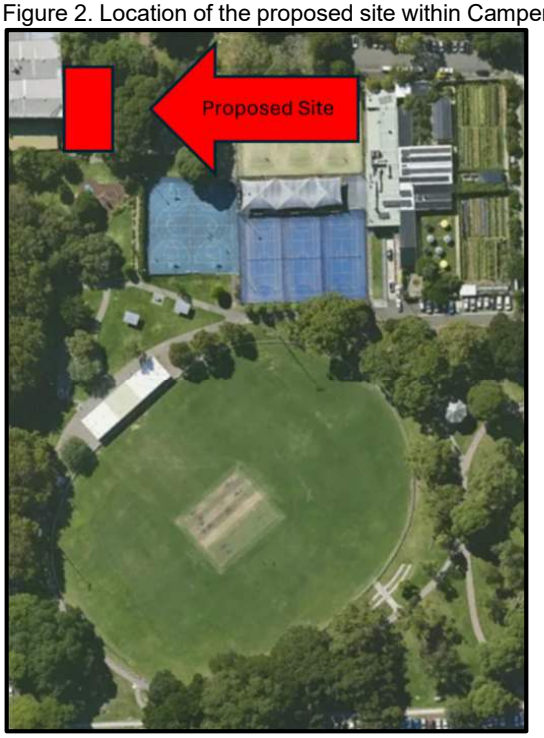


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Photo 1. View of the exterior from within Camperdown Park

Photo 2. View of proposed external landscaping area

Photo 3. Proximity to the proposed Damun Inclusive Playground

Figure 3. 2013 Floor Plan of Proposed Site

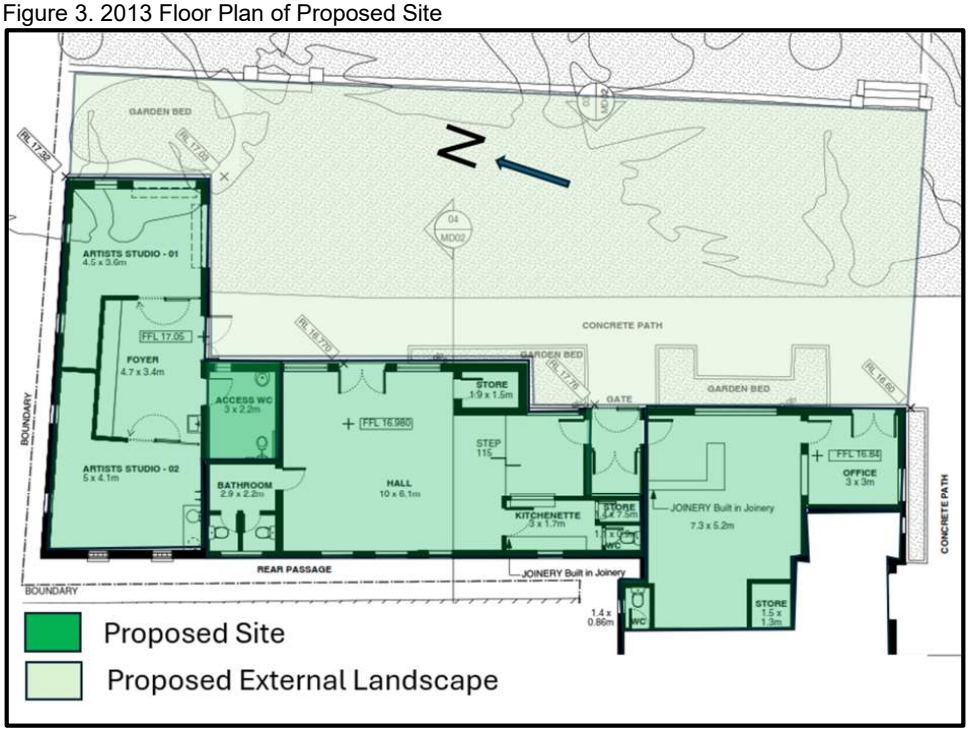

Figure 4. Location of Jimmy Little Community Centre within the LGA

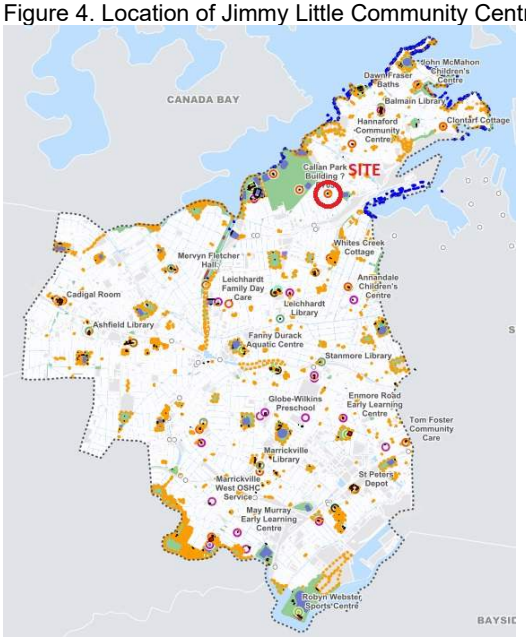

Figure 5. Location of the proposed site within Lilyfield

Photo 4. Street view of Jimmy Little from Cecily Street

Photo 5. Main Hall at Jimmy Little

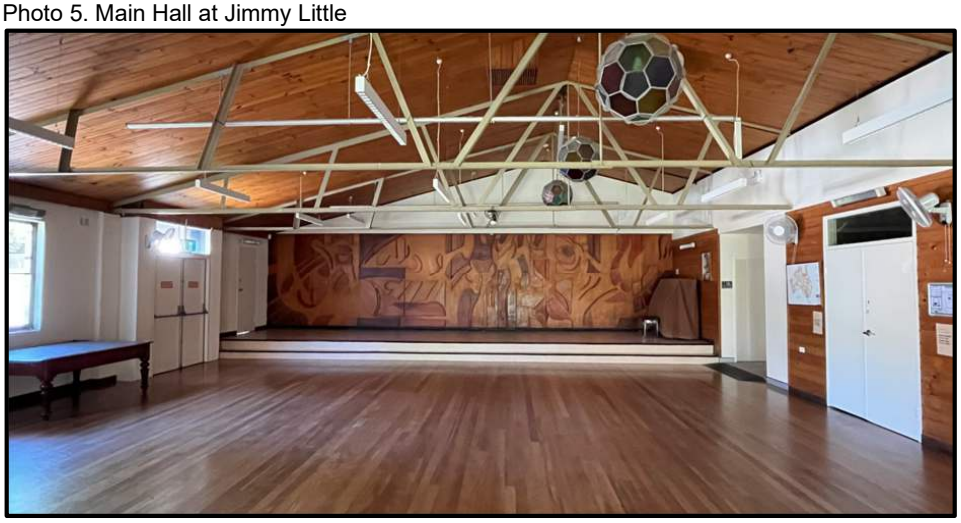

Photo 6. Interior Rooms

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Figure 6. Floor Plan of Jimmy Little

Meeting Agenda

Event: **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander LDG meeting**

Date: 15th July 2025

Time: 4:30 (Bus Tour) 6:30-8:00pm (Meeting)

Location: Ashfield Service Centre 260 Liverpool Road ASHFIELD NSW 2131

Running Order:

Time	Items for Discussion
4:30	Bus leaves for Tour (Camperdown)
5:30	Jimmy Little Community Centre (Lilyfield)
6:30	Acknowledgement of Country
6:35	Introductions, apologies and membership changes
6:40	Confirmation of previous minutes and actions
6:45	Discussion on the Aboriginal community Hub options
7:15	Koori Knockout Screening
7:30	RAP DISCUSSION (NEW RAP 2025)
8:00	Meeting close

Next Meeting September 2025

Meeting Minutes

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander LDG

Tuesday 15th July 2025

Ashfield Service Centre Level 5 meeting Room 1 260 Liverpool Road Ashfield NSW 2131 Teams Meeting ID: 445 051 837 511 0 Passcode: U3d8WZ9H

Meeting commenced at 16:30 and concluded at 20:00.

Attendees

Community members	Council officers	Councillors
Wade Smith	Deborah Lennis	Olivia Barlow
Uncle Allan Barnes	Simon Watts (19:03 left)	
Bernadette Hardy (online only)	Scott Mullens (19:03 left)	
	Ryann Midei (18:25 left)	
	Sam Pagano (18:05 left)	

Chairperson: Wade Smith

Acknowledgement of Country: Deborah Lennis

Apologies: Tarunna Sebastian
Derek Wilson
Lachlan Barker-Kennedy

Membership changes: Nil

Disclosures of conflicts of interest: Nil

Endorse previous meeting minutes: Nil endorsed

Discussion Items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Agenda item outcome/action (as required)
Bus Tour	Camperdown Park (Australia Street)	• There is more space for the centre to be used by multiple community members and organisations at the same time. • Centre is more connected to the outside and space for community, kids and Elders to get together • Better parking, however, might need to apply for disabled spots in Australia Street
Bus Tour	Jimmy Little Centre (Cecily Street Lilyfield)	• Pity it is so small, as the NAME is good as a member of the Aboriginal and IW Community • Public Transport is an issue here • No real outdoor space at this centre
Koori Knockout (Councillor Motion)	Large Screen - ideally at Camdenville Park, however soccer games will still be played over the that weekend. Where do we screen instead? It is the NRL Grand Final same weekend in October What day/s do we screen?	• Possible large screen at Leichhardt Oval - the home of Rugby League in the IW Pratten Park – need to check the restrictions • Follow up with Koori Radio – about broadcasting & advertising IW big screen • Follow up with NITV - to see about broadcasting • Follow up about screen costs and leaving up over the weekend period • Community – Knockout Friday – Monday October Long weekend Sat= all men's games

		Sun = NRL Grand Final after the Knockout Mon = all Grand Finals
RAP Update	Traffic Light System – about 30 actions not started mostly People & Culture actions Need to write an updated RAP	• Work with P&C to get the RAP Actions started • Keep the current RAP status (Innovate) • Look at what Council is up to for writing new Actions & Deliverables for 2025-2027 RAP
Council & Community Update	One Council – Swim Site Callan Park DA Aboriginal Artwork for Henson Park Grandstand IWC Indigenous Historical & Cultural heritage Research Report	• Community will give feedback on One Council • Community can't see the artist statement vision in the artwork, however Henson Park has been given to WAFL and the community can see the Aboriginal design from their jersey within this design. • No community member has heard of this Aboriginal artist before. • Why is it at the end of the upgrade community is asked for their input? • Booklet for all LDG Members, Secondary Schools & Libraries

Please see attachments:

1: Pictures of Community rooms – Camperdown

2: Pictures of Community Rooms – Lilyfield

3: RAP Traffic Light Spreadsheet

4: DA for Callan Park Swim Site

5: Information of concept artwork for Henson Park

Next meeting: September 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

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 June 2025

Meeting commenced at 11:03 AM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Victor Macri	Councillor –Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward (Chair)
Bill Holliday	Representative for Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain
Graeme McKay	Representative for Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill
Miriama Tamata	Representative for Jenny Leong MP, Member for Newtown
Vinoth Srinivasan	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Nina Fard	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Takla	Representative for Transit Systems
Sunny Jo	IWC's Acting Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
George Tsaprounis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (South)
Felicia Lau	IWC's Acting Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (North)
Christy Li	IWC's Business Administration Officer

VISITORS

Nil.	Nil.

APOLOGIES:

Liz Atkins	Councillor – Damun - Stanmore Ward

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on Monday, 19 May 2025 be confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025 were adopted at Council's meeting held on 20 May 2025 subject to the following amendments:

1. That Council review the footpath parking element of the Myrtle Street, Leichhardt shared zone 12 months post-implementation and survey residents of Myrtle Street, Ivory Street, Ivory Lane, National Street, Flood Street between Treadgold Street and Lords Road, and Elswick Street between Edith Street and Seale Street as part of the review.

LTC0625(1) Item 1 Richardson's Crescent, Marrickville - Traffic treatments at the intersection of Richardson's Crescent and Carrington Road (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward / Summer Hill Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

At Council's Local Traffic Committee on the 17 March 2025, item 14 – Concerns regarding the vehicular access from Carrington Road, Marrickville was raised by the Chair as part of the General Business items for Local Traffic Committee. This item included correspondence from a resident noting concern regarding vehicular access at the intersection of Carrington Road onto Richardson's Crescent stating the difficulty of turning right from Carrington Road into Richardson's Crescent. As such, Council's Traffic Engineering team was tasked to investigate potential treatments to address the concern raised by the resident.

This report investigates two potential proposals to address the alleged turning delays associated with this intersection, including a roundabout treatment and a seagull treatment. The results of the analysis for a roundabout reveal that at this point in time efficiency of the intersection is satisfactory as well as a low accident history meaning that a proposed roundabout would not be the most cost-effective solution for an intersection which is essentially operating at an acceptable level of service. Whilst a Seagull Island treatment is more cost effective and would provide the same benefit in terms of intersection efficiency as a roundabout, the fact the intersection is currently operating acceptable means that at present, the benefit provided in relation to the cost is debatable. It is recommended that Council note both proposals and that a Seagull Island treatment would be a better proposed option for this intersection.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council note the design of a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Richardson's Crescent and Carrington Road.

2. That Council note the design of a proposed seagull treatment at the intersection of Richardson's Crescent and Carrington Road.

DISCUSSION:

Council Officers tabled in comments received from the representative of the Inner West Bicycle Coalition requesting that consideration of the same treatment given across Renwick Street be given to giving the pedestrian/ bike refuge island on Carrington Road south of Richardson Crescent. It was noted that the proposed seagull treatment and lowered holding time at this intersection will be a magnet for traffic coming from the south and west leading to higher traffic volumes and speeds. It was also noted that "greening" the intersection and giving cyclists priority as at Renwick Street would be ideal as it would provide a uniform treatment for cyclists along Carrington Road.

Council Officers noted the comments received by the representative of the Inner West Bicycle Coalition.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That Council note the design of a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Richardson's Crescent and Carrington Road.**

2. **That Council note the design of a proposed seagull treatment at the intersection of Richardson's Crescent and Carrington Road.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 2 Shepherd Street and Chapel Street, Marrickville – Proposed two raised pedestrian crossings and kerb extensions - Design Plan 10339 (Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward / Summer Hill Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is planning to improve safety for pedestrians in Shepherd Street and Chapel Street, Marrickville by converting the 2 existing 'at-grade' pedestrian crossings to raised pedestrian crossings together with landscaped kerb blister islands. The proposal aims to improve pedestrian and motorist safety by better defining safe pedestrian crossing points; improve sight distances, reduce traffic speeds and conflicts with traffic movements at this location.

Officers Recommendation:

That the detailed design plan for the proposed raised pedestrian crossings in Shepherd Street and Chapel Street, Marrickville and associated signs and line markings (as per Design Plan No.10339) be APPROVED.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the detailed design plan for the proposed raised pedestrian crossings in Shepherd Street and Chapel Street, Marrickville and associated signs and line markings (as per Design Plan No.10339) be APPROVED.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 3 McGill Street, Lewisham - Proposed Shared Zone (Damun-Stanmore Ward/Newtown Electorate/Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

The adopted Inner West Council Pedestrian Access Management Plan (PAMP) recommends the investigation of a Shared Zone on McGill Street, Petersham, and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Old Canterbury Road and Hudson Street. This report outlines further investigations completed along McGill Street and the nearby intersections, to assess the feasibility of the recommended treatments identified within the PAMP and develop them further. A concept plan has been developed proposing treatments which addresses some of these issues identified (some recommendations from the PAMP plan were unfeasible due to site constraints.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That a Shared Zone on McGill Street between Old Canterbury Road and Hudson Street,

Lewisham, as per plan no.10347, be supported in-principle and included in Council's Capital Works program subject to detailed design, support from Transport for NSW and the community.

2. That the detailed design for the proposed Shared Zone in McGill Street, Lewisham be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Council Officers requested that the recommendation be amended to note that this was a 'Category 1 raised pavement shared zone.'

Council Officers noted that the kerb line has been repositioned to sit behind the 'Give Way' line marking as previously requested by Transport for NSW.

The Representative for Transport for NSW noted that a 'Road Safety Audit' needs to be undertaken during the design stage and requested that it be incorporated into the recommendation.

The Representative for Transport for NSW noted that were not supportive of the proposed parking on Old Canterbury Road however, they will work with Council in relation to the adjustments to on-street parking in the adjusted section of kerb during the detailed design phase.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That a category 1 raised pavement Shared Zone on McGill Street between Old Canterbury Road and Hudson Street, Lewisham, as per plan no.10347, be supported in-principle**

2. **That the detailed design for the proposed Shared Zone in McGill Street, Lewisham be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration subject to a Road Safety Audit being undertaken as part of the detailed design and submitted to TfNSW for their concurrence prior to Traffic Committee review and that community engagement be undertaken of the detailed design.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 4 Holborow Street (at Liverpool Road), Croydon. (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has prepared a design plan to provide a new landscaped kerb blister and extension to re-align the intersection of Holborow Street and Liverpool Road, Croydon. The proposal aims to slow traffic and improve road safety for pedestrians and motorists at the intersection.

Officers Recommendation:

That the detailed design plan (10329) for a proposed new landscaped kerb blister and extension re-alignment of the intersection of Holborow Street and Liverpool Road, Croydon, with associated signs and line marking (as shown in *Attachment 1*) be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for Transport for NSW raised concerns regarding pedestrian safety and potential impacts to the efficiency of the State Road networks. Council Officer presented additional turning movement diagrams to show the turn path of a passenger vehicle as well as an additional turn path of an 8.8m truck as requested by TfNSW representative prior to the meeting. The Council Officer also advised that the 8.8m truck was the design vehicle in this case.

It was noted that TfNSW representatives raised concerns with the conflict point between the 8.8 metre Medium Rigid Vehicle (MRV) and pedestrians. Council Officers advised that this design would improve safety for pedestrians and didn't agree that the turn paths of vehicles would pose a safety issue for pedestrians.

Council Officers noted that they have made changes to ensure there would be minimal impact to the State Road networks and that turning templates are usually more conservative so the likelihood of there being issues with vehicle movements is low.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the detailed design plan (10329) for a proposed new landscaped kerb blister and extension re-alignment of the intersection of Holborow Street and Liverpool Road, Croydon, with associated signs and line marking (as shown in *Attachment 1*) be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 5 Beattie Street, Balmain – Proposed linemarking changes between Elliott Street and Evans Street (Baldurri-Balmain/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is planning to improve road safety along Beattie Street, Balmain between Elliott Street and Evans Street. The proposed realignment of the undivided centre lines is intended to encourage lower vehicle speeds and improve vehicle delineation.

Officers Recommendation:

That the proposed line marking changes for Beattie Street between Elliott Street and Evans Street, Balmain be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed line marking changes for Beattie Street between Elliott Street and Evans Street, Balmain be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 6 Darling Street, Balmain - Global TMP for Balmain Street - (Baludarri-Balmain Ward Balmain Electorate Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received a grant to develop a global Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for events on Darling Street in Balmain.

The purpose of the program is to help secure a brighter future for our communities by unlocking more walkable, safer, and activated neighbourhoods.

Preparation is underway for a multi-event on Darling Street between Booth Street and Montague Street, Balmain. The global TMP will be used for future events at this location, with the first expected to be held on a weekend during the month of November 2025.

The event components may include a variety of activities, such as market stalls, themed displays, food trucks, tables and chairs and entertainment. Local commercial cafes and restaurants may have the opportunity to expand outdoor seating numbers to increase trading and enhance the specific event.

The event will impact surrounding streets within the Balmain area. The TMP was prepared to outline the effects on the road network, parking, pedestrian and bicycle routes, emergency routes and access to local properties and businesses.

Officers Recommendation:

That the proposed global multi-event Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for Darling Street between Montague Street and Booth Street, Balmain, be approved-in principle for a period of five (5) years, with this year's event to be held on a weekend during the month of November 2025, subject to the following conditions:

a) The event organisers notify the community including residents and businesses of the proposed event, changes to traffic and parking in the area;
b) All barricades and necessary signposting shall be provided by the event organisers and maintained during the period of the event by TfNSW-accredited marshals, or Police engaged by the applicant;
c) All traffic control facilities are to be installed in accordance with Australian Standard 1742.3;
d) The event organiser shall indemnify Inner West Council against all claims for damage or injury that may result from the activity or occupation of part of the public way during the activity. The event organiser must provide documentary evidence of public risk insurance cover of at least $20,000,000 indemnifying Council; and
e) The event organiser shall be responsible for the reimbursement for the cost of repair of any damage caused to the public way, or as a result of the activities.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for Transport for NSW noted that Darling Street is a bus route and in close proximity to traffic control signals and therefore a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) needs to be submitted to the Transport Management Centre (TMC) for approval and a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) needs to be obtained.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed global multi-event Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for Darling Street between Montague Street and Booth Street, Balmain, be approved-in principle for a period of five (5) years, with this year's event to be held on a weekend during the month of November 2025, subject to the following conditions:

a) The event organisers notify the community including residents and businesses of the proposed event, changes to traffic and parking in the area;
b) All barricades and necessary signposting shall be provided by the event organisers and maintained during the period of the event by TfNSW-accredited marshals, or Police engaged by the applicant;
c) All traffic control facilities are to be installed in accordance with Australian Standard 1742.3;
d) The event organiser shall indemnify Inner West Council against all claims for damage or injury that may result from the activity or occupation of part of the public way during the activity. The event organiser must provide documentary evidence of public risk insurance cover of at least $20,000,000 indemnifying Council;
e) The event organiser shall be responsible for the reimbursement for the cost of repair of any damage caused to the public way, or as a result of the activities; and
f) The applicant submits the Bus route changes, Traffic Management Plan, and closures impacting traffic signals to the Transport Management Centre for approval and a Road Occupancy Licence be obtained.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 7 Darling Street, Balmain - Proposed motor bike parking restriction (Baludarri-Balmain/Balmain electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

To improve intersection safety at the Duke Street and Darling Street intersection, Balmain East, the following are proposed:

- Converting a 5m unrestricted parking space in Darling Street, west of Duke Street to 'Motor Bikes Only' parking zone;
- Formalising give-way treatment with sign and line marking at Duke Street; and
- Consideration of a variable speed radar to be installed along the frontage of St. Mary's Balmain Anglican Church facing eastbound traffic in Darling Street.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That the installation of a 5m length 'Motor Bikes Only' parking zone on the northern side of Darling Street 10m west of Duke Street, Balmain East be approved.

2. That a Give Way (R1-2A) sign be installed in Duke Street at its intersection with Darling Street, with Give Way (TB and TB1) lines across Duke Street.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the installation of a 5m length 'Motor Bikes Only' parking zone on the northern side of Darling Street 10m west of Duke Street, Balmain East be approved.**

2. **That a Give Way (R1-2A) sign be installed in Duke Street at its intersection with Darling Street, with Give Way (TB and TB1) lines across Duke Street.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 8 Elliott Street, Balmain - Proposed Resident Parking Scheme (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Several residents in Elliott Street, Balmain have expressed concerns regarding long-term non-resident parking and requested a Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) for their street.

In response, preliminary investigation and community engagement were undertaken by Council on a '2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area B1' proposal on the north side of Elliott Street between Rosieville Lane and Glassop Street, and south side of Elliott Street in between Claremont and Terry Street, Balmain.

The results of the community engagement indicated adequate support for the implementation of the proposed Resident Parking Scheme.

Officers Recommendation:

That the proposed resident parking scheme '2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area B1' on the north side of Elliott Street between Rosieville Lane and Glassop Street, and south side of Elliott Street in between Claremont and Terry Street, Balmain as per below plan be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed resident parking scheme '2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area B1' on the north side of Elliott Street between Rosieville Lane and Glassop Street, and south side of Elliott Street in between Claremont and Terry Street, Balmain as per below plan be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 9 Inner West LGA - Proposal for Flexicar Car Share Parking Spaces (All Wards/All Electorates/All PACs)

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Flexicar to install 12 on-street dedicated 'Car Share'

parking spaces for existing floating car share vehicles around the Inner West.

Officers Recommendation:

That the following 'No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicle Expected, Area FLEXICAR' restrictions be approved:

a) A 2.5m wide space in the Edgeware Road Council car park, Enmore next to the existing car share space.

b) A 5.5m restriction on the southern side of Arthur Street, Marrickville east of Ann Street outside no.10 Arthur Street.

c) A 5.5m restriction on the northern side of Salisbury Road, Stanmore east of Percival Road.

d) A 5.5m restriction on the southern side of Railway Avenue, Newtown west of Liberty Street.

e) A 5.5m restriction on the eastern side of Regent Street, Petersham south of Trafalgar Street.

f) A 5.5m restriction on the western side of Barwon Park Road, St Peters south of Princes Highway.

g) A 2.5m wide space in the Seaview Street Council car park, Dulwich Hill to the existing car share space.

h) A 5.5m restriction on the southern side of Guihen Street, Camperdown west of Booth Street.

DISCUSSION:

The Chairperson noted there were 6 submissions against the proposed restrictions in Arthur Street, Marrickville East and suggested that the proposal for the Arthur Street, Marrickville East not be supported due to community opposition.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following 'No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicle Expected, Area FLEXICAR' restrictions be approved:

a) A 2.5m wide space in the Edgeware Road Council car park, Enmore next to the existing car share space.

b) A 5.5m restriction on the northern side of Salisbury Road, Stanmore east of Percival Road.

c) A 5.5m restriction on the southern side of Railway Avenue, Newtown west of Liberty Street.

d) A 5.5m restriction on the eastern side of Regent Street, Petersham south of Trafalgar Street.

e) A 5.5m restriction on the western side of Barwon Park Road, St Peters south of Princes Highway.

f) A 2.5m wide space in the Seaview Street Council car park, Dulwich Hill to the existing car share space.

g) A 5.5m restriction on the southern side of Guihen Street, Camperdown west of Booth Street.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 10 Camdenville Park, St Peters - Proposed parking changes to the Camdenville Park carpark at Council Street, St Peters (Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward / Heffron Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

A concept plan which included upgrades to the existing amenities building and existing car parking area at Council Street, St Peters was proposed as part of the Camdenville Park Amenities Refurbishment project. This report is provided to formalize the car parking area including relevant line marking of parking bays and parking signage. It is recommended that Council approve the design of the car park at Camdenville Park fronting Council Street, St Peters.

Officers Recommendation:

That the carpark design and signage plan of the Camdenville Park Amenities Refurbishment be approved by Council.

DISCUSSION:

Council Officers noted that the plan proposes signposting changes as well as an addition of motorcycle parking spaces and mobility parking spaces.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the carpark design and signage plan of the Camdenville Park Amenities Refurbishment be approved by Council.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 11 Gower Street, Ashfield - Proposed Resident Parking Scheme at Gower Street between Liverpool Road and Ormond Street (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward) / Summer Hill Electorate / Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

Upon receiving a petition from residents of Gower Street, Ashfield, Council initiated an investigation for implementing residential parking restrictions in Gower Street, Ashfield. A parking occupancy survey was carried out and it was found that there are high parking

occupancies in Gower Street during the morning and evening periods.

Accordingly, Council officer's proposed timed permit parking restrictions on the western side of Gower Street, signposted as '2P 8am – 6pm Mon – Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 10', and consulted on this proposal with surrounding households and businesses. This report provides the results of this survey and consultation with owners and occupiers in Gower Street indicated that there was sufficient support to implement the proposed restrictions.

Officers Recommendation:

That the proposal to implement Resident Parking Scheme restrictions '2P 8am – 6pm Mon – Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 10' along the western side of Gower Street between Liverpool Road and Ormond Street, Ashfield be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for Transport for NSW requested that the 'No Stopping' restrictions towards the intersections be made compliant to road rules.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposal to implement Resident Parking Scheme restrictions '2P 8am – 6pm Mon – Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 10' along the western side of Gower Street between Liverpool Road and Ormond Street, Ashfield be approved subject to 20m length 'No Stopping' zone be retained at its approach to Liverpool Road.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0625(1) Item 12 Holbeach Avenue, Tempe – Temporary Full Road Closure for MS Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride on Sunday 2 November 2025 – (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward / Heffron Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received an application under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 to use Holbeach Avenue and Tempe Recreation Reserve to hold the annual 'MS Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride' supported by Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Australia on Sunday 2 November 2025. This event will necessitate the temporary full road closure of Holbeach Avenue, Tempe and southbound lane closures on Princes Highway from the car park entrance of IKEA to Cooks River along with closures (Residents Excepted) of South Street, Hart Street, Bay Street and Old Street, Tempe between the hours 0400 to 1000 hours on Sunday 2 November 2025.

The comments of the Local Traffic Committee will be referred to Council's Development Assessment Section for consideration in determining the Development Application.

Officers Recommendation:

That the Local Traffic Committee receive and note the report.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Traffic Committee receive and note the report.

For Motion: Unanimous

General Business:

Item 13- Ramsay Street, Haberfield Road resurfacing works

The Representative for the Member of Summer Hill noted that Council had recently completed road works on Ramsay Street however, stopped a few metres before the intersection at Dalhousie Street and questioned if there are plans for the works to continue to the intersection. The Representative for the Member of Summer Hill notes that currently there is a minor dip in the road due to the uneven road surface.

Item 14- Trucks accessing Sloane Street, Marrickville

The Chairperson questioned if Council has reviewed the issue with trucks accessing Sloane Street, Marrickville. Council Officers advised that consultation letters have been sent out to nearby residents and businesses for feedback regarding the installation of 'No Stopping' signs to improve sightlines and manoeuvrability of larger vehicles.

Item 14- Charlotte Street, Marrickville proposed RPS scheme

The Chairperson advised that a petition had been submitted to Council by the residents of Charlotte Street, Marrickville to initiate an investigation for a Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) in Charlotte Street. The Chairperson noted that the residents have advised that the parking situation has deteriorated and that they would like Council to re investigate the possibility of implementing a RPS scheme for the street. Council Officers advised they will investigate the issue and noted that there are currently works being undertaken by Transport for NSW in the close proximity to Charlotte Street, which may also be exacerbating the parking issue.

Item 15- Notification of Road Works in the LGA

The Representative for Transit Systems requested that Council advise Transit Systems of any upcoming projects and road works in the LGA as there have been previous instances where Transit Systems haven't been notified and the works had caused delays in their services.

Item 16- Sydenham Station Bus Layover

The Representative for Transit Systems noted that the current layover area at Sydenham Station needs to be reviewed as there has been concerns of bus turning movement from Railway Parade to Marrickville Road, Sydenham. The Representative for Transport for NSW

advised they will follow up the concerns with the relevant departments.

Meeting closed at 11.49 am.

CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Victor Macri

Minutes of Meeting held on 21 July 2025

Meeting commenced at 11:02 AM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Victor Macri	Councillor –Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward (Chair)
Liz Atkins	Councillor – Damun - Stanmore Ward
Sgt Charles Buttrose	NSW Police – Leichhardt Police Area Command
Todd Leach	NSW Police – Inner West Police Area Command
Ben Simpson	NSW Police – Inner West Police Area Command
Bill Holliday	Representative for Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain
Graeme McKay	Representative for Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill
Miriama Tamata	Representative for Jenny Leong MP, Member for Newtown
Nina Fard	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Takla	Representative for Transit Systems
Julius Villanueva	Representative for Transit Systems
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Jason Scoufis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Investigations & Road Safety
Kurt Henkel	IWC's Team Leader Public Domain Planning
Christy Li	IWC's Business Administration Officer

VISITORS

Avryl Lattin	Public Speaker – Item 10
Bryony Weiss	Public Speaker – Item 12
Kathryn Welch	Public Speaker – Item 12
James Buckman	Public Speaker – Item 12
Norma Speechley	Public Speaker – Item 12
Doug Rosser	Public Speaker – Item 12
Nick Rippon	Public Speaker – Item 12

APOLOGIES:

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on Monday, 16 June 2025 be

confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES

Nil.

LTC0725(1) Item 1 Tempe Station - Proposed shared path (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Inner West PAC/Summer Hill Electorate)

SUMMARY

This report outlines a proposal to install a shared path within the Tempe Station car park to provide separation for cyclists and pedestrians. There is no loss of parking, and a gain of one (1) additional parking space. The proposal will improve safety and connectivity within the car park, whilst also minimising impacts to the existing car parking spaces.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That a concept shared path within the Tempe Station car park as per plan no.10352, be supported in-principle and included in Council's Capital Works program subject to support from Transport for NSW and/or relevant rail authority body.

2. That the detailed design for the proposed shared path in Tempe Station car park be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for Transport for NSW advised that the land on which the shared path is proposed to be installed is owned by Transport for NSW and is currently being leased out to Council. The Representative for Transport for NSW advised Council will have to prepare a separate submission outside the Local Traffic Committee to obtain permission to undertake the works before the proposal can proceed.

The Representative for Transport for NSW suggested that the report be moved to part b of the agenda – for information only instead of voting, as relevant authority approvals need to be received before the recommendation can be considered.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes this report.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 2 Renwick Street at Illawarra Road, Marrickville - Proposed raised pedestrian crossing (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Inner West PAC/Summer Hill Electorate)

SUMMARY

This report outlines the pedestrian crossing investigation completed at the intersections of Illawarra Road and Renwick Street, and Renwick Street and Excelsior Parade, Marrickville.

The pedestrian and vehicle volumes were assessed, and it was found that the volumes were met at the intersection of Illawarra Road and Renwick Street, and the volumes were not met at the intersection of Renwick Street and Excelsior Parade.

Accordingly, a pedestrian crossing is proposed at the intersection of Illawarra Road and Renwick Street. It is recommended that, if possible, the design development of the proposed pedestrian crossing across Renwick Street be integrated with the Marrickville Town Centre Master Plan.

Furthermore, it is also recommended that a pedestrian crossing be investigated across the northern leg of Illawarra Road and reported back to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That a raised pedestrian crossing on Renwick Street, just east of Illawarra Road, Marrickville, as per plan no.10350, be supported in-principle, and included in Council's Capital Works program subject to community consultation.

2. That the detailed design for the proposed raised pedestrian crossing on Renwick Steet, just east of Illawarra Road, Marrickville be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

3. That a raised pedestrian crossing across Renwick Street at Excelsior Parade, Marrickville not be supported.

4. That a raised pedestrian crossing across Illawarra Road, north of Renwick Street be investigated and brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

The Representative for Transport for NSW (TfNSW) advised that the crossing needs to be at least a car length clear of the stop line or that amend the 'Stop' control to a 'Giveway' control to meet the Australian Standard requirements. The TfNSW representative also stated that if the 'Stop' control was to be changed to a 'Giveway' control, then a traffic safety assessment on the change would need to be undertaken and submitted to TfNSW as part of the proposal. Council Officer advised that this is the conceptual design stage and that a submission to change the current controls can be submitted with the detailed design.
The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That a raised pedestrian crossing on Renwick Street, just east of Illawarra Road, Marrickville, as per plan no.10350, be supported in-principle, subject to the 'Giveway' controls replacing the current 'Stop' controls and included in Council's Capital Works program subject to community consultation.**

2. **That the detailed design for the proposed raised pedestrian crossing on Renwick Street, just east of Illawarra Road, Marrickville be brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration including an assessment to change the current 'Stop' controls to 'Giveway'**

3. **That a raised pedestrian crossing across Renwick Street at Excelsior Parade, Marrickville not be supported.**

4. **That a raised pedestrian crossing across Illawarra Road, north of Renwick Street be investigated and brought back to the Traffic Committee for consideration.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 3 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 - (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward /Summer Hill Electorate /Inner West LAC)

SUMMARY

An application has been received from AFL NSW/ACT to hold up to eight (8) AFLW matches at Henson Park Oval. The events require the temporary full road closure of Woodland Street, between Illawarra Road and dead-end; Holmesdale Street, between Sydenham Road and Woodland Street, and Centennial Street, between Sydenham Road and the entrance to Henson Park and Marrickville & District Hardcourt Tennis Club car park, Marrickville to allow for pedestrian entry to Henson Park on the AFLW match days. It is recommended that Council agree to the temporary full road closures subject to the applicant complying with Council conditions and obtaining concurrence from Transport for NSW as the closure of Centennial Street is adjacent to a signalised intersection on Sydenham Road, Marrickville (a State Road).

Officers Recommendation:

1. That the proposed temporary full road closure (ENRC/2025/0043) of Woodland Street between Illawarra Road and dead-end; Holmesdale Street between Sydenham Road and Woodland Street, and Centennial Street between Sydenham Road and the entrance to Henson Park and Marrickville & District Hardcourt Tennis Club car park, Marrickville on the following dates and times:
   a) Saturday 30 August 2025, 10:45 – 15:45;
   b) Sunday 07 September 2025, 08:45 – 13:45;
   c) Sunday 21 September 2025, 08:45 – 13:45;
   d) Saturday 04 October 2025, 08:45 – 13:45;
   e) Sunday 12 October 2025, 08:45 – 13:45;
   f) Saturday 18 October 2025, 10:45 – 15:45;
   g) Saturday 25 October 2025, 08:45 – 13:45; and
   h) Saturday 01 or Sunday 02 November 2025,
   i) Date & Time TBC (contingency period of one month) for the purpose of holding up to eight (8) AFLW matches at Henson Park be approved, subject to the applicant complying with, but not limited to, the following conditions:

2. That a Road Occupancy License application be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre.
3. That all affected residents and businesses, including NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services, shall be notified in writing by the applicant of the proposed temporary road closure at least 7 days prior to the event, with the applicant making reasonable provision for residents and businesses.
4. That notification signs advising of the proposed road closures and new traffic arrangements to be strategically installed and maintained by the applicant at each end of each street at least 7 days prior to the closure.
5. That the occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.
6. That subject to written concurrence from Transport for New South Wales.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the proposed temporary full road closure (ENRC/2025/0043) of Woodland Street between Illawarra Road and dead-end; Holmesdale Street between Sydenham Road and Woodland Street, and Centennial Street between Sydenham Road and the entrance to Henson Park and Marrickville & District Hardcourt Tennis Club car park, Marrickville on the following dates and times:**
   a) **Saturday 30 August 2025, 10:45 – 15:45;**
   b) **Sunday 07 September 2025, 08:45 – 13:45;**
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   e) **Sunday 12 October 2025, 08:45 – 13:45;**
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   g) **Saturday 25 October 2025, 08:45 – 13:45; and**
   h) **Saturday 01 or Sunday 02 November 2025,**
   i) **Date & Time TBC (contingency period of one month) for the purpose of holding up to eight (8) AFLW matches at Henson Park be approved, subject to the applicant complying with, but not limited to, the following conditions:**

2. **That a Road Occupancy License application be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre.**
3. **That all affected residents and businesses, including NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services, shall be notified in writing by the applicant of the proposed temporary road closure at least 7 days prior to the event, with the applicant making reasonable provision for residents and businesses.**
4. **That notification signs advising of the proposed road closures and new traffic arrangements to be strategically installed and maintained by the applicant at each end of each street at least 7 days prior to the closure.**
5. **That the occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.**
6. **That subject to written concurrence from Transport for New South Wales.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 4 Burrows Avenue, Sydenham - Proposed installation of 'No Parking' restrictions to provide one drop-off space on the southern side opposite Sydenham Station (Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward / Heffron Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is proposing to install a short 5 metre length drop-off zone (in the form of 'no Parking' restrictions) on the southern side of Burrows Avenue to compliment the main 'drop-off' zone on the northern side of Burrows Avenue adjacent to Sydenham Station, Sydenham

Officers Recommendation:

That the installation of a short 5 metre length of full-time 'No Parking drop off/pick up zone' restrictions on the southern side of Burrows Avenue, west (of existing No Stopping

restrictions in Burrows Ave) and of Hogan Avenue, Sydenham be approved, to provide a drop-off space opposite Sydenham Station.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the installation of a short 5 metre length of full-time 'No Parking drop off/pick up zone' restrictions on the southern side of Burrows Avenue, west (of existing No Stopping restrictions in Burrows Ave) and of Hogan Avenue, Sydenham be approved, to provide a drop-off space opposite Sydenham Station.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 5 Permit Plug Play Project – Global TMPs - Temporary Full Time Road Closures for community events - up to six Sunday events per year at three locations (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward and Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward /Summer Hill Electorate / Inner West LAC and Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

The Permit/Plug/Play Pilot Program is a coordinated effort by Transport for NSW, state partners, and local councils to develop tailored, local solutions that address the complexity of approval processes, and the high costs associated with street-based events. It aims to help streamline approval processes for temporary road-closure enabled events and deliver enabling place infrastructure.

Inner West Council received $500,000 grant from Transport for NSW to simplify temporary road closures and promote local street events. The program seeks to activate public spaces by supporting community events, enhancing local business, and fostering social and cultural connections.

The primary goal of the project is to make it easier for councils and event organisers to host street events in urban areas by means of the creation of standard TMPs valid for 5 years across three locations that will be enacted during events, plus the provision of infrastructure improvements such as bollards, lighting, and signage to support these events.

Approval is requested from the Local Traffic Committee for the endorsement of the standard use of the three attached TMPs with a validity of 5 years to enable the program's objectives of creating active and engaging public spaces through regular community events by reducing the burden, responsibility and expense of individual event holders having to obtain individual TMP's for each event held at these specific locations.

Officers Recommendation:

THAT the Local Traffic Committee supports the approval of the Global Traffic Management Plans for up to six Sunday events for a period of five years at the following three locations: Illawarra Lane and the Calvert Street carpark in Marrickville; on Railway Parade (Lower), Marrickville and Hercules Street, Ashfield subject to (1) approval of the TMPs by TfNSW, (2) the applicant complying with the submitted TMPs and TGSs, (3) Council standard and specific (if required) conditions for a road closure and (4) the following conditions as listed

below:

a) A temporary full road closure application is lodged with Council in a timely manner for each proposed road closure.
b) A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;
c) All affected residents and businesses, including NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services, shall be notified in writing by the applicant of the proposed temporary road closure at least 14 days prior to the event, with the applicant making reasonable provision for residents and businesses;
d) Notification signs advising of the proposed road closures and new traffic arrangements to be strategically installed and maintained by the applicant at each end of each street at least 7 days prior to the closure;
e) A 4-metre-wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the area during the course of the event; and
f) The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

DISCUSSION:

Council Officers tabled in comments from the Public Domain team noting that the Pitagones barriers are no longer included in the TMP; however, Council will still have the Pitagones barriers stored in a Council depot so event organisers can hire if required.

The Representative for Transport for NSW noted that no road closures for the events are to occur at Railway Parade (lower) during the conversion of Railway Parade (lower) to a one-way west-to-eastbound movement and during rail shutdown periods as the environment will be different from the Traffic Management Plan submitted.

The Representative for Transport for NSW also suggested that the closure of Railway Parade be at Sydenham Road and Marrickville Road, as opposed to being set back from the intersections. The reason is that there would be insufficient turning area for vehicles

The Representative for Transit Systems requested that they be provided 28 days' notice prior to works commencing.

Council Officers suggested the recommendation be amended to include that no events are held during rail works are being undertaken at Railway Parade and that the closure of Railway Parade be done at Sydenham Road and Marrickville Road.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Local Traffic Committee supports the approval of the Global Traffic Management Plans for up to six Sunday events for a period of five years at the following three locations: Illawarra Lane and the Calvert Street carpark in Marrickville; on Railway Parade (Lower), Marrickville and Hercules Street, Ashfield subject to (1) approval of the TMPs by TfNSW, (2) the applicant complying with the submitted TMPs and TGSs, (3) Council standard and specific (if required) conditions for a road closure and (4) the following conditions as listed below:

a) A temporary full road closure application is lodged with Council in a timely manner for each proposed road closure.
b) A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;
c) All affected residents and businesses, including NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services, shall be notified in writing by the applicant of the proposed temporary

road closure at least 14 days prior to the event, with the applicant making reasonable provision for residents and businesses;

d) Notification signs advising of the proposed road closures and new traffic arrangements to be strategically installed and maintained by the applicant at each end of each street at least 7 days prior to the closure;

e) A 4-metre-wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the area during the course of the event; and

f) The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

g) The road closure of Railway Parade (Lower) must not occur during TTP works on Railway Parade or rail shutdown periods

h) The Traffic Management Plan be updated so that the road closure of Railway Parade (Lower) be set to the intersection of Railway Parade at Sydenham Road and Marrickville Road.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 6 Victoria Street, Ashfield - Installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone at the front of Ashfield Fire Station (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward / Summer Hill Electorate / Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

This report outlines current emergency vehicle accessibility issues at Victoria Street between Liverpool Road and Norton Street and proposes the appropriate road treatment to improve emergency response operations of Ashfield Fire Station

Officers Recommendation:

That the installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone on Victoria Street, Ashfield at the main driveway for Ashfield Fire Station be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the installation of a 'Keep Clear' zone on Victoria Street, Ashfield at the main driveway for Ashfield Fire Station be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 7 Railway Parade, Annandale - Proposed Road and Streetscape Upgrade (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council is planning to undertake works to upgrade the existing road and streetscape along Railway Parade, Annandale between Brenan Street and Bayview Crescent. The project

intends to formalise the existing 90-degree angle parking and reduce localised flooding by improving stormwater drainage. Additionally, upgrades and renewals including a new footpath, existing road and footpath works, driveway and layback reconstruction, and landscaping works will improve the overall amenity of the street.

The proposed upgrades will result in no loss of existing on-street parking spaces.

Officers Recommendation:

That the attached detail design plan (No. 10283) for the proposed road and streetscape upgrade along Railway Parade, Annandale be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached detail design plan (No. 10283) for the proposed road and streetscape upgrade along Railway Parade, Annandale be approved.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 8 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 (Gulgadya - Leichhardt Ward / Strathfield Electorate / Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

Residents of Edwin Street, Croydon, have raised concerns with vehicles using the pickup / drop off zone associated with PLC School and obstructing residential access to the unnamed laneway. To address the large volumes associated with PLC School during the peak pickup / drop off times and preventing residential access to the laneway, Council proposes to signpost the departure and approaching corners with statutory 10m 'No Stopping' signs. Council also proposes to relocate the 'No Stopping' sign on Burwood Council's boundary to create an additional parking space.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That Anthony Street next to the unnamed laneway between Robinson Street and Edwin Street, Croydon be signposted with statutory 10m 'No Stopping' restrictions on both corners.

2. That the 'No Stopping' sign on the northern side of Anthony Street at Burwood Council's boundary be relocated 3m west to create an additional parking space.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Anthony Street next to the unnamed laneway between Robinson Street and

Edwin Street, Croydon be signposted with statutory 10m 'No Stopping' restrictions on both corners.

2. **That the 'No Stopping' sign on the northern side of Anthony Street at Burwood Council's boundary be relocated 3m west to create an additional parking space.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 9 Carrington Street, Lilyfield - Temporary full road closure and associated construction Traffic Management Plan (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Inner West City Council has received a Temporary Road Closure and Traffic Management Plan (TMP) application from Modscape *(Attachment 1)* seeking an approval for delivering a modular building to No.12 Carrington Street, Lilyfield in the week commencing 11 August 2025. As part of this road closure, there will be full road closure on Carrington Street (between Joseph Street and Balmain Road), The Boulevarde (between Joseph Street and Balmain Road) and partial temporary on-street parking removal along Balmain Road (between Helena Street and Grove Street).

This TMP and road closure application was previously considered and approved by the Local Traffic Committee on 18 November 2024.

Officers Recommendation:

That the temporary full road closure of Carrington Street (between Joseph Street and Balmain Road), The Boulevarde (between Joseph Street and Balmain Road) and partial temporary on-street parking removal along Balmain Road (between Helena Street and Grove Street), be approved for the purpose of the installation of a modular building at No.12 Carrington Street, Lilyfield for a two-day period in the week commencing 11 August 2025, with a four week contingency period, subject to the following conditions and all standard Council conditions for temporary full road closures:

a) A Road Occupancy License application be obtained from the Transport Management Centre for road closure on Balmain Road.

b) Temporary parking arrangements must be provided for the existing disabled parking bays on Balmain Road, Carrington Street and The Boulevarde which will be affected during the work and should be located as close as possible to their original locations.

c) NHVR permit to be obtained prior to the work.

d) Notice of the proposed event be forwarded to the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, the NSW Fire Brigades and the NSW Ambulance Services.

e) All residents and businesses in and around the affected area are to be notified of the temporary road closure in writing by the applicant in advance (at least 7 days prior to the event) with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders.

f) On-street parking to be maintained for residents along the east side of The Boulevarde (between Joseph Street and the laneway south of Balmain Road).

g) Vehicular access to the laneway south of Balmain Road to be maintained within the road closure zone.

h) Authorised pilot vehicles to accompany and manage the trucks at major intersections including City West Link Road at Balmain Road, Balmain Road at Perry Street, Balmain Road at The Boulevarde and Balmain Road at Carrington Road.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the temporary full road closure of Carrington Street (between Joseph Street and Balmain Road), The Boulevarde (between Joseph Street and Balmain Road) and partial temporary on-street parking removal along Balmain Road (between Helena Street and Grove Street), be approved for the purpose of the installation of a modular building at No.12 Carrington Street, Lilyfield for a two-day period in the week commencing 11 August 2025, with a four week contingency period, subject to the following conditions and all standard Council conditions for temporary full road closures:

a) A Road Occupancy License application be obtained from the Transport Management Centre for road closure on Balmain Road.

b) Temporary parking arrangements must be provided for the existing disabled parking bays on Balmain Road, Carrington Street and The Boulevarde which will be affected during the work and should be located as close as possible to their original locations.

c) NHVR permit to be obtained prior to the work.

d) Notice of the proposed event be forwarded to the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, the NSW Fire Brigades and the NSW Ambulance Services.

e) All residents and businesses in and around the affected area are to be notified of the temporary road closure in writing by the applicant in advance (at least 7 days prior to the event) with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders.

f) On-street parking to be maintained for residents along the east side of The Boulevarde (between Joseph Street and the laneway south of Balmain Road).

g) Vehicular access to the laneway south of Balmain Road to be maintained within the road closure zone.

h) Authorised pilot vehicles to accompany and manage the trucks at major intersections including City West Link Road at Balmain Road, Balmain Road at Perry Street, Balmain Road at The Boulevarde and Balmain Road at Carrington Road.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 10 College Street, Balmain - Proposed One Way Restriction

(Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received concerns from several residents about the narrow road width with frequent reports of near miss incidents in College Street between Cameron Street and Curtis Road. In response investigation and consultation was undertaken for a one-way westbound traffic flow, including associated signage and line marking in College Street, between Cameron Street and Curtis Road as illustrated in *Attachment 1*.

Officers Recommendation:

That the proposed one-way westbound traffic in College Street, Balmain between Cameron Street and Curtis Road, be supported in-principle, subject to Transport for NSW approval of the Traffic Management Plan.

DISCUSSION:

Public Speaker Avryl Lattin entered the meeting at 11.22am

Ms Lattin supported the proposal noting that the proposal will improve safety in the area. Ms Lattin noted that there was strong support from the community in favour of the proposal, and if the Committee were to disagree with the proposal, that the outdoor dining area at the Dry Dock Hotel be reviewed as it impedes sightlines for vehicles turning left onto Cameron Street.

Public Speaker Avryl Lattin left the meeting at 11.25am

The Representative for the Member for Balmain requested that the one-way restriction on College Street be made 'Bicycles excepted' and that Council investigate 'Bicycles excepted' when Council proposes to turn two-way streets into one-way.

Council Officers noted the Representative for the Member for Balmain's request to investigate 'Bicycles excepted' signs for one-way streets and advised that a safety review will need to be undertaken prior to the installation of the 'Bicycles excepted' signage being installed to ensure it is compliant with the safety regulations.

Council Officers suggested amending the recommendation to include that Council investigate the implementation of a 'Bicycles excepted' sign, subject to the safety review being undertaken.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the proposed one-way westbound traffic in College Street, Balmain between Cameron Street and Curtis Road, be supported in-principle, subject to Transport for NSW approval of the Traffic Management Plan.**
2. **That a 'Bicycles excepted' sign be included, subject to a safety review being undertaken.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 11 Percival Road and Temple Street, Stanmore – Temporary full road closure for Stanmore Music Festival – Saturday 15 November

2025 (Damun-Stanmore Ward / Newtown Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Inner West Council is presenting Stanmore Music Festival on Saturday 15 November 2025 from 12:00noon until 7:00pm. To facilitate the event there will be a temporary full road closure of Percival Road, between Salisbury Road and Myrtle Street and Temple Street between Percival Lane West and Percival Road, Stanmore (ENRC/202/0041). This will require some road detours in surrounding streets. Road closure and event bump in will occur from 6:00am and bump out will conclude by 9:30pm.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That the proposed temporary full road closure of Percival Road, between Salisbury Road and Myrtle Street, and Temple Street between Percival Lane West and Percival Road, Stanmore be APPROVED for the purpose of holding the 'Stanmore Music Festival' Event on Saturday 15 November 2025 between 6.00am and 9.30pm as per the submitted TMP and TGSs and subject to the following conditions and all standard Council conditions for temporary full road closures:

2. That a Road Occupancy License application be obtained from the Transport Management Centre.

3. That notice of the proposed event be forwarded to the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, the NSW Fire Brigades and the NSW Ambulance Services.

4. That all residents and businesses in and around the affected area are to be notified of the temporary road closure in writing by the applicant in advance (at least 7 days prior to the event) with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders.
5. That a minimum four (4) metre unencumbered passage be available for emergency vehicles through the closed sections.
6. That the occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the proposed temporary full road closure of Percival Road, between Salisbury Road and Myrtle Street, and Temple Street between Percival Lane West and Percival Road, Stanmore be APPROVED for the purpose of holding the 'Stanmore Music Festival' Event on Saturday 15 November 2025 between 6.00am and 9.30pm as per the submitted TMP and TGSs and subject to the following conditions and all standard Council conditions for temporary full road closures:**

2. **That a Road Occupancy License application be obtained from the Transport Management Centre.**

3. **That notice of the proposed event be forwarded to the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, the NSW Fire Brigades and the NSW Ambulance Services.**

4. **That all residents and businesses in and around the affected area are to be notified of the temporary road closure in writing by the applicant in advance (at least 7 days prior to the event) with the applicant making reasonable provision for**

stakeholders.

5. **That a minimum four (4) metre unencumbered passage be available for emergency vehicles through the closed sections.**
6. **That the occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 12 London Street and Simmons Street, Enmore - Updated Report for the Proposed Temporary Road Closure and Part Road Closure (Damun-Stanmore Ward / Newtown Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

On 18 March 2024, a Local Traffic Committee report was submitted to Council for the proposed temporary road closure and part road closure of London Street and Simmons Street, Enmore. Council's decision at the time included the deferral of approval of the closures subject to the approval of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was by Transport for NSW for full/part road closure London Street and Simmons Street, Enmore.

Since the adoption of the Traffic Committee recommendation in March 2024, Transport for NSW has provided their approval for Council's proposed temporary road closure and part road closure for London Street and Simmons Street, Enmore. Council has addressed the further requirements that were provided as a condition of the TfNSW approval. Therefore, Council officers are proposing to undertake the implementation of the road closure trial with a Council officer being nominated for any community enquiries during the notification and work period.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council note the approval of the Traffic Management Plan by Transport for NSW.

2. That Council approve the implementation of the proposed temporary road closure at London Street and the temporary part road closure at Simmons Street for a trial period of 6 months.

3. That the amended signs and linemarking plan for London Street (Parking changes plan) be approved.

4. That the amended signs and linemarking plan for Simmons Street (Parking changes plan) be approved.

DISCUSSION:

Public speakers, Bryony Weiss, Kathryn Welch, James Buckman, Norma Speechley, Doug Rosser, and Nick Rippon entered the meeting at 11.05 am

Ms Welch raised concerns regarding the impacts on the traffic in the neighbouring streets and the limited plans currently in place to mitigate current and proposed traffic issues in the area. Ms Welch noted that the concerns raised by various residents regarding rat running in the area tabled at the 18 March 2024 Local Traffic Committee meeting still persist. Ms Welch noted that Council's traffic study acknowledges that the street closures will redistribute much of the traffic that would utilise London Street into nearby local streets. It was also noted that the Council's traffic study concludes that 90% of the traffic passing through the

neighbourhood is through traffic, highlighting the residents' concerns regarding rat running. Ms Welch requested that Council review potential traffic calming measures and develop a comprehensive traffic management plan for the triangle bounded by Liberty Street, Enmore Road, and the railway line to address the rat-running issues in the neighbourhood.

Ms Weiss advised that she supported the vision of the London and Simmons Streets projects; however, she raised concerns regarding the traffic and safety impacts this project will have on Belmore Street. Ms Weiss noted that motorists regularly speed down Belmore Street, and with Council's studies and traffic data showing that 30% of the London Street traffic is predicted to flow through Belmore Street, she is concerned that the additional traffic will add to the existing issues currently experienced in the street. Ms Weiss noted her concerns that Belmore Street being excluded from the current rollout of the InnerWest@40 program will make Belmore Street more attractive to speeding motorists seeking to bypass the slower surrounding streets. Ms Weiss requested that the Council include Belmore Street in the InnerWest@40 speed reduction program, incorporate traffic calming measures to physically slow down vehicles and improve pedestrian safety, as well as commit to monitoring traffic impacts and implementing additional measures where needed.

Ms Welch also tabled in comments on behalf of resident Andrew Kennelly noting his concerns for the proposal. It was noted that the disadvantages to residents are considerable, including pollution from increased emissions and noise, which will impact the mental and physical health of residents. It was noted that there are existing traffic issues in Belmore Lane and the surrounding areas, which will be amplified with the road closures.

Mr Rosser raised concerns noting the traffic data provided from the studies were not detailed enough advised that further investigation and studies should be undertaken to address the issues raised at the 18 March 2024 Local Traffic Committee meeting. It was noted that there was no data provided on traffic during morning and afternoon peak hours, and that was when most of the traffic concerns arose.

Ms Speechley raised concerns regarding the parking and traffic issues that would arise from this proposal, given the existing traffic issues during events at Enmore Theatre.

Mr Rippon agreed with the concerns raised by Ms Welch, Ms Weiss, Mr Rosser and Ms Speechley and noted that the traffic is projected to increase by 63% in the AM peak hour and 106% during the PM peak hour, and that the traffic studies previously undertaken do not consider those predictions. Mr Rippon advised that he is not opposed to the objective of the proposal to create additional community spaces but does not want that to come at the cost of safety in the neighbourhood. Mr Rippon requested that Belmore Street and Phillip Street be included in the initial phase of the InnerWest@40 project that had recently commenced and noted there were very few traffic calming measures put forward in the proposal. Mr Rippon also noted the proposal should include additional signage in surrounding streets to advise motorists of the change in traffic conditions and to shift traffic movements around the proposed closure in London Street.

The Chairperson advised that the InnerWest@40 project will be implemented across the whole Inner West Council LGA, and that Belmore Street and Phillip Street will be included as part of that project.

Public speakers, Bryony Weiss, Kathryn Welch, James Buckman, Norma Speechley, Doug Rosser, and Nick Rippon left the meeting at 11.20 am

Council Officers advised that this report reflects some minor changes to the Transport Management Plan (TMP) and parking controls and responds to the points made by Transport for NSW. It was noted that there were objections from residents due to concerns about changes in traffic movements in the local area and in response to that Council did change the proposal for Simmons Street from a full road closure to a one-way exit. It was noted that the original report had gone through the Local Traffic Committee and has been endorsed by

Council and that this report addresses TfNSW matters raised through the TMP approval and brings in line the minor traffic and parking changes.

Council Officers advised that a study had been undertaken to investigate the redistribution of traffic in the local areas and the impacts on the wider road network with the proposed closure, which was tabled at the previous meeting. Council Officers advised they will be looking into additional measures to stop rat running and will undertake another study a couple of months into implementation, to gather data for review of the closures

Councillor Atkins noted that the residents weren't necessarily objecting to the road closures, but they would like Council to have a careful look into the potential implications that may arise from this project. Councillor Atkins suggested that additional wayfinding signage be implemented, and that Council note the concerns of residents and review the area for potential traffic calming treatments to reduce traffic issues in the area.

Council Officers noted that the next phase of the InnerWest@40 rollout will be implemented in the section of Newtown that the residents previously raised concerns about, and that Council is currently developing signage for the InnerWest@40 project in this area which will be submitted to Transport for NSW for review and approval. Council Officers could not provide an estimated date of implementation owing to the involvement of external agency in the approval process.

Council Officers tabled correspondence from a resident advising they supported the proposal.

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That Council note the approval of the Traffic Management Plan by Transport for NSW.**

2. **That Council approve the implementation of the proposed temporary road closure at London Street and the temporary part road closure at Simmons Street for a trial period of 6 months.**

3. **That the amended signs and linemarking plan for London Street (Parking changes plan) be approved.**

4. **That the amended signs and linemarking plan for Simmons Street (Parking changes plan) be approved.**

5. **That Council notes the concerns of residents and investigates potential traffic calming treatments in the surrounding streets of London and Simmons Streets.**

6. **That additional advisory signs be placed on Liberty Street advising that London Street is closed and to use Stanmore Road to Access Enmore Road.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 13 Salisbury Road, Stanmore - Request for a residential parking scheme (Damun-Stanmore Ward / Newtown Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Upon receiving a petition from residents of Salisbury Road, Stanmore Council initiated an investigation for implementing residential parking restrictions on the southern side of Salisbury Road, between properties No.75 and No.101 Salisbury Road. Recent parking occupancy surveys conducted by Council Officers have indicated a high parking demand in the above-mentioned section of Salisbury Road during peak hours of the day.

This report provides the results of the recent resident parking scheme investigation in Salisbury Road, Stanmore.

Officers Recommendation:

That the proposal to implement Resident Parking Scheme restrictions '2P 8.30am to 6pm Monday – Friday Permit Holders Excepted Area M15' in Salisbury Road, Stanmore on the southern side between No.75 and No.101 Salisbury Road not be supported at this time due to insufficient resident support.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposal to implement Resident Parking Scheme restrictions '2P 8.30am to 6pm Monday – Friday Permit Holders Excepted Area M15' in Salisbury Road, Stanmore on the southern side between No.75 and No.101 Salisbury Road not be supported at this time due to insufficient resident support.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 14 Baltic and Bedford Streets, Newtown- Proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions (Damun-Stanmore Ward/Inner West PAC/Newtown Electorate)

SUMMARY

This report outlines a 'No Stopping' restriction proposal to improve access to Baltic Street at the intersection of Bedford Street. The proposal will improve parking compliance and ensure vehicles park away from the intersection. Community consultation revealed strong objection to the proposal due to loss of parking. Accordingly, Council officers are proposing a reduced 6-metre 'No Stopping' restriction which will require the completion of a risk assessment, that will subsequently be referred to Transport for NSW for approval.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That the proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions on both sides of Baltic Street, 6 metres north from the intersection of Bedford Street be approved subject to the completion risk assessment by Council and approval of a risk assessment by TfNSW.

2. That the proposed 'No Stopping' restriction on the northern side of Bedford Street, 6 metres west of Bedford Street be approved, subject to the completion risk assessment by Council and approval of a risk assessment by TfNSW.

3. That the 'No Stopping' restriction on the northern side, east of Bedford Street be

approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions on both sides of Baltic Street, 6 metres north from the intersection of Bedford Street be approved subject to the completion risk assessment by Council and approval of a risk assessment by TfNSW.**

2. **That the proposed 'No Stopping' restriction on the northern side of Bedford Street, 6 metres west of Bedford Street be approved, subject to the completion risk assessment by Council and approval of a risk assessment by TfNSW.**

3. **That the 'No Stopping' restriction on the northern side, east of Bedford Street be approved.**

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0725(1) Item 15 Allen Street, Leichhardt - Safety at Driveway of 141-143 Allen Street (Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward/Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

The strata management of 141-143 Allen Street, Leichhardt has reported that drivers exiting the site driveway located in Flood Street, Leichhardt are having difficulty exiting the driveway as sight lines are obstructed due to parked vehicles. They further requested 4-5m sections of 'No Parking' restrictions each side of the driveway which result in a loss of two (2) on-street parking spaces.

A review has been undertaken on the subject driveway at Flood Street. As on-street parking is highly utilised and valued by the community, the installation of parking restrictions is not supported. Alternate possible measures to improve safety would be to install a speed hump inside of the property boundary, and additional signs for vehicles exiting the ramp and driveway would be recommended, which is a standard measure undertaken at other similar driveways within the Inner West. It is also recommended to relocate the existing '2P 8am-6pm Permit Holders Excepted Area L1' (L) sign located approximately 4.5m north of the subject driveway closer to this driveway to prevent vehicles partially obstructing the driveway and attempting to park within the unrestricted section.

Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council write to the Strata Management at 141-143 Allen Street, Leichhardt advising of the outcome of this report and requesting the Strata Management to consider the installation of a speed hump inside the property boundary with 'Giveway to Pedestrians' and 'Stop' signage leading up to and at the exit of the driveway.
2. That the existing '2P 8am-6pm Permit Holders Excepted Area L1' (L) signage north of the driveway be relocated south by approximately 3.9m.

DISCUSSION:

Council Officers noted that there was an error in the recommendation that the second point on the recommendation should read "That the existing '2P 8am-6pm Permit Holders Excepted Area L1' (R) signage north of the driveway be relocated south by approximately 3.9m."

The Committee members agreed with the amended recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That Council write to the Strata Management at 141-143 Allen Street, Leichhardt advising of the outcome of this report and requesting the Strata Management to consider the installation of a speed hump inside the property boundary with 'Giveway to Pedestrians' and 'Stop' signage leading up to and at the exit of the driveway.**
2. **That the existing '2P 8am-6pm Permit Holders Excepted Area L1' (R) signage north of the driveway be relocated south by approximately 3.9m.**

For Motion: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 11.59pm.

CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Victor Macri

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

INNER WEST

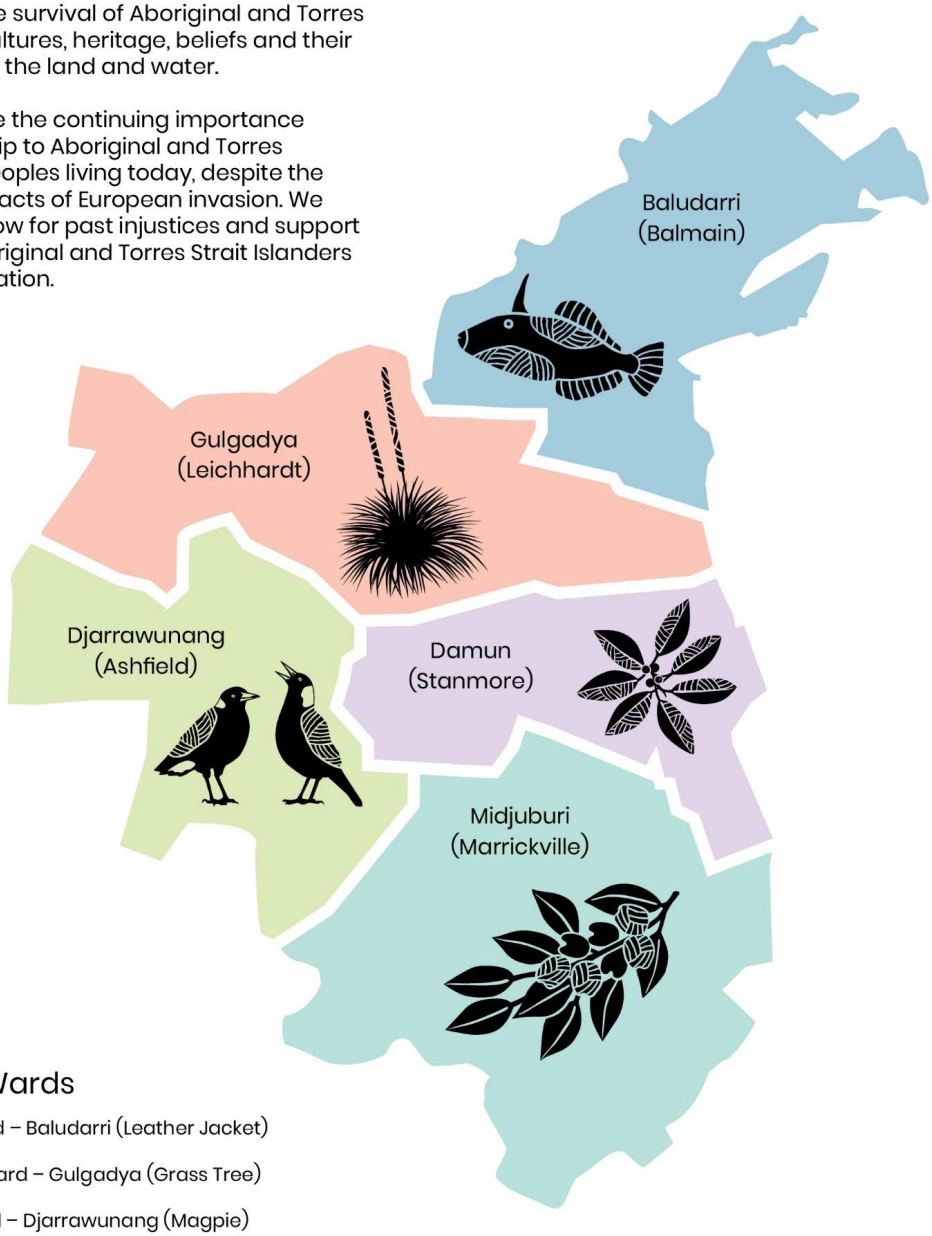
Parking strategy

Draft August 2025

Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Inner West Local Government Area is situated. We celebrate the survival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, heritage, beliefs and their relationship with the land and water.

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



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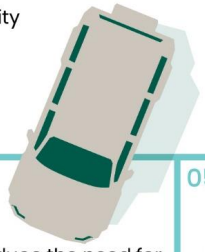

Objectives

01 Draw on good practice and link to other relevant policies	02 Involve the community and all stakeholders	03 Advocate for State and National level policy improvements	04 Reduce the need for car ownership and constrain parking	05 Prioritise areas of high parking demand
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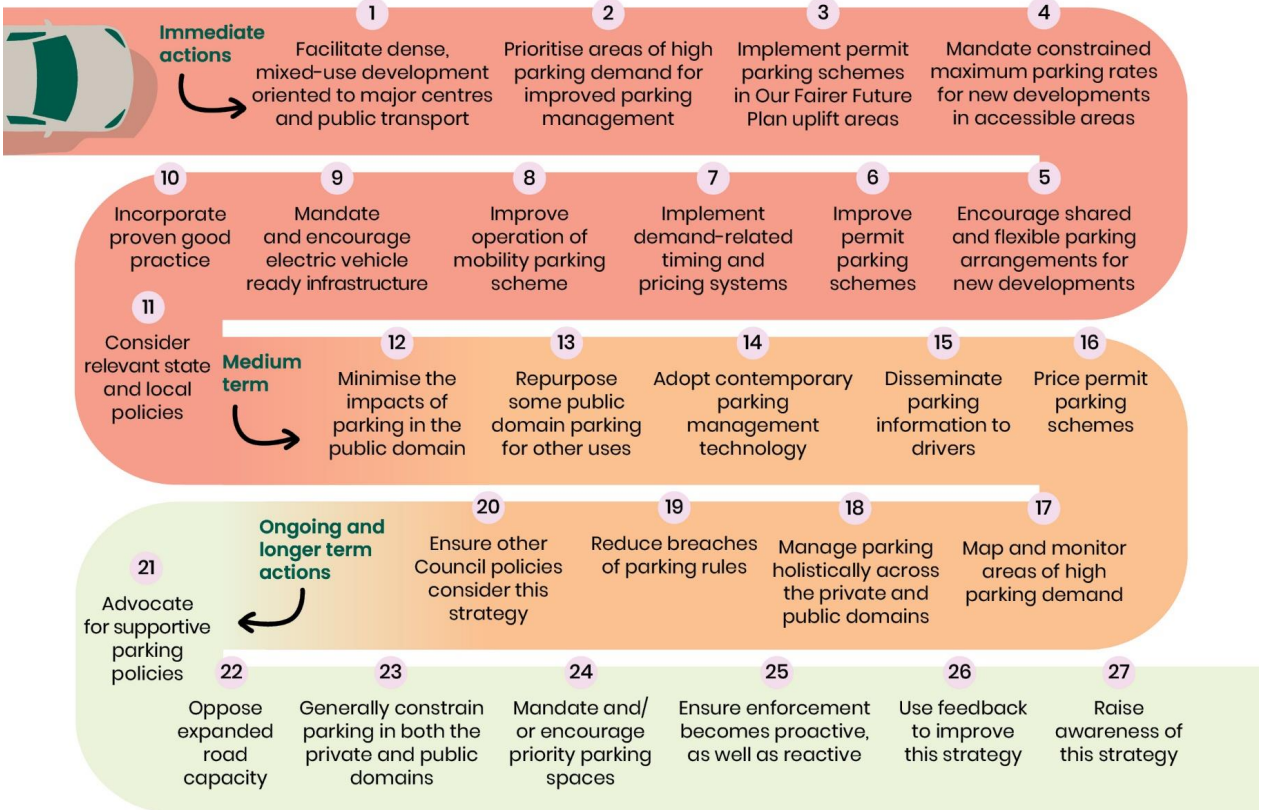


Part 1: Introduction

Vision

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.

Background

In the second half of the 20th century many cities in the developed world prioritised the private car over other modes of transport. It followed that the parking policies of most Australian councils sought to increase the supply of parking. In the private domain, this was primarily through mandating minimum provision of parking in new developments. In the public domain, this was primarily through prioritising the kerb for parking and by providing public car parks.

In the 21st Century, cities are recognising the financial and environmental costs of overproviding parking. The need to constrain parking and improve its management are seen as important steps toward addressing critical affordability, equity and sustainability challenges.

With its inner-city location and dense urban form, Inner West Council has a long history of striving to resolve traffic and parking issues. These issues are expected to become more pressing into the future as Sydney grows and new development increases the population, car use and parking demand.

Development of a parking strategy is an action in Council's *Integrated Transport Strategy – GOING PLACES*. Although Council has been engaged for many years in a range of policy and management actions related to parking, this strategy aims to allow Council to adopt a more strategic, proactive and coordinated approach to parking management than has been the case to date. It will allow Council to improve the way it responds to parking issues and help progress its other policies related affordability, equity and sustainability.

In preparing the strategy, a range of Australian and international books, journal articles and policy documents on parking were examined and integrated. Drawing on this information, ten locally relevant strategy objectives were identified. Assisting this process was a parking policy working group made up of relevant Council staff.

These objectives allow the strategy document to be structured so that parking issues relevant the Inner West can be assessed against recognised good practice. Each of the objectives includes background information on how

the objective relates to local issues, followed by a set of actions designed to address the issues. It is important to note that many of the actions will assist in achieving multiple objectives, and the actions are not mutually exclusive. It is the interplay between these actions that will lead to progress on achieving the strategy's vision.

The actions are summarised at the end of this document to form an Action Plan.

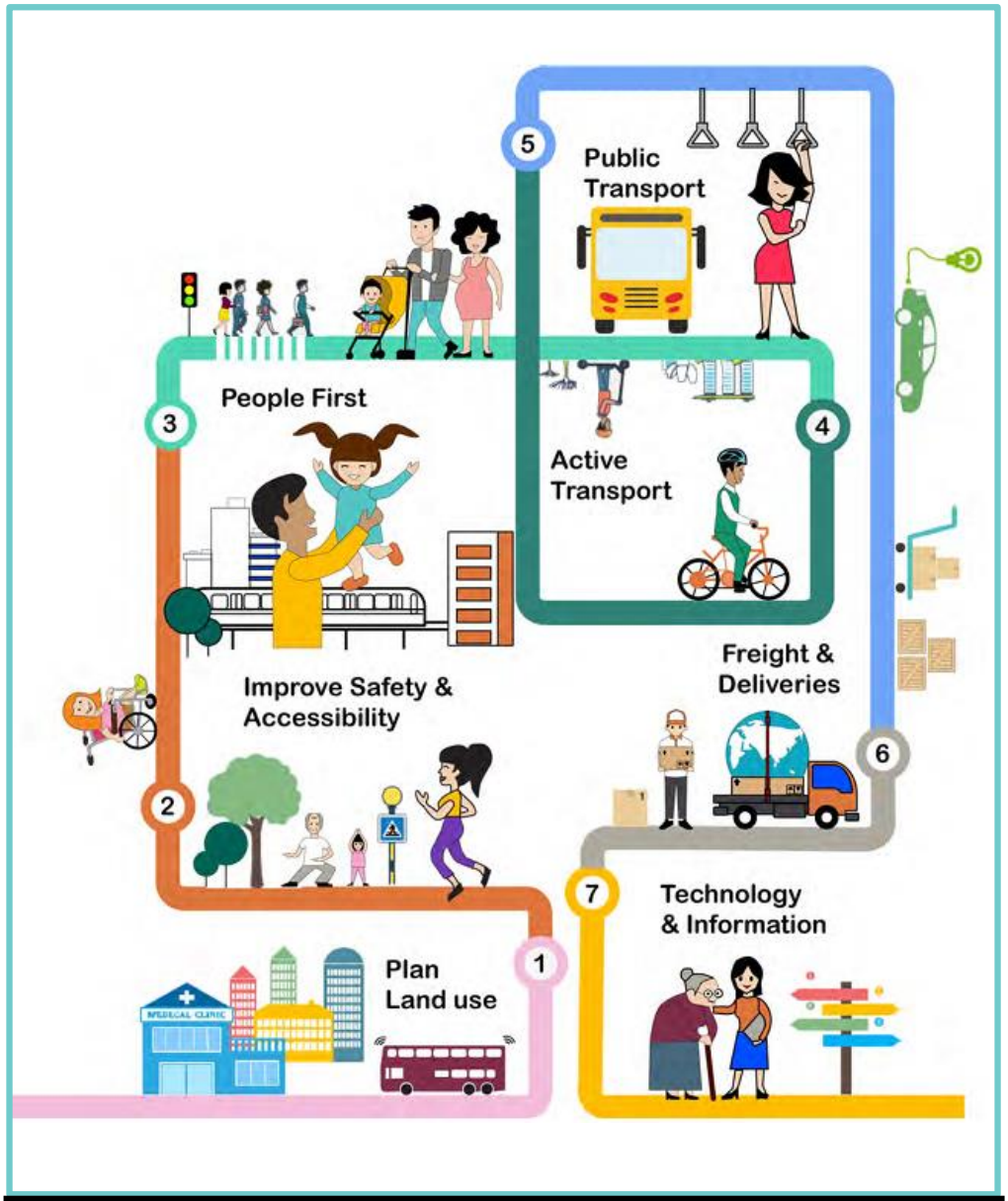
To varying degrees, Council is already implementing many of the actions identified in this strategy, indicating the Inner West is well on its way toward good practice. Council's parking policies to date have however tended to be piecemeal, without integrating the public and private domains and articulating good practice. This strategy aims for a holistic approach to parking management and to more clearly articulate Council's approach.

At the highest level, the draft strategy encourages a mode shift from private cars toward sustainable transport (predominantly walking, cycling and public transport) to reduce car ownership and use, and ultimately the need to park cars. It seeks to manage existing parking resources more efficiently rather than create new parking facilities at a high financial and environmental cost.

When parking space is used efficiently, excess parking can be repurposed for more beneficial community uses such as bike/bus priority, landscaping, outdoor dining and affordable housing. This repurposing should be subject to a parking study to investigate whether new parking can be created in alternative locations to offset some or all of the loss. Improving management also improves the parking experience for drivers. In areas of high demand, effective management can optimise turnover, reduce traffic congestion from drivers circling in search of a space and generate income for transport and streetscape improvements.

The draft strategy recognises there are many forms of parking for a variety of vehicles - cars, bicycles, motorcycles, buses etc. Notwithstanding, it focuses on *car* parking as this is the form of parking that is of most concern to Council. Hence reference to *parking* implies *car parking* unless otherwise specified.

Council's 2020 *Integrated Transport Strategy* has informed this strategy, particularly through its seven principles (below).



Seven Key Principles - *GOING PLACES, 2020*

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It is anticipated that implementation of good practice via this strategy will bring a number of benefits over time, including:

- Reduced space needed for parking, reduced cost of parking, reduced private car use and an increased sustainable transport mode share - creating broad affordability, liveability and sustainability benefits
- Increased density of development, bringing neighbourhood activities closer together, making them more walkable, and reducing the cost of infrastructure needed to serve each household
- Optimised parking turnover, improving the parking experience for drivers and reducing the extent of traffic circling in search of a space
- Reduced environmental impacts, including tree removal, and flooding and heat island impacts from paved surfaces
- Improved affordability, design and access outcomes for new developments
- Funding of transport and streetscape improvements from parking revenue
- Efficient use of parking space, allowing some space to be repurposed for other beneficial uses such as pedestrian, bike and bus priority, outdoor dining, landscaping and affordable housing (subject to a parking study)
- Improved equity and efficiency of access to parking by prioritising targeted users such as mobility parking, bicycle parking, pick-up/drop-off and service/delivery
- A better parking experience for residents, business operators and visitors in high-demand areas through pricing and improved permit parking schemes

Concurrently with the preparation of this strategy, Council's 2020 *Public Domain Parking Policy* has been reviewed to provide a detailed approach to parking in the public domain, including at the kerb and in council car parks.

Part 2: Objectives

Objective 1: Draw on good practice and link to other relevant policies

Ensure Council's parking policies and management actions are consistent with recognised good practice internationally, nationally and locally. Ensure the strategy's objectives and actions are consistent with relevant policies of the NSW Government, other inner-Sydney councils and Inner West Council.

A range of ideas, policies and initiatives from Australia and around the world on the topic of parking have been examined and integrated into this strategy. They are conveyed in various forms – books, academic journals, websites, videos, policy papers etc. Particular care has been taken to ensure the strategy links to relevant policies of the NSW Government, Inner West Council and other nearby councils. Care has also been taken to integrate the main international references and policies from other Australian government agencies. All are listed in the *references* section at the end. In doing so, the strategy aims to articulate and integrate what is considered to be good practice.

Key NSW Government policies guiding this strategy are the *Future Transport Strategy*, *Guide to Transport Impact Assessment* and *Freight & Servicing Last Mile Toolkit and Transport-Oriented Development Program*. The key Inner West Council policy guiding this strategy is the *Integrated Transport Strategy – GOING PLACES*. The *Integrated Transport Strategy* acknowledges some parking demand should be met, but this must be balanced against the need to constrain and manage parking to create safe, liveable, affordable and accessible neighbourhoods where rates of private car ownership and use are low. The *Integrated Transport Strategy* includes a number of principles and actions related to parking that have helped guide the development of this strategy.

A selection of relevant policies (Source: TfNSW, Inner West Council & Committee for Sydney)

Objective 2: Involve the community and all stakeholders

Ensure parking policy and management initiatives are developed with input from the Inner West community and other stakeholders. This is to ensure there is awareness-raising and a broad consensus around what is good practice.

Involving the community and other stakeholders is an important part of developing and implementing all of Council's policies, including this strategy. The aim is for the engagement process to create a dialogue, an awareness-raising process and ultimately a broad consensus around what is good practice parking policy for the Inner West. Parking can be a controversial topic, and it will never be possible to achieve complete agreement. However, a broad consensus is sought to enable the strategy's actions to be implemented with general support from the community and all stakeholders.

To date, development of this strategy has involved a number of steps that have enabled the views of stakeholders to be integrated. This includes initial drafts discussed at monthly meetings of an internal staff working group on parking and at Council's Transport Local Democracy Group, which comprises Council staff and community members.

Beyond these steps, Council's traffic and transport staff are involved in discussions with the community on parking policies and issues on a day-to-day basis, so are aware of the variety of community views on this topic. They are also aware of the views of other communities around Australia and overseas from their professional networks and from the review of local, national and international literature undertaken for this strategy.

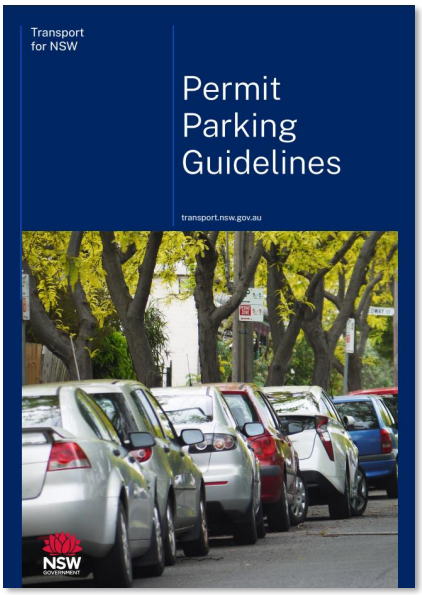
Your Say Inner West - a key tool for community engagement
(Source: Inner West Council)

Objective 3: Advocate for State and National level policy improvements

Advocate to the NSW and Australian Governments for parking-related policy improvements that would assist Council to improve the management of parking in the Inner West.

The effectiveness of this strategy depends in-part on the support provided by relevant policies and actions of the NSW and Australian Governments. It is important that this strategy identifies improvements that could be made to these policies and actions, as well advocating for their improvement. This mostly involves writing to inform the NSW and Australian Governments of the main changes needed to allow their policies and actions to better support this strategy.

Examples of these policies and actions include the former *National Commuter Car Park Fund*, the draft *National Urban Policy*, *TfNSW Guide to Transport Impact Assessments*, TfNSW *Permit Parking Guidelines*, *NSW Parking Space Levy Act & Regulation* and parking policies associated with the NSW *Transport Oriented Development Program.*



Council recently made a submission as part of a review of these TfNSW guidelines (Source: TfNSW)

Objective 4: Reduce the need for car ownership and constrain parking

Reduce the need for people to own, use and park cars by providing alternatives to driving. Encourage dense, mixed-use development oriented to major centres, public transport nodes and Our Fairer Future Plan uplift areas. Constrain parking to reduce car ownership/use and minimise its negative impacts.

The most effective way to reduce parking demand and the amount of space devoted to parking is to reduce the need for people to own, use and park cars. Numerous policies and actions of the NSW Government and Council aim to create cities and neighbourhoods where people can live without the need to own a car and/or use a car for most day-to-day activities. These policies and actions aim to facilitate dense, mixed-use precincts oriented to major centres, railway stations and other public transport stops. This is consistent with the aims of Council's *Our Fairer Future Plan*. Within these precincts, sustainable transport and carshare can become more attractive than driving.

Low density development with rigidly separated land uses located away from centres and public transport increases car ownership and use. In contrast, dense, mixed-use development brings origins and destinations close together, making them easier to access by sustainable transport. Improving sustainable transport infrastructure can make the sustainable modes faster and easier than driving.

New and expanded roadways and car parks increase the attractiveness of driving, adding to demand for parking. In contrast, constraining road and parking space suppresses car use and makes sustainable transport more attractive than driving. Wherever roadspace and parking is constrained and/or priced, and there are better alternatives to driving, a proportion of trips will shift from private cars.

Policies that promote this kind of development include:

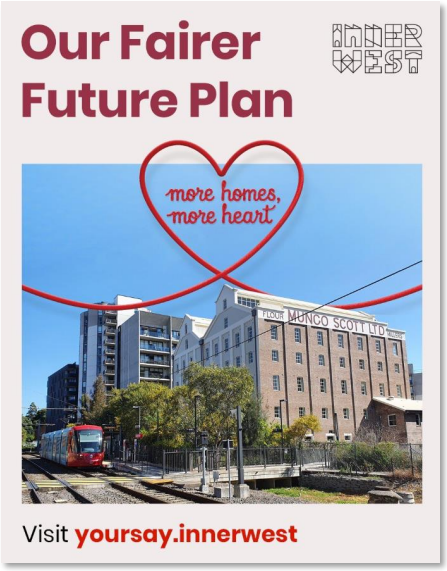
- the Australian Government's draft *National Urban Policy*
- the NSW Government's *Transport Oriented Development Program*, *Future Transport Policy* and *Guide to Transport Impact Assessment*
- Council's *Housing, Integrated Transport and Cycling strategies*, *Carshare Policy*, *Local Environmental Plan*, *Development Control Plan* and *Our Fairer Future Plan*

Objective 5: Prioritise areas of high parking demand

Prioritise areas with highest parking demand when developing parking policies and managing parking. In most instances these will be major commercial centres , public transport nodes, Our Fairer Future uplift areas and other accessible places that are densely developed and well served by public transport and urban services.

It is appropriate to prioritise places with the highest parking demand when developing parking policies and managing parking. By Sydney standards, the Inner West is a vibrant, densely developed area with good access to public transport and urban services. Although this means car ownership and use by local residents is relatively low, the vibrant, dense nature of the area also means visitation is high. The result is a high level of demand for limited parking space across the entire Council area.

Prioritising areas with the highest demand tends to occur naturally as the need for a strong response is generated by issues arising from the demand. In most instances areas of high demand are the large commercial centres, densely developed areas and places that are well served by public transport. These places are attractive not only to locals, but to commuters and other visitors from outside the Inner West. Where these areas overlap - for example, where large commercial centres are adjacent to railway stations - demand is particularly high and parking must be well managed. If not managed well, drivers in these areas can find it difficult and frustrating to find parking, and the number of cars circling in search of a space can significantly add to traffic.



Council's *Our Fairer Future Plan* aims to increase densities in areas with good access to public transport and services (Source: Inner West Council)

In the Inner West, areas of highest parking demand include:

- Major commercial centres, such as Ashfield, Newtown, Balmain,

Leichhardt, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill

- Railway stations offering a particularly high level of service such as Ashfield and Sydenham
- Densely developed suburbs such as Balmain, Rozelle, Newtown, St Peters and North Ashfield

Whilst Council is currently engaged in responding to the high demand in these areas, it also recognises that there will be increased development in Ashfield, Croydon, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill as a result of the *Our Fairer Future Plan*. The NSW Government has also identified the Bays West for redevelopment in future years as Sydney Metro West and the associated Bays West Station approach completion and operation in the early 2030s. The location of these precincts is shown on Maps 1 & 2. Council recognises that redevelopment will increase parking demand, requiring a response from Council. The key response will be to co-ordinate the expansion and improvement of permit parking schemes as development proceeds, noting that residents of new development are not eligible for permits. The location of existing permit parking schemes in relation to *Our Fairer Future Plan* uplift areas is shown on Map 2.

One-off or regular short-duration demand peaks may also occur over periods ranging from one day to several years. An example of a short regular peak is parking around a major sporting venue that generates strong demand during matches (e.g. Leichhardt Park) which may be repeated regularly during the sports season. An example of a longer one-off temporary peak is parking generated by construction of a major transport project such as WestConnex over several months or years. Though these peaks are temporary, they nonetheless usually require a policy and management response from Council.

Major commercial centres and public transport stops generate high levels of activity and parking demand (Source: Inner West Council & AAP Newswire)

Objective 6: Mandate constrained maximum parking rates for new developments in accessible areas and encourage flexible provision

In accessible areas, replace fixed or minimum parking requirements for new developments with maximums to facilitate flexible provision, avoid over-provision and encourage affordable housing. Facilitate the efficient use of parking space through decoupled, detached and shared parking arrangements. Ensure all parking space is well designed so that it operates effectively, minimises negative impacts and considers future alternative uses.

Council's draft *Development Control Plan* recognises the financial and environmental costs of excessive car parking. Like many councils across Australia and around the world, Inner West Council is considering replacing *fixed* or *minimum* parking requirements with *maximums* for new developments in accessible areas. This flexible approach helps streamline the development approvals process, supports the provision of affordable housing and helps suppress car ownership and use. Accessible areas are shown on Maps 1 & 2.

Provisions to encourage decoupled, detached and shared parking arrangements are also being considered in the draft *Development Control Plan*. This is to ensure space devoted to parking is used as efficiently as possible.

Targeted affordable housing developments such as Nightingale Marrickville rely on low levels of onsite parking to limit costs (Source: Nightingale Housing)

Decoupling parking spaces from the title of apartments allows residents to purchase or rent parking space on an as-needs basis, improving the efficiency of use of the space. Detaching the parking space from an apartment by providing it on a nearby site allows for improved apartment design and shared management of parking at the precinct level. Encouraging shared use of car parks – for example, office use by day and restaurant use by night – also improves the efficiency of use of the space.

Council's draft *Development Control Plan* also aims to ensure that parking space is well designed so it operates safely and efficiently whilst minimising aesthetic and environmental impacts. Aesthetic impacts occur when there is excessive surface parking, parking without landscaping and parking dominating street frontages. Environmental impacts include surface parking creating flooding and heat island impacts, and basement parking creating groundwater impacts and limiting the extent of deep soil planting.

Objective 7: Design, manage and repurpose public domain parking for maximum benefit

Recognise parking space in inner-urban areas has a high value and can often be put to alternative use for maximum community benefit, subject to a parking study. Alternative uses include footpath widening, bus lanes, cycleways, outdoor dining, landscaping, pick-up/drop-off areas and affordable housing. Continue to expand and improve permit parking schemes to balance the kerbside parking needs of local residents, visitors and other users. Co-ordinate this expansion as redevelopment occurs according to Council's Our Fairer Future Plan.

Kerbside parking in major commercial centres and other areas of high demand is the most convenient form of parking, so has a particularly high value and should be managed accordingly.

It is appropriate that timing restrictions and pricing apply to kerbside parking in high demand areas during the time of day and week when demand is highest. A commonly applied restriction is a two-hour limit from Mondays to Saturdays during daytime hours. Timing restrictions aim to strike a balance between parking turnover, so drivers can readily locate a space, and the need for sufficient time for drivers to undertake activities such as shopping.

Modest pricing of kerbside parking in high demand areas further encourages turnover and signals to drivers that this type of parking is of high value. Whilst Council already prices parking in some of its major centres, this could be expanded to all major centres, and improvements made to the way pricing is matched to demand.

In the US city of San Francisco sensors monitor CBD kerbside parking turnover and match demand to price dynamically over the course of each day. The aim is for the price to fluctuate so that one in seven spaces are available on any street at any time of the day. Drivers are made aware of the price via mobile apps and can decide how close they park to their destination based on availability of spaces and price. Such a system is not proposed for the Inner West, but provides a useful case study of best practice for demand-related pricing.

Modest pricing can generate significant funds for transport, landscaping and amenity improvements within the precinct from which funds were collected. Information conveyed to drivers, business operators and the general community about how these funds are being used to improve the precinct can help generate support for pricing. Map 3 shows which major commercial centres in the Inner West have priced parking.

In residential areas with high parking demand, it is appropriate to apply permit parking schemes that impose a time limit on visitors but give residents without off-street parking permission to park without restriction. Most of Council's permit parking schemes also give limited parking rights to visitors and business operators. Such schemes, shown on Map 2, currently apply to around half of all streets in the Council area. To date the majority of these have been applied reactively, i.e. when residents have informed Council about parking difficulties and have voted for a scheme. Council recognises there will be increased parking demand in areas identified for redevelopment in the Our Fairer Future Plan. Council will implement and improve schemes in these areas as redevelopment proceeds.

It is important that permit parking schemes operate efficiently and effectively.

To this end, Council is currently reviewing its schemes to ensure there is a reasonable match between permits issued and kerb spaces available, that they operate consistently across the Council area and are easy to administer. To assist with the match between permits and available parking, Council will continue its long-standing policy of not issuing permits to residents with off-street parking and to residents of residential developments constructed after a specified date.

As is the case for paid parking in centres, the modest pricing of permits can generate funds for transport and streetscape improvements within precincts from which funds are collected. Limiting permit numbers and higher charges for second vehicles can discourage multiple car ownership, whilst higher charges for excessively large vehicles can limit the number of these.

The TfNSW project *Sydney Park Junction* at St Peters proposes to repurpose some parking on King Street south for other uses and offset this with new parking created nearby (Source: TfNSW)

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Objective 8: Use technology, data, pricing and wayfinding to improve parking management

Adopt contemporary parking management technologies, data collection methods, pricing systems and wayfinding tools to maximise compliance, optimise turnover, improve the parking experience for drivers and generate funds for transport and streetscape improvements.

Use of contemporary parking management technologies, data collection methods, pricing systems and wayfinding tools can significantly improve parking management. Benefits include:

- Optimised turnover in high demand areas
- An improved parking experience for drivers
- Improved efficiency of enforcement
- Cost-effective data collection
- Greater compliance with parking rules
- Generation of funds for transport and streetscape improvements

Wayfinding signage and mobile app information about parking availability can assist drivers to locate spaces. Signage can display real-time information on availability, generated electronically. Assisting drivers in this way reduces circling in search of a space and reduces traffic. It also helps improve compliance, reducing the incidence of fines.

Monitoring technology can generate data for ongoing improvements to parking management. Real-time demand data can identify demand spikes that may justify immediate enforcement or other management responses. Rather than relying solely on complaints, this data makes it easier for Council to respond quickly and appropriately. Examining this data over time can reveal valuable insights for longer-term management improvements. Identification of seasonal demand patterns could, for example, assist with resourcing of parking enforcement.

Data can also allow Council to better monitor the effectiveness of its parking policies to determine whether improvements are needed. Changes in kerbside parking demand could, for example, be monitored to determine the impact of policies related to relocating and/or repurposing parking space in commercial centres.

In high demand areas, modest pricing combined with contemporary technology can optimise turnover, generate funds for civic improvements and improve the parking experience for drivers
(Source: Inner West Council)

Objective 9: Prioritise parking for targeted users to improve equity and efficiency of access

Continue to prioritise the allocation of parking space for targeted users to improve equity and efficiency of access. This includes parking for targeted users such as mobility pass holders, emergency vehicles, bicycles, carshare vehicles, pick-up/drop-off vehicles, service/delivery vehicles, electric vehicle charging and motorcycles.

This objective embraces the *Road User Hierarchy and Priorities* in Council's *Integrated Transport Strategy*. It is also consistent with the TfNSW *Road User Space Allocation Policy & Procedure*.

Road User Hierarchy - *GOING PLACES, 2020*

Priority parking space can be allocated to targeted users at the kerb and within Council car parks. This is in recognition of the broader equity and efficiency benefits that flow from prioritising these users. Apart from designating space, Council will also continue to give timing and pricing concessions to these users.

Mobility parking is already prioritised in the public domain, but there is a need to ensure the mobility parking system works to benefit genuine users. This strategy recommends that Council continues to be proactive in ensuring this is the case. Similarly, electric vehicle charging is already being encouraged in the public domain with the recent installation of kerbside chargers.

For larger developments, Council's *Development Control Plan* mandates space for onsite service/delivery functions, striking a balance between the need to accommodate these functions and to ensure space is used efficiently.

Most small developments and older developments, built before widespread car use, do not have onsite service/delivery space, and these functions are carried out at the kerb. Council will continue to create dedicated kerbside loading space on an as-needs basis, prioritising safe practice.

For the private domain, Council can mandate and/or encourage prioritisation of space for targeted users within its *Development Control Plan*. Prioritisation is not usually relevant for small developments but is a consideration for larger developments. Large bulky goods stores and shopping malls, for example, have loading facilities and allocate priority parking space for mobility parking, pick/up-drop-off, bicycles, motorcycles, parents/carers with prams and electric vehicle charging. This may be mandated by Council or may be part of the standard operation of a business.

The carshare pod in carpark of the Mills Studios, Newtown is available to onsite and offsite users (Source: Commercial RealEstate)

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Objective 10: Continue to enforce parking rules efficiently, diligently and fairly

Continue to enforce parking rules efficiently, diligently and fairly to reduce the extent of non-compliance, with a focus on areas with highest parking demand and other parking demand 'hot-spots'.

Enforcement of parking is an important role for all councils, but this is particularly so for inner-urban councils like the Inner West where parking demand is high and supply limited. NSW Police also play an enforcement role, and the NSW Office of State Revenue administers fines. Enforcement is needed to ensure there is appropriate turnover, particularly in high demand areas, enabling drivers to locate vacant spaces. It is also needed to ensure that vehicles are parked legally so they don't obstruct the movement of pedestrians, cyclists and general traffic. In some instances, illegal parking can create safety issues, e.g. cars parked on footpaths forcing pedestrians onto the road, or cars parked near corners, blocking drivers' visibility.

Council's enforcement can be proactive, involving routine compliance checks across all parts of the Council area. It can also be reactive, involving targeted checks in response to community complaints. In either case, Council seeks to enforce parking restrictions diligently, firmly and fairly, and in the longer term reduce the incidence of non-compliance and issuing of fines. This involves community awareness-raising and use of technology to make it easier for drivers to understand the rules and comply within them. Technology can also improve the efficiency of enforcement, increasing the extent of compliance.

Enforcement is an essential part of good management - for example, to ensure permit parking schemes operate effectively and mobility parking spaces are available to genuine users
(Source: Inner West Council)

Part 3: Action Plan

Immediate Actions

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

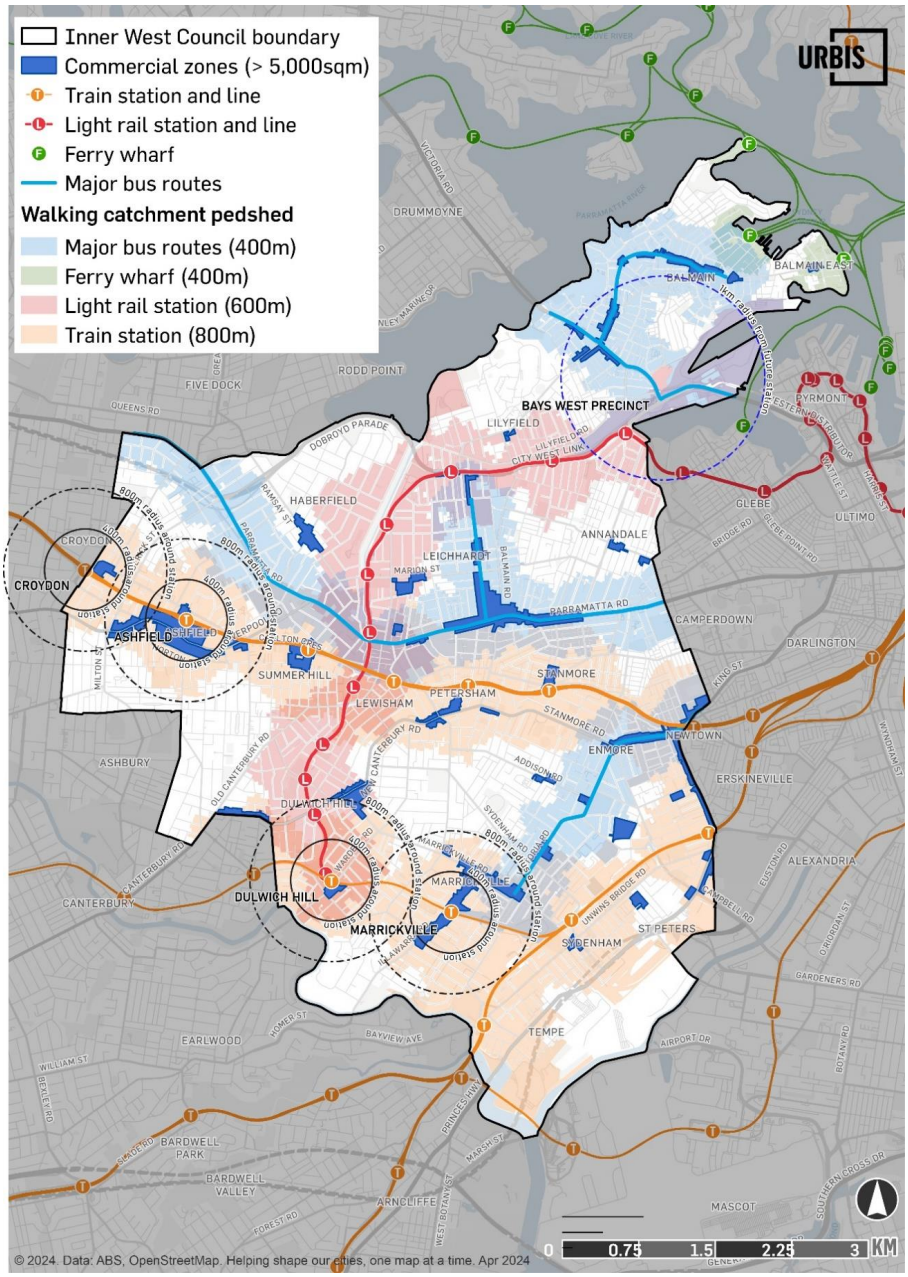
12. Constrain public domain parking space and ensure it is well designed so that safety, traffic, amenity and environmental impacts are minimised
13. Subject to a parking study, repurpose some public domain parking space to create space for other uses such as pedestrian, bike and bus priority, landscaping, 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

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

Part 4: Maps

Map 1: Major commercial zones, access to public transport and *Our Fairer Future Plan* investigation areas (Source: Urbis for Inner West Council)



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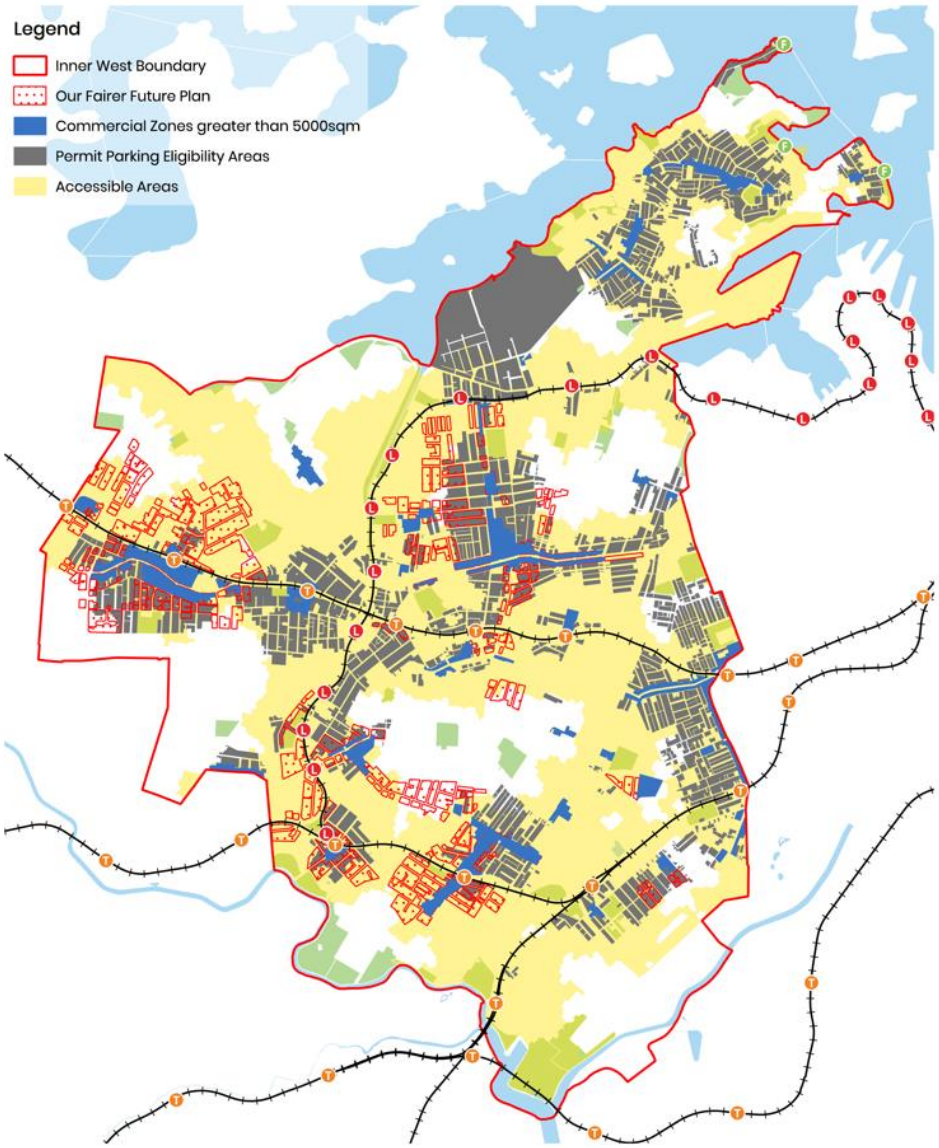
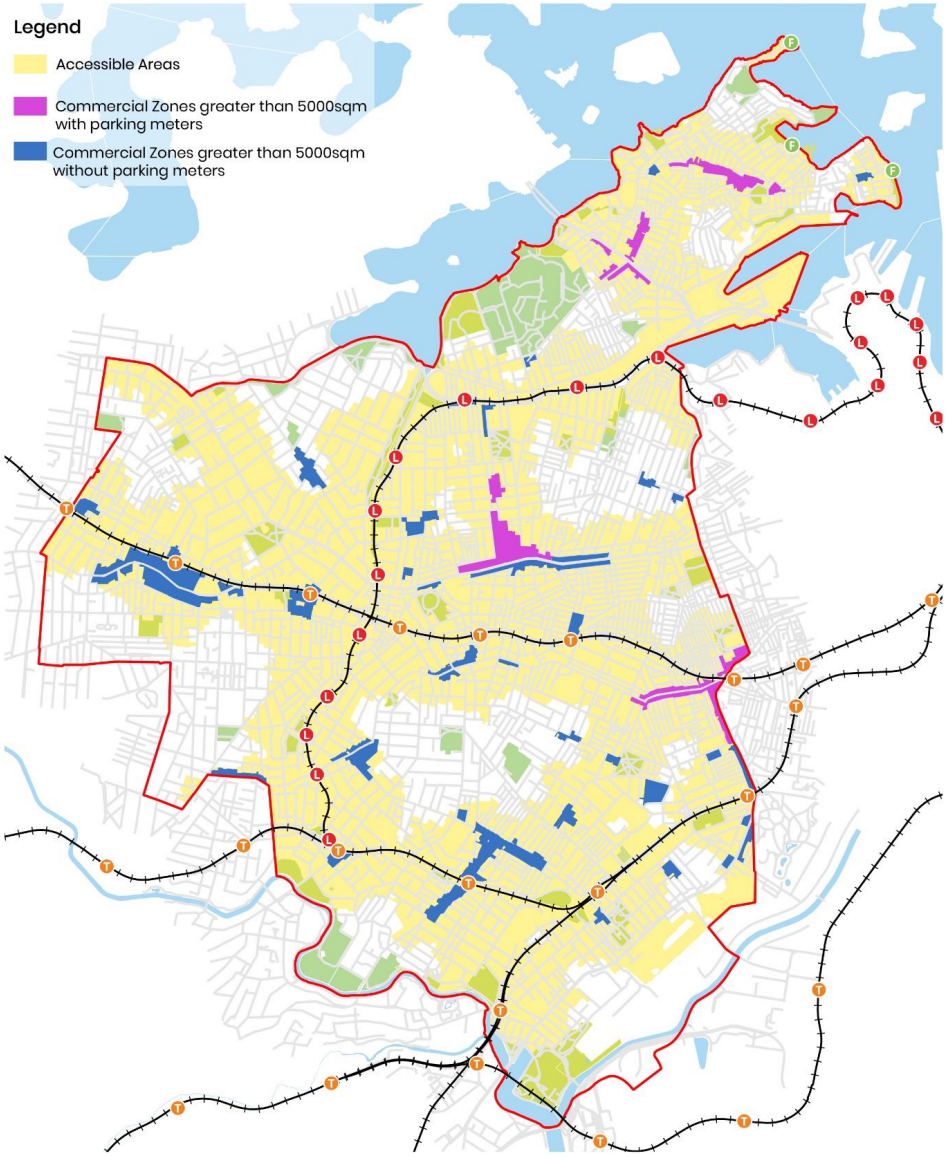
Map 2: Accessible areas, permit parking scheme areas, major commercial zones and *Our Fairer Future Plan* uplift areas (Source: Inner West Council)



Map 3: Accessible areas and major commercial zones with and without priced parking (Source: Inner West Council)



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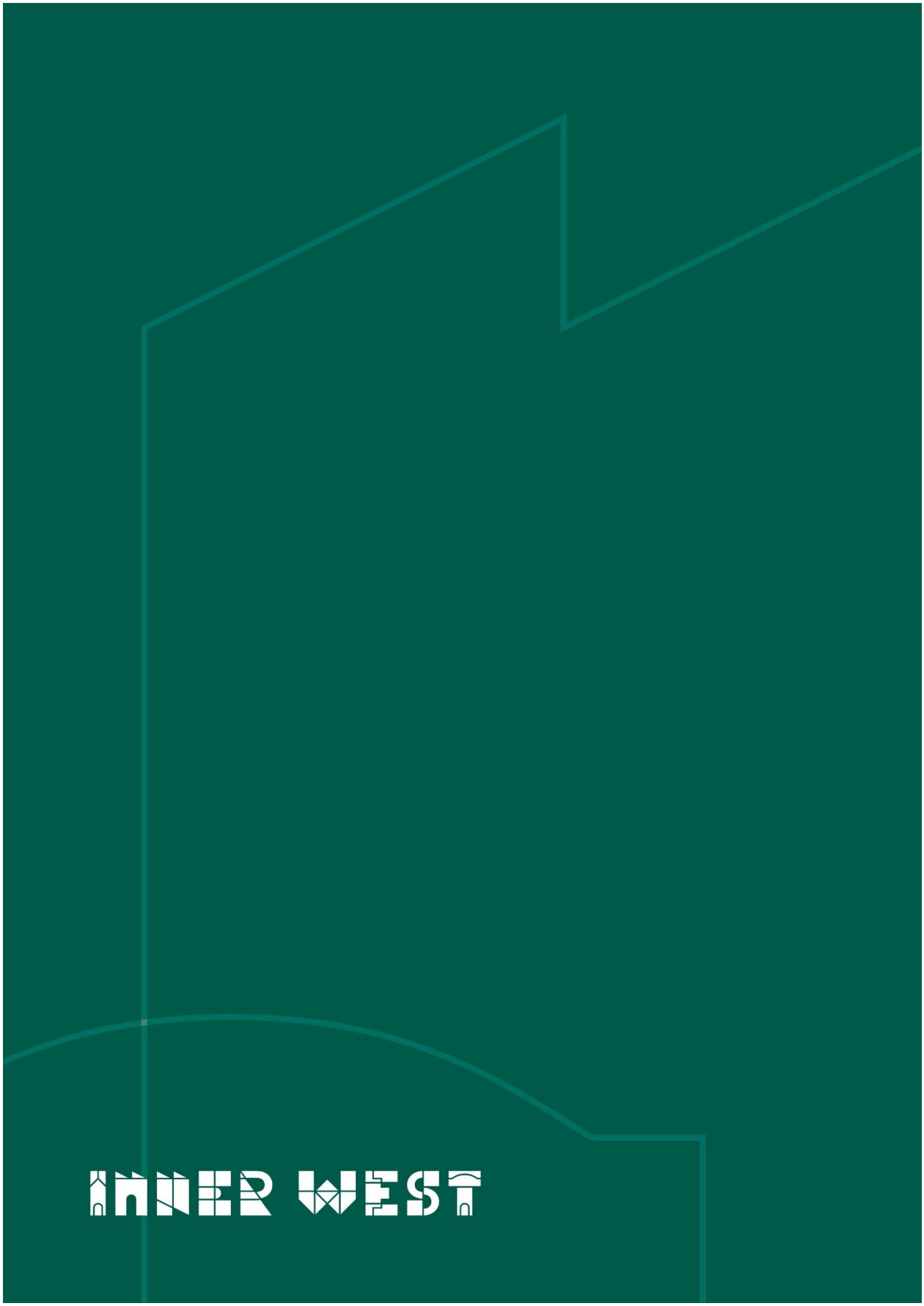

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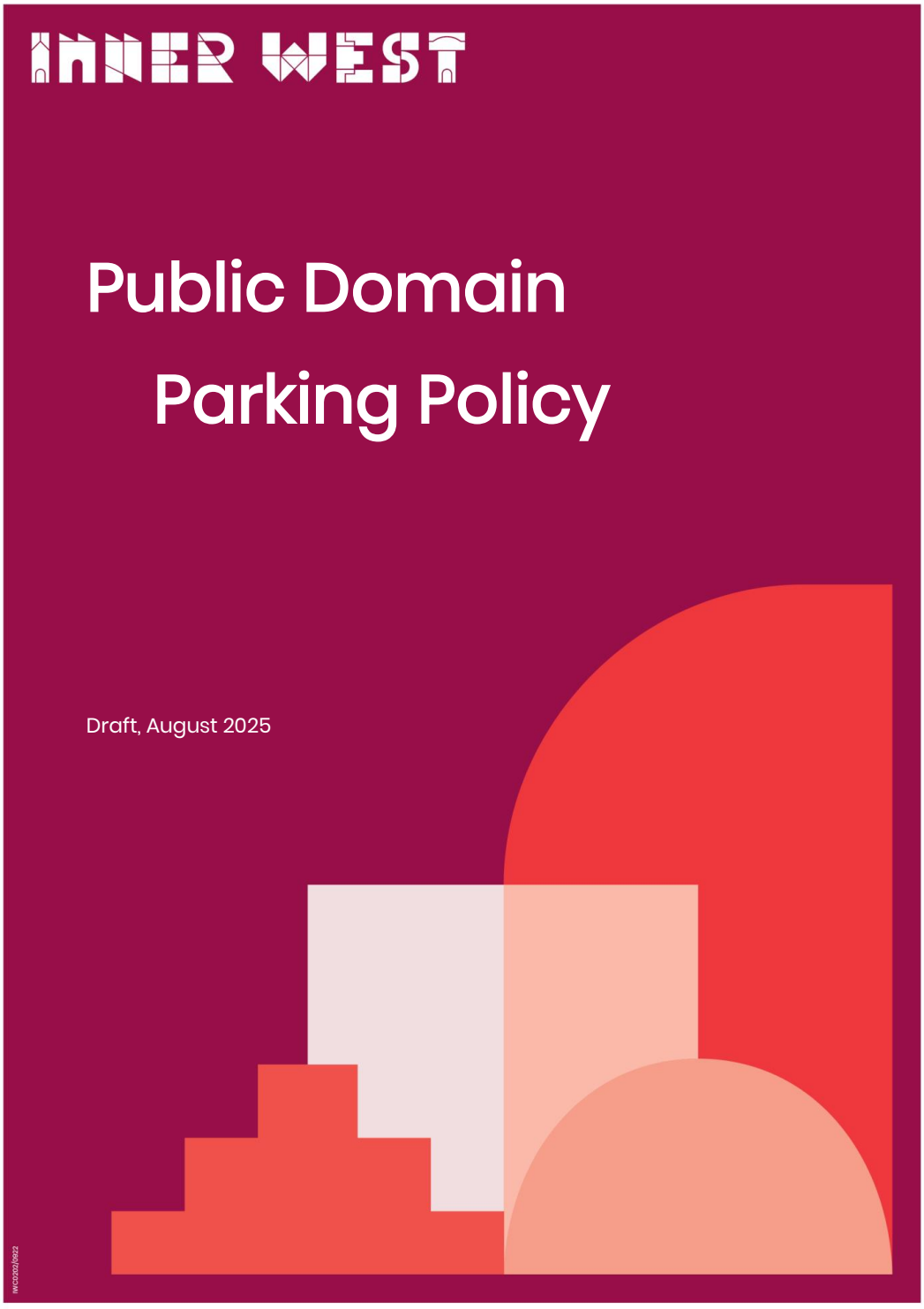
INNER WEST
Public Domain
Parking Policy
Draft, August 2025

Title	**Public Domain Parking Policy**
Summary	This Policy provides a governing framework for the investigation, development, implementation and ongoing management of permit parking schemes and controls in the public domain including on-street and in Council managed carparks.
Document Type	Policy
Relevant Strategic Plan Objective	Strategic Direction 2: Liveable, connected places and transport
Legislative Reference	• *Local Government Act 1993* • *Roads Act 1993* • *Road Transport Act 2013* • *Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013* • *NSW Road Rules*
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Related Council Documents	• *Model Code of Conduct* • *Community Strategic Plan* • *Local Strategic Planning Statement* • *Our Fairer Future Plan* • *Integrated Transport Strategy* • *Parking Strategy* • *Car Share Policy* *This Policy supersedes:* • *Former Leichhardt Council: Resident Parking Scheme, 2007* • *Former Leichhardt Council: Angle Parking Policy, 2010* • *Inner West Council Public Domain Parking Policy, 2020*
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1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a governing framework for the investigation, development, implementation and ongoing management of public domain permit parking schemes and controls.

Across the Inner West there is usually strong demand for limited parking space in the public domain. To manage and balance the competing demands for parking space in high demand areas, Council implements parking controls. The main controls are time of operation, duration, type of parking and parking prohibitions, which are often implemented to support specific land uses or functions. Time limits help to ensure there is parking turnover in shopping precincts, that commuter parking in residential neighbourhoods is restricted and sustainable transport (walking, cycling and use of public transport) is encouraged.

Importantly, effective management of parking in the public domain supports the aims of Council's, C*ommunity Strategic Plan*, *Integrated Transport Strategy* and *Parking Strategy* to enhance liveability, promote sustainability, activate the public domain and prioritise sustainable transport over private motor vehicles.

2 Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Contribute to road safety outcomes
- Manage public spaces in the public interest
- Protect and enhance the liveability of neighbourhoods
- Support Council's *Parking Strategy, Community Strategic Plan* and *Integrated Transport Strategy*
- Support sustainability, inclusion and environmental objectives of the Council
- Support the public domain planning initiatives of Council
- Improve parking availability for targeted users
- Contribute to the fair, transparent and consistent management of parking demand to appropriately balance the needs of various users
- Achieve compliance with the regulatory framework governing parking

3 Scope

This policy applies to all forms of public domain parking regulation within the Inner West Council area, including on-street parking and Council managed carparks. Parking controls on State Classified Roads require the approval of Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Council's Development Control Plan (DCP), separate to this policy, addresses development related off-street/on-site parking provisions.

4 Definitions

In the Public Domain Parking Policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

Act	**Local Government Act 1993.**
Conflict of interest	Includes either a: • Pecuniary conflict of interest. • Significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest. • Non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest, as defined in the Model Code of Conduct and described in section 6 of the *Conflict of Interest* Policy.
Councillor	Inner West Council elected representative.
Council committee member	A person other than a Councillor or Council Officer who is a member of a Council committee other than a wholly advisory committee, and a person other than a Councillor who is a member of Council's audit, risk and improvement committee.
Council Officer	Inner West Council members of staff (including full-time, part-time, casual and contracted staff).
Council Official	Councillors, Council Officers, Council committee members and delegates of Council.
Executive Leadership Team	General Manager, Director Corporate, Director Infrastructure, Director Community, Director Planning, General Counsel.
Boarding House	A building that: (a) is wholly or partly let in lodgings, and (b) provides lodgers with a principal place of residence for 3 months or more, and (c) may have shared facilities, such as a communal living room, bathroom, kitchen or laundry, and (d) has rooms, some or all of which may have private kitchen and bathroom facilities, that accommodate one or more lodgers, but does not include backpackers' accommodation, a group home, hotel or motel accommodation, seniors housing or a serviced apartment.
Business premises	A building or place at or on which:

	(a) an occupation, profession or trade (other than an industry) is carried on for the provision of goods and services directly to members of the public on a regular basis, or (b) a service is provided directly to members of the public on a regular basis, and includes a funeral home and, without limitation, premises such as banks, post offices, hairdressers, dry cleaners, travel agencies, internet access facilities, betting agencies and the like, but does not include home business, home occupation.
Carer	As defined by the Carers (Recognition) Act 2010: A carer is an individual who provides personal care, support and assistance to another individual who needs it because that other individual has a disability, or has a medical condition (including a terminal or chronic illness), or has a mental illness, or is frail and aged. An individual is not a carer if they provide care, support and assistance under a contract of service, or through the course of voluntary work for a charitable, welfare or community organisation, or as part of a course of education or training. To avoid doubt, an individual is not a carer merely because they live with an individual that requires care or they are a spouse, de facto partner, parent, child, guardian or other relative.
Car share vehicle	A vehicle made available for the use of members of a car share scheme.
Car share scheme	A scheme which provides access to vehicles for its members. A car share scheme does not offer its services to non-member customers as is the case with car hire or car rental companies.
Commercial	A business, office or retail undertaking.
Community facility	A building or place: (a) owned or controlled by a public authority or non-profit community organisation; and (b) used for the physical, social, cultural or intellectual development or welfare of the community, but does not include an educational establishment, hospital, retail premises, place of public worship or residential accommodation.

Dwelling	A building containing a room or suite of rooms occupied or used or so constructed or adapted as to be capable of being occupied or used as a separate domicile.
Entertainment facility	A theatre, cinema, music hall, concert hall, dance hall, live music venue and the like.
Full private use	A vehicle not registered to a resident but for which the resident can provide sufficient documentary evidence to support that they are exclusively entitled to use the vehicle.
Health care professional	Any person registered under an Act for the purpose of providing health care.
In-home support	Support provided in the home by a support worker or health care professional
Local Traffic Committee	Committee constituted by Council to enable Council to exercise delegation granted by TfNSW pursuant to S50 Transport Administration Act 1988.
Mixed use development	A building or place comprising 2 or more different land uses.
Mobility parking space	A length or area of road identified with a road marking or sign containing the symbol for people with disabilities
Multi-unit developments	Two or more dwellings or commercial premises on one lot of land
Rateable property	A property that pays individual local government rates. Can be classified as business, residential or mixed use.
Retail premises	A building or place used for the purpose of selling items by retail, or hiring or displaying items for the purpose of selling them or hiring them out, whether the items are goods or materials (or whether also sold by wholesale).
Service provider	An organisation or health professional approved by a relevant professional or government body to provide in-home support to residents.
Support worker	An employee of a service provider who provides in-home support to a resident.

5 Links to Community Strategic Plan

This policy links to Strategic Direction 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods in the current *Community Strategic Plan*.

6 Policy Statement

The sustainability and efficiency of the transport network is crucial to the liveability and prosperity of the Inner West. Key to congestion management, urban planning and liveability strategies are the promotion of public transport use, facilitation of active transport (walking and cycling) and reducing dependence on private motor vehicles. Parking policy and management can be used as a tool to help realise these objectives, balanced with local needs for mobility, access and equity.

7 Policy

7.1 Principles for Parking Management

7.1.1- Public Access and Safety

Council will use parking controls that recognise that streets are public spaces, open to all people, and are to be managed in the public interest. Accordingly:

- Parking controls will support road safety outcomes
- Parking permits do not guarantee access to a parking space
- No areas are set aside exclusively for permit parking.
- Parking schemes should provide an equitable and/or appropriate mix of on-street spaces for road users
- Exemptions to parking restrictions should not obstruct short-term access by legitimate users to services and facilities

7.1.2- Liveability

In order to protect and enhance the liveability of neighbourhoods, Council will prioritise the equitable use of parking space for residents, businesses, their visitors and customers by:

- Providing parking schemes to manage demands for on-street parking
- Discouraging commuter parking on-street in residential and commercial neighbourhoods
- Minimise street-by-street parking changes that move, rather than resolve, parking problems - that is, guard against 'knock-on' effects
- Avoiding over-subscription of permits to permit parking schemes. Council will have discretion over the total number of permits issued within a scheme zone and how it will distribute these permits across the relevant categories of permits

7.1.3- Sustainability & Inclusion

Council will prioritise parking controls that support travel by people with mobility issues; that encourage increased use of alternative forms of sustainable transport and active travel; and support a reduction in car ownership. Parking measures will consider and support:

- Integrated transport objectives & strategies
- Public domain plans and strategies
- Increased use of public transport
- Walking and cycling infrastructure needs
- Inclusion action plans and provisions for mobility parking
- Participation of authorised car-share vehicles
- Other relevant Council policies and strategies

Council may use the location, supply, availability, fee structure and management regime for parking to support the achievement of these outcomes.

7.1.4- Regulation

The management of parking controls is governed by NSW legislation and is administered by Council on local roads under authority delegated to it by TfNSW. The administration of parking permits is guided by the TfNSW *Permit Parking Guidelines*. This Policy applies the regulatory framework.

7.1.5- Consistency

Council will endeavour to apply the Policy consistently across all parking areas. At times Council may adopt variations from usually adopted parking controls to respond to local conditions.

7.1.6- Pricing

Council may apply fees to recover costs associated with the administration, implementation and maintenance of parking controls and to support the achievement

of other Council policy outcomes. All proposed fees and charges will be reviewed annually and exhibited in Council's draft Annual Plan as required by the Local Government Act.

7.1.7- Consultation

Given the strong community interest in kerbside parking management, the affected community will be consulted on proposed changes that modify controls, time limits applying to legal parking spaces or the introduction of parking meters. Where changes to signage are required for safety or regulatory compliance, Council will notify the nearby community of the change.

Proposals for parking changes will be assessed for technical compliance by the Local Traffic Committee.

7.2 Commercial and Mixed-Use Areas

7.2.1- Parking Priority

In commercial precincts, Council will prioritise parking controls that are consistent with the viability and efficient operation of local businesses and encourage sustainable transport. This will include priority consideration for the safe movement of pedestrians, the provision for bus zones, taxi zones, service vehicle zones such as loading zones and mail zones, bike parking, drop-off and pick up spaces, and mobility parking spaces. Dedicated on-street spaces for authorised car share vehicles may be provided to enable on-street parking spaces to be used more efficiently and to enable the community to access to a variety of shared vehicles.

Parking controls in and around mixed use or retail premises will encourage turnover that is consistent with the local business mix and expected duration of stay by customers - typically 2P or 4P.

7.2.2- Delivery & Service Vehicles

On-street loading zones contribute to economic activity and provide an opportunity to service multiple properties. Council will prioritise the need for loading zones to ensure commercial, entertainment and retail premises without on-site loading or parking are within 100 metres of a loading zone if required for their business operation. This would include loading zones provided to support live music venues and the operations of mainstreet businesses.

Loading zones within residential areas may also be considered to enable deliveries where demand warrants. On-street loading zones are not provided for exclusive use. Locations will be optimised to maximise their use by multiple premises.

To accommodate other road users and mitigate extended periods of underutilised kerb space, loading zones may have limited hours of operation each day and may be limited to inter-peak or off-peak operation. Loading zones may operate outside standard

business hours or on weekends in cases where weekday loading is inadequate or where it is desirable to encourage out-of-hours/weekend loading.

New developments that have significant service and delivery requirements are generally required to provide on-site loading bays sufficient for the needs of the land use. Loading zones will generally not be provided to serve premises with on-site loading docks or the capability to load/unload on-site or which are subject to development consent conditions requiring all loading and servicing to occur on-site.

7.2.3- Authorised Vehicle Zones

Authorised vehicle zones may be provided where necessary and feasible for the purposes of parking for essential service vehicles and others. This could include postal collection, law enforcement, government functions, wedding services and funeral services. The allocation of such dedicated space must be demonstrably in the public interest. Continuation of authorised vehicle zones will be subject to regular review in light of changing needs and changes to surrounding land use.

7.2.4- Paid Parking

To manage parking in areas of very high demand, Council operates ticketed parking in the following commercial/ retail areas:

- King Street, Newtown
- Enmore Rd, Newtown
- Lennox Street Carpark, Newtown
- Edgeware Rd Carpark, Enmore
- Norton Street, Leichhardt and adjacent side streets
- Darling Street, Balmain and adjacent side streets
- Darling Street, Rozelle and adjacent side streets

Prices will be set at a level consistent with adequate turnover for local business, maintenance of local economic activity and to provide consistency with adjoining council areas along boundary streets.

7.2.5- Taxi Zones

The provision of on-street taxi zones will be considered on an 'as-needed' basis near land uses and precincts that generate a demonstrable demand and subject to the concurrence of the NSW Taxi Council.

7.2.6- 'No Parking' Zones

'No Parking' zones provide the opportunity for drop-off and pick-up movements and assist in reducing parking demand and illegal parking manoeuvres in adjacent areas. They provide a mechanism for efficient, high turnover for short-stay parking needs.

'No Parking' zones will be provided to address:

- Passenger interchange functions at transport nodes

- Short term delivery, loading & unloading activities
- School children drop-off and pickup along school frontages
- Passenger drop off and pickup at commercial centres
- Vehicle access constraints
- Road safety issues

7.3 Community Facilities

Parking controls adjacent to community, recreational, social and cultural facilities, including parks, will aim to provide for turnover that is consistent with their desired use. This includes allowing for access for those enjoying organised sports, picnics and casual recreation.

Parking controls adjacent such facilities will generally not exempt permit holders during operating hours. This ensures all-day parking does not obstruct short-term access by a broad cross-section of the community.

Some community or recreational facilities, including parks, have small street frontages. In these circumstances, if period parking controls are used, they should be consistent with surrounding streets to minimise the potential for inadvertent non-compliance.

Time limits near cultural facilities will be reviewed on an as-needs basis to balance the needs of patrons and the general community.

7.4 Mobility Parking

7.4.1- Purpose

People with mobility issues are often dependent on travel by a private vehicle to maintain their mobility and independence. The Mobility Parking Scheme is designed to support this outcome. Council will prioritise on-street parking for this group.

7.4.2- Mobility parking entitlements

Under the Mobility Parking Scheme administered by the NSW Government, a vehicle transporting a mobility permit scheme card holder is exempt from parking fees and time limits in any period parking space of more than 30 minutes. For parking spaces with time limits of 30 minutes a permit holder can park for 2 hours, and where parking is limited to less than 30 minutes, the vehicle can park for a maximum of 30 minutes.

Holders of Mobility Parking Scheme permits are not required to apply for Council parking permits.

7.4.3- On-street mobility parking spaces

Signposted mobility parking spaces are provided for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a current Mobility Parking Scheme permit.

In considering the provision and location of mobility parking space, Council will consider:

- Likely intensity of use by one or more mobility permit holders

- availability and utilisation of nearby on-street mobility parking spaces
- Proportion of spaces provided for people with disabilities within a parking precinct
- Availability and utilisation of nearby on-street period parking
- Availability of reasonable on-site alternatives

The time of operation of mobility parking spaces may be limited in locations where usage is dependent on times of operation of particular services and it is important to maintain parking space utilisation.

7.4.4- On-street mobility parking spaces outside homes

Council may consider establishing a mobility parking space outside a resident's home where there is consistent difficulty in finding parking that is accessible within a reasonable distance of the property, provided all of the following apply:

a) The resident holds a current, individual mobility parking permit issued by the NSW Government
b) Medical certification is provided confirming the person requires the use of a mobility aid to walk and/or cannot walk more than 50 metres without detrimentally impacting their physical condition
c) On-site parking space of suitable dimensions and accessibility is not available and cannot reasonably be provided within the property
d) The vehicle used for transport is registered to the resident's home address

The space is lawfully available to any vehicle correctly displaying and using a mobility permit and cannot be dedicated for the exclusive use of any particular vehicle or person(s).

The establishment of the space within a permit parking zone will be in lieu of one entitlement to a Resident Parking Permit for that property.

A mobility parking space established outside an individual's home or premises will be considered for removal if one or more of the following apply:

- The applicant advises Council the space is no longer required
- The applicant no longer resides at the premises
- A Council audit confirms the circumstance supporting the initial installation no longer exists

Any changes will be the subject of prior notification. Council may conduct periodic audits and seek documentary evidence to determine whether mobility parking zones outside homes are still justified.

Council will supply and install signage free of charge. Additional facilities outside an individual's home or premises (such as a kerb ramp), for use by the applicant in conjunction with the mobility zone, may be approved subject to installation in accordance with Council's specification at the applicant's cost.

7.5 Angle Parking

Council may consider the introduction of angle parking on local roads which are subject to high parking demand. The introduction of angle parking will be subject to consideration of the following:

- Car overhang conflicting with obstructions on the footpath
- The location and spacing of driveways limiting the benefit of angle parking
- Suitable volume of traffic in the street
- Sufficient width of road carriageway to safely accommodate traffic movements
- Impacts to bus movements
- The level of parking occupancy in the street Needs of cyclists and pedestrians can be safely accommodated
- Road camber or longitudinal gradient is not excessive
- Impact on or potential damage to streetscape
- Height of kerb to accommodate car overhang
- Housing setback.
- Public domain improvement proposals and opportunities
- Community support

7.6 Parking Encroachment to Driveways

Parked vehicles encroaching on driveways in areas of high parking demand can obstruct access to/from off-street parking spaces. It is an offence under the NSW Road Rules to obstruct driveways. To mitigate ongoing non-compliance with the Road Rules, Council will permit the painting of lines on the road shoulder / parking lane to Council's specification. This is to better delineate the extremities of driveways. Installation and maintenance will be the responsibility of the property owner/occupier. The lines will not necessarily be used to validate a driveway obstruction offence. In administering offences, Council will consider particular/historical parking arrangements.

To prevent a proliferation of street signage, Council will generally not support the isolated installation of 'No Stopping' or 'No Parking' signage across driveways to residential property for the purposes of managing non-compliance with the NSW Road Rules relating to driveway obstruction.

7.7 Parking in Laneways

Laneways provide for a number uses including:

- Connections to adjoining streets
- Access to properties
- Access to off-street parking
- Pedestrian and cycle routes
- On-street parking opportunities
- Access by service vehicles, waste collection trucks and emergency vehicles

Increasingly they provide opportunities for activation and use as public spaces. The narrow width of many lanes can often generate conflict between the competing uses of laneways, such as parked vehicles obstructing vehicular access and other laneway uses.

Agreement between affected residents on parking outcomes in residential laneways is preferred rather than signposting restrictions. However, where access issues cannot be resolved, Council will consider implementing appropriate parking restrictions. Parking restrictions will generally be implemented in trafficable laneways having carriageway widths less than five (5) metres. Such laneways are generally too narrow to accommodate parking and allow safe vehicle access along the laneway. Laneways having carriageway widths of five (5) metres or greater may accommodate parking on one side of the lane subject to consideration of:

- Volume and composition of traffic using the laneway
- Vehicular turning paths for access to off-street parking spaces
- Vehicular turning paths at laneway intersections
- Camber of the laneway, which can cause large/high vehicles to lean
- 'No Stopping' distance requirements at laneway intersections

Council will prioritise access to off-street parking spaces over parking provision within the laneway.

7.8 Boat, Caravan & Trailer Parking

The use of kerbside space for the long-term storage of trailers and caravans can have a negative impact on neighbourhoods and streetscape and reduce the capacity of on-street parking. At locations where there is a congregation of long-term trailer and/or caravan parking and storage, Council will enforce parking under the NSW Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021. Council may also consider implementing parking restrictions to discourage such activity on its local streets, consistent with relevant NSW Government legislation and guidelines.

7.9 Treatment of Intersections

The NSW Road Rules includes offences for stopping a vehicle in or near intersections. Parking within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic signals is not permitted unless it is signposted to permit such parking. Many minor road intersection approaches in the Council area are not signposted with restrictions. In such cases the default position under Road Rule 170 automatically applies, prohibiting the stopping of vehicles within the 10 metre zone.

The regulation of parking at non-signalised intersections on local roads can be undertaken by Council subject to the following the traffic committee process. Intersections controlled by traffic signals on State Roads are under the control of TfNSW

for the purposes of regulating traffic, and accordingly the setting of 'No Stopping' distances at such sites is not within Council's jurisdiction.

In areas where parking demand is low, regular parking within the statutory 'No Stopping' distance is unlikely and it is usually not necessary to install 'No Stopping' signs. Conversely in locations of high parking demand, the Road Rules are often breached making it desirable to provide signs or other indicators of the limit of permitted parking, such as yellow line marking.

Council does not undertake a proactive program of signposting all intersection 'No Stopping' restrictions. Action will normally be taken to investigate and consider such signposting in any of the following circumstances:

a) The incidence of ongoing non-compliance with the Road Rules is supported by multiple requests, penalty infringement notices, or accident history
b) The incidence of ongoing non-compliance with the Road Rules results in unacceptable impacts on sight distances and safety, or obstructions to vehicle manoeuvrability when negotiating the intersection
c) Obstructions to pedestrian ramps, vehicle driveways or designated bike routes
d) Other parking-restriction signposting is being put in place up to the intersection
e) As part of designs for new or modified traffic facilities at intersections

Where investigations reveal that non-compliance is impacting the satisfactory operation of the intersection, recommendations will be made through the Local Traffic Committee for the erection of 'No Stopping' signage to reinforce the Road Rules. In compliance with the relevant TfNSW Technical Direction, the mandatory 'No Stopping' distances are normally regarded as the minimum, and recommendations are normally made for the intersections to be signposted to at least that minimum.

Where it is considered reasonable to consider a reduction in the regulatory 'No Stopping' distance, Council may complete a risk assessment to consider potential road safety and network efficiency issues that may arise by reducing the 'No Stopping' distance below the statutory minimum.

Issues considered will include:

a) *Crossing sight distance for pedestrians* - to ensure that a pedestrian can see approaching traffic in sufficient time to judge a safe gap and cross the roadway. Parked vehicles near intersections can cause visual obstructions
b) *Vehicle sight distances* - to provide sufficient distance for a driver to observe pedestrians and other vehicles approaching the intersection and to decelerate before reaching potential collision point or to provide sufficient gap to complete turning manoeuvre
c) *Vehicle speeds* - approaching intersections directly impacts required sight distances

d) *Turning paths* - to provide sufficient clearance to enable vehicles to manoeuvre through an intersection
e) *Use by large vehicles* - buses, emergency vehicle access, waste collection
f) *Parking manoeuvres* - which may obstruct the intersection, e.g. angle parking
g) *Other site constraints*

The sight distance and manoeuvring requirements for many intersections that cater for two-way flow are unlikely to provide the opportunity to reduce the 'No Stopping' distance. Opportunities for reductions in distances may present themselves on the departure side of intersections with one way traffic flows and in narrow laneways subject to there being sufficient manoeuvring room.

7.10 Narrow Street Parking Schemes

The Inner West includes numerous 'narrow streets' that do not have adequate dimensions to facilitate the parking of vehicles on both sides of the road within the carriageway while maintaining a minimum trafficable lane width to accommodate emergency and service vehicle access. Potential solutions Council may consider include:

- 'No Parking' restrictions on one or both sides of the road in accordance with the Road Rules
- Creation of a low speed 'shared zone' allowing for parked vehicle encroachment on footpaths within marked parking bays. This option will generally only be considered for streets which have an historic footpath encroachment parking regime

Proposals for the creation of 'shared zones' require TfNSW approval and will be assessed and developed in accordance with relevant TfNSW Technical Directions. The ability to implement 'shared zone' solutions, which necessarily require traffic calming measures, will be subject to budget constraints within Council's forward capital works program.

7.11 Car Share Parking Schemes

Council will prioritise the provision of parking for use by Council authorised car share schemes as part of its holistic approach to parking and traffic management. Refer to the TfNSW Technical Direction *Guidelines for on-street fixed space car share parking* and Council's current *Car Share Policy*. The authorisation and operation of car share schemes will be subject to Council's current *Car Share Policy*.

7.12 Parking Permits

7.12.1- Purpose

Parking permits exempt holders from time limits and parking fees in spaces signposted *'PERMIT HOLDERS EXCEPTED' or 'AUTHORISED RESIDENTS VEHICLES EXCEPTED'*.

The need for parking permits arises directly from kerbside parking controls and the need to improve amenity for a particular class of road user(s) who does not have sufficient

off-street or unrestricted on-street parking available. Permit parking also helps to balance the needs of the local community with those of the broader community in high demand areas. Where vehicles are only permitted to park for a short length of time, permits are often also needed for certain everyday activities, such as visits by friends, tradespeople and carers.

7.12.2- Display and use of permits

There are two ways that parking permits may be issued: digital permits based on the vehicle's registration plate and do not require a physical permit, or physical permits that are displayed on the windscreen of the vehicle.

A physical permit must be displayed on the left-hand, passenger side of the front windscreen or dashboard with all permit details clearly visible to an authorised officer. A permit is valid only where kerbside signposting includes the words '*PERMIT HOLDERS EXCEPTED*' or '*AUTHORISED RESIDENTS VEHICLES EXCEPTED*'. The area identification number must correspond to the number on the permit. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure the permit is valid and used correctly.

Council will exempt motorbikes from the requirement to display a parking permit within a permit parking scheme zone.

Council may choose to administer parking permits electronically. For this purpose a parking permit may be a virtual product held in an electronic or other database that contains all relevant information about the permit, permit holder and vehicle.

7.12.3- Validity

Unless otherwise specified, parking permits will be valid for one or two years from date of issue. Temporary Parking Permits may be issued for a specific date range.

7.12.4- Exclusion of Certain Developments

The intensification of urban land use in the Inner West has implications for traffic generation, on-street parking demand and the liveability of neighbourhoods. To mitigate this impact, discourage private car dependency and prevent parking demand associated with major residential and commercial developments from spilling into existing neighbourhoods, developments indicated in Table 7.1 are excluded from participating in permit parking schemes.

Table 7.1 Developments Excluded from Permit Parking Schemes

LG Area	*Development Type Excluded*	*Approved after*
Ashfield, Haberfield, Croydon, Croydon Park, and Summer Hill. (Former Ashfield LGA).	Units or Townhouses	30 June 1997
Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Annandale, Rozelle, Birchgrove, Balmain and Balmain East. (Former Leichhardt LGA).	Dual occupancies, multi dwelling housing and residential flat buildings, subdivision* into two or more lots and the strata sub division of residential flat buildings	1 January 2001
Camperdown, Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Lewisham, Marrickville, Newtown, Petersham, Stanmore, Sydenham St Peters, and Tempe. (Former Marrickville LGA)	Development involving land use changes, new commercial and /or multi-unit housing developments or where conditions of development consent exclude participation in a permit parking scheme.	1 January 1999
Inner West LGA	• Additional lots created by subdivision*****, or • New dual occupancy, multi-unit residential developments & boarding houses, or • New multi-unit mixed-use or commercial developments, or • Excluded by condition of development consent; or • Alterations and Additions or Change of Use that creates an additional business or residence on the original lot.	9 June 2020

***** A reduced allocation of resident permits may be provided where a property has been subdivided into three lots or fewer, where each rateable property (without on-site parking) may be eligible for a maximum of one permit . This will be subject to adequate

parking capacity being available in the street. Such a property may also be eligible to purchase single use visitor parking permits.

7.13 Permit Parking Zones

7.13.1- Zone Boundaries

A number of permit parking zones have been created across the Inner West to ensure permits are used to park near the rateable property to which they are issued. The number of parking zones will be kept to the minimum necessary to maintain the integrity of the permit system. To assist with the clarity of zone extents, permit parking zone boundaries will (where possible) follow major built or natural features such as arterial roads, railways and natural boundaries.

7.13.2- Zones with Reduced Permit Issue – One Permit Zones

Certain permit zones (One Permit Zones) are eligible for a maximum of one parking permit if properties do not have on-site parking. Such zone restrictions are necessary in areas which have a high density of dwellings and limited on-street parking space to provide equitable access to parking opportunities and avoid oversubscription.

Council will monitor permit numbers issued relative to available parking spaces in each parking area. Where the number of parking permits exceeds the number of parking spaces Council may reduce the number of permits issued to dwellings or restrict further allocations.

7.13.3- Zone Extent

Council recognises that parking issues within the Inner West can never be fully resolved to the satisfaction of all users, and compromise is usually required to accommodate varying parking needs. The overall philosophy in developing parking options is to provide an equitable distribution of available kerbside parking spaces to accommodate these varying and often competing demands.

When developing permit parking schemes, initial implementation will generally be considered for one side of the street only, giving a level of parking security to residents, while retaining unrestricted parking on the other side of the street. This is to provide parking opportunities for businesses and their patrons, trades, service vehicles, residents who are excluded from participating in a scheme, other visitors to the area or those who choose to opt out of participating in a scheme.

Exceptions may apply to locations of very high parking demand, , where a permit parking scheme would be applied to both sides of the street. For example, locations within close proximity to commercial centres.

7.14 Resident Parking Permits

7.14.1- Purpose

Parking permits enable eligible residents with limited on-site parking , the opportunity to park their vehicle close to the rateable property.

7.14.2- Eligibility

Residents within permit parking zones may be eligible for permits subject to:

a) Proof of residency within the Permit Parking Scheme Zone
b) Nominated vehicle having NSW registration
c) The applicant's vehicle being registered in the applicant's name at the applicant's address within the zone
d) The premises having no or limited on-site parking
e) The maximum number of permit entitlements for a rateable residential property not being exceeded

Residents of multi-unit dwellings that predate the cutoff dates shown in the Table 7.1 may be denied permits, or have a reduced allocation of permits.

The following are *not* eligible to receive resident parking permits:

a) A development excluded from participation in permit parking schemes (refer Table 7.1)
b) A dwelling approved with a development consent condition that excludes access to parking permits.
c) Premises without valid development consent and not approved for residential use.
d) Hotels, backpacker hostels, guesthouses, tourist accommodation, nursing homes, residential care facilities and serviced apartments.
e) Vehicles such as a caravan, truck, bus, tram, trailer, tractor or any vehicle which exceeds 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass or longer than 7.5 metres.
f) Where eligibility is revoked in instances of fraud or misuse

7.14.3- Quantity of Permits

A resident parking permit is issued for a vehicle of an eligible resident provided the property does not have on-site parking available for that vehicle. A rateable property may be eligible for up to two parking permits subject to a parking supply and demand analysis. In areas that are densely developed with limited on-street parking, Council may reduce permit availability to a maximum of one.

The maximum number of permits issued to any one rateable property will not exceed the following limits:

One Permit Zone (Residential Permits)

a) A rateable property in a One Permit Zone, without any on-site parking spaces, is eligible for one parking permit

b) No permits will be issued to rateable properties with one or more on-site parking spaces

Two Permit Zone (Residential Permits)

a) A rateable property in a Two Permit Zone, without any on-site parking spaces, is eligible for up to two parking permits
b) A rateable property with one on-site parking space is eligible for one parking permit for a second vehicle
c) No permits will be issued to rateable properties with two or more on-site parking spaces

Summary of permit availability:

Parking spaces per rateable property	*Maximum number of permits*
One Permit Zone (Residential Permits)	
0	1
1	0
Two Permit Zone (Residential Permits)	
0	2
1	1
2	0

7.14.4- On-site parking

In determining whether an on-site parking space exists, Council will have regard to:

a) The presence of a garage door or roller door
b) The existence of a vehicular kerb ramp/ crossover
c) The presence of a carport, garage structure or hardstand area
d) Evidence of use of the space for parking
e) Ability to utilise space for tandem parking of vehicles
f) Any approved or registered plans

Redundant Driveways

Where a property owner believes their on-site parking is too small to accommodate a vehicle, Council may consider allocating a parking permit should the driveway be closed and returned to kerb and gutter to allow normal on street parking. This is subject to the property being otherwise eligible for parking permits.

7.14.5- Interim Resident Parking Permit

Council may issue an interim resident parking permit for:

a) *An Interstate registered vehicle* - if an eligible resident has moved to the Inner West and their vehicle is registered interstate, a temporary permit, valid for 3 months, may be issued. It is compulsory to change the vehicle registration details to a NSW address within 90 days under NSW regulations. Once the applicant's vehicle is registered to an Inner West address, applicants will be eligible for an annual resident parking permit in accordance with eligibility criteria.
b) *Damaged or stolen vehicle* - if an eligible applicant's vehicle has been damaged or stolen, Council may issue an interim resident parking permit for up to 3 months. Applicants will be required to provide documentary evidence in support of their claim, or provide a statutory declaration.
c) *Exceptional circumstances* - if Council determines that there are exceptional circumstances, Council may grant an applicant a temporary parking permit for a set term or for a renewal period of one or two years. These permits are temporary in nature and do not provide on-going permit eligibility.

7.15 Visitor Parking Permits

7.15.1- Purpose

Visitor parking permits enable residents' visitors, including family members, friends, carers, medical practitioners and tradespersons to park on-street and avoid time limits and parking fees for the period of operation of the permit. Visitor permits are issued for residential properties only. Visitor parking permits may be issued in the form of a transferable permit (only for existing schemes prior to the policy date) or one-day single use permits.

7.15.2- Eligibility

Residents within parking permit zones maybe eligible for visitor parking permits subject to proof of residency within the Parking Scheme zone.

The following are not eligible to receive visitor parking permits:

a) A development excluded from participation in permit parking schemes (refer Table 7.1)
b) A dwelling approved with the development condition that excludes access to parking permits
c) Properties with an on-site visitor parking space, including shared visitor parking spaces in multi-unit developments
d) Premises without valid development consent and not approved for residential use
e) Hotels, backpacker hostels, guesthouses, tourist accommodation, nursing homes, residential care facilities and serviced apartments.
f) Any other non-residential premises

g) Where eligibility is revoked in instances of fraud or misuse
h) Where visitor eligibility is not approved within the permit parking scheme or street

7.15.3- Quantity of permits

Visitor permits will be single use, one-day permits. The annual allocation of visitor permits for an eligible property will be up to 50 one-day permits. For historical holders of the transferable visitor parking permit, a single permit can be issued per eligible rateable property.

Transferable visitor permits will only be available to those participating in existing schemes.

7.15.4- Validity

A permit is not valid for use on a caravan, bus, trailer or any vehicle which exceeds 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass, except if a visitor permit is being used for removals to or from the address of the permit holder.

Visitor permits are single-use permits valid for one-day use only during the date stated on the permit. They are only valid within the scheme numbered area nominated on the permit and when the chosen date of use has been clearly and correctly indicated. Fees are not refundable.

7.16 Trades Temporary Parking Permit

7.16.1 - Purpose

Trades Parking Permits enable tradespersons, who carry out maintenance and improvement work for residents, to park on-street and avoid time limits and parking fees. They may be used in addition to, or instead of, one-day Visitor Parking Permits.

7.16.2- Eligibility

Trades Parking Permits may be issued to eligible residents in a permit parking zone who:

a) Engage tradespersons (including removalists), not residing at the resident's address, to undertake alterations, additions, minor maintenance and Improvement work at their place of residence
b) Provide proof of residency within the parking scheme zone
c) Provide an executed quote or contract which sets out the address of the place where the work will be carried out, the nature of the works, and the duration of works

The decision to issue a trades permit is at the discretion of Council, depending on the documentation provided.

The following are *not* eligible to receive permits:

a) A property with an on-site trades parking space
b) Premises without valid development consent and not approved for residential use

c) A property for which a 'Works Zone' has been approved
d) Vehicles exceeding 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass

7.16.3- Quantity of permits

Eligible residents may obtain up to three trades permits per application, but the duration cannot exceed 12 weeks.

7.16.4- Validity

A permit is not valid for use on a caravan, bus, trailer, or any vehicle which exceeds 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass, with the exception of removalist vehicles.

7.17 Business Parking Permits

7.17.1- Purpose

A business parking permit exempts a business vehicle from time limits and parking fees in spaces signposted *'PERMIT HOLDERS EXCEPTED' or 'AUTHORISED RESIDENTS VEHICLES EXCEPTED'*. A business parking permit may be issued to a business located within an approved parking scheme zone that requires a vehicle for business use.

Given the strong competition for on-street parking and the need to maintain parking turnover for retail customers, visitors and residents, business parking permits are issued only for vehicles registered in the name of the business as being for business use and used in its routine daily business operation.

7.17.2- Eligibility

A business within a permit parking scheme zone may be eligible for business parking permit subject to:

a) Proof of registered business operating in premises located within a parking scheme zone
b) An eligible vehicle being required for routine use in the day-to-day operation of the registered business
c) The nominated vehicle being registered for business use in the name of the business, or a principal of the business
d) Property having nil or limited on-site parking and cannot reasonably modify the property to provide on-site parking
e) The maximum number of permit entitlements for a rateable property not being exceeded

The following are not eligible to receive business parking permits:

a) A development excluded from participation in permit parking schemes (refer to Table 7.1)
b) A business or premises approved with the development condition that excludes access to parking permits
c) Premises without valid development consent and not approved for business use

d) A truck, bus, tram, caravan, trailer or tractor or any vehicle which exceeds 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass, or is longer than 7.5 metres
e) Where eligibility is revoked in instances of fraud or misuse

7.17.3- Quantity of permits

The maximum number of permits issued to a registered business will not exceed the following limits:

One Permit Zone (Business Permits)

a) A business in a One Permit Zone without any on-site parking is eligible for one parking permit
b) No permits will be issued to businesses with one or more on-site parking spaces

Two Permit Zone (Business Permits)

c) A business in a Two Permit Zone without any on-site parking is eligible for up to two parking permits for vehicles registered to that business.
d) A business with one on-site parking space is eligible for one parking permit for a second vehicle registered to that business
e) No permits will be issued to a business with two or more on-site parking spaces

Where more than one business occupies a single rateable property, Council will issue one permit per registered business provided the number of permits issued to one rateable property does not exceed two.

Existing permit holders who had an allocation of three business permits may be granted the same allocation until they leave the property. The Three Permit Zone (Business Permits) will be closed to new applicants after the policy date.

7.17.4- Conditions of use

Business parking permits are intended for the operation of a business. They are not intended for commuting to a place of employment or business.

7.18 Support Worker Parking Permits

A support worker parking permit is available for use across the City of Sydney, Randwick and Inner West Council areas. The permit has been introduced to assist support workers in their duties and relieve them of the obligation to obtain and display multiple permits in these areas.

A support worker parking permit exempts a support worker's or service provider's vehicle from time limits and parking fees while the support worker or service provider is providing in-home support. The permit is issued to the service provider rather than the recipient of the in-home support. This facilitates more efficient access for the service provider and avoids placing application requirements on residents.

By agreement the scheme is administered by the City of Sydney and applications for permits must be made through the City of Sydney Council.

7.19 Carer's Parking Permits

7.19.1- Purpose

A carer's parking permit exempts a vehicle used by a carer visiting a resident from time limits and parking meter fees while the carer is providing in-home care. The permit is issued to the resident rather than the carer. This enables residents to receive care visits from multiple carers who are not eligible for the support workers parking permit.

7.19.2- Eligibility

A carer's parking permit may be issued to a resident who is eligible for a resident parking permit and has a letter from a recognised service provider or health professional setting out the resident's need for in-home care. A carer's parking permit will be issued in lieu of one entitlement to a resident parking permit.

7.19.3- Conditions of Use

Eligible residents are entitled to one transferable permit per rateable property. The permit may only be used for the purposes of providing in-home care. The permit must be returned to the resident once the visit has ended. The permits may only be used by carers providing care who meet the definition of carers as set out in the *Carers (Recognition) Act 2010.*

7.20 Parking Scheme Investigations & Development

The following guidelines will generally apply for the initiation of investigations and implementation of proposed schemes:

Initiation of Investigations

The development, review and implementation of parking schemes may be commenced through Council-initiated precinct parking studies or through site-specific investigations. These investigations may result from a sufficient level of resident requests indicating a reasonable level of resident support for potential changes to parking regulations in the neighbourhood.

Council will schedule the initiation of site-specific investigations for a parking scheme, including permit parking or introduction of angle parking on receipt of independent requests from at least 10 separate rateable properties or 50% of the properties in the street block affected, whichever is less. A minimum of 24 months will elapse before Council will revisit a parking scheme proposal, unless substantial land use change has occurred that permanently affects on-street parking in the neighbourhood.

Warrant for Implementation.

To warrant consideration of a permit parking scheme implementation the parking occupancy in the precinct under consideration should consistently reach 85% of the available parking spaces during the period of proposed parking restriction. It should also be subject to parking supply and demand assessment.

Level of Support

Council will generally not proceed with implementation of a parking scheme or changes to an existing parking scheme in isolation from a precinct-wide parking study unless at least 65% of respondents from different rateable properties within the proposed zone support the proposal, and provided there is a minimum response rate of 30% to Council's survey from rateable properties. In completing this calculation, Council will only include responses from those residential properties eligible for participation in a permit parking scheme.

7.21 Prevention of Fraud and Misuse

7.21.1- Background

As a result of the high value of parking space, permit schemes are vulnerable to fraud and misuse of permits. This creates a risk of long-stay parking in residential areas occupying parking space otherwise intended for genuine customers, visitors and business users.

7.21.2- Action

Council will take action against misuse of permits. In the case of demonstrated fraud, improper resale or misuse of permits the Council may revoke eligibility for the offending property, business or organisation for a period of up to two years.

In instances where misuse of permits is reasonably suspected, Council will give permit-holders the opportunity to show cause as to why the permit should not be revoked. Permits will not be arbitrarily or unreasonably revoked.

In cases of suspected falsification, duplication or theft of permits, the Council may refer the matter to the NSW Police for investigation.

7.21.3- Record of on-site parking

To assist disclosure of on-site parking, the Council may maintain a record of on-site parking supply at each residential or business address eligible to participate in the permit parking scheme. Records will be based on information provided by applicants, development assessment documents, aerial photographs and street-based site inspections.

7.22 Transitional Arrangements

Transitional arrangements will minimise disruption or hardship by ensuring that existing permits of a type that is not consistent with this policy are honoured until Council determines otherwise.

7.22.1- Community & Essential Services Permits

A large allocation of transferable business parking permits have been issued to certain community and service organisations within the former Leichhardt Council area to enable unrestricted parking of their employees' private vehicles within designated permit parking scheme areas. Organisations include schools, aged care, health care and police. The provision of free, on-street, unrestricted parking for employee travel to work by private vehicle, in high parking demand areas, is contrary to travel management strategies to reduce car dependency.

This scheme will be closed to new entrants. Existing organisations currently participating in this scheme will continue to be provided access to such employee parking permits but not exceeding their current allocation. Eligible organisations will generally have access to business parking permits in accordance with Section 5.17 of this policy.

7.22.2- Pensioner Permits

Special parking permits issued to resident pensioners within the former Leichhardt Council area enable unrestricted parking in all residential parking scheme areas. For road users with mobility constraints it is considered that the exemptions from parking restrictions embodied within the Mobility Parking Scheme provides adequate access to unrestricted parking.

This scheme will be closed to new applicants from the adoption date of this policy. Only existing permit holders under this scheme will be able to continue to access this scheme and renew their permits.

7.22.3- Existing Permits & Entitlements

Entitlements of existing permits in use at the time of adoption of this Policy will be honoured until such time as permits expire or are otherwise no longer valid.

8 Breaches of this Policy

Breaches of this policy may result in an investigation of the alleged breach in line with relevant Council policies including the Model Code of Conduct. Any alleged criminal offence or allegation of corrupt conduct will be referred to the relevant external agency.

9 Administrative Changes

From time-to-time circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document. Where an update does not materially alter

this document, such a change may be made including branding, Council Officer titles or department changes and legislative name or title changes which are considered minor in nature and not required to be formally endorsed.

10 Version Control – Policy History

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

Governance use only:

Document	**Public Domain Parking Policy**	***Uncontrolled Copy When Printed***	
Custodian	Traffic & Transport Planning Manager	Version #	Final draft
Adopted By	Council	ECM Document #	xxxxxxxx
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Amended by	**Changes made**	**Date Adopted**
Traffic & Transport Planning	To update and improve the policy	

Item No: **C0825(1) Item 18**

Subject: **POST EXHIBITION - DRAFT MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

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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 strongly believe that council should make a statement by boycotting X(Twitter)."*	It is important to note that Council does not post on X (formerly twitter) but maintains an account for the purposes of monitoring.
No	"*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"*	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 welcome the block and remove approach to disrespectful comments but recommend strengthening it with an explicit "zero-tolerance" stance on identity-based hate speech"*	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 *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.* ***Councillors may block users and remove comments at their discretion, having regard to the importance of***

		respectful democratic discussion and debate.

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

Draft Media and Social Media Policy

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Title	**Media and Social Media Policy**
Summary	This Policy outlines processes, guidelines and issues relating to media relations and the use of social media by Councillors.
Document Type	Policy
Relevant Strategic Plan Objective	• Strategic Direction 5: Progressive responsive and effective civic leadership.
Legislative Reference	• *Local Government Act 1993 NSW* • *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 NSW;* • *The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 NSW;* • *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW;* • *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 NSW;* • *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 NSW;* • *Australian Constitution;* • *Defamation Act 2005 NSW;* • *Copyright Act 1968 Cth; and* • *Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000 Cth.*
Related Council Documents	• Code of Conduct • Code of Meeting Practice • Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct
Version Control	See last page

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Media Policy

1 Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a framework to assist Councillors with media relations and outlines processes, guidelines and issues relating to engagement with the media and use of social media by Councillors.

2 Scope

This Policy applies to Inner West Councillors.

3 Definitions

In the Councillor Media Policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

Act	*Local Government Act 1993.*
conflict of interest	Includes either a: • Pecuniary conflict of interest. • Significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest. • Non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest, as defined in the Model Code of Conduct and described in section 6 of the Conflict of Interest Policy.
Councillor	Inner West Council elected representative.
Council committee member	A person other than a Councillor or Council Officer who is a member of a Council committee other than a wholly advisory committee, and a person other than a Councillor who is a member of Council's audit, risk and improvement committee.
Council Officer	Inner West Council members of staff (including full-time, part-time, casual and contracted staff).

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Council Official	Councillors, Council Officers, Council committee members and delegates of Council.
Media Coordinator	Means a person appointed under clause 6.6 of this Policy
media	Means print, broadcast and online media used for communicating information to the public, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet publishers, radio, and television broadcasters
Minor	For the purposes of this Policy, a minor is a person under 18 years of age.
social media	Means online platforms and applications, such as but not limited to social networking sites, wikis, blogs, microblogs, video and audio sharing sites, and message boards, that allow people to easily publish, share and discuss content. A non-exhaustive list of social media platforms is below: • Facebook; • X (formerly Twitter); • Instagram; • Your Say Inner West; • YouTube; • LinkedIn; • Snapchat; • Council's Intranet; • Newsletters (e.g. Substack); • Reddit • TikTok • Blogs; and • Podcasts.
Strategic and Corporate Communications team	Means the Council unit responsible for managing Council's strategic and corporate communications.

personal information	Information or an opinion (including information or an opinion forming part of a database and whether or not recorded in a material form) about an individual whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained from the information or opinion.
Private use of social media	For the purposes of this Policy, a Councillor's social media engagement will be considered 'private use' when the content they upload is not: • associated with, or does not refer to, the Council, any other council officials, contractors, related entities or any other person or organisation providing services to or on behalf of the Council in their official or professional capacities, and • related to or does not contain information acquired by virtue of their role as a Councillor

4 Introduction

Media and Social Media – opportunities and challenges

Inner West Council is committed to effective media engagement to keep the community informed, explain decisions, and to promote community confidence in Council and its decisions. Inner West Council also acknowledges social media enables direct dialogue between Councillors and the community, while also allowing Councillors to gain insight into community needs via public feedback.

Inner West Council strives to maintain a positive image in the community. Our public image is influenced by the way we communicate, and media relations should support Council in achieving our strategic objectives. A mutually beneficial and trusting relationship between Council and the media is essential in maintaining and protecting Council's reputation. Inner West Council welcomes enquiries from the media, and works proactively with media outlets to inform the public about Council's activities and advocacy. Inner West Council also recognises that social media is an essential communication, engagement, and customer service channel which facilitates the creation and sharing of information and ideas via virtual communities and online networks. It involves communication, collaboration, discussion, and debate. It also

enables the development of social and professional networks, groups, followers, and contacts.

This Policy recognises that Councillors are elected representatives and as such are required to represent and communicate with their community as part of a robust local democracy, including through public debate, engaging with the media, and online media engagement. This Policy provides a framework to assist Councillors with engagement with the media and use of social media by Councillors. It acknowledges that clear and consistent guidelines are required to ensure the appropriate use of social media by Councillors, and enables Councillors to speak on social media while protecting the interests of Council and promoting compliance with the Code of Conduct.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that Council officials, including Councillors, must not conduct themselves in a manner that is likely to bring Council or holders of civic office into disrepute, and this obligation applies to the use of social media. Councillors should ensure they are aware of and comply with their obligations under the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

The Policy is consistent with existing policies, including the Code of Conduct, and policies on the acceptable use of information technology.

5 Authorised Spokespeople

5.1 Only authorised spokespeople are permitted to make comment to the media on behalf of Council.

The Mayor

5.2 The Mayor is the principal member and spokesperson of the governing body of the Council, including representing the views of the Council as to its local priorities (section 226(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

5.3 If the Mayor is unavailable, the Deputy Mayor may act as the Council's spokesperson in respect of matter, unless the Mayor has previously approved another person to act as spokesperson in respect of those matters.

5.4 The Mayor may:

a) issue media releases on Mayoral letterhead, from time to time.
b) issue social media material in line with official media releases issued on Mayoral letterhead on the Mayor's separate Mayoral social media platforms.
c) delegate their role as spokesperson or approve the attribution of media releases to other Councillors where appropriate, (for example, where another Councillor is best placed to comment, because the issue is of particular interest to them, or it is within their particular area of expertise).

5.5 Council may, from time to time, also delegate to the Mayor further spokeperson authorities, such as the ability to make public statements on matters of official Council attitude or interpretation of Council Policy or concerning Council's resolutions and proposals.

Councillors

5.6 As a member of the governing body and as a representative of the community, all Councillors are free to express their personal views to the media, but may not speak on behalf of Council unless authorised to do so.

5.7 From time to time, a Councillor who submits a notice a motion that forms the basis of a Council resolution may be offered the opportunity to lead on media opportunities and to feature in photo, video or communications published by Council. Any such opportunities may be offered after consultation with the Mayor, and the Councillor who leads on media opportunities may choose to involve other Councillors.

5.8 When engaging with the media and/or social media, Councillors must:

a) not purport or imply to be speaking for Council unless authorised to do so.
b) clarify that they are expressing their personal views as an individual councillor and that they are not speaking for Council (unless authorised to do so).
c) uphold and accurately represent the policies and decisions of the Council.
d) not disclose council information unless authorised to do so.
e) communicate accurate information when dealing with the media.
f) seek information and guidance from the Strategic and Corporate Communications team where appropriate before providing comment to the media to ensure they have the most up-to-date and relevant information and have considered reputational or other risks.
g) not commit Council to any action or pre-empt official Council announcements.
h) refer any operational media enquiries relating to Council to Council's Media Coordinator.
i) not comment on any confidential matters (such as staff information, personal information, legal advice, commercial-in-confidence information and Code of Conduct complaints) or breach the privacy of other Council Officials or those that deal with Council.
j) treat media representatives in the same manner as any other customer of Council, with promptness, transparency, and respect.
k) seek approval from the Mayor in respect of any social media posts on official Council social media channels using the Mayor's image and/or quotes.
l) abide by the Code of Meeting Practice and Code of Conduct, particularly but not solely the requirement to treat others with respect at all times and not to

damage Council's reputation, discriminate, disadvantage or treat anyone adversely, when making any media comment.

5.9 Where councillors (including the Mayor) become aware of potential issues that could result in media interest, or have a genuine concern about something at Council, they should raise this with the General Manager in the first instance.

General Manager

5.10 Council's General Manager is the official spokesperson for the Council on operational and administrative matters.

5.11 The General Manager may delegate to other council staff to speak on their behalf in respect of operational and administrative matters, where appropriate, (for example, where the delegated staff member has professional expertise regarding the subject matter, or the general manager is unavailable).

6 Roles and Responsibilities

Social Media Use by Councillors

6.1 Councillors shall conduct themselves in their use of social media in a way that upholds the values and reputation of Council, consistent with the Model Code of Conduct and other policies.

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. Councillors may block users and remove comments at their discretion, having regard to the importance of respectful democratic discussion and debate.

6.3 Councillors must also be aware of posts by others to their social media pages and consider if such posts and any comments are offensive, or may incite hatred, violence, or criminal acts. Any posts or comments made to a Councillor's social media page or site should be monitored by the Councillor and removed if they do not meet the standard of socially acceptable behaviour or commentary.

6.4 Councillors should be aware that any social media activity or interaction, either official or personal, is public, permanently available, traceable, and able to be reproduced elsewhere. Councillors are reminded that 'shares', 'likes' or 'retweets' may be viewed as an endorsement of the original post. Additionally, whether intended or not, posts by Councillors online in a private capacity may reflect on Council and their role as a Councillors.

6.5 If a Councillor chooses to identify themselves as a Councillor, either directly or indirectly (such as in their user profile), then they will not be deemed to be acting in their private capacity for the purposes of this Policy. This includes instances where Councillors identifies themselves as a Councillor when posting to a non-Council social media channel.

Role of Media Coordinator

6.6 The General Manager will appoint a member of council staff to be the Council's Media Coordinator. The Media Coordinator should be a suitably qualified member of staff.

6.7 The General Manager may appoint more than one Media Coordinator.

6.8 The Media Coordinator's role is to:

a) obtain approval from the Mayor before using their quotes or images or releasing any communications material pertaining directly to the Mayor, including but not limited to media releases, 'Mayoral Messages', Council newsletters, forewords for reports and social media posts on official Council social media channels.
b) be responsible for preparing and issuing media releases about Council's activities, decisions and plans.
c) arrange any media releases that are required to give effect to a Council resolution.
d) be the lead point of contact for all media enquiries, requests for interviews, requests to film or photograph Councillors, Council staff, facilities or events for news and current affairs purposes.
e) providing all Councillors with copies of general media releases once published on Council's website, for their information.
f) liaise with relevant staff members within the organisation where appropriate.
g) ensure that media statements are approved by the Mayor and/or General Manager prior to their release.
h) develop and/or approve media training and/or induction to be provided to relevant staff and/or councillors.
i) maintain a record of all media enquiries and responses.
j) ensure that media organisations and their representatives are treated professionally, equally and without bias.
k) ensure that media enquiries are dealt with promptly.
l) provide guidance to councillors approached by the media for comment to avoid communication of misinformation.
m) ensure that all media releases are published on the Council's website.
n) coordinate responses to all Mayoral enquiries and informing and liaising with Council staff, as required.

Role of Council's Strategic and Corporate Communications Team

6.9 Council's Communications team is responsible for:

a) Administering Council's social media platforms to ensure consistency of content, tone and style.

b) Providing Councillors with communications support to promote initiatives that have been resolved by Council, including the drafting and distribution of media releases and through Council's social media channels noting that:

I. In addition to supporting and representing the community, a core function of Councillors is to promote the initiatives and good work of Council, its programs, events and staff. Council has a responsibility to assist Councillors to achieve this.

II. The primary purpose of Council's communications channels including the newsletter, email lists and social media channels is to promote the policies and priorities of the elected body, as established by adopted resolutions and in the community strategic plan, and to inform the community about programs and initiatives being undertaken by Council in support of the community.

III. Understanding the variety and volume of events and initiatives at council, it is not a requirement for publication that all Councillors or representatives from all political groupings be included in individual photographs, videos or communications on any Policy or initiative.

7 Administrative framework for engagement with the media

7.1 Media and the public are welcome to attend Council meetings to ensure transparency and access to information.

7.2 Allocated seating will be provided for media outlets at all Council meetings. Media representatives must comply with Council's Code of Meeting Practice for Council meetings.

7.3 Councillors must refer requests from media outlets to film or photograph Councillors, Council staff, facilities, meetings and events, to Council's Media Coordinator.

8 Uses of media during emergencies

8.1 During an emergency, crisis, natural disaster, or public health incident:

a) Only the Mayor and General Manager or their delegate/s are authorised to approve the publication of information or speak to the media on behalf of Council.

b) Council's Communications team will be responsible for liaising with Council's Incident Controller and coordinating media releases and statements on behalf of Council, and social media posts.

8.2 Councillors must not provide comment or information to the media, or post content to social media that is inconsistent with official advice issued by the Council and any other agency coordinating the emergency response.

8.3 Training on media engagement and social media use during emergencies will be provided to Councillors.

9 Media engagement in the leadup to elections

9.1 This Policy does not prevent the Mayor or Councillors who are candidates in any election from providing comment to the media in their capacity as a candidate at the election.

9.2 Any media comment provided by the Mayor or Councillors who are candidates at an election must not be provided in an advertisement, newspaper column, or a radio or television broadcast paid for by Council or produced by Council or with Council resources.

10 Guidelines for Councillors

Media

10.1 The following are examples of, but are not limited to, what Councillors should and should not do regarding media liaison.

Do ...

- Be mindful of your obligations under the Code of Conduct, General Conduct, including the requirement to treat others with respect at all times and not to damage Council's reputation, discriminate, disadvantage or treat anyone adversely.
- Be careful to communicate accurate information when dealing with the media.

Don't ...

- Imply that you are speaking on behalf of Inner West Council.
- Comment on any confidential matters (such as staff, personal information, legal advice, commercial-in-confidence and Code of Conduct complaints).

Social Media

10.2 The following are examples of, but are not limited to, what Councillors should and should not do on social media.

Do ...

a) Follow Council's social media channels to stay in touch with what's happening, and to like and share Council's posts.
b) Remember everything you say and do is public, and you can be identified as a Councillor.
c) Pause before you post – would you be comfortable with this information being shared with your family, friends, work colleagues, media and the broader community, and is the information likely to bring you or Council into disrepute?
d) Be mindful of your general conduct obligations under the Model Code of Conduct, including the requirement not to damage Council's reputation.
e) Be careful to communicate accurate information.
f) Be courteous and respectful of fellow Councillors, other Council staff and members of the community, including respecting people's privacy.
g) Report any violations of this Policy to the General Manager and/or the Internal Ombudsman.

Do not ...

a) Imply that you are speaking on behalf of Council.
b) Disclose official, personal, or confidential information that is not publicly available (such as staff, personal information, legal advice, commercial-in-confidence and Model Code of Conduct complaints).
c) Post material that is obscene, pornographic, defamatory, threatening, harassing or discriminatory to any individual, group or organisation or may lead to criminal penalty.

11 Standards of Conduct

11.1 Councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct when engaging with the media in an official capacity or in connection with their role as a council official.

11.2 Councillors must not share information or make comments to the media through either direct or indirect mechanisms that:

a) are defamatory, offensive, humiliating, threatening, or intimidating to other Council Officials or members of the public.
b) contains profane language or is sexual in nature.
c) constitutes harassment and/or bullying within the meaning of Code of Conduct, or is unlawfully discriminatory.
d) is contrary to their duties under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and their responsibilities under any policies or procedures adopted by Council to ensure workplace health and safety.
e) contains content about Council, Council Officials or members of the public that is misleading or deceptive.
f) divulges confidential Council information.

g) breaches the privacy of other Council Officials or members of the public.
h) contains allegations of suspected breaches of Council's Code of Conduct or information about the consideration of a matter under the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.
i) could be perceived to be an official comment on behalf of the Council where they have not been authorised to make such comment.
j) commits the Council to any action.
k) violates an order made by a court.
l) breaches copyright.
m) advertises, endorses, or solicits commercial products or business., where any such advertisement, endorsement or solicitation could be construed as being conducted on behalf of Inner West Council.
n) constitutes spam.
o) is in breach of the rules of the social media platform.

11.3 Councillors must:
a) attribute work to the original author, creator or source when uploading or linking to content produced by a third party
b) obtain written permission from a minor's parent or legal guardian before uploading content in which the minor can be identified.

12 Records management requirements

12.1 Media and social media content created and received by Councillors acting in their official capacity is a council record and may be subject to information access applications made under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*. These records must also be managed in accordance with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* and the Council's approved records management policies and practices.

13 Breaches of this Policy

13.1 Breaches of this Policy may result in an investigation of the alleged breach in line with relevant Council policies including the Model Code of Conduct.

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

13.3 Inappropriate behaviours may include, but are not limited to:

a) Using social media to ridicule, vilify, harass, cyberbully, discriminate against or bring into disrepute the Council, or other Council officials, including Councillors or community members;
b) Posting content that is deemed to be offensive, including obscene or sexually explicit language; and
c) Using social media channels to post/provide confidential, personal or sensitive information relating to Council.

14 Administrative Changes

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

15 Version Control – Policy History

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Item No: **C0825(1) Item 19**

Subject: **POST EXHIBITION - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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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:

Support (Yes or No)	Public Exhibition Comment/Explanation	IWC Comment
No	Reducing the number of people that can attend to speak for or against the item is reducing the input from the residents.	Clauses 9.9 and 4.10 deal with this as copied: *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.* *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.* Council often increases the numbers of speakers

		permitted to speak on an item.

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

Code of Meeting Practice

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Title	**Code of Meeting Practice**
Summary	The Code outlines the procedures for the conduct of Council and Committee Meetings.
Document Type	Code
Relevant Strategic Plan Objective	Strategic Direction 5: Progressive responsive and effective civic leadership.
Legislative Reference	• *Local Government Act 1993* • *Local Government General Regulation 2021*
Related Council Documents	Code of Conduct
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Meeting Code) is prescribed under section 360 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation).

1.2 The Code applies to all meetings of Councils and committees of Councils of which all the members are Councillors (committees of Council). Council committees whose members include persons other than Councillors may adopt their own rules for meetings unless the Council determines otherwise.

1.3 A Council's adopted code of meeting practice may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code and other supplementary provisions. However, a code of meeting practice adopted by a council must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code.

1.4 A Council and a committee of the Council of which all the members are Councillors must conduct its meetings in accordance with the code of meeting practice adopted by the Council.

2 MEETING PRINCIPLES

2.1 Council and committee meetings should be:

Transparent:	Decisions are made in a way that is open and accountable.
Informed:	Decisions are made based on relevant, quality information.
Inclusive:	Decisions respect the diverse needs and interests of the local community.
Principled:	Decisions are informed by the principles prescribed under Chapter 3 of the Act.

Trusted:	The community has confidence that Councillors and staff act ethically and make decisions in the interests of the whole community.
Respectful:	Councillors, staff and meeting attendees treat each other with respect.
Effective:	Meetings are well organised, effectively run and skillfully chaired.
Orderly:	Councillors, staff and meeting attendees behave in a way that contributes to the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Revision of the Code

2.2 The Council authorises the General Manager to reissue the Code without public exhibition to incorporate any amendments to relevant Acts, Regulations or formal advice from the NSW Office of Local Government.

Note: Clause 2.2 is a Supplementary Provision.

3 BEFORE THE MEETING

Timing of ordinary Council meetings

3.1 The Council shall, by resolution, set the frequency, time, date and place ofits ordinary meetings.

Note: Under section 365 of the Act, Councils are required to meet at leastten (10) times each year.

Extraordinary meetings

3.2 If the Mayor receives a request in writing, signed by at least two (2) Councillors, the Mayor must call an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held as soon as practicable, but in any event, no more than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the request. The Mayor can be one of the two Councillors requesting the meeting.

Note: Clause 3.2 reflects section 366 of the Act.

Notice to the public of Council meetings

3.3 The Council must give notice to the public of the time, date and place of each of its meetings, including extraordinary meetings and of each meeting of committees of the Council.

Note: Clause 3.3 reflects section 9(1) of the Act.

3.4 For the purposes of clause 3.3, notice of a meeting of the Council and of a committee of Council is to be published before the meeting takes place. The notice must be published on the Council's website, and in such other manner that the Council is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the meeting to the attention of as many people as possible.

3.5 For the purposes of clause 3.3, notice of more than one (1) meeting may be given in the same notice.

Notice to Councillors of ordinary Council meetings

3.6 The General Manager must send to each Councillor, at least three (3) days before each meeting of the Council, a notice specifying the time, date and place at which the meeting is to be held, and the business proposed to be considered at the meeting.

Note: Clause 3.6 reflects section 367(1) of the Act.

3.7 The notice and the agenda for, and the business papers relating to, the meeting may be given to Councillors in electronic form, but only if all Councillors have facilities to access the notice, agenda and business papers in that form.

Note: Clause 3.7 reflects section 367(3) of the Act.

Notice to Councillors of extraordinary meetings

3.8 Notice of less than three (3) days may be given to Councillors of an extraordinary meeting of the Council in cases of emergency.

Note: Clause 3.8 reflects section 367(2) of the Act.

Giving notice of business to be considered at Council meetings

3.9 A Councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the Council at its next ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the

notice of motion must be in writing and must be submitted by 10am on the Monday, the week prior to the ordinary meeting. If a public holiday falls on this Monday, then the deadline is extended to 10am on the Tuesday in the week prior to the next ordinary Meeting.

3.10 A Councillor may, in writing to the General Manager, request the withdrawal of a notice of motion submitted by them prior to its inclusion in the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered.

3.11 If the General Manager considers that a notice of motion submitted by a Councillor for consideration at an ordinary meeting of the Council has legal, strategic, financial or policy implications which should be taken into consideration by the meeting, the General Manager may:

a. provide advice that the motion be deferred pending a report from officers

b. provide an officer's comment with the Notice of Motion on the business paper; or

c. if time permits, prepare a report in relation to the notice of motion for inclusion with the business papers for the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered by the Council.

3.12 A notice of motion for the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the notice of motion. If the notice of motion does not identifya funding source, the general manager will refer the Notice of Motion back to the Councillor to identify the source of funding before it is placed on the agenda for the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Questions with notice

3.13 A Councillor may, by way of a notice submitted under clause 3.9, ask a question for response by the General Manager about the performance oroperations of the Council.

3.14 A Councillor is not permitted to ask a question with notice under clause 3.13 that comprises a complaint against the General Manager

or a member of staff of the Council, or a question that implies wrongdoing by the General Manager or a member of staff of the Council.

3.15 The General Manager or their nominee may respond to a question with notice submitted under clause 3.13 by way of a report included in the business papers for the relevant meeting of the Council or orally at the meeting.

Agenda and business papers for ordinary meetings

3.16 The General Manager must cause the agenda for a meeting of the Councilor a committee of the Council to be prepared as soon as practicable beforethe meeting.

3.17 The General Manager must ensure that the agenda for an ordinary meeting dthe Council states:

a. all matters to be dealt with arising out of the proceedings of previous meetings of the Council, and

b. if the Mayor is the chairperson – any matter or topic that the chairperson proposes, at the time when the agenda is prepared, to put to the meeting, and

c. all matters, including matters that are the subject of staff reports and reports of committees, to be considered at the meeting, and

d. any business of which due notice has been given under clause 3.9.

3.18 Nothing in clause 3.17 limits the powers of the Mayor to put a Mayoral minute to a meeting under clause 9.6.

3.19 The General Manager must not include in the agenda for a meeting of the Council any business of which due notice has been given if, in the opinion of the General Manager, the business is, or the implementation of the business would be, unlawful. The General Manager must report, without giving details of the item of business, any such exclusion to the next meeting of the Council.

3.20 Where the agenda includes the receipt of information or discussion of other matters that, in the opinion of the General Manager, is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public, the General

Manager must ensure that the agenda of the meeting:

a. identifies the relevant item of business and indicates that it is of such a nature (without disclosing details of the information to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public), and

b. states the grounds under section 10A (2) of the Act relevant to the item of business.

Note: Clause 3.20 reflects section 9(2A) (a) of the Act.

3.21 The General Manager must ensure that the details of any item of business which, in the opinion of the General Manager, is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, are included in a business paper provided to Councillors for the meeting concerned. Such details must not be included in the business papers made available to the public and must not be disclosed by a Councillor or by any other person to another person who is not authorised to have that information.

Statement of ethical obligations

3.22 Business papers for all ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the Council and committees of the Council must contain a statement reminding Councillors of their oath or affirmation of office made under section 233A of the Act and their obligations under the Council's code of conduct to discloseand appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Availability of the agenda and business papers to the public

3.23 Copies of the agenda and the associated business papers, such as correspondence and reports for meetings of the Council and committees ofCouncil, are to be published on the Council's website, and must be made available to the public for inspection, or for taking away by any person free of charge at the offices of the Council, at the relevant meeting and at such other venues determined by the Council.

Note: Clause 3.23 reflects section 9(2) and (4) of the Act.

3.24 Clause 3.23 does not apply to the business papers for items of business that the General Manager has identified under clause 3.21 as being likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the

public.

Note: Clause 3.24 reflects section 9(2A)(b) of the Act.

3.25 For the purposes of clause 3.23, copies of agendas and business papers must be published on the Council's website and made available to the public at a time that is as close as possible to the time they are available toCouncillors.

Note: Clause 3.25 reflects section 9(3) of the Act.

3.26 A copy of an agenda, or of an associated business paper made available under clause 3.23, may in addition be given or made available in electronicform.

Note: Clause 3.26 reflects section 9(5) of the Act.

Agenda and business papers for extraordinary meetings

3.27 The General Manager must ensure that the agenda for an extraordinary meeting of the Council deals only with the matters stated in the notice of the meeting.

3.28 Despite clause 3.27, business may be considered at an extraordinary meeting of the Council, even though due notice of the business has notbeen given, if:

a. a motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting, and

b. the business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council.

3.29 A motion moved under clause 3.28(a) can be moved without notice but only after the business notified in the agenda for the extraordinary meetinghas been dealt with.

3.30 Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion moved under clause 3.28(a) can speak to the motion before it is put.

3.31 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling of the chairpersonunder clause 3.28(b) on whether a matter is of great urgency.

Pre-meeting briefing sessions

3.32 Prior to each ordinary meeting of the Council, the General Manager may arrange a pre-meeting briefing session to brief Councillors on business to be considered at the meeting. Pre-meeting briefing sessions may also be held for extraordinary meetings of the Council and meetings of committeesof the Council.

3.33 Pre-meeting briefing sessions are to be held in the absence of the public.

3.34 Pre-meeting briefing sessions may be held by audio-visual link.

3.35 The General Manager or a member of staff nominated by the GeneralManager is to preside at pre-meeting briefing sessions.

3.36 Councillors must not use pre-meeting briefing sessions to debate or makepreliminary decisions on items of business they are being briefed on, and any debate and decision-making must be left to the formal Council or committee meeting at which the item of business is to be considered.

3.37 Councillors (including the Mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of a briefing at a pre-meeting briefing session, in the same way that they arerequired to do so at a Council or committee meeting. The Council is to maintain a written record of all conflict of interest declarations made at pre- meeting briefing sessions and how the conflict of interest was managed by the Councillor who made the declaration.

3.38 The rules set out in clauses 15.11-15.17 for keeping order at a meeting apply to briefings.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 The Council may hold a public forum prior to the consideration of Condolence Motions and Mayoral Minutes for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting.

4.2 Public forums may be held by audio-visual link.

4.3 Public forums are to be chaired in accordance with clauses 6.1 and

6.2.

4.4 To speak at a public forum, a person must first make an application to the Council in the approved form. Applications to speak at the public forum must be received by 2pm on the day of the Council meeting and must identify the item of business on the agenda of the Council meeting the person wishes to speak on, and whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item.

4.5 A person may apply to speak on no more than 3 items of business on the agenda of the Council meeting.

4.6 Legal representatives acting on behalf of others are not to be permitted to speak at a public forum unless they identify their status as a legal representative when applying to speak at the public forum.

4.7 The General Manager or their delegate may refuse an application to speak at a public forum. The General Manager or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application.

4.8 No more than 3 speakers are to be permitted to speak 'for' or 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the Council meeting.

4.9 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.

4.10 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.

4.11 Approved speakers at the public forum are to register with the Council any written, visual or audio material to be presented in support of their address to the Council at the public forum, and to identify any equipment needs no later than 2.00pm on the day of the

public forum. The General Manager or their delegate may refuse to allow such material to be presented.

4.12 The General Manager or their delegate is to determine the order of speakers at the public forum.

4.13 Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to address the Council. This time is to be strictly enforced by the chairperson.

4.14 Speakers at public forums must not digress from the item on the agenda of the Council meeting they have applied to address the Council on. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.

4.15 A Councillor (including the chairperson) may, through the chairperson, ask questions of a speaker following their address at a public forum. Questions put to a speaker must be direct, succinct and without argument.

4.16 Speakers are under no obligation to answer a question put under clause 4.15. Answers by the speaker, to each question are to be limited to 2 minutes.

4.17 Speakers at public forums cannot ask questions of the Council, Councillors, or Council staff.

4.18 The General Manager or their nominee may, with the concurrence of the chairperson, address the Council for up to 2 minutes in response to an address to the Council at a public forum after the address and any subsequent questions and answers have been finalised.

4.19 Where an address made at a public forum raises matters that require further consideration by Council staff, the General Manager may recommend that the Council defer consideration of the matter pending the preparation of a further report on the matters.

4.20 When addressing the Council, speakers at public forums must comply with this code and all other relevant Council codes, policies, and procedures. Speakers must refrain from engaging in disorderly conduct, publicly alleging breaches of the Council's code of conduct or making other potentially defamatory statements.

4.21 If the chairperson considers that a speaker at a public forum has engaged in conduct of the type referred to in clause 4.20, the chairperson may request the person to refrain from the inappropriate behaviour and to withdraw and unreservedly apologise for any inappropriate comments. Where the speaker fails to comply with the chairperson's request, the chairperson may immediately require the person to stop speaking.

4.22 Clause 4.2 does not limit the ability of the chairperson to deal with disorderly conduct by speakers at public forums in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of this code.

4.23 Where a speaker engages in conduct of the type referred to in clause 4.20, the General Manager or their delegate may refuse further applications from that person to speak at public forums for such a period as the General Manager or their delegate considers appropriate.

4.24 Councillors (including the Mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of an address at a public forum, in the same way that they are required to do so at a Council or committee meeting. The Council is to maintain a written record of all conflict of interest declarations made at public forums and how the conflict of interest was managed by the Councillor who made the declaration.

4.25 Where an item has been listed on a Council Meeting agenda, including Extraordinary Meetings and formed part of the public forum for that meeting, should those items be held over to a future meeting of Council, those items will not form part of another public forum at a future meeting.

Note: Public forums should not be held as part of a Council or committee meeting. Council or committee meetings should be reserved for decision-making by the Council or committee of Council. Where a public forum is held as part of a Council or committee meeting, it must be conducted in

accordance with the other requirements of this code relating to the conduct of Council and committee meetings.

5 COMING TOGETHER

Attendance by Councillors at meetings

5.1 All Councillors must make reasonable efforts to attend meetings of theCouncil and of committees of the Council of which they are members.

Note: A Councillor may not attend a meeting as a Councillor (other thanthe first meeting of the Council after the Councillor is elected or a meeting at which the Councillor takes an oath or makes an affirmation ofoffice) until they have taken an oath or made an affirmation of office in the form prescribed under section 233A of the Act.

5.2 A Councillor cannot participate in a meeting of the Council or of a committee of the Council unless personally present at the meeting, unlesspermitted to attend the meeting by audio-visual link under this code.

5.3 Where a Councillor is unable to attend one or more ordinary meetings of theCouncil, the Councillor should request that the Council grant them a leave of absence from those meetings. This clause does not prevent a Councillor from making an apology if they are unable to attend a meeting. However, the acceptance of such an apology does not constitute the granting of a leave of absence for the purposes of this code and the Act.

5.4 A Councillor's request for leave of absence from Council meetings should, ifpracticable, identify (by date) the meetings from which the Councillor intends to be absent and the grounds upon which the leave of absence is being sought.

5.5 The Council must act reasonably when considering whether to grant a Councillor's request for a leave of absence.

5.6 A Councillor's civic office will become vacant if the Councillor is absent fromthree (3) consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council without prior leave ofthe Council or leave granted by the Council at any of the meetings concerned, unless the holder is absent because

they have been suspendedfrom office under the Act, or because the Council has been suspended under the Act, or as a consequence of a compliance order under section 438HA.

Note: Clause 5.6 reflects section 234(1)(d) of the Act.

5.7 A Councillor who intends to attend a meeting of the Council despite having been granted a leave of absence should, if practicable, give the General Manager at least two (2) days' notice of their intention to attend.

The quorum for a meeting

5.8 The quorum for a meeting of the Council is a majority of the Councillors of the Council who hold office at that time and are not suspended from office.

Note: Clause 5.9 reflects section 368(1) of the Act.

5.9 Clause 5.7 does not apply if the quorum is required to be determined in accordance with directions of the Minister in a performance improvementorder issued in respect of the Council.

Note: Clause 5.10 reflects section 368(2) of the Act.

5.10 A meeting of the Council must be adjourned if a quorum is not present:

a. at the commencement of the meeting where the number of apologies received for the meeting indicates that there will not be a quorum for the meeting, or

b. within half an hour after the time designated for the holding of the meeting, or

c. at any time during the meeting.

d. In either case, the meeting must be adjourned to a time, date, and place fixed:

e. by the chairperson, or

f. in the chairperson's absence, by the majority of the Councillors present, or

g. failing that, by the General Manager.

5.11 The General Manager must record in the Council's minutes the

circumstances relating to the absence of a quorum (including the reasons for the absence of a quorum) at or arising during a meeting of the Council together with the names of the Councillors present.

5.12 Where, prior to the commencement of a meeting, it becomes apparent that a quorum may not be present at the meeting, or that the health, safety or welfare of Councillors, Council staff and members of the public may be put at risk by attending the meeting because of a natural disaster or a public health emergency, the Mayor may, in consultation with the General Manager and, as far as is practicable, with each Councillor, cancel the meeting. Where a meeting is cancelled, notice of the cancellation must be published on the Council's website and in such other manner that the Council is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the cancellation to the attentionof as many people as possible.

5.13 Where a meeting is cancelled under clause 5.12, the business to be considered at the meeting may instead be considered, where practicable, atthe next ordinary meeting of the Council or at an extraordinary meeting called under clause 3.2.

5.14 Where an item has been listed on a Council Meeting agenda, including Extraordinary Meetings and formed part of the public forum for that meeting, should those items be held over to a future meeting of Council, those items will not form part of another public forum at a future meeting.

Meetings held by audio-visual link

5.15 A meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council may be held by audio-visual link where the Mayor determines that the meeting should be held by audio-visual link because of a natural disaster or a public health emergency. The Mayor may only make a determination under this clause where they are satisfied that attendance at the meeting may put the healthand safety of Councillors and staff at risk. The Mayor must make a determination under this clause in consultation with the General Manager and, as far as is practicable, with each Councillor.

5.16 Where the Mayor determines under clause 5.16 that a meeting is to be heldby audio-visual link, the General Manager must:

a. give written notice to all Councillors that the meeting is to be held by audio-visual link, and

b. take all reasonable steps to ensure that all Councillors can participate in the meeting by audio-visual link, and

c. cause a notice to be published on the Council's website and in such other manner the General Manager is satisfied will bring it to the attention of as many people as possible, advising that the meeting is to be held by audio-visual link and providing information about where members of the public may view the meeting.

5.17 This code applies to a meeting held by audio-visual link under clause 5.16 in the same way it would if the meeting was held in person.

Note: Where a Council holds a meeting by audio-visual link under clause5.16, it is still required under section 10 of the Act to provide a physical venue for members of the public to attend in person and observe the meeting.

Attendance by Councillors at meetings by audio-visual link

5.18 Councillors may attend and participate in meetings of the Council andcommittees of the Council by audio-visual link with the approval of theCouncil or the relevant committee.

5.19 A request by a Councillor for approval to attend a meeting by audio-visual link must be made in writing to the General Manager prior to the meeting inquestion and must provide reasons why the Councillor will be prevented from attending the meeting in person.

5.20 Councillors may request approval to attend more than one meeting by audio-visual link. Where a Councillor requests approval to attend more thanone meeting by audio-visual link, the request must specify the meetings therequest relates to in addition to the information required under clause 5.19.

5.21 The Council must comply with the Health Privacy Principles prescribed under the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* when collecting, holding, using and disclosing health information in connectionwith a request by a Councillor to attend a meeting by audio-visual link.

5.22 A Councillor who has requested approval to attend a meeting of the

Councilor a committee of the Council by audio-visual link may participate in the meeting by audio-visual link until the Council or committee determines whether to approve their request and is to be taken as present at the meeting. The Councillor may participate in a decision in relation to their request to attend the meeting by audio-visual link.

5.23 A decision whether to approve a request by a Councillor to attend a meetingof the Council or a committee of the Council by audio-visual link must be made by a resolution of the Council or the committee concerned. The resolution must state:

a. the meetings the resolution applies to, and

b. the reason why the Councillor is being permitted to attend the meetings by audio-visual link where it is on grounds other than illness, disability, or caring responsibilities.

5.24 If the Council or committee refuses a Councillor's request to attend a meeting by audio-visual link, their link to the meeting is to be terminated.

5.25 A decision whether to approve a Councillor's request to attend a meeting byaudio-visual link is at the Council's or the relevant committee's discretion. The Council and committees of the Council must act reasonably when considering requests by Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link.However, the Council and committees of the Council are under no obligation to approve a Councillor's request to attend a meeting by audio- visual link where the technical capacity does not exist to allow the Councillor to attend the meeting by these means.

5.26 The Council and committees of the Council may refuse a Councillor's request to attend a meeting by audio-visual link where the Council or committee is satisfied that the Councillor has failed to appropriately declareand manage conflicts of interest, observe confidentiality or to comply with this code on one or more previous occasions they have attended a meetingof the Council or a committee of the Council by audio-visual link.

5.27 This code applies to a Councillor attending a meeting by audio-visual link in the same way it would if the Councillor was attending the

meeting in person.Where a Councillor is permitted to attend a meeting by audio-visual link under this code, they are to be taken as attending the meeting in person for the purposes of the code and will have the same voting rights as if they were attending the meeting in person.

5.28 A Councillor must give their full attention to the business and proceedings ofthe meeting when attending a meeting by audio-visual link. The Councillor'scamera must be on at all times during the meeting except, except where it is impracticable to do so or, as may be otherwise provided for under this code.

5.29 A Councillor must be appropriately dressed when attending a meeting by audio-visual link and must ensure that no items are within sight of the meeting that are inconsistent with the maintenance of order at the meetingor that are likely to bring the Council or the committee into disrepute.

Entitlement of the public to attend Council meetings

5.30 Everyone is entitled to attend a meeting of the Council and committees ofthe Council. The Council must ensure that all meetings of the Council andcommittees of the Council are open to the public.

Note: Clause 5.31 reflects section 10(1) of the Act.

5.31 Clause 5.29 does not apply to parts of meetings that have been closed tothe public under section 10A of the Act.

5.32 A person (whether a Councillor or another person) is not entitled to be present at a meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council if expelledfrom the meeting:

a. by a resolution of the meeting, or

b. by the person presiding at the meeting if the Council has, by resolution, authorised the person presiding to exercise the power ofexpulsion.

Note: Clause 5.33 reflects section 10(2) of the Act.

Note: If adopted, clauses 15.14 and 15.15 confer a standing authorisationon all chairpersons of meetings of the Council and committees of the Council to expel persons from meetings. If adopted, clause 15.14 authorises

chairpersons to expel any person, including a Councillor, from a Council or committee meeting. Alternatively, if adopted, clause 15.15 authorises chairpersons to expel persons other than Councillors from a Council or committee meeting.

Webcasting of meetings

5.33 Each meeting of the council or a committee of the council is to be recordedby means of an audio or audio-visual device.

5.34 At the start of each meeting of the council or a committee of the council, thechairperson must inform the persons attending the meeting that:

a. the meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on thecouncil's website, and

b. persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

5.35 The recording of a meeting is to be made publicly available on the council'swebsite:

a. at the same time as the meeting is taking place, or

b. as soon as practicable after the meeting.

5.36 The recording of a meeting is to be made publicly available on the council'swebsite for at least 12 months after the meeting.

5.37 Clauses 5.35 and 5.36 do not apply to any part of a meeting that has beenclosed to the public in accordance with section 10A of the Act.

Note: Clauses 5.32 – 5.36 reflect section 236 of the Regulation.

5.38 Recordings of meetings may be disposed of in accordance with the State Roads Act 1998.

Attendance of the General Manager and other staff at meetings

5.39 The General Manager is entitled to attend, but not to vote at, a meeting ofthe Council or a meeting of a committee of the Council of which all of the members are Councillors.

Note: Clause 5.39 reflects section 376(1) of the Act.

5.40 The General Manager is entitled to attend a meeting of any other committeeof the Council and may, if a member of the committee,

exercise a vote.

Note: Clause 5.40 reflects section 376(2) of the Act.

5.41 The General Manager may be excluded from a meeting of the Council or a committee while the Council or committee deals with a matter relating to thestandard of performance of the General Manager or the terms of employment of the General Manager.

Note: Clause 5.41 reflects section 376(3) of the Act.

5.42 The attendance of other Council staff at a meeting, (other than as membersof the public) shall be with the approval of the General Manager.

5.43 The General Manager and other Council staff may attend meetings of the Council and committees of the Council by audio-visual-link. Attendance by Council staff at meetings by audio-visual link (other than as members of thepublic) shall be with the approval of the General Manager.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON

The chairperson at meetings

6.1 The Mayor, or at the request of or in the absence of the Mayor, the deputy Mayor (if any) presides at meetings of the Council.

Note: Clause 6.1 reflects section 369(1) of the Act.

6.2 If the Mayor and the deputy Mayor (if any) are absent, a Councillor elected to chair the meeting by the Councillors present presides at a meeting of the Council.

Note: Clause 6.2 reflects section 369(2) of the Act.

Election of the chairperson in the absence of the Mayor and deputy Mayor

6.3 If no chairperson is present at a meeting of the Council at the time designated for the holding of the meeting, the first business of the meetingmust be the election of a chairperson to preside at the meeting.

6.4 The election of a chairperson must be conducted:

a. by the General Manager or, in their absence, an employee of the Council designated by the General Manager to conduct the election,or

b. by the person who called the meeting or a person acting on their behalf if neither the General Manager nor a designated employee ispresent at the meeting, or if there is no General Manager or designated employee.

6.5 If, at an election of a chairperson, two (2) or more candidates receive the same number of votes and no other candidate receives a greater number ofvotes, the chairperson is to be the candidate whose name is chosen by lot.

6.6 For the purposes of clause 6.5, the person conducting the election must:

a. arrange for the names of the candidates who have equal numbers ofvotes to be written on similar slips, and

b. then fold the slips so as to prevent the names from being seen, mixthe slips and draw one of the slips at random.

6.7 The candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is the candidate who is to be the chairperson.

6.8 Any election conducted under clause 6.3, and the outcome of the vote, are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Chairperson to have precedence

6.9 When the chairperson rises or speaks during a meeting of the Council:

a. any Councillor then speaking or seeking to speak must cease speaking and, if standing, immediately resume their seat, and

b. every Councillor present must be silent to enable the chairperson tobe heard without interruption.

7 MODES OF ADDRESS

7.1 If the chairperson is the Mayor, they are to be addressed as 'Mr Mayor' or 'Madam Mayor'.

7.2 Where the chairperson is not the Mayor, they are to be addressed as either 'Mr Chairperson' or 'Madam Chairperson'.

7.3 A Councillor is to be addressed as 'Councillor [surname]'.

7.4 A Council officer is to be addressed by their official designation or as Mr/Ms [surname].

8 ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

8.1 The general order of business for an ordinary meeting of the Council shall be:

1. Opening Meeting
2. Acknowledgment of Country
3. Apologies and requests for leave of absence or attendance by audio-visuallink by Councillors
4. Statement of Ethical Obligations (see Clause 8.4 below)
5. Disclosures of Interests
6. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings
7. Moment of Quiet Contemplation
8. Public Forum (hearing from registered speakers only)
9. Condolence Motions
10. Mayoral Minute(s)
11. Reports to Council
12. Notice of Motions/Questions with Notice
13. Confidential Matters
14. Urgency Motions (If required)
15. Conclusion of the meeting

8.2 The order of business as fixed under clause 8.1 may be altered for a particular meeting of the Council if a motion to that effect is passed at thatmeeting. Such a motion can be moved without notice.

Note: Part 13 allows Council to deal with items of business by exception.

8.3 Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 8.2 may speak to the motion before it is put.

8.4 The Statement of Ethical Obligations to be read by the Mayor (or Chair of the Ordinary Council Meetings) is:

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

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

9 CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Business that can be dealt with at a Council meeting

9.1 The Council must not consider business at a meeting of the Council:

a. unless a Councillor has given notice of the business, as required by clause 3.9, and

b. unless notice of the business has been sent to the Councillors in accordance with clause 3.6 in the case of an ordinary meeting orclause 3.8 in the case of an extraordinary meeting called in an emergency.

9.2 Clause 9.1 does not apply to the consideration of business at a meeting, if the business:

a. is already before, or directly relates to, a matter that is already beforethe Council, or

b. is the election of a chairperson to preside at the meeting, or

c. subject to clause 9.9, is a matter or topic put to the meeting by wayof a Mayoral minute, or

d. is a motion for the adoption of recommendations of a committee,including, but not limited to, a committee of the Council.

9.3 Despite clause 9.1, business may be considered at a meeting of the Councileven though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors if:

a. a motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting,and

b. the business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council.

9.4 A motion moved under clause 9.3(a) can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 9.3(a)can speak to the motion before it is put.

9.5 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the chairpersonunder clause 9.3(b).

Mayoral minutes

9.6 Subject to clause 9.9, if the Mayor is the chairperson at a meeting of the Council, the Mayor may, by minute signed by the Mayor, put to the meetingwithout notice any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the Council, or of which the Council has official knowledge.

9.7 A Mayoral minute, when put to a meeting, takes precedence over all business on the Council's agenda for the meeting. The chairperson (but only if the chairperson is the Mayor) may move the adoption of a Mayoralminute without the motion being seconded.

9.8 A recommendation made in a Mayoral minute put by the Mayor is, so far asit is adopted by the Council, a resolution of the Council.

9.9 A Mayoral minute must not be used to put without notice matters that are routine and not urgent or matters for which proper notice should be given because of their complexity. For the purpose of this clause, a matter will beurgent where it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council.

9.10 Where a Mayoral minute makes a recommendation which, if adopted, wouldrequire the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted operational plan, it must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the recommendation.

Staff reports

9.11 A recommendation made in a staff report is, so far as it is adopted by theCouncil, a resolution of the Council.

Reports of committees of Council

9.12 The recommendations of a committee of the Council are, so far as they areadopted by the Council, resolutions of the Council.

9.13 If in a report of a committee of the Council distinct recommendations are made, the Council may make separate decisions on each recommendation.

Questions

9.14 Question must not be asked at a meeting of the Council unless it concerns amatter on the agenda of the meeting or notice has been given of the question in accordance with clauses 3.9 and 3.13.

9.15 A Councillor may, through the chairperson, put a question to another Councillor about a matter on the agenda.

9.16 A Councillor may, through the General Manager, put a question to a Councilemployee about a matter on the agenda. Council employees are only obliged to answer a question put to them through the General Manager at the direction of the General Manager.

9.17 A Councillor or Council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to begiven reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice toenable reference to be made to other persons or to information. Where a Councillor or Council employee to whom a question is put is unable to respond to the question at the meeting at which it is put, they may take it onnotice and report the response to the next meeting of the Council.

9.18 Councillors must put questions directly, succinctly, respectfully and

withoutargument.

9.19 A Councillor may ask up to 3 questions per item on the agenda.

9.20 The chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply to, or refusal to reply to, a question put to a Councillor or Council employee.

10 RULES OF DEBATE

Motions to be seconded

10.1 Unless otherwise specified in this code, a motion or an amendment cannot be debated unless or until it has been seconded.

Notices of motion

10.2 A Councillor who has submitted a notice of motion under clause 3.9 is to move the motion the subject of the notice of motion at the meeting at whichit is to be considered.

10.3 If a Councillor who has submitted a notice of motion under clause 3.9 wishes to withdraw it after the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered have been sent to Councillors, the Councillormay request the withdrawal of the motion when it is before the Council.

10.4 In the absence of a Councillor who has placed a notice of motion on the agenda for a meeting of the Council:

a. any other Councillor may, with the leave of the chairperson, move the motion at the meeting, or

b. the chairperson may defer consideration of the motion until the nextmeeting of the Council.

Chairperson's duties with respect to motions

10.5 It is the duty of the chairperson at a meeting of the Council to receive and put to the meeting any lawful motion that is brought before the meeting.

10.6 The chairperson must rule out of order any motion or amendment to a motion that is unlawful or the implementation of which would be unlawful.

10.7 Before ruling out of order a motion or an amendment to a motion

under clause 10.6, the chairperson is to give the mover an opportunity to clarify oramend the motion or amendment.

10.8 Any motion, amendment, or other matter that the chairperson has ruled outof order is taken to have been lost.

Motions requiring the expenditure of funds

10.9 A motion or an amendment to a motion which if passed would require the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the motion. Ifthe motion does not identify a funding source, the Council must defer consideration of the matter, pending the identification of the funding source.

Amendments to motions

10.10 An amendment to a motion must be moved and seconded before it can be debated.

10.11 An amendment to a motion must relate to the matter being dealt with in the original motion before the Council and must not be a direct negative of the original motion. An amendment to a motion which does not relate to the matter being dealt with in the original motion, or which is a direct negative ofthe original motion, must be ruled out of order by the chairperson.

10.12 The mover of an amendment is to be given the opportunity to explain anyuncertainties in the proposed amendment before a seconder is called for.

10.13 If an amendment has been lost, a further amendment can be moved to themotion to which the lost amendment was moved, and so on, but no more than one (1) motion and one (1) proposed amendment can be before Council at any one time.

10.14 While an amendment is being considered, debate must only occur in relation to the amendment and not the original motion. Debate on the original motion is to be suspended while the amendment to the originalmotion is being debated.

10.15 If the amendment is carried, it becomes the motion and is to be debated. Ifthe amendment is lost, debate is to resume on the original

motion.

10.16 An amendment may become the motion without debate or a vote where it isaccepted by the Councillor who moved the original motion.

Foreshadowed motions

10.17 A Councillor may propose a foreshadowed motion in relation to the matter the subject of the original motion before the Council, without a seconder during debate on the original motion. The foreshadowed motion is only to be considered if the original motion is lost or withdrawn and the foreshadowed motion is then moved and seconded. If the original motion iscarried, the foreshadowed motion lapses.

10.18 Where an amendment has been moved and seconded, a Councillor may, without a seconder, foreshadow a further amendment that they propose to move after the first amendment has been dealt with. There is no limit to thenumber of foreshadowed amendments that may be put before the Council at any time. However, no discussion can take place on foreshadowed amendments until the previous amendment has been dealt with and the foreshadowed amendment has been moved and seconded.

10.19 Foreshadowed motions and foreshadowed amendments are to be considered in the order in which they are proposed. However, foreshadowed motions cannot be considered until all foreshadowed amendments have been dealt with.

Limitations on the number and duration of speeches

10.20 A Councillor who, during a debate at a meeting of the Council, moves an original motion, has the right to speak on each amendment to the motion and a right of general reply to all observations that are made during the debate in relation to the motion, and any amendment to it at the conclusionof the debate before the motion (whether amended or not) is finally put.

10.21 A Councillor, other than the mover of an original motion, has the right to speak once on the motion and once on each amendment to it.

10.22 A Councillor must not, without the consent of the Council, speak more than once on a motion or an amendment, or for longer than 2

minutes at any onetime.

10.23 Despite clause 10.22, the chairperson may permit a Councillor who claims to have been misrepresented or misunderstood to speak more than once ona motion or an amendment, and for longer than 3 minutes on that motion or amendment to enable the Councillor to make a statement limited to explaining the misrepresentation or misunderstanding.

10.24 Despite clause 10.22, the Council may resolve to shorten the duration of speeches to expedite the consideration of business at a meeting.

10.25 Despite clauses 10.20 and 10.21, a Councillor may move that a motion or an amendment be now put:

a. if the mover of the motion or amendment has spoken in favour of it and no Councillor expresses an intention to speak against it,

b. if at least two (2) Councillors have spoken in favour of the motion oramendment and at least two (2) Councillors have spoken against it.

10.26 The chairperson must immediately put to the vote, without debate, a motion moved under clause 10.25. A seconder is not required for such a motion.

10.27 If a motion that the original motion or an amendment be now put is passed,the chairperson must, without further debate, put the original motion or amendment to the vote immediately after the mover of the original motion has exercised their right of reply under clause 10.20.

10.28 If a motion that the original motion or an amendment be now put is lost, thechairperson must allow the debate on the original motion or the amendment to be resumed.

10.29 All Councillors must be heard without interruption and all other Councillorsmust, unless otherwise permitted under this code, remain silent while another Councillor is speaking.

10.30 Once the debate on a matter has concluded and a matter has been dealt with, the chairperson must not allow further debate on the matter.

Examples of procedural motions are shown in the following table:

Motion	Moved without Notice	Requires Seconder	Speakers/ Debate Permitted	Rightof Reply
Change the orderof Business	Yes	Yes	Mover of motion only	No
Business without Notice (matter ofurgency)	Yes	Yes	Mover of motion only	No
Dissent from Chairpersons' ruling (on point oforder)	Yes	Yes	Mover and Chairperson only may speak	No
Adjournment ofmeeting	Yes	Yes	No debate permitted	No
Limitation to number of speakers (questions be now put)	Yes *but only after at least 2 have spoken in favour and 2 have spoken against the motion or there are no Councillors who wish to speak against*	No	No debate permitted. Question must be put immediately.	No
Deferment of amatter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vote on points ofa resolution separately	Yes	Yes	Mover of motion only	No

11 VOTING

Voting entitlements of Councillors

11.1 Each Councillor is entitled to one (1) vote.

Note: Clause 11.1 reflects section 370(1) of the Act.

11.2 The person presiding at a meeting of the Council has, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.

Note: Clause 11.2 reflects section 370(2) of the Act.

11.3 Where the chairperson declines to exercise, or fails to exercise, their second or casting vote, in the event of an equality of votes, the motionbeing voted upon is lost.

Voting at Council meetings

11.4 or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded A Councillor who is present at a meeting of the Council but who fails to voteon a motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the motion.

11.5 Voting at a meeting, including voting in an election at a meeting, is to be byopen means (such as on the voices, by show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system). However, the Council may resolve that the votingin any election by Councillors for Mayor or deputy Mayor is to be by secret ballot.

11.6 All voting at Council meetings, (including meetings that are closed to thepublic), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of Councillors who voted for and against each motion.

Voting on planning decisions

11.7 The General Manager must keep a register containing, for each planning decision made at a meeting of the Council or a Council committee (including, but not limited to a committee of the Council), the names of theCouncillors who supported the decision and the names of any Councillorswho opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.

11.8 Each decision recorded in the register is to be described in the register oridentified in a manner that enables the description to be obtained from another publicly available document.

11.9 Clauses 11.7 and 11.8 also apply to meetings that are closed to the public.

Note: Clauses 11.7 - 11.9 reflect section 375A of the Act.

Note: The requirements of clause 11.8 may be satisfied by maintaining a register of the minutes of each planning decision.

12 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

12.1 The Council may resolve itself into a committee to consider any matterbefore the Council.

Note: Clause 12.1 reflects section 373 of the Act.

12.2 All the provisions of this code relating to meetings of the Council, so far as they are applicable, extend to and govern the proceedings of the Council when in committee of the whole, except the provisions limiting the numberand duration of speeches.

Note: Clauses 10.20–10.30 limit the number and duration of speeches.

12.3 The General Manager or, in the absence of the General Manager, an employee of the Council designated by the General Manager, is responsiblefor reporting to the Council the proceedings of the committee of the whole. Itis not necessary to report the proceedings in full, but any recommendations of the committee must be reported.

12.4 The Council must ensure that a report of the proceedings (including any recommendations of the committee) is recorded in the Council's minutes. However, the Council is not taken to have adopted the report until a motionfor adoption has been made and passed.

13 DEALING WITH ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

13.1 The Council or a committee of Council may, at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business on the agenda together by way of a single resolution.

13.2 Before the Council or committee resolves to adopt multiple items of business on the agenda together under clause 13.1, the chairperson must list the items of business to be adopted and ask Councillors to identify any individual items of business listed by the chairperson that they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the business paper or that they wish to speak on.

13.3 The Council or committee must not resolve to adopt any item of business under clause 13.1 that a Councillor has identified as being one they intendto vote against the recommendation made in the business paper or to speak on.

13.4 Where the consideration of multiple items of business together under clause involves a variation to the order of business for the meeting, theCouncil or committee must resolve to alter the order of business in accordance with clause 8.2.

13.5 A motion to adopt multiple items of business together under clause 13.1 must identify each of the items of business to be adopted and state that they are to be adopted as recommended in the business paper.

13.6 Items of business adopted under clause 13.1 are to be taken to have been adopted unanimously.

13.7 Councillors must ensure that they declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to items of business considered together under clause 13.1 in accordance with the requirements of the Council's code of conduct.

14 CLOSURE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC

Grounds on which meetings can be closed to the public

14.1 The Council or a committee of the Council may close to the public so muchof its meeting as comprises the discussion or the receipt of any of the following types of matters:

a. personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors),

b. the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,

c. information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantageon a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

d. commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

i. prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or

ii. confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council,or

iii. reveal a trade secret,

e. information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,

f. matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property,

g. advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege,

h. information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land,

i. alleged contraventions of the Council's code of conduct.

Note: Clause 14.1 reflects section 10A(1) and (2) of the Act.

14.2 The Council or a committee of the Council may also close to the public somuch of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

Note: Clause 14.2 reflects section 10A(3) of the Act.

Matters to be considered when closing meetings to the public

14.3 A meeting is not to remain closed during the discussion of anything referredto in clause 14.1:

a. except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve therelevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and

b. if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a residentor ratepayer or a trade secret – unless the Council or committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Note: Clause 14.3 reflects section 10B(1) of the Act.

14.4 A meeting is not to be closed during the receipt and consideration of information or advice referred to in clause 14.1(g) unless the advice concerns legal matters that:

a. are substantial issues relating to a matter in which the Council orcommittee is involved, and

b. are clearly identified in the advice, and

c. are fully discussed in that advice.

Note: Clause 14.4 reflects section 10B(2) of the Act.

14.5 If a meeting is closed during the discussion of a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (as referred to in clause 14.2), the consideration of the motion must not include any consideration of the matteror information to be discussed in that other part of the meeting other than consideration of whether the matter concerned is a matter referred to in clause 14.1.

Note: Clause 14.5 reflects section 10B(3) of the Act.

14.6 For the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:

a. a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or

b. the discussion of the matter may:

i. cause embarrassment to the Council or committee concerned, or to Councillors or to employees of the Council, or

ii. cause a loss of confidence in the Council or committee.

Note: Clause 14.6 reflects section 10B(4) of the Act.

14.7 In deciding whether part of a meeting is to be closed to the public, the Council or committee concerned must consider any relevant guidelinesissued by the Departmental Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government.

Note: Clause 14.7 reflects section 10B(5) of the Act.

Notice of likelihood of closure not required in urgent cases

14.8 Part of a meeting of the Council, or of a committee of the Council, may be closed to the public while the Council or committee considers a matter that has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting under clause 3.20 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed, but onlyif:

a. it becomes apparent during the discussion of a particular matter

thatthe matter is a matter referred to in clause 14.1, and

b. the Council or committee, after considering any representations made under clause 14.9, resolves that further discussion of the matter:

i. should not be deferred (because of the urgency of the matter),and

ii. should take place in a part of the meeting that is closed to thepublic.

Note: Clause 14.8 reflects section 10C of the Act.

Representations by members of the public

14.9 The Council, or a committee of the Council, may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of themeeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Note: Clause 14.9 reflects section 10A(4) of the Act.

14.10 A representation under clause 14.9 is to be made after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded.

14.11 Where the matter has been identified in the agenda of the meeting under clause 3.20 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting isclosed to the public, in order to make representations under clause 14.9, members of the public must first make an application to the Council in theapproved form. Applications must be received by 2pm on the day of the meeting at which the matter is to be considered.

14.12 The General Manager (or their delegate) may refuse an application madeunder clause 14.11. The General Manager or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application.

14.13 No more than 3 speakers are to be permitted to make representationsunder clause 14.9.

14.14 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to make representations under clause 14.9, the General Manager or their delegate may request the speakers to nominate from among themselves the personswho are to make representations to the Council. If the speakers are not ableto agree on whom to nominate to

make representations under clause 14.9, the General Manager or their delegate is to determine who will make representations to the Council.

14.15 The General Manager (or their delegate) is to determine the order of speakers.

14.16 Where the Council or a committee of the Council proposes to close a meeting or part of a meeting to the public in circumstances where the matter has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting under clause 3.21 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, the chairperson is to invite representations from the public under clause 14.9 after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded. The chairperson is to permit no more than 3 speakers to make representations in such order as determined by the chairperson.

14.17 Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to make representations, and this time limit is to be strictly enforced by the chairperson. Speakers must confine their representations to whether the meeting should be closed to thepublic. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction fromthe chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.

Expulsion of non-Councillors from meetings closed to the public

14.18 If a meeting or part of a meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council is closed to the public in accordance with section 10A of the Act and this code, any person who is not a Councillor and who fails to leave themeeting when requested, may be expelled from the meeting as provided bysection 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act.

14.19 If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expelling them from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the Council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary,remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if necessary restrainthat person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

Obligations of Councillors attending meetings by audio-visual link

14.20 Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link must ensure that no other person is within sight or hearing of the meeting at any time that themeeting is closed to the public under section 10A of the Act.

Information to be disclosed in resolutions closing meetings to the public

14.21 The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in thedecision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The grounds must specify the following:

a. the relevant provision of section 10A (2) of the Act,

b. the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting,

c. the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (ifthe matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a residentor ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Note: Clause 14.21 reflects section 10D of the Act.

Resolutions passed at closed meetings to be made public

14.22 If the Council passes a resolution during a meeting, or a part of a meeting, that is closed to the public, the chairperson must make the resolution public as soon as practicable after the meeting, or the relevant part of the meeting,has ended, and the resolution must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

14.23 Resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting, that is closedto the public must be made public by the chairperson under clause 14.22 during a part of the meeting that is webcast.

15 KEEPING ORDER AT MEETINGS

Points of order

15.1 A Councillor may draw the attention of the chairperson to an alleged breachof this code by raising a point of order. A point of order does not require a seconder.

15.2 A point of order cannot be made with respect to adherence to the principlescontained in clause 2.1.

15.3 A point of order must be taken immediately it is raised. The chairperson must suspend the business before the meeting and permit the Councillor raising the point of order to state the provision of this code they believe hasbeen breached. The chairperson must then rule on the point of order – either by upholding it or by overruling it.

Questions of order

15.4 The chairperson, without the intervention of any other Councillor, may callany Councillor to order whenever, in the opinion of the chairperson, it is necessary to do so.

15.5 A Councillor who claims that another Councillor has committed an act of disorder, or is out of order, may call the attention of the chairperson to thematter.

15.6 The chairperson must rule on a question of order immediately after it is raised but, before doing so, may invite the opinion of the Council.

15.7 The chairperson's ruling must be obeyed unless a motion dissenting from the ruling is passed.

Motions of dissent

15.8 A Councillor can, without notice, move to dissent from a ruling of the chairperson on a point of order or a question of order. If that happens, the chairperson must suspend the business before the meeting until a decision is made on the motion of dissent.

15.9 If a motion of dissent is passed, the chairperson must proceed with the suspended business as though the ruling dissented from had not been given. If, as a result of the ruling, any motion or business has been rejectedas out of order, the chairperson must restore the

motion or business to the agenda and proceed with it in due course.

15.10 Despite any other provision of this code, only the mover of a motion of dissent and the chairperson can speak to the motion before it is put. The mmover of the motion does not have a right of general reply.

Acts of disorder

15.11 A Councillor commits an act of disorder if the Councillor, at a meeting of theCouncil or a committee of the Council:

a. contravenes the Act, the Regulation or this code, or

b. assaults or threatens to assault another Councillor or person presentat the meeting, or

c. moves or attempts to move a motion or an amendment that has an unlawful purpose or that deals with a matter that is outside the jurisdiction of the Council or the committee, or addresses or attemptsto address the Council or the committee on such a motion, amendment or matter, or

d. insults, or makes unfavourable personal remarks about, or imputes improper motives to any other Council official, or alleges a breach ofthe Council's code of conduct, or

e. says or does anything that is inconsistent with maintaining order atthe meeting or is likely to bring the Council or the committee into disrepute.

Note: Clause 15.11 reflects section 182 of the Regulation.

15.12 The chairperson may require a Councillor:

a. to apologise without reservation for an act of disorder referred to inclauses 15.11(a), (b), or (e), or

b. to withdraw a motion or an amendment referred to in clause 15.11(c)and, where appropriate, to apologise without reservation, or

c. to retract and apologise without reservation for any statement that constitutes an act of disorder referred to in clauses 15.11(d) and (e).

Note: Clause 15.12 reflects section 233 of the Regulation.

How disorder at a meeting may be dealt with

15.13 If disorder occurs at a meeting of the Council, the chairperson may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than fifteen (15) minutes and leave thechair. The Council, on reassembling, must, on a question put from the chairperson, decide without debate whether the business is to be proceeded with or not. This clause applies to disorder arising from the conduct of members of the public as well as disorder arising from the conduct of Councillors.

Expulsion from meetings

15.14 All chairpersons of meetings of the Council and committees of the Council are authorised under this code to expel any person other than a Councillor, from a Council or committee meeting, for the purposes of section 10(2)(b) ofthe Act. Councillors may only be expelled by resolution of the Council or thecommittee of the Council.

15.15 Clause 15.14, does not limit the ability of the Council or a committee of the Council to resolve to expel a person, including a Councillor, from a Councilor committee meeting, under section 10(2)(a) of the Act.

15.16 A Councillor may, as provided by section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act, be expelled from a meeting of the Council for having failed to comply with a requirement under clause 15.12. The expulsion of a Councillor from the meeting for that reason does not prevent any other action from being takenagainst the Councillor for the act of disorder concerned.

Note: Clause 15.16 reflects section 233(2) of the Regulation.

15.17 A member of the public may, as provided by section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act, be expelled from a meeting of the Council for engaging in or having engaged in disorderly conduct at the meeting.

15.18 Where a Councillor or a member of the public is expelled from a meeting,the expulsion and the name of the person expelled, if known, are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

15.19 If a Councillor or a member of the public fails to leave the place where a meeting of the Council is being held immediately after they have been expelled, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the Council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary,remove the Councillor or member of the public

from that place and, if necessary, restrain the Councillor or member of the public from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

How disorder by Councillors attending meetings by audio-visual link may be dealt with

15.20 Where a Councillor is attending a meeting by audio-visual link, the chairperson or a person authorised by the chairperson may mute the Councillor's audio link to the meeting for the purposes of enforcing compliance with this code.

15.21 If a Councillor attending a meeting by audio-visual link is expelled from a meeting for an act of disorder, the chairperson of the meeting or a person authorised by the chairperson, may terminate the Councillor's audio-visuallink to the meeting.

Use of mobile phones and the unauthorised recording of meetings

15.22 Councillors, Council staff and members of the public must ensure thatmobile phones are turned to silent during meetings of the Council andcommittees of the Council.

15.23 A person must not live stream or use an audio recorder, video camera, mobile phone or any other device to make a recording of the proceedings ofa meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council without the prior authorisation of the Council or the committee.

15.24 Without limiting clause 15.17, a contravention of clause 15.23or an attempt to contravene that clause, constitutes disorderly conduct for the purposes ofclause 15.17. Any person who contravenes or attempts to contravene clause 15.23, may be expelled from the meeting as provided for under section 10(2) of the Act.

15.25 If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expellingthem from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the Council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary,remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if necessary, restrain that person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

16 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

16.1 All Councillors and, where applicable, all other persons, must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at meetings of the Council and committees of the Council in accordance with the Council's code of conduct. All declarations of conflicts of interest and how the conflict of interest was managed by the person who made the declaration must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the declaration was made.

16.2 Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being consideredat the meeting in accordance with the Council's code of conduct. Where a Councillor has declared a pecuniary or significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter being discussed at the meeting, the Councillor's audio- visual link to the meeting must be suspended or terminated and the Councillor must not be in sight or hearing of the meeting at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or committee, or at any time during which the Council or committee is voting on the matter.

Disclosures made at the meeting should be stated as follows:

Disclosure	What to say	Action to take
PecuniaryInterest	I declare a pecuniary interest in item XX, due to *(detail reason of the conflict)*	*Councillor must leave the meeting, be out of sight of the meeting and not participate indiscussions or voting on the matter.*
Significant, non-pecuniary interest	I declare a significant, non-pecuniary interest in item XX, dueto *(detail reason of the conflict)*	*Councillor must leave the meeting, be out of sight of the meeting and not participate indiscussions or voting on the matter.*
Less than significant, non-pecuniary	I declare a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item XX due to *(detail reason of the*	*No action needed, Councillor can remain at the meeting, partake in the discussions*

interest	*conflictand explanation of why the conflictrequires no further action)*	*andvote on the matter.*

17 DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Council decisions

17.1 A decision supported by a majority of the votes at a meeting of the Councilat which a quorum is present is a decision of the Council.

Note: Clause 17.1 reflects section 371 of the Act.

17.2 17.2 Decisions made by the Council must be accurately recorded in the minutesof the meeting at which the decision is made.

Rescinding or altering Council decisions

17.3 A resolution passed by the Council may not be altered or rescinded exceptby a motion to that effect of which notice has been given under clause 3.9.

Note: Clause 17.3 reflects section 372(1) of the Act.

17.4 If a notice of motion to rescind a resolution is given at the meeting at whichthe resolution is carried, the resolution must not be carried into effect until the motion of rescission has been dealt with.

Note: Clause 17.4 reflects section 372(2) of the Act.

17.5 If a motion has been lost, a motion having the same effect must not beconsidered unless notice of it has been duly given in accordance with clause 3.9.

Note: Clause 17.5 reflects section 372(3) of the Act.

17.6 A notice of motion to alter or rescind a resolution, and a notice of motion which has the same effect as a motion which has been lost, must be signedby three (3) Councillors if less than three (3) months has elapsed since the resolution was passed, or the motion was lost.

Note: Clause 17.6 reflects section 372(4) of the Act.

17.7 If a motion to alter or rescind a resolution has been lost, or if a motion whichhas the same effect as a previously lost motion is lost, no

similar motion may be brought forward within three (3) months of the meeting at which it was lost. This clause may not be evaded by substituting a motion differentlyworded, but in principle the same.

Note: Clause 17.7 reflects section 372(5) of the Act.

17.8 The provisions of clauses 17.5–17.7 concerning lost motions do not apply tomotions of adjournment.

Note: Clause 17.8 reflects section 372(7) of the Act.

17.9 A notice of motion submitted in accordance with clause 17.6 may only be withdrawn under clause 3.10 with the consent of all signatories to the noticeof motion.

17.10 A motion to alter or rescind a resolution of the Council may be moved onthe report of a committee of the Council and any such report must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Council.

Note: Clause 17.10 reflects section 372(6) of the Act.

17.11 Subject to clause 17.6, in cases of urgency, a motion to alter or rescind a resolution of the Council may be moved at the same meeting at which theresolution was adopted, where:

a. a notice of motion signed by three Councillors is submitted to the chairperson, and

b. a motion to have the motion considered at the meeting is passed,and

c. the chairperson rules the business that is the subject of the motion isof great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council.

17.12 A motion moved under clause 17.11(b) can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 17.11(b) can speak to the motion before it is put.

17.13 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the chairpersonunder clause 17.11(c).

Recommitting resolutions to correct an error

17.14 Despite the provisions of this Part, a Councillor may, with the leave of thechairperson, move to recommit a resolution adopted at the same

meeting:

a. to correct any error, ambiguity or imprecision in the Council's resolution, or

b. to confirm the voting on the resolution.

17.15 In seeking the leave of the chairperson to move to recommit a resolution forthe purposes of clause 17.14(a), the Councillor is to propose alternative wording for the resolution.

17.16 The chairperson must not grant leave to recommit a resolution for the purposes of clause 17.14(a), unless they are satisfied that the proposed alternative wording of the resolution would not alter the substance of theresolution previously adopted at the meeting.

17.17 A motion moved under clause 17.14 can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 17.14can speak to the motion before it is put.

17.18 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the chairpersonunder clause 17.14.

17.19 A motion moved under clause 17.14 with the leave of the chairperson cannot be voted on unless or until it has been seconded.

18 TIME LIMITS ON COUNCIL MEETINGS

18.1 Meetings of the Council and committees of the Council are to conclude no later than 11pm.

18.2 If the business of the meeting is unfinished at 11pm, the Council or the committee may, by resolution, extend the time of the meeting.

18.3 If the business of the meeting is unfinished at 11pm, and the Council doesnot resolve to extend the meeting, the chairperson must either:

a. defer consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda to the next ordinary meeting of the Council, or

b. adjourn the meeting to a time, date and place fixed by the chairperson.

18.4 Clause 18.3 does not limit the ability of the Council or a committee of the Council to resolve to adjourn a meeting at any time. The resolution adjourning the meeting must fix the time, date and place

that the meeting isto be adjourned to.

18.5 Where a meeting is adjourned under clause 18.3 or 18.4, the General Manager must:

a. individually notify each Councillor of the time, date and place at which the meeting will reconvene, and

b. publish the time, date and place at which the meeting will reconvene on the Council's website and in such other manner that the General Manager is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the time, date and place of the reconvened meeting to the attention of as many people as possible.

19 AFTER THE MEETING

Minutes of meetings

19.1 The Council is to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Council.

Note: Clause 19.1 reflects section 375(1) of the Act.

19.2 At a minimum, the General Manager must ensure that the following mattersare recorded in the Council's minutes:

a. the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment,

b. details of each motion moved at a council meeting and of any amendments moved to it,

c. the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment,

d. whether the motion or amendment was passed or lost, and

e. such other matters specifically required under this code.

19.3 The minutes of a Council meeting must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

Note: Clause 19.3 reflects section 375(2) of the Act.

19.4 Any debate on the confirmation of the minutes is to be confined to whether the minutes are a full and accurate record of the meeting they relate to.

19.5 When the minutes have been confirmed, they are to be signed by the person presiding at the subsequent meeting.

Note: Clause 19.5 reflects section 375(2) of the Act.

19.6 The confirmed minutes of a meeting may be amended to correct typographical or administrative errors after they have been confirmed. Any amendment made under this clause must not alter the substance of any decision made at the meeting.

19.7 The confirmed minutes of a Council meeting must be published on the Council's website. This clause does not prevent the Council from also publishing unconfirmed minutes of its meetings on its website prior to theirconfirmation.

Access to correspondence and reports laid on the table at, or submitted to, a meeting

19.8 The Council and committees of the Council must, during or at the close of a meeting, or during the business day following the meeting, give reasonable access to any person to inspect correspondence and reports laid on the table at, or submitted to, the meeting.

Note: Clause 19.8 reflects section 11(1) of the Act.

19.9 Clause 19.8 does not apply if the correspondence or reports relate to a matter that was received or discussed or laid on the table at, or submitted to, the meeting when the meeting was closed to the public.

Note: Clause 19.9 reflects section 11(2) of the Act.

19.10 Clause 19.8 does not apply if the Council or the committee resolves at the meeting, when open to the public, that the correspondence or reports are to be treated as confidential because they relate to a matter specified in section 10A(2) of the Act.

Note: Clause 19.10 reflects section 11(3) of the Act.

19.11 Correspondence or reports to which clauses 19.9 and 19.10 apply are to be marked with the relevant provision of section 10A(2) of the Act that applies to the correspondence or report.

Implementation of decisions of the Council

19.12 The General Manager is to implement, without undue delay, lawful

decisions of the Council.

Note: Clause 19.12 reflects section 335(b) of the Act.

20 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Application of this Part

20.1 This Part only applies to committees of the Council whose members are all Councillors.

Council committees whose members are all Councillors

20.2 The Council may, by resolution, establish such committees as it considers necessary.

20.3 A committee of the Council is to consist of the Mayor and such other Councillors as are elected by the Councillors or appointed by the Council.

20.4 The quorum for a meeting of a committee of the Council is to be:

a. such number of members as the Council decides, or

b. if the Council has not decided a number – a majority of the members of the committee.

Functions of committees

20.5 The Council must specify the functions of each of its committees when the committee is established but may from time to time amend those functions.

Notice of committee meetings

20.6 The General Manager must send to each Councillor, regardless of whether they are a committee member, at least three (3) days before each meeting of the committee, a notice specifying:

a. the time, date and place of the meeting, and

b. the business proposed to be considered at the meeting.

20.7 Notice of less than three (3) days may be given of a committee meeting called in an emergency.

Attendance at committee meetings

20.8 A committee member (other than the Mayor) ceases to be a member of a committee if the committee member:

a. has been absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the committee without having given reasons acceptable to the committee for the member's absences, or

b. has been absent from at least half of the meetings of the committee held during the immediately preceding year without having given to the committee acceptable reasons for the member's absences.

20.9 Clause 20.8 does not apply if all of the members of the Council are members of the committee.

Non-members entitled to attend committee meetings

20.10 A Councillor who is not a member of a committee of the Council is entitled to attend, and to speak at a meeting of the committee. However, the Councillor is not entitled:

a. to give notice of business for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting, or

b. to move or second a motion at the meeting, or

c. to vote at the meeting.

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Council committees

20.11 The chairperson of each committee of the Council must be:

a. the Mayor, or

b. if the Mayor does not wish to be the chairperson of a committee, a member of the committee elected by the Council, or

c. if the Council does not elect such a member, a member of the committee elected by the committee.

20.12 The Council may elect a member of a committee of the Council as deputychairperson of the committee. If the Council does not elect a deputy chairperson of such a committee, the committee may elect a deputy chairperson.

20.13 If neither the chairperson nor the deputy chairperson of a committee

of the Council is able or willing to preside at a meeting of the committee, the committee must elect a member of the committee to be acting chairperson of the committee.

20.14 The chairperson is to preside at a meeting of a committee of the Council. Ifthe chairperson is unable or unwilling to preside, the deputy chairperson (ifany) is to preside at the meeting, but if neither the chairperson nor the deputy chairperson is able or willing to preside, the acting chairperson is topreside at the meeting.

Procedure in committee meetings

20.15 Subject to any specific requirements of this code, each committee of the Council may regulate its own procedure. The provisions of this code are to be taken to apply to all committees of the Council unless the Council or the committee determines otherwise in accordance with this clause.

20.16 Whenever the voting on a motion put to a meeting of the committee is equal, the chairperson of the committee is to have a casting vote as well as an original vote unless the Council or the committee determines otherwise in accordance with clause 20.15.

20.17 Voting at a Council committee meeting is to be by open means (such as on the voices, by show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system).

Closure of committee meetings to the public

20.18 The provisions of the Act and Part 14 of this code apply to the closure ofmeetings of committees of the Council to the public in the same way theyapply to the closure of meetings of the Council to the public.

20.19 If a committee of the Council passes a resolution, or makes a recommendation, during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed tothe public, the chairperson must make the resolution or recommendation public as soon as practicable after the meeting or part of the meeting has ended and report the resolution or recommendation to the next meeting ofthe Council. The resolution or recommendation must also be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

20.20 Resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is

closed to the public must be made public by the chairperson under clause 20.20 during a part of the meeting that is webcast.

Disorder in committee meetings

20.21 The provisions of the Act and this code relating to the maintenance of orderin Council meetings apply to meetings of committees of the Council in the same way as they apply to meetings of the Council.

Minutes of Council committee meetings

20.22 Each committee of the Council is to keep full and accurate minutes of theproceedings of its meetings. At a minimum, a committee must ensure that the following matters are recorded in the committee's minutes:

a. The names of Councillors attending a Council meeting and whether they attended the meeting in person or by audio-visual link,

b. details of each motion moved at a council meeting and of any amendments moved to it,

c. the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment,

d. whether the motion or amendment was passed or lost, and

e. such other matters specifically required under this code.

20.23 All voting at meetings of committees of the Council (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of Councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded.

20.24 The minutes of meetings of each committee of the Council must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the committee.

20.25 Any debate on the confirmation of the minutes is to be confined to whether the minutes are a full and accurate record of the meeting they relate to.

20.26 When the minutes have been confirmed, they are to be signed by the person presiding at that subsequent meeting.

20.27 The confirmed minutes of a meeting may be amended to correct

typographical or administrative errors after they have been confirmed. Anyamendment made under this clause must not alter the substance of any decision made at the meeting.

20.28 The confirmed minutes of a meeting of a committee of the Council must be published on the Council's website. This clause does not prevent the Council from also publishing unconfirmed minutes of meetings of committees of the Council on its website prior to their confirmation.

21 IRREGULARITES

21.1 Proceedings at a meeting of a Council or a Council committee are not invalidated because of:

a. a vacancy in a civic office, or

b. a failure to give notice of the meeting to any Councillor or committee member, or

c. any defect in the election or appointment of a Councillor or committee member, or

d. a failure of a Councillor or a committee member to declare a conflict of interest, or to refrain from the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, the relevant matter, at a Council or committee meeting in accordance with the Council's code of conduct, or

e. a failure to comply with this code.

Note: Clause 21.1 reflects section 374 of the Act.

22 DEFINITIONS

the Act	means the *Local Government Act 1993*
act of disorder	means an act of disorder as defined in clause 15.11 of this code
amendment	in relation to an original motion, means a motion moving anamendment to that motion
audio recorder	any device capable of recording speech

audio-visual link	means a facility that enables audio and visual communicationbetween persons at different places
business day	means any day except Saturday or Sunday or any other day thewhole or part of which is observed as a public holiday throughoutNew South Wales
chairperson	in relation to a meeting of the Council – means the person presiding at the meeting as provided by section 369 of the Act and clauses 6.1 and 6.2 of this code, and in relation to a meeting of a committee – means the person presiding at the meeting as provided by clause 20.11 of this code
this code	means the Council's adopted code of meeting practice
committee of the Council	means a committee established by the Council in accordance with clause 20.2 of this code (being a committee consisting onlyof Councillors) or the Council when it has resolved itself into committee of the whole under clause 12.1
Council official	has the same meaning it has in the Model Code of Conduct forLocal Councils in NSW
day	means calendar day
division	means a request by two Councillors under clause 11.7 of this code requiring the recording of the names of the Councillors whovoted both for and against a motion
foreshadowed amendment	means a proposed amendment foreshadowed by a Councillor under clause 10.18 of this code during debate on the firstamendment
foreshadowed motion	means a motion foreshadowed by a Councillor under clause 10.17 of this code during debate on an original motion
open voting	means voting on the voices or by a show of hands or by a visibleelectronic voting system or similar means
planning decision	means a decision made in the exercise of a function of a Council under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* including any decision relating to a development application, anenvironmental planning instrument, a development control plan or a development contribution plan under that Act, but not

including the making of an order under Division 9.3 of Part 9 of that Act

performance improvementorder	means an order issued under section 438A of the Act
quorum	means the minimum number of Councillors or committeemembers necessary to conduct a meeting
the Regulation	means the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
webcast	a video or audio broadcast of a meeting transmitted across theinternet either concurrently with the meeting or at a later time
year	means the period beginning 1 July and ending the following 30June

23 BREACHES OF THIS POLICY

Breaches of this policy may result in an investigation of the alleged breach in line with relevant Council policies including the Model Code of Conduct.

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

24 ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

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

25 VERSION CONTROL– Policy History

This policy will be reviewed within 12 months of the Council election (next election on 14/9/2024) as required by the Local Government Act 1993.

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Next Review Date	Within 12 months of the Council election (next election 14/9/2024)		

Amended By	Changes Made	Date
Governance and Risk	New policy	21 November 2017
Governance and Risk	Updated policy	26 March 2019
Governance and Risk	Updated policy	25 August 2020
Governance and Risk	Amended Clause 4.24	9 February 2021
Governance and Risk	Updated Policy	10 May 2022
Council	Amended public forum section	14 February 2023
Council	Amended Order of Business to include a Statement of Ethical Obligations	13 February 2024

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

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.**

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

Lobbying Policy

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Title	**Lobbying Policy**
Summary	The Lobbying Policy outlines requirements for Council to publish details of meetings between Councillors and registered lobbyists and/or property developers.
Document Type	Policy
Relevant Strategic Plan Objective	• Strategic Direction 5: Progressive responsive and effective civic leadership.
Legislative Reference	• *Local Government Act 1993* • *Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011* • *Electoral Funding Act 2018* • *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.*
Related Council Documents	• Model Code of Conduct (must be included)
Version Control	See last page

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1 Purpose

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

2 Scope

This policy applies to Councillors in relation to meetings:

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

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

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

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3 Definitions

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

Act	*Local Government Act 1993.*
conflict of interest	Includes either a: • Pecuniary conflict of interest. • Significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest. • Non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest, as defined in the Model Code of Conduct and described in the Conflict of Interest Policy.
Councillor	Inner West Council elected representative.
Council committee member	A person other than a Councillor or Council Officer who is a member of a Council committee other than a wholly advisory committee, and a person other than a Councillor who is a member of Council's audit, risk and improvement committee.

Council Officer	Inner West Council members of staff (including full-time, part-time, casual and contracted staff).
Council Official	Councillors, Council Officers, Council committee members and delegates of Council.
Executive Leadership Team	General Manager, Director Corporate, Director Infrastructure, Director Community, Director Planning, General Counsel.
Lobbying Record Form	**The template form at Appendix A.**
Lobbying Record Register	The publicly available register containing details provided via Lobbying Record Forms.
Meetings	A discussion which may be face to face, online or by telephone.
Property developer	a) An individual or a corporation that carries on a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit, as defined in section 53(1)(a)(i) of the *Electoral Funding Act 2018*. b) any other party proposing a development which would be subject of a decision by resolution of Council and/or the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel.

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Registered Lobbyist	A lobbyist who is required to register with the NSW Electoral Commission under section 9 of the *Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011.*

4 Statement

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

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

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

5 Policy Requirements

Records of Meetings

5.1 All Councillors must:

a) Keep a written record of any meeting held with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer, including the date of the meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and meeting attendees.
b) Keep a written record of any substantial or significant discussion held with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer, including the date of the discussion, the purpose of the discussion, and discussion participants.
c) 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.
d) Advise any Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer with whom they meet, or with whom they have a substantial or significant discussion, that their name and/or name of their organisation and the purpose of the meeting will be publicly disclosed on Council's website.
e) Complete a Lobbying Record Form in respect of any meeting with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer, or substantial or significant discussion held with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer where these occur outside a scheduled meeting, and submit it to the General Manager:
    I. Every three months; and
    II. Within two weeks of the end of the relevant three-month reporting period.

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f) Submit a "Nil" Lobbying Record Form if they have not held a meeting or substantial or significant discussion with a Registered Lobbyist or Property Developer within the relevant three-month reporting period.

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

5.3 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;
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.

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Lobbying Record Register

5.4 Council's General Manager will:

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

Training

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

6 Breaches of this Policy

6.1 Breaches of this policy may result in an investigation of the alleged breach in line with relevant Council policies including the Model Code of Conduct.

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

7 Administrative Changes

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

8 Version Control – Policy History

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

Governance use only:

Document	**Lobbying Policy**	***Uncontrolled Copy When Printed***	
Custodian	Senior Manager Governance and Risk	Version #	Version X
Adopted By	Council	ECM Document #	TBC
Next Review Date	TBC		

The below history of the document must be updated and must be accurate, all owners of Policies are to ensure that all previously adopted versions of the policy are included in the below table and that all previous versions have been appropriately removed from circulation to ensure staff are utilising the right document.

Amended by	**Changes made**	**Date Adopted**
Governance and Risk	New policy	TBC

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Appendix A – LOBBYING RECORD FORM

Councillor name: Period:

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

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

Date	Organisation/Individuals in attendance	Purpose of meeting

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

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

Councillor signature:

Date:

Item No: **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

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.**

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

INNER WEST COUNCIL

INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION TO MAYOR

On [DATE], the Inner West Council ("**Council**") resolved that:

1. All previous delegations of Functions the subject of this Instrument be revoked.

2. Delegates to the Mayor or any person acting in that role, in accordance with, and subject to, section 377 of LG Act, on an ongoing basis, the following functions:

    a) approve leave and expenses incurred by the General Manager in accordance with the contract of employment.

    b) 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.

    c) respond to media enquiries.

    d) authorise expenditure within the adopted budget for the Mayor to utilise on the Inner West Community, not exceeding $20,000 (inclusive of GST), and only with the concurrence of the General Manager for an amount over $10,000 (inclusive of GST).

    e) General authority of Council during a Recess Period

        I. Where there are grounds to support that a decision of the elected Council cannot be delayed during a Recess Period, to exercise the powers, authorities, duties, and functions of Council during the period:

            - commencing at midnight on the day of the Council meeting held immediately before a recess period as approved by Council; and
            - ending at the time of commencement of the first Committee meeting held immediately after the end of a recess period as approved by Council,

    provided:

        - reports being submitted in the same form to those normally submitted to Council to the Mayor and Councillors at least three business days prior to the Mayor exercising any powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council under this delegation; and
        - the Mayor does not receive written objections by three or more Councillors on an item stating relevant reasons as to why the Mayor should not exercise any powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council in relation to that item, under this delegation

- any powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council exercised by the Mayor pursuant to this delegation are to be reported to the next meeting of Council.

II. The general authority of Council during a recess period does not limit the Mayor's authority pursuant to section 226(d) of the LG Act to exercise in the cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of Council.

f) Excluding those functions:

I. that are expressly prohibited from delegation as listed under section 377 and 379 of the LG Act.

II. which are expressly required by legislation to be exercised by a resolution of Council.

III. that are delegated to the General Manager.

3. These delegations and authorities are subject to, and are to be exercised in accordance with:

a) the requirements of the relevant Legislation; and

b) any resolution or policy, procedure or budget adopted from time to time by the Council.

4. These delegations and authorities should be construed as:

a) operating in a manner which is valid and within the powers conferred on Council under the Act;

b) not limiting the Mayor's ability to carry out such other functions and exercise such other powers as the Council may determine from time to time or as may be functions of the Mayor under the LG Act.

5. These delegations and authorities are effective from the date of the Resolution of the Council and remain in force until amended or revoked by a resolution of the Council.

6. In this delegation:

- **'Functions'** means powers, authorities, duties and functions and anything ancillary or related to the exercise or performance thereof.
- **'Legislation'** means legislation enacted by the parliament of New South Wales and the parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, including an Act, regulation made under an Act, by-law, rule or ordinance.
- **'LG Act'** means the *Local Government Act 1993* as amended.

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Mayor¶

Date:·[DATE]·¶

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Item 21

Attachment 1

INNER WEST COUNCIL

INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION TO GENERAL MANAGER

On [DATE] the Inner West Council **("Council")** resolved that:

1. All previous delegations of Functions the subject of this Instrument be revoked.
2. Delegates to the General Manager or any person acting in that role, all functions that Council may lawfully delegate pursuant to section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("LG Act")"
   a) Subject to any conditions or limitations on a function specified in Schedule 1; and
   b) Excluding those functions:
      I. that are expressly prohibited from delegation as listed under section 377 of the LG Act;
      II. which are expressly required by legislation to be exercised by a resolution of Council.
3. The General Manager be delegated any function which is taken to be conferred to impose in Council pursuant to section 381(1) of the LG Act.
4. These delegations and authorities are subject to, and are to be exercised in accordance with:
   a) The requirements of the relevant legislation;
   b) Any conditions or limitations set out in Schedule 1; and
   c) any resolution or policy, procedure or budget adopted from time to time by Council.
5. In this delegation:
   - **"Functions"** means powers, authorities, duties and functions and anything ancillary or related to the exercise or performance thereof.
   - **"Legislation"** means legislation enacted by the parliament of New South Wales and the parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, including an Act, regulation made under an Act, by-law, rule or ordinance.
   - **"LG Act"** means the *Local Government Act 1993* as amended.

Schedule 1: Limitations

Part A - Limitations applicable to specific statutory Function (if any)

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	All functions delegated to the Inner West Local Planning Panel under the Local Planning Panels. Any direction made by the Minister from time to time.
Local Government Act 1993, s377(1)(i)	Authority to accept tenders, so long as the proposed contract is not for services currently provided by member of the staff of the Council. This function cannot be sub-delegated by the General Manager.

Part B - General Limitations

Adopt or amend Council Policy	A decision to make or amend Council policy. For clarity, a policy is a set of ideas (e.g., a stated position) or course of action that is used as the basis for making decisions to achieve the long-term strategic goals of the Council.
Asset Disposal	Authority to approve the disposal of assets up to the value of $100,000. Approval must not be given without consideration of a recommendation from the Director of the relevant business area. This authorisation does not apply to the disposal of real property, civil fixed assets, financial investments, and disposals addressed in the Disposals Policy, as amended from time to time.
Executing Council's Insurance Renewal	Authority to renew Council's annual insurance premiums after a resolution of Council determines the supplier and the term of the contract for Council's insurances. This delegation is to be an exemption to the $2 million (excluding GST)/$2.2 million (including GST) financial delegation to the General Manager.
Writing off Bad Debts	Authority to write off debts up to the value of $2,500 (including GST) without a resolution of Council in accordance with clause 213(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.*
Writing Off Rates and Charges	Authority to write off rates and charges up to the value of $2,500 without resolution of Council in accordance with clause 131(1) of the *Local Government (General)*

	Regulation 2021.

Schedule 2: Instruments of Delegation to Council

Delegator	Instrument Name	Date of Instrument
N/A	N/A	N/A

Schedule 3: Policy Authorities

Code	Policy Authority	Conditions/ Limitations (if any)
FIN011	To enter into a contract, agreement, memorandum of understanding etc. **("Contract")** up to $2 million (excluding GST)/$2.2 million (including GST) subject to the following:- 1. The commitment to expenditure under the Contract is covered by a budget adopted in the Operational Plan or by a resolution of Council; 2. The contract does not involve the disposal of a Council asset (excluding assets that have been identified for disposal as part of the Council approved capital works program); 3. Where the Contract involves the licensing, hiring, and leasing of Council property, it conforms to any applicable policies; 4. The Contract does not involve the purchase or sale of real property, or entering into a lease for a property not owned by Council; 5. Where the Contract involves a variation of the terms of another existing contract, the commitment to expenditure in the Contract as varied must conform with paragraph 1 above; 6. The Contract does not involve the provision of legal services; and 7. The Contract does not constitute a Planning Agreement under section 93F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.	

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Council at its meeting of [DATE].

Peter Gainsford

General Manager

Date: [DATE]

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

Minutes of Meeting 21 May 2025

Meeting commenced at 2:30pm

Prior to the meeting the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC or Committee) met in-camera online.

PRESENT

Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members	
Independent Member - Chair	Ilona Meyer
Independent Member	Belinda Lawn
Independent Member	Chris Davies
Councillor	Clr Philippa Scott
Independent Member	Vacant
Other attendees	
General Manager	Peter Gainsford
Director Community	Ruth Callaghan
Director Property and Capital Projects	Ryann Midei
Director Planning	Simone Plummer
Acting Director Corporate	Darren Morris
General Counsel	Matthew Pearce
Acting Chief Financial Officer	Sajjad Ali
Manager Financial Partnering and Analysis	Manoj Singh
Acting Senior Manager Transformation	Deepa Desikan
Manager Service Improvement	Fran Simpson
Manager Customer Experience and Innovation	Michael Spikmans
Corporate Strategy and Engagement Manager	Prue Foreman
Acting Chief Information Officer	Steven Thompson
Senior Manager Capital Works	Stuart Hull
Manager Strategic Investments and Property	Scott Mullen
Acting Senior Manager People and Culture	Joan Murphy
Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk	Julian Sakarai
Risk WHS and Audit Manager	Justin Lucas
Risk Management and Audit Officer (Minute taker)	Ngaire Meekan
Audit Leader for IWC, NSW Audit Office	Chariee Bultitude
Director, Financial Audit, NSW Audit Office	Manuel Moncada
Internal Ombudsman	Elizabeth Renneberg
KPMG - Lead – Internal Audit Partner	Aisling Kilgannon
KPMG - Manager	Adriana Marques
KPMG – Partner F&C Subject Matter Expert	Karl Fredriksen

KPMG – Director Data Subject Matter Expert	Troy Hutson

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting took place and paid her respects to elders past, present and emerging.

The Chair, Ilona Meyer, welcomed Committee members and attendees to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies from Manod Wickramasinghe – Acting Director Engineering, Chris Sleiman – Chief Financial Officer, Patricia Clive Governance Manager, and Matthew Pearce – General Counsel.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

The Chair confirmed that all members had returned their Declarations of Interest. The Committee Members confirmed there were no changes to their disclosures of interests.

Mr Davies declared he is a member of the Fair Work Commission (the Commission) Audit Committee and a conflict may arise should Council be subject to any matters before the Commission. Any potential conflict of interest will be treated on a case by case basis. He is a member of the Willoughby City Council ARIC and is working solely on the Sydney Metro West project, contracted by Turner and Townsend. Turner and Townsend provide Council with Assurance Services on the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre. He is not involved in providing these assurance services and has no knowledge of that work performed by Turner and Townsend. He will remain in the discussion during the meeting as there are no conflicts. For the avoidance of doubt, Mr Davies will declare any actual or perceived conflicts every time such may arise consistent with his obligations under the ARIC Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

All members confirmed they had no conflicts of interest in relation to any matter before the ARIC.

Items noted to be Taken as Read (with further questions either offline or during the meeting):

Item 1	ARIC Recommendations and ARIC Annual Workplan for 2024-25 and 2025-26
Item 6	Governance, Risk, Compliance and Audit (GRCA) Quarterly Report Q3 FY2025
Item 10	Semi Annual Service Reviews Update
Item 11	Semi-Annual Customer Service Report
Item 13	Integrated Planning and Reporting update
Item 17	Planning for Financial Statements for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2025
Item 18	Quarterly Investment Properties Update
Item 19	ARIC Annual Assessment for 2024/2025

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on Wednesday, 5 March 2025 be confirmed.

It was noted these were approved out of session by members and adopted by Council on 29 April 2025.

It was noted that actions from the prior meeting were fulfilled out of session, being:

- consultation on and development of the financial year (FY) 2026 internal audit forward plan including meetings between the ARIC Independent Members and the outsourced internal audit provider;
- feedback on the ARIC self-assessment questionnaire; and
- responses to Member questions on the internal audit forward plan.

RIS0525 Item 1 ARIC RECOMMENDATIONS and ARIC Annual Workplan for 2024-25 and 2025-26

The report was taken as read.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 2 General Manager Verbal Update

DISCUSSION

The General Manager provided an update on the organisational restructure, highlighting the positive impact of the new structure on key projects and community engagement. The General Manager explained the restructure enables the Director of Planning to focus on the significant work underway in the Planning Directorate, including the launch of Council's Fairer Future Plan, which concentrates new homes around town centres and transport hubs while preserving the area's unique character. The General Manager explained the plan aims to deliver 35,000 new homes within the Inner West Local Government Area over the next fifteen years, and that subject to Council endorsement, the exhibition process will soon commence.

The General Manager discussed other implications of the restructure, and noted the Community Directorate is now the largest in terms of staffing, covering early learning, aquatics, and libraries. He advised the Committee that the restructure will provide additional leadership opportunities and further drive Council's focus on service delivery. He further noted that the creation of the Engineering Directorate will focus on service delivery for the outdoor workforce and improvements to support and drive continuous improvement in work health and safety.

The General Manager then provided an overview of progress of major projects, including the final plan for stage two of Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC), concept plans for Leichhardt Oval, the opening of Camdenville Oval, and the launch of new project management software which will help drive continuous improvement through reporting consistency and supporting project delivery.

The General Manager discussed the budget, noting that Council has a small surplus. He also discussed the Service Excellence continuous improvement program, and the establishment of an internal committee to lead Council's initiatives to apply the Australian Business Excellence Framework to guide and measure progress.

Finally, the General Manager discussed People and Culture and Information and

Communications Technology (ICT) resourcing and work programs and the interrelationships between these functions. He noted that there are significant future planning activities underway, including the development of the workforce management strategy, digital strategy and information governance framework, which will complement Council's focus on cyber resilience and ICT governance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the verbal update.

Moved: Chris Davies
Seconded: Belinda Lawn
Carried

RIS0525 Item 3 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service Update

DISCUSSION

The Internal Ombudsman provided a summary of the report, highlighting the excellent working relationship with Council and the steady utilisation of services. She also mentioned the training provided by the service and the drop in complaints about waste services.

The Internal Ombudsman noted the Quarterly Report includes an overview of ongoing working relationships with all levels of Council, service utilisation by community and Council staff over last 12 months (Inner West slight increase to 34%) and training undertaken by the IOSS for Council which included code of conduct, public interest disclosure awareness and induction of new staff. The Ombudsman noted ongoing collaboration with Council's fraud and corruption control specialists.

The Committee noted trends regarding complaints, the range of Ombudsman services, and status of ongoing investigations. The Committee discussed investigations and trends arising.

RECOMMENDATION
That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 4 KPMG - Internal Audit Status Update

DISCUSSION

The Internal Audit Service Partner presented the internal audit plan for the next financial year, which was discussed with directors and management. The plan was prepared with input from Governance and Risk and the IWC Executive and finalised with the ARIC.

The Committee discussed the three internal audit reports tabled to the Committee: Payroll, Fraud and Corruption Control (Part IIB) and the Data Management Health Check.

The Payroll audit focused on payroll processes, controls, and data analytics and made improvement recommendations..

The Fraud and Corruption Control report examined potential conflicts of interest and secondary employment and made recommendations.

The Data Management Health Check focused on customer service data and made improvement recommendations.
The Committee discussed Council's implementation plans in relation to the recommendations arising from each audit report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

1. **Receive and note the report and**

2. **Adopt the draft FY2026 internal audit forward plan.**

Moved: Chris Davies
Seconded: Belinda Lawn
Carried

RIS0525 Item 5 Audit Office of NSW Verbal Update

DISCUSSION

The Director Financial Audit AONSW provided an overview of the Auditor General's report on local government, highlighting the financial sustainability challenges and internal control deficiencies across the sector. A copy of this report was provided to the Committee and loaded to the HUB. The Director confirmed that Inner West Council's financial statements and audit was submitted on time and Council received an unqualified audit opinion.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the verbal update.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 6 Governance, Risk, Compliance and Audit (GRCA) Quarterly Report Q3 FY2025

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read.

The Committee discussed delivery of mandatory training and challenges delivering it to casuals and labour hire workers. The Committee inquired in relation to processes at Council to embed policies and procedures following their adoption. The Committee discussed the status of Pecuniary Interest Returns and relevant registers to track and manage a number of governance matters.

The Committee discussed the reporting rhythms for strategic and service area risks, audit actions completion reporting, the ARIC Strategic Work Plan and evidentiary requirements to make the General Managers annual attestation in relation to risk management and internal audit.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.**

2. **That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee note the following attachments:**
   - **(OLG Guidelines) the completion tracker against the General Manager's attestation requirements in relation to risk management and internal audit requirements in the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.**
   - **(Risk) Strategic Risk Register, the Directorate (Service Area) Operational Risk Registers, and the Preliminary Fraud and Corruption Control Risk Register.**
   - **(Internal Audit) the closed (completed) audit actions.**
   - **(BCP/IM) a summary of the rationale for areas judged critical under the BCP.**

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 7 WHS and Wellbeing Quarterly Report Q3 FY2025

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read. The Risk, WHS and Audit Manager provided an update on WHS matters arising since the date of the report.

The Committee discussed a notifiable incident at the Leichhardt Waste Transfer Station, actions undertaken to prevent its recurrence and improve worker safety including progress refreshing Council's suite of Safe Work Method Statements and like documents governing worker's safe delivery of functions. The Committee discussed the transition to a new safety incident management system.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.**

Moved: Chris Davies
Seconded: Belinda Lawn
Carried

RIS0525 Item 8 People and Culture - Quarter 3, FY2025

DISCUSSION

The Acting Senior Manager People and Culture discussed various initiatives including the authentic leader programme, organisational structural changes and the development of dashboards for key people indicators.

The Committee discussed the draft Workforce Management Strategy and action plans in relation to the People and Culture audit, including the feasibility of delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 9 People and Culture Audit Action Plan

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the action plans in relation to the People and Culture audit, including the feasibility of delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Chris Davies
Seconded: Belinda Lawn
Carried

RIS0525 Item 10 Semi Annual Service Reviews Update

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read.

The Committee discussed how Service Reviews relate to other continuous improvement and control assessment activities of Council including internal audits. The Committee discussed how the program of service reviews is developed and how actions arising from the Service Reviews are monitored and completion confirmed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 11 Semi-Annual Customer Service Report

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 12 Semi-Annual ICT Report

DISCUSSION

The Acting CIO provided an update on ICT initiatives, including the development of a digital strategy, cybersecurity improvements and enterprise architecture strategies.

The Committee discussed the safe and ethical use of AI, data loss prevention tools and a recent cyber security self-assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 13 Integrated Planning and Reporting update

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Chris Davies
Seconded: Belinda Lawn
Carried

RIS0525 Item 14 Quarterly Major Projects Report

DISCUSSION

The Director Infrastructure discussed major projects funding and contingency management in relation to specific projects, including the LPAC upgrade and Leichhardt Oval.

The Committee discussed the project reporting framework, reporting initiatives and the project management software implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 15 Investment Report as at April 2025

DISCUSSION

The Acting CFO provided an update on the investment portfolio, highlighting the returns and the Council's commitments to non-fossil fuel investments.

The Committee considered the reinvestment of term deposits and Council's aims and strategy given economic and investment indicators. The Committee discussed permissible investments given Council's ethical requirements and how this is managed with the Council and in consultation with the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 16 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (Q3 to March 2025) and 2025/26 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan and Budget

DISCUSSION

The Manager Financial Partnering and Analysis presented the quarterly budget review statement. Council's deficit remains as per the previous quarter. Key financial ratios remain constant. Council is undertaking analysis to realign capital works to future years.

The Committee discussed matters relevant to Council's confidence in the receipt of grants, the maintenance of the budget considering forward capital commitments and Council's measures to manage impacts such as potential project cost inflationary pressures.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Chris Davies
Seconded: Belinda Lawn
Carried

RIS0525 Item 17 Planning for Financial Statements for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2025

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read. The Committee, Council and members of the NSW Audit Office considered and discussed the plan and its resourcing.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn

Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 18 Quarterly Investment Properties Update

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read.

RECOMMENDATION

That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: Belinda Lawn
Seconded: Chris Davies
Carried

RIS0525 Item 19 ARIC Annual Assessment for 2024/2025

DISCUSSION

The report was taken as read. The ARIC noted the timing of the survey and that new members have six months experience considering the ARIC in operation and on that basis will complete the survey. Former members' input will be sought for the first six months of the ARIC's operations within the financial year period of the survey.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee members adopt the attached survey, which is to be issued to present and past ARIC members and attendees, requesting the survey be undertaken by the end of financial year 2024-25.**

2. **That ARIC recommend a report on the survey be made to the 27 August 2025 ARIC meeting.**

Moved: Chris Davies
Seconded: Belinda Lawn
Carried

General Business

Committee members undertook to send offline further questions for response by Council prior to the next meeting to the Risk, WHS and Audit Manager.

The draft Minutes of the meeting will be circulated out of session to members for approval.

Meeting closed at **4.30 pm**.

CHAIRPERSON

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.

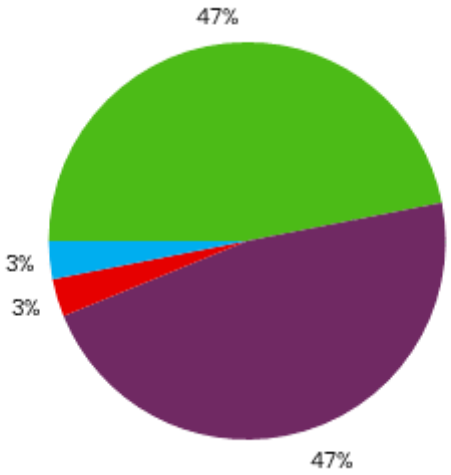
DISCUSSION

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'



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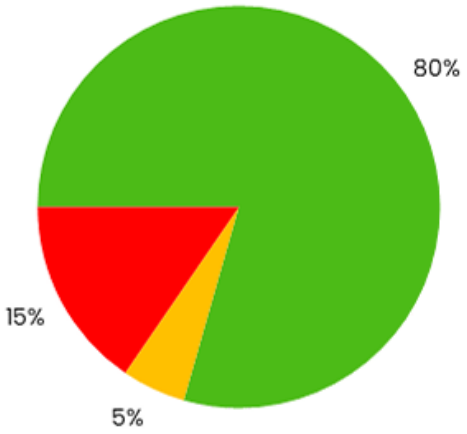

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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.⇩ Quarter 4 progress report 2024/25

Operational Plan Quarterly Report
April – June 2025

INNER WEST

Introduction

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

It has three sections:

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

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

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

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

Message from the General Manager

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Peter Gainsford - General Manager

Executive Summary

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

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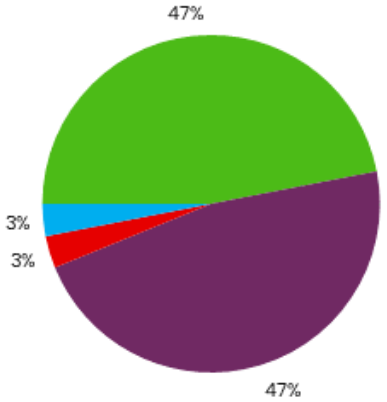

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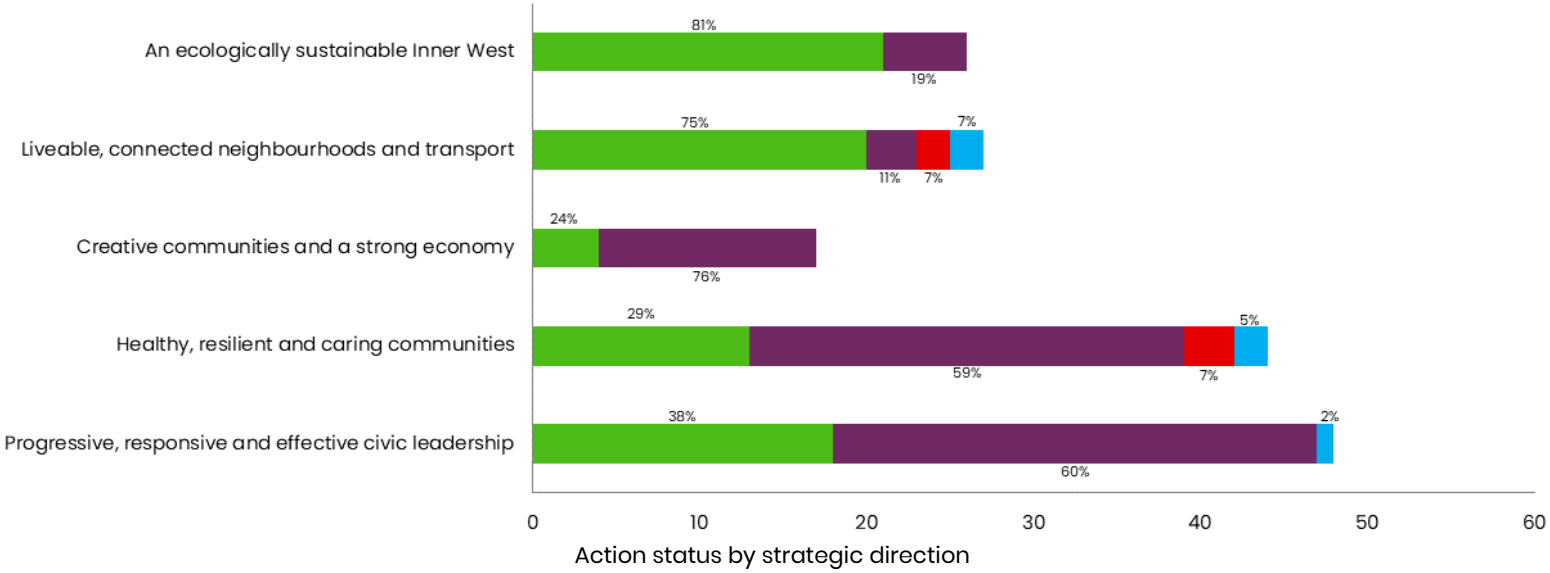

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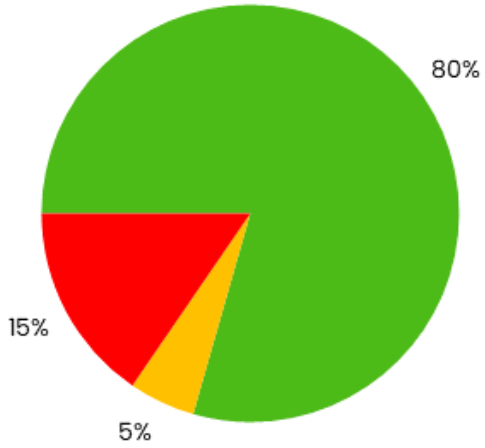

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Strategic Direction 1 - An ecologically sustainable Inner West

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.1.1.1	Promote and deliver Council's sustainability program and the Inner West Sustainability Hub	Urban Sustainability	The Green Living Centre continues its partnership with The Bower to run regular bike workshops at the Sustainability Hub. There were 8 additional engagement events held at the Hub in Quarter 3, including clothes swap and repairs sessions, organic gardening workshops, and energy efficiency consultations. Council provided thermal imaging cameras to 10 households to help identify ways to save energy. Five households borrowed portable induction cooktops to try out energy-efficient cooking.	●
1.1.1.2	Deliver Community Environment Grants	Urban Sustainability	Applications for Council's Community Environment Grants and Circular Economy Grants closed on 6 June 2025. Staff are currently reviewing the applications. A report with recommended grant recipients will be presented to Council at the August 2025 meeting.	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.1.1.3	Inform residents about threatened and unique species of flora and fauna in our local parks and wild places	Park Planning and Ecology	All Natural Areas signage was completed in 2025. Increased Ecology engagements at Council's Sustainability Hub are being developed including opportunities for citizen science, schools and volunteer groups will commence in 2025-26 financial year.	●
1.1.1.4	Deliver the pilot low income household energy efficiency program	Urban Sustainability	Council has completed its pilot project with the Women's Housing Company. The pilot focused on supporting energy efficiency upgrades for low-income tenants and the insights gained will help to shape a new energy efficiency engagement program for low-income households across the Inner West.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.1.1a	Number of people attending sustainability engagements and education sessions	Urban Sustainability	> 700	**744**	**521**	**196**	**406**	1,867 ⊘
1.1.1b	Total subscriptions for environment and sustainability social media and What's On e-news	Urban Sustainability	> 6,000	**12,811**	**13,025**	**13,255**	**13,442**	13,442 ⊘

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.1.1	Continue the public tree planting program	Urban Forest	Tree planting is completed, with a total of 1,042 trees planted this year and 26 of these were advanced trees in parks.	★
1.2.1.2	Deliver the Urban Forest Policy and Strategy	Urban Forest	Urban Forest Policy is adopted, and work has commenced on strategic action plan documents and initiatives.	●
1.2.1.3	Prepare operational plans for public tree management	Urban Forest	Service Plan Review is in final draft. Operational plans are planned to be finalised post Service Plan Review.	●
1.2.1.4	Provide private tree assessments	Regulatory Services	Tree permit assessments and referrals were actioned with 70% of permits assessed with 28 days and 29% of referrals undertaken in 21 days during this quarter.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.2.1a	Number of trees planted	Urban Forest	> 1,000	**0**	**50**	**644**	**1,042**	1,736
1.2.1b	Percentage of tree permit applications completed for tree pruning or removal on private land assessed within 28 days	Regulatory Services	> 80	**55**	**90**	**44**	**70**	64.75
1.2.1c	Percentage of development applications involving tree works provided within 21 days	Regulatory Services	> 70	**41**	**99.19**	**32**	**29**	50.30

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.2.1	Supply local plants for Council's natural areas including priority sites along the GreenWay	Park Planning and Ecology	Council's two native plant nurseries continue to supply plants for Natural Areas and will provide plants for existing GreenWay sites, as well as for new sites when the project is complete.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.2.2	Supply local plants to Inner West residents	Park Planning and Ecology	Council's two native plant nurseries continue to supply plants to Inner West residents for: • National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day • Various Council and volunteer events • Citizenship plants and retailing • Council's education and school incursion programs	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.2.2a	Number of bushcare volunteer hours	Park Planning and Ecology	> 200	**499.50**	**944**	**539.20**	**873**	2,855.70 ⊘
1.2.2b	Number of nursery volunteer hours	Park Planning and Ecology	> 100	**348.25**	**322.25**	**248**	**311**	1,229.50 ⊘
1.2.2c	Number of plants supplied from Council's nurseries	Park Planning and Ecology	> 2,500	**4,004**	**672**	**1,271**	**2,901**	8,848 ⊘
1.2.2d	Number of bush care volunteer attendances per year	Park Planning and Ecology	> 800*	**229**	**321**	**175**	**262**	987 ⊘

- *The target, previously incorrectly reported as 1400, has been revised to 800 per year.*

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.2.3.1	Finalise the Biodiversity Strategy	Park Planning and Ecology	Council adopted the Inner West Biodiversity Strategy in December 2024. A set of priority actions have been adopted for the Ecology team to commence in the short term.	★

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.2.3a	Number of citizen science survey events facilitated by Council	Park Planning and Ecology	> 6	**5**	**7**	**6**	**13**	31 ✓
1.2.3b	Number of Council led or commissioned fauna surveys	Park Planning and Ecology	> 6	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**	8 ✓

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.3.1.1	Undertake community consultation and continue catchment planning	Park Planning and Ecology	Council continues to participate in water quality campaigns on the Cooks and Parramatta Rivers. Council hosts the Parramatta River Catchment Group and participates in the Cooks River Coastal Management Program (CMP). The Gumbramorra Swamp re-creation project in Marrickville has commenced.	●
1.3.1.2	Deliver 'WSUD' and rainwater conservation programs	Park Planning and Ecology	Council continues to participate in the Parramatta River Catchment Group bank naturalisation and WSUD (Water Sensitive Urban Design) compliance programs, as well as the Cooks River Catchment Management Plan program. An opportunity to secure substantial funding for the restoration of the freshwater "Hercules Creek" adjacent to the GreenWay is being pursued.	●

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Strategy 1.3.2 Capture and use water from Inner West catchments

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.3.2.1	Deliver rainwater tank workshop and rebate program	Park Planning and Ecology	Rainwater tank workshops continue to be held at Council's Sustainability Hub with an increased uptake in participation and positive feedback from residents.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.3.2a	Number of rainwater tank workshops held	Park Planning and Ecology	> 4	0	0	0	4	4 ⊘

Strategy 1.3.3 Identify and plan for river swimming sites

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.3.3.1	Progress Callan Point swim site project	Park Planning and Ecology	A Development Application (DA) was lodged on 25 June 2025. Land Owners Consent for DA and S60 from Transport for NSW (TFNSW) and Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) has been received.	●
1.3.3.2	Focus on education and contamination management to maximise recycling	Resource Recovery Planning	The Bin tagging program and EPA best practice case study for Inner West area was completed.	★

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

Strategy 1.4.1 Improve air quality through effective regulation and education

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.4.1.1	Conduct investigations on actual or potential pollution incidents to protect the environment and public health	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	Investigations are undertaken as an ongoing activity.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.4.1a	Percentage of actual or potential reported pollution incidents investigated and resolved	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	100	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	100 ⊘

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.4.2.1	Implement the Electric Vehicle Encouragement Plan	Traffic and Transport Planning	Council adopted the Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy in May 2023 and the implementation of actions is ongoing. Council was successful in obtaining grants for 136 charging ports. Implementation is ongoing with over 170 chargers installed including public ports on private property. Two charging providers have been appointed to install public charging in 12 Council car parks with applications now lodged for State Government grants.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.4.2a	Number of electric vehicles charging units in the LGA	Traffic and Transport Planning	> 12	**0**	**0**	**0**	**170**	170 ⊘

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.5.1.1	Implement the Sustainable Fleet Transition Plan	Fleet	Council's pooled car fleet is now 100% electric vehicles (EV). The Executive will consider the list of EV lease backs. Operational plant and equipment continue to be investigated for "Fit for Purpose" suitable EV replacements.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.5.1a	Solar capacity on Council Buildings (kW)	Fleet	> 788	**0**	**0**	**0**	**824**	824 ✓
1.5.1b	Tonnes of carbon emissions generated by Inner West Council	Fleet	< 10,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5,962**	5,962 ✓
1.5.1c	Total LGA solar capacity (kW)	Fleet	> 44,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**44,630**	44,630 ✓
1.5.1d	Percentage of Fossil Fuel Divestment by Inner West Council	Fleet	100	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100 ✓
1.5.1e	Percentage of Council's operational electricity from renewable sources	Fleet	100	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100 ✓

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.5.2.1	Adopt and implement the Climate Adaptation Plan	Urban Sustainability	The Climate Adaptation Plan is being drafted with community consultation scheduled for 2025-26. Sustainability staff have been working closely with Council's Geographic Information System (GIS) team to ensure that Council's data about hazards and risks across the LGA is current and relevant.	●
1.5.2.2	Commence review of the Climate and Renewables Strategy	Urban Sustainability	Preliminary work on this Strategy has commenced, including draft objectives and actions for our community to review when the consultation period begins in 2025-26. It may be possible to combine elements of this project with the Climate Adaptation Strategy during 2025.	●

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.6.1.2	Commence the grant-funded litter reduction initiative in collaboration with other areas of Council and community groups	Resource Recovery Planning	Council has developed the "Inner West Litter Less" road map. It includes a regular meeting schedule with stakeholders from across Council, the community, and state agencies.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.6.1a	Reduce waste landfilled per capita (kg) per year	Resource Recovery Planning	< 202.60	0	0	0	86	86 ⊘

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.6.2.1	Identify and implement two new reverse vending machines for return and earn (10c refund on eligible containers)	Resource Recovery Planning	Staff continue to investigate sites throughout the LGA - previous sites have proven difficult to achieve due to their proximity to residential land or other constraints.	●
1.6.2.2	Co-ordinate and deliver domestic and commercial waste services	Resource Recovery Operations	Council continues to deliver waste, Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO), recycling and clean up services.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.6.2a	Percentage of household items reused and recycled (Recovery rate) per year. 22/23 Baseline= 76%	Resource Recovery Operations	> 50	**0**	**0**	**0**	**75**	75
1.6.2b	Number of booked clean ups through the Optimo booking system (Baseline 2022/23 =72,449)	Resource Recovery Operations	< 79,694	**15,842**	**16,447**	**16,805**	**13,124**	62,218
1.6.2c	Number of illegal dumping incidents reported (Baseline 2022/23 = 12,269 incidents)	Resource Recovery Operations	< 12,882	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,811**	3,811
1.6.2d	Material received at the Community Recycling Centres and Household Chemical Collection Events (Baseline 2022/23 = 185 tonnes)	Resource Recovery Operations	< 197.25	**34.19**	**45.79**	**36.50**	**29.08**	145.56
1.6.2e	Percentage increase of recycling of televisions and computers per year (Baseline 2022/23 = 83.78 kilograms)	Resource Recovery Operations	< 88.81	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30.03**	30.03

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.6.2f	Number of missed bins per year (Baseline 2022/23 = 15,065)	Resource Recovery Operations	< 15,065	**4,895**	**5,566**	**6,723**	**6,826**	24,010 ⊗

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
1.6.3.1	Plan Council's waste and organics collection services	Resource Recovery Planning	FOGO rollout and recycling alignment has been completed in the past 24 months with ongoing community engagement continuing to ensure program success.	★
1.6.3.2	Embed Council's food recycling service (FOGO) to increase participation and recovery	Resource Recovery Planning	Waste Busters continue face to face engagement to support residential households, schools, and other FOGO stakeholders to embed the service and yield maximum recovery. The Resource Recovery Planning team continues to collect and review data around contamination patterns and respond, as well as opportunities for local FOGO compost reuse.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.6.3a	Increase food and garden organics recovery (target 5% increase in organics tonnes from 2022/23)	Resource Recovery Planning	> 7,244	**0**	**0**	**0**	**15,660**	15,660
1.6.3b	Kilograms of organic material (food and garden) collected for recycling per resident per year (target 5% increase from 2022/23 baseline of 37.7kg)	Resource Recovery Planning	> 40.20	**0**	**0**	**0**	**82**	82
1.6.3c	Reduce the percentage of residential food and garden organic matter collected in red-lid bins	Resource Recovery Operations	< 29	**0**	**0**	**0**	**29**	29

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Strategic Direction 2 - Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.1.1.1	Review LEP stage 2 consolidation	Strategic Planning	The Local Environmental Plan Stage 2 consolidation work has been incorporated into the Fairer Future Plan which relates to the LGA alternate approach to the NSW Government's Housing reforms.	
2.1.1.2	Create a staged approach to implement the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy	Strategic Planning	Stage 1 is with the NSW Department of Planning for finalisation. Stage 2 relates to the corridor from Elswick Street Leichhardt to Johnston Street Annandale and is part of the Fairer Future plan undertaken by Council.	
2.1.1.3	Review and update the Local Strategic Planning Statement	Strategic Planning	This is awaiting advice from the NSW Government on updated guidelines for the preparation of a new Local Strategic Planning Statement.	

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.1.1.4	Progress the Tech Central Precinct in Camperdown and strategic partnership with Investment NSW and others	Strategic Planning	Council will continue to work with the NSW Government to prepare a masterplan vision for the Camperdown precinct.	●

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.1.2.1	Investigate complaints in relation to breaches of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	All complaints are investigated in accordance with service levels	●
2.1.2.2	Investigate class 1b-9c premises in relation to fire safety and act as required to safeguard lives and property	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	All fire safety complaints are investigated during the year.	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.1.2.3	Proactively inspect and regulate places of shared accommodation such as boarding houses for breaches of legislation and act as required to safeguard the health and amenity of residents	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	A total of 315 boarding houses inspected during the year.	●
2.1.2.4	Continue to provide Principal Certifier Authority (PCA) services	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	A total of 141 Planning Agreements (PCAs) were entered into during the year.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.1.2a	Percentage of Principal Certifier Authority (PCA) mandatory building inspections undertaken within 24 hours	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	100	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100
2.1.2b	Percentage of building certification referrals for internal stakeholders undertaken within 21 days per year	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	> 75	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100
2.1.2c	Number of post-consent and other applications determined per year	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	< 530	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100
2.1.2d	Percentage of unauthorised building works incidents investigated within 10 days per year	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	> 80	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100
2.1.2e	Percentage of regulated premises inspected (e.g food premises and skin penetration premises) per year	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	> 95	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.1.2f	Percentage of inspections of high risk shared accommodation places program undertaken annually	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	> 95	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100
2.1.2g	Percentage of Outstanding Notice and Orders, and Certificates issued within 3 days per year	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	> 95	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.3.1.1	Continue developing public domain master plans as per agreed program	Strategic Planning	Preparation has been made for Marrickville, Newtown and Dulwich Hill masterplans, and these will be finalised in the next financial year.	●
2.3.1.2	Undertake regular inspections of town centres and respond to maintenance needs	Civil Maintenance	All town centres were regularly inspected throughout the financial year, and operations has responded to maintenance needs.	★
2.3.1.3	Deliver the Main Streets Strategy	Strategic Planning	In April 2024, Council endorsed seven projects under Main Streets Revitalisation with more than 30 sub-projects making up the overall Main Streets Strategy. An Outdoor Dining Policy is also in development in conjunction with the Local Approvals Policy.	●
2.3.1.4	Deliver the Public Toilet Strategy	Capital Works	Construction projects scheduled for the 2024-25 financial year have commenced and been completed. Design work continues on projects planned for construction in the 2025-26 financial year. Johnson Park toilet refurbishment co-ordinated with GreenWay project Johnson Park upgrade.	●
2.3.1.5	Undertake outdoor dining approvals	Regulatory Services	Council issued 109 new outdoor dining approvals during the year.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.3.1a	Percentage of expenditure of town centre upgrade budget	Capital Works	> 100	3	5	8	24	40 ⊗
2.3.1b	Average number of days to complete a 40-day Street sweeping cycle	Civil Maintenance	< 40	40	40	40	40	40 ✓
2.3.1c	Average number of working days to complete verge maintenance (mowing) from October to March	Civil Maintenance	< 20	0	23	26	0	12.25 ✓
2.3.1d	Average number of working days to complete verge maintenance (mowing) from April to September	Civil Maintenance	< 40	40	23	0	40	25.75 ✓
2.3.1e	Average number of days to complete high-pressure cleaning of each shopping centre every three months	Civil Maintenance	< 60	60	60	60	60	60 ✓
2.3.1f	The number of Gross Pollutant Trap /Nets cleaned	Civil Maintenance	> 37	37	37	37	37	37 ✓
2.3.1g	The number of Pits cleaned	Civil Maintenance	> 194	242	255	251	233	245.25 ✓
2.3.1h	Percentage of potholes repaired within 48 hours (Note -weather dependent)	Civil Maintenance	> 80	90	90	70	70	80 ✓

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.3.1i	Percentage of annual audit of outdoor dining approvals for compliance with consent conditions	Regulatory Services	> 90	0	0	0	100	100

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.3.2.1	Integrate with the NSW planning portal	Development Assessment	The full integration with the NSW Planning Portal is on hold awaiting configuration changes from the Department	

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.3.2a	Median determination timeframes for Development Applications (days)	Development Assessment	< 85	**62**	**70**	**84**	**62**	62
2.3.2b	Median completion time of applications for pre-lodgement advice (days)	Development Assessment	< 10	**7**	**8**	**10**	**11**	11
2.3.2c	Percentage of site visits undertaken within 28 days of the application being accepted	Development Assessment	> 75	**70**	**59**	**76**	**64**	67.25
2.3.2d	Percentage of development applications from NSW Planning Portal to Council's planning system within 10 days	Development Assessment	100	**100**	**61**	**56**	**52**	52
2.3.2e	Percentage of neighbour notifications posted within 7 days following payment of all fees	Development Assessment	100	**90**	**78**	**45**	**72**	71.25
2.3.2f	Percentage of internal referrals obtained within 14 days	Development Assessment	> 80	**46**	**49**	**46**	**44**	46.25

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

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

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

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.4.1a	Percentage of Voluntary Planning Agreements that are compliant with Council policy	Properties and Strategic Investments	100	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100 ⊘

Strategy 2.4.3 Assist people who are homeless or sleeping rough

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.4.3.1	Review the Inner West Homelessness Protocol and Policy	Community Wellbeing	The review is underway and focusing on operational protocol and local partnerships with specific homelessness non-government agencies.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.4.3a	Percentage of people sleeping rough reported to Council that are referred to homeless service providers	Community Wellbeing	100	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	100

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

Strategy 2.5.1 Improve public transport services

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

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.5.1a	Percentage of mode shift towards public transport	Traffic and Transport Planning	> 20	0	0	0	9	9 ⊗

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.6.1.1	Implement Council's Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan	Traffic and Transport Planning	Council is implementing a number of cycling projects: Pyrmont Bridge Road cycleway, Cooks to Cove GreenWay (construction), St Peters to Sydenham station link, Lilyfield Road cycleway (design), Marrickville Road East cycleway (design), East-West Pedestrian and Cycle link {EWPCL} (design), Livingstone Road upgrades (construction), Strategic investigation of cycling routes in Ashfield-Haberfield (report), Active Travel to Schools Study (report) and Iron Cove Creek Cycleway (masterplan complete with design scheduled). A study is also underway for Potential Routes for Inclusion in Future Cycling Action Plans.	●
2.6.1.2	Support safe walking around local schools	Traffic and Transport Planning	Council staff continue to support safe walking around schools through the development and implementation of strategies including the completed Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and ongoing series of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) studies. Council is also undertaking the Active Travel to Schools study which is in the process of being completed.	●
2.6.1.3	Deliver the GreenWay project	Capital Works	Construction is on track for completion in Spring 2025.	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.6.1.4	Deliver Urban Amenity Improvement Plan (Pyrmont Bridge Road Cycleway)	Capital Works	Delivery arrangements for project under review between Inner West Council and TfNSW.	◆
2.6.1.5	Deliver Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)	Capital Works	All PAMP projects for the 2024–25 financial year are now complete.	●

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD	
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
2.6.1b	Number of footpath requests per year per 100 km of sealed footpaths	Engineering Services	< 210	**0**	**0**	**0**	**231**	231	◎
2.6.1c	Number of local road requests (potholes and road surface inquiries) per 100 km of sealed roads (baseline 21/22= 292)	Engineering Services	< 292	**0**	**0**	**0**	**423**	423	⊗

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
2.6.2.1	Upgrade Council's parking permit management system	Traffic and Transport Planning	The upgrade of Council's parking meters to digital meters is completed, along with the provision of a pay parking app. The upgrade of the parking permit management system is under preliminary investigation and trial.	●
2.6.2.2	Prepare Council's Parking Strategy	Traffic and Transport Planning	An initial draft of Council's parking strategy is complete with a draft strategy expected to be provided to Council in the second half of 2025. The parking permit scheme review is complete.	●
2.6.2.3	Deliver Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) program	Capital Works	Planned projects completed, with two pedestrian crossings rescheduled to 2025-26 due to authority approvals times.	★
2.6.2.4	Undertake parking and ranger patrols	Regulatory Services	The Ranger and Parking services team has undertaken 1003 patrols of Residential Parking Scheme areas and have conducted 283 school patrols within the period.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.6.2a	Number of patrols of restricted parking areas per year	Regulatory Services	> 3,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5,560**	5,560
2.6.2b	Number of safety patrols of school zones during term per year	Regulatory Services	> 600	**0**	**0**	**0**	**784**	784
2.6.2c	Percentage of LATM program budget delivered	Capital Works	> 100	**6**	**13**	**22**	**67**	108
2.6.2d	Percentage of responses to customer requests regarding dangerous or illegal parking (within 3 hours)	Regulatory Services	> 80	**0**	**0**	**0**	**91**	91

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Strategy 2.6.3 Collaborate on innovative, accessible transport options

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

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Strategic Direction 3 - Creative communities and a strong economy

Outcome 3.1 Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.1.1.1	Implement the Arts and Music Recovery Plan	Living Arts	The Recovery Plan has been implemented, with several related projects now underway. In June, the Creative Toolbox was delivered - a three-day symposium designed to support creatives in their career development. This major initiative involved collaboration with numerous partners and stakeholders from the creative sector. A streamlined web interface and application process has been developed, aligned with Permit, and Plug and Play event sites, to assist event organisers in delivering events across the Inner West.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.1.1.2	Deliver Council's annual Young Creatives Awards program	Libraries and History	The Young Creatives 2024 program concluded in the second quarter, with 358 entries received across film, writing and art. Awards events were held in November 2024 at Chrissie Cotter Gallery and Marrickville Library, drawing a combined audiences of 290 attendees. Associated events such as live readings, public film screenings and the art exhibition attracted another 412 attendees. For the first time, the shortlisted writing was published into an Anthology, now available for borrowing. The People's Choice Awards received an impressive 1,430 votes.	★
3.1.1.3	Support participation of Aboriginal creatives in delivering Council's arts programs	Living Arts	Undertook specific programming at the Creative Toolbox Symposium including how to run a Welcome to Country workshop and a panel session curated by Boomalli. Wesley Enoch was also the keynote speaker for the program and Aboriginal artwork workshops were run in the library space. Aboriginal artists delivered Perfect Match commissions in Stanmore and Tempe. Artist Jasmine Sarin is nearing completion of the Gadigal reserve commission.	★
3.1.1.4	Lead the implementation of the Creative Spaces recommendations	Living Arts	Continued to oversight the concierge service for creatives to use the Council's town halls. The Creative Toolbox Symposium provided data and contacts to enhance research into future projects such as the next delivery of Creative Trails and provided workshops on Making Art in Unconventional Spaces and other related themes.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.1.1.5	Lead the implementation of the Cultural Strategy	Living Arts	An education pilot program was delivered in partnership with Tempe Public School, featuring artist Jeff McCann, who led student workshops to develop his Olympic-themed mural design for the school's exterior. To promote creative careers in schools, Jeff also presented a talk at the school assembly as part of the project. Continuing to work with the Inner West Creative Network who facilitated a networking event at the Creative Toolbox Symposium for up to 200 local creatives. Council has initiated a Creative Sector Post-COVID study to review the state of the creative sector and Council's current data and impact frameworks. This will lay the groundwork for Council's next Cultural Strategy.	★

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.2.1.1	Deliver the program of Council produced events	Events	Council delivered or partnered to deliver key events including Youth Week, working with Community Wellbeing, and Marrickville Sunday Session at Calvert St Carpark, which attracted over 2,000 attendees. The Community Awards Ceremony and SES Recognition Awards also celebrated local contributions. In June, the Creative Toolbox Symposium brought together stakeholders from the creative sector. Council partnered with Petersham Bowling Club on Sham Fest and the Pass the Mic event, worked with Queer Screen to deliver a film program. Council supported People and Culture to deliver Leader's Day.	★
3.2.1.2	Partner with community and creative groups to deliver events, providing support and advice	Events	Council partnered with Queer Screen to deliver a film program in Leichhardt Town Hall as part of Pride Month, Pass the Mic organisers to deliver a Live Music Activation event in Mort Bay Park, Petersham Bowling Club for Sham Fest and working with the Inner West Ale Trail on the Marrickville Sunday Sessions event that attracted over 2,000 people.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.2.1.3	Deliver an annual program of new creative commissions and activations through the EDGE program	Living Arts	The Creative Toolbox Symposium held in June was under the EDGE program, brought artists, creative professionals and cultural innovators together for 3 days of practical skills-building, There were 27 sessions and 47 speakers at Marrickville Library, Pavilion and Town Hall, Creative Toolbox featured industry experts leading a lineup of bold ideas, leading a range of talks, workshops, and inspiring conversations designed to equip artists and creative workers with the tools needed to thrive in the creative sector.	★
3.2.1.4	Investigate additional entertainment precincts for the Inner West	Strategic Planning	Six new special entertainment precincts have been adopted at the June 2025 Council meeting. These included: Rozelle, Balmain, Leichhardt, Dulwich Hill, Marrickville and Marrickville North.	★
3.2.1.5	Roll out culture counts evaluation for the events program	Events	One Culture Counts survey was conducted in this quarter for the Petersham Bowling Club Sham Fest which scored between 98-100% on all categories.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
3.2.1a	Percentage of major events program completed	Events	100	**0**	**50**	**70**	**100**	100 ✓
3.2.1b	Number of stakeholders (organisations including community and business) engaged through events program	Events	> 500	**0**	**1,843**	**69**	**1,275**	3,187 ✓
3.2.1c	Number of stakeholders (creative participants) delivering work through events program	Events	> 500	**0**	**1,273**	**0**	**396**	1,669 ✓
3.2.1d	Percentage of local stakeholder participation in events program	Events	> 80	**0**	**80**	**0**	**85**	85 ✓

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.2.3.1	Deliver the Perfect Match program	Living Arts	Perfect Match artworks were added in this quarter at Tempe and Sydenham.	★

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
3.2.3a	Number of Perfect Match projects per year	Living Arts	> 40	11	4	1	2	18 ⊗

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Outcome 3.3 The local economy is thriving

Strategy 3.3.1 Assist businesses growth, innovation and improvement

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.3.1.1	Finalise the Economic Development Strategy using the principles of community wealth building as key pillars	Economic Development	The Inner West Economic Development Strategy 2025-2030 outlines the key economic strategic drivers for the Inner West and the actions Council will take to boost economic growth in the Inner West. The Strategy has been developed in collaboration with local business chambers, sector associations, businesses, key industry groups, community members and stakeholders. The Strategy was considered by Council in June 2025 and placed on public exhibition for 28 days to be brought back to Council following public exhibition.	●
3.3.1.2	Facilitate business engagement in place making	Economic Development	Business engagement in place making is ongoing core function and was demonstrated in the roll out of main street revitalisation program, the development of new banners design for Norton Street Leichhardt and through the engagement of a place management officer within the Economic Development Team.	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.3.1.3	Provide business support for local small businesses in community languages	Economic Development	To support restaurants and food services, the Food Authority has a series of templates that Council staff translate into other languages as required. Council provides as simple to use web based translation service on all engagement pages in 10 of the most common community languages. Further to this there is a page link indicating how additional translation services can be accessed.	●
3.3.1.4	Achieve purple flag accreditation at Marrickville and continue to work with the NSW Government to achieve this.	Economic Development	Marrickville Road and Illawarra Road sections of Marrickville was announced as receiving purple flag recognition in July 2024.	★

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
3.3.1a	Number of workshops conducted to provide support for local businesses	Economic Development	> 20	**0**	**0**	**0**	**26**	26 ⊘
3.3.1b	Number of activations of local businesses held in Inner West Main Streets	Economic Development	> 30	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11**	11 ⊗

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Outcome 3.4 Employment is diverse and accessible

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
3.4.2.1	Conduct an annual education program targeting a specific business sector to improve environmental outcomes and best practice	Environmental Health and Building Regulation	Council has commenced a program to audit smash repairers commencing with an educational component	●
3.4.2.2	Conduct investigations relating to water pollution incidents from building sites to protect the environment and public health	Regulatory Services	Ranger Services officers responded to and investigated all reports of water pollution from building sites, with 28 incidents reported and addressed during the quarter. During this period, 25 proactive site inspections were carried out on large-scale developments.	★

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Strategic Direction 4 - Healthy, resilient and caring communities

Outcome 4.1 The Inner West community is welcoming and connected

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.1.1	Partner with Twenty10 for the establishment, launch and ongoing operation of the Pride Centre	Community Wellbeing	Inner West Pride Centre is open and operational. Twenty10 have moved into the premises and are operating services from this location in addition to managing the space within the building open to the community.	★
4.1.1.2	Lead the implementation of the Anti -Racism Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Council adopted the Anti-Racism Strategy on 3 September 2024. The Strategy was developed in consultation with Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, its Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Inner West Multicultural Network, and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and multicultural organisations. Council has allocated tasks from the strategy's action plan and will continue to monitor progress.	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.1.3	Deliver Community Wellbeing projects and programs to meet the identified needs of the Inner West community	Community Wellbeing	Council has delivered wellbeing programs and projects for and with the community. Service needs and potential gaps are continuously monitored through research, data and collaboration with Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), State Government agencies and interagency meetings. New projects are being developed via a number of new strategies to ensure that community need is addressed.	★
4.1.1.4	Celebrate culturally significant days with and on behalf of the community (e.g days of remembrance)	Community Wellbeing	Council implemented a full annual calendar of events, celebrations and activations to celebrate and acknowledge culturally significant days with and on behalf of the community.	★
4.1.1.5	Partner with Settlement Services International to support the Community Refugee welcome centre	Community Wellbeing	Between January and June, 500 people visited and participated in activities at the Refugee Welcome Centre. Attendees represented a range of culturally and linguistically diverse communities including Syrian, Iranian, Iraqi, Afghan, Indian and Sudanese backgrounds. This included Refugee Week in June.	★
4.1.1.6	Deliver Hannaford Centre programs and activities	Community Wellbeing	The Hannaford Centre continues to thrive, engaging approximately 320 participants across its weekly programming. From May to July 2025, the centre delivered a diverse calendar of events including two art workshops, a seniors' health focus group with Sydney Local Health District, a singalong to 50s and 60s classics, a community murder mystery event, a camera group exhibition with opening night, and a money management session with Wesley Mission.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.1.7	Develop a Wellbeing Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Desk research is being finalised for the Wellbeing Strategy, including work with Local Health District and Resilient Sydney to ensure consistent policy approaches by Council.	▲
4.1.1.8	Lead the implementation of the Children and Youth Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Development of the Children and Youth Strategy is well underway including specific projects and actions to be implemented.	▲

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.1.1a	Number of program attendances at the Hannaford Community Centre per year	Community Wellbeing	> 33	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,800**	1,800 ⊘

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.2.1	Lead the implementation of the Healthy Ageing Strategy	Community Wellbeing	Key initiatives this quarter included a successful breast screening campaign with BreastScreen NSW, screening 1008 women - 29% were first-time screeners, and 268 women from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds. The Inner West Region Prevention of Abuse of Older People Collaborative hosted a faith leader roundtable on elder abuse prevention. The Seniors Directory continues to be widely distributed across local networks, including pharmacies. Council staff also promoted the George Institute's 'Integrity' intergenerational research program and delivered an Aged Care information session at Leichhardt Library.	★
4.1.2.2	Develop and implement Community Safety Action Plan	Community Wellbeing	Council has completed a range of community engagement activities to inform the development of the Community Safety Action Plan. This has included a survey on Your Say Inner West, community engagements in Balmain, Newtown and Ashfield and a roundtable held in May 2025 with local domestic and family violence support organisations. Drafting of the Action Plan is underway.	●
4.1.2.3	Develop a Children and Youth Strategy	Social and Cultural Planning	Development of the Strategy is well underway including specific projects and actions to be implemented.	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.2.4	Lead Child Safe policy and practice across Council	Social and Cultural Planning	People and Culture continue to develop and deliver specific training designed for different operational environments and the Senior Executive is continuing oversight of policy and practice across council.	★

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.1.3.1	Lead the implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Social and Cultural Planning	Council achievements from implementing the DIAP (Disability Inclusion Action Plan) include: • Promoting positive attitudes by celebrating disability pride and culture • Creating more liveable and accessible communities - this includes buildings, parks, public transport, urban planning, pedestrian paths, and inclusive sport, recreation, and play • Supporting meaningful employment and becoming a preferred employer of choice for people with disability • Improving systems and processes - like making communications, events, and community engagement more accessible • Acting on Council resolutions to enhance accessibility and inclusion	●

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.2.1.1	Deliver the second Aboriginal survival memorial in Illoura Reserve (Balmain)	Social and Cultural Planning	Heritage approval has been achieved, with the final approval step - consideration of the Review of Environmental factors -now underway. Contracting for the creation of the base for the artwork is in progress, alongside with contractual discussions with the artist on the final shape and material of the work.	●
4.2.1.2	Lead establishment of the Aboriginal Community Hub	Social and Cultural Planning	A report is being prepared for the August Council meeting, focusing on the identification of an appropriate site for the Hub and providing an update on consultation with the Local Democracy groups.	●

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Strategy 4.2.2 Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.2.2.1	Lead implementation of Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan year two actions	Social and Cultural Planning	Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan has concluded and will be redeveloped in 2025. A report is being prepared for the August Council meeting.	★

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.3.1.1	Continue to work with NDIS service providers and stakeholders to deliver community programs/ services	Aquatic Services	National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services providers and program support processes are in place at Inner West Council's aquatics facilities. Working with NDIS and a range of other community groups is a core driver for the Aquatics and Recreation team.	★
4.3.1.2	Undertake Leichhardt Park Masterplan upgrade as per schedule (4-year program of capital works)	Capital Works	Stage 1 construction commenced in April 2025, with completion of works targeted for December 2025. Stage 2 detailed design is currently underway. The construction tender is to be released to market in August 2025. Works to commence on-site in May 2026 and forecasted completion by September 2027.	●
4.3.1.3	Manage Council's five aquatic centres, two recreation centres and water play park	Aquatic Services	In Quarter 4, all programs and services scheduled for the 2024–25 period were successfully delivered across all facilities in line with community requirements.	★
4.3.1.4	Deliver the adopted Companion Animal Plan 2024-28	Regulatory Services	The draft Companion Animal Action Plan outlines how Council will manage companion animal-related matters over the next four years. Following Council review, the plan will proceed to community engagement in 2025-26.	◆

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.3.1.5	Deliver education activities to promote responsible pet ownership, including information stands, programs or campaigns including off leash areas	Regulatory Services	During the quarter, Companion Animal Services hosted information stands at Mackey Park and Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. Over 20 people attended, and 90% of microchip records were found to be outdated. Council officers assisted the community by updating these records on the NSW Pet Registry. A-frame and etiquette signage was also distributed across 11 parks within the LGA, including on-leash, off-leash, time-share, and prohibited areas.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.3.1a	Visits to Annette Kellerman Aquatic centre, Marrickville each year	Aquatic Services	> 392,078	**0**	**0**	**0**	**463,000**	463,000
4.3.1b	Visits to Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre, Petersham each year	Aquatic Services	> 45,929	**0**	**0**	**0**	**60,750**	60,750
4.3.1c	Visits to Leichhardt Park Aquatic centre each year	Aquatic Services	> 659,397	**0**	**0**	**0**	**690,000**	690,000
4.3.1d	Visits to Ashfield Aquatic Centre each year	Aquatic Services	> 690,372	**0**	**0**	**0**	**864,000**	864,000
4.3.1e	Net Promoters scores per centre (May 2023).	Aquatic Services	>1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**36**	36
4.3.1f	Visits to Dawn Fraser Pool	Aquatic Services	> 45,141	**0**	**0**	**0**	**43,600**	43,600
4.3.1g	Number of park patrols for companion animal education to identify legislative breaches per year	Regulatory Services	> 750	**0**	**0**	**0**	**850**	850

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

Strategy 4.3.2 Build connected communities and provide opportunities for social participation

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.3.2.1	Prepare Park Plans of Management and masterplans for community and Crown Lands: Jarvie Park, Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, Wicks Park, Richard Murden Reserve and Jack Shanahan Reserve and Easton Park	Parks Planning and Recreation	Draft Plans of Management are largely completed. However, they have been placed on hold while land ownership issues are resolved by Crown lands.	▲
4.3.2.2	Complete a draft generic Plan of Management for Council's Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks	Parks Planning and Recreation	Plan of Management is completed and is in the August Council agenda for reporting purposes.	●
4.3.2.3	Review the structure and delivery of recreation programs and service including Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre	Aquatic Services	In quarter 4, a review of contract deliverables by the PCYC was underway, including review of programs, services and deliverables carried out by the centre during their term of management. Performance will be considered as part of the review.	●
4.3.2.4	Construct an inclusive playground at Richard Murden Reserve	Capital Works	Construction works commenced onsite in February 2025, with wet weather impacting the program such that works are rescheduled to be completed in July 2025.	◆

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.3.2.5	Host Parramatta River Catchment Group (1 July 2024 onwards)	Parks Planning and Recreation	The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is now based at Council's Petersham Service Centre with a new Manager and Riverkeeper hired. Programs such as stormwater compliance and bank naturalisation are being launched from within the Inner West.	★
4.3.2.6	Prepare Rozelle Parklands Plan of Management and Masterplan	Parks Planning and Recreation	The Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park Plan of Management was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 February 2025.	★
4.3.2.7	Restore wetlands adjacent to Blackmore Park	Parks Planning and Recreation	The area is now managed by Council's Ecology Section and restoration planting/ works, which will take some years to fully mature, have commenced.	★
4.3.2.8	Investigate Hercules Creek as a natural area for Council to manage and protect natural assets	Parks Planning and Recreation	Hercules Creek has been added as a Priority Biodiversity Area in Council's Biodiversity Strategy and has been accommodated in the design of the GreenWay.	★
4.3.2.9	Investigate the feasibility of a swim site as part of the Mort Bay Plan of Management	Parks Planning and Recreation	Council commenced water quality testing at Mort Bay in collaboration with Sydney Water labs in May 2025. UNSW Landscape Architecture School students will use Council's Mort Bay swim site as their major design topic for 2025.	●
4.3.2.10	Implement the safety audit of Marrickville Golf Course	Parks Planning and Recreation	The Safety Audit has been completed and reported to Council.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.3.2a	Number of sports forums held to engage the Inner West sports key stakeholders per year	Parks Planning and Recreation	2	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	2
4.3.2b	Number of parks bookings (e.g schools, commercial fitness trainers, weddings, picnics, excluding sporting ground bookings)	Parks Planning and Recreation	> 6,000	**166**	**3,050**	**1,000**	**2,019**	6,235
4.3.2c	Percentage utilisation of sporting grounds	Parks Planning and Recreation	> 90	**95**	**95**	**95**	**95**	95

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.1.1	Review customer experience for community venue hire	Properties and Strategic Investments	A customer survey is included for each new hirer and the results will be published as part of the report on the use of venues to the August Council meeting.	●
4.4.1.2	Manage processes for booking town hall spaces and activations	Properties and Strategic Investments	The process is managed continuously throughout the year. Council will receive a report at the August Council meeting on the use of Council's venues.	★
4.4.1.3	Provide enhanced access to town halls spaces for the creative community via the venue hire booking system	Properties and Strategic Investments	The creative use of Town Halls has been improved with updated booking guidelines and a concierge service is available to assist users. A new marketing strategy is being implemented to support the bookings for creative uses which continues in 2025-26 as a part of the improvements.	★
4.4.1.4	Deliver programs and activities at Council's community centres	Community Wellbeing	Council continues to operate community centres both directly and in partnership with 3Bridges in Summer Hill, Twenty10 and Newtown Neighbourhood Centre in Newtown, Settlement Services International at Wharf Road Community Centre. Service Level Agreements are in place to ensure key performance targets are reported on.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.4.1a	Number of regular venue hirers maintained annually	Properties and Strategic Investments	> 120	**0**	**0**	**0**	**137**	137
4.4.1b	Number of casual venue hirers maintained annually	Properties and Strategic Investments	> 654	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,217**	1,217
4.4.1c	Subsidy for community venue hire ($) maintained annually	Properties and Strategic Investments	< 1,500,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,988,695.69**	1,988,695.69
4.4.1d	Percentage satisfaction of hirers with community venues bookings processes	Properties and Strategic Investments	> 0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**96.34**	96.34
4.4.1e	Number of community groups, CALD and not for profit groups using community venues (regular and casual hirers) maintained annually	Properties and Strategic Investments	> 170	**0**	**0**	**0**	**186**	186

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.2.1	Achieve 'meeting or exceeding' national quality standards for all early learning services	Children's Services	This quarter, three centres - Addison Road, Annandale, and Enmore Early Learning Centres - underwent assessment and rating visits conducted by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). All centres successfully maintained their "Exceeding" rating, reflecting continued excellence in early childhood education.	★
4.4.2.2	Ensure all early learning services are financially sustainable	Children's Services	All services are financially secure and are performing above budget expectations.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.4.2a	Percentage utilisation of early learning services	Children's Services	> 80	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87**	87
4.4.2b	Percentage utilisation of middle school services	Children's Services	> 80	**0**	**0**	**0**	**80**	80
4.4.2c	Percentage of family and community satisfaction with early learning and middle school services. (Baseline 21/22 = 72%)	Children's Services	> 80	**0**	**0**	**0**	**96**	96
4.4.2d	Percentage of early learning and middle school services that maintain a quality rating of either 'meeting' or 'exceeding'.	Children's Services	> 100	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100

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Strategy 4.4.3 Provide facilities, resources and activities for lifelong learning

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.3.1	Participate and collaborate with neighbouring councils to develop an Aboriginal collection catalogue standard	Libraries and History	The Collections team is working with neighbouring Councils on this ongoing project.	●
4.4.3.2	Implement the evaluation framework for library and history programs; and develop and implement a schedule for library services	Libraries and History	Officers opened the Public Library Evaluation Network Survey in June and to date there have been 1,800 respondents. This year the survey has been translated into Mandarin, Greek and Vietnamese. Officers worked with neighbouring Councils to refine the survey and ensure a consistent approach with these Councils so we can compare results.	★
4.4.3.3	Deliver Libraries and History Programs	Libraries and History	This quarter featured several program highlights, including the Fire Dragon Feminism Speaker Series at Ashfield Library on 18 June with 260 attendees. As part of Council's partnership with the Sydney Writers' Festival, two events were delivered: Writing as Activism at Ashfield Library on 24 May with 109 attendees, and A Language of Limbs talk at Marrickville Library on 25 May with 75 attendees.	★
4.4.3.4	Implement the Council electronic rostering system	Libraries and History	The library has completed the relevant briefing documents regarding their requirements for a rostering system.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.3.5	Raise the awareness and increase usage of Home Library Service	Libraries and History	An action plan is currently being implemented. A focus for this quarter has been the development of the marketing materials including the Council branding of the two library vehicles to promote the service.	●
4.4.3.6	Deliver Step Back in Time - Site Studies with Virtual Reality	Libraries and History	The project is completed. Information on the virtual reality experience and the website were finalised. A marketing and launch plan have been prepared for the official launch, scheduled during History Week in August 2025.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.4.3a	Number of library members per year	Libraries and History	> 80,000	**97,203**	**101,386**	**105,801**	**108,323**	108,323
4.4.3b	Ratio of library members compared to Population per year	Libraries and History	> 46	**50.50**	**53.83**	**56**	**56.90**	54.31
4.4.3c	Number of visits to Inner West Council libraries each year	Libraries and History	> 1,000,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,287,133**	1,287,133
4.4.3d	Number of items borrowed from Inner West Council libraries each year	Libraries and History	> 1,000,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,217,787**	1,217,787
4.4.3e	Average number of times items in the physical collection are borrowed per year	Libraries and History	> 4.50	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4.20**	4.20
4.4.3f	Number of Wi-Fi log-ins by the public at libraries each year	Libraries and History	> 2,500,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,450,991**	3,450,991
4.4.3g	Proportion of collection less than five years old	Libraries and History	> 25	**0**	**0**	**0**	**64.77**	64.77
4.4.3h	Number of e-resources loans/uses	Libraries and History	> 110,000	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,226,017**	1,226,017

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.4.3i	Number of public PC computer bookings	Libraries and History	> 80,000	0	0	0	**68,369**	68,369 ⊗
4.4.3j	Number of library and history programs participants each year	Libraries and History	> 18,000	0	0	0	**68,582**	68,582 ✓
4.4.3k	Number of library and history programs delivered each year	Libraries and History	> 3,000	0	0	0	**2,182**	2,182 ⊗

Strategy 4.4.4 Improve the quality and use of existing community assets

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
4.4.4.1	Undertake regular building condition audits	Facilities Management	Planned objectives for the year completed. We are in the process of developing a condition capture sheet using either iAuditor or SafetyCulture as a part of continual improvement.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.4.4a	Percentage of reactive building maintenance attended to annually (achievement of the reactive maintenance matrix in One Council)	Facilities Management	> 85	**0**	**0**	**0**	**85**	85

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Strategic Direction 5 - Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

Outcome 5.1 Council is responsive and service-focused

Strategy 5.1.1 Deliver responsive and innovative customer service

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.1.1.1	Implement the Customer Experience Strategy	Service Transformation	The implementation of the actions outlined in the Customer Experience Strategy is on track, with the following progress made: • Implemented the Complaints Operational Management Standard and accompanying mandatory eLearning module for all staff. • Conducted weekly mobile customer service stalls at various locations throughout the Local Government Area (LGA). • Completed the procurement of a new website content management system. • Continued delivering plain English and quality correspondence training programs to all staff. • Tracked and analysed customer experience metrics across all digital channels.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.1.1.2	Adopt new technologies to improve transparency around maintenance schedules	Engineering Services	Final testing in progress for missed bin requests for action by field staff, following resolution of issues with the 2024B Tech One upgrade.	●
5.1.1.3	Develop and implement a change management framework	Service Transformation	Draft change management plan is complete. The official launch has been deferred to 2025-26 financial year.	●
5.1.1.4	Undertake business improvement initiatives	Service Transformation	On and Off boarding improve phase is underway, with a detailed mapping of the onboarding journey by a technical expert and a review of system architecture. A roadmap is also being developed outlining phased deliverables and outcomes to align technical development, business needs, and user experience. Verge mowing improve phase is underway with tasks like improving plant maintenance, upskilling casuals complete.	●
5.1.1.5	Conduct weekly customer service stalls in key areas across the Inner West	Customer Service	Since July 2024, the Mobile Customer Service team has served 9,353 customers. Stalls at Council events have continued to prove popular, with 158 customers served at the reopening of Camdenville Park St Peters in May 2025.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.1.1a	Customer Satisfaction (Voice of Customer – post call survey - out of 5)	Customer Service	> 4.30	**4.30**	**4.40**	**4.40**	**4.40**	4.38 ✓
5.1.1b	Percentage of customer calls answered within 60 seconds	Customer Service	> 80	**87.77**	**89**	**70.85**	**79.30**	81.73 ✓
5.1.1c	Percentage of back office processing time (emails, applications, payments and forms) within 5 business days	Customer Service	> 95	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	100 ✓
5.1.1d	Percentage of customer requests and applications via the online service portal	Customer Service	> 55	**45**	**52**	**52.53**	**53.90**	50.86 ◎
5.1.1e	Mystery Customer Score achievement	Customer Service	> 85	**0**	**0**	**94.60**	**92.80**	92.80 ✓
5.1.1f	Percentage of service provided at Inner West Customers at counters within 3 mins	Customer Service	> 80	**93**	**88**	**93**	**95.77**	92.44 ✓

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.1.2.1	Deliver the annual training and development program	People and Culture	This quarter saw a high volume of training activity across Council. A total of 701 staff completed Respect at Work training, 168 leaders participated in the Performance Conversations workshop, and 207 current and emerging leaders attended Leader's Day, equipped with practical tools including the GROW coaching model. The Authentic Leader Program continued its rollout, engaging 33 employees in leadership development. A wide range of other training was also delivered, covering Project Management, Microsoft 365, Recruitment and Selection, Mental Health First Aid, Report Writing, and Governance. Operational compliance training included Chainsaw Operations, Silica Awareness, and First Aid.	★
5.1.2.2	Deliver business improvement staff training program	Service Transformation	The final module of the six sigma 4-day training program was completed in October 2024. The majority of the 10 initiatives have successfully advanced to the analysis phase, with actionable recommendations actively being developed and prepared for implementation.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.1.2.3	Implement and report the service review program	Service Transformation	The Access to Information and Privacy and Public Trees Service Reviews have been completed. A recommendations register has been developed to track progress, with quarterly updates provided to the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee.	●
5.1.2.4	Implement project management system	Service Transformation	The CAMMS project management system went live on 27 March 2025. Projects for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 have been uploaded and all Infrastructure staff has been trained. Ongoing change management efforts are focused on ensuring 100% adoption and maximising user engagement.	★
5.1.2.5	Prepare and publish the Annual Report	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	The Annual Report was endorsed by Council at the November meeting, published on Council's website, and notified to NSW Office of Local Government. It also received a Gold at the May 2025 Australasia Reporting Awards, Public Administration for the 2023-24 Annual Report.	★
5.1.2.6	Implement the Work Health and Safety Strategy year three actions	Governance and Risk	The Work Health and Safety (WHS) Strategy year three (2024-25) actions continue to be progressed and reported to Executive and Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.1.2a	Percentage of eligible staff who have an assigned performance review	People and Culture	> 95	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	100
5.1.2b	Percentage of staff turnover	People and Culture	< 14	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12.16**	12.16
5.1.2c	Percentage of Work Health and Safety Strategy year three actions implemented	Governance and Risk	> 90	**90**	**95**	**95**	**90**	92.50

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.1.1	Complete the review of the Community Strategic Plan and submit the State of the Inner West report to the second meeting of the new council (October 2024)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	The Community Strategic Plan was endorsed by Council at its June 2025 meeting.	★
5.2.1.2	Identify and apply for grants and other funding sources across Council	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Two grant applications were lodged with one successful and the other unsuccessful. Council was also advised that another grant application that was lodged in quarter 4 2024 was successful. This $1.05M grant has been awarded for an energy upgrade to Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre. It will be used to transition the boilers from gas to electricity to upgrade the indoor heating program, the domestic hot water system and the children's mushroom and outdoor pool heating. The other successful grant this quarter of $1M is from the NSW Office of Sport for upgrades to the Henson Park PA system, score board and facilities.	★

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.1.3	Enter awards to showcase and recognise Council's successes	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Council has had a highly successful quarter for awards with a senior staff member winning the 2025 Royal Life Saving Award for Leader of the Year and staff being awarded the 1300 Apprentice Award Trainee of the Year. The A-League Women Professional Footballers Association Stadiums of the Season Award was won for Leichhardt Oval in the Best Match Day Atmosphere category. The 2024 Annual Report was a Gold Award Winner in the Australasian Reporting Awards. Council also excelled itself at the 2025 Local Government Professionals Awards winning both the Organisational Diversity & inclusion category for our EmbraceAbility mentoring program and winning the Australasian Management Challenge for NSW.	★
5.2.1.4	Prepare the Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan 2025-26	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	The Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan 2025-26 was adopted by Council at its June 2025 meeting.	★
5.2.1.5	Implement the Information and Communications Technology Strategy	Information and Communication Technology	The draft Digital Strategy has been completed and shared throughout the organisation. It has been presented to Executive and received conditional approval, pending minor edits and subsequent presentation to the Leadership Group.	★
5.2.1.6	Review Asset Management Strategy, Policy and Plans	Engineering Services	The Asset Management Strategy, Policy and Plans have been reviewed, updated and adopted.	★

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KPI legend: ✓ On Target ◎ Within Tolerance ⊗ Below Target

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.1.7	Transition to ISO 27001 certification for Inner West Council security maturity	Information and Communication Technology	Information and communication Technology (ICT) continues its work to align with cybersecurity standards set by the Office of Local Government (OLG), which support ISO27001 principles without requiring formal certification. In the last quarter, ICT conducted a vendor selection exercise for security monitoring services, further strengthening alignment with the OLG's cybersecurity expectations.	★
5.2.1.8	Review Long-Term Financial Plan as part of Resourcing Strategy	Finance	The Long-Term Financial Plan was adopted by Council on 17 June 2025.	★
5.2.1.9	Develop the Workforce Management Strategy 2025-29	People and Culture	The Workforce Management Strategy was endorsed by Council on 17 June 2025.	★
5.2.1.10	Implement the agreed program for condition audits and valuations	Engineering Services	The Fair Value Assessment has been completed.	★
5.2.1.11	Implement the Asset Improvement Plan	Engineering Services	The project to develop guidelines for modelling attributes for each asset class has been completed.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.2.1a	Number of road permits issued each year	Engineering Services	> 3,200	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,445**	2,445 ⊗
5.2.1b	Number of flood certificates issued each year	Engineering Services	> 130	**0**	**0**	**0**	**122**	122 ◎
5.2.1c	Number of development engineering referrals completed each year	Engineering Services	> 1,700	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,430**	1,430 ⊗
5.2.1d	Increased rating of Annual Report by Australian Reporting Awards (3=gold, 2=silver, 1=bronze)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	3	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	3 ✓

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.2.1	Implement the Governance Audit Report Recommendations	Governance and Risk	This quarter, a number of key recommendations have been advanced, with ongoing reporting and oversight provided by Council's Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee.	●
5.2.2.2	Implement the Enterprise Risk Audit Report Recommendations	Governance and Risk	During this reporting period, Council reported Operational Risk registers to Executive and the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee	●
5.2.2.3	Implement the new Office of Local Government (OLG) Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework for Local Government	Governance and Risk	In this reporting period, Council continued to monitor and report to Executive and the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on progress in implementing the new Office of Local Government Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework for Local Government	●
5.2.2.4	Implement Council's Insurance Framework	Governance and Risk	During this reporting period, Council approved a service review with a focus on Council's insurance function, and also appointed JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd as scheme manager for Statewide Mutual, as its commercial policies of insurance services provider.	●
5.2.2.5	Maintain Council's Governance and Compliance Registers delegations, policies and fraud and corruption registers	Governance and Risk	During this reporting period, Council continued to maintain its range of governance and compliance registers, including those for policies, conflicts of interest, gifts and benefits, secondary employment, and fraud and corruption registers, and report on these to Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.	●

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ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.2.6	Develop and implement an ethics and compliance e-learning training platform incorporating code of conduct, fraud and corruption, procurement, risk management and privacy	Governance and Risk	Council has developed and implemented an ethics and compliance e-learning training platform incorporating code of conduct, fraud and corruption, procurement, risk management and privacy. The e-learning training modules will be supplemented and complemented by in-person training and role-specific training.	★
5.2.2.7	Provide training to staff on legal matters	Legal Services	Training for staff has been completed for 2024-25.	★
5.2.2.8	Manage and Coordinate 10 Council Citizenship Ceremonies per year	Governance and Risk	Council managed and coordinated 3 Council Citizenship Ceremonies in this quarter.	●
5.2.2.9	Reduce the cost of Land and Environment Court class one matters to Council	Legal Services	Council has increased its capacity to manage Class 1 appeals in-house, with 70% of matters now handled internally - up from 50%. This approach involves greater reliance on the Legal Services team, internal planners, and other subject-matter experts serving as expert witnesses.	★
5.2.2.10	Assess and determine Government Information Public Access (GIPA) applications and investigate privacy matters	Governance and Risk	During this reporting period, Council continued to assess and determine Government Information Public Access (GIPA) applications and investigate privacy matters. In addition, the GIPA function underwent a service review.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.2.2a	Percentage of Privacy Complaints responded to within 5 business days of receipt	Governance and Risk	100	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	100
5.2.2b	Percentage of staff involved in procurement that have received training	Procurement	> 95	**80**	**95**	**95**	**95**	95
5.2.2c	Percentage of procurement events above $10k through vendor panel	Procurement	> 90	**90**	**90**	**90**	**90**	90
5.2.2d	Number of briefings to Council on the status of legal matters (February, May, August, November) per year	Legal Services	> 4	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	4
5.2.2e	Percentage of ARIC recommendations implemented within agreed timeframes	Governance and Risk	100	**98**	**95**	**95**	**95**	95.75
5.2.2f	Percentage of Council resolutions that are implemented as per the agreed timeframes	Governance and Risk	> 95	**95**	**95**	**95**	**95**	95

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Strategy 5.2.3 Manage public resources to achieve financial sustainability

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.2.3.1	Revise the Land and Property Strategy	Properties and Strategic Investments	The Land and Property Strategy has been reviewed, and a new Property Strategy is currently under development.	◆
5.2.3.2	Update Land register published on Council's website (Annual)	Properties and Strategic Investments	The Land and Property Register is planned to be published on 31 July 2025 following the conclusion of the final year	★
5.2.3.3	Implement the long-term accommodation strategy (Annual)	Properties and Strategic Investments	Council's property portfolio continues to be managed by providing property portfolio transaction and property management services related to existing and new agreements, tenant communications and voluntary planning agreements.	★
5.2.3.4	Manage Council's property portfolio	Properties and Strategic Investments	Council's property portfolio continues to be managed by providing property portfolio transaction and property management services related to existing and new agreements, tenant communications and voluntary planning agreements.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.2.3a	Percentage of Council property portfolio management net return	Properties and Strategic Investments	> 3	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5.70**	5.70
5.2.3b	Percentage of Capital Works program delivered (number of projects)	Capital Works	> 80	**0**	**0**	**0**	**66**	66
5.2.3c	Number of leases and licences in holdover (Baseline: 48 in 2022-232) per year	Properties and Strategic Investments	< 48	**0**	**0**	**0**	**54**	54

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

Strategy 5.3.1 Inform communities through multi-channel communications

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.1.1	Implement Internal and External Communications Strategy	Strategic and Corporate Communications	The Internal Communications Strategy is nearing completion.	●
5.3.1.2	Implement the digital asset management system	Strategic and Corporate Communications	Scoping of cost and range for the Digital Asset Management system project is ongoing to support future planning implementation.	●
5.3.1.3	Review communications policies and procedures	Strategic and Corporate Communications	Final policy and procedure documents for staff are to be reported to Council in August 2025.	●

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.3.1a	Number of Inner West Council social media followers (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)	Strategic and Corporate Communications	> 62,244	**71,111**	**73,628**	**72,826**	**80,293**	80,293 ✓
5.3.1b	Number of Inner West Council website page views	Strategic and Corporate Communications	> 7,340,098	**1,791,160**	**3,455,884**	**68,559**	**1,824,708**	7,140,311 ◎

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Strategy 5.3.2 Support local democracy through inclusive participatory community engagement

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.2.1	Deliver community engagement through face to face and online methods	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	Council exhibited the Our Fairer Future Plan, including 12 on-site sessions: Integrated Planning documents and a range of policies. Community engagement for park projects included: JF Laxton Reserve, Hinsby Park, an inclusive play space at Damun Playground, and Midjuburi Playground improvements. Consultation on proposed upgrades to Robyn Webster Sports Centre included a public meeting and a roundtable discussion with regular hirers. Traffic-related consultations included Sydenham Road improvements, introduction of a one-way restriction on College Street in Balmain, expansion of the residential parking scheme on Percival Street, and traffic safety improvements in the Iron Cove precinct.	★
5.3.2.2	Hold ten Local Matters Forums including two in each ward	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	One Local Matters Forum was held this quarter, in Leichhardt-Gulgadya ward on 22 April 2025 at Haberfield Library.	★
5.3.2.3	Establish new Local Democracy Groups in alignment with the new term of Council	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	All Local Democracy Groups have commenced meetings. A combined Local Democracy Group meeting to which all members were invited was held in June to provide input to Council's Local Environmental Plan consultation - Our Fairer Future Plan. Council adopted policy challenges for each group at its June 2025 meeting.	★
5.3.2.4	Review the Community Engagement Strategy	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	The Community Engagement Strategy was adopted by Council at its April 2025 meeting.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.3.2a	Number of visits to Your Say Inner West per year	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	> 107,000	**46,240**	**46,240**	**41,531**	**53,430**	187,441
5.3.2b	Number of projects on Your Say Inner West on which the community has the opportunity to engage per year	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	> 50	**20**	**20**	**18**	**15**	73
5.3.2c	Percentage of average satisfaction with local matters forums (survey per forum)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	> 75	**79**	**86**	**93**	**95**	88.25
5.3.2d	Percentage of average satisfaction with Your Say Inner West engagements (ease of finding information and providing feedback)	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	> 75	**93**	**89**	**85**	**84**	87.75
5.3.2e	Increase Your Say Inner West membership	Corporate Strategy and Engagement	> 10,890	**10,702**	**11,276**	**11,975**	**12,542**	12,542

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Strategy 5.3.3 Deliver evidence-based Council decision making

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.3.3.1	Manage Council elections, and induction and training programs for Councillors	Governance and Risk	During this reporting period, Councillors continued to take up learning and development opportunities to progress their individual professional development programs.	●
5.3.3.2	Manage Council's meetings and business paper systems	Governance and Risk	Council's Governance and Risk team supported three Ordinary Council Meetings in this quarter.	★

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

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

Strategy 5.4.1 Advocate for emerging community issues

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

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.4.2.1	Manage Council's annual community grants program	Social and Cultural Planning	All 2024 grants have been provided to recipients. Approximately 200 people attended an event on 31 October at Ashfield Town Hall, celebrating the completion of the 2023 grants and announcing the 2024 recipients. A continuous improvement review was conducted and the forward timetable for the 2025 grant round was drafted.	★

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ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.4.2a	Percentage of community wellbeing, arts, and multicultural grant recipients meeting acquittal requirements	Social and Cultural Planning	> 98	**0**	**0**	**0**	**99**	99

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

ID	Action	Responsible	Comment	Status
5.4.3.1	Drive the procurement rules and weighting criteria to promote social and environment vs economic factors	Procurement	A 15% weighting criteria was approved and applied in accordance with the Procurement Strategy adopted by Council in May 2024. The weighting criteria has been added to all evaluation plans and is compulsory. Council's procurement training includes information on this criteria, and Council's leadership group has been shown how the weightings are applied. A Sustainable Procurement Working party has also been convened.	★

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KPI legend: On Target, Within Tolerance, Below Target

ID	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible	Target	RESULTS				YTD
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
5.4.3a	Percentage of purchased expenditure on local suppliers	Procurement	> 8	**10**	**8.69**	**8**	**6.08**	8.19 ✓
5.4.3b	Percentage of purchased expenditure on Aboriginal suppliers	Procurement	> 1	**0.50**	**0.39**	**0.40**	**0.37**	0.42 ⊗

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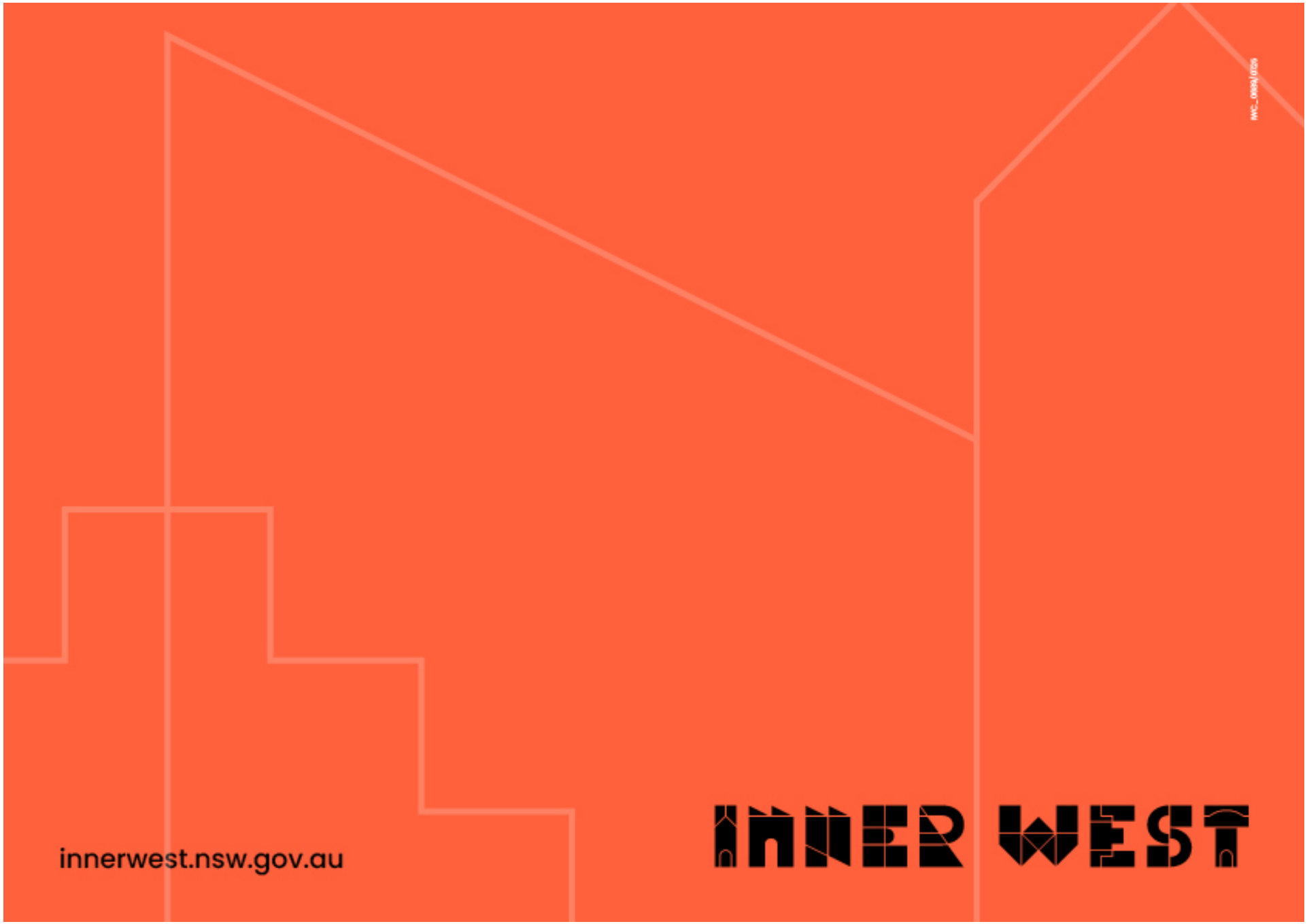
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Item No: **C0825(1) Item 24**

Subject: **INVESTMENT REPORT AT 30 JUNE 2025**

Prepared By: Sajjad Ali - Acting Chief Financial Officer

Authorised By: Chris Sleiman - Acting Director Corporate

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 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%
Total	**$194,413,085**	**100.00%**

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
			$194,413,085	**100.00%**		

^Note valuations of Council's securities on the Imperium Markets platform are marked-to-market and priced on a daily basis from an independent third party provider.

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:

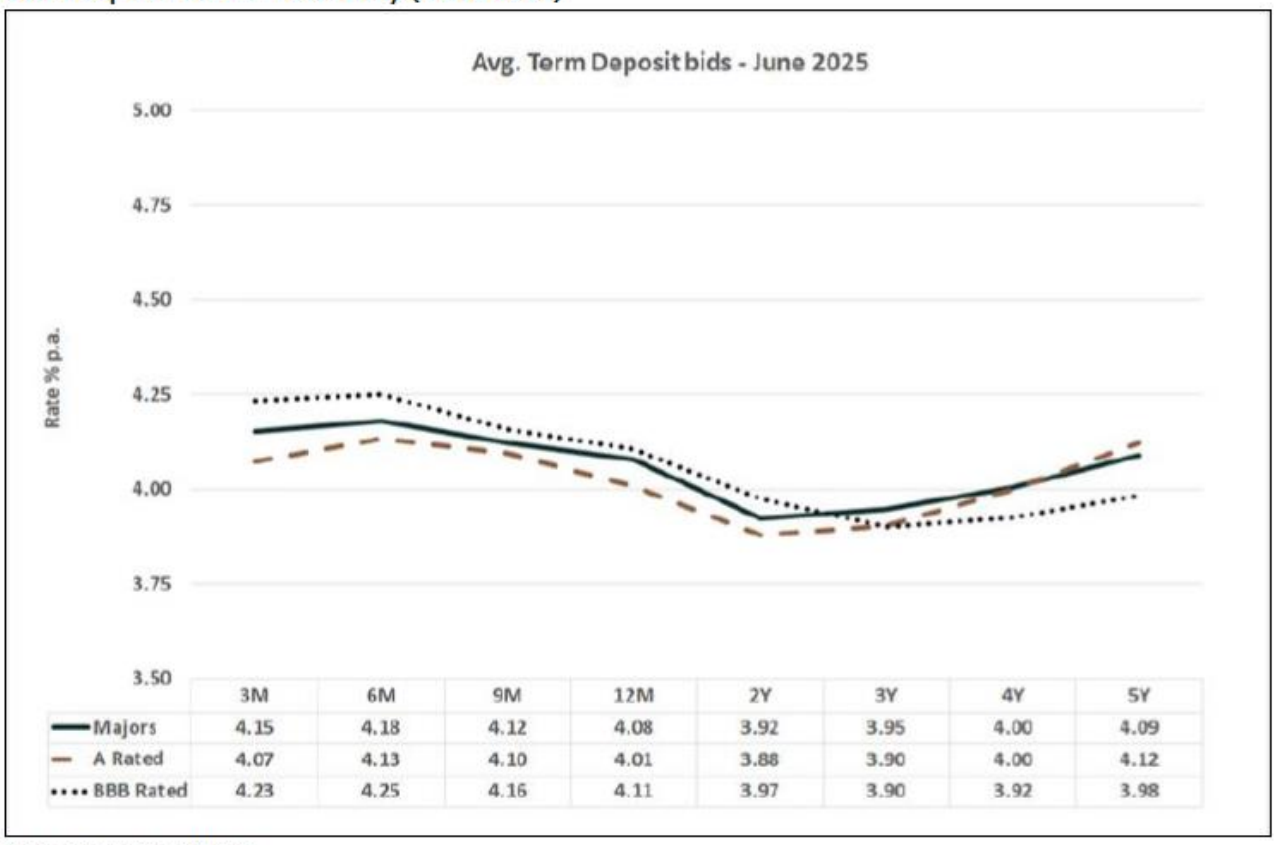
- Employment Leave Entitlements
- Investment Property Reserve
- Infrastructure Renewal Reserve
- Depreciation Contra Reserve.

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)



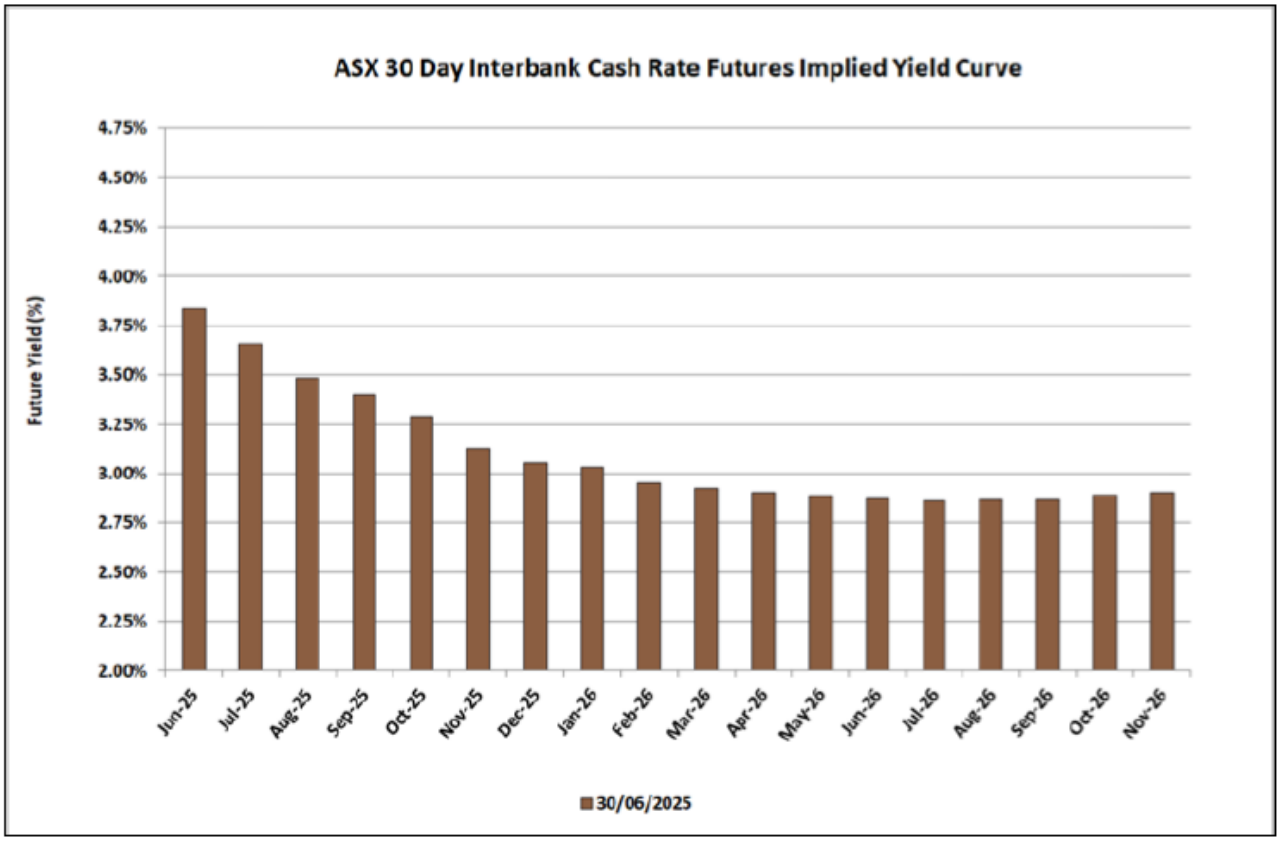
	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	4.15	4.18	4.12	4.08	3.92	3.95	4.00	4.09
A Rated	4.07	4.13	4.10	4.01	3.88	3.90	4.00	4.12
BBB Rated	4.23	4.25	4.16	4.11	3.97	3.90	3.92	3.98

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

Monthly Investment Review

June 2025

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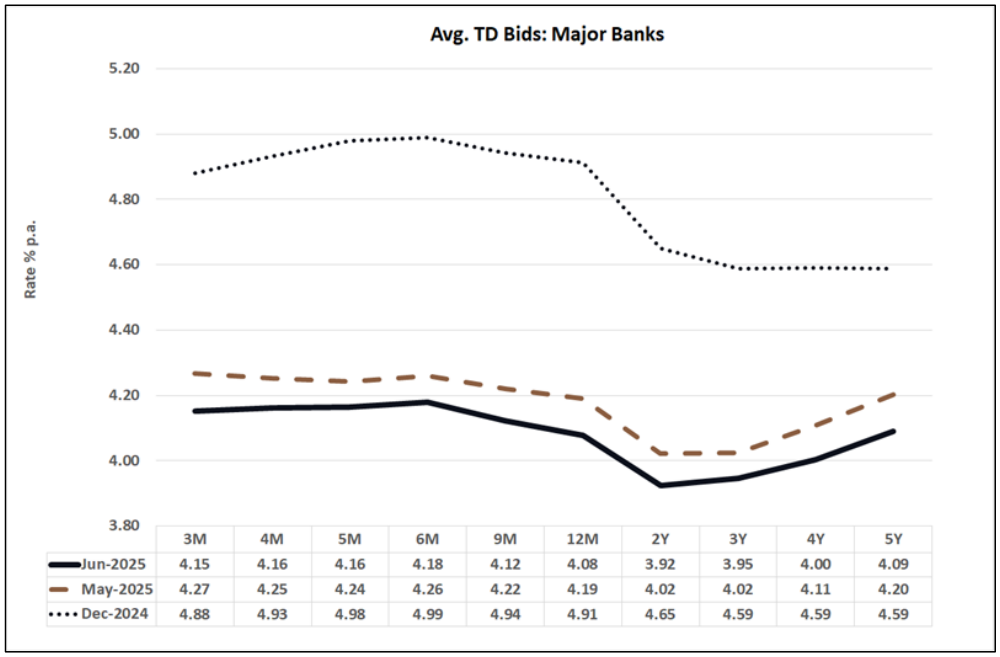
Market Update Summary

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.

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 7-10bp 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.



	3M	4M	5M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Jun-2025	4.15	4.16	4.16	4.18	4.12	4.08	3.92	3.95	4.00	4.09
May-2025	4.27	4.25	4.24	4.26	4.22	4.19	4.02	4.02	4.11	4.20
Dec-2024	4.88	4.93	4.98	4.99	4.94	4.91	4.65	4.59	4.59	4.59

Source: Imperium Markets

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider diversifying and taking an 'insurance policy' against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates close to or above 4% p.a. (small allocation only).

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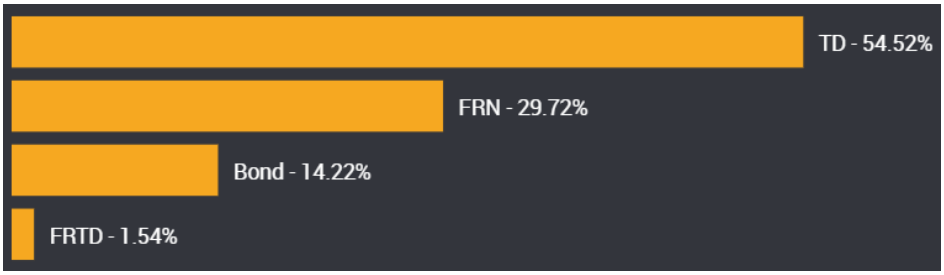
Inner West Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

A large proportion of the portfolio is directed to fixed and floating rate term deposits (~56%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in FRNs (~30%), which includes a residual exposure to the grandfathered mortgage backed securities, and fixed bonds (~14%).

Senior FRNs are now trading at a 'fair value' on a historical basis, and new issuances should be considered on a case by case scenario. For fixed interest investments, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 12 months to 5 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

With additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn being priced in 2025, investors can choose to allocate a small proportion of longer-term funds and undertake an insurance policy against additional rate cuts by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits, locking in and targeting yields above 4% p.a. Should inflation be within the RBA's target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, returns around 4% p.a. or higher should outperform benchmark.



Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 40% of assets maturing within 12 months.

There is significant capacity to invest in short-medium (1-3 years), which is where we see the current value to optimise returns in the longer-run once the immediate capital projects are delivered. Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed term deposits or newly issued FRNs (refer to respective sections below).

The non-compliance in the +10 year category reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities which have a final maturity date of +2050.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	0 - 12 months	$77,596,575	39.91%	30%	100%	$116,816,510
✓	1 – 3 years	$71,301,772	36.68%	0%	60%	$45,346,079
✓	3 – 5 years	$30,534,467	15.71%	0%	40%	$47,230,767
✓	5 – 10 years	$13,886,125	7.14%	0%	20%	$24,996,493
X	+10 years	$1,094,146	0.56%	0%	0%	-$1,094,146
		$194,413,085	**100.00%**			

Counterparty

Capacity limits are often dependent on the overall movement in the portfolio's balances (inflows or capital expenditures). With the adoption of the new policy, there is now higher capacity to invest with the BBB rated entities.

Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to unrated ADIs. The exposure to "Unrated" assets reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	Commonwealth Govt	AAA	$2,538,413	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
			$194,413,085	**100.00%**		

^Note valuations of Council's securities on the Imperium Markets platform are marked-to-market and priced on a daily basis from an independent third party provider.

Ethical (Environmentally, Socially Responsible or Fossil Fuel Free) Investments

Council has made the active decision to divest any investment which has an exposure to fossil fuels. Council will continue to favour newly issued fossil fuel-free investment products and/or ethical investments, providing it does not significantly compromise the risk and return profile of the overall investment portfolio.

The overall summary of Council's investments can be categorised as follows:

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%
Total	**$194,413,085**	**100.00%**

Credit Quality

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The portfolio is mainly directed amongst the investment grade spectrum. All aggregate ratings categories are within the adopted Policy limits. The exposures to "Unrated" investments comprise of the grandfathered MBS investments.

There is now some capacity to invest with the "BBB" rated ADIs following the ratings upgrade for BoQ and Bendigo-Adelaide (moved up from BBB to A category range), although this is also dependent on movements in the overall portfolio's balances.

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	AAA Category	$6,511,913	3.35%	100%	$187,901,173
✓	AA Category	$88,623,913	45.59%	100%	$105,789,173
✓	A Category	$65,097,031	33.48%	70%	$70,992,129
✓	BBB Category	$33,086,083	17.02%	30%	$25,237,843
✓	Unrated Category	$1,094,146	0.56%	10%	$18,347,162
		$194,413,085	**100.00%**		

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Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending June 2025 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.31%	0.97%	1.99%	4.21%	4.21%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.32%	1.02%	2.10%	4.39%	4.39%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.38%	1.16%	2.36%	4.88%	4.88%
Council's FRT/D Portfolio	0.33%	0.99%	1.98%	4.00%	4.00%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.37%	1.11%	2.21%	4.63%	4.63%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.32%	0.95%	1.88%	2.96%	2.96%
Council's Total Portfolio^	**0.37%**	**1.11%**	**2.24%**	**4.57%**	**4.57%**
Outperformance	**0.05%**	**0.09%**	**0.14%**	**0.18%**	**0.18%**

^Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	3.85%	3.93%	4.06%	4.21%	4.21%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	3.94%	4.15%	4.28%	4.39%	4.39%
Council TDs	4.73%	4.72%	4.81%	4.88%	4.88%
Council's FRT/D Portfolio	4.14%	4.05%	4.03%	4.00%	4.00%
Council FRNs	4.61%	4.51%	4.51%	4.63%	4.63%
Council's Bond Portfolio	3.93%	3.85%	3.82%	2.96%	2.96%
Council's Portfolio^	**4.57%**	**4.53%**	**4.57%**	**4.57%**	**4.57%**
Outperformance	**0.63%**	**0.38%**	**0.29%**	**0.18%**	**0.18%**

^Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

For the month of June, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.37% (actual) or +4.57% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.32% (actual) or +3.94% p.a. (annualised).

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Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Going forward, over the long-run, Council's interest income can be increased by undertaking a slightly longer duration position (spread across 1-3 years), with rates on offer along this part of the curve likely to be offered up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is a growing belief that additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn is imminent and so locking in rates above 4% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors may provide some income protection against a lower rate environment.

As at the end of June, Council's **deposit** portfolio was yielding 4.54% p.a. (down 3bp from the previous month) with a weighted average duration of around 492 days (~1.35 years). ***We recommend Council maintains this average duration in the long-run to optimise returns.***

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) are now 'fair value' again and remain appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario. **Fixed Bonds** may also provide some attractive opportunities from new (primary) issuances and potentially secondary market offers (or 'tap').

Please refer to the sections below for further details on each market.

Council FRNs – Recommendations for Sale/Switches

We now recommend Council sells/switches out of the following FRN(s):

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	Trade Reference	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	Capital Price ($)	Unrealised Gain ($)
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542014	AU3FN0063103	$1,500,000	+44.5bp	$99.942	$7,205^
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542019	AU3FN0063103	$5,000,000	+44.5bp	$99.942	$31,045^
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542413	AU3FN0063103	$10,000,000	+44.5bp	$99.942	$145,690^
Bendigo	A-	02/12/2025	540602	AU3FN0057634	$5,600,000	+45.0bp	$100.023	$1,305
Bendigo	A-	14/05/2027	176855902	AU3FN0087797	$2,000,000	+69.5bp	$100.548	$10,960

^These assets were purchased in the secondary market at a discount to par.

The above sale would result in a capital gain of ~$196k and could easily be switched into higher yielding complying assets. We will inform Council when the opportunity arises.

Council's Fixed Bonds

A handful of Councils' fixed bonds are now at a discount to par given the rise in bond yields over the past few years. Unless there is an emergency to access funds at short notice, Council is likely to hold these assets to maturity and will receive its original face value back. If there is an opportunity to sell prior to maturity (if official rates fall to an attractive level), we will inform Council accordingly.

Grandfathered Investments

Council holds the following 'grandfathered' Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS). The valuation as at the end of May 2025 is shown as follows:

Asset	Maturity Date	ISIN	Capital Value	Current Value	Coupon Margin	~Current Trading Margin	Monthly Actual Return (%)
2006-1A*	21/08/2051	AU300EMER013	$292,858	$93.105	+45bp	+145bp	+0.05%
2006-1B	21/08/2056	AU300EMER021	$801,129	$80.129	+75bp	+305bp	-0.06%

** Emerald MBS 2006-1A paid out a distribution of $16,576.72 in November 2024 which resulted in the decline in the face value to $316,186 from $332,763*

The MBS2006-1A security should pay its capital well before the final maturity date.

We note the liquidity of assets such as the above in the secondary market is considered very poor with large bid-ask spreads (we would indicatively suggest a bid-ask spread of around $5-$10 either side of the current 'fair' value). In most circumstances, bids are well below the indicated "mid" or "fair" values. As such, Council is expected to hold this asset for the long-term, potentially until it makes its final payment.

Third Party Valuer ("Arms-Length")

Imperium Markets uses an external third party provider (IBS Capital[1]) who has started valuing (effective 31st March 2022) Council's holding of this asset on a daily basis (end-of-business day valuations).

IBS Capital prices all investor's securities (FRNs, bonds, mortgage backed securities) on a daily basis. We believe this is important for auditing purposes, especially when investors revaluate their assets at the end of every financial year. The revaluations of all securities on the Imperium Markets platform is NOT biased i.e. they are not provided by the bank or financial intermediary that sold the security to the client.

IBS Capital's methodology is based on extensive experience in financial markets, and it has been developed by an AFMA accredited principal. In designing the valuation methodology the following AASB directives were used - market approach valuation technique as per paragraphs 61-66 of the AASB13 Standard as well as Appendix B, Application guidance, Valuation techniques paragraph of the same document.

Where applicable, end-of-day closing prices (trading margins and yields) are crossed checked and compared with other external data providers including YieldBroker, Refinitiv and/or Bloomberg's. To make sure that adverse liquidity conditions do not influence closing prices, changes to each day's closing prices from the previous trading date are analysed. If the changes are considerably different to changes in benchmark rates, the use of interpolation, based on securities with similar characteristics such as credit rating, maturity and capital structure (level of seniority), are applied.

[1] http://ibscapital.com.au/

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Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of June, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING Bank	A	5 years	4.27%
NAB	AA-	5 years	4.15%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.12%
BoQ	A-	5 years	4.10%
ING Bank	A	4 years	4.12%
NAB	AA-	4 years	4.10%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	4.01%
Hume Bank	BBB+	4 years	4.00%
NAB	AA-	3 years	4.00%
ING Bank	A	3 years	3.98%
Suncorp	AA-	3 years	3.93%
Westpac	AA-	3 years	3.92%
State Bank of India	BBB-	2 years	4.00%
NAB	AA-	2 years	3.95%
ING Bank	A	2 years	3.90%
Hume Bank	BBB+	2 years	3.90%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (*we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments*):

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	12 months	4.22%
State Bank of India	BBB-	12 months	4.15%
Suncorp	AA-	12 months	4.12%
NAB	AA-	12 months	4.10%
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	12 months	4.07%
Suncorp	AA-	9 months	4.29%
BankVIC	BBB+	9 months	4.20%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	9 months	4.20%
NAB	AA-	9 months	4.18%
State Bank of India	BBB-	9 months	4.15%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	6 months	4.40%
Suncorp	AA-	6 months	4.27%
State Bank of India	BBB-	6 months	4.25%
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	6 months	4.25%
NAB	AA-	6 months	4.22%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	3 months	4.40%
State Bank of India	BBB-	3 months	4.30%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.25%
BankVIC	BBB+	3 months	4.20%

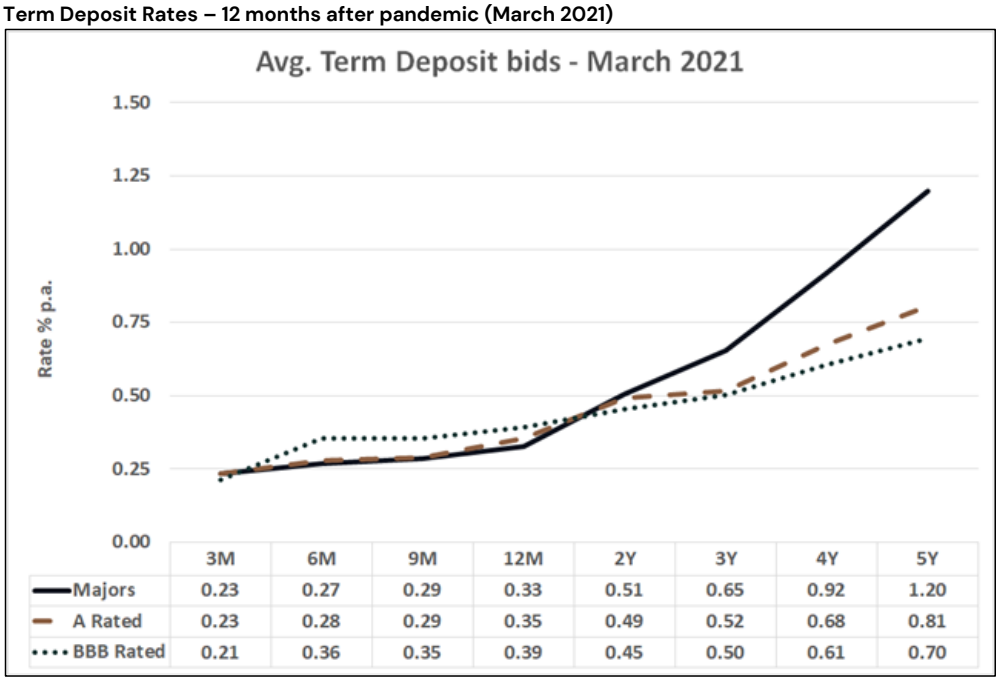
For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer term, they will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle if they roll for an average min. term of 12 months, with a spread of investments out to 5 years (this is where we see current value). In a normal market environment (upward sloping yield curve), investors could earn over a cycle, on average, up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider allocating some longer-term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates close to or above 4% p.a. This will provide some income protection if the RBA decides to continue cutting rates over 2025 and into 2026.

Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



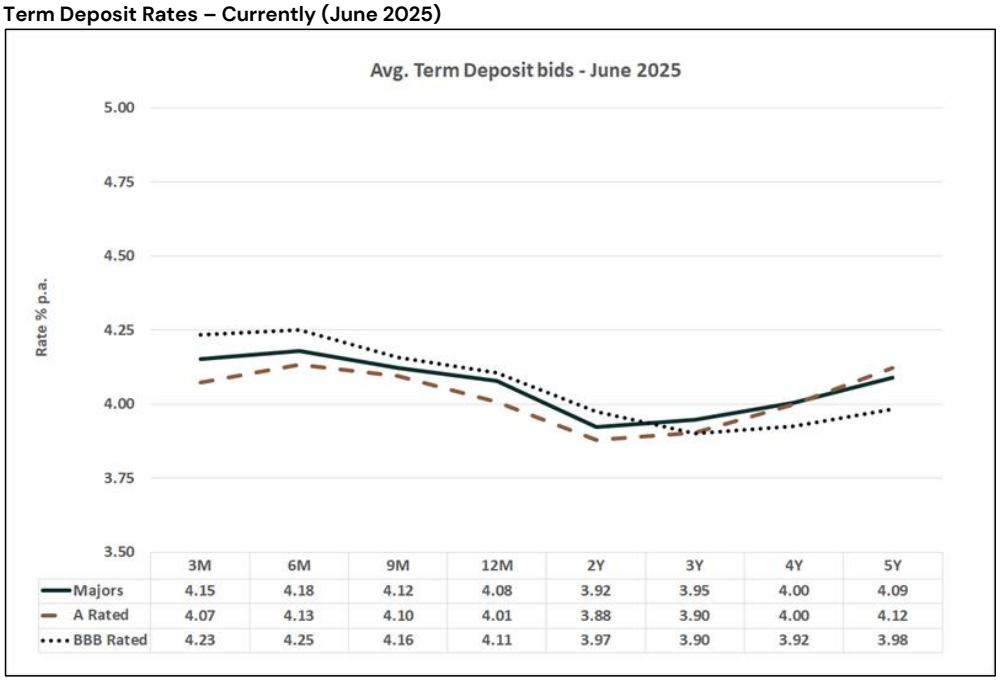
	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.33	0.51	0.65	0.92	1.20
A Rated	0.23	0.28	0.29	0.35	0.49	0.52	0.68	0.81
BBB Rated	0.21	0.36	0.35	0.39	0.45	0.50	0.61	0.70

Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.

Going forward, investors should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (June 2025)



	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	4.15	4.18	4.12	4.08	3.92	3.95	4.00	4.09
A Rated	4.07	4.13	4.10	4.01	3.88	3.90	4.00	4.12
BBB Rated	4.23	4.25	4.16	4.11	3.97	3.90	3.92	3.98

Source: Imperium Markets

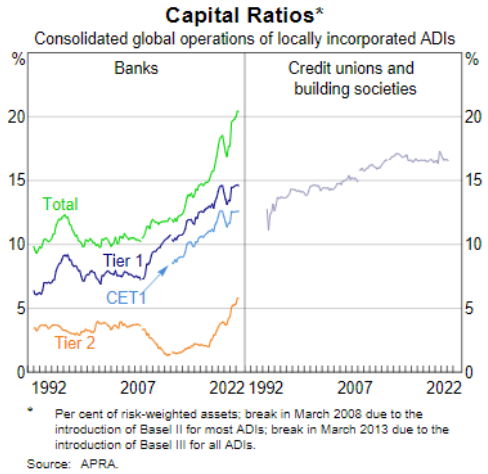
Financial Stability of the Banking (ADI) Sector

The RBA's latest Financial Stability report of 2024 reaffirms the strong balance sheet across the ADI sector. They noted that the risk of widespread financial stress remains limited due to the generally strong financial positions of most (individual) borrowers. Very few mortgage borrowers are in negative equity, limiting the impact on lenders (ADIs) in the event of default and supporting their ability to continue providing credit to the economy. Most businesses that have entered insolvency are small and have little debt, limiting the broader impact on the labour market and thus household incomes, and on the capital position of lenders (ADIs).

Australian banks (collectively the APRA regulated ADIs) have maintained prudent lending standards and are well positioned to continue supplying credit to the economy. A deterioration in economic conditions or temporary disruption to funding markets is unlikely to halt lending activity. Banks have anticipated an

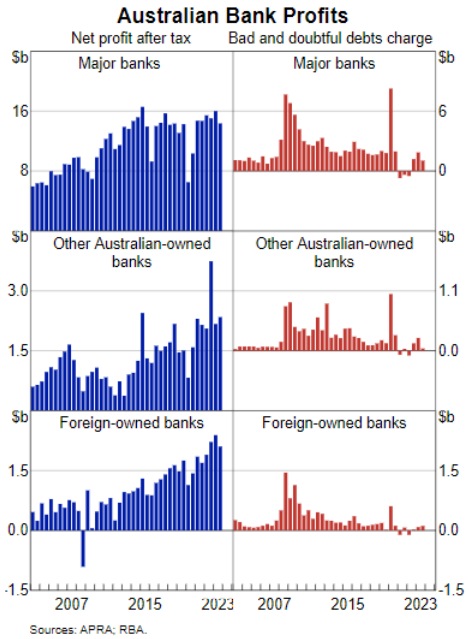
increase in loan arrears and have capital and liquidity buffers well above regulatory requirements (*see Capita Ratios chart below*). APRA's mandate is to "*protect depositors*" and provide "*financial stability*".

Over the past two decades, both domestic and international banks continue to operate and demonstrate high levels of profitability (*see Australian Bank Profits chart below*), which also includes two stress-test environments being the GFC (September 2008) and the COVID pandemic (March 2020):



* Per cent of risk-weighted assets; break in March 2008 due to the introduction of Basel II for most ADIs; break in March 2013 due to the introduction of Basel III for all ADIs.

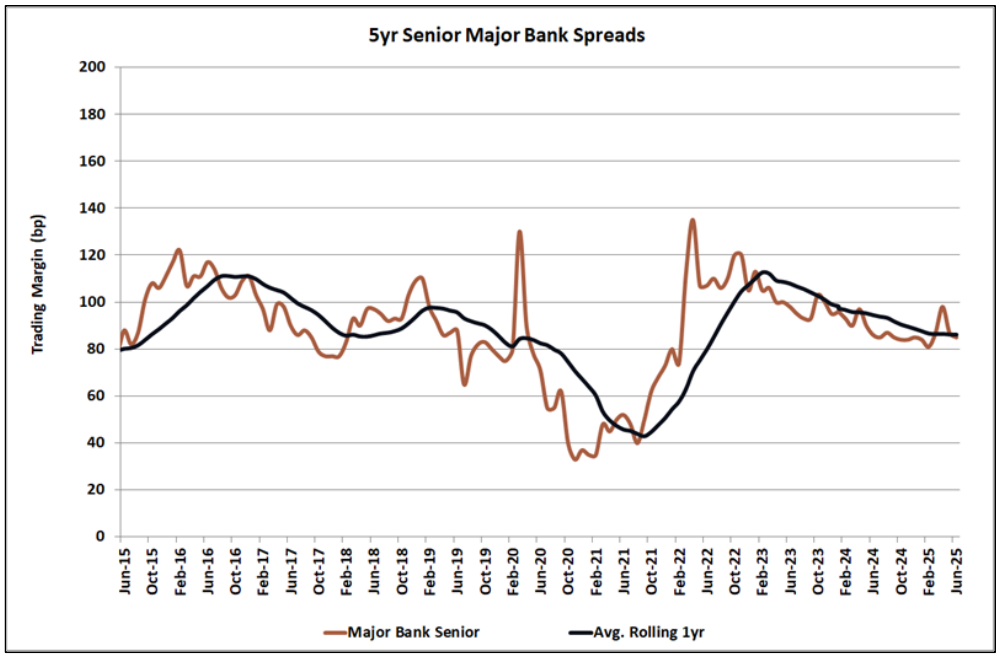
Source: APRA.



Sources: APRA; RBA.

Senior FRNs Market Review

Over June, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities tightened up to 2bp at the long-end of the curve. During the month, Westpac (AA-) issued a new 5 year senior security at +83bp. Long-term major bank senior securities are looking slightly expensive on a historical basis, noting the 5yr margin has averaged around the +95-100bp range over a cycle (currently around +85bp).



Source: IBS Capital

There were minimal primary issuances amongst the senior bank market this month, with the only notable lines being the small levels issued by:

- ING Bank Australia (A) 3 & 5 year senior securities at +80bp and +95bp respectively
- Judo Bank (BBB) 3 year senior FRN at +145bp
- Macquarie Bank (A+) 1 year senior FRN at +42bp
- Bank of China Australia (A) 3 year senior FRN at +75bp

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sector, the securities remained relatively flat at the longer-end of the curve.

Overall, credit securities remain fair value on a historical basis. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly based on their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.

Senior FRNs (ADIs)	30/06/2025	31/05/2025
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+85bp	+87bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+68bp	+69bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+95bp	+97bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+80bp	+77bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+130bp	+130bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before early-2028 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before mid-2026 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6-9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.

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Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation softening and official interest rates starting to drop progressively, investors may look at some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0314763	Bendigo	A-	Senior	24/10/2028	3.33	4.79%	4.18%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	3.85	5.30%	4.35%
AU3CB0319879	Nova Sco.	A-	Senior	21/03/2030	4.74	5.23%	4.80%

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Economic Commentary

International Market

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.

Across equity markets, the US S&P 500 Index rose +4.96%, whilst the NASDAQ surged +6.57%. Europe's main indices bucked the trend, with slight losses in France's CAC (-1.11%), Germany's DAX (-0.37%) and UK's FTSE (-0.13%).

The US Federal Reserve kept rates unchanged at 4.25%–4.50% where it has been since December. The updated "dot plot" maintained expectations of two rate reductions later this year (though seven FOMC members now forecast no cuts at all, up from four in March) and have revised their 2026 outlook to only one 25bp rate cut.

The US unemployment rate held steady at 4.2%. US CPI report for May showed notably cooler inflation than expected, with both headline and core CPI rising just +0.1% m/m (consensus +0.2% and +0.3% respectively). Core CPI is up +1.7% in 3m annualised terms and +2.6% in 6m annualised terms.

The Bank of Canada kept rates on hold at 2.75% as fully expected, once again noting the uncertainty about the impact of tariffs on the economy. The Bank suggested a further rate cut could be required if the economy weakens and inflation remains contained.

The Bank of England kept the bank rate unchanged at 4.25%, with six members supporting the decision while three members voted for a 25bp rate cut. The UK unemployment rate rose 0.1% to 4.6%, in line with expectations. UK April GDP today was soft at -0.3% m/m vs a -0.1% consensus.

Euro area core CPI for May came in 0.1% lower than consensus at +2.3% y/y vs. +2.4% expected. The ECB cut rates by 25bp as expected to 2.00%, but the messaging was more hawkish, with President Lagarde positioning, "*I think we are getting to the end of a monetary policy cycle*".

Both the Swiss National Bank and Norway's Central Bank cut their rates by 25bp respectively in June.

China's CPI data remained weak at -0.1% y/y (-0.2% expected) weighed by falling fuel and food prices even as broader inflation also remained subdued with the core measure at +0.6% y/y.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +3.90% for the month of June:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	+4.96%	+10.97%	+13.63%	+17.91%	+14.89%	+11.64%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+3.90%	+9.20%	+16.00%	+17.70%	+15.50%	+11.00%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+1.41%	+9.50%	+13.81%	+13.56%	+11.85%	+8.86%

Source: S&P, MSCI

Domestic Market

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%).

Q1 GDP rose just +0.2% q/q and +1.3% y/y, below consensus and the RBA's forecast of +0.4% q/q.

Dwelling prices for May rose +0.5% m/m, further sustaining the turnaround seen since February. Price growth had slowed into April (ahead of the 3 May election), but the combination of election clarity and RBA interest rate cuts were likely the drivers behind the rise seen in May.

The monthly trade surplus was lower than expected with a surplus of $5.4bn for April vs. $6.0bn consensus.

Retail spending was up +1.1% in May, +1.5% in 3-month average terms and +6.8% over the past 12 months.

The Australian dollar rose around +1.77%, finishing the month at US65.50 cents (from US64.36 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices marginally tightened in the risk-on environment. They remain near the levels seen in early-mid 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	June 2025	May 2025
CDX North American 5yr CDS	54bp	56bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	57bp	58bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	76bp	75bp

Source: Markit

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Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	June 2025	May 2025
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.32%	+0.32%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+0.75%	-0.40%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.38%	+0.64%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.62%	+0.21%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+0.77%	+0.02%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.80%	+0.41%

Source: Bloomberg

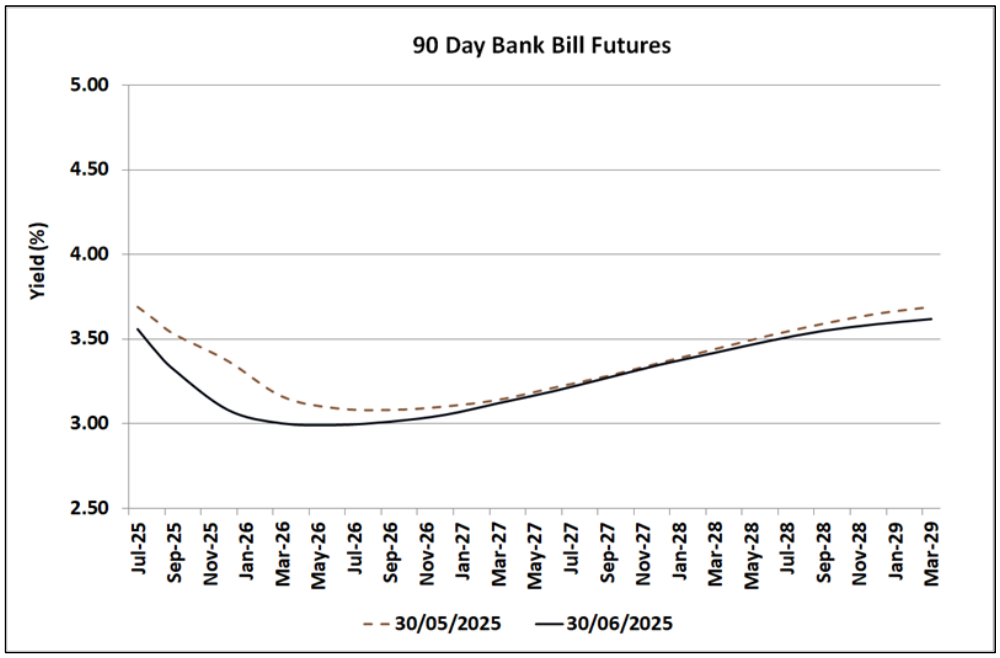
Other Key Rates

Index	June 2025	May 2025
RBA Official Cash Rate	3.85%	3.85%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	3.60%	3.73%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.25%	3.31%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.14%	4.23%
US Fed Funds Rate	4.25%-4.50%	4.25%-4.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.72%	3.89%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.24%	4.41%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury

90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures fell across the curve this month, with expectations of further rate cuts to be delivered very shortly:



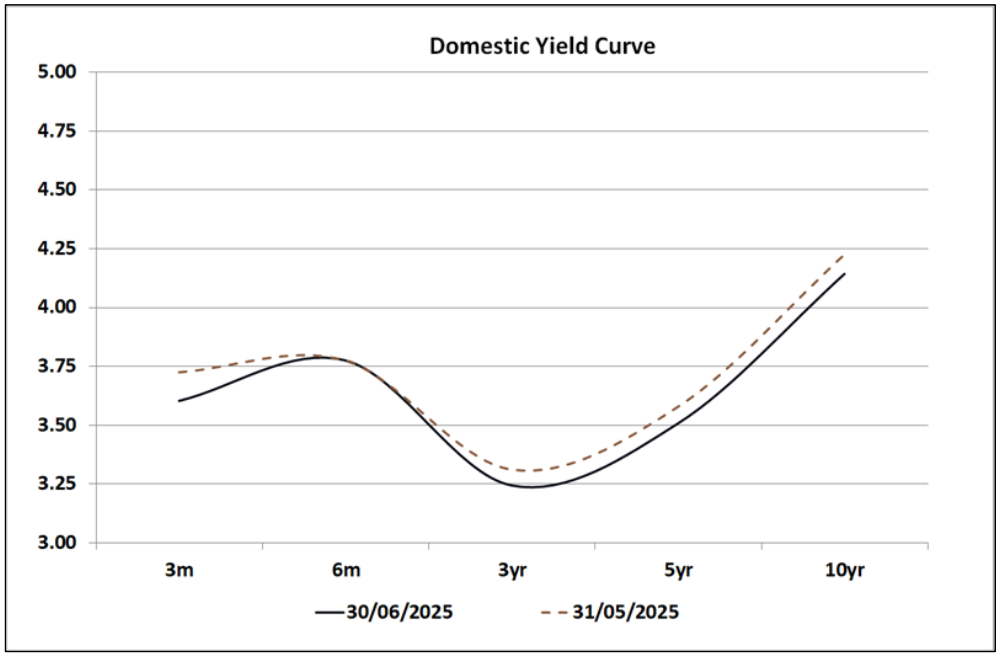
Source: ASX

Fixed Interest Outlook

US Fed Chair Powell has recently stated that "*if inflation pressures remain contained, we'll get to a place to cut rates sooner rather than later*". The market continues to factor up to two rate cuts by the US Fed for the remainder of 2025.

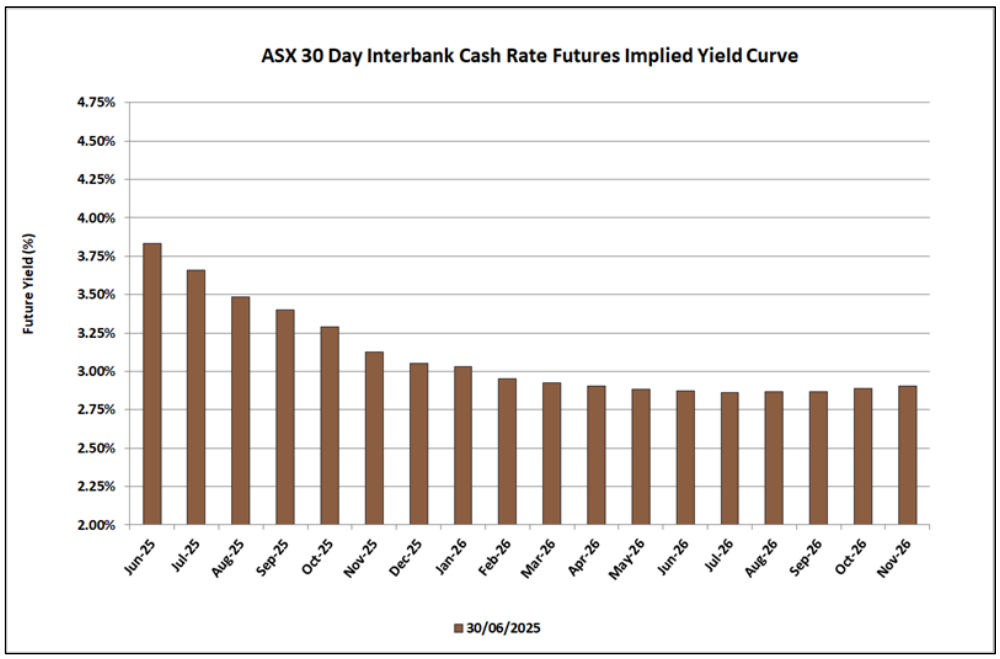
With monthly inflation prints coming in softer than the RBA's expectations in recent months, the ongoing restrictive policy stance may no longer be appropriate. With services inflation on the monthly indicator running at its lowest since May 2022, this should give the RBA greater confidence that there is further room to ease policy back to a more neutral setting.

Yields fell up to 8bp at the longer-end of the curve:



Source: ASX, RBA

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:



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Investment Report

01/06/2025 to 30/06/2025

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Portfolio Valuation as at 30/06/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/01/2025	09/07/2025	5.0200	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	237,934.25	41,260.27
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/09/2025	4.6400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	47,162.74	13,347.95
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	113,303.01	11,884.93
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	241,415.34	25,323.29
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	182,032.88	19,643.84
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	362,542.47	39,123.29
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/10/2025	5.0200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	167,791.78	20,630.14
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.2250	5,601,304.80	5,600,000.00	18,798.36	18,798.36
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	35,586.30	17,219.18
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	49,820.82	24,106.85
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.3414	9,995,270.00	10,000,000.00	32,114.47	32,114.47
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/03/2026	4.5200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	52,506.30	14,860.27
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.0037	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	329.07	329.07
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.3745	1,659,972.60	1,650,000.00	15,063.32	7,288.71
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.0739	9,994,230.00	10,000,000.00	8,929.10	8,929.10

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,997,115.00	5,000,000.00	4,464.55	4,464.55
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	1,499,134.50	1,500,000.00	1,339.36	1,339.36
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,997,115.00	5,000,000.00	4,464.55	4,464.55
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	4.8003	4,756,165.50	4,750,000.00	31,234.83	18,740.90
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.3048	2,219,217.00	2,200,000.00	8,313.28	8,313.28
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	17/03/2025	17/03/2027	4.3800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	25,440.00	7,200.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	18,542.47	18,542.47
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2027	3.9900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	33,887.67	16,397.26
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,632,054.40	1,600,000.00	10,730.96	6,706.85
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	4.7938	2,010,960.00	2,000,000.00	12,608.35	7,880.22
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	4.9097	1,451,548.60	1,450,000.00	11,897.62	5,851.29
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,518,082.50	1,500,000.00	9,153.39	6,697.60
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,366,274.25	1,350,000.00	8,238.05	6,027.84
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	4.8139	1,199,902.80	1,200,000.00	1,266.12	1,266.12
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	4.0400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	34,312.33	16,602.74

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	3.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	13,453.15	6,509.59
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	4.7900	712,358.50	700,000.00	6,246.68	2,755.89
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,916,810.00	5,000,000.00	19,315.07	12,328.77
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	5.6438	919,649.70	900,000.00	6,679.79	4,174.87
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	26,522.19	8,202.74
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.1400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	35,161.64	17,013.70
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.0400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	20,587.40	9,961.64
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,097,317.00	3,000,000.00	27,008.22	13,068.49
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9580	2,047,796.00	2,000,000.00	9,236.82	8,150.14
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.5200	2,495,240.00	2,500,000.00	10,526.03	9,287.67
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2030	4.2900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	36,435.62	17,630.14
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,345,296.00	1,500,000.00	2,186.30	1,873.97
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	4.5000	2,041,300.00	2,000,000.00	9,616.44	7,397.26
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,103,250.00	5,000,000.00	24,041.10	18,493.15
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,628,204.00	3,000,000.00	25,742.47	4,290.41

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	1.7500	1,574,958.00	2,000,000.00	3,452.05	2,876.71
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,538,412.50	2,500,000.00	2,328.77	2,328.77
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.1825	292,858.42	314,547.74	1,477.79	1,081.31
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	4.4825	801,288.00	1,000,000.00	5,035.14	3,684.25
TOTALS								**194,413,085.07**	**195,214,547.74**	**2,066,276.38**	**576,464.18**

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Portfolio by Asset as at 30/06/2025

Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/01/2025	09/07/2025	5.0200	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	237,934.25	41,260.27
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/09/2025	4.6400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	47,162.74	13,347.95
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	113,303.01	11,884.93
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	241,415.34	25,323.29
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	182,032.88	19,643.84
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	362,542.47	39,123.29
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/10/2025	5.0200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	167,791.78	20,630.14
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	35,586.30	17,219.18
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	49,820.82	24,106.85
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/03/2026	4.5200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	52,506.30	14,860.27
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	17/03/2025	17/03/2027	4.3800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	25,440.00	7,200.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	18,542.47	18,542.47
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2027	3.9900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	33,887.67	16,397.26
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	4.0400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	34,312.33	16,602.74

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	3.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	13,453.15	6,509.59
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	26,522.19	8,202.74
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.1400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	35,161.64	17,013.70
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.0400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	20,587.40	9,961.64
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2030	4.2900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	36,435.62	17,630.14
TD SUBTOTALS								**106,000,000.00**	**106,000,000.00**	**1,734,438.36**	**345,460.27**

Asset Type: FRTD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.0037	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	329.07	329.07
FRTD SUBTOTALS								**3,000,000.00**	**3,000,000.00**	**329.07**	**329.07**

Asset Type: FRN

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.2250	5,601,304.80	5,600,000.00	18,798.36	18,798.36
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.3414	9,995,270.00	10,000,000.00	32,114.47	32,114.47

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.3745	1,659,972.60	1,650,000.00	15,063.32	7,288.71
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.0739	9,994,230.00	10,000,000.00	8,929.10	8,929.10
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,997,115.00	5,000,000.00	4,464.55	4,464.55
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	1,499,134.50	1,500,000.00	1,339.36	1,339.36
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,997,115.00	5,000,000.00	4,464.55	4,464.55
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	4.8003	4,756,165.50	4,750,000.00	31,234.83	18,740.90
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.3048	2,219,217.00	2,200,000.00	8,313.28	8,313.28
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	4.7938	2,010,960.00	2,000,000.00	12,608.35	7,880.22
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	4.9097	1,451,548.60	1,450,000.00	11,897.62	5,851.29
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,518,082.50	1,500,000.00	9,153.39	6,697.60
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,366,274.25	1,350,000.00	8,238.05	6,027.84
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	4.8139	1,199,902.80	1,200,000.00	1,266.12	1,266.12
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	5.6438	919,649.70	900,000.00	6,679.79	4,174.87
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.5200	2,495,240.00	2,500,000.00	10,526.03	9,287.67
EmeraldMBS2006-	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.1825	292,858.42	314,547.74	1,477.79	1,081.31

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
1A											
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	4.4825	801,288.00	1,000,000.00	5,035.14	3,684.25
FRN SUBTOTALS								**57,775,328.67**	**57,914,547.74**	**191,604.08**	**150,404.42**

Asset Type: BOND

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,632,054.40	1,600,000.00	10,730.96	6,706.85
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	4.7900	712,358.50	700,000.00	6,246.68	2,755.89
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,916,810.00	5,000,000.00	19,315.07	12,328.77
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,097,317.00	3,000,000.00	27,008.22	13,068.49
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9580	2,047,796.00	2,000,000.00	9,236.82	8,150.14
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,345,296.00	1,500,000.00	2,186.30	1,873.97
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	4.5000	2,041,300.00	2,000,000.00	9,616.44	7,397.26
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,103,250.00	5,000,000.00	24,041.10	18,493.15
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,628,204.00	3,000,000.00	25,742.47	4,290.41

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	1.7500	1,574,958.00	2,000,000.00	3,452.05	2,876.71
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,538,412.50	2,500,000.00	2,328.77	2,328.77
BOND SUBTOTALS								**27,637,756.40**	**28,300,000.00**	**139,904.88**	**80,270.41**

Portfolio by Asset Totals as at 30/06/2025

Type	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
TD	106,000,000.00	106,000,000.00	1,734,438.36	345,460.27
FRTD	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	329.07	329.07
FRN	57,775,328.67	57,914,547.74	191,604.08	150,404.42
BOND	27,637,756.40	28,300,000.00	139,904.88	80,270.41
TOTALS	**194,413,085.07**	**195,214,547.74**	**2,066,276.38**	**576,464.18**

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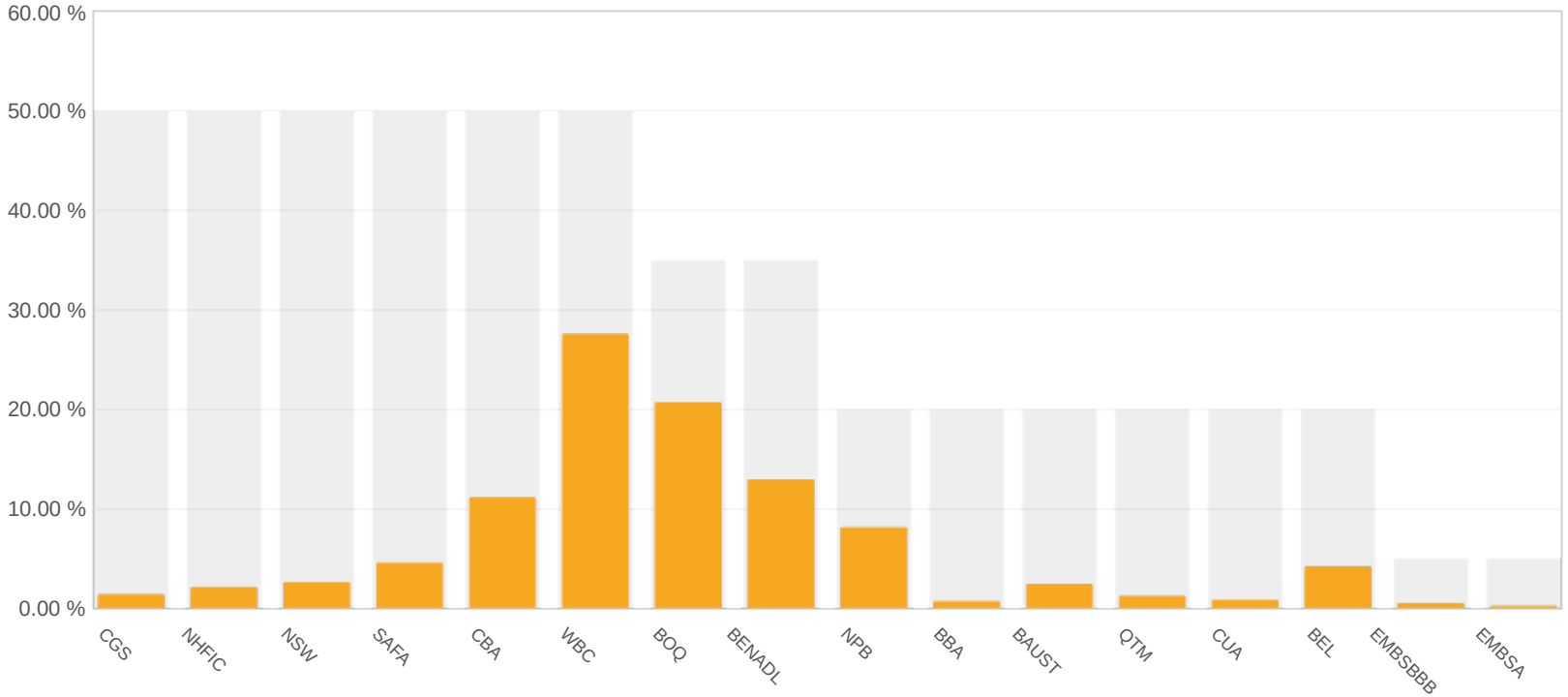
Counterparty Compliance as at 30/06/2025

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit ($)	Available ($)
✔	Commonwealth Government	Long	AAA	2,538,412.50	1.31	50.00	-	94,668,130.03
✔	NHFIC	Long	AAA	3,973,500.00	2.04	50.00	-	93,233,042.53
✔	NSW Treasury Corp	Long	AA+	4,916,810.00	2.53	50.00	-	92,289,732.53
✔	South Australian Government	Long	AA+	8,719,508.00	4.49	50.00	-	88,487,034.53
✔	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	21,487,594.50	11.05	50.00	-	75,718,948.03
✔	Westpac	Long	AA-	53,500,000.00	27.52	50.00	-	43,706,542.53
✔	BOQ	Long	A-	40,097,317.00	20.63	35.00	-	27,947,262.77
✔	Bendigo and Adelaide	Long	A-	24,999,713.70	12.86	35.00	-	43,044,866.07
✔	Newcastle Permanent	Long	BBB+	15,671,085.20	8.06	20.00	-	23,211,531.81
✔	Beyond Bank	Long	BBB+	1,199,902.80	0.62	20.00	-	37,682,714.21
✔	Bank Australia	Long	BBB+	4,544,329.35	2.34	20.00	-	34,338,287.66
✔	RACQ Bank	Long	BBB+	2,219,217.00	1.14	20.00	-	36,663,400.01
✔	Great Southern Bank	Long	BBB+	1,451,548.60	0.75	20.00	-	37,431,068.41
✔	Bank of Us	Long	BBB+	8,000,000.00	4.12	20.00	-	30,882,617.01

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit ($)	Available ($)
✔	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Long	Unrated	801,288.00	0.41	5.00	-	8,919,366.25
✔	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Long	Unrated	292,858.42	0.15	5.00	-	9,427,795.84
TOTALS				**194,413,085.07**	**100.00**			

Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments

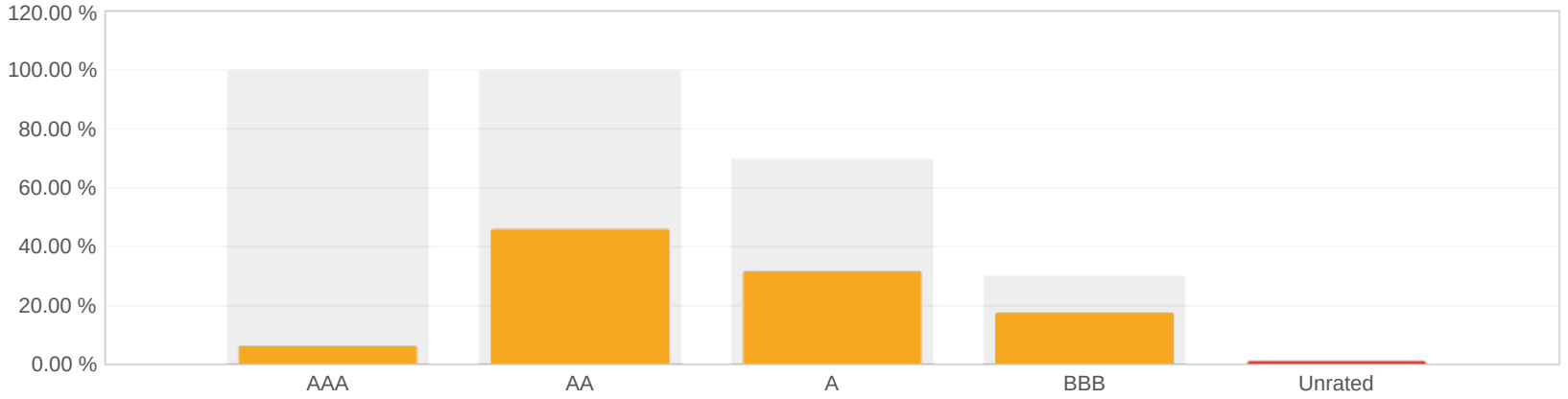


Credit Quality Compliance as at 30/06/2025

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	AAA	11,054,948.50	5.69	100.00	183,358,136.57
✔	AA	88,623,912.50	45.59	100.00	105,789,172.57
✔	A	60,553,994.70	31.15	70.00	75,535,164.85
✔	BBB	33,086,082.95	17.02	30.00	25,237,842.57
✖	Unrated	1,094,146.42	0.56	0.00	-1,094,146.42
TOTALS		**194,413,085.07**	**100.00**		

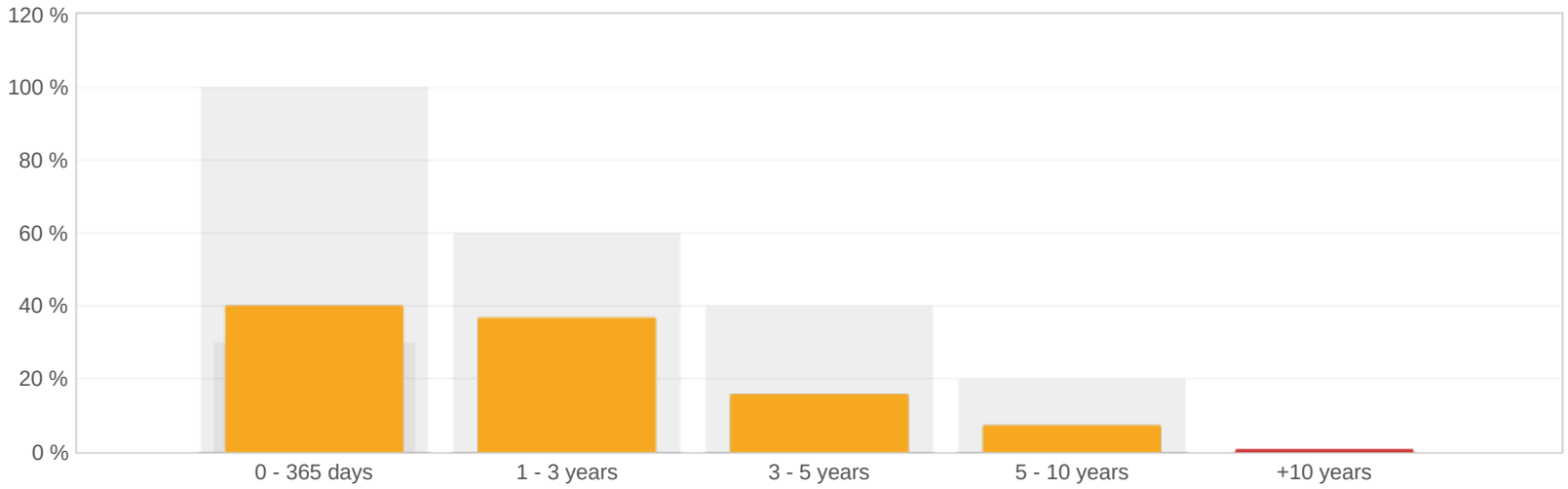
Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments



Maturity Compliance as at 30/06/2025

Compliant	Term	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	0 - 365 days	77,596,574.80	39.91	30.00	100.00	116,816,510.27
✔	1 - 3 years	71,301,772.15	36.67	0.00	60.00	45,346,078.89
✔	3 - 5 years	30,534,467.20	15.71	0.00	40.00	47,230,766.83
✔	5 - 10 years	13,886,124.50	7.14	0.00	20.00	24,996,492.51
✖	+10 years	1,094,146.42	0.56	0.00	0.00	-1,094,146.42
TOTALS		**194,413,085.06**	**100.00**			

Maturity Compliance



Trades in Period

From: 01/06/2025 To: 30/06/2025

New Trades - From: 01/06/2025 To: 30/06/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value ($)	Reference
No entries for this item									
TOTALS								**0**	

Sell Trades - From: 01/06/2025 To: 30/06/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Yield/Margin (%)	Face Value ($)	Gross Value ($)	Capital Value ($)	Reference
No entries for this item												
TOTALS									**0**			

Matured Trades - From: 01/06/2025 To: 30/06/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value ($)	Reference
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/06/2025	4.9000	3,000,000.00	1034836
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/06/2025	4.9000	5,000,000.00	1032950
TOTALS								**8,000,000.00**	

Unrealised Gains / Losses as at 30/06/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost ($)	Value ($)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	5,600,000.00	5,601,304.80	100.0000	100.0233	1,304.80
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	10,000,000.00	9,995,270.00	100.0000	99.9527	-4,730.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,650,000.00	1,659,972.60	100.0000	100.6044	9,972.60
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	GREEN	9,848,540.00	9,994,230.00	98.4854	99.9423	145,690.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	4,966,070.00	4,997,115.00	99.3214	99.9423	31,045.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	1,491,930.00	1,499,134.50	99.4620	99.9423	7,204.50
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	5,000,000.00	4,997,115.00	100.0000	99.9423	-2,885.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	4,750,000.00	4,756,165.50	100.0000	100.1298	6,165.50
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,200,000.00	2,219,217.00	100.0000	100.8735	19,217.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,597,888.00	1,632,054.40	99.8680	102.0034	34,166.40
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,010,960.00	100.0000	100.5480	10,960.00
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,450,000.00	1,451,548.60	100.0000	100.1068	1,548.60
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,521,030.00	1,518,082.50	101.4020	101.2055	-2,947.50
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,350,000.00	1,366,274.25	100.0000	101.2055	16,274.25
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,200,000.00	1,199,902.80	100.0000	99.9919	-97.20
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	700,000.00	712,358.50	100.0000	101.7655	12,358.50

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost ($)	Value ($)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss ($)
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	4,916,810.00	100.0000	98.3362	-83,190.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	900,000.00	919,649.70	100.0000	102.1833	19,649.70
BOQ	A-	BOND	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,992,470.00	3,097,317.00	99.7490	103.2439	104,847.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,047,796.00	100.0000	102.3898	47,796.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,500,000.00	2,495,240.00	100.0000	99.8096	-4,760.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,535,415.00	1,345,296.00	102.3610	89.6864	-190,119.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,983,600.00	2,041,300.00	99.1800	102.0650	57,700.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	5,103,250.00	100.0000	102.0650	103,250.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	3,000,000.00	2,628,204.00	100.0000	87.6068	-371,796.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,536,340.00	1,574,958.00	76.8170	78.7479	38,618.00
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	2,492,450.00	2,538,412.50	99.6980	101.5365	45,962.50
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	MBS	314,547.74	292,858.42	100.0000	93.1046	-21,689.32
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	MBS	1,000,000.00	801,288.00	100.0000	80.1288	-198,712.00
TOTALS						**85,580,280.74**	**85,413,085.07**			**-167,195.67**

Realised Gains / Losses

From: 01/06/2025 To: 30/06/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Cost Price	Current Price	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Realised	Type
No entries for this item											
TOTALS						**0**	**0**				**0**

Interest Received in Period

From: 01/06/2025 To: 30/06/2025

Periodic Interest

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value ($)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received ($)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	18/09/2024	18/06/2025	18/06/2025	Maturity	4.9000	109,947.95
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	26/09/2024	26/06/2025	26/06/2025	Maturity	4.9000	183,246.58
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	5,600,000.00	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	02/06/2025	Periodic	4.6353	64,716.41
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10,000,000.00	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	04/06/2025	Periodic	4.7464	119,635.29
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	3,000,000.00	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	30/06/2025	Periodic	4.5254	33,847.51
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	1,500,000.00	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	23/06/2025	Periodic	4.5268	16,928.99
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	23/06/2025	Periodic	4.5268	56,429.97
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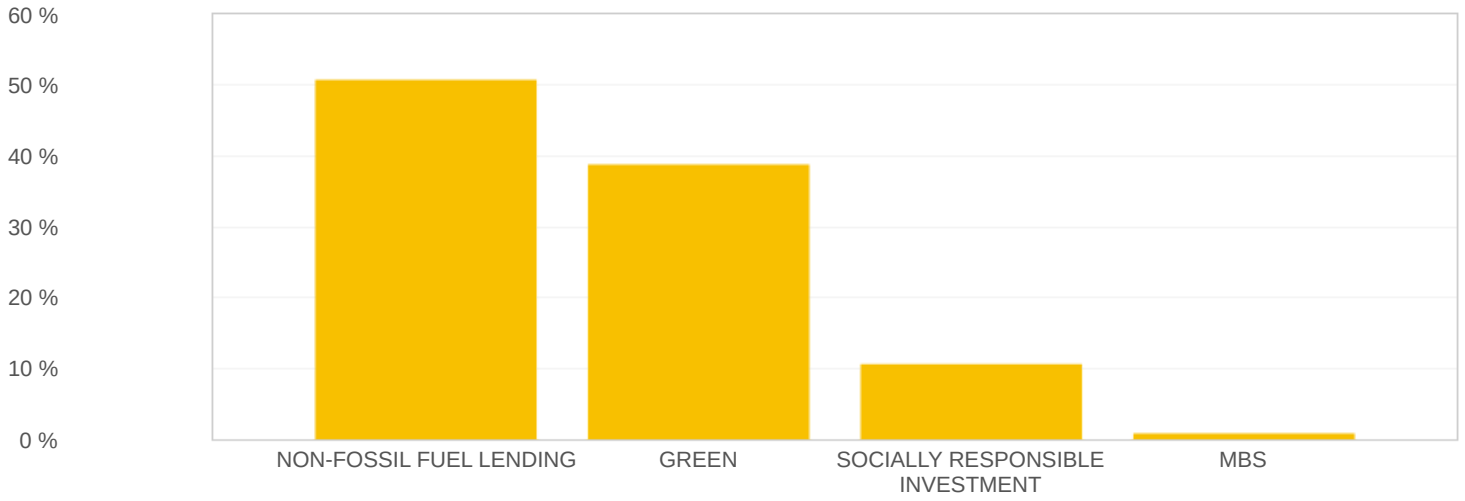
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10,000,000.00	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	23/06/2025	Periodic	4.5268	112,859.95
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	2,200,000.00	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	05/06/2025	Periodic	5.7173	31,703.60
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	18,000,000.00	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	23/06/2025	Periodic	4.7000	217,873.97
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	1,200,000.00	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	23/06/2025	Periodic	5.2600	16,255.56
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	2,500,000.00	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	23/06/2025	Periodic	4.2500	53,125.00

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value ($)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received ($)
TOTALS					72,000,000.00						1,073,000.75

Allocation as at 30/06/2025

Code	Number of trades	Invested ($)	Invested (%)
NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	27	98,183,113.65	50.50
GREEN	13	74,987,594.50	38.57
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	7	20,148,230.50	10.36
MBS	2	1,094,146.42	0.56
TOTALS	**49**	**194,413,085.07**	**100.0**

Allocation Distribution as at 30/06/2025



Asset Class as at 30/06/2025

Code	Number of Trades	Invested ($)	Invested (%)
TD	19	106,000,000.00	54.52
FRN	18	57,775,328.67	29.72
Bond	11	27,637,756.40	14.22
FRTD	1	3,000,000.00	1.54
TOTALS	**49**	**194,413,085.07**	**100.0**

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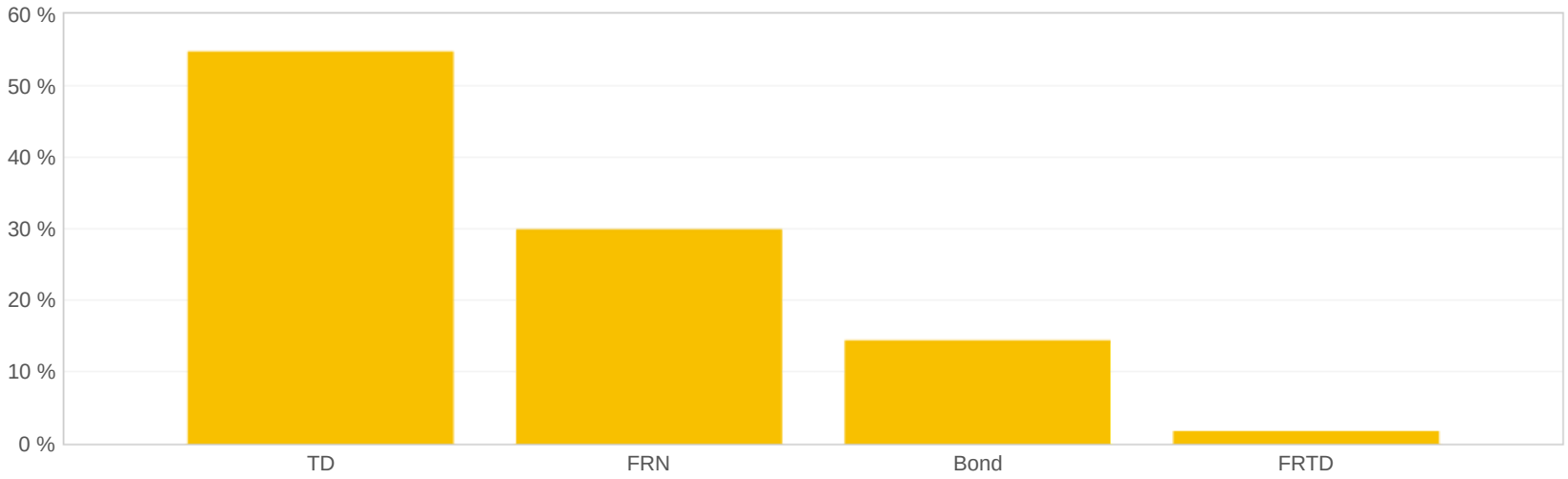

Item No: **C0825(1) Item 25**

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:

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Total	**$184,326,928**	**100.00%**

Council has two Emerald Investments that were purchased by the former Marrickville Council in July 2006 with maturity dates of August 2051 and August 2056 representing a market value $1.1M of Councils invested funds.

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The attachments to this report summarise all investments held by Council and interest returns for the period ending 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:

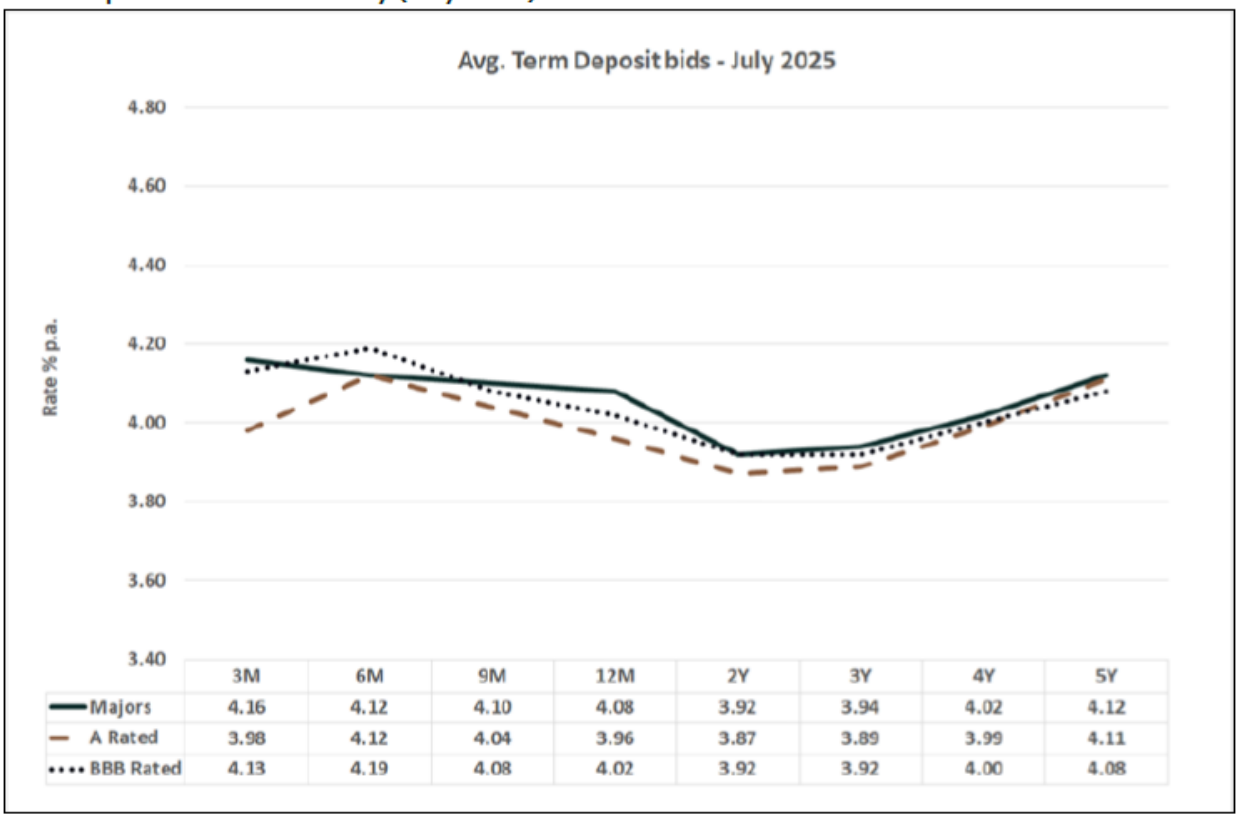
- Employment Leave Entitlements
- Investment Property Reserve
- Infrastructure Renewal Reserve
- Depreciation Contra Reserve

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)



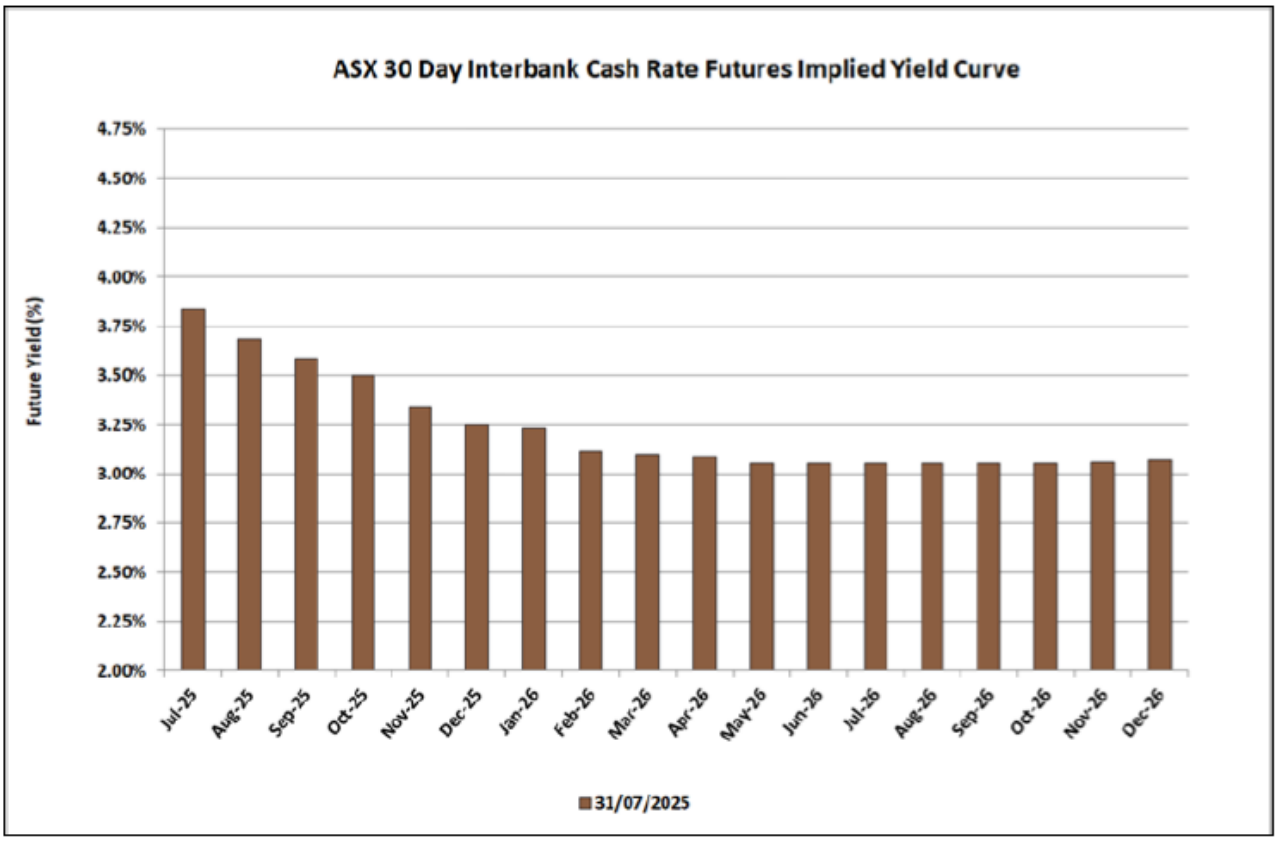
	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	4.16	4.12	4.10	4.08	3.92	3.94	4.02	4.12
A Rated	3.98	4.12	4.04	3.96	3.87	3.89	3.99	4.11
BBB Rated	4.13	4.19	4.08	4.02	3.92	3.92	4.00	4.08

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

Monthly Investment Review

July 2025

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Market Update Summary

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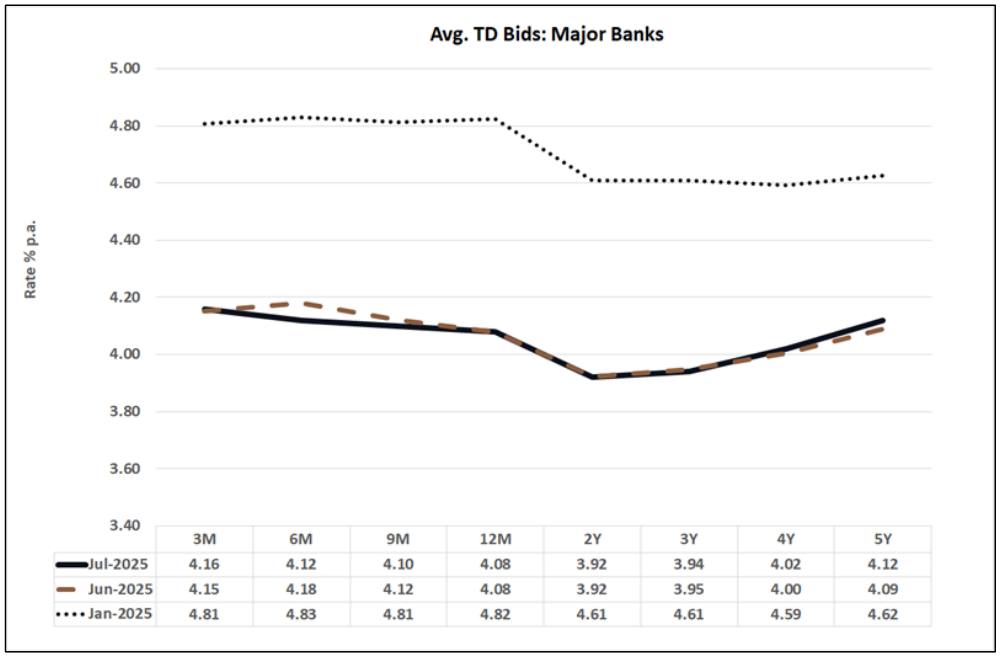

	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Jul-2025	4.16	4.12	4.10	4.08	3.92	3.94	4.02	4.12
Jun-2025	4.15	4.18	4.12	4.08	3.92	3.95	4.00	4.09
Jan-2025	4.81	4.83	4.81	4.82	4.61	4.61	4.59	4.62

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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).

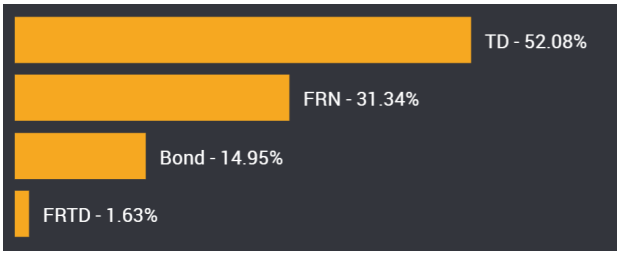
Inner West Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

A large proportion of the portfolio is directed to fixed and floating rate term deposits (~54%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in FRNs (~31%), which includes a residual exposure to the grandfathered mortgage backed securities, and fixed bonds (~15%).

Senior FRNs are currently considered 'expensive' on a historical basis but new issuances should continue to be considered on a case by case scenario. In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 12 months to 5 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

With additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn being priced in 2025, investors can choose to allocate a small proportion of longer-term funds and undertake an insurance policy against additional rate cuts by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits, locking in and targeting yields above 4% p.a. Should inflation be within the RBA's target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, returns around 4% p.a. or higher should outperform benchmark.



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Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 37% of assets maturing within 12 months.

There is significant capacity to invest in short-medium (1-3 years), which is where we see the current value to optimise returns in the longer-run once the immediate capital projects are delivered. Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed term deposits or newly issued FRNs (refer to respective sections below).

The non-compliance in the +10 year category reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities which have a final maturity date of +2050.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	0 - 12 months	$67,591,766	36.67%	30%	100%	$116,735,162
✓	1 – 3 years	$71,292,979	38.68%	0%	60%	$39,303,178
✓	3 – 5 years	$30,503,686	16.55%	0%	40%	$43,227,086
✓	5 – 10 years	$13,841,955	7.51%	0%	20%	$23,023,431
X	+10 years	$1,096,543	0.59%	0%	0%	-$1,096,543
		$184,326,928	**100.00%**			

Counterparty

Capacity limits are often dependent on the overall movement in the portfolio's balances (inflows or capital expenditures). With the adoption of the new policy, there is now higher capacity to invest with the BBB rated entities.

Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to unrated ADIs. The exposure to "Unrated" assets reflects the grandfathered Mortgage Backed Securities.

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Ethical (Environmentally, Socially Responsible or Fossil Fuel Free) Investments

Council has made the active decision to divest any investment which has an exposure to fossil fuels. Council will continue to favour newly issued fossil fuel-free investment products and/or ethical investments, providing it does not significantly compromise the risk and return profile of the overall investment portfolio.

The overall summary of Council's investments can be categorised as follows:

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Credit Quality

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The portfolio is mainly directed amongst the investment grade spectrum. All aggregate ratings categories are within the adopted Policy limits. The exposures to "Unrated" investments comprise of the grandfathered MBS investments.

There is now some capacity to invest with the "BBB" rated ADIs following the ratings upgrade for BoQ and Bendigo-Adelaide (moved up from BBB to A category range), although this is also dependent on movements in the overall portfolio's balances.

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	AAA Category	$6,479,430	3.52%	100%	$177,847,498
✓	AA Category	$88,585,432	48.06%	100%	$95,741,496
✓	A Category	$55,077,227	29.88%	70%	$73,951,623
✓	BBB Category	$33,088,296	17.95%	30%	$22,209,782
✓	Unrated Category	$1,096,543	0.59%	10%	$17,336,150
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Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending July 2025 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.32%	0.96%	1.95%	0.32%	4.16%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.30%	0.97%	2.02%	0.30%	4.31%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.39%	1.14%	2.32%	0.39%	4.84%
Council's FRT/D Portfolio	0.34%	1.01%	1.98%	0.34%	4.00%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.38%	1.12%	2.20%	0.38%	4.62%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.33%	0.96%	1.88%	0.33%	2.96%
Council's Total Portfolio^	**0.38%**	**1.11%**	**2.22%**	**0.38%**	**4.54%**
Outperformance	**0.08%**	**0.14%**	**0.20%**	**0.08%**	**0.23%**

^Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	3.85%	3.85%	3.97%	3.85%	4.16%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	3.60%	3.89%	4.11%	3.60%	4.31%
Council TDs	4.67%	4.60%	4.74%	4.67%	4.84%
Council's FRT/D Portfolio	4.14%	4.05%	4.03%	4.14%	4.00%
Council FRNs	4.60%	4.50%	4.49%	4.60%	4.62%
Council's Bond Portfolio	3.93%	3.85%	3.83%	3.93%	2.96%
Council's Portfolio^	**4.53%**	**4.46%**	**4.53%**	**4.53%**	**4.54%**
Outperformance	**0.93%**	**0.57%**	**0.42%**	**0.93%**	**0.23%**

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For the month of July, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.38% (actual) or +4.53% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.30% (actual) or +3.60% p.a. (annualised).

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Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Going forward, over the long-run, Council's interest income can be increased by undertaking a slightly longer duration position (spread across 1-3 years), with rates on offer along this part of the curve likely to be offered up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is growing belief that additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn is forthcoming and so locking in rates close to or above 4% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors may provide some income protection against a lower rate environment in coming years.

As at the end of July, Council's **deposit** portfolio was yielding 4.49% p.a. (down 5bp from the previous month) with a weighted average duration of around 510 days (~1.4 years). ***We recommend Council maintains this average duration in the long-run to optimise returns.***

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) remain appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario. **Fixed Bonds** may also provide some attractive opportunities from new (primary) issuances and potentially secondary market offers (or 'tap').

Please refer to the sections below for further details on each market.

Council FRNs – Recommendations for Sale/Switches

We now recommend Council sells/switches out of the following FRN(s):

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	Trade Reference	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	Capital Price ($)	Unrealised Gain ($)
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542014	AU3FN0063103	$1,500,000	+43.3bp	$99.910	$6,717^
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542019	AU3FN0063103	$5,000,000	+43.3bp	$99.910	$29,420^
CBA	AA-	23/12/2026	542413	AU3FN0063103	$10,000,000	+43.3bp	$99.910	$142,440^
Bendigo	A-	14/05/2027	176855902	AU3FN0087797	$2,000,000	+65.5bp	$100.535	$10,698

^These assets were purchased in the secondary market at a discount to par.

The above sale would result in a capital gain of ~$189k and could easily be switched into higher yielding complying assets. We will inform Council when the opportunity arises.

Council's Fixed Bonds

A handful of Councils' fixed bonds are now at a discount to par given the rise in bond yields over the past few years. Unless there is an emergency to access funds at short notice, Council is likely to hold these assets to maturity and will receive its original face value back. If there is an opportunity to sell prior to maturity (if official rates fall to an attractive level), we will inform Council accordingly.

Grandfathered Investments

Council holds the following 'grandfathered' Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS). The valuation as at the end of May 2025 is shown as follows:

Asset	Maturity Date	ISIN	Capital Value	Current Value	Coupon Margin	~Current Trading Margin	Monthly Actual Return (%)
2006-1A*	21/08/2051	AU300EMER013	$293,030	$93.159	+45bp	+145bp	+0.06%
2006-1B	21/08/2056	AU300EMER021	$803,513	$80.351	+75bp	+305bp	+0.28%

** Emerald MBS 2006-1A paid out a distribution of $1,638.57 in May 2025 which resulted in the decline in the face value to $314,548 from $316,186*

The MBS2006-1A security should pay its capital well before the final maturity date.

We note the liquidity of assets such as the above in the secondary market is considered very poor with large bid-ask spreads (we would indicatively suggest a bid-ask spread of around $5-$10 either side of the current 'fair' value). In most circumstances, bids are well below the indicated "mid" or "fair" values. As such, Council is expected to hold this asset for the long-term, potentially until it makes its final payment.

Third Party Valuer ("Arms-Length")

Imperium Markets uses an external third party provider (IBS Capital[1]) who has started valuing (effective 31st March 2022) Council's holding of this asset on a daily basis (end-of-business day valuations).

IBS Capital prices all investor's securities (FRNs, bonds, mortgage backed securities) on a daily basis. We believe this is important for auditing purposes, especially when investors revaluate their assets at the end of every financial year. The revaluations of all securities on the Imperium Markets platform is NOT biased i.e. they are not provided by the bank or financial intermediary that sold the security to the client.

IBS Capital's methodology is based on extensive experience in financial markets, and it has been developed by an AFMA accredited principal. In designing the valuation methodology the following AASB directives were used - market approach valuation technique as per paragraphs 61-66 of the AASB13 Standard as well as Appendix B, Application guidance, Valuation techniques paragraph of the same document.

Where applicable, end-of-day closing prices (trading margins and yields) are crossed checked and compared with other external data providers including YieldBroker, Refinitiv and/or Bloomberg's. To make sure that adverse liquidity conditions do not influence closing prices, changes to each day's closing prices from the previous trading date are analysed. If the changes are considerably different to changes in benchmark rates, the use of interpolation, based on securities with similar characteristics such as credit rating, maturity and capital structure (level of seniority), are applied.

[1] http://ibscapital.com.au/

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Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of July, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING Bank	A	5 years	4.35%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.19%
Hume Bank	BBB+	5 years	4.18%
NAB	AA-	5 years	4.15%
ING Bank	A	4 years	4.20%
Hume Bank	BBB+	4 years	4.08%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	4.07%
NAB	AA-	4 years	4.05%
ING Bank	A	3 years	4.05%
Hume Bank	BBB+	3 years	4.00%
Westpac	AA-	3 years	3.99%
BOQ	A-	3 years	3.94%
ING Bank	A	2 years	4.02%
Regional Aust. Bank	BBB+	2 years	4.00%
State Bank of India	BBB-	2 years	4.00%
Hume Bank	BBB+	2 years	3.95%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (*we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments*):

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	12 months	4.19%
Westpac	AA-	12 months	4.17%
Regional Aus. Bank	BBB+	12 months	4.16%
State Bank of India	BBB-	12 months	4.15%
NAB	AA-	12 months	4.10%
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	12 months	4.10%
State Bank of India	BBB-	9 months	4.30%
Regional Aus. Bank	BBB+	9 months	4.20%
Westpac	AA-	9 months	4.15%
NAB	AA-	9 months	4.15%
BankVIC	BBB+	6 months	4.25%
AMP Bank	BBB+	6 months	4.25%
State Bank of India	BBB-	6 months	4.25%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	6 months	4.25%
NAB	AA-	6 months	4.20%
State Bank of India	BBB-	3 months	4.30%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.25%
AMP Bank	BBB+	3 months	4.20%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	3 months	4.20%

For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer term, they will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle if they roll for an average min. term of 12 months, with a spread of investments out to 5 years (this is where we see current value). In a normal market environment (upward sloping yield curve), investors could earn over a cycle, on average, up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over the next 6-12 months, investors should consider allocating some longer-term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates close to or above 4% p.a. This will provide some income protection if the RBA decides to continue cutting rates over 2025 and into 2026.

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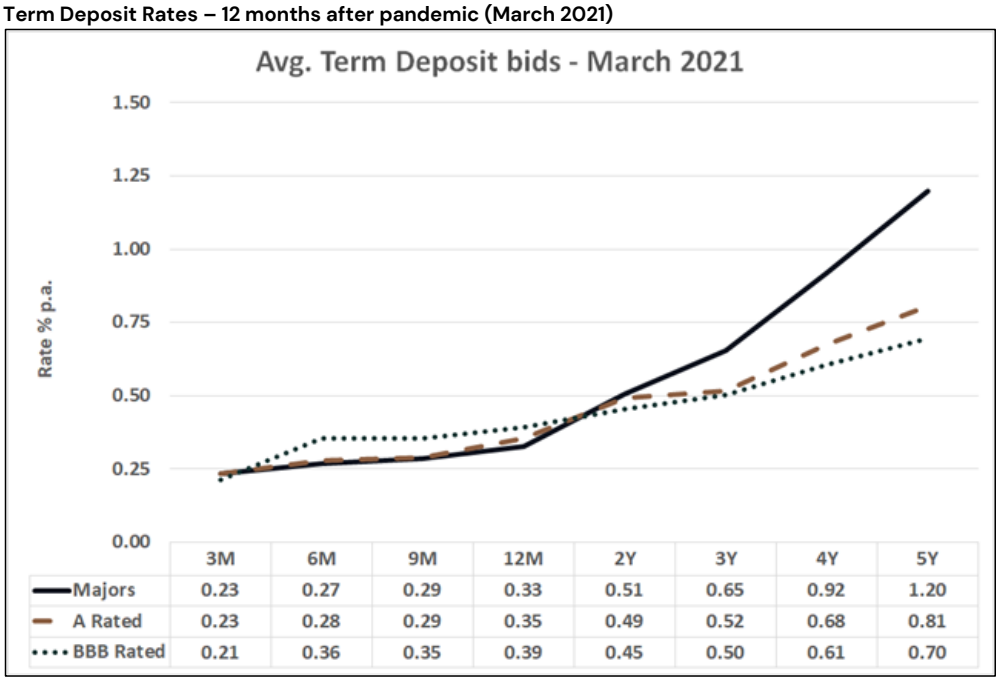
Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.33	0.51	0.65	0.92	1.20
A Rated	0.23	0.28	0.29	0.35	0.49	0.52	0.68	0.81
BBB Rated	0.21	0.36	0.35	0.39	0.45	0.50	0.61	0.70

Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.

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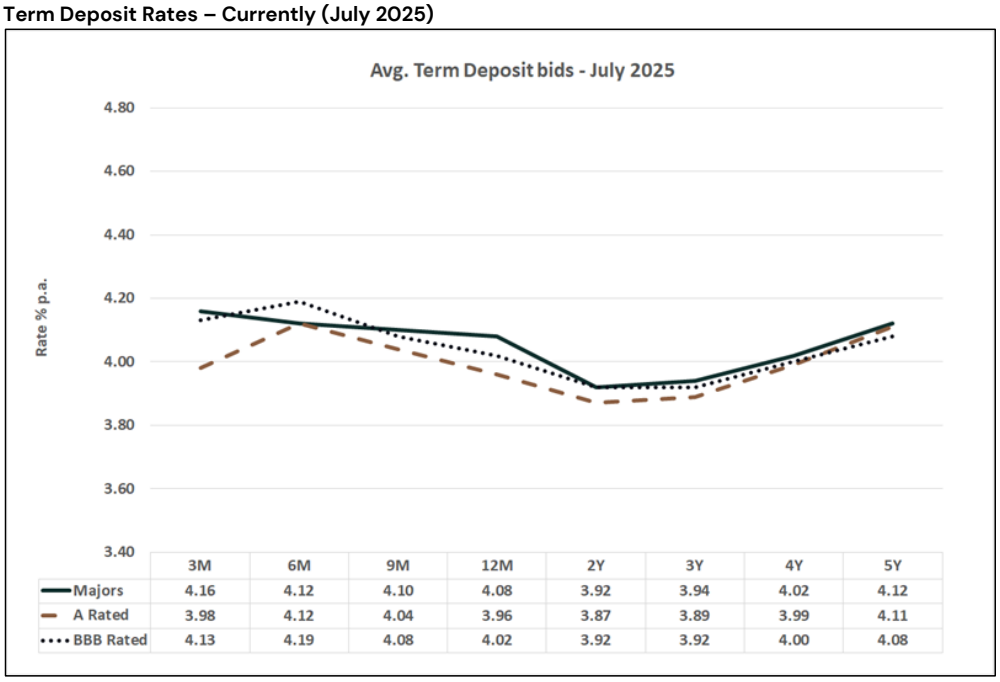
Going forward, investors should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (July 2025)



	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	4.16	4.12	4.10	4.08	3.92	3.94	4.02	4.12
A Rated	3.98	4.12	4.04	3.96	3.87	3.89	3.99	4.11
BBB Rated	4.13	4.19	4.08	4.02	3.92	3.92	4.00	4.08

Source: Imperium Markets

Financial Stability of the Banking (ADI) Sector

The RBA's latest Financial Stability report of 2024 reaffirms the strong balance sheet across the ADI sector. They noted that the risk of widespread financial stress remains limited due to the generally strong financial positions of most (individual) borrowers. Very few mortgage borrowers are in negative equity, limiting the impact on lenders (ADIs) in the event of default and supporting their ability to continue providing credit to the economy. Most businesses that have entered insolvency are small and have little debt, limiting the broader impact on the labour market and thus household incomes, and on the capital position of lenders (ADIs).

Australian banks (collectively the APRA regulated ADIs) have maintained prudent lending standards and are well positioned to continue supplying credit to the economy. A deterioration in economic conditions or temporary disruption to funding markets is unlikely to halt lending activity. Banks have anticipated an

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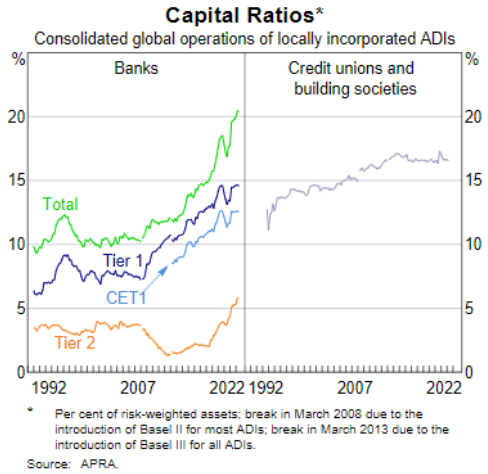
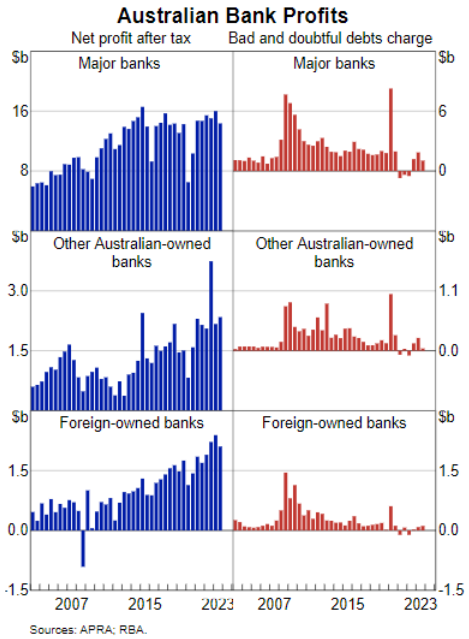
increase in loan arrears and have capital and liquidity buffers well above regulatory requirements (*see Capita Ratios chart below*). APRA's mandate is to "*protect depositors*" and provide "*financial stability*".

Over the past two decades, both domestic and international banks continue to operate and demonstrate high levels of profitability (*see Australian Bank Profits chart below*), which also includes two stress-test environments being the GFC (September 2008) and the COVID pandemic (March 2020):



* Per cent of risk-weighted assets; break in March 2008 due to the introduction of Basel II for most ADIs; break in March 2013 due to the introduction of Basel III for all ADIs.

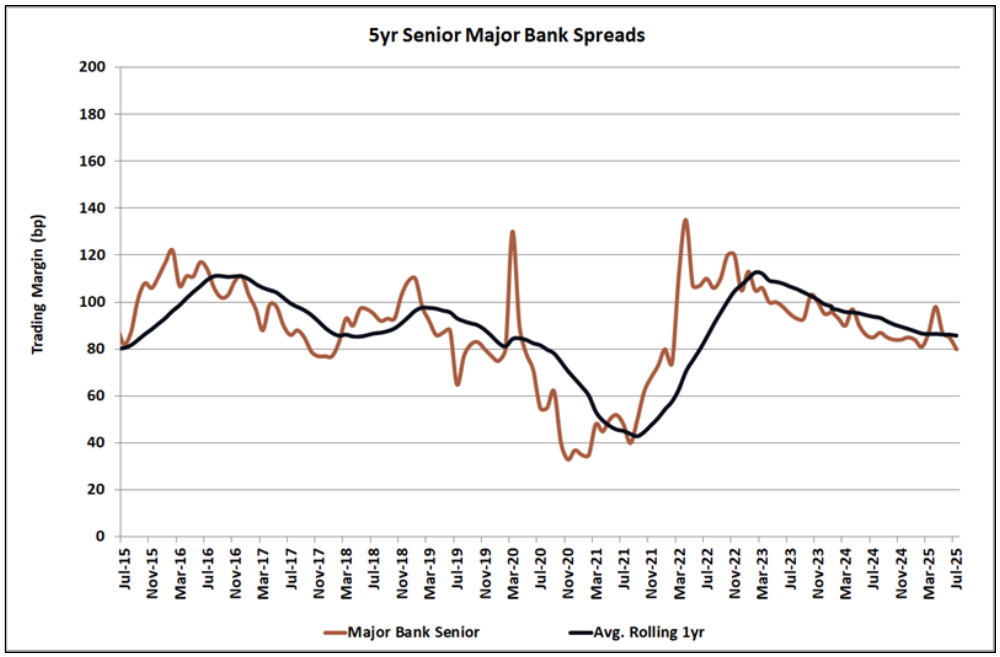
Source: APRA



Sources: APRA; RBA.

Senior FRNs Market Review

Over July, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities tightened up to 5bp at the long-end of the curve. Long-term major bank senior securities are looking slightly expensive on a historical basis, noting the 5yr margin has averaged around the +95-100bp range over a cycle (currently around +80bp).



Source: IBS Capital

During the month, there were a handful of new (primary) issuances, from which all were well over-subscribed:

- Suncorp (AA-) 1 year senior FRN at +44bp
- Suncorp (AA-) 3 year senior security at +73bp
- Rabobank (A+) 5 year senior security at +86bp
- Macquarie Bank (A+) 5 year senior security at +82bp
- CIB (AAA) 3 year covered security at +65bp

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sectors, the securities also tightened by up to 5bp at the longer-end of the curve.

Overall, credit securities are slightly expensive on a historical basis but remain a good option for diversification purposes. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly based on their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.

Senior FRNs (ADIs)	31/07/2025	30/06/2025
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+80bp	+85bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+65bp	+68bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+90bp	+95bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+75bp	+80bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+125bp	+130bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before early-2028 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before 2026 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6-9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.

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Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation softening and official interest rates starting to drop progressively, investors may look at some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0314763	Bendigo	A-	Senior	24/10/2028	3.24	4.79%	4.28%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	3.75	5.30%	4.40%
AU3CB0319879	Nova Sco.	A-	Senior	21/03/2030	4.64	5.23%	4.85%

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Economic Commentary

International Market

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.

Across equity markets, the US S&P 500 Index rose +2.17%, whilst the NASDAQ gained +3.70%. Europe's main indices also rose, with gains across UK's FTSE (+4.24%), France's CAC (+1.38%) and Germany's DAX (+0.65%).

US payrolls for June printed much stronger than the consensus (payrolls +147k vs. +106k expected; unemployment rate 4.1% vs. 4.3% expected).

Headline US CPI rose by +0.3% m/m as expected in June, but +2.7% y/y, up from +2.4% in May and 0.1% above the consensus. Core CPI was +0.2% as expected, with the annual rate up to +2.9% from +2.8%, in line with expectations.

In Canada, June employment was much stronger than expected. Employment was +83k vs flat expected, and the unemployment rate fell 0.1% to 6.9%. Canada's CPI data were broadly in line with expectations, with annual headline inflation ticking up 0.2% to +1.9% as expected.

UK CPI was 0.2% higher than consensus on both the headline and core measure, which rose to +3.6% and +3.7% respectively in June. Services CPI was also stronger than expected, steady at +4.7%. Meanwhile, BoE Governor Bailey hinted at deeper rate cuts if the labour market deteriorates further.

The ECB left rates unchanged as the market had expected, with the Deposit Rate at 2% after 200bp of cuts since the peak. ECB President Lagarde repeated a line from the June meeting that with headline inflation at the 2% target, the ECB was "*in a good place*".

The RBNZ held rates as expected and reintroduced an easing bias into their communication, noting that if things progress as anticipated, it "*expects to lower the Official Cash Rate further*".

China's CPI rose +0.1% y/y in June after -0.1% the previous month, and above consensus for -0.1%. The core measure (ex-food and energy) ticked higher to +0.7%.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +1.70% for the month of July:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	+2.17%	+13.83%	+14.80%	+15.35%	+14.15%	+11.65%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+1.70%	+12.10%	+16.70%	+14.40%	+12.30%	+8.90%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+2.36%	+8.17%	+11.81%	+12.33%	+12.26%	+8.65%

Source: S&P, MSCI

Domestic Market

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.

Retail sales for May disappointed, coming in at just +0.2% mm (consensus +0.5%), cooling to +3.3% y/y.

Dwelling prices for June rose +0.6% m/m, further sustaining the turnaround seen since February. Price growth had slowed into April (ahead of the 3 May election), but with the election firmly in the rear vision mirror and further RBA cash rate cuts on the horizon, price growth has picked. On a three-month annualised basis, dwelling price growth is running at a +5.8% y/y pace.

Residential building approvals for May rose +3.2% m/m, rebounding after April's -4.1% m/m, and broadly in line with the consensus of +4.0% m/m.

The Australian dollar fell around -1.24%, finishing the month at US64.69 cents (from US65.50 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices tightened again this month in the risk-on environment. They remain near the levels seen in early-mid 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	July 2025	June 2025
CDX North American 5yr CDS	51bp	54bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	53bp	57bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	69bp	76bp

Source: Markit

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Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	July 2025	June 2025
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.30%	+0.32%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	-0.04%	+0.75%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.43%	+0.38%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.26%	+0.62%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	-0.23%	+0.77%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.03%	+0.80%

Source: Bloomberg

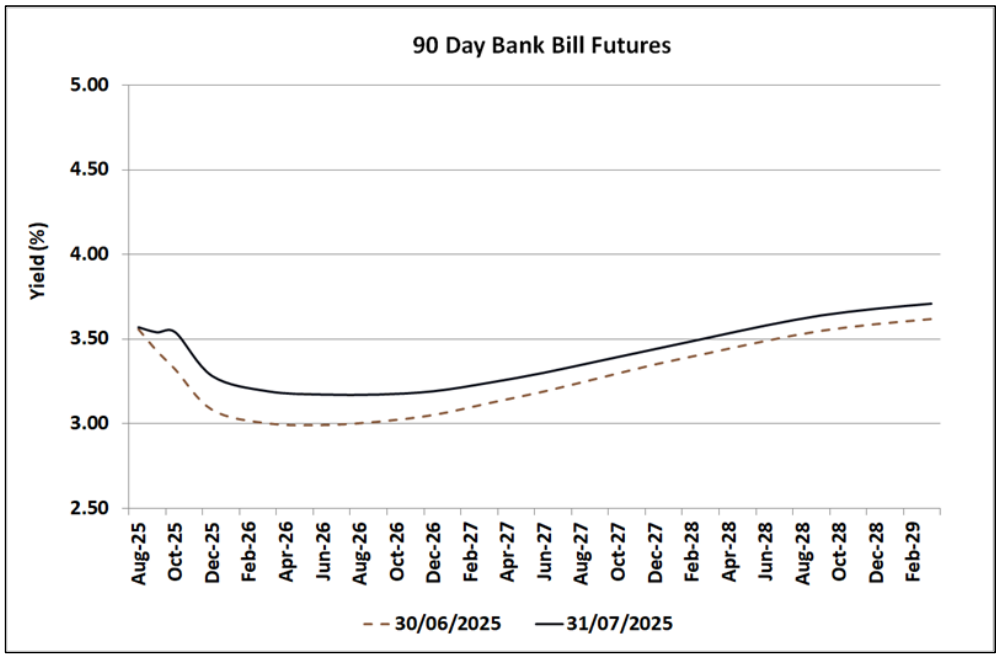
Other Key Rates

Index	July 2025	June 2025
RBA Official Cash Rate	3.85%	3.85%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	3.68%	3.60%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.39%	3.25%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.25%	4.14%
US Fed Funds Rate	4.25%-4.50%	4.25%-4.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.94%	3.72%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.37%	4.24%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury

90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures rose across the curve this month, after the RBA unexpectedly kept rates unchanged (market was fully factoring in a rate cut):



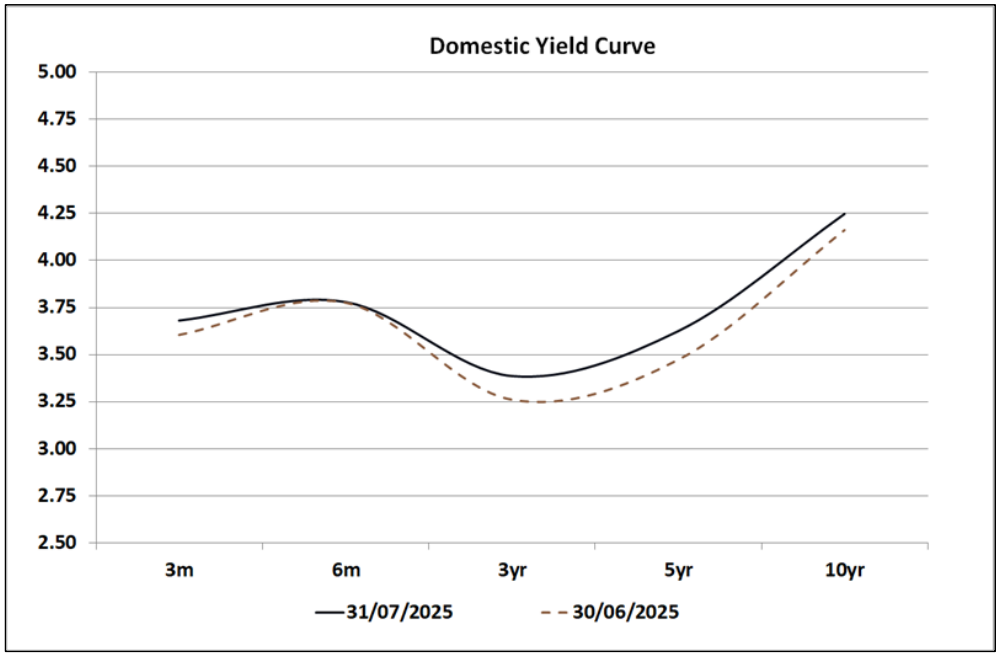
Source: ASX

Fixed Interest Outlook

US Fed Chair Powell reiterated a cautious stance noting that the Fed would have cut rates further this year if not for tariff uncertainty. He did not rule out a July rate cut (29-30th), emphasising a data-dependent approach. The market continues to factor up to two rate cuts by the US Fed for the remainder of 2025.

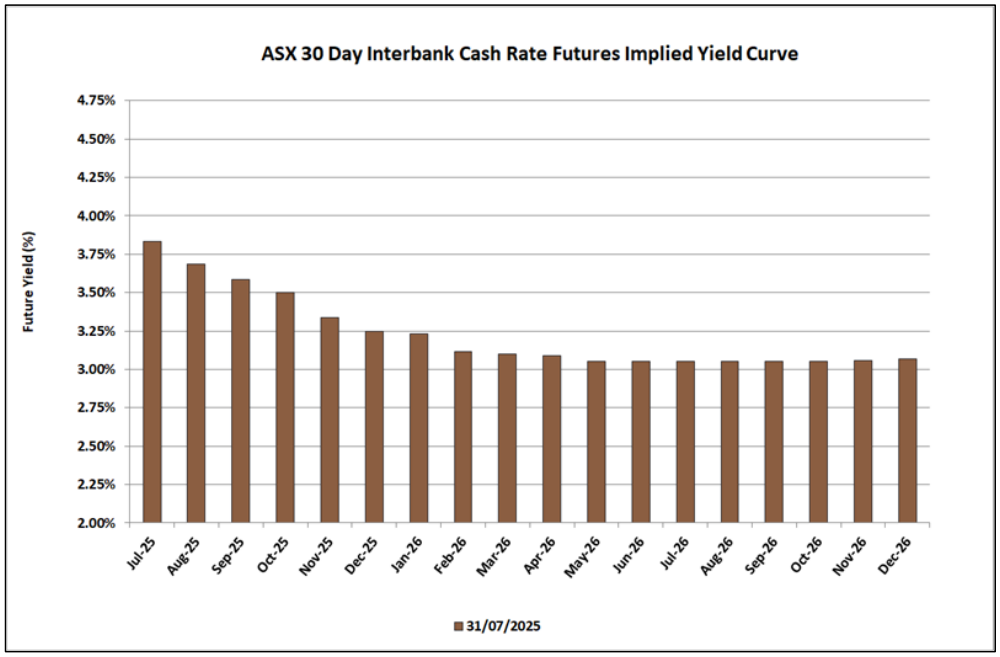
After keeping rates unchanged in July, Governor Bullock emphasised in the press conference that the decision to hold was about timing rather than direction. The Monetary Policy Board's more cautious approach in normalising policy reflects "*the heightened level of uncertainty about both aggregate demand and supply*", citing the ongoing strength in unit labour costs growth, weak productivity growth and the tight starting point for the labour market. Importantly, the RBA's decision was about "*timing not direction*", and that "*we are on a path to easing further*". Governor Bullock re-emphasises a continued "*measured and gradual approach*" to further policy easing.

Yields rose up to 15bp at the longer-end of the curve:



Source: ASX, RBA

Financial markets are factoring up to three (3) additional rate cuts by early 2026:



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Investment Report

01/07/2025 to 31/07/2025

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Portfolio Valuation as at 31/07/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/09/2025	4.6400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	60,955.62	13,792.88
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	125,584.11	12,281.10
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	267,582.74	26,167.40
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	202,331.51	20,298.63
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	402,969.86	40,427.40
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/10/2025	5.0200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	189,109.59	21,317.81
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.2250	5,598,656.00	5,600,000.00	38,893.15	20,094.79
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	53,379.45	17,793.15
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	74,731.23	24,910.41
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.3414	9,993,110.00	10,000,000.00	68,986.63	36,872.16
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/03/2026	4.5200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	67,861.92	15,355.62
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.0037	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	10,530.28	10,201.21
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.2018	1,659,804.30	1,650,000.00	470.30	470.30
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.0739	9,990,980.00	10,000,000.00	43,529.34	34,600.25
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,995,490.00	5,000,000.00	21,764.67	17,300.12

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	1,498,647.00	1,500,000.00	6,529.40	5,190.04
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,995,490.00	5,000,000.00	21,764.67	17,300.12
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	4.8003	4,756,540.75	4,750,000.00	50,600.42	19,365.59
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.3048	2,218,733.00	2,200,000.00	18,225.26	9,911.98
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	17/03/2025	17/03/2027	4.3800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	32,880.00	7,440.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	90,394.52	71,852.05
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2027	3.9900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	50,831.51	16,943.84
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,626,641.60	1,600,000.00	17,661.37	6,930.41
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	4.7938	2,010,698.00	2,000,000.00	20,751.24	8,142.89
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	4.9097	1,452,127.15	1,450,000.00	17,943.94	6,046.33
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,519,431.00	1,500,000.00	16,074.25	6,920.86
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,367,487.90	1,350,000.00	14,466.82	6,228.77
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	4.8139	1,200,908.40	1,200,000.00	6,172.34	4,906.22
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	4.0400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	51,468.49	17,156.16
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	3.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	20,179.73	6,726.58

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	4.7900	709,845.50	700,000.00	9,094.44	2,847.75
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,901,350.00	5,000,000.00	32,054.79	12,739.73
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	5.6438	920,153.70	900,000.00	10,993.81	4,314.03
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	34,998.36	8,476.16
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.1400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	52,742.47	17,580.82
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.0400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	30,881.10	10,293.70
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,087,423.00	3,000,000.00	40,512.33	13,504.11
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9580	2,044,888.00	2,000,000.00	17,658.63	8,421.81
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.5200	2,499,075.00	2,500,000.00	20,123.29	9,597.26
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2030	4.2900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	54,653.42	18,217.81
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,340,950.50	1,500,000.00	4,122.74	1,936.44
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	4.5000	2,035,706.00	2,000,000.00	17,260.27	7,643.84
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,089,265.00	5,000,000.00	43,150.68	19,109.59
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,619,552.00	3,000,000.00	4,433.42	4,433.42
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	1.7500	1,578,504.00	2,000,000.00	6,424.66	2,972.60

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,518,927.50	2,500,000.00	11,352.74	9,023.97
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.1825	293,029.84	314,547.74	2,595.15	1,117.36
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	4.4825	803,513.00	1,000,000.00	8,842.19	3,807.05
TOTALS								**184,326,928.14**	**185,214,547.74**	**2,466,518.87**	**678,982.52**

Portfolio by Asset as at 31/07/2025

Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/09/2025	4.6400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	60,955.62	13,792.88
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	125,584.11	12,281.10
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	18/09/2024	18/09/2025	4.7400	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	267,582.74	26,167.40
Bank of Us	BBB+	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7800	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	202,331.51	20,298.63
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	26/09/2024	26/09/2025	4.7600	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	402,969.86	40,427.40
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	30/10/2024	30/10/2025	5.0200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	189,109.59	21,317.81
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	53,379.45	17,793.15
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	30/04/2025	30/01/2026	4.1900	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	74,731.23	24,910.41
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	At Maturity	17/03/2025	17/03/2026	4.5200	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	67,861.92	15,355.62
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	17/03/2025	17/03/2027	4.3800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	32,880.00	7,440.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Quarterly	21/03/2024	22/03/2027	4.7000	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	90,394.52	71,852.05
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2027	3.9900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	50,831.51	16,943.84
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	4.0400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	51,468.49	17,156.16
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	28/04/2028	3.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	20,179.73	6,726.58

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	26/03/2024	26/03/2029	4.9900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	34,998.36	8,476.16
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.1400	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	52,742.47	17,580.82
Westpac	AA-	TD	GREEN	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2029	4.0400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	30,881.10	10,293.70
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Annual	30/04/2025	30/04/2030	4.2900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	54,653.42	18,217.81
TD SUBTOTALS								**96,000,000.00**	**96,000,000.00**	**1,863,535.62**	**367,031.51**

Asset Type: FRTD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Westpac	AA-	FRTD	GREEN	Quarterly	30/06/2021	30/06/2026	4.0037	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	10,530.28	10,201.21
FRTD SUBTOTALS								**3,000,000.00**	**3,000,000.00**	**10,530.28**	**10,201.21**

Asset Type: FRN

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	4.2250	5,598,656.00	5,600,000.00	38,893.15	20,094.79
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	4.3414	9,993,110.00	10,000,000.00	68,986.63	36,872.16
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL	Quarterly	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	5.2018	1,659,804.30	1,650,000.00	470.30	470.30

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
			LENDING								
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	4.0739	9,990,980.00	10,000,000.00	43,529.34	34,600.25
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,995,490.00	5,000,000.00	21,764.67	17,300.12
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	1,498,647.00	1,500,000.00	6,529.40	5,190.04
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	GREEN	Quarterly	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	4.0739	4,995,490.00	5,000,000.00	21,764.67	17,300.12
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	4.8003	4,756,540.75	4,750,000.00	50,600.42	19,365.59
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	5.3048	2,218,733.00	2,200,000.00	18,225.26	9,911.98
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	4.7938	2,010,698.00	2,000,000.00	20,751.24	8,142.89
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	4.9097	1,452,127.15	1,450,000.00	17,943.94	6,046.33
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,519,431.00	1,500,000.00	16,074.25	6,920.86
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	5.4325	1,367,487.90	1,350,000.00	14,466.82	6,228.77
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	4.8139	1,200,908.40	1,200,000.00	6,172.34	4,906.22
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	5.6438	920,153.70	900,000.00	10,993.81	4,314.03
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.5200	2,499,075.00	2,500,000.00	20,123.29	9,597.26
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.1825	293,029.84	314,547.74	2,595.15	1,117.36

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Unrated	FRN	MBS	Quarterly	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	4.4825	803,513.00	1,000,000.00	8,842.19	3,807.05
FRN SUBTOTALS								**57,773,875.04**	**57,914,547.74**	**388,726.89**	**212,186.13**

Asset Type: BOND

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	5.1000	1,626,641.60	1,600,000.00	17,661.37	6,930.41
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	4.7900	709,845.50	700,000.00	9,094.44	2,847.75
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	3.0000	4,901,350.00	5,000,000.00	32,054.79	12,739.73
BOQ	A-	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	5.3000	3,087,423.00	3,000,000.00	40,512.33	13,504.11
Bendigo and Adelaide	AAA	BOND	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Semi-Annual	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	4.9580	2,044,888.00	2,000,000.00	17,658.63	8,421.81
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	1.5200	1,340,950.50	1,500,000.00	4,122.74	1,936.44
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	4.5000	2,035,706.00	2,000,000.00	17,260.27	7,643.84
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	4.5000	5,089,265.00	5,000,000.00	43,150.68	19,109.59
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	1.7400	2,619,552.00	3,000,000.00	4,433.42	4,433.42
South Australian	AA+	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE	Semi-	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	1.7500	1,578,504.00	2,000,000.00	6,424.66	2,972.60

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Government			INVESTMENT	Annual							
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	4.2500	2,518,927.50	2,500,000.00	11,352.74	9,023.97
BOND SUBTOTALS								**27,553,053.10**	**28,300,000.00**	**203,726.08**	**89,563.67**

Portfolio by Asset Totals as at 31/07/2025

Type	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
TD	96,000,000.00	96,000,000.00	1,863,535.62	367,031.51
FRTD	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	10,530.28	10,201.21
FRN	57,773,875.04	57,914,547.74	388,726.89	212,186.13
BOND	27,553,053.10	28,300,000.00	203,726.08	89,563.67
TOTALS	**184,326,928.14**	**185,214,547.74**	**2,466,518.87**	**678,982.52**

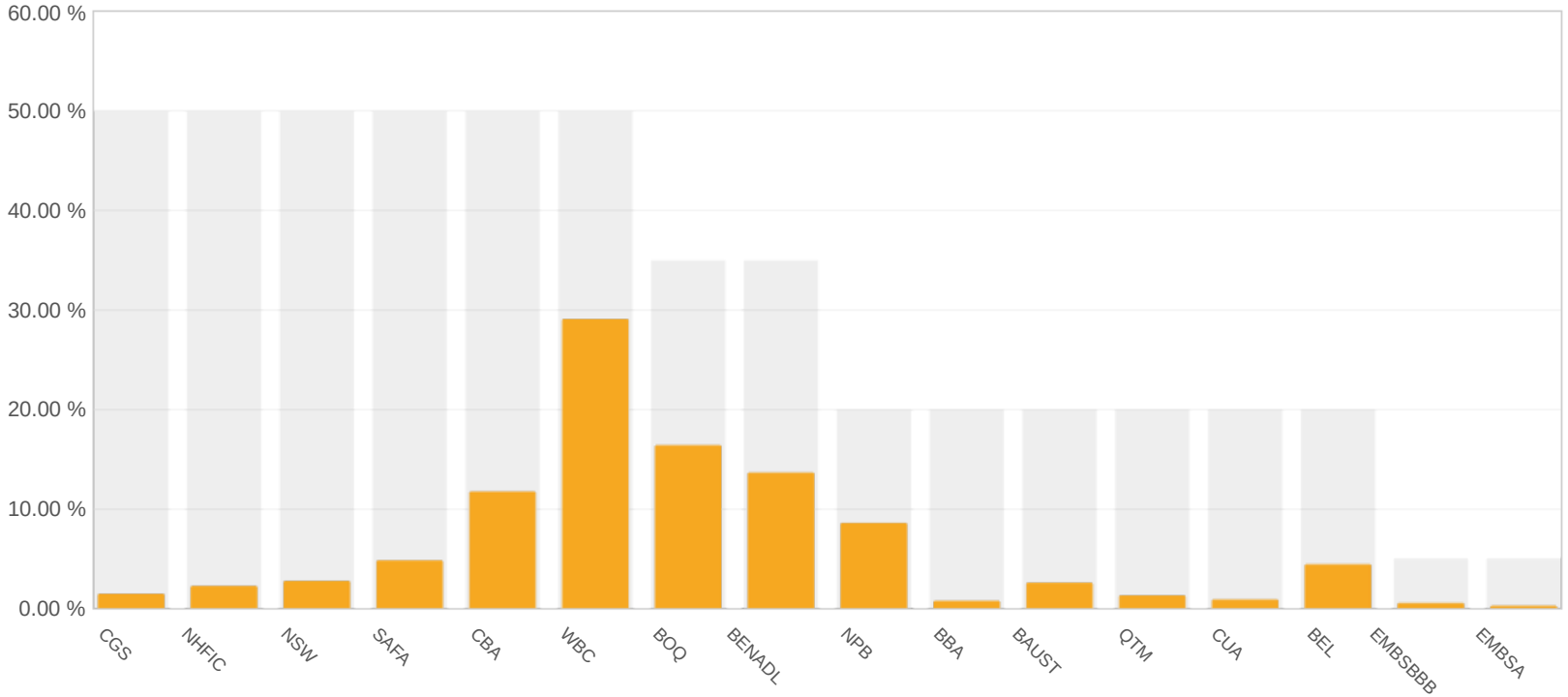
Counterparty Compliance as at 31/07/2025

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit ($)	Available ($)
✔	Commonwealth Government	Long	AAA	2,518,927.50	1.37	50.00	-	89,644,536.57
✔	NHFIC	Long	AAA	3,960,502.50	2.15	50.00	-	88,202,961.57
✔	NSW Treasury Corp	Long	AA+	4,901,350.00	2.66	50.00	-	87,262,114.07
✔	South Australian Government	Long	AA+	8,703,475.00	4.72	50.00	-	83,459,989.07
✔	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	21,480,607.00	11.65	50.00	-	70,682,857.07
✔	Westpac	Long	AA-	53,500,000.00	29.02	50.00	-	38,663,464.07
✔	BOQ	Long	A-	30,087,423.00	16.32	35.00	-	34,427,001.85
✔	Bendigo and Adelaide	Long	A-	24,989,804.10	13.56	35.00	-	39,524,620.75
✔	Newcastle Permanent	Long	BBB+	15,669,804.45	8.50	20.00	-	21,195,581.18
✔	Beyond Bank	Long	BBB+	1,200,908.40	0.65	20.00	-	35,664,477.23
✔	Bank Australia	Long	BBB+	4,546,723.20	2.47	20.00	-	32,318,662.43
✔	RACQ Bank	Long	BBB+	2,218,733.00	1.20	20.00	-	34,646,652.63
✔	Great Southern Bank	Long	BBB+	1,452,127.15	0.79	20.00	-	35,413,258.48
✔	Bank of Us	Long	BBB+	8,000,000.00	4.34	20.00	-	28,865,385.63

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit ($)	Available ($)
✔	EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Long	Unrated	803,513.00	0.44	5.00	-	8,412,833.41
✔	EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Long	Unrated	293,029.84	0.16	5.00	-	8,923,316.56
TOTALS				**184,326,928.14**	**100.00**			

Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments

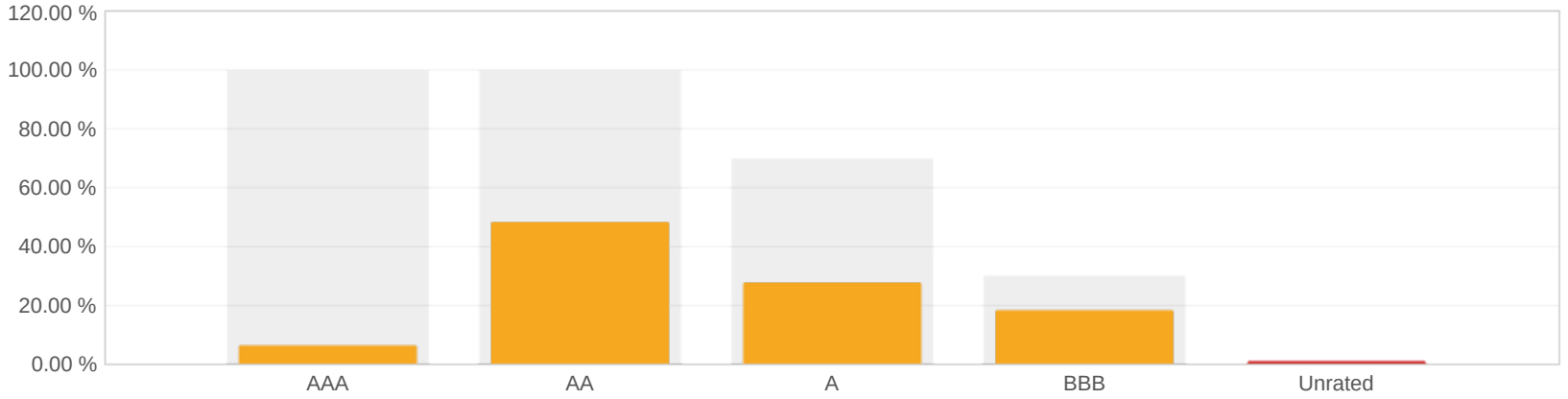


Credit Quality Compliance as at 31/07/2025

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	AAA	11,023,393.00	5.98	100.00	173,303,535.14
✔	AA	88,585,432.00	48.06	100.00	95,741,496.14
✔	A	50,533,264.10	27.41	70.00	78,495,585.60
✔	BBB	33,088,296.20	17.95	30.00	22,209,782.24
✖	Unrated	1,096,542.84	0.59	0.00	-1,096,542.84
TOTALS		**184,326,928.14**	**100.00**		

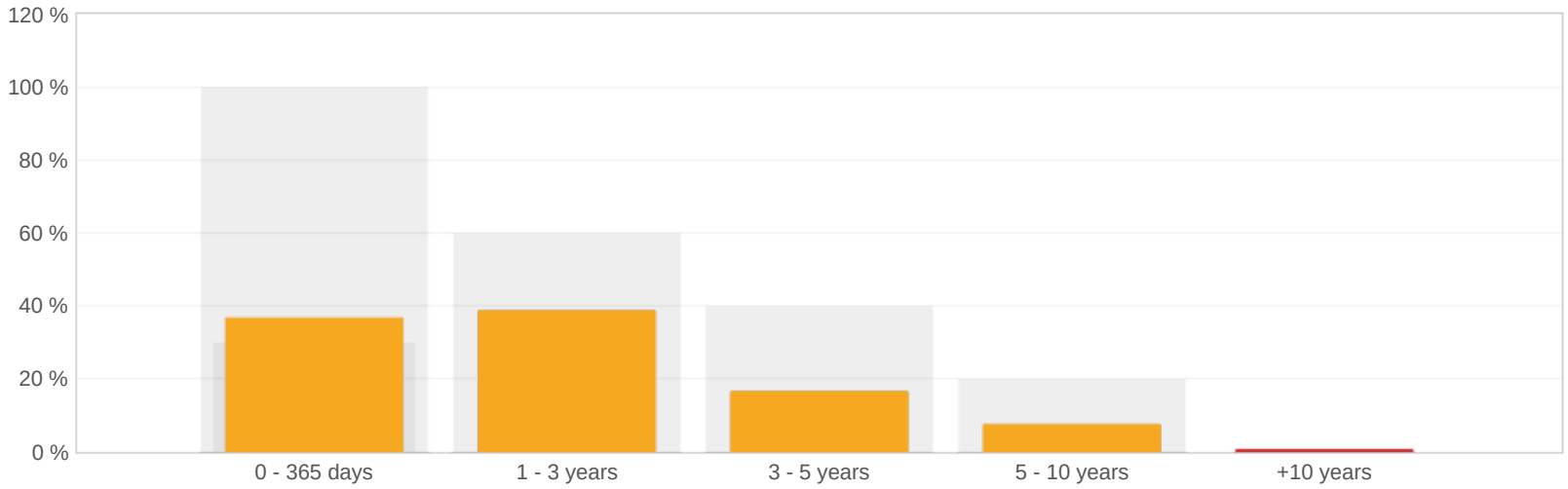
Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments



Maturity Compliance as at 31/07/2025

Compliant	Term	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	0 - 365 days	67,591,766.00	36.67	30.00	100.00	116,735,162.14
✔	1 - 3 years	71,292,979.10	38.68	0.00	60.00	39,303,177.79
✔	3 - 5 years	30,503,685.70	16.55	0.00	40.00	43,227,085.56
✔	5 - 10 years	13,841,954.50	7.51	0.00	20.00	23,023,431.13
✖	+10 years	1,096,542.84	0.59	0.00	0.00	-1,096,542.84
TOTALS		**184,326,928.14**	**100.00**			

Maturity Compliance



Trades in Period

From: 01/07/2025 To: 31/07/2025

New Trades - From: 01/07/2025 To: 31/07/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value ($)	Reference
No entries for this item									
TOTALS								**0**	

Sell Trades - From: 01/07/2025 To: 31/07/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Yield/Margin (%)	Face Value ($)	Gross Value ($)	Capital Value ($)	Reference
No entries for this item												
TOTALS									**0**			

Matured Trades - From: 01/07/2025 To: 31/07/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value ($)	Reference
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	09/01/2025	09/07/2025	5.0200	10,000,000.00	1088169
TOTALS								**10,000,000.00**	

INNER WEST

Unrealised Gains / Losses as at 31/07/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost ($)	Value ($)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss ($)
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	02/12/2020	02/12/2025	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	5,600,000.00	5,598,656.00	100.0000	99.9760	-1,344.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	04/03/2021	04/03/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	10,000,000.00	9,993,110.00	100.0000	99.9311	-6,890.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,650,000.00	1,659,804.30	100.0000	100.5942	9,804.30
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	10/03/2022	23/12/2026	GREEN	9,848,540.00	9,990,980.00	98.4854	99.9098	142,440.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	03/11/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	4,966,070.00	4,995,490.00	99.3214	99.9098	29,420.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	29/10/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	1,491,930.00	1,498,647.00	99.4620	99.9098	6,717.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	FRN	23/09/2021	23/12/2026	GREEN	5,000,000.00	4,995,490.00	100.0000	99.9098	-4,510.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	4,750,000.00	4,756,540.75	100.0000	100.1377	6,540.75
RACQ Bank	BBB+	FRN	05/03/2024	05/03/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,200,000.00	2,218,733.00	100.0000	100.8515	18,733.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,597,888.00	1,626,641.60	99.8680	101.6651	28,753.60
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,010,698.00	100.0000	100.5349	10,698.00
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	FRN	01/11/2024	01/11/2027	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,450,000.00	1,452,127.15	100.0000	100.1467	2,127.15
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	27/09/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,521,030.00	1,519,431.00	101.4020	101.2954	-1,599.00
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	21/02/2024	21/02/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,350,000.00	1,367,487.90	100.0000	101.2954	17,487.90
Beyond Bank	BBB+	FRN	21/03/2025	21/03/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	1,200,000.00	1,200,908.40	100.0000	100.0757	908.40
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	700,000.00	709,845.50	100.0000	101.4065	9,845.50

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost ($)	Value ($)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss ($)
NSW Treasury Corp	AA+	BOND	15/11/2018	15/11/2028	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	4,901,350.00	100.0000	98.0270	-98,650.00
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB+	FRN	14/02/2024	14/02/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	900,000.00	920,153.70	100.0000	102.2393	20,153.70
BOQ	A-	BOND	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,992,470.00	3,087,423.00	99.7490	102.9141	94,953.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	BOND	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,000,000.00	2,044,888.00	100.0000	102.2444	44,888.00
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	FRN	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	2,500,000.00	2,499,075.00	100.0000	99.9630	-925.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	10/02/2021	27/05/2030	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,535,415.00	1,340,950.50	102.3610	89.3967	-194,464.50
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	24/01/2025	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,983,600.00	2,035,706.00	99.1800	101.7853	52,106.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	27/06/2024	23/05/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	5,000,000.00	5,089,265.00	100.0000	101.7853	89,265.00
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	3,000,000.00	2,619,552.00	100.0000	87.3184	-380,448.00
South Australian Government	AA+	BOND	11/10/2024	24/05/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	1,536,340.00	1,578,504.00	76.8170	78.9252	42,164.00
Commonwealth Government	AAA	BOND	14/06/2024	21/06/2034	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	2,492,450.00	2,518,927.50	99.6980	100.7571	26,477.50
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	MBS	314,547.74	293,029.84	100.0000	93.1591	-21,517.90
EmeraldMBS2006-1B	Z	FRN	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	MBS	1,000,000.00	803,513.00	100.0000	80.3513	-196,487.00
TOTALS						**85,580,280.74**	**85,326,928.14**			**-253,352.60**

Realised Gains / Losses

From: 01/07/2025 To: 31/07/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Cost Price	Current Price	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Realised	Type
No entries for this item											
TOTALS						**0**	**0**				**0**

Interest Received in Period

From: 01/07/2025 To: 31/07/2025

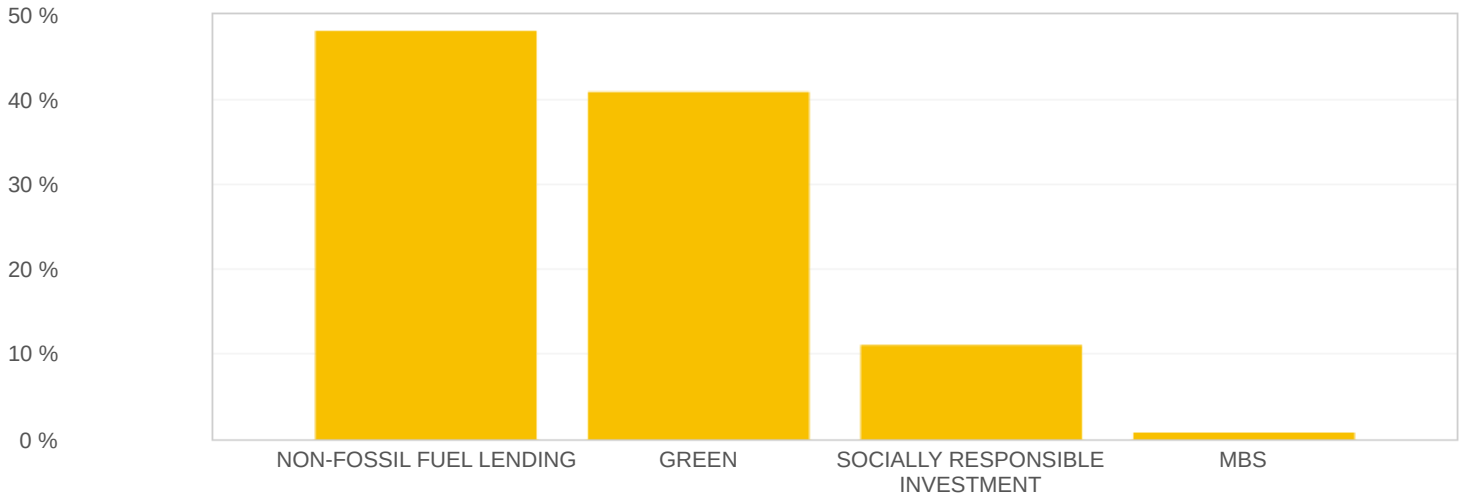
Periodic Interest

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value ($)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received ($)
BOQ	A-	TD	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	At Maturity	10,000,000.00	09/01/2025	09/07/2025	09/07/2025	Maturity	5.0200	248,936.99
Bank Australia	BBB+	FRN	NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	Quarterly	1,650,000.00	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	30/07/2025	Periodic	5.3745	22,109.07
NHFIC	AAA	BOND	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	Semi-Annual	3,000,000.00	01/07/2021	01/07/2031	01/07/2025	Periodic	1.7400	26,100.00
TOTALS					**14,650,000.00**						**297,146.06**

Allocation as at 31/07/2025

Code	Number of trades	Invested ($)	Invested (%)
NON-FOSSIL FUEL LENDING	26	88,165,523.30	47.83
GREEN	13	74,980,607.00	40.68
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	7	20,084,255.00	10.90
MBS	2	1,096,542.84	0.59
TOTALS	**48**	**184,326,928.14**	**100.0**

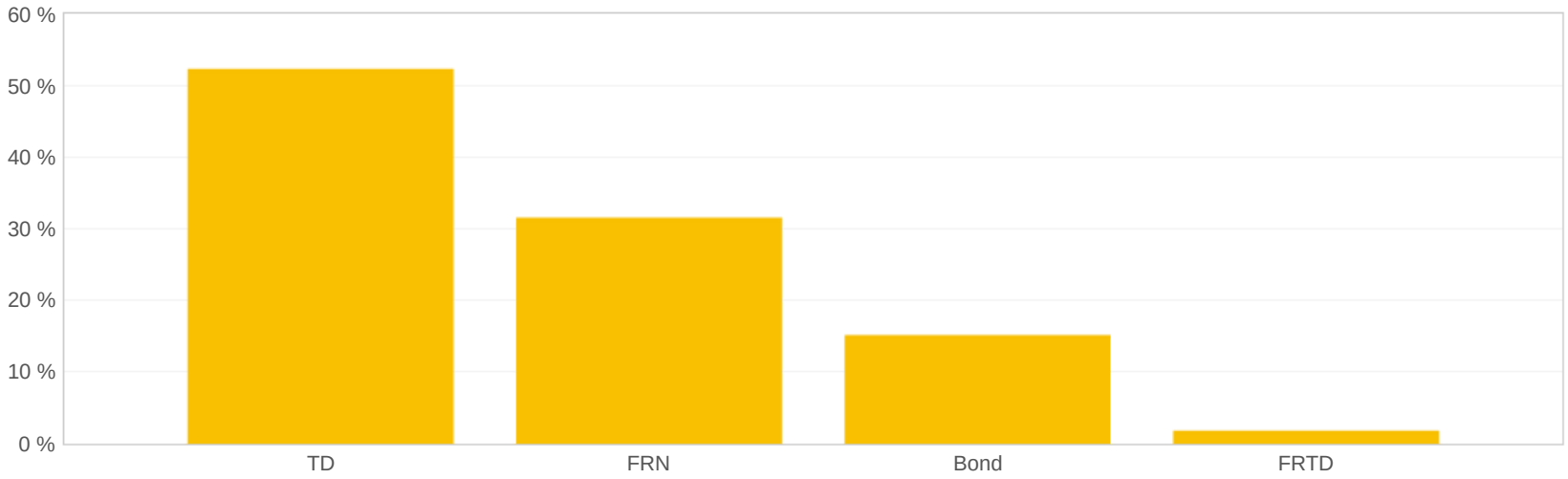
Allocation Distribution as at 31/07/2025



Asset Class as at 31/07/2025

Code	Number of Trades	Invested ($)	Invested (%)
TD	18	96,000,000.00	52.08
FRN	18	57,773,875.04	31.34
Bond	11	27,553,053.10	14.95
FRTD	1	3,000,000.00	1.63
TOTALS	**48**	**184,326,928.14**	**100.0**

Asset Class Distribution



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

From: "Fire Safety" <FireSafety@fire.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Mon, 23 Jun 2025 11:36:24 +1000
To: "Inner West Council" <council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: "whsmetro@safework.nsw.gov.au" <whsmetro@safework.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Letter Out - 9_32 Joint Inspection - Tempe Tyres - 5 & 6 Wood Street Tempe - Inner West Council - SRID 8000041674
Attachments: Letter Out - 9_32 Joint Inspection - Tempe Tyres - 5 & 6 Wood Street Tempe - Inner West Council.pdf
Categories: Hunter

Attn: **Manager Compliance/Fire Safety**

Please find attached correspondence regarding the above premises.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact the Fire Safety Branch on 9742 7434 quoting your reference number.

Regards,

Administrative Support Officer
Fire Safety Team | Fire and Rescue NSW
T: (02) 9742 7434 **E:** firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au
1 Amarina Avenue, Greenacre NSW 2190 | Locked Mail Bag 12, Greenacre, NSW 2190

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Contact: Station Officer Kurt Ingle

13 June 2025

General Manager
Inner West Council
PO Box 14
PETERSHAM NSW 2049

Email: council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Manager Compliance/Fire Safety

Dear General Manager

Re: INSPECTION REPORT
TEMPE TYRES
5 & 6 WOOD STREET TEMPE ("the premises")

Pursuant to Section 9.32(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), Authorised Fire Officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) inspected 'the premises' on 13 June 2025 The Inner West Council were also present during the inspection.

On behalf of the Commissioner of FRNSW, comments in this report are provided under Section 9.32(4) and Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(1) of the EP&A Act.

The items listed in the comments of this report are based on the following limitations:

- A general overview of the building was obtained without using the development consent conditions or approved floor plans as reference.
- Details of the Provisions for Fire Safety and Fire Fighting Equipment are limited to a visual inspection of the parts in the building accessed and the fire safety measures observed at the time.

COMMENTS

Tempe Tyres occupies two buildings at the end of the cul-de-sac in Wood Street. The two buildings have been united by an awning at No. 5 Wood Street.

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Openings in the fire rated external wall, have been made at ground level and Level 1 (AKA Basement 2) No. 5 Wood Street permitting the movement of stock and occupants.

The following items were identified during the inspection:

1. Structural Provisions

   1A. The base building has been constructed using concrete and Besser block elements.

   1B. The internal fit-out has added multiple floors constructed of streel racking (Dexion shelving) and yellow-tongue flooring, known throughout this document as Internal Fit-Out.

   1C. FRNSW are of the opinion that the internal fit-out does not meet the requirements of Section B of the National Construction Code 2022, Volume 1 Building Code of Australia (NCC). FRNSW are unable to determine if the internal fit-out is adequate to withstand the combination of loads and other actions to which it may be reasonably subjected.

   1D. The Internal Fit-Out and other levels contain a large live load comprising of tyres, rims, and machinery.

2. Fire Resistance

   2A. FRNSW is of the opinion that the internal fit-out does not meet the requirements of Section C of the NCC. FRNSW are unsure if the internal fit-out would maintain structural stability during fire to allow occupants time to evacuate safely and allow for fire brigade intervention.

   2B. FRNSW consider No 5 and No. 6 Wood Street to be one building.

   2C. FRNSW are of the opinion that the premises has not been provided with safeguards to prevent fire spread. The FRL of the internal fit-out and the lack of compartmentation across both buildings does not give occupants time to evacuate safely without being overcome by elevated temperatures and smoke.

      A. No. 5 Wood Street, as occupied, has a rise in stories of five (5). No. 5 Wood Street has not been provided with Type A construction contrary to the requirements of Clause C2D2 of the NCC.

      B. FRNSW observed openings between levels and unprotected penetrations resulting in no compartmentation within and between both buildings.

         i. The size of the fire compartment as a Class 7b building exceeds the maximum floor area and volume limitations contrary to the requirements of Clause C3D3 of the NCC. FRNSW are of the opinion that the premises is a large isolated building.

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ii. The roof of the base building has been enclosed, creating a seventh level. Level seven contains a large fire load of stored tyres under a Colourbond roof structure. FRNSW is of the opinion the walls enclosing the roof area are not of a FRL that will prevent fire spread to adjacent buildings.

iii. Vertical shafts and conveyor belts are installed throughout and between the building, passing through floors and buildings, creating one fire compartment.

iv. Inadequate separation of classifications within the same storey between the Class 5 office area and the Class 7b loading dock / warehouse contrary to the requirements of C3D9 of the NCC.

3. Access and Egress

3A. Safe Movement to and Within a Building

A. FRNSW is of the opinion that people cannot move safely within the building. FRNSW observed:

i. The riser and goings on multiple metal stairways did not meet the requirements of D3D14 of the NCC. The goings and risers exceeded the maximum measurements in Table D3D14.

ii. Multiple stairways did not have slip-resistant walking surfaces on stairway treads or near the edge of the nosing contrary to the requirements of Clause D3D14 of the NCC.

iii. Multiple paths of travel required the occupant to traverse an operating conveyor belt system to exit the building. Emergency stop controls were not installed at each conveyor belt crossing.

3B. Fall Prevention Barriers

A. Suitable barriers have not been provided where people can fall. FRNSW observed:

i. Multiple openings in timber flooring throughout the buildings were not provided with a barrier to prevent falls contrary to the requirements of D3D17 of the NCC.

ii. The height of multiple barriers at the premises did not meet the requirements of Clause D3D18 of the NCC.

iii. The openings within multiple barriers at the premises did not meet the requirements of Clause D3D19 of the NCC.

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3C. Exits

A. FRNSW is of the opinion that the buildings are not provided with exits in adequate number to permit occupants to evacuate safely. FRNSW observed:

i. Numerous levels had travel distances greater than the requirements of D2D5 of the NCC. Parts of the premises contained travel distances up to 100m within the warehouse's contrary to the requirements of D2D5 of the NCC.

ii. FRNSW are of the opinion that an exit strategy at No. 6 Wood Street has not been implemented.

a. Exit signage is installed on Level 1 (lowest basement level) only.

b. Occupants are required to descend into the basement levels, to find a non-fire isolated stairway which deposits the occupant back into the building.

c. The workspace on the northern side of No. 6 Wood Street (Level 2), has a single exit along an outward sloping yellow tongue floorboard.

To exit the workspace, occupants are required to cross a minimum of two conveyor belts and a structural element. In order to cross the structural member, the occupant is required to stoop to avoid hitting their head against roof bracing rods.

d. The loading dock has not been provided with an exit.

e. General access around the building requires occupants to turn sideways, between tyres and a conveyor belt to move throughout the building.

B. Identification of Exits

i. FRNSW are of the opinion that suitable signs were not provided to the degree necessary to clearly identify the location of exits and guide occupants to exits. FRNSW observed:

a. Multiple exit signs were missing, did not operate when the test button was pressed or were not illuminated contrary to Section 81 of EPAR21.

b. There were no exit or directional signage within multiple levels of the warehouse component of No.6 Wood Street. Only basement 1 contained any exit signage.

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3D. Fire-Isolated Exits

A. FRNSW is of the opinion that the fire-isolated exits at No. 5 Wood Street, will not protect evacuating occupants from a fire in the buildings. FRNSW observed:

i. Multiple unprotected service penetrations in the fire-isolated exits contrary to the requirements of Clause C4D15 of the NCC.

ii. Gaps are visible in the fire-resistant wall between the southern fire-isolated stairway and the warehouse fire compartment contrary to the requirements of Table S5C11e of Specification 5 of the NCC.

iii. Both fire-isolated stairway exits were partially blocked by stored items and building materials contrary to the requirements of Section 109 of EPAR21.

iv. Multiple fire doors into fire-isolated exits failed to return to the fully closed position contrary to the requirements of Clause C4D9 of the NCC 2022. FRNSW observed multiple self-closing devices were not operating or had been disconnected.

B. The fire isolated stairway at No. 5 Wood Street contained rising and descending stairs.

3E. Paths of Travel to an Exit

A. FRNSW is of the opinion that the dimensions of the paths of travel to an exit were not appropriate so that occupants can safely evacuate the building. FRNSW observed:

i. Multiple paths of travel to an exit did not provide an unobstructed width of 1m contrary to the requirements of Clause D2D8 of the NCC.

ii. Several paths of travel to an exit did not provide an unobstructed height of 2m contrary to the requirements of Clause D2D7 of the NCC.

iii. Multiple stairs within the path of travel to an exit that were not compliant with the riser and goings requirements of D3D14 of the NCC.

iv. Multiple paths of travel to an exit required the occupant to traverse over an operating conveyor belt system to exit the building. A light switch was used to shut down the part of the conveyor belt that was to be crossed.

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v. An emergency shutdown switch was located in the warehouse, but not at each crossing location.

vi. Multiple exit doors contained rosette lock hardware in lieu of a lever handle, contrary to the requirements of Clause D3D26 of the NCC.

4. Services and Equipment

FRNSW are of the opinion that the services and equipment provided within the building do not meet the requirements of Part E of the NCC.

4A. Fire Hydrants

A. The quantity of the materials stored within the buildings require the provisions for special hazards of Clause E1D17 of the NCC. The fire hydrant design is not considered suitable for firefighting operations.

B. A fire hydrant system was installed in No. 5 Wood Street.

C. Building No. 6 Wood Street was not provided with a fire hydrant system contrary to the requirements of Clause E1D2 of the NCC.

D. FRNSW is of the opinion the fire hydrant system is not installed to the degree necessary to facilitate the needs of the fire brigade appropriate to fire-fighting operations, the floor area of the building and the fire hazard. FRNSW observed:

i. FRNSW is of the opinion the design flow of 20L/s is insufficient considering the special hazards and the unification of the two buildings into one large fire compartment.

ii. Internal hydrants did not extend throughout the building contrary to the requirements of AS 2419.1-2005. Three (3) levels within the building do not have fire hydrant coverage.

iii. Internal attack fire hydrants had service label/tags dated as far back as January 2018, indicating the system had not been receiving routine maintenance in accordance with Section 81 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 (EPAR21)

iv. Several internal attack fire hydrants had access obstructed by tyres and stored items contrary to the requirements of Clause 3.5 od AS 2419.1-2005.

v. The pressure gauge on the booster assembly could not be determined as operating. The face and needle of the pressure gauge was pressed against the glass panel. In

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addition, the pressure gauge was not designed to display the required boost pressure at the premises.

vi. The main isolation valve at the fire hydrant booster assembly was not secured or locked in the open position, contrary to Clause 8.5.8 AS 2419.1-2005.

vii. The fire hydrant booster assembly is installed within 10 m of openings at the premises.

viii. The fire hydrant block plan does not represent the building design and does not provide adequate information to assist in firefighting operations.

4B. Fire Hose Reels (FHR)

A. FRNSW is of the opinion that the fire hose reel system is not installed to the degree necessary to allow occupants to safely undertake initial attack on a fire. FRNSW observed:

i. The FHR coverage is not appropriate to the floor area and internal layout.

ii. FHR are not installed on the multiple levels of No. 5 Wood Street.

iii. There are no FHR in No. 6 Wood Street warehouses.

iv. Several FHR had access obstructed by tyres and stored items contrary to the requirements of Clause 10.1 of AS 2441–2005.

v. Several FHR were not capable of immediate use as the nozzles were not stowed in the interlock device contrary to the requirements of Clause 2.2.7.2 of AS 1221 - 1997.

vi. FHR's had service label/tags were last stamped in June 2022, indicating the system had not been receiving routine maintenance in accordance with Section 81 of the EPAR21.

4C. Portable Fire Extinguishers (PFE)

A. FRNSW is of the opinion that the portable fire extinguishers are not installed to the degree necessary to allow occupants to safely undertake initial attack on a fire. FRNSW observed:

i. PFE's are not present within majority of the Class 7b component of No. 6 Wood Street, contrary to the requirements of Clause E1D14 of the NCC.

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ii. Several PFE's are missing from the location of signage showing a PFE indicating the system had not been receiving routine maintenance in accordance with Section 81 of the EPAR21.

iii. Multiple PFE's had stored items in front of them and were not readily accessible, contrary to the requirements of Clause 3.2 of AS 2444–2001.

iv. PFE's had service label/tags were last stamped in June 2022, indicating the system had not been receiving routine maintenance in accordance with Section 81 of the EPAR21.

4D. Smoke Detection and Alarm Systems (SDAS)

A. Smoke detection was not installed at the premises to detect the presence of smoke contrary to the requirements of Part E2 of the NCC.

B. A building occupant warning system was not installed at the premises to alert the occupants of an emergency ctr Clause S20C7 of Specification 20 of the NCC.

4E. Automatic Fire Suppression Systems

A. An automatic fire suppression system is not installed to the degree necessary to control the development and spread of fire.

Tyres are considered Special Commodities in Section 12 of AS 2118.1-2017. This includes the requirements for automatic suppression systems for stored tyres in a warehouse. The premises did not contain an automatic suppression system in either building contrary to the requirements of Section 12 AS 2118.1-2017.

B. A system of pipes with sprinkler heads attached is installed at the main loading dock on No. 5 Wood Street. This installation is not deemed to comply with any Australian Standard.

4F. FRNSW observed large volumes of tyres stored without spacing between each stack and to the ceiling above. FRNSW Fire Safety Guideline – Guideline for Bulk Storage of Rubber Tyres - Version 03 – 5 December 2014 outlines FRNSW guidelines for the storage of tyres.

5. Firefighting Operations

5A. As a result of the comments above, FRNSW may be unable to commit firefighters to internal firefighting and search and rescue operations due to the fire load, lack of fire suppression and the lightweight internal fit-out and smoke spread into the fire isolated stairways.

FRNSW believes that there are inadequate provisions for fire safety within the building.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

FRNSW recommends that Council:

a. 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.

b. Conduct an of the premises in relation to, but not limited to, Sections B, C, D & E of the NCC.

Please be advised that Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(2) requires any report or recommendation from the Commissioner of FRNSW to be tabled at a Council meeting. This matter is referred to Council as the appropriate regulatory authority. FRNSW awaits the Council's advice regarding its determination under Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17 (4) of the EP&A Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact Station Officer Kurt Ingle of FRNSW's Fire Safety Compliance Unit at FireSafety@fire.nsw.gov.au or call on (02) 9742 7434 if there are any questions or concerns about the above matters. Please ensure that you refer to file reference FRN25/1083 - BFS25/2018 - 8000041674 regarding any correspondence concerning this matter.

Yours faithfully

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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

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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Attention: Manager Compliance/Fire Safety

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: INSPECTION REPORT
'UKO CO-LIVING'
193-195 LIVERPOOL ROAD, ASHFIELD ("the premises")

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) received correspondence on 15 March 2025 from the local fire station when attending an Automatic Fire Alarm concerning the adequacy of the provision for fire safety in connection with 'the premises'.

The correspondence stated:

- *Attended AFA at building. Pump room had no water pressure, no fuel in pump, valves were locked off without access for us. unable to boot system. entire pump system was not working.*
  Advised manager to have service tech attend.
  concern as houses students with some non-english speaking.

Pursuant to Section 9.32(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), Authorised Fire Officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of FRNSW inspected 'the premises' on 20 April 2025.

On behalf of the Commissioner of FRNSW, the comments in this report are provided under Section 9.32(4) and Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(1) of the EP&A Act.
The items listed in the comments of this report are based on the following limitations:

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- A general overview of the building was obtained without using the development consent conditions or approved floor plans as a reference.
- Details of the Provisions for Fire Safety and Fire Fighting Equipment are limited to a visual inspection of the parts in the building accessed and the fire safety measures observed at the time.

COMMENTS

The following items were identified as concerns at the time of the inspection:

1. Essential Fire Safety Measures

1A. Fire Hydrant and Sprinkler System (FPAA101H System):

A. The pumpset:

i. The Fire Brigade Panel (FBP) was displaying one (x1) 'Disablement', identified as '001 – Zone 12 - disabled – All devices (pump monitor)'.

ii. The control panel for the diesel pumpset indicated 'low fuel' and the low fuel alarm was activated.

B. System Pressure:

i. It appeared inadequate pressure was present in the system, as displayed on the pressure gauges.

The Community Manager was advised of issues following the inspection. FRNSW received correspondence from the Fire Technician on 24 March 2025, advising the following:

Upon carrying out our investigation on the fire indicator panel & sprinkler/hydrant system the following issued were identified & rectified as follows:

DEFECTS IDENTIFIED:
Zone 12 (Pump Monitor) on the fire panel was isolated.
The Diesel pump was indicating low fuel.
There was no pressure in the system.

RECTIFICATIONS UNDERTAKEN:
Due to the system being Tank fed we identified that the isolation valve in the tank was half closed. (The main door to the tank was wedged open which leads us to think there was unauthorized access to the system). This was causing the lack of pressure in the system. The valve has now been opened fully allowing the system to receive maximum water flow.

The 2 doors leading to the tank access hatch we have arranged for a locksmith to attend tomorrow & have keyed to a 003 style lock to both doors.

We tested the system and confirmed the both the electric & diesel pump operates & send signal back to the fire panel & Zone 12 was de-isolated upon completion of testing & system shows normal.

The diesel tanked was topped up clearing the low fuel alarm, diesel system now showing system normal. Refer to image 7.
We can confirm that the sprinkler system & hydrant system is fully pressurized. We inspected the top floor hydrant gauge & can confirm water pressure in system & also the installation pressure gauge in the pump room.

Pump room was also cleaned out.
System is full normal with no disablements or faults.

Notwithstanding this, it would be at Council's discretion as the appropriate regulatory authority, to determine whether further investigation is required in this instance.

C. Combined hydrant and sprinkler booster assembly:

   i. There is insufficient space for FRNSW appliances to undertake fire-fighting operations when utilising the large bore suction connections associated with the hydrant/sprinkler booster, due to the nature of the on-street parking spaces directly in front of the booster assembly, that would cause an obstruction.

FRNSW believes that there are inadequate provisions for fire safety within the building.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FRNSW recommends that Council:

a. Review item 1 of this report and conduct an inspection.

b. Address any other deficiencies identified on "the premises".

Please be advised that Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(2) requires any report or recommendation from the Commissioner of FRNSW to be tabled at a Council meeting. This matter is referred to Council as the appropriate regulatory authority. FRNSW awaits the Council's advice regarding its determination under Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17 (4) of the EP&A Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mark Knowles of FRNSW's Fire Safety Compliance Unit at FireSafety@fire.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9742 7434 if there are any questions or concerns about the above matters. Please refer to file reference FRN20/2980 - BFS25/1747 - 8000041448 regarding any correspondence concerning this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Attachments: Letter Out - Inspection Report - 6-12 Dudley Street Marrickville - Inner West Council.pdf
Categories: Hunter

Attn: **Manager Compliance/Fire Safety**

Please find attached correspondence regarding the above premises.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact the Fire Safety Branch on 9742 7434 quoting your reference number.

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Attention: Manager Compliance/Fire Safety

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: INSPECTION REPORT
6-12 DUDLEY STREET, MARRICKVILLE ("the premises")

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) received correspondence on 25 March 2025 concerning the adequacy of the provision for fire safety in connection with 'the premises'.

The correspondence stated:

- *Hello, today we had a false evacuation and multiple residents could not leave our residential building. We were stuck in the fire escape as the business Olympic Meats which is under our building and newly commenced trade, places their full commercial bins directly in front of the exit.*

  We have raised these issues with the owner, but he has taken it as a mission to harass and bully residents.

  Is there any chance you can assist to have the bins relocated away from our exit of the building. Thank you.

  Council was notified of this issue, specifically [redacted] *at Inner West Council but she believes it is not their issue to resolve.*

  I am glad today was not a real emergency.

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Pursuant to Section 9.32(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), Authorised Fire Officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of FRNSW inspected 'the premises' on 3 April 2025.

On behalf of the Commissioner of FRNSW, the comments in this report are provided under Section 9.32(4) and Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(1) of the EP&A Act.
The items listed in the comments of this report are based on the following limitations:

- A general overview of the building was obtained without using the development consent conditions or approved floor plans as a reference.
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COMMENTS

At the time of the inspection the waste bins associated with the ground floor tenancy (Olympic Meats), were located adjacent to the residential fire stair discharge door and egress from the exit was unobstructed. Discussion with the Strata Manager and the tenant, revealed they are aware of the complaints, and they are currently working on a resolution to relocate the bins to another location away from the exit. FRNSW re-affirmed that the exits must remain unobstructed in the meantime until such time a more suitable location could be found.

Notwithstanding this, the following items were identified as concerns at the time of the inspection:

1. Essential Fire Safety Measures

   1A. The Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm System:

      A. Fire Brigade Panel (FBP) - The FBP was displaying three (x3) 'Disablements'.

         Examination of the FBP and the Zone Block Plan, revealed two (x2) disablements related to Zones 7 and 8 'Basement 1 and Basement 2' and one (x1) disablement was associated with Zone 9 'Fire Stairs'.

         Discussions with the Building Contractor at the time of the inspection, revealed the disablements were attributed to repair/remedial works being undertaken in the basement levels and within the fire stairs, to prevent unwanted automatic alarm activations. The Building Contractor advised that the disablements would be restored once the works was completed and before departing the premises that day.

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Notwithstanding this, it would be at Council's discretion as the appropriate regulatory authority, to determine whether further investigation is required in this instance.

B. The detector located on Level 3 (outside of Unit 23) was missing from its mounting bracket.

C. Maintenance - The latest entry in the maintenance logbook for the detection system, dated 23 February 2025, reported the following: "Batteries out of date".

1B. Fire Hydrant System:

A. The hydrant booster assembly:

i. Booster support – the hydrant booster assembly arrangement did not appear to be adequately supported in accordance with the requirements of Section 8 of AS 2419.1-2005. In this regard, the feed/outlet connections were observed to be flexible and easily manipulated when pushed by hand. Typically, a booster assembly should be rigid and not easily moved in order to withstand the stresses and loads imposed by all external causes, including the forces imposed by the maximum pressures generated.

B. The pumpset:

i. Maintenance - The latest entry in the maintenance logbook for the diesel pump, dated 25 February 2025, reported the following: "Batteries out of date".

1C. Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS):

A. A copy of the current AFSS was not prominently displayed within the building in accordance with Section 89 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 (EPAR 2021).

2. Access and Egress

2A. Exit travel distances:

A. The travel distance from the storeroom (commercial tenancy) on basement level 2, exceeds 20m from an exit, contrary to the requirements of Clause D2D5(3) of the NCC. It is noted that FRNSW records indicates the building is subject to 'Fire Engineering Report – Report No. 16287_FER Revision 1.3, dated 24 February 2020, prepared by Mobius Fire Safety (FER), to permit extended travel distances on the residential levels and also on the ground floor level, however the FER does not include extended travel distance on basement level 2.

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FRNSW believes that there are inadequate provisions for fire safety within the building.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FRNSW recommends that Council:

a. Review item 1 and item 2 of this report and conduct an inspection.

b. Address any other deficiencies identified on “the premises”.

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Contact: Station Officer Kurt Ingle

30 June 2025

General Manager
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Email: council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Manager Compliance/Fire Safety

Dear General Manager

Re: INSPECTION REPORT
TEMPE TYRES
4 WOOD STREET TEMPE ("the premises")

Pursuant to Section 9.32(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), Authorised Fire Officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) inspected 'the premises' on 13 June 2025. The Inner West Council were also present during the inspection.

On behalf of the Commissioner of FRNSW, comments in this report are provided under Section 9.32(4) and Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(1) of the EP&A Act.

The items listed in the comments of this report are based on the following limitations:

- A general overview of the building was obtained without using the development consent conditions or approved floor plans as reference.
- Details of the Provisions for Fire Safety and Fire Fighting Equipment are limited to a visual inspection of the parts in the building accessed and the fire safety measures observed at the time.

COMMENTS

The following items were identified during the inspection:

1. Access and Egress

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1A. 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 believes that there are inadequate provisions for fire safety within the building.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FRNSW recommends that Council:

a. Inspect and address items 1 of this report and any other deficiencies identified on 'the premises'.

Please be advised that Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(2) requires any report or recommendation from the Commissioner of FRNSW to be tabled at a Council meeting. This matter is referred to Council as the appropriate regulatory authority. FRNSW awaits the Council's advice regarding its determination under Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17 (4) of the EP&A Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact Station Officer Kurt Ingle of FRNSW's Fire Safety Compliance Unit at FireSafety@fire.nsw.gov.au or call on (02) 9742 7434 if there are any questions or concerns about the above matters. Please ensure that you refer to file reference FRN25/1083 - BFS25/2018 - 8000041674 regarding any correspondence concerning this matter.

Yours faithfully

Paul Scott
Team Leader
Fire Safety Compliance Unit

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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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

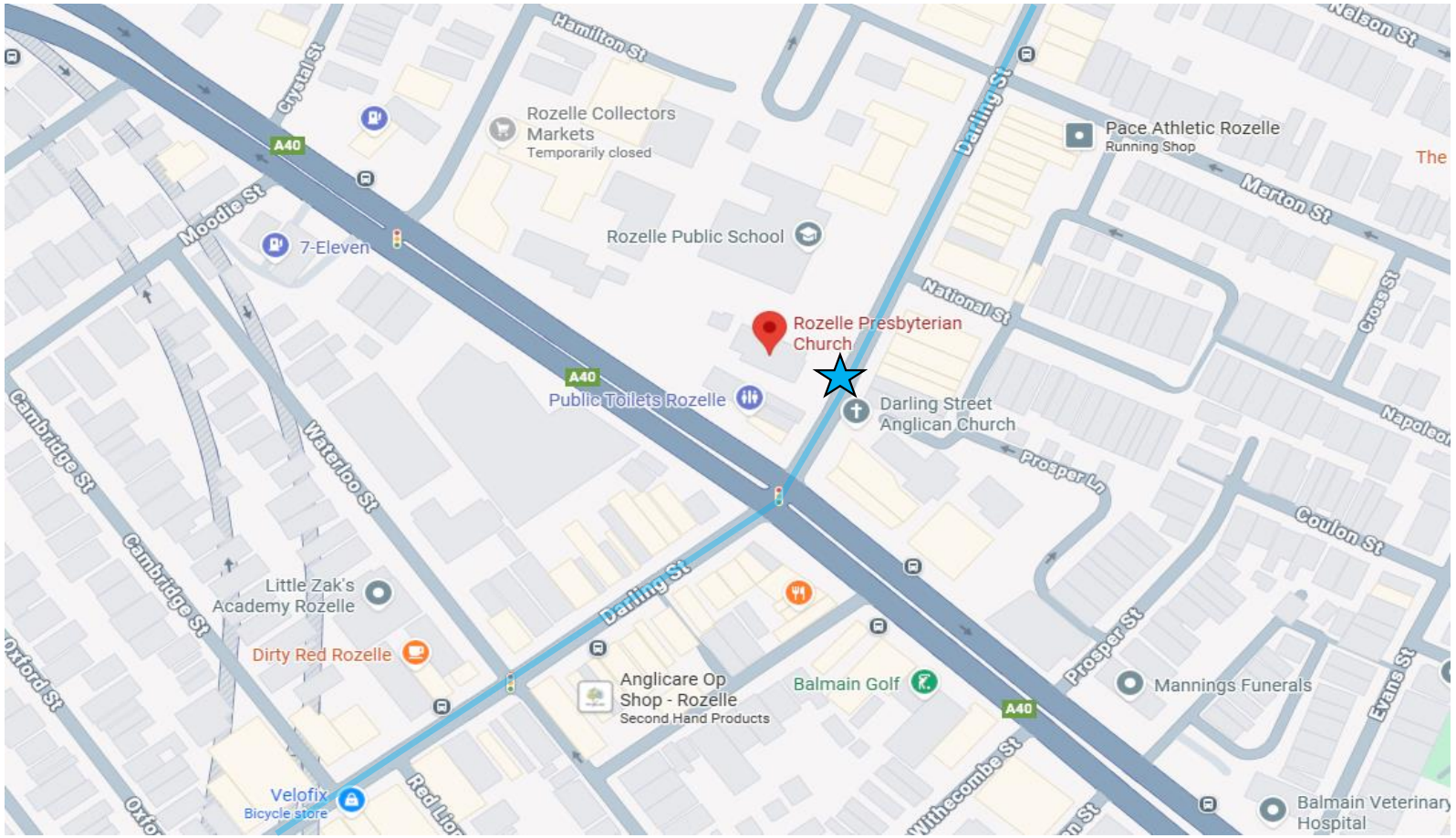
The costs associated with the trial can be funded from the existing Resource Recovery Operations budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1.⇩ Darling Street dog waste bag dispenser proposed locations

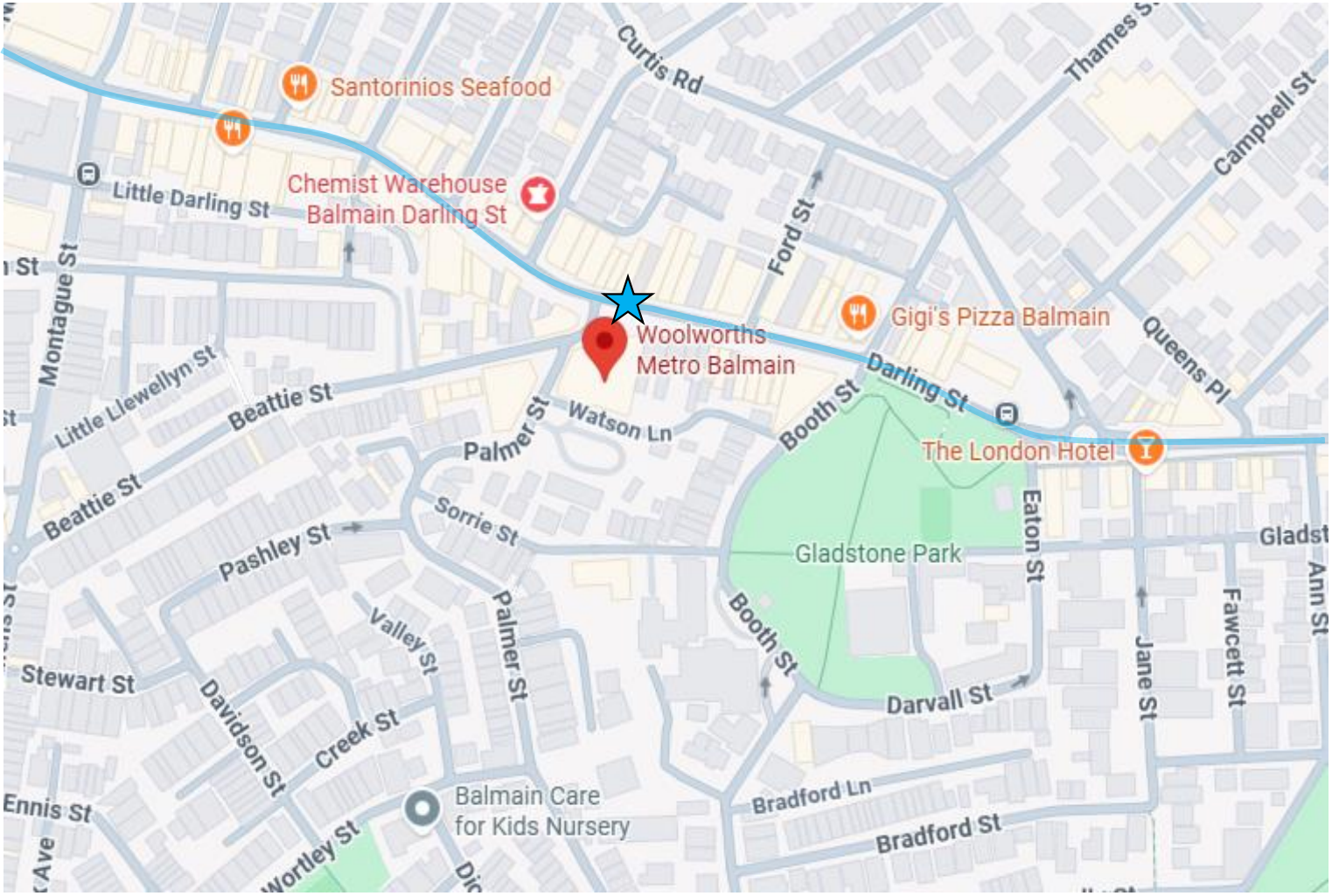
Proposed location 1: Darling Street, Rozelle

Near the Rozelle Presbyterian Church (indicated by the blue star on map)



Proposed location: Darling Street, Balmain

Near the Balmain Woolworths Metro (indicated by the blue star on map)



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 to13 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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Revitalising Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre: A Vision for Connection, Empowerment, and Wellbeing

This proposal outlines an innovative plan to further establish Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre as a vibrant community hub for the Inner West. Guided by the *Inner West Community Strategic Plan: Our Inner West 2036* and the *Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2023–2026*, the initiative focuses on creating a social enterprise café and community wellbeing centre. This project will provide employment pathways, enhance social inclusion, and address community needs through tailored programs, co-designed with residents. In partnership with grassroots organisations like Good in the Hood, and supported by together²'s expertise, the Centre will offer holistic services to the general community, including training opportunities for individuals with disabilities and aged care supports under the *Support at Home* program. By fostering connection, resilience, and accessibility, this proposal sets out a transformative vision for the future of Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre and its role in building a thriving, empowered Inner West community.

Steven Lowrie
Chief Executive Officer

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Revitalising Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre: A Vision for Connection, Training, and Wellbeing

Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre is set to further establish its role as a vibrant, welcoming hub at the heart of the Inner West community. Guided by the principles outlined in the *Inner West Community Strategic Plan: Our Inner West 2036* (Inner West Council, 2018), the *Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2023–2026* (Inner West Council, 2023), and insights from *The Future of Social Connection Report* (Bower et al., 2024), this proposal outlines a transformative vision to establish a social enterprise café and community wellbeing centre.

A cornerstone of this initiative is the Centre's partnership with *Good in the Hood*, a grassroots volunteer organisation dedicated to fostering community resilience and addressing food insecurity. Through our partnership we serve over 400 people each week, providing essential support to those in need. This collaboration exemplifies the power of strategic partnerships in achieving meaningful community outcomes, enabling the Centre to share resources and align efforts to maximise its impact.

The initiative is being developed within together²'s community-centred strategic framework, which prioritises the needs, aspirations, and active involvement of Inner West residents. By responding to feedback about the community's desire to strengthen Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre as an inclusive and empowering space, the proposed café and wellbeing centre will mark a significant milestone in reinforcing the Centre's identity as a trusted and accessible hub. Through this project, Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre will reflect its community's identity and become a space where people come together to connect, learn, and thrive.

A Renewed Vision for Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre

The social enterprise café and community wellbeing centre will bring together the elements of diversity, creativity, and inclusion that define the Inner West. By addressing the structural and individual causes of social disconnection outlined in *Placing Social Connection at the Heart* (Bower et al., 2024), the initiative will enhance residents' mental, social, and physical wellbeing while fostering a stronger, more connected community.

We aim to have a significant focus on fostering social capital through community-led networks. This approach ensures the Centre operates as a central hub for integrated and holistic service delivery while remaining closely aligned with together²'s wider specialist NDIS and aged care services.

Supporting Citizenship and Inclusion for People with Disabilities

The Centre will prioritise supporting individuals with disabilities, including those receiving NDIS employment supports, to achieve full integration into the community. Drawing inspiration from Simon Duffy's *Keys to Citizenship*, the project will focus on creating opportunities for respect, equality, and individuality. These principles serve as a framework for meaningful community participation and underscore the need for justice and mutual respect.

Keys to Citizenship Applied to Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre:

- **Freedom**: Providing individuals with disabilities the autonomy to make decisions, take risks, and live on their own terms. Through thoughtfully designed programs and supports, everyone can exercise choice and control.

- **Direction**: Ensuring that every person can lead a meaningful life aligned with their passions, interests, and abilities. Tailored training opportunities in the café and wellbeing centre will help participants find fulfilling paths.
- **Money**: Recognising that financial independence is essential for dignity and autonomy. The café will integrate employment pathways, including School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES), offering individuals the opportunity to gain work experience and earn an income.
- **Home**: Building a sense of belonging by creating an inclusive space that individuals can call their own. This community hub will offer safety, privacy, and connection.
- **Support**: Promoting a supportive environment were seeking and receiving help is valued. The wellbeing centre will deliver services that prioritise citizenship while maintaining independence.
- **Life**: Encouraging individuals to contribute to their community in diverse ways, from volunteering to participating in social and cultural activities. The Centre will provide opportunities to join classes, workshops, and community events.
- **Relationships**: Facilitating relationships and connections that enrich life. By creating a warm and welcoming environment, the café and wellbeing centre will nurture friendships, family bonds, and broader community ties.

Building Opportunities for Participation and Wellbeing

The integration of Simon Duffy's framework with the Centre's services ensures that people with the general community including those with disabilities and aged care related needs can fully participate in community life. This model will address barriers such as social isolation, poverty, and lack of appropriate supports while raising expectations for inclusion and equity.

Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre will also focus on practical outcomes such as:

- **Employment Opportunities**: Providing meaningful jobs and skill-building programs within the café and other initiatives, particularly for individuals with disabilities and disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **Community Engagement**: Creating spaces where individuals can connect, collaborate, and contribute, fostering a deep sense of belonging.
- **Education and Skill Development**: Offering workshops and training programs to enable lifelong learning and active citizenship.
- **Support Services**: Delivering trauma-informed, tailored support that empowers individuals while addressing specific needs.

This renewed vision aims to make Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre a place where everyone, regardless of ability, can thrive, connect, and contribute meaningfully to their community. It represents a holistic approach to citizenship and inclusion, helping to build a more just and connected society.

Benefits of a Social Enterprise Café and Community Wellbeing Centre

Creating Opportunities for Connection and Growth

The café will serve as a welcoming “third space” where informal and intentional social interactions thrive. It will be a meeting point for diverse members of the Inner West, fostering friendships, collaboration, and a strong sense of belonging (Bower et al., 2024). The inclusion of training spaces will enhance the Centre’s capacity to offer skill development opportunities for individuals with disabilities, local students, and volunteers.

Emphasising Accessibility and Inclusion

The proposed design will feature accessible and neuro-affirming elements to ensure all members of the community feel respected and welcome. This approach aligns with the *Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2023–2026*, reflecting a commitment to reducing barriers and creating environments that empower all individuals.

Driving Economic Participation

The café will provide employment and training pathways for individuals with disabilities and those facing workforce participation barriers. Integration with School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) under the NDIS framework will provide young people with disabilities meaningful opportunities to develop essential skills and gain employment experience. Additionally, these activities will contribute to the café's operational sustainability while fostering an inclusive workforce.

Reintroducing Community-Focused Aged Care Services

Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre will leverage its registration under the Australian Government's *Support at Home* program to provide aged care services, including domestic assistance and social support. These services will enhance the independence and quality of life for older residents while creating additional pathways for community connection and wellbeing.

Enhancing Wellbeing Through Tailored Programs

The wellbeing centre will host workshops, support groups, and activities co-designed with residents to address local needs. Programs will include mental health initiatives, physical activity classes, and trauma-informed support services. By addressing challenges such as social isolation and loneliness, the Centre will strengthen individual and collective resilience (Bower et al., 2024).

Strategic Alignment

Inner West Community Strategic Plan: Our Inner West 2036

- Supports unique, liveable neighbourhoods and promotes caring, healthy communities.
- Enhances social infrastructure to foster connection and belonging.
- Encourages local economic growth through partnerships and employment initiatives.

Inner West Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2023–2026

- Ensures physical and social environments are accessible and inclusive.
- Reduces attitudinal barriers through education and community engagement.
- Promotes equity and inclusion in community facilities and services.

Placing Social Connection at the Heart (Bower et al., 2024)

- Addresses loneliness with evidence-based interventions
- Highlights the value of community-led initiatives for fostering social connection.
- Emphasises the importance of inclusive spaces in building social capital.

Sustainability and Longevity

The social enterprise model ensures financial sustainability by reinvesting café revenue into community programs. This approach supports Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre in remaining a dynamic hub for connection and wellbeing, responsive to evolving community needs.

To strengthen its sustainability framework:

- Integration with School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES). The café will provide training and employment for young individuals with disabilities, creating a steady workforce while enhancing inclusivity.
- Reintroduction of Aged Care Services. Through the *Support at Home* program, services such as social support and domestic assistance will not only address local needs but also contribute to the Centre's operational sustainability.

More broadly together[2] will continue to provide specialist NDIS and aged care supports, ensuring the Centre's services are comprehensive and aligned with community needs. The collaborative structure will foster relationships, prioritise shared resources, and empower individuals, creating a holistic and enduring service model.

Conclusion

This proposal aims to further establish Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre as a localleader of inclusion, creativity, and community empowerment. By addressing social disconnection and prioritising accessibility, the initiative will strengthen the Inner West's social fabric, enhancing residents' wellbeing and fostering connection.

Funding from Inner West Council is essential to bring this vision to life. The Centre's success depends on securing financial support to complete building works, acquire equipment, and launch programs. Without this funding, the initiative cannot reach its potential to transform the Centre into a self-sustaining hub for connection, training, and wellbeing.

By investing in this project, the Council will play a pivotal role in creating a sustainable, empowered, and connected community, setting a new benchmark for inclusive local governance. With your support, Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre can become a vibrant space where individuals thrive, connections flourish, and the true spirit of the Inner West is celebrated.

Summary of Attached Information

Recent project updates include adjustments to the original design plans to prioritise training and capacity-building spaces:

- Revised layout. The main café area will now include a training space for individuals with disabilities, local students, and corporate volunteers, supporting skill development and community engagement.
- Cool room addition. A new cool room will increase capacity for both the social enterprise café and the Good in the Hood food relief program.
- Project costs. Preliminary quotes estimate $190,000 for equipment and $350,000–$400,000 for building works. Additional quotes are being finalised, with adjustments to optimise costs.

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Proposed Interior Fit-out Design Concept V2.0

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Section 1

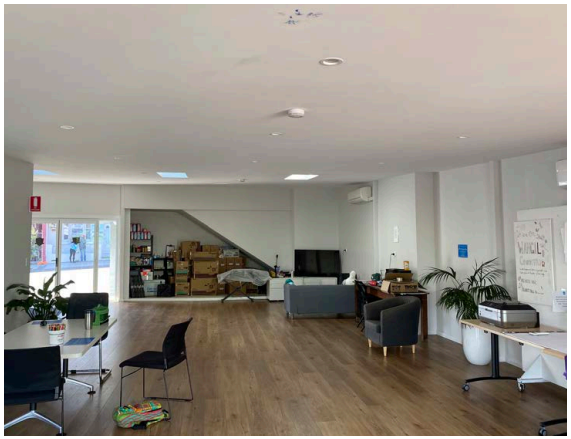
Existing + Precedents

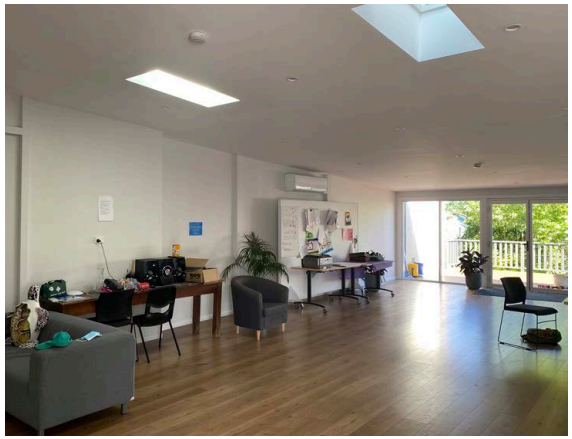
Existing

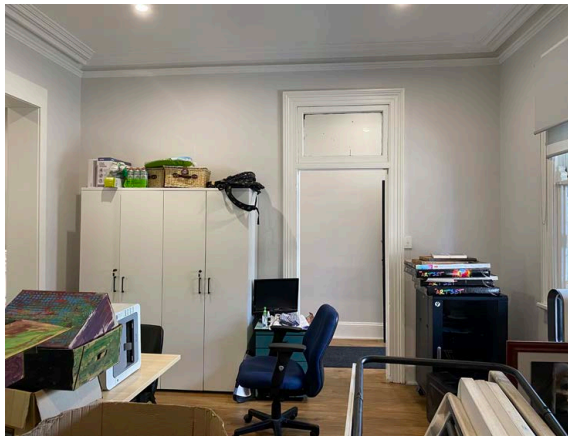
The current premises comprises 2 distinct sections, with the single level converted garage section being the main open plan and multi purpose community space, whilst the double-storey 'residential' building accommodates administrative spaces upstairs and some community-use spaces downstairs.

The ground floor areas were renovated about 12 mths ago, with new floor, wall and ceiling finishes, including a new accessible toilet. It currently presents as newly renovated.

With cost and sustainability being key considerations, we believe the floor and ceiling should be largely retained as part of any new interior concept, where possible.

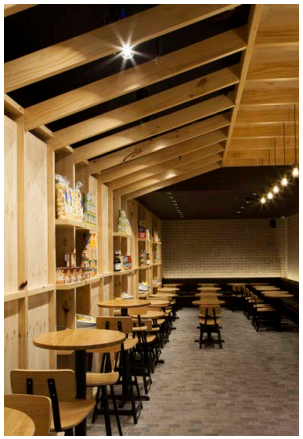


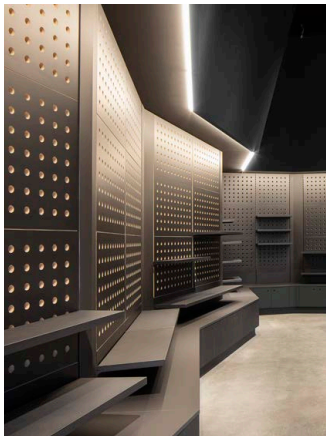




Precedents

These images are examples of some fresh food, retail and hospitality projects that we have completed in the past, included here purely as a reference point, to illustrate our belief there is great potential in creating an interior environment that is not only functional, but one that conveys a brand's key values, personality and messages, and that also provides for a memorable, immersive experience for the customer. Our projects are more than just assemblages of finishes and fixtures, but environments that are borne out of and inspired by a brand's narrative.





Section 2

Inspiration

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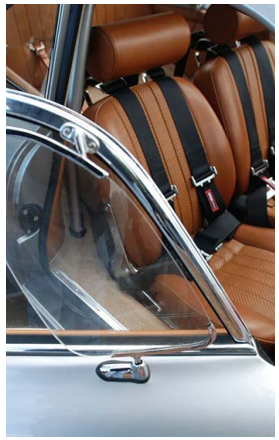
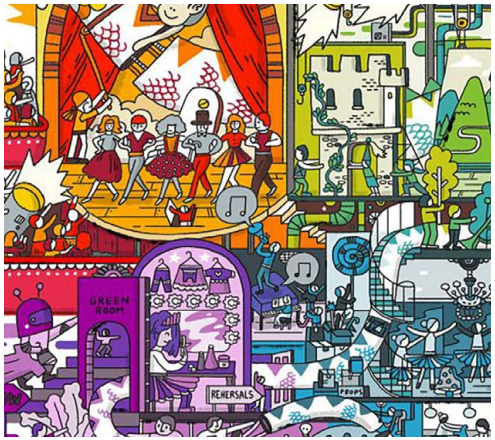
'Together Two' is the newly launched re-brand of the Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, marking a significant shift in the organisation's directions towards a more multi-tiered approach in their services and clientele (aged care, disability, youth), going beyond the confines of just Rozelle (ie the Inner West), and being a more agile facilitator, designer and change maker. Together Two's ambition is to become a dynamic organisation known for their personalised solutions and dedication to the wellbeing of their community. A key aspect behind the brand's DNA is to create space for individuals to be themselves, empowering people to come together and connect, and to build an environment for inclusive communities to grow.

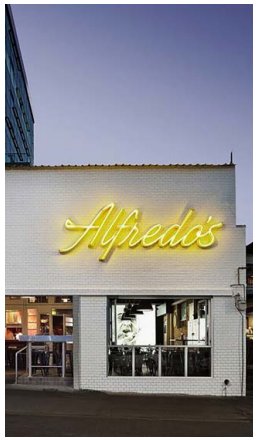
A significant aspect of the interior brief, is the accommodation of a new Social Enterprise Cafe, that anchors the main ground floor open-space, whilst co-sharing the open plan and its multitude of activities and community groups. Key considerations include: 1/ ensuring the Cafe retains its own identifiable 'brand' and personality, 2/ the Cafe happily co-habitates alongside the Together Two brand environment, 3/ the spaces cater to multiple-user groups and their activities, remaining flexible and adaptable, and 4/ cost and sustainability are factored into any design response.

With the newly renovated ground floor spaces, we made early design decisions and elected to retain the floor and ceiling finishes where possible. Whilst we understand that there was an intention to adopt a 'street-style'/upcycled material approach, to achieve a 'Newtown'/'old school' recycled vibe, we have revisited this direction, considering the previous garage use, and the existing finishes that anchor the space.

We have created a robust, slightly industrial response to the cafe at the front, as a nod to its history as a garage. Steel-framed windows and doors at the street front, concrete and weathered steel are key materials, with the colour contrast providing a great platform to highlight the food on display. This transitions into the 'Together Two' environment which is a modern, timber-based palette, with acoustic plywood joinery/wall linings. We have integrated some graphic pictograms that were developed for the cafe, adding to them and 'embedding' them into the surrounding joinery. Select colours are used to feature these. Table tops are recycled plastic sheets, that add a fine-grain texture that is reminiscent of terrazzo. The overall interior is warm, welcoming, unpretentious, playful, restrained and understated.







Section 3

Concept

Concept - Proposed Plan: Cafe Mode (Scale 1:100/A3)

01 Day: Cafe Mode (Mon to Fri)
Scale: 1:100

50-60 pax cafe

02 Day: Cafe Mode V2 (Mon to Fri)
Scale: 1:100

59-64 pax cafe

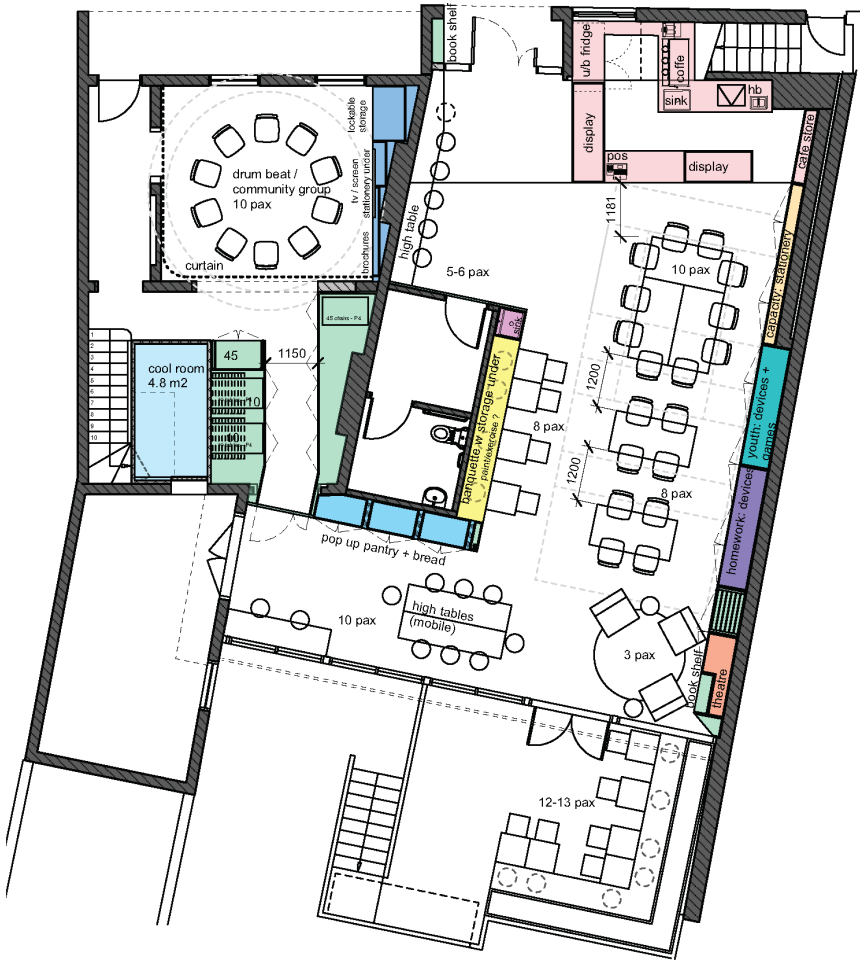
Concept - Proposed Plan: Pop-up Pantry + Theatre Mode (Scale 1:100/A3)

01 Day: Food Redistribution + Pop up Patry Mode (Tue + Thu)
Scale: 1:100

02 Evening: Theatre Mode (Mon + Thu)
Scale: 1:100

Concept - Proposed Plan: Painting + Youth Mode (Scale 1:100/A3)

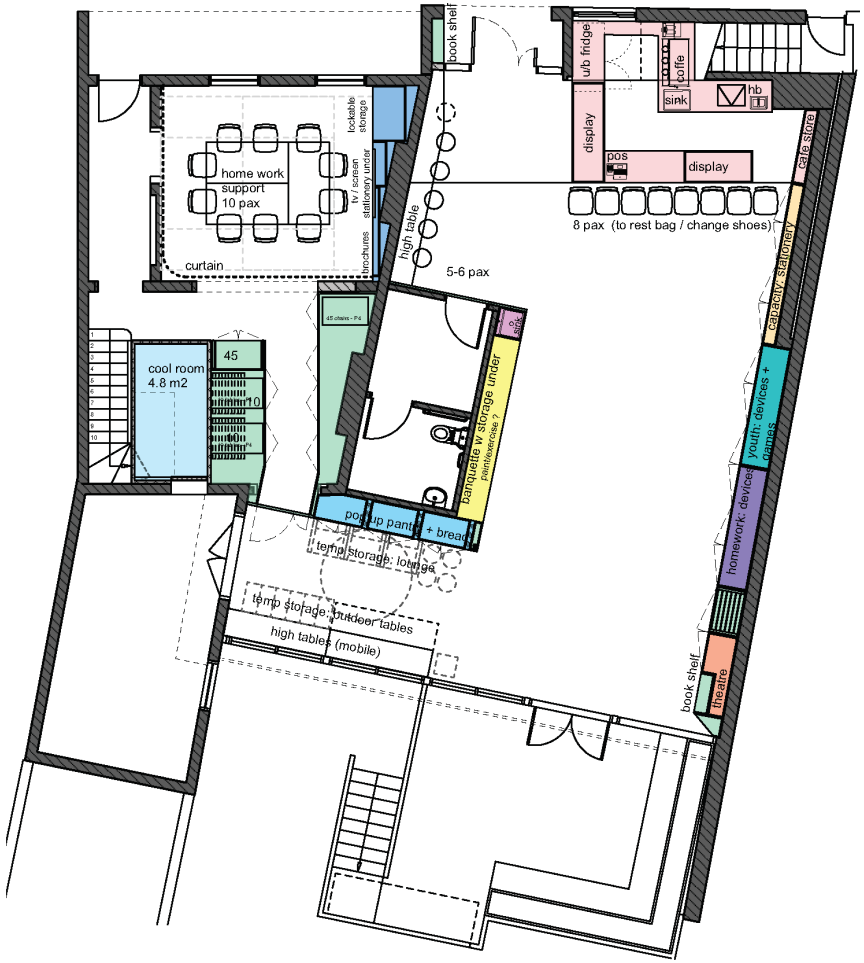
01 Evening: Painting Mode (Mon)
Scale: 1:100



02 Evening: Youth + Drum/Community Group Mode (Tue+Wed+Thu)
Scale: 1:100

Concept - Proposed Plan: Sharing with Youth + Exercise Mode (Scale 1:100/A3)

01 Evening: Youth + Drum Shared Mode (Tue)
Scale: 1:100



02 Evening: Excercse (Wed)
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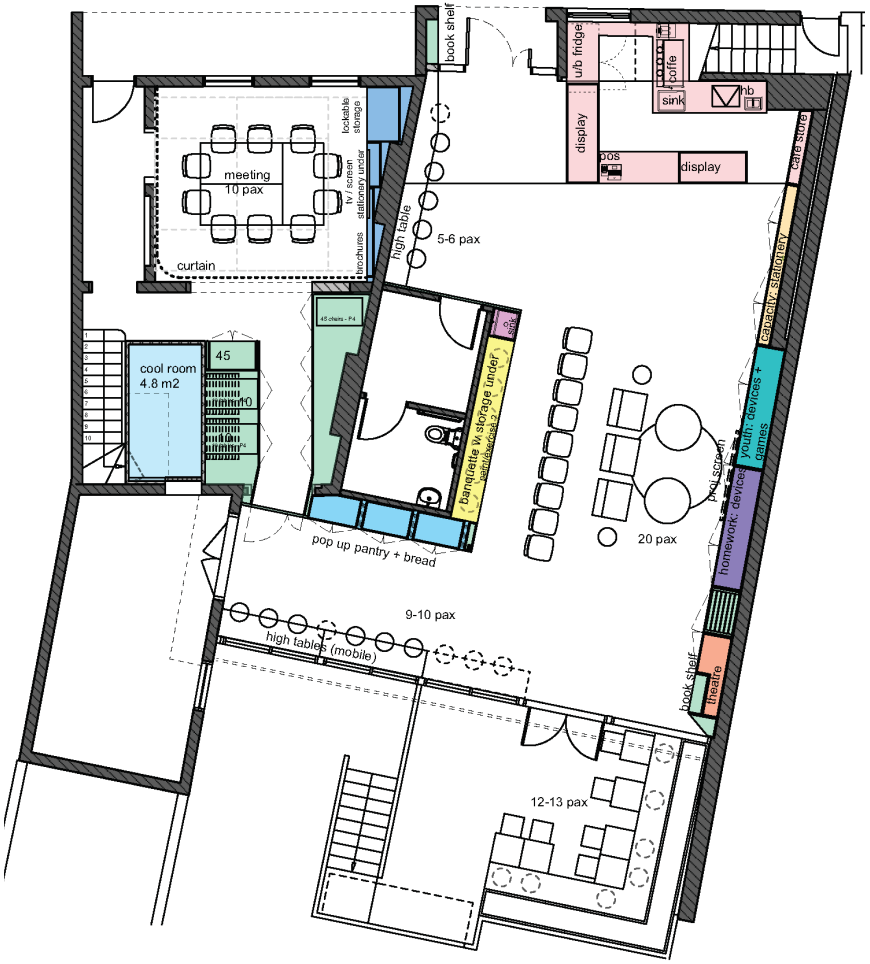
Concept - Proposed Plan: Cinema + Large Meeting (Scale 1:100/A3)



01 Cinema Mode
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02 Large Meeting
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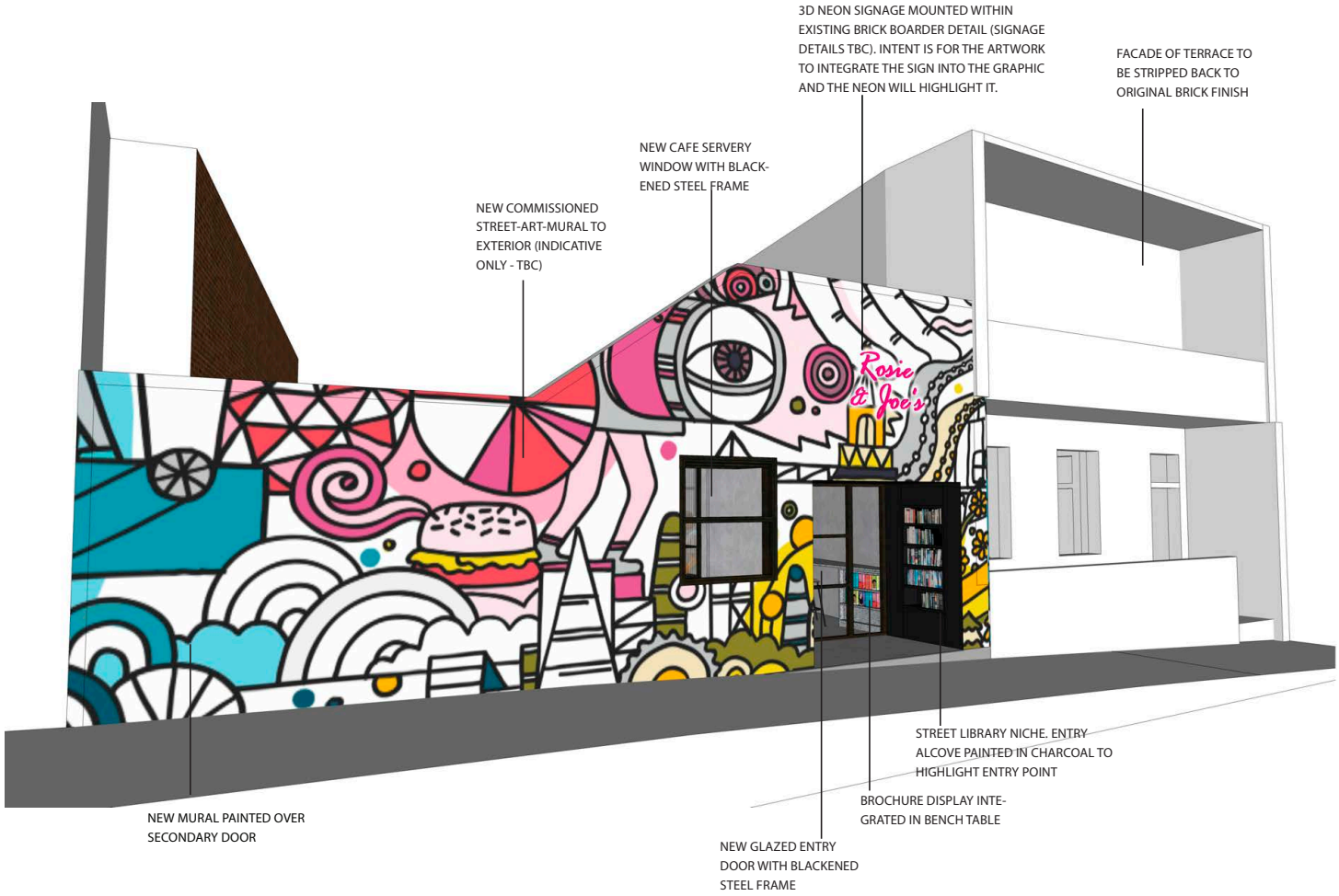

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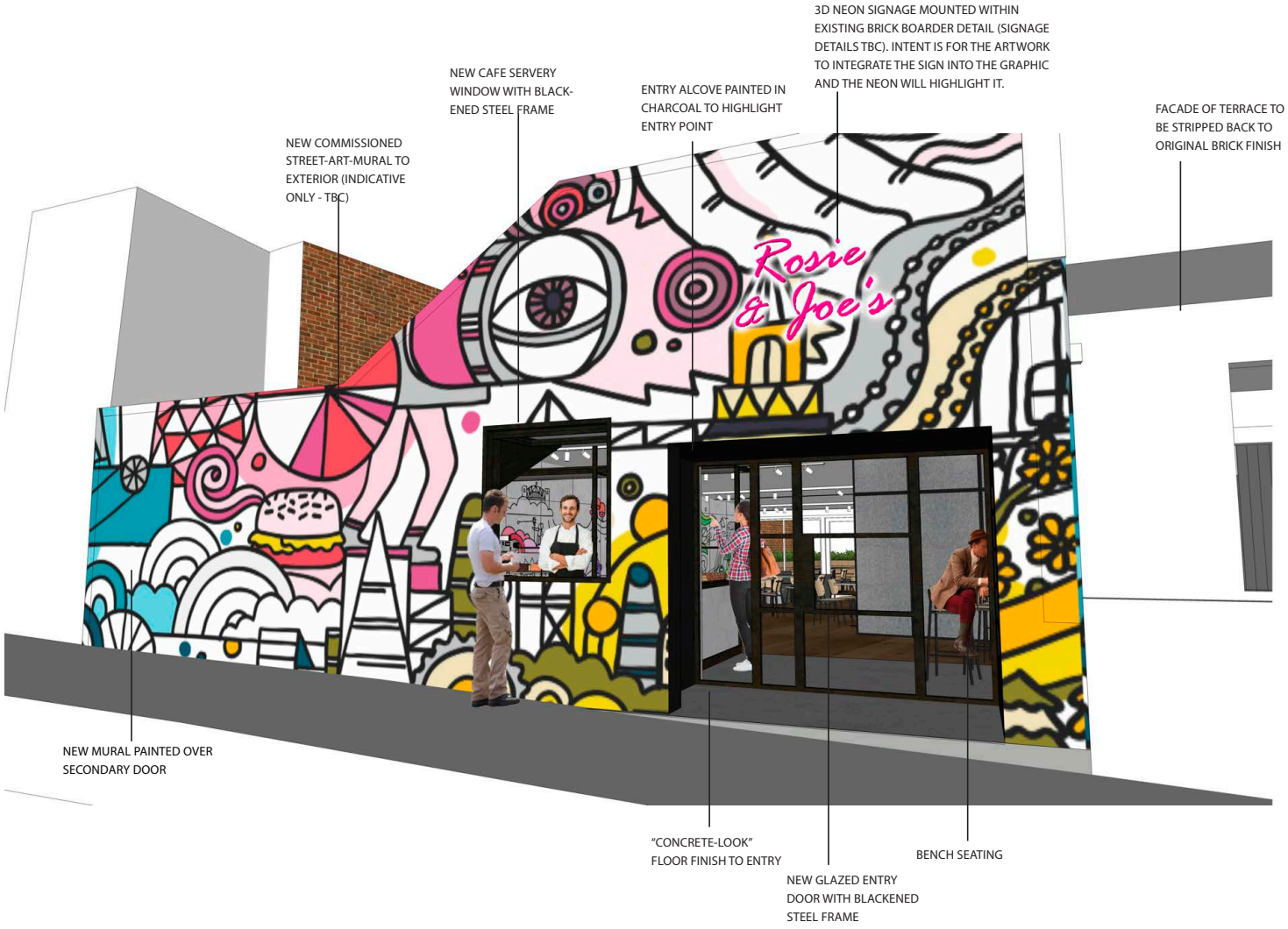
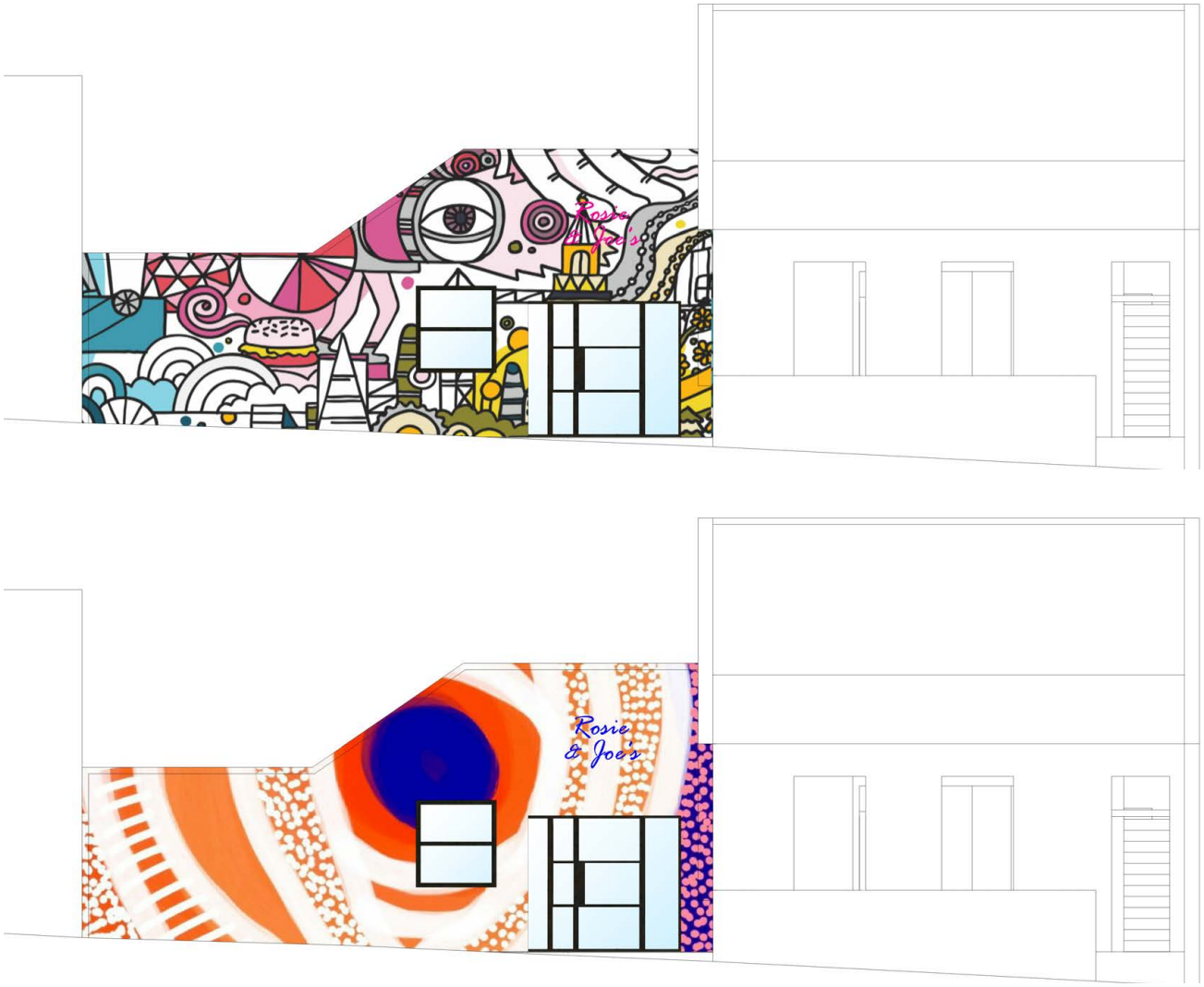


Concept - Street Elevation - Artwork Options



Concept - Perspective View 03 (Rendered)

"CONCRETE-LOOK" FIBRE CEMENT SHEETING TO CEILING AND WALLS CAFE KIOSK

CAFE STORAGE WITH DOORS IN "FLUTED-GLASS LOOK" POLYCARBONATE AND BLACKENED STEEL TRIMS

CAFE KIOSK ENCLOSURE (SHOWN IN OPEN POSITION) WITH BLACKENED STEEL FRAMING AND "FLUTED-GLASS LOOK"POLYCARBONATED PANELS

STREET=ART MURAL APPLIED TO ENTIRE LENGTH OF STORAGE WALL (INDICATIVE ONLY - TBC)

FLEXIBLE STORAGE CONCEALED BEHIND FIBRE-CEMENT-TYPE CLADDING TO CABINET DOORS

EXISTING SET PLASTERBAORD CEILING WITH CEILING MOUNTED TRACK LIGHTING, WHITE TO MATCH CEILING

OPEN BOOK SHELF INTEGRATED IN JOINERY WALL

AMBIENT DISPLAY WITH BLACKENED STEEL TRIMS

CAFE KIOSK WITH "CONCRETE-LOOK" FIBRE CEMENT SHEETING TO FRONT, BLACKENED STEEL TRIMS AND STONE TOP

"CONCRETE-LOOK" FLOOR FINISH TO ENTRY

STACKABLE CHAIRS AND TABLES. TABLES WITH RECYCLED PLASTIC TOPS AND BLACK POWDERCOATED LEGS . FURNITURE SELECTIONS TO BE CONFIRMED WITH CLIENT.

EXISTING "TIMBER" FLOOR

WALL CLADDING TO CENTRAL "TOILET BLOCK" COMPRISES PERFORATED GALVANISED STEEL PANELS WITH ACOUSTIC BACKING, WITH BLACK POWDERCOATED SURROUNDING FRAMES. (SEE DETAIL)

Concept - Perspective View 04 (Rendered)

WALL CLADDING TO CENTRAL "TOILET BLOCK" COMPRISES PERFORATED GALVANISED STEEL PANELS WITH ACOUSTIC BACKING, WITH BLACK POWDERCOATED SURROUNDING FRAMES. (SEE DETAIL)

CAFE KIOSK ENCLOSURE (SHOWN IN OPEN POSITION) WITH BLACKENED STEEL FRAMING AND "FLUTED-GLASS LOOK"POLYCARBONATED PANELS

REFRIGERATED DISPLAY

EXISTING SET PLASTERBAORD CEILING WITH CEILING MOUNTED TRACK LIGHTING, WHITE TO MATCH CEILING

STREET=ART MURAL APPLIED TO ENTIRE LENGTH OF STORAGE WALL (INDICATIVE ONLY - TBC)

FLEXIBLE STORAGE CONCEALED BEHIND FIBRE-CEMENT-TYPE CLADDING TO CABINET DOORS

OPERABLE WALL TRACK

BANQUETTE SEATING WITH STORAGE UNDER. UPHOLSTERED TO SEATING RECESS WITH TAN LEATHER, WITH BUTTON STITCHING DETAIL TO REAR WALL (SEE OTHER VIEW)

EXISTING "TIMBER" FLOOR

STACKABLE CHAIRS AND TABLES. TABLES WITH RECYCLED PLASTIC TOPS AND BLACK POWDERCOATED LEGS . FURNITURE SELECTIONS TO BE CONFIRMED WITH CLIENT.

LOUNGE CHAIRS TO SELECT

Concept - Perspective View 05 (Rendered)

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OPERABLE WALL TRACK

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CAFE KIOSK ENCLOSURE (SHOWN IN OPEN POSITION) WITH BLACKENED STEEL FRAMING AND "FLUTED-GLASS LOOK"POLYCARBONATED PANELS

OPEN DISPLAY SHELVING

FLEXIBLE STORAGE CONCEALED BEHIND FIBRE-CEMENT-TYPE CLADDING TO CABINET DOORS

STREET=ART MURAL APPLIED TO ENTIRE LENGTH OF STORAGE WALL (INDICATIVE ONLY - TBC)

BANQUETTE SEATING WITH STORAGE UNDER. UPHOLSTERED TO SEATING RECESS WITH TAN LEATHER, WITH BUTTON STITCHING DETAIL TO REAR WALL.

STACKABLE CHAIRS AND TABLES. TABLES WITH RECYCLED PLASTIC TOPS AND BLACK POWDERCOATED LEGS . FURNITURE SELECTIONS TO BE CONFIRMED WITH CLIENT.

EXISTING "TIMBER" FLOOR

LOUNGE CHAIRS TO SELECTION

Concept - Perspective View 05B (Rendered)

Concept - Perspective View 06 (Rendered)

POP-UP PANTRY AND BREAD ON WEDNESDAYS WITH SIDE POCKET DOORS (SHOWN IN OPEN POSITION), INTERIOR OF PANTRY DISPLAY IN BLACK WITH INTEGRATED LED LINEAR LIGHTING TO HIGHLIGHT ITEMS

WALL CLADDING TO CENTRAL "TOILET BLOCK" COMPRISES PERFORATED GALVANISED STEEL PANELS WITH ACOUSTIC BACKING, WITH BLACK POWDERCOATED SURROUNDING FRAMES. (SEE DETAIL)

EXISTING SET PLASTERBAORD CEILING WITH CEILING MOUNTED TRACK LIGHTING, WHITE TO MATCH CEILING

OPERABLE WALL TRACK

CAFE KIOSK ENCLOSURE (SHOWN IN OPEN POSITION) WITH BLACKENED STEEL FRAMING AND "FLUTED-GLASS LOOK"POLYCARBONATED PANELS

OPEN DISPLAY SHELVING

BANQUETTE SEATING WITH STORAGE UNDER. UPHOLSTERED TO SEATING RECESS WITH TAN LEATHER, AND BUTTON STITCHING DETAIL TO REAR WALL, AND BOLSTER.

EXISTING "TIMBER" FLOOR

LOUNGE CHAIRS TO SELECTION

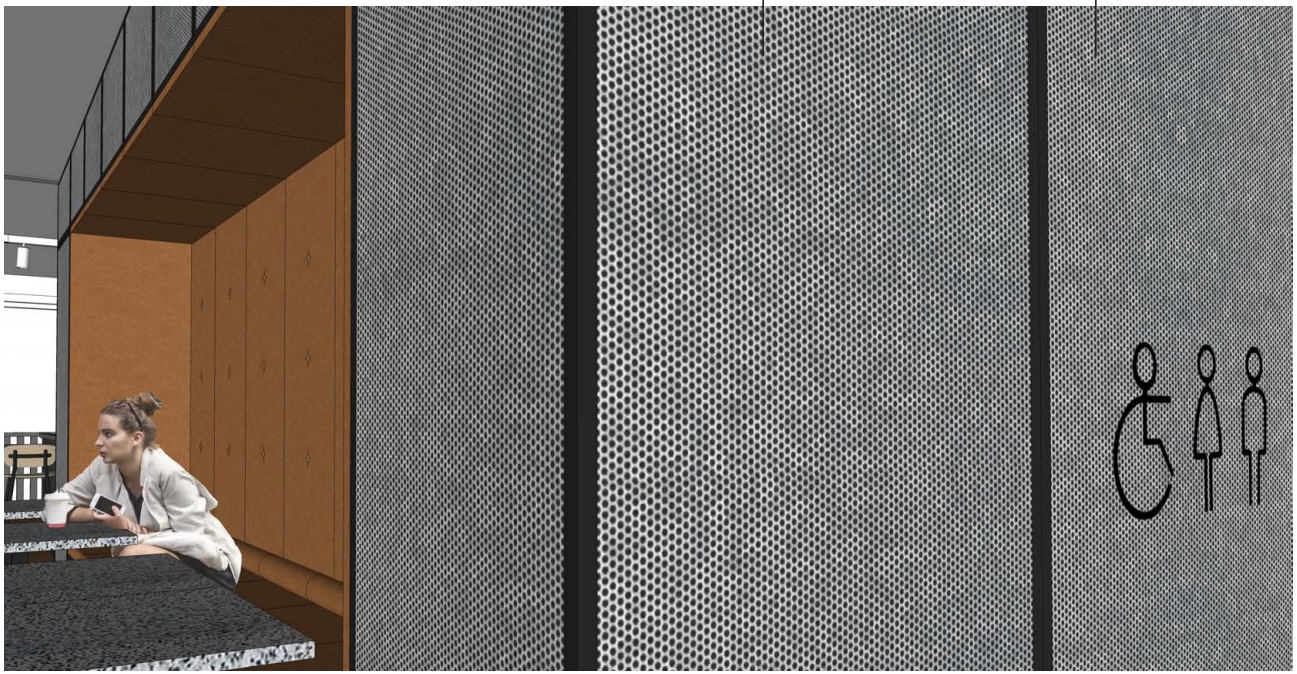
Concept - Perspective View 07 (Rendered)

Concept - Detail View : galvanised perforated panels

WALL CLADDING TO CENTRAL "TOILET BLOCK" COMPRISES PERFORATED GALVANISED STEEL PANELS WITH ACOUSTIC BACKING, WITH BLACK POWDERCOATED SURROUNDING FRAMES. (SEE DETAIL)

WC DOOR CONCEALED INTEGRATED WITH CLADDING

EXAMPLE OF GALVANISED STEEL FINISH, SHOWING "PITTED" TEXTURE AND MOTTLED REFLECTION



Concept - Axonometric View 01

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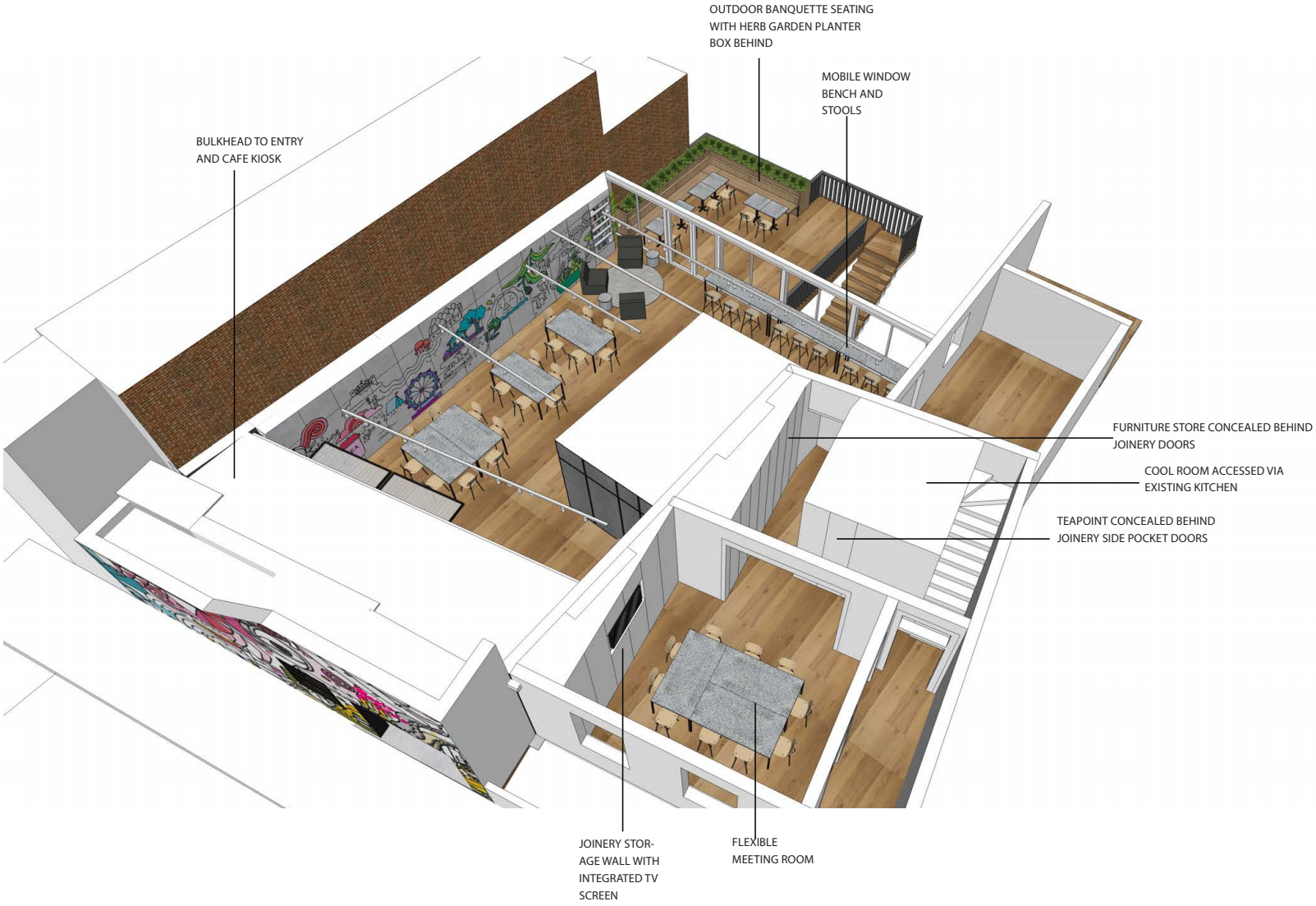

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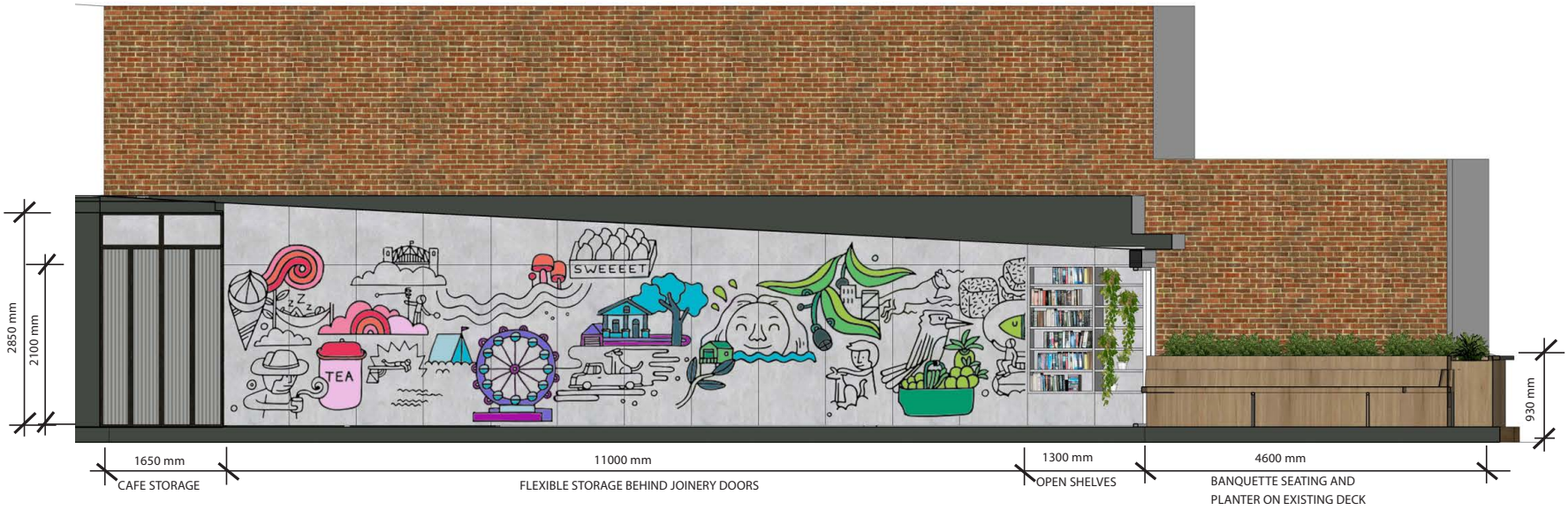

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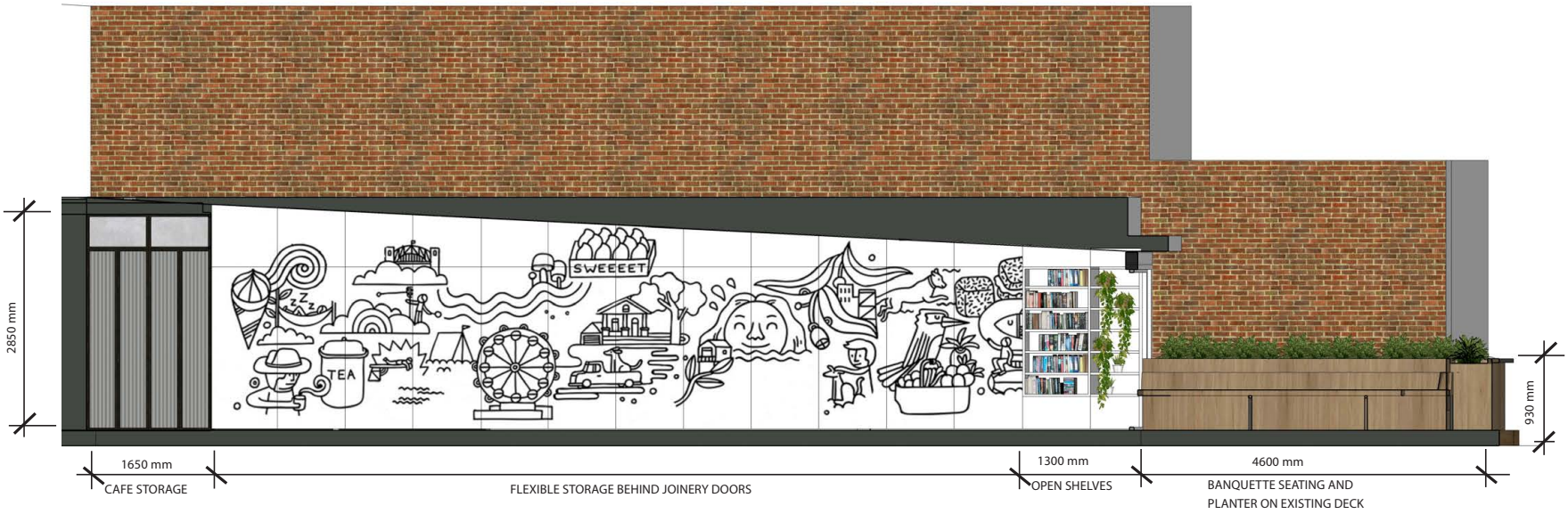

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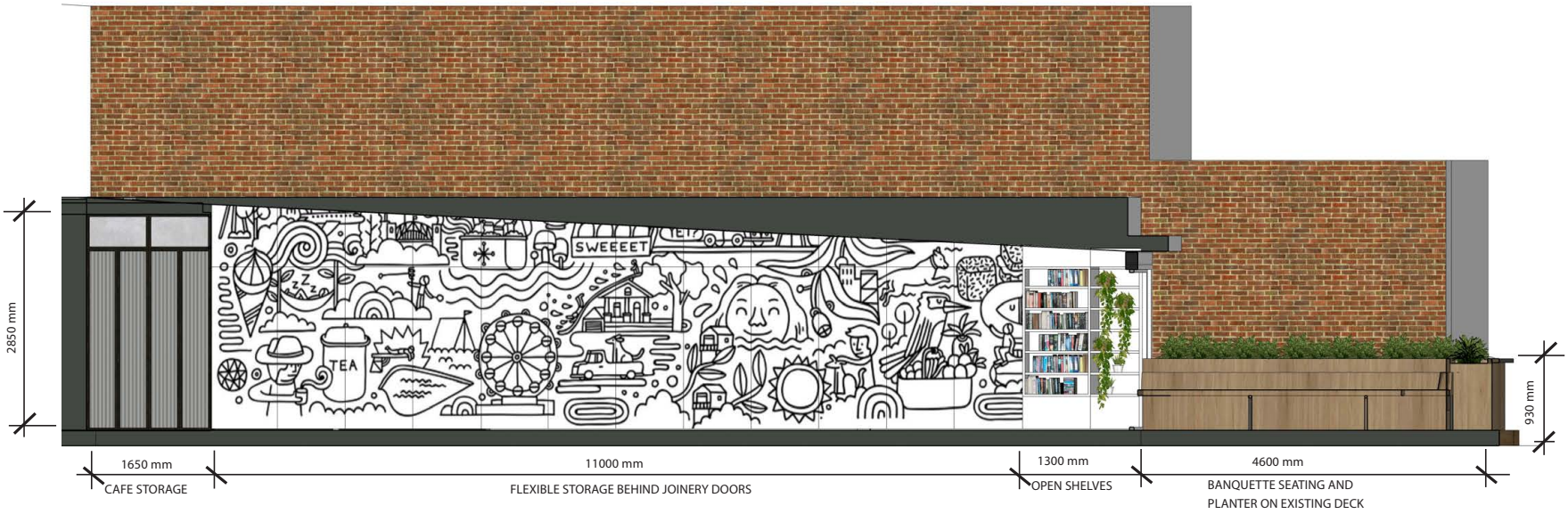

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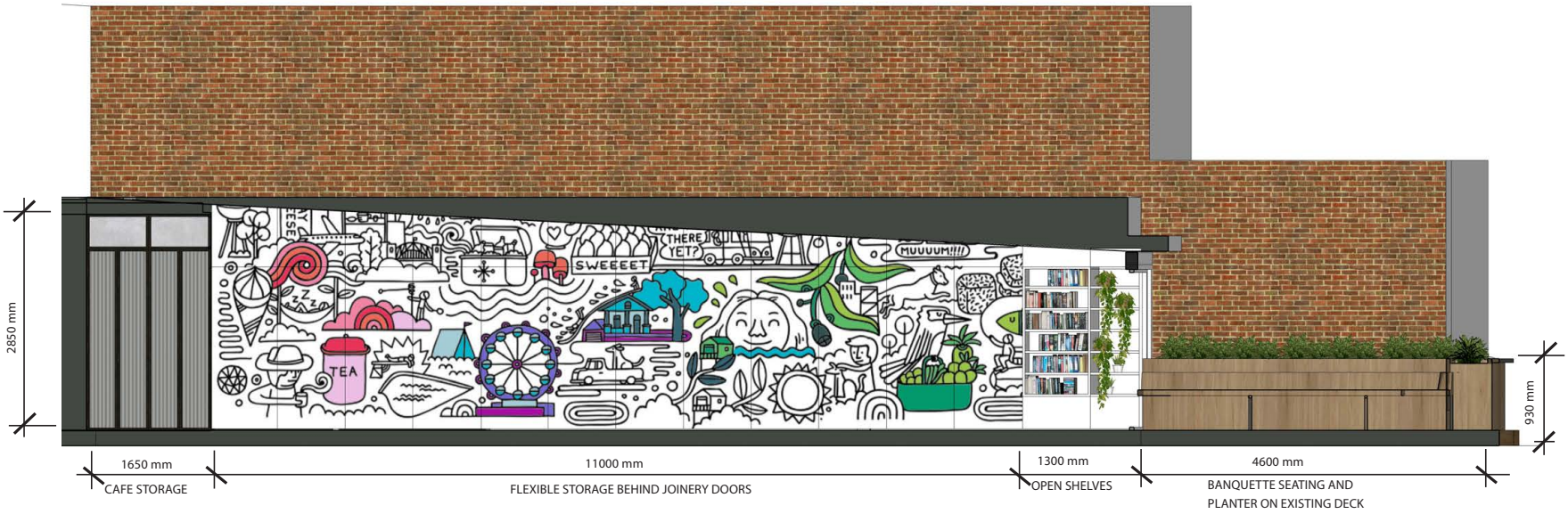

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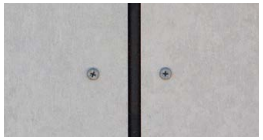

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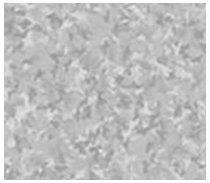

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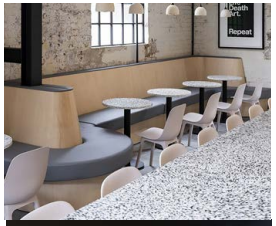

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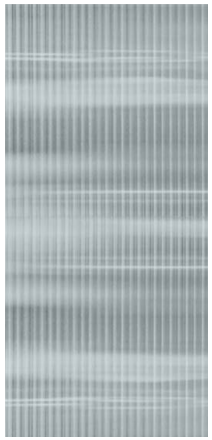

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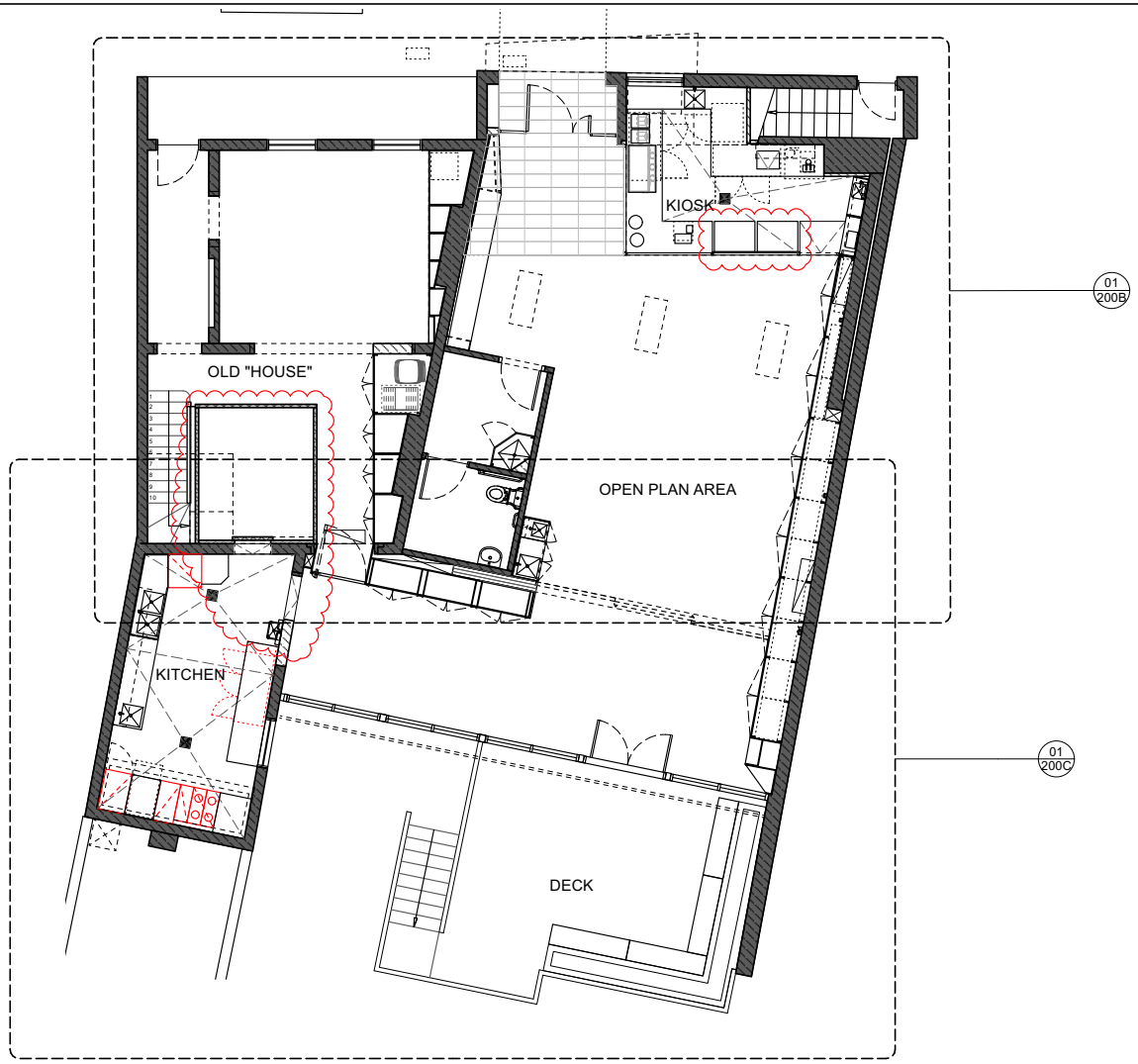

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Item No: C0825(1) Item 32

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 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 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

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

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

INNER WEST SHIFTING GEARS: GREENWAY AND BEYOND

Report to Inner West Council

May 2025

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SUMMARY

As outlined in **section 1.1**, Inner West local government area presents – in its urban form, historical patterns of development and proximity to Sydney CBD – rich opportunities for increased walking and cycling. Participation in active travel has not attained its natural potential in the Inner West, constrained by gaps in the networks where people can walk or ride in safe, comfortable, car-free conditions. The completion of such networks will enable more people to take up cycling through the use of e-bikes.

Removing limits on increased active travel use will deliver multiple environmental and health benefits important to the people of the Inner West (**section 1.2**). Encouraging active transport use by the growing population living in Sydney Metro-adjacent transit-oriented development areas will be particularly important in ensuring this development has a positive impact on established precincts.

Under its current strategic planning and policy framework, Inner West Council has made considerable advances in providing new walking and cycling facilities (**section 1.3**). Council's headline active transport investment, the GreenWay, is nearing completion. 40 km/hr speed zones have been rolled out in several neighbourhoods. Ongoing expansion of the Inner West's active transport networks is still hampered by resourcing constraints.

Council resolved in December 2024 to hold an Active Transport Mode Shift Forum of peak community and business stakeholders, councillors and staff (**section 2**), to inform the planned revision of Council's overarching Integrated Transport Strategy. The Forum was held, with over 30 participants, on Friday 16 May 2025.

Section 3 outlines the findings from the Forum. These focused on:

- A simple active transport vision for the Inner West, as a place where people of all types make walking and riding (of different kinds) their natural and preferred first choice for local travel (**section 3.1**)
- The actions that need to be taken to deliver facilities in line with this vision, including both changes to existing local roads and the construction of new active transport links; and associated threats to this agenda that Council needs to manage (**section 3.2**)
- How Council needs to go about measuring existing and future active transport outcomes (and intermediate activities) in order to set and work towards a target for the mode shift of short trips from car use to walking and riding (**section 3.3**)
- The thematic building-blocks of a holistic active transport strategy for the Inner West (**section 3.4**), to feed into the revised Integrated Transport Strategy:
    - *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.*

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. The Inner West active transport landscape today

The 'bones' of Inner West local government area offer a very robust framework for the growth of more walking and riding use. The Inner West contains some of Greater Sydney's most densely settled urban communities. These have developed over nearly 200 years along, first, Sydney Harbour, Cooks River and their north-south tributaries; the city's oldest land transport route in Parramatta Road; and the first passenger and goods railways and tramways emanating from Sydney CBD.

In 2021-22 Inner West residents made about 909,000 daily trips. While driving dominated, with 44 per cent of recorded trips made as drivers and 18 per cent as passengers, walking-only trips represented 30 per cent of total travel. Public transport accounted for seven per cent of trips, with other modes – including cycling – at less than two per cent.[i]

In many situations, access to e-bikes is starting to expand the market for active travel in the Inner West, removing barriers like hilly terrain and longer distances. Shared e-bike schemes are operated by commercial providers in some but not all parts of the Inner West.

Compared with walking, gaps in cycling infrastructure are a particularly significant feature of the current landscape. While Council has started to roll out separated cycleways (such as along Livingstone Road, Marrickville) older investments now fall short of Transport for NSW best-practice guidelines for the physical separation of riders from high-volume or high-speed traffic.

Some roads only feature painted cycle symbols indicating shared space. Although Council has implemented motor traffic-restricted quietways and slow points in areas like Ashfield, reducing the speed limit to 20-25 km/hr near busy pedestrian areas, obstacles like double parking and blocked driveways continue to impact accessibility and safety.

In general terms, although walking and cycling assets are present across all parts of the Inner West, cycling routes are too often fragmented, while safe and direct movement for pedestrians along and across roads is constrained by infrastructure gaps and limited crossing opportunities.

1.2. Why increased active travel is critical for the Inner West

A huge share of local trips shorter than 5 km are open to shifting from driving to active travel. Enabling more people to walk and ride for more everyday trips in the Inner West will reduce the environmental harm of travel activity, deliver many health benefits and soften the impact of traffic growth.

When people choose to walk or ride instead of driving, pollution reduction benefits can be experienced immediately, and CO_2 emissions reduced. These environmental benefits

align with both broader climate action objectives and localised concerns about air quality.[ii]

The health advantages of walking and cycling will be welcome to the area's demographic profile. Significant numbers of local residents suffer from chronic physical conditions that may be eased through gentle activity, including arthritis and asthma (both six per cent) and heart disease (three per cent) while an even larger share – seven per cent, or 20,635 people – experience long-term mental health conditions.[iii]

Council has recently placed on exhibition a draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP) that would enable the delivery of an extra 35,000 new homes across the Inner West over the next 15 years. Should such outcomes be realised, promoting active transport will become even more critical to the area. Instead of population growth translating into ever-increasing car ownership and use, walking, riding and e-bike use will need to provide preferred travel choices as an alternative to 'sitting in traffic'.

1.3. Inner West Council's current position and priorities

Inner West Council has established a wide-ranging policy foundation for active transport improvements through its Integrated Transport Strategy. This prioritises creating a safe, connected network for pedestrians and cyclists.[iv]

Filling out this overarching framework, Council's Cycling Strategy identifies network gaps and establishes specific targets for increasing participation, with particular emphasis on connections between schools, neighbourhood centres and public transport hubs.[v] Council has driven the identification of priority routes for investment, seeking to bring forward infrastructure development that removes barriers to safe travel.[vi] Pedestrian infrastructure receives focused attention under Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) 2024, which guides footpath upgrades and accessibility improvements.[vii]

The Cycling Strategy recognises e-bikes, including cargo bikes, as a key new local transport opportunity, especially for deliveries and family trips, and emphasises their suitability in view of the area's topography.[viii] Council submissions to related NSW Government inquiries advocate for streamlined regulation and designated parking areas, highlighting e-bikes' potential to reduce emissions, congestion and household transport costs.[ix]

Complementing its active transport strategy, Council's Car Sharing Policy and Public Domain Parking Policy aim to reduce private vehicle dependence while supporting sustainable transport choices.[x] [xi] In preference to motorway expansions like WestConnex, Council prefers to advocate for public and active transport investment as more effective solutions to congestion and community wellbeing challenges.[xii]

Council's InnerWest@40 initiative is implementing 40 km/hr limits on local streets, prioritising areas near schools, healthcare facilities and high pedestrian activity zones.[xiii] Council also continues advocating for reduced speed limits on Transport for NSW-controlled State roads, to create consistent, safer speed environments throughout the area.

Frustrating Council's overall commitment to active transport, however, significant challenges persist. Council has not prepared a single, overarching active transport strategy. Numerous walking and cycling projects remain unfunded.[xiv] Given the scale and scope of transport assets managed by Council, a large share of available budget must go towards maintaining existing infrastructure rather than developing transformative new projects.[xv]

2. INNER WEST COUNCIL MODE SHIFT FORUM

Against this background, at its 3 December 2024 meeting Council unanimously passed this resolution:

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 [promote] 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.*

The event was held, as 'Inner West Shifting Gears: GreenWay and Beyond – Mode Shift Forum', from 10 am to 1 pm on Friday, 16 May 2025 at Council's Marrickville Pavilion public meeting space. Following an opening address by Cr Kerrie Ferguson, Forum attendees (listed at Appendix 1) worked in small groups to address these substantive agenda items; the resulting directions for inclusion in this report are captured in the report on engagement at section 3.

- *Scene-setting, breakout session #1 and reporting back: Our active transport vision for the Inner West*

- *Scene-setting, breakout session #2 and reporting back: Our measures of success for Inner West active transport*
- *Priorities for action: Closing comments and next steps.*

3. INNER WEST ACTIVE TRANSPORT IN 2036: ENGAGEMENT REPORT

The following sections summarise the thematic directions offered by Forum participants. Summaries are supported by dot points that directly capture what the Forum heard back from breakout group discussions.

3.1. 10-year vision: Ultimate outcomes

The Forum articulated a clear and uncomplicated vision of a future Inner West in which walking and riding (including e-powered micromobility) is the natural and preferred first choice for local journeys. Crucially, this choice must be available to all different types of users, regardless of factors including age, physical capability and income; this will be facilitated through improved access to shared choices such as e-bikes. Attainment of this vision will deliver benefits for community health and wellbeing and the environment, increasing stakeholder satisfaction with the achievements of Inner West Council.

- *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.*

3.2. Intermediate steps towards the vision

Actions and deliverables needed to achieve ultimate outcomes

The Forum highlighted the primary importance of innovatively designed, 'no-gap' and easily navigable walking and cycling networks, to welcome all people wanting to take up active travel on facilities separate to fast or heavy traffic. Participants recognised that these networks will consist of a mixture of active transport-only facilities (including new road crossings) and local roads that are reconfigured and slowed to create appealing road-sharing conditions for pedestrians and riders. End-of-trip facilities are seen as integral to active transport networks, especially bike parking (with designated spaces for shared devices) at public transport nodes.

- *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.*

Threats to achievement of ultimate outcomes

The attainment of the Forum's active transport vision will be constrained by infrastructure improvements failing to keep pace with actual or potential demand. If this results in the community not witnessing real active transport progress, support for future investment could be compromised. Council's ability to mitigate these risks will depend on the allocation of appropriate resources (including funding secured from other levels of government); the adoption of an entrepreneurial mindset towards new technologies, business models and other opportunities; and the unequivocal public promotion of its active transport achievements.

- *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.*

3.3. Targets to track success (and get back on track when needed)

The Forum identified the modal shift of short, local trips from car use to walking and riding as the simplest measure of success. The Forum recognised the need for Council to establish a baseline (using a variety of data sources) for existing levels of walking and cycling before setting a mode shift outcome target. Subsidiary, input-related targets flowing from this – for regular measurement – should address both progressive changes

to the configuration of existing local roads and the delivery of new active transport projects, and assess community sentiment in response. Aggregated usage outcomes should be broken down to understand changes in participation by women, girls and young people generally.

- *Comprehensive data collection on active transport usage*
- *Establishing clear baselines for measurement*
- *Conduct 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*
- *Utilise Opal card data for transportation analysis and planning*
- *Usage measurements:*
    - *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:*
    - *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]*
    - *Extent 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.*

3.4. A holistic active transport strategy for the Inner West

Coordinated and evidence-based strategic planning approach

The Forum recognised the importance of Council having access to appropriate staff resources to plan and deliver best-practice-informed active transport initiatives in line with an overarching vision. The required capabilities should be present both in traffic and transport business areas and in planning teams dealing with new residential developments occurring around public transport nodes, chiefly new Metro stations (where the step-change in regional access will present a key opportunity to trial the

introduction of new 'first / last-mile' technologies in the form of e-scooters). The resulting mainstreaming of active transport-oriented activities across Council activities should be transparent to the community, including through financial decisions.

- *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 legalisation*
- *Learning from successful examples in other locations.*

Completion of safe and connected networks

Delivering complete networks that people can safely and comfortably use to walk or ride all the way from origin to destination will be a function both of reconfiguring existing roads and delivering new links. Where relevant the latter should take advantage of and branch out from major routes, including the GreenWay and subsequent Green Grid projects such as the Iron Cove Creek corridor. Potential changes to existing assets, and new investments, should be informed by an understanding of safety needs. A particularly important subset of infrastructure, deliverable in parks or other open spaces, is required to address the cycle skills training and recreational needs of children and youth.

- *More effective use of existing assets and infrastructure*
- *Speed reduction initiatives (to 40 km/hr initially)*
- *Increase the number of pedestrian crossings throughout the Local Government Area*
- *GreenWay development and enhancement*
- *Development of new active transport links and connections*
- *Crash data analysis and safety improvements*
- *Road modifications to enhance car-free mobility*
- *Specific project improvements and youth-focused facilities*
- *BMX tracks and pump tracks in parks*
- *Safe learning environments for young riders.*

Supportive urban domain

Forum participants provided ideas on changes to the public urban domain of the Inner West that will expand the benefits and support the achievement of an active transport vision. Changes to local roads, shopping precincts and other public places can make life easier in small ways for people walking or cycling; deliver flow-on, non-transport gains to other groups; and gently and progressively discourage reliance on car use.

- *Overarching kerb space usage strategy, setting out agreed community consensus on allocation of precious public space, to unlock access for walking, cycling, trees, bike share, bike parking, etc*

- *Transformation of streets through targeted interventions*
- *Implementation of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) measures*
- *Position bicycle parking facilities either directly in front of or within short walking distance to key central locations such as market centres*
- *Create additional hubs and parcel locker facilities to encourage greater adoption of active transportation methods*
- *Creating disincentives for car use in appropriate areas*
- *Implement a gradual annual reduction in parking permits and free parking availability.*

Education campaigns, incentives and behaviour change programs

The Forum recognised that Council, through its multiple channels and activities, has the opportunity to spell out and promote the multiple benefits of active transport across the broad community. This will be critical to a process of normalisation by which walking and riding become taken for granted as the 'first, best choice' for Inner West local trips. Consistent with earlier observations, behavioural interventions should target subsets of road users needing particular support to take up active travel (e.g., school students) or requiring guidance (e.g., drivers) on how to share the road more safely.

- *Continued evolution of active transport culture through education and incentives*
- *Ongoing community engagement and education initiatives*
- *Leverage social media platforms as a critical communication channel*
- *Communicate the potential financial benefits for both the community and council using specific numerical data, as quantitative information tends to be more persuasive*
- *Raising awareness of car costs and environmental impacts*
- *Communication through newsletters and dedicated web resources*
- *Education for drivers about sharing roads safely*
- *Awareness training towards importance of respect for pedestrians*
- *Programs specifically targeting school children and teenagers*
- *School-focused programs like 'Ride to School'*
- *Implement comprehensive awareness training programs to mitigate risks associated with the inherently dangerous situation created by cyclists' right-of-way privileges*
- *Ongoing education and communications to inspire residents to want more liveable streets and better understand associated trade-offs.*

Community and business collaboration

The Forum identified many opportunities for, especially, cycling skills, knowledge and participation to be promoted through community-oriented events. Many of these opportunities can build on and extend existing public events (such as street fairs) and leverage established relationships between Council and local businesses and community organisations.

- *Council-community interaction through workshops and surveys*
- *Bike-related initiatives (recycling, repair workshops, group rides)*
- *Street events featuring bike stalls and demonstrations*
- *'Ciclovia'-style Sunday streets programs closing roads to cars.*

APPENDIX 1 – 'INNER WEST SHIFTING GEARS' FORUM ATTENDEES

Community / business

Bob Moore, Leichhardt BUG

Bruce Ashley, GreenWay Community Reference Group

Cyrus Irani, Senior Operations and Workshop Specialist, Ario

Ellis Bou-Harb, Marrickville BUG

Finn O'Keefe, non-standard bike rider

Fiona Campbell, Lewisham Better Streets

Fiona Miller, Dulwich Hill Cycling Club

Graham Hall, Friends of Iron Cove Creek

John McNeil, Inner West Bicycle Coalition / Better Streets

Lachlan McLean, Head of Business Development – ANZ, HelloRide

Lauren Narlock, Senior Manager, Government Relations ANZ, Lime

Mitch Price, Head of Government Relations and Expansion, Ario

Olivia Rosenman, IWC Bicycle LDG member

Rebecca Fernandez O'Shea, Balmain Rozelle Sustainable Transport group

Sander Ottes, IWC Bicycle LDG member

Sarah Bickford, Bicycle NSW

Sarah Low, Friends of Iron Cove Creek

Tegan Mitchell, Walk Sydney

Tim Hand, Balmain Rozelle Sustainable Transport group

Transport for NSW

Brooke Wharton, Executive Director Place and Precinct Revitalisation

Matthew McKibbin, Executive Director Planning for Places

Inner West Council

Cr Kerrie Ferguson

Cr Liz Atkins

Cr Vicki Clay

Jason Scoufis (traffic and transport)

Ken Welsh (transport)

Sarah Guan (transport)

Jarrad Sheather (planning)

Zara Helal (traffic)

Daniella Kiproff (support)

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Matt Faber, facilitator

Mihikaa Singal, note-taker

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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
July – September 2026	Planning and Investigations – Delivery program, stakeholder identification and project risk identification
October – May 2026	Design development - Concept design, detailed design development, technical specifications and obtrusive lighting compliance report.
January – May 2026	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).
June – August 2026	Construction Procurement - Preparation of construction tender documentation, public tender for construction contractor and construction contract award.
September 2026 – February 2027	Construction contract period – 6 months including material lead times.
March 2027	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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 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.

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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)
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- 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

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.

Description	**Time / Date**
Expression of Interest is available on Vendor Panel **Respondents begin to prepare submissions*	Friday 8 August 2025 (6 weeks)
Project Briefing by Council officers at Marrickville Town Hall Basement **Respondents can attend and seek further information on the EOI.*	Wednesday 27 August 2025
Deadline for all respondent enquiries ** to allow sufficient time for response to all respondents prior to EOI closing*	Friday 12 September 2025
Expression of Interest Close *Stage 1 Submissions Due*	Friday 19 September 2025
EOI Assessment Period **Selected respondents may be invited for an interview to present their proposal*	21 September to 3 October 2025 (2 weeks)
Request for Proposals (RFP) **Successful respondents will be shortlisted and requested to submit a detailed proposal*	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 **Lease terms and conditions agreed and finalised*	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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is 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 Tsardoulias	$51			$134	$493		
Total combined Councillor actual expenses	$2,852	$12,537	$36,110	$14,507	$896	$556	Nil
Adopted budget per Councillor per year	$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

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 225 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

PROGRAM

Conference Program

23 November

9.00am	✍️ Registration Opens

9.15am- **11.45am**	🛬 Western Sydney International Airport Site Visit
11.30am- **12.30pm**	🔧 Professional Development Workshops Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre **Workshop A:** **Affordable Housing Contribution Schemes for councils:** A practical forum tailored for councillors, offering a concise introduction to establishing affordable housing contribution schemes. Learn key policy tools, legal frameworks, and implementation strategies to support inclusive community development. **Workshop B:** **Emerging Invasive Species:** This workshop equips councillors with essential knowledge on identifying, managing, and mitigating the risks of emerging invasive species, including imported red fire ants and polyphagous shot-hole borer. Learn proactive strategies to protect local ecosystems and ensure council readiness.
	🚌 Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Panthers Penrith
1.00pm	🧖 Exhibition Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre
1.30pm-5pm	🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Plenary Sessions Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre 🍰 Afternoon Refreshments in Trade Exhibition area 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Plenary Sessions

5.15pm- **7.15pm**	🤝 President's Welcome Reception Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre 🚌 Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From Western Sydney Convention Centre to selected hotels

24 November

	🚌 Bus transfers • ALGWA Breakfast Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Western Sydney Convention Centre • Conference Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Panthers Penrith
7.00am	✍️ Registration Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Reception Satellite Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre (Breakfast Delegates Only)
7.30am- **8.45am**	🦐 ALGWA NSW Breakfast Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre
8.00am- **2.15pm**	✅ LGNSW Voting Open Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre
8.00am	👩‍🏭 Trade Exhibition Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre ☕ Light refreshments available

9.00am- **5.00pm**	📍 Conference Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre • Conference Welcome and Introduction, David Reynolds, Chief Executive LGNSW • Opening Address, Cr Phyllis Miller OAM, President LGNSW • Voting on motions procedure and housekeeping, David Reynolds, Chief Executive LGNSW • Opening of the Federal & State Conferences adoption of standing orders, business sessions and consideration of motions and conference business • Presentation of financial reports, Cr Julie Griffiths, LGNSW Treasurer • Commencement of consideration of motions and conference business 🍰 Morning refreshments Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre ✅ LGNSW Voting Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre 🚀 Address by Elite Partner 📄 Consideration of Conference Business continued 🍴 Lunch • Delegates Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre • GM Lunch – partnered by StateCover Mutal Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre ✅ LGNSW Voting Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre 📄 Consideration of Conference Business continued Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre 🍰 Afternoon refreshments Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre

	📄 Consideration of Conference Business continued Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre
5.00pm- **6.30pm**	🥤 Networking Drinks Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre 🚌 Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: Panthers Penrith to selected hotels to Western Sydney Convention Centre
6.30pm- **10.30pm**	🍽️ LGNSW Conference Dinner Location: Western Sydney Convention Centre 🚌 Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From Western Sydney Convention Centre to selected hotels

25 November

	🚌 Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Panthers Penrith
7.30am	✍️ Registration Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Reception 🧥 Cloak Room Opens Location: Panthers Penrith
8.00am	👨‍💼 Trade Exhibition Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre ☕ Light refreshments available

9.00am- **12.45pm**	👫 Plenary Sessions Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre 👋 Introduction, Housekeeping and Speaker Introductions 👫 Plenary Sessions ☕ Morning Tea Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre 👫 Plenary Sessions 🎤 Keynote speaker 🙌 Annual Conference 2026 Host Council 🎤 Final Remarks, President LGNSW
12.45pm- **1.45pm**	🍴 Lunch Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre
2.00pm	👏 Conference Concludes

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LGNSW 2025 Annual Conference Motion Submission Guide

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MOTION SUBMISSION GUIDE

1. Introduction

Each year, Local Government NSW (LGNSW) members submit a range of motions to the LGNSW Annual Conference. These motions relate to strategic local government issues which affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues. They are debated and resolved by Conference delegates, with successful resolutions establishing LGNSW's policy positions and guiding LGNSW's advocacy priorities for the year ahead.

All LGNSW member councils are invited to submit motions to the Annual Conference, with the following guide outlining the motion development and submission process.

2. Deadlines

- Motion submission will open on **Tuesday 1 July 2025**
- Members are encouraged to submit motions online as early as possible before **Tuesday 30 September 2025**, to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference.
- Under the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is **12 midnight (AEDT) on Sunday 26 October 2025** (28 days prior to Conference).

3. Criteria for motion submission 2025

Members are encouraged to be mindful that each Annual Conference can only reasonably consider and debate around 100 motions in the available time. With the number of LGNSW members including councils and related entities (such as ROCs and JOs), LGNSW requests that members only submit motions that relate to their highest priorities.

The LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they fit in with the following criteria.

Criteria for motions
To be included in the Business Paper, motions must:

1. **Be consistent with the objects of the LGNSW Rules (Rule 4)**
2. **Demonstrate that the issue concerns or is likely to concern a substantial number of local governments in NSW**
3. **Seek to establish or change a policy position of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the association** (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for any decisions around resourcing and campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process)
4. **Be strategic**
5. **Be concise, clearly worded and unambiguous**
6. **Not be focussed on just a small specific part of NSW**
7. **Not encourage violation of prevailing laws**
8. **Not seek to advantage one or several members at the expense of other members.**

Motions of a similar objective:

9. **May be consolidated by LGNSW as a single item.**

Motions reflecting existing LGNSW policy:

10. **Remain part of LGNSW's Policy Platform but will not be included for debate as they have already been considered by Conference.**

Before submitting motions for this year's Annual Conference, members are encouraged to the LGNSW Policy Platform to ensure the proposed motion wording does not reflect existing policy positions.

4. How to write a motion

Motions adopted at Conferences establish LGNSW policy positions and inform LGNSW's advocacy actions on behalf of the local government sector. LGNSW includes the exact wording of motions when writing to ministers, departments and agencies post-conference, so it is important that the wording of motions clearly outlines your council's policy intent or objective.

The format of motions, as much as possible, should call on a specific body (e.g. LGNSW, state government, federal government, a specific department or minister) and have a specific outcome that the motion is aiming to achieve. The wording should be unambiguous.

Examples of clearly-worded Annual Conference motions:

Local government representation on National Cabinet
That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government for permanent local government representation on the National Cabinet.

Natural disaster funding, day labour
That LGNSW requests the Australian and NSW governments reinstate the claimable expense for the use of council staff during their normal working hours to attend to natural disaster relief and recovery funded works and reverse the present policy that effectively requires the mandatory use of contractors for recovery works.

Remuneration for assessment of State Significant Development
That Local Government NSW calls on the Department of Planning to remunerate councils for the time staff provide to review State Significant Development applications.

Short term rental accommodation
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to complete its review of the options in regard to short-term rental accommodation and provide a range of

'model' options for councils to consider ensuring flexible and improved opportunities to improve the management and regulation of this land use in their local areas.

Skills shortages
That Local Government NSW:

1. calls on the NSW and Federal Governments to provide incentives to address critical sector skills shortages effecting private and public investment, primarily in the fields of planning, engineering and building certification with these incentives to be in the form of scholarships, co-funding cadetships and reduced university course costs.
2. encourages all NSW to provide cadetship programs to build sector capacity in areas of critical sector skill shortages.

For more examples see Business Papers from past Conferences on the LGNSW website.

5. Demonstrating evidence of council support for motion

The member submitting the motion must provide accompanying evidence of support for the motion. Such evidence takes the form of an attachment note or extract from the minutes of the council meeting, at which the member council resolved to submit the motion for consideration by the Conference. In the absence of a council meeting, the evidence should be a letter signed by both the Mayor and General Manager.

6. How to submit a motion

LGNSW members are invited to submit motions through an online portal from **Tuesday 1 July 2025**.

Attachment A provides detailed instructions on how to submit motions via the online portal.

7. How LGNSW manages incoming motions

The LGNSW Board delegates the function of managing incoming motions for the Conference to a motions committee. The Chief Executive will refer motions to the committee and the committee will assess whether each motion meets or does not meet the Board-endorsed criteria. This assessment forms the final decision on which motions are included in the Conference Business Paper.

Prior to the committee making a final decision, LGNSW may contact the council that submitted the motion to seek clarity on its intent or wording.

Incoming motions which seek to change any long-held Fundamental Principles (Part A of the Policy Platform), will be highlighted in the Business Paper for members' information at time of voting.

Motions which are consistent with existing LGNSW positions or current LGNSW actions, or that are operational and can be actioned without a Conference resolution, may still be printed in the Business Paper but will not be debated at the Conference.

8. Late motions

Late items are only to be included in the Business paper addendum if, in addition to the above criteria, the late items relate to highly urgent matters that have arisen after the deadline for the motion submission has passed.

In considering whether a late item relates to a highly urgent matter, the Board Motions Committee is to have regard to:

(a) whether the late item has arisen after the deadline for motions has passed, and

(b) whether the urgency of the matter justifies it being presented to voting delegates with short notice and limited opportunity to review and consider before they are required to vote on the motion.

9. What happens to motions at the LGNSW Annual Conference

Standing orders are outlined at the front of the Business Paper and adopted at the commencement of each Conference. They outline the manner in which the Conference deals with motions. The standing orders adopted at past conferences can be found in the business papers from previous conferences on the LGNSW website.

During debate on motions at Conference, the standing orders generally permit voting delegates to speak in support of or against each motion. Following a vote on a motion, the motion is either carried and becomes a resolution of the Conference, or it is defeated.

10. Post-conference: Updates to the LGNSW Policy Platform

LGNSW's Policy Platform consolidates the voices of councils across NSW, reflecting the collective positions of local government on issues of importance to the sector. Importantly, the Policy Platform guides LGNSW in its advocacy on behalf of the local government sector.

The Policy Platform consists of two parts: LGNSW's Fundamental Principles, and the more targeted Position Statements.

- **Fundamental Principles** are the enduring and overarching principles that direct LGNSW's response to broad matters of importance to the local government sector. These Fundamental Principles are endorsed (or amended) by LGNSW members at Annual Conferences.

- **Position Statements** contain LGNSW's more detailed positions on specific issues and guide LGNSW's work on, and response to, policy issues of the day. Position Statements are subordinate to LGNSW's Fundamental Principles but are more agile and are targeted at specific policy issues as they arise.

Changing Fundamental Principles
Where a motion conflicts or may conflict with a Fundamental Principle, this will be clearly highlighted for delegates in the Conference Business Paper. If the motion is adopted as a resolution at Conference, then the relevant Fundamental Principle will be changed.

It is expected that changes to the Fundamental Principles will be uncommon, given their broad focus and general acceptance among the local government sector.

Changing Position Statements
Following each Conference, LGNSW will review resolutions of that Conference to determine whether the intent of each resolution is adequately covered by existing Position Statements. Where the Position Statements do not adequately include the intent of a resolution, LGNSW will update an existing Position Statement or draft a new Position Statement for inclusion in the LGNSW Policy Platform.

LGNSW members will be informed of updates to the LGNSW Policy Platform.

11. Post-conference: Determining LGNSW Advocacy Priorities

Following the LGNSW Annual Conference, LGNSW will review the resolutions and identify key areas of focus to guide LGNSW's advocacy. These areas of focus are also informed by member feedback, the LGNSW strategic plan, position statements, emerging issues, and Board input.

LGNSW's Advocacy Priorities for the following year are then submitted for endorsement by the LGNSW Board.

As LGNSW undertakes advocacy actions on each of the Conference resolutions throughout the year, these actions and their outcomes will be reported to members.

12. Further information

For further information on the motion submission process, please contact LGNSW at policy@lgnsw.org.au.

13. Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if my proposed motion is consistent with existing LGNSW policy positions?

The subject matter expert within your council may be best placed to identify this (for example, if the motion relates to a planning matter, this question could be answered by the Planning Manager). Subject matter experts are encouraged to review LGNSW's Policy Platform to gain an understanding of LGNSW's position on a particular matter to help identify whether your proposed motion is consistent.

What is the deadline for submitting motions?

Members are encouraged to submit motions as soon as possible to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference. However, in

line with the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is **12 midnight AEST on Sunday 26 October 2025** (28 days prior to Conference).

LGNSW can receive more than 300 motions for an Annual Conference. Submitting motions as early as possible helps LGNSW to manage the large volume of motions received within a short period of time and allows LGNSW to seek clarification on any motions if required.

However, the LGNSW Rules allow councils to submit motions with less than 28 days' notice and the LGNSW Board may, in some circumstances, allow these to be considered at Conference as a **late item** (but not included in the Business Paper).

I'm unsure which motion category or sub-category I should select in the online portal

If you are unsure, just select the category you think best fits. LGNSW can re-categorise the motion if necessary.

Who should be the council contact for motions?

We recommend the council contact is someone who is available during the months that motions are open, and able to respond promptly to communications between your council and LGNSW. Some councils have identified the General Manager and others have identified a Governance Manager – it is a decision for each council.

How can I amend my council's motion that I've already submitted?

Once a motion has been submitted it cannot be edited without contacting LGNSW so please review the content carefully before submission. If you need to edit a submitted motion, please contact LGNSW at policy@lgnsw.org.au. You may need to provide evidence of support for the change (see section 5).

ATTACHMENT A - STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO LODGING MOTIONS IN THE ONLINE PORTAL

This section provides step-by-step instructions to assist council staff in lodging a motion via our online portal Survey Monkey Apply.

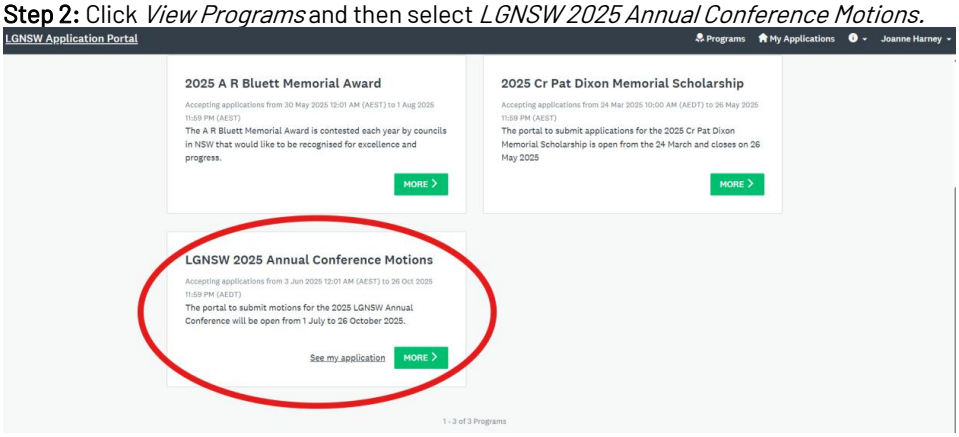
- Member councils are invited to submit motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference via Survey Monkey Apply **from Tuesday 1 July 2025**.
- Under LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is **12 midnight (AEDT) on Sunday 26 October 2025** (28 days prior to Conference).
- Once a motion has been submitted it cannot be edited without contacting LGNSW, so please review the content carefully before submission.

For further assistance contact LGNSW at policy@lgnsw.org.au

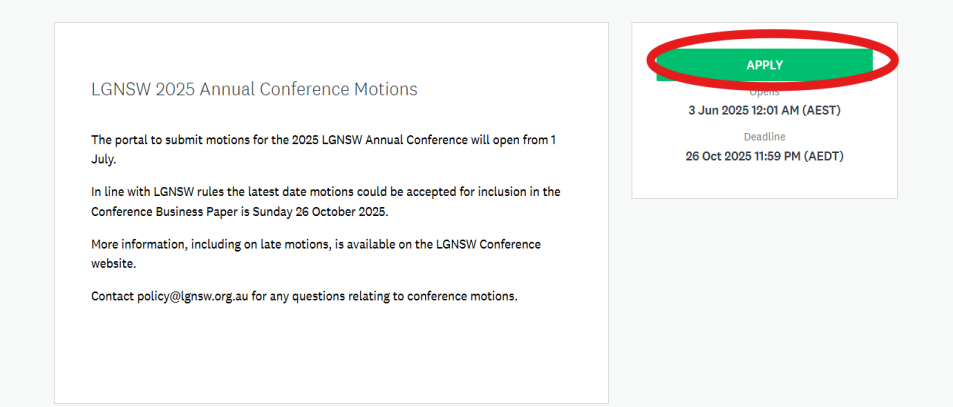
Step 1: Log into LGNSW's online portal using the same password you use to access the LGNSW member website. If you don't know your password, click "forgot password" to reset your password.

Note: you will need to register if you are logging in for the first time.

Step 2: Click *View Programs* and then select *LGNSW 2025 Annual Conference Motions.*



Step 3: Click APPLY.



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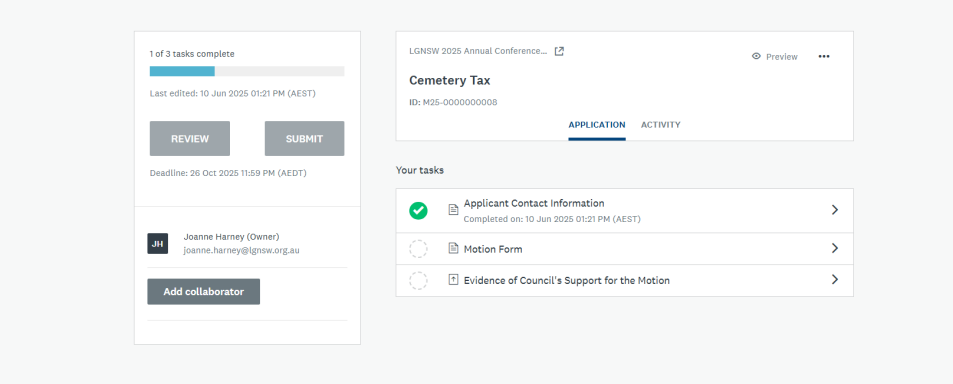
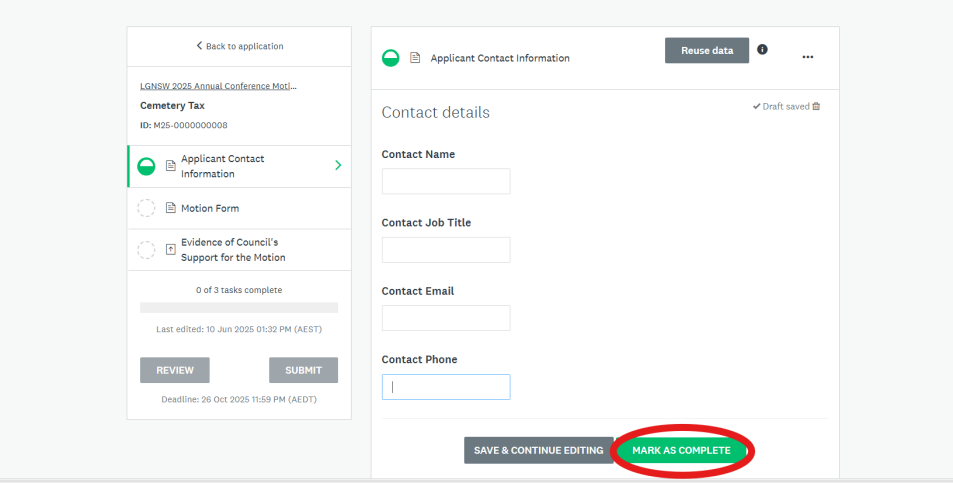


Step 5: Click on 'Applicant Contact Information' to add the contact information. This should be the relevant officer within your council who can respond to any questions from LGNSW about the motion promptly. Click MARK AS COMPLETE once finished.

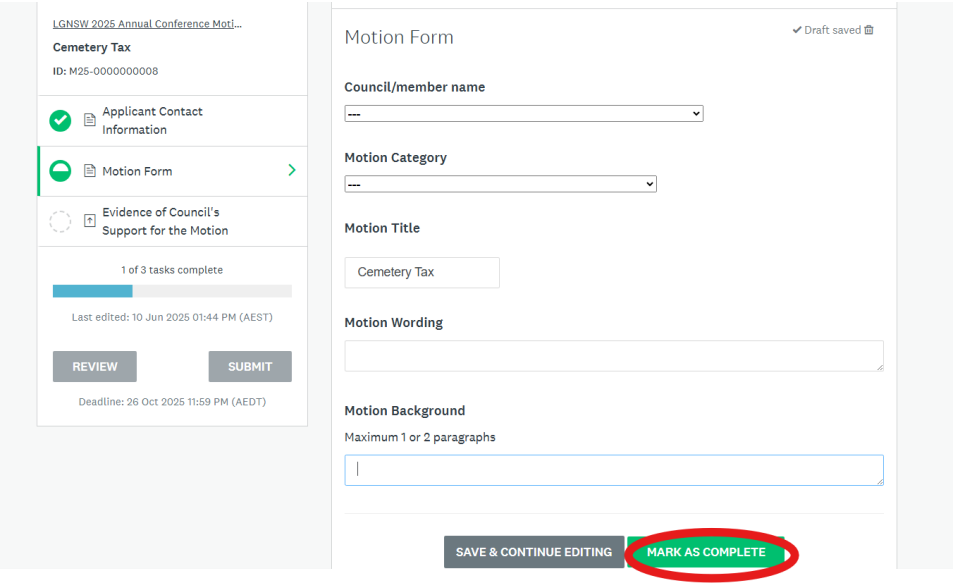


Step 6: Click 'Motion Form' to add the motion details.

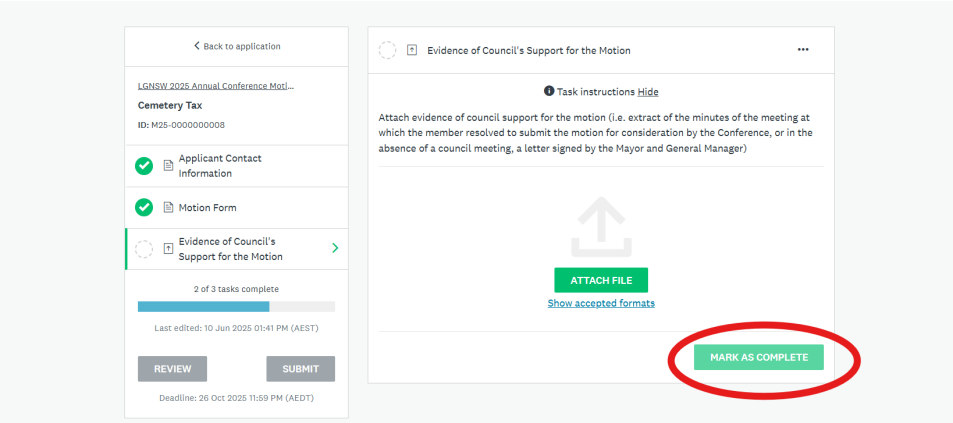
Motion category and sub-category assists with categorising motions and grouping related motions in the Conference Business Paper.

Motion wording should include a sentence or two which includes the call to action.

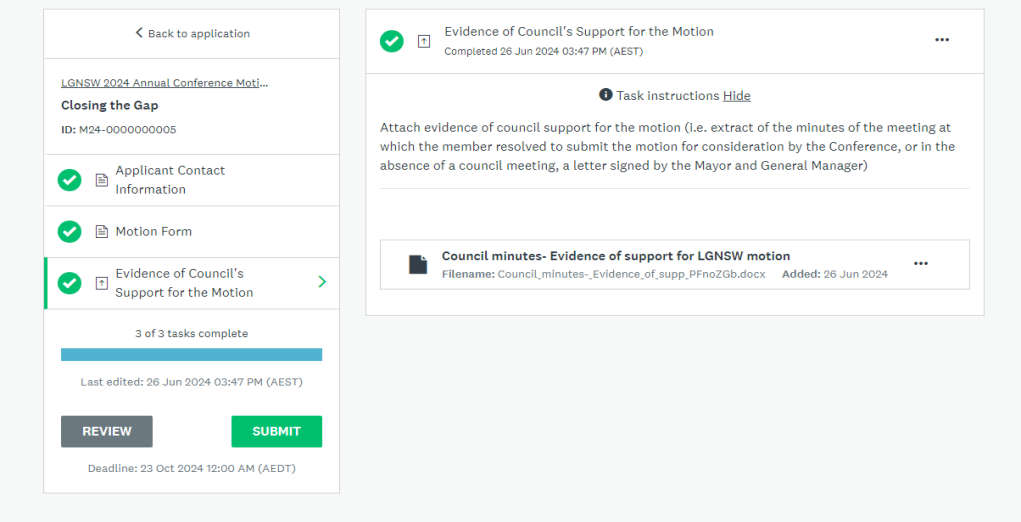
Background note should provide a paragraph or two to explain the context and importance of the issue to the local government sector.
Click MARK AS COMPLETE once finished.



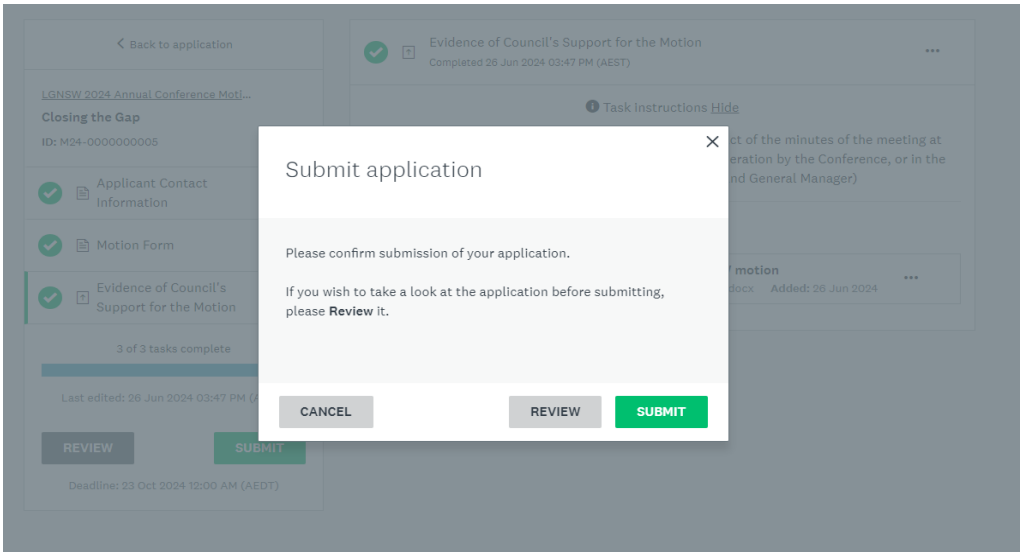
Step 7: Click 'Evidence of Council's Support for the Motion' and attach the relevant file. This will usually be an extract of council meeting minutes. Click MARK AS COMPLETE once finished.



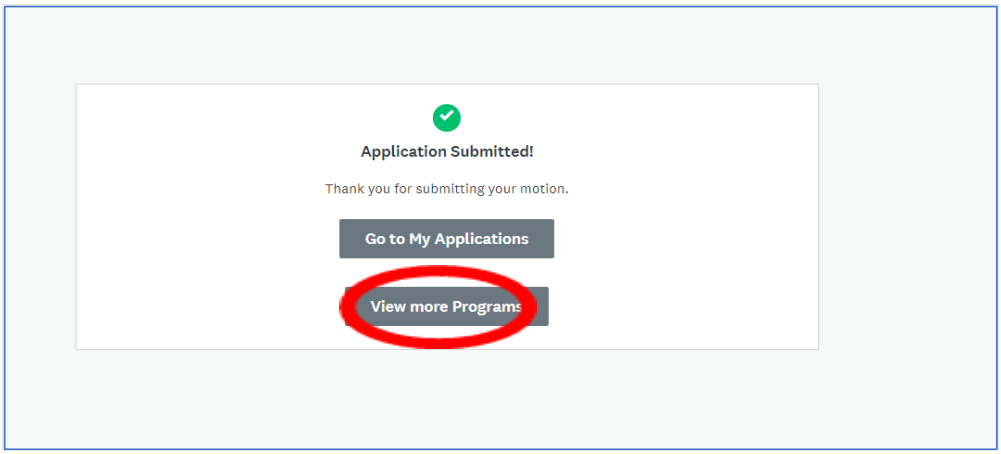
Step 8: Once you have completed all tasks (a green tick is displayed next to each task), click SUBMIT.



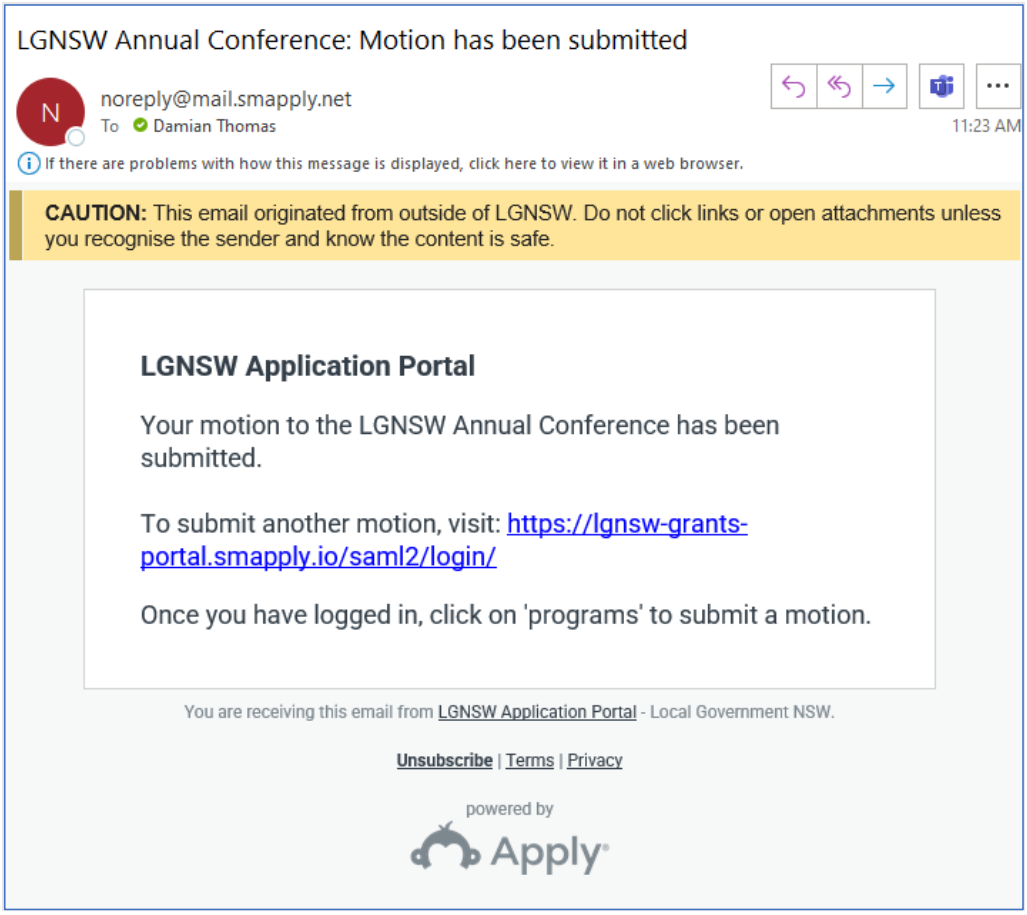
Step 9: You will be asked to confirm submission of the motion. There is an option to review the motion before submitting. When you are ready, click SUBMIT.



Step 10: If you are submitting multiple motions, click 'View more Programs'. This will take you back to the landing page to submit more motions.



Step 11: An automated confirmation email will be sent to the email address listed in the 'Applicant Contact Information' section.



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Association business

F1 LGNSW Board - Standing Orders (Federal)
That the Standing Orders as set out in the preceding pages be adopted.

F2 LGNSW Board - Restoration of Immediate Past President
Delete the text of subrule 36(b) and insert in its stead the following:

> "(b) Upon the election of a new President of the Association, the person who immediately preceded in office as the President shall assume the office of "Immediate Past President", provided that a President who resigns or is removed during their term shall not assume the office of Immediate Past President.
>
> A person who assumes the office of Immediate Past President in accordance with this subrule shall continue in that office for a maximum period of two (2) years. If after that period there is no new Immediate Past President (ie because the successor President is elected as President to serve an additional 2-year term), then the office of Immediate Past President shall lapse until a different person is eligible to assume the office of Immediate Past President."

1 LGNSW Board - Standing Orders (State)
That the Standing Orders as set out in the preceding pages be adopted.

2 LGNSW Board - Fundamental Principles
That the LGNSW Annual Conference:

1. Endorses the LGNSW Board exercising its functions and determining advocacy activities and priorities giving consideration to all applicable legislative requirements, the LGNSW Rules, the Objects of LGNSW as set out in the Rules, resolutions of LGNSW Conferences, the LGNSW budgetary process and the LGNSW Fundamental Principles.
2. Endorses the LGNSW Fundamental Principles, as set out below:

Economic

A. Local government must have control of its revenue raising and investment decisions and be fairly funded by the Commonwealth and State/NSW Governments to meet its infrastructure and service responsibilities.
B. Local government promotes local and regional economic development and employment growth.

Infrastructure

C. Local government is best placed to plan for, deliver and manage essential local infrastructure.

Planning

D. Local government is best placed to lead and influence local and regional planning processes according to the needs and expectations of local communities
E. Our communities' quality of life is a priority of local government planning.

Environment

F. Local government actions reflect Ecologically Sustainable Development. ESD requires the effective integration of economic, environmental and social considerations in decision making processes and is based on the following principles:
   - Intergenerational equity – today's actions maintain or enhance the environment for future generations
   - Precautionary principle – prevent environmental degradation and manage and mitigate risk
   - Conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity

- Improved valuation and pricing of environmental resources – recognising the value of the environment to the community
- Commit to the principles of the circular economy and minimise the consumption of finite natural resources.

Social and Community

G. Local government is committed to the principles of:
- Equity – fair distribution of resources
- Rights – equality for all people
- Access – to services essential to quality of life
- Participation – of all people in their community
- Recognition – of the unique place of Aboriginal people in NSW and the right of Aboriginal people to be involved in all decisions affecting Aboriginal communities
- Health and Safety – for all in the community.

Governance

H. Local government must be constitutionally recognised and respected as an equal sphere of government.
I. Local government is democratically elected to shape, serve and support communities.
J. Local government is committed to the principles of good governance.

Accountability

K. Local government is responsible and accountable to the citizens and the communities it represents, through consultative processes, legislative accountabilities, efficient delivery of services and effective customer service.
L. Local government is recognised as a responsible and place-based employer.
M. Local government reduces and mitigates the risk of climate change for the communities we serve.

Priority Motions

3 Lithgow City Council - Natural disasters - better support for local government

That Local Government NSW requests the Australian and NSW governments make improvements required to better support local government in the context of an operating environment characterised by climate change and an increase in natural disasters, including:

1. recurrent funding models and programs that reflect the extent of local government's asset management responsibilities (and limited capacity to pay), reducing the prevalence of competitive funding rounds, and recognising the benefits of proactive maintenance over end-of life repair.
2. fundamental review of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to reduce administrative burden, recognise capacity constraints on local government, and integrate the principles of asset betterment as an investment for the future.
3. inclusion of water and sewer reticulation and treatment infrastructure in the definition of an 'essential public asset'.
4. financial opportunities which are cyclic, guaranteed and thereby reliable, allowing local government the ability to develop the necessary capacity to deliver on proactive maintenance.
5. improving the logic for assessments of Essential Public Asset claims, which is currently highly flawed. Transport for NSW is identifying any asset defects pre-disaster and are using this to deny approval requests for work stating that the damage is a result of poor maintenance, not disaster. It is basic engineering that assets deteriorate on a bell curve, the rate of which increases as they age. It is also a well known fact that regional and rural councils have reduced capacity to fund asset maintenance and renewal as a result of a much higher ratio of asset length to population. The logic being used is essentially penalising regional and rural councils who do not have the luxury of above adequate pavement thickness and extensive kerb and gutter networks.

This issue was also raised by Narrabri Shire, Parkes Shire, Wollongong City, Warren Shire, Kempsey Shire councils.

4 LGNSW Board - Addressing the housing crisis – Greater collaboration on planning reforms

That Local Government NSW and councils across the state:

1. reaffirm their support for actions to address the housing crisis and acknowledge the need for new and more diverse housing in well-located areas across NSW.
2. call on the NSW Government to commit to a more collaborative approach in co-designing and implementing planning reforms with councils to ensure:
    a. Reforms are responsive to different planning contexts and deliver high quality, liveable and sustainable housing, neighbourhoods and communities.
    b. Plans and provisions are made for the funding and timely delivery of both state and local infrastructure needed to support increased density.
    c. Changes aimed at increasing development density uplift include the provision of affordable housing in-perpetuity.
    d. There is robust, transparent and regular monitoring by the NSW Government of the outcomes of planning reforms with a holistic approach to the roles of all players in the planning and development process.
3. call on the NSW Government to investigate the number of vacant dwellings in NSW and how these can be quickly made available for housing.
4. condemn the NSW Government's 15 November 2024 announcement that it will bypass councils and communities with a new spot-rezoning and state approval pathway, which will deliver windfall gains for developers while removing safeguards that protect communities from inappropriate overdevelopment.

5 Murray River Council - Financial Assistance Grants

That Local Government NSW calls on the Federal Government to restore Financial Assistance Grants to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

This issue was also raised by Gunnedah Shire, Broken Hill City councils.

6 The Hills Shire Council - Streamlined management of infrastructure approvals and delivery

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to improve the efficiency of processes associated with the delivery of critical local infrastructure by Councils. This should include a particular focus on:

1. reducing the time taken to obtain design approval from Transport for NSW and other utility providers;
2. removal of barriers to the efficient and early acquisition of land for a public purpose and streamlining of the compulsory acquisition process for local Councils; and
3. increased scrutiny of service relocation costs required by utility providers.

7 LGNSW Board - Reform of funding system for NSW emergency services

That Local Government NSW reaffirms its support for reform of the funding system for NSW emergency services, provided that the reforms include:

1. Removal of the emergency services levy (ESL) on councils - not just the ESL on insurance policies.
2. Ensuring that responsibility for collecting any new levy for the NSW Government rests with Revenue NSW (Office of State Revenue), not councils.
3. Ensuring that the NSW Government continues to compensate councils for reasonable costs associated with the provision or maintenance of property or rating data to facilitate the levying of the charge by the NSW Government.

8 Bega Valley Shire Council - Waste tendering regulation amendments

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to urgently repeal or adjust the Waste Tendering regulations recently adopted in December 2023 that were intended to protect the employment of private sector waste workers, however limits value for money outcomes in service provision for communities.

9 LGNSW Board - Councillor Conduct Framework review

That Local Government NSW write to the Minister for Local Government to:

1. Commend the Minister for prioritising the review of the Councillor Conduct Framework, as this is something that LGNSW has long been calling for;
2. Request that the NSW Government consult with the local government sector on the guidelines for the selection and appointment of privileges committee members;
3. Advocate that Privileges Committee members be required to come from the sector (local government experience) and have a limited term;
4. Advocate that councils retain discretion to hold informal briefings and workshops with councillors as a supporting mechanism to formal meeting and committee structures; and
5. Request that the Minister consult with the local government sector further on the powers proposed to be given to mayors to suspend councillors from council meetings, including implementing financial suspensions for similar periods.

This issue was also raised by Northern Beaches Council.

10 Blacktown City Council - PFAS chemicals ban in all products and packaging

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to use the Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021 to ban intentionally added Polyfluoroalkyl chemicals (PFAS) in all products that may impact human health especially all food packaging and products.

11 LGNSW Board - Trainees and apprentices

That Local Government NSW (LGNSW) writes to the NSW Premier and relevant minsters to:

1. commend the NSW Government's commitment of $252 million in funding for councils to employ an additional 1,300 apprentices and trainees, noting that:
    a. LGNSW has long advocated for the State Government to introduce initiatives to increase trainee, cadet and apprentice employment to build a strong and diverse local government workforce.
    b. this funding investment will greatly improve councils' ability to deliver the infrastructure and services their communities expect and deserve.
2. ask the NSW Government to work closely with local government and other key stakeholders to ensure the detail in the guidelines for this funding announcement deliver the best outcomes for the local government sector, noting that:
    a. Local government has historically been a skills incubator, and many skilled workers in a diverse range of industries commenced their employment journey and career within a local council.
    b. the most common skills shortages in NSW councils are for engineers, urban and town planners, building surveyors and project managers, but shortages of water treatment operators, accountants, computing and ICT professionals, mechanical tradespersons and early childhood education workers have worsened in recent years.
    c. there are many long-term local government staff who will be retiring in the coming years, so it is vital that councils have the means to safeguard their workforce while providing career opportunities for their local communities.

12 LGNSW Board - Early childhood education and care

That Local Government NSW:

1. Provide reasonable support to members to assist them in accessing Federal funded Early Childhood Education and Care Worker Retention Payments ("ECEC Retention Payments"), including but not limited to negotiating with the United Services Union (USU) an industrial instrument that complies with the eligibility requirements for the ECEC Retention Payments.
2. Call for the Federal Government to commit to extend its newly released funding for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) retention payments beyond the two-year period of November 2026.
3. Assist members to address issues of concern in the local government ECEC sector by way of an education campaign, including but not limited to disseminating relevant information about how the industry can best support educators and carers, highlight the benefits of working in the local government sector, and promote the inclusion of appropriate cultural practices and language programs as part of the ECEC learning curriculum.

This issue was also raised by Bega Valley Shire, Inner West councils.

13 Broken Hill City Council - Abolition of new cemeteries tax

That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to:

1. abolish the newly introduced cemeteries tax, and
2. ensure that adequate resourcing is provided to councils to meet the new Interment Industry Scheme implementation standards and regulations.

This issue was also raised by Bega Valley Shire Council.

14 Strathfield Council - Enshrining local government in the constitution

The Local Government NSW calls on the Australian Government to consider appropriate steps including a referendum, to amend the Australian constitution to give the Australian Government the power to fund local governments and to enshrine people's rights to democratically elect their council.

Financial sustainability

15 Fairfield City Council - Timeliness of communication to councils of levies set and funding received from state government agencies

That Local Government NSW calls on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and other State Government Agencies to announce levies applicable for the new financial year three (3) months in advance so that councils can incorporate them into their Operational Plans and Fees & Charges, prior to adoption.

Further, that councils receive appropriate advance notice of changes in Federal and State Government grant funding to enable effective financial planning and cashflow management.

16 Leeton Shire Council - Aligning Fees and Costs Imposed on Local Government with the Rate-Peg

That, in the interests of NSW councils' financial sustainability and in the interests of slowing down cost shifting, Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government and Office of Local Government to align government determined statutory fees / charges and government determined service costs to the IPART determined annual rate increase, ideally at the highest rate-peg increase for statutory fees (that have lagged for many years) and lowest rate-peg increase for

government determined service costs (that have increased well above the rate-peg in recent years).

17 Shoalhaven City Council - Improved financial sustainability in local government
That Local Government NSW requests the NSW Government to:
1. advocate for the restoration of Financial Assistance Grant funding to a level equivalent to at least 1 per cent of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue
2. advocate for the reallocation of federal tax collected from tourism operators to Council in order to support the provision of services and maintenance of infrastructure required during peak tourist periods
3. consider road width, condition, and the accelerated deterioration due to natural disaster declarations, when allocating State road funding to Councils
4. apply a one-off increase to the developer contribution caps, to increase it to the amount it would have been had it been indexed annually, bring the cap in line with today adjust for the annual CPI increases since (2012), followed by recurring annual indexation
5. increase the pensioner subsidy to an amount that reflects current level of rates, noting its initial intention was to provide pensioners with up to a 50% rebate
6. increase statutory development fees to full cost recovery
7. align the EPA Waste Levy Metropolitan and Regional classifications with the classifications used by the Office of Local Government.

18 Tweed Shire Council - Rating of dual occupancy and secondary dwellings
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to amend the Local Government Act 1993 to:
1. provide a multiplying factor (to be determined) to the Ordinary Rate or alternatively a minimum/base rate to apply to a secondary dwelling (granny flat) that exists in addition to the primary dwelling on residential or farmland rating categories.
2. provide a multiplying factor (to be determined) to the Ordinary Rate or alternatively a minimum/base rate to each dwelling where multiple occupancy (non strata subdivision) exists on residential or farmland rating categories.
3. the permissible income be increased annually based upon DA approvals to provide for the additional multiplying factor.

19 Blacktown City Council - Indexing the maximum section 7.11 developer contribution levies
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to remove the threshold on development contributions, or if this threshold is retained, to reset and then apply an appropriate annual indexation factor to the $20,000 and $30,000 Section 7.11 maximum amounts specified in the Minister for Planning's 2012 Ministerial Direction.

This issue was also raised by Shoalhaven City Council.

20 The Hills Shire Council - Contributions plan cost recovery
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to reform the Section 7.11 Contributions Framework and Practice Notes to:
1. enable Councils to levy population within a Precinct for the full cost of delivering infrastructure required to support the population and acknowledge that a healthy contributions system should ensure that the development and population that generates the demand for new local infrastructure, should fully fund the cost of delivering the infrastructure required to support it; and
2. direct IPART to allow for and apply a conservative approach to cost estimates in the preparation of contributions plans, to ensure councils can appropriately account for risk and price escalation in early iterations of plans.

21 The Hills Shire Council - Contributions plan review timeframes
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to significantly shorten the timeframe for the IPART Review and Ministerial Approval process for contributions plans.

22 Parkes Shire Council - Grant funding Program to support mining-affected communities
That Local Government NSW advocates for a grant funding program to support mining-affected communities, similar to the previous Resources for Regions Fund.

This issue was also raised by Blayney Shire Council.

23 Rous County Council - Tailored financial performance indicators for county councils
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Government to amend the Office of Local Government's protocols for the calculation of the Operating Performance Ratio and the Debt Service Ratio to include capital revenue from Section 64 contributions when assessing the financial performance of County Councils. The proposed change is not intended to include revenue from capital grants.

Elections and democracy

24 Northern Beaches Council - Candidate safety in local government elections
That Local Government NSW advocates for legislative reform to ensure local government candidates' safety by removing the requirement to have a street address on campaign material, which poses a significant safety risk to candidates, their families, and others.

25 North Sydney Council - Review of NSW Electoral Commission
1. That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to undertake an urgent review of the NSW Electoral Commission's ("EC") conduct of local government elections and electoral procedures.
2. That the review include consideration of:
    a. the streamlining of the forms the EC requires candidates to complete and the timing of the deadlines for these forms;
    b. the EC recognises its responsibility in educating voters on the process of voting and undertakes a review of its effectiveness in the 2024 Local Government elections, identifying key actions for improvement.
    c. the EC works with councils to assess and where appropriate, reduce the cost of elections including reducing the number of polling booths it requires, while maintaining the service the booths deliver for voters; and
    d. the EC is more appropriately and adequately funded from general State government revenue, rather than from 'fee for service' from local government sources.

This issue was also raised by Federation Council.

26 LGNSW Board - Election timelines for nominations and postal ballots
That Local Government NSW lobby the NSW Government to amend the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 to:
1. Commence the period of nominations earlier than currently scheduled and extend its duration, and
2. reduce the closing time for receipt of postal ballots in local government elections from "6pm on the 13th day following election day" to "6pm on the 6th day following election day".

Governance and workforce

29 North Sydney Council - Remote attendance at meetings
That Local Government NSW lobbies the State Government to amend the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW 2021 relating to approval for remote attendance at meetings in order to remove the potential for political interference and manipulation and to promote increased access and inclusion for elected representatives.

31 Kiama Municipal Council - Fixing of mayor and acting mayor fees
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Office of Local Government to amend section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1993 to reflect that during periods that a mayor takes planned leave, or extended periods of unplanned leave, deputy mayors may act in the role of the mayor and receive the mayoral allowance (including superannuation) whilst not depriving the mayor of the mayoral allowance.

32 Murray River Council - Consistent councillor remuneration
That Local Government NSW calls on the Australian and NSW Governments to implement councillor remuneration that is set at a level that enables elected councillors to devote a substantial amount of time on council matters.

33 Bega Valley Shire Council - Mandatory councillor induction training
That Local Government NSW calls on the Office of Local Government to fund mandatory training for elected officials on governance in local government and that:
1. the training be developed and delivered uniformly across the sector by an approved provider.
2. the training include the following components:
    - Code of Conduct
    - Financial Management
    - Asset management
    - Social media
    - Planning in local government
    - IPR framework
3. the OLG Administer a register of attendance in the mandatory training and implement consequences for failure to attend.

34 Willoughby City Council - Authorisation for statutory declarations in NSW
That Local Government NSW write to the NSW State Government requesting them to consider including local government councillors as authorised witnesses for signing statutory declarations in NSW, noting local government councillors are currently authorised to witness Commonwealth statutory declarations.

35 Strathfield Council - Capping NSW audit office costs
That Local Government NSW advocates for transparency in the way the NSW Audit Office charges fees, and allow for capping of annual audit fees.

36 Bega Valley Shire Council - Procurements outside the public tender process
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to provide a Procurement Code of Conduct to:
1. improve consistency across local government procurement activities,
2. provide a model procurement procedure for smaller regional councils with limited resourcing, and
3. ensure consistency for suppliers when responding to quotes across multiple local government regions.

37 Bega Valley Shire Council - Employee development support
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to ensure that funding for trainee and apprenticeship programs consider the costs associated with coordinating, supervising and mentoring these employees.

Planning and housing

38 Woollahra Municipal Council - Amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
That Local Government NSW lobbies the State Government to:

1. urgently amend the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and any related legislation to make State Environmental Planning Policies, (SEPPs) subject to parliamentary scrutiny and disallowance, especially in cases where:
   - they significantly override local council planning powers;
   - do not demonstrate that they address important objects of the EP&A Act like ecologically sustainable development;
   - are not informed by community consultation; and/or
   - extinguish third party merit review rights.
2. revisit, strengthen and enact the recommendations of the 2021 Inquiry into the SEPPs that was conducted by the Regulations Committee of the Legislative Council. This Inquiry heard evidence that the current statutory mechanisms for the control and scrutiny of SEPPs are in need of reform in order to:
   - better protect constitutional principles of democratic oversight and parliamentary sovereignty;
   - minimise the potential for executive overreach; and
   - restore public confidence in lawmaking processes.

39 Wollondilly Shire Council - Better planning
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to consider reviewing current planning laws, including its standard Local Environmental Plan (LEP) template zones to enable the development of sustainable compact towns and metropolitan centres, that incorporate the best practice planning principles.

40 North Sydney Council - Housing reforms – Community infrastructure funding
That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to urgently implement Recommendation 7 of the Inquiry into Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program (October 2024) conducted by Portfolio Committee No. 7 - Planning and Environment of the NSW Legislative Council, which recommended:

"That the NSW Government consider focusing infrastructure funding through the Urban Development Program to areas of growth, including TOD locations, to ensure that community infrastructure and amenity needs are delivered alongside housing."

41 Shoalhaven City Council Provision of additional affordable housing
That Local Government NSW requests that the NSW Government complete the implementation of the Low and Mid Rise dwellings planning reform taking on board the feedback provided to date by local government.

42 Northern Beaches Council - Built environment response to climate change

That Local Government NSW advocates to relevant NSW Government agencies:

1. to implement NatHERS 7-star energy ratings to apply to multi-residential buildings five storeys and under.
2. to accept and implement the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 Liveable (accessible) Housing provisions to be applicable to all residential dwellings, consistent with other states and territories.
3. for enhanced protections for mature native trees, as well as a clear pathway to guarantee local government areas reach their canopy targets (including Sydney reaches its 40% canopy target by 2036), particularly in light of the proposed Low- and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms, where the maximum floor space ratio allowance is likely to hinder achieving this target.
4. to exclude high-risk flood-prone land in all local government areas from development uplift proposed as part of Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms.

43 The Hills Shire Council - Remuneration for assessment of state significant development

That Local Government NSW calls on the Department of Planning to:

1. remunerate councils for referrals regarding State Significant Development Applications,
2. identify where artificial intelligence has been utilised in assessments, and disclose the amount of time that Department of Planning planners have spent on-site to understand place-specific constraints and impacts rather than desktop analysis.

44 Shoalhaven City Council - Support to enable councils to assist housing delivery

That Local Government NSW calls for further and increased NSW Government support for regional councils to meet their housing targets. This includes:

a. Development Assessment resourcing (e.g. more rounds of the Faster Local Assessment Grant Program);
b. support for strategic planning (e.g. Further rounds of the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund and an overarching planning coordinator to assist with coordinated NSW Government input and responses); and
c. increased funding for enabling and supporting infrastructure (e.g. Supporting the Federal Governments Housing Support Program, including promised access to funding from the NSW Housing and Productivity Contribution).

This issue was also raised by Bega Valley Shire Council.

45 The Hills Shire Council - Review of compliance levy

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government to review and establish the legislation that was foreshadowed allowing for the imposition of a Compliance Levy on Complying Development Certificate applications.

46 Tweed Shire Council - Costs of assessing development applications

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:

1. engage IPART to measure the typical costs of assessing development applications and modifications using three regional city councils, two rural councils and four metropolitan based councils as a valid audit sample.
2. re-assess the statutory fees in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021, to achieve full cost recovery of the development application costs as the result of the IPART typical cost measurement.
3. index development application fees in line with the Local Government (State) Award.

47 Bega Valley Shire Council - Planning reform fee collection
That Local Government NSW advocates to the Department of Planning to adapt the planning portal to allow the State Government to collect the planning reform fee directly from applicants.

48 Hornsby Shire Council - Ministerial statement of expectations order
That Local Government NSW calls on the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to amend the Statement of Expectations Order to extend the 7-day development application (DA) lodgement timeframe, which councils are required to meet from July 2025, to provide a more realistic time for councils to complete the necessary processes before accepting a DA.

49 Shoalhaven City Council - Commit to ensuring that the NSW housing targets will continue to evolve
That Local Government NSW requests the NSW Government to validate and adjust their recently released housing targets as NSW Planning completes the detailed supply audits that are underway.

50 Bega Valley Shire Council - Social housing target amendment
That Local Government NSW advocates for the NSW and Australian Governments to address homelessness, the housing affordability crisis and access to public, social and affordable housing in metropolitan, regional and rural areas, including through setting minimum targets of 10 per cent social and affordable housing across NSW and at least 30 per cent on government-owned land.

52 Shoalhaven City Council - Provision of additional land for affordable housing
That Local Government NSW requests the NSW Government to release the results of its surplus land audit and start collaborating with councils on the potential development of these sites for affordable housing subject to detailed assessment of potential ecological values,and as part of this the government also progress its review of the planning and regulatory framework for meanwhile use and 'tiny homes'.

53 Orange City Council - NSW affordable housing ministerial guidelines
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Government to amend the NSW Affordable Housing Ministerial Guidelines to provide a definition of affordable housing that is consistent with the NSW Housing SEPP 2021 and provides that households living in affordable housing must pay no more than 30% of their gross income in rent.

54 Shoalhaven City Council - Provision of key worker housing
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to deliver both permanent and temporary residential accommodation to support and alongside its significant infrastructure projects where appropriate (e.g. Shoalhaven Hospital Upgrade), both during construction and operation.

55 Woollahra Municipal Council - Decennial Insurance as another means to promote quality building works
1. That councils support the introduction of of Decennial Liability Insurance (DLI) as another means to promote quality building works.
2. Resolves to:
   a. request the State Government to make Decennial Liability Insurance (DLI) amandatory requirement, which will replace the Statutory Warranty requirement; and
   b. request that should the State Government make DLI mandatory, that the production of such a certificate of insurance will be made a mandatory requirement for planning consent and/or a precondition commencement of building works.

56 Strathfield Council - Legislative framework for private certification
That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to:
1. undertake a review of policy, legislation, and regulation in relation to private certification of residential development, and
2. identify better alternatives, and
3. conduct extensive community consultation throughout the review process.

This issue was also raised by Northern Beaches Council.

57 Penrith City Council - Certainty and clarity on the determination of flood planning policies including flood evacuation solutions and flood planning levels
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to strategically plan and consult with local councils to:
1. provide clarity regarding flood planning policies including redetermination of flood planning levels that reflect an acceptable level of risk.
2. provide clarity on bespoke flood evacuation solutions, including increased warning times, to address the current flood and safety risks to communities living in specific catchments and facilitate responsible development.

58 Shoalhaven City Council - Short term rental accommodation (STRA)
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to complete its review of the options in regard to short-term rental accommodation (STRA) and provide a range of 'model' options for councils to consider ensuring flexible and improved opportunities to improve the management and regulation of this land use in their local areas.

59 Hornsby Shire Council - Roadside stalls
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to expand the definition of Roadside Stalls in the Standard Instrument Order to permit the sale of produce and hand-crafted goods from a rural property in the local region.

Renewable energy

60 Snowy Valleys Council - Transgrid to pay royalties
That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government and the NSW Government to establish significant Community Enhancement Funds for Local Government Areas impacted by Transgrid, other energy projects and other significant infrastructure projects as proposed in the NSW State Government Draft Energy Policy Framework for renewable energy projects.

61 Tamworth Regional Council - Ensuring an adequate CIV percentage for Renewable Energy VPAs
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to:
1. Increase the per megawatt value of community benefits for wind and solar farm development adopted in the Department's Draft Energy Policy Framework; and
2. Ensure the Department's Draft Energy Policy Framework include a standardised community benefit contribution/payment for battery energy storage systems and transmission lines.

63 Singleton Council - Funding for the development of strategies within Renewable Energy Zones
That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government to provide appropriate funding for local councils within Renewable Energy Zones to complete rural land use and other strategies to support the local councils' ability to:
1. Engage with renewable energy development proponents strategically in the first instance, to develop appropriate community consultation plans

2. Provide clear land uses permissible under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 and Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan to now include reference to the renewable energy zone and appropriateness of renewable energy types within specific locations across NSW
3. Require renewable energy proponents to commit to an environmental management bond to ensure the land is returned to its pre-use state (or other defined future state).

64 Tamworth Regional Council - Resourcing the assessment of renewable energy project Development Applications

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to allocate qualified, experienced town planners from its departmental ranks to relocate to rural and regional areas to act as the local council planner responsible for the review of all Development Applications for State Significant renewable energy projects, with this initiative funded by the NSW Government.

65 Tamworth Regional Council - Limit on permissible amendments to Development applications for SSD renewable energy projects

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government to implement a limit on permissible amendments to Development Applications for State Significant Development renewable energy projects to a maximum of two iterations before final determination by Planning NSW and the Independent Planning Commission of the project.

66 Singleton Council - Strategic Studies within Renewable Energy Zones

That Local Government NSW requests the NSW Government to conduct further strategic studies regarding appropriate locations of renewable energy projects within renewable energy zones.

67 Bega Valley Shire Council - Power provision to government owned infrastructure

That Local Government NSW:

1. advocates to the NSW Government to develop appropriate planning controls and aligned funding mechanisms to ensure that new local, state, and federal government buildings and infrastructure that consume electricity include provision of solar power or an alternative renewable source in their design and construction where feasible.
2. utilises the Renewable Energy Infrastructure mapping portal to drive investment in renewable energy for government assets.

Waste

68 Broken Hill City Council - Waste Levy Boundaries

That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to abandon any plans to expand the Waste Levy boundaries.

69 City of Newcastle - Ability of local government to fund infrastructure and services

That Local Government NSW:

1. continues to advocate strongly for greater financial independence within the local government sector.
2. calls for 100% of income from the Waste Levy be returned to councils in NSW.

70 City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council - Extended producer responsibility

That Local Government NSW urges the Federal and NSW Government to significantly expand the range of products covered by extended producer responsibility schemes and to make those schemes compulsory.

71 Coffs Harbour City Council - Regional waste solutions
That Local Government NSW requests that the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) take a leadership role in facilitating and delivering regional solutions for the processing, diversion, recycling, and disposal of waste in NSW.

72 Lane Cove Council - Libraries of Things
That Local Government NSW encourages NSW Councils to support the creation of a 'Library of Things' in their Local Government Area to provide the community with access to a collection of useful but only occasionally used items that can be loaned out for a short period of time, thus making best use of resources. Community access to a 'Library of Things' aligns with the principles of the National Waste Policy: Less Waste, More Resources 2018, the 7 key principles of the NSW Circular Economy Policy Statement, and the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 (WARR).

Infrastructure, lands, roads, transport

73 Shoalhaven City Council - Reopen NSW government's regional road transfer and reclassification review
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to reopen the review into the regional transfer program.

74 Fairfield City Council - Repair grant for regional roads
That Local Government NSW calls for the REPAIR Grant for Regional Roads funded by the NSW State Government be reinstated for the remaining Financial Years (2024-2028) starting from financial year 2024-2025.

75 Parkes Shire Council - Optimising the IP&R Framework for local water utility planning
That Local Government NSW advocates to the relevant State Government Ministers and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in support of optimising the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework for local water utility strategic planning in line with the NSW Government's Better Regulation Principles which call for simplification, modernisation and consolidation of existing regulation as well as its benefits to outweigh its costs.

76 Lane Cove Council - Modern ways to communicate with residents
That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government to consider new options that councils and infrastructure providers can use to give timely and direct notification to residents, including where appropriate, access to the State emergency SMS notification service, about infrastructure works or immediate health and safety risks that will or are likely to impact them, that:
1. take place out of normal business hours;
2. may cause disturbance to personal amenity, health or safety in a private home or workplace; and
3. may cause inconvenience in mobility options.

77 Lane Cove Council - Infrastructure ombudsman
That Local Government NSW advocates for the NSW Government to introduce an Infrastructure Ombudsman, or an avenue to an Ombudsman, to resolve issues between local government and utility providers relating to unreasonable demands by the utility providers to replace, upgrade or complete significant capital maintenance of their infrastructure whilst delivering community infrastructure projects and housing. Access to the Ombudsman could also be extended to other

parties including developers and builders if deemed appropriate, particularly to facilitate the delivery of housing.

78 Shoalhaven City Council - Plan of management model templates
That Local Government NSW requests that the Office of Local Government, in collaboration with Crown Lands, develop guidelines for a 'Plan Of Management' for each categorisation of Community Land listed at Sections 36E through 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and make these guidelines available to all local governments and crown land managers to inform the development and adoption of plans of management in accordance with Division 2 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

79 Fairfield City Council - Dam safety
That Local Government NSW calls upon the NSW State Government to fund the cost of administration of dams through state government revenues.

80 Broken Hill City Council - Funding of upgrades to regional airports
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to fund upgrades at regional airports to support rural communities.

81 Shoalhaven City Council - Funding renewal and maintenance tourism infrastructure high visitation area
That Local Government NSW calls on the state and federal government to provide a state or federal approach to funding opportunities for local government and the private sector to renew and maintain tourism infrastructure in areas that receive high visitation and usage rates.

82 City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council - Enhancing Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to improve connectivity to critical transport projects to ensure more communities can benefit from these.

This issue was also raised by Moree Plains Shire, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional, Shoalhaven City, Strathfield Councils.

Environment and companion animals

83 Liverpool City Council - Biodiversity non-certified lands
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to work collaboratively with councils to identify options that reduce the legislative and financial barriers on local government when delivering essential infrastructure on biodiversity non-certified lands.

84 Hilltops Council - Removal of dead timber from roadsides
That Local Government NSW writes to the appropriate NSW Government Department for community members to be given authority at designated times to enable removal of dead timber from roadsides where it is likely to cause problems due to bushfire or flooding risk.

85 Kempsey Shire Council - Tropical soda apple
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to increase funding to the CSIRO to complete research into the use of biological controls on Tropical Soda Apple.

86 Coolamon Shire Council - Review of the Weeds Management Funding Program
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Government to undertake a review of the Weeds Management Funding Program, and that this review consider:

1. A non-contestable allocation to fund approved Weed Action Plans.
2. That councils be permitted to collaborate with neighbouring councils to establish Regional Weed Action Plans.
3. A return to pro-active weed management that meets 5 year plans.
4. Increasing Weed Action Plan funding by 25% to Local Control Authorities immediately and then ensuring that Weed Action Plan funding increases by at least CPI each year.

87 **Blacktown City Council - Requirements to notify councils of contamination discovered during development of the land that is above threshold limits**

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to provide councils with adequate abilities to investigate contamination discovered during development of land.

88 **Woollahra Municipal Council - Greater clarity on the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021***

That the Local Government NSW Conference asks the NSW Government to:

1. provide greater clarity as to what amounts to interference with public amenity, obviating the need to monitor vehicles for 28 days and then send a further notice to the registered owner.
2. update the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act to make it easier for users to enforce compliance including acceptance of photographic evidence generated on local council service request applications.

89 **Leeton Shire Council - Protect Communities from Water Buybacks**

That Local Government NSW:

1. calls on the Australian and NSW Governments to recognise the socio-economic impacts of water buybacks and to implement measures to safeguard impacted rural and regional communities, and
2. urges the NSW Government to take a proactive approach in conducting comprehensive assessments of the potential impacts of buybacks and to implement targeted actions to support affected areas.

90 **Northern Beaches Council - Animal management**

That Local Government NSW advocates for:

1. a review of the statutory provisions for the management of cats in the Companion Animals Act, particularly management of nuisance/roaming cats and strengthening this area, given the challenges that local councils have in responding to community concerns about destructive behaviours of roaming cats, particularly towards wildlife.
2. a review of the penalty amounts, particularly for dog attack offences, and for penalty amounts to be based on the severity of incidents.
3. introduction of mechanisms to ban persons from owning a dog when a serious offence has been committed.
4. incentivising the desexing of dogs and cats older than 6 months.

91 **Blue Mountains City Council - Funding and resourcing for impounding and rehoming**

That Councils at the Local Government NSW Annual conference advocate to the NSW Government to provide increased funding and resources to enable councils to comply with animal impounding and rehoming requirements under the NSW Companion Animals Act, including:

1. a statewide model for direct funding of local government to support the provision of animal shelters, and/or
2. funding to support partnership arrangements between those councils that share animal shelters to meet increased demand.

92 Broken Hill City Council - State Government to pay for the remediation of contaminated land
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to ensure that mining companies pay for remediation for land that is no longer fit for use due to contamination from mining, and that the NSW Government be responsible if the mining companies fail to do so.

93 City of Newcastle - Protection of coastal waters from offshore drilling and mining
That Local Government NSW:
1. Writes to NSW Premier and the Minister for the Environment expressing support for the NSW Government's actions to prohibit carrying out sea bed petroleum, mineral exploration and recovery and related development in NSW coastal waters,
2. Calls on the NSW Government to continue taking action against the threat of offshore drilling and mining off the coast of NSW.

94 Northern Beaches Council - Coastal management
That Local Government NSW advocates for significant change to the coastal management framework in NSW to respond to:
1. increasing withdrawal of the State Government from coastal management in NSW resulting in councils with varying capacities looking to address very complex and historic issues without the necessary legislative and regulatory guidance.
2. current failings of the NSW Coastal Management Framework which can be seen in the lack of genuine progress in solving historic legacy issues and no clear planning or actions to ensure resilient coastal environments and communities into the future.

95 Central Coast Council - Establishment of Beach Nourishment Taskforce
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Government to establish a NSW Beach Taskforce to develop and administer a program to assist NSW coastal councils to sustainably access offshore sand to return to beach ecosystems to improve beach amenity in a manner consistent with the Coastal Management Act 2016, incidentally protecting property and reducing the need for beach armouring. The task force should also examine options for measured retreat.

Community, inclusion and safety

96 Federation Council - Hate march legislation
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Government to strengthen legislation to control racist demonstrations such as the one that occurred in Corowa on 13 October 2024.

97 City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council First Nations voice to NSW Parliament
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Government to commit to the state-based implementation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart - Voice, Treaty and Truth - by implementing the First Nations Voice to NSW Parliament.

98 City of Sydney - Recognition of and support for Mabo Day
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to work with relevant cultural-specific groups and stakeholders to coordinate a program encouraging all NSW councils to officially recognise and annually support Mabo Day.

99 Maitland City Council - Illegal vandalism of graves, memorials and statues
That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government for stronger minimum penalties and convictions for people who are found to illegally vandalise, damage or remove graves, monuments, memorials and statues.

100 Randwick City Council - Inclusive frontline services
That Local Government NSW:
1. Reiterates its long held position for equitable and fair models of critical frontline services (such as health, mental health, aged care services, domestic and family violence support, housing and homelessness support) including consideration of council coordination and/or implementation that avoids cost shifting and is built on close collaboration between local, state and federal governments and NGOs.
2. Requests that the NSW Government commits adequate resources to support the delivery of frontline support services across NSW that are accessible for people who live with disability, for First Nations People, and for LGBTIQ+ people.
3. Notes the critical role that Councils play in the social determinants of health in the delivery of core services, and requests that this role be reflected in the delivery of guidelines to support access to the delivery of inclusive frontline services.

102 Bega Valley Shire Council - State-wide library shared collection
That Local Government NSW calls on the State Library, in consultation with the NSW Public Libraries Association, to investigate the feasibility of a state-wide library shared collection, as is the model in Victoria.

103 Blacktown City Council - Councils' ability to take regulatory action on cooling towers
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to provide councils with adequate abilities to proactively manage regulated systems registers, and to penalise easily identifiable breaches of cooling water systems through on the spot fines.

104 Lake Macquarie City Council - Ongoing funding agreement and dialogue with the NSW State Emergency Service
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to commit to investigating opportunities to support all councils across NSW by covering all emergency costs such as removing storm debris from SES operations and monitoring and operating flood levies after natural disaster events.

105 Northern Beaches Council - Surf club facilities funding
That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government for increased funding for surf club facilities for coastal communities.

106 Northern Beaches Council - Learn to swim programs
That Local Government NSW advocates that the NSW Government provide increased funding to families for learn to swim programs and peak lifesaving bodies for additional safety measures including defibrillators and educational beach and inland waterway safety signage.

107 Gunnedah Shire Council - Accessible public pools
That Local Government NSW requests that the NSW Government provide a pool of funds out of which regional and rural local governments can apply for funds to support accessible public pools.

108 The Hills Shire Council - Review of swimming pool certification
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to require private certifiers to do more to bring noncompliant swimming pools into compliance before referring them to councils for regulatory action.

109 **Shoalhaven City Council - Stricter regulation of tobacco and vape stores**
The Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to urgently, through the planning system and any other relevant mechanisms, mandate and ensure that 'tobacconist stores' (and similar, e.g. vape stores) require development approval and that as part of this there is the ability to limit/cap and reduce the number of these stores operating in NSW and in any given Local Government Area. (This will most likely involve amendments to the NSW Standard LEP Instrument, the SEPP (Exempt & Complying Development) 2008 and possibly associated adjustments to other legislation.)

110 **Junee Shire Council - Support for parliamentary report on bank closures in regional Australia**
That Local Government NSW receive and endorse the eight recommendations made in the Parliamentary Report on Bank Closures in Regional Australia released in May 2024.

Appendix A - motions covered by resolutions

Covered by resolution 3

Narrabri Shire Council - Flood and disaster insurance
That Local Government NSW calls on the Australian and NSW Governments to urgently progress the Inquiry into insurers' responses to recent major flood claims, and to:

a. expedite its current suite of reforms to help reduce insurance costs for homeowners and businesses, and in addition;
b. expand the disaster event re-insurance framework for all small, medium, rural and remote area communities impacted by natural disasters;
c. increase targeted investment in community resilience building initiatives at the regional level; and
d. invest in increased and sustained infrastructure betterment funding to local governments.

Parkes Shire Council - Water and sewer infrastructure - Disaster Recovery Funding
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW State Government and the Australian Government for explicit inclusion of water supply and sewer assets in State and Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Wollongong City Council - Natural Disaster Funding
That Local Government NSW request the Australian and NSW Governments to establish more efficient policy, procedures and funding to improve local government response and preparation for natural disaster.

Warren Shire Council - Flood Damage Restoration Work - Completion Time Limit
That the NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSW RA) ensure that the timeframes to complete reconstruction/restoration works on natural disaster affected assets in the NSW Natural Disaster Essential Public Assets Restoration Guidelines refer to a minimum limit of 2 years and 9 months from the end of the financial year in which the estimated reconstruction/restoration cost was established (i.e. approved by the relevant NSW Government Department responsible), not from when the event occurred with the appropriate ability to have an extension of time to complete reconstruction/restoration works if needed.

Warren Shire Council - Reimbursement of all expenses for work under Natural Disaster Declaration
That Local Government NSW requests the NSW Government amend the 2016/2017 Agreement made between the Department of Justice, Treasury and NSW SES concerning Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements to ensure that all expenditure of a Council incurred during a Natural Disaster Declaration emergency event be considered eligible for Combat Agency Disaster Allocation (CADA) funding, meaning that all Council employee costs not just overtime, contractor costs and plant and equipment costs are reimbursable for all required emergency operations.

Kempsey Shire Council - Disaster recovery
That Local Government NSW lobbies the NSW Government to widen the criteria for declaring a Natural Disaster.

Covered by resolution 5

Gunnedah Shire Council - Restore federal assistance grants
That the State Government call on the Federal Government to restore to Local Government the Financial Assistance Grants to 1% of federal taxation revenue.

Broken Hill City Council - Advocacy for increase to Financial Assistance Grants
That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to advocate for Financial Assistance Grants to return to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

Covered by resolution 9

Northern Beaches Council - Local Government Reform Discussion Paper
That Local Government NSW advocates against the planned banning of briefing sessions within the Office of Local Government's proposal for councillor conduct and meeting practice reforms.

Covered by resolution 12

Bega Valley Shire Council - Skills shortages - Childcare
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW and Federal Governments to provide incentives to address critical skills shortages in childcare.

Inner West Council - Supporting our early learning centres to comply with the requirements of the National Quality Standards (NQS) and Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
That Local Government NSW will support council early childhood education and care centres in meeting the National Quality Standards by:

1. confirming how the Federal funding offering a pay rise of 15% over the two year period to early childhood educators applies to local government and providing advice to Councils on the process to access that funding (Quality Area 4: Staffing Arrangements);
2. endorsing the United Services Union log of claims for an early childhood splinter award, and endorsing expedited bargaining to provide more certainty to educators and councillors in meeting Quality Area 4; and
3. ensuring that Councils are aware of and implementing current research including by Early Childhood Australia, the Australian Early Learning Consultative Group and the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Childcare, and are partnering with Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations, to ensure culturally appropriate practices and language programs are embedded in their curriculums.

Covered by resolution 13

Bega Valley Shire Council - Cemeteries interment levy
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to remove the cemeteries interment levy imposed on councils from 1 July 2024.

Covered by resolution 19

Shoalhaven City Council - Infrastructure in new developing urban release areas
That the NSW Government either remove the cap on infrastructure contributions or allow its indexation on contributions for urban release areas. The infrastructure cap in the contributions plan is out of date and not sustainable for urban release areas. With the increased attention on housing supply, Councils need fewer restrictions in place to support delivery partnerships for enabling infrastructure.

Covered by resolution 22

Blayney Shire Council - Royalty return to mining impacted communities
That Local Government NSW:
1. recognise the significant impact the cessation of the Resources for Regions grant funding program has had on the 26 Councils and communities that host mining operations in NSW, and
2. calls on the NSW Government to develop and implement a new and improved grant funding program for the 26 Councils and communities that host mining operations in NSW.

Covered by resolution 25

Federation Council - NSW local government elections
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Electoral Commission to review the information and procedures for candidates nominating for local government elections.

Covered by resolution 44

Bega Valley Shire Council - Regional Housing Flying Squad
That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to reinstate the Regional Housing Flying Squad that ceased on 30 June 2024.

Covered by resolution 56

Northern Beaches Council - Private certification
That Local Government NSW advocates for:
1. the strengthening of the NSW planning system to restore public confidence in the building certification process.
2. any review of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Regulations focusing on matters such as powers of enforcement for councils and certifiers, circumstances in which principal certifiers can be replaced, timing for challenging the validity of a CDC and transparent and open access to certification records.

Covered by resolution 82

Moree Plains Shire Council - Inland rail
That Local Government NSW:
1. calls for the completion of the Inland Rail Narrabri to North Star 22km "missing link" of rail track that will support the connection of agribusiness to ports in NSW.
2. calls for completion of the Inland Rail program from Brisbane to Melbourne in its entirety, to support growth and development across regional Australia.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Improve state rail services
That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to ensure that the aged XPT service is replaced with a modern reliable train service between Melbourne and Sydney linking vital NSW regional towns and cities.

Shoalhaven City Council - Enhancing regional transport infrastructure for economic development
That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to prioritise and invest in the investigation and development of regional transport corridors.

Shoalhaven City Council - Public transport improvements in regional NSW
That Local Government NSW calls on the State and Federal Government to improve public transport services in regional areas, allowing residents and visitors better access to regional centres and essential services.

Strathfield Council - Urgent provision of transport infrastructure in growth areas
The Local Government NSW calls upon the State Government to outline how transport infrastructure in existing urban areas, such as Parramatta Road, will be upgraded to accommodate increased population and improve amenity.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW

POLICY PLATFORM

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Introduction

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is the peak body for local government in NSW, representing general purpose councils and related entities.

LGNSW aims to strengthen and protect an effective, democratic system of local government across NSW by supporting and advocating on behalf of member councils, including actively and persuasively representing the views of local government to the NSW and Australian governments.

The LGNSW Policy Platform consolidates the voices of councils across NSW, reflecting the collective positions of local government on issues of importance and guiding LGNSW in its advocacy on behalf of the local government sector.

Part 01
Fundamental Principles

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Role of the Annual Conference & LGNSW

THE LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE is the supreme policy-making body of LGNSW and an opportunity for councillors to come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way LGNSW is governed.

MEMBERS may put forward motions for consideration of the Annual Conference. Where a majority of voting delegates at the Annual Conference vote in support of the motion, it is adopted as a resolution of LGNSW.

AFTER EACH CONFERENCE LGNSW reviews resolutions and amends the Fundamental Principles and Position Statements as required. Conference resolutions rarely change the sector's views on high-level Fundamental Principles. Position Statements require refinements more regularly to reflect the sector's views on new or developing issues.

THE LGNSW BOARD comprises councillors from member councils across NSW, who are elected to the LGNSW Board biennially at the Annual Conference.

The Board controls and governs LGNSW in between Annual Conferences and when decisions are required on policy positions for the local government sector (such as if there is no existing policy position on an issue that LGNSW must comment on), the Board and President can make that decision for the sector.

Part 01

Fundamental Principles

Part 01 Fundamental Principles

ECONOMIC

A. Local government must have control of its revenue raising and investment decisions and be fairly funded by the Commonwealth and State/NSW Governments to meet its infrastructure and service responsibilities.

B. Local government promotes local and regional economic development and employment growth

INFRASTRUCTURE

C. Local government is best placed to plan for, deliver and manage essential local infrastructure

PLANNING

D. Local government is best placed to lead and influence local and regional planning processes according to the needs and expectations of local communities

E. Our communities' quality of life is a priority of local government planning

ENVIRONMENT

F. Local government actions reflect Ecologically Sustainable Development. ESD requires the effective integration of economic, environmental and social considerations in decision making processes and is based on the following principles:

- Intergenerational equity – today's actions maintain or enhance the environment for future generations
- Precautionary principle – prevent environmental degradation and manage and mitigate risk
- Conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity
- Improved valuation and pricing of environmental resources – recognising the value of the environment to the community.
- Commit to the principles of the circular economy and minimise the consumption of finite natural resources

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

G. Local government is committed to the principles of:

- Equity – fair distribution of resources
- Rights – equality for all people
- Access – to services essential to quality of life
- Participation – of all people in their community
- Recognition – of the unique place of Aboriginal people in NSW and the right of Aboriginal people to be involved in all decisions affecting Aboriginal communities
- Health and Safety – for all in the community

GOVERNANCE

H. Local government must be constitutionally recognised and respected as an equal sphere of government

I. Local government is democratically elected to shape, serve and support communities

J. Local government is committed to the principles of good governance

ACCOUNTABILITY

K. Local government is responsible and accountable to the citizens and the communities it represents, through consultative processes, legislative accountabilities, efficient delivery of services and effective customer service.

L. Local government is recognised as a responsible and place-based employer.

M. Local government reduces and mitigates the risk of climate change for the communities we serve

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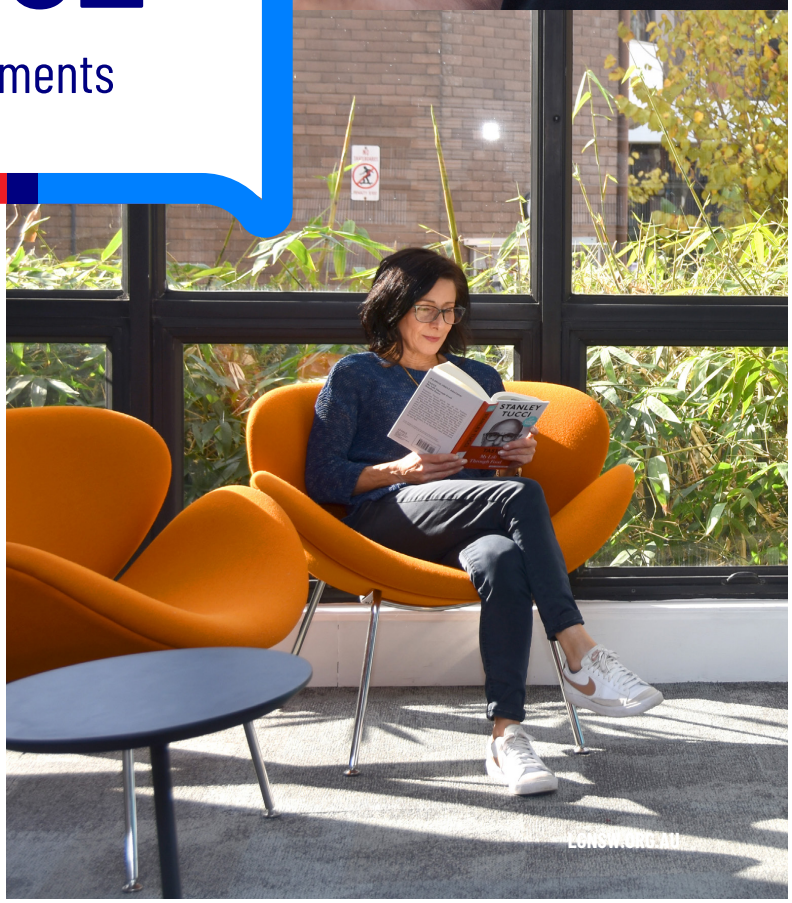
Part 02

Position Statements



01 Financial Sustainability

Local government is a partner in the economic stewardship of NSW and responsible for the provision of a wide range of essential infrastructure and services.

However, the financial sustainability of councils has been undermined by rate pegging for over 40 years, which has resulted in the under-provision of community infrastructure and services and the deferral of infrastructure maintenance and renewal expenditure resulting in significant infrastructure backlog.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for the financial sustainability of local government through:

1.1 The removal of rate pegging and reform of the NSW local government rating system, including the removal of inequitable rate exemptions and greater autonomy and flexibility in rating policy, structure and practices.

1.2 Greater autonomy in determining fees and charges.

1.3 Financial Assistance Grants to be increased to at least 1% of total Commonwealth taxation revenue.

1.4 A review of the allocation methodology for Financial Assistance Grants.

1.5 Increased specific purpose grants from State and Commonwealth Governments to assist councils in meeting the infrastructure and service needs of their communities (e.g. Roads to Recovery, library grants) with allocation to be equitable and transparent.

1.6 An end to cost shifting onto local government by the State and Commonwealth Governments.

1.7 New and fairer financing opportunities for local government, with particular emphasis on infrastructure e.g. value capture, Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) and fees and charges.

1.8 Permanent recurrent funding for Joint Organisations (JOs) to support their viability and effectiveness.

1.9 The introduction of a broad-based property levy to replace both the Emergency Services Levy on insurance policies and the 11.7% Emergency Services Levy on local government.

1.10 A more flexible procurement framework to enable councils to benefit from innovative procurement practices.

1.11 Inclusion of climate change considerations in approved terms of reference for investigations and reviews by IPART.

1.12 Ownership of Rural Fire Service mobile assets to be vested in the RFS to remove the depreciation expense from councils and provide consistency between emergency services and fund councils for all costs associated with the current ownership status.

1.13 The NSW Government to cover the full costs of local government financial audits.

1.14 Increased opportunities for councils to issue penalty notice where appropriate, to streamline compliance.

1.15 Establishment of a NSW Local Government Grants Agency to coordinate all the state and federal grants programs through one central agency. This would provide a single point of contact for councils and establish consistent grant application, reporting and acquittal arrangements.

1.16 Development and implementation of a new and agreed local government Performance Measurement Framework, and associated performance indicators.

1.17 The timely provision of key financial data by the State and Federal Government (grants, fees and charges) to assist councils with preparing their Operational Plans.

1.18 Capping increases in State Government statutory fees and charges on local government at the IPART determined council rate peg.

1.19 The NSW Government increasing and fully funding the pensioner rate rebate.

1.20 An end to imposing responsibility on councils for the collection of NSW Government fees, charges and levies such as the cemeteries tax and dam safety levy.

02 Economic Development

Councils have an active role in encouraging investment, place management and activation, and supporting businesses of all sizes. Whether the local economy is based on agriculture, mining, finance, manufacturing, tourism, hospitality, retail, education, forestry, fishing, renewable energy or other offerings, councils play a major role in creating the conditions for appealing and sustainable communities and local economies.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for the NSW Government and Australian Government to:

2.1 Identify opportunities to support rural and regional growth and reduce pressures in Sydney.

2.2 Work with councils to establish and implement more Local Activation Precincts (LAPs), including those on a smaller scale, based on an LGA's endowments to attract major employers, drive local economies and create a diverse range of local jobs.

2.3 Reduce unnecessary regulatory complexity affecting local economies to support events, cultural and business uses.

2.4 Commitment to sustainable procurement to drive quadruple bottom line outcomes across local government functions and services including improved efficiency, reduced waste to landfill, financial savings, stimulating markets for innovative and more sustainable products and services, social responsibility, supporting local communities and businesses and helping to achieve long term environmental and social objectives.

2.5 Implement, in consultation with councils, an Agricultural Enterprise Credit Scheme and/ or a Farm Management Deposit Scheme for businesses that rely on the agriculture sector for much of their revenue, to enhance economic sustainability of communities.

2.6 Invest in accessible, sustainable and low impact tourism experiences through:

a) Collaborating with councils on state-local destination plan development and collective marketing.

b) Broadening tourism funding eligibility for councils which do not benefit from the high levels of tourism associated with a higher density of state funded tourism facilities.

c) Establishing regional roadshows and touring schedules.

d) Funding councils to renew and maintain tourism infrastructure, and meet the additional costs from waste and cleansing services that are the direct result of high intensity tourist visitation.

2.7 Adequately regulate tourist and short-term accommodation and its impacts through:

a) Improving the NSW Government Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) register and requiring STRA participants to pay a fee to cover the costs of regulation and compliance.

b) Instituting a levy for online accommodation brokers using residential zoned and rated land, with funds raised to be distributed to councils to fund public infrastructure to support tourism.

c) Allowing councils to apply business rates to serviced apartments that provide tourist accommodation on a commercial basis.

Part 02

Position Statements

02 Economic Development

2.8 Increase the availability of slots for regional air services into Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport and investigate with councils improvements to transport routes around the airport.

2.9 To support the goals of the '2030 Roadmap: Australian Agriculture's Plan for a $100 billion industry' but make a principle-based commitment to ensure the plan is realistic.

2.10 Optimise water use and support existing regional and rural communities and industries by maintaining and promoting agricultural diversity.

2.11 Develop an economic roadmap for NSW for the transition from hydrocarbon-based industries (with a focus on directly impacted councils).

2.12 Work with councils, industry, and mines to support the diversification of coal-reliant economies by investigating legislative and procedural change that will better facilitate adaptive reuse of former and current mining lands, following decontamination and rehabilitation. This includes the NSW Government making sure that mining companies pay for remediation of land so that it is fit for reuse, or the NSW Government being responsible for remediation if the company fails to.

03 Roads & Infrastructure

Local government owns and manages $176 billion in infrastructure assets including local roads, bridges, pedestrian and cycle networks, local water and sewerage utilities, stormwater and water management, buildings and facilities, regional airports and aerodromes, parks, recreation, cultural, family and community services facilities, and a range of other infrastructure vital to local communities, and is best placed to plan for and deliver this essential local infrastructure.

Local government also plays a key role in identifying and advocating for the provision of State Government infrastructure to meet the needs of their communities (e.g. schools, hospitals, state roads). State and Commonwealth Government growth plans and projects needs to make up front provision for the delivery of associated local infrastructure.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

3.1 Effective coordination of State and Commonwealth funding programs where co-contribution is required.

3.2 State and Commonwealth Government growth plans and projects must make upfront provision for, and ensure efficient and streamlined delivery of, associated local infrastructure.

3.3 The State Government to identify options to reduce the regulatory and financial barriers on local government when delivering essential infrastructure, including on biodiversity non-certified land.

3.4 Fairer funding and support from state and federal governments for shared responsibilities, including for Crown land management, and increased opportunity for community use of state and federal facilities.

3.5 Reinstatement of regular road classification and transfer processes.

3.6 Increased infrastructure funding to local government through Commonwealth and State Government revenue sharing and grant programs (e.g. Roads to Recovery, NSW block grants for regional roads, local water utilities, street lighting, library grants, waste and resource recovery).

3.7 The importance of sufficient local infrastructure funding, based on the principle of full cost recovery, through mechanisms such as Development Contributions and Voluntary Planning Agreements and the creation of other mechanisms for efficient and equitable value capture.

3.8 The removal of the caps on development contributions, or if this threshold is retained, to reset and then apply an appropriate annual indexation factor.

3.9 Ensuring any review or amendments to the infrastructure contributions system do not adversely affect local councils or their communities and any reforms incorporate adequate transitional arrangements.

3.10 Equitable infrastructure funding, so that Commonwealth and State assistance is directed to areas of greatest need.

3.11 Amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act to streamline council acquisition of land held by Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) for infrastructure, but only where the LALC approves the acquisition.

3.12 The elimination of monopolistic practices by utility network operators (electricity, telecommunications, water and gas) that impose unjustified costs on councils and communities, and the establishment of an ombudsman to resolve disputes between councils and utility providers.

3.13 The removal of mobile black spots to improve connectivity and provide resilient networks across NSW.

3.14 Funding to assist councils to implement large-scale stormwater channel naturalisation and stormwater harvesting projects to achieve better environmental outcomes for growing communities.

03 Roads & Infrastructure

3.15 Funding for the adequate maintenance and upgrade of sewerage systems and treatment plants to prevent overflows and waterway pollution.

3.16 Funding and measures that reduce the impact of essential service infrastructure on communities and the environment, such as aerial bunding of electricity cables and undergrounding of transmission infrastructure.

3.17 The return of land that is compulsorily acquired for major projects to the care and control of the local council, where requested and agreed by the council, when the land is no longer required.

3.18 The protection of regional water utilities from privatisation, corporatisation and forced amalgamation.

3.19 The review of government contributions to road maintenance, including from Forestry Corporation and National Parks.

3.20 Improved freight connectivity to freight hubs including international airports.

3.21 Equitable access to public transport options.

3.22 Greater powers to enforce parking restrictions.

04 Rural & Regional Communities

Delivering the infrastructure and services needs of rural and regional communities is an ongoing challenge for local government. Small, widely dispersed and sometimes remote communities can struggle to reconcile high delivery costs with a small own source revenue base and face a range of economic, demographic and environmental challenges, such as structural change, ageing populations, skills shortages, population decline and water insecurity that undermine long term sustainability.

The abrogation of responsibility for service delivery by State and Commonwealth Governments has added to these challenges and councils often have no choice other than to take on additional responsibilities (examples include support for medical services and aged care).

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

4.1 Equitable service delivery and funding flows into rural and regional NSW (including cross-border communities) by State and Commonwealth agencies.

4.2 State and Commonwealth Government accept that rural councils will never be able to fund the basic standard of infrastructure and public services to which all Australians are entitled from own source revenue.

4.3 Recognition of the higher costs of infrastructure and service delivery faced by rural communities due to inherent and unavoidable economies of scale.

4.4 New models for rural and regional infrastructure, service delivery, health, mental health care and aged care, including consideration of council coordination and/or implementation that avoids cost shifting and is built on close collaboration between local, state and federal governments and NGOs.

4.5 Improved commercial airline, public transport and banking services for regional communities.

4.6 Incentives and measures to increase domestic and international migration to inland rural and regional communities, including for experienced and qualified staff.

4.7 Action to address difficulties meeting Continuing Professional Development requirements for professionals working in rural and remote NSW

4.8 Increased funding for rural communities, including a strengthening of needs-based funding in the distribution of grants to local government.

4.9 Ensuring that regional and rural areas are adequately represented following electoral district redistributions and are adequately recognised with dedicated portfolios in the machinery of government.

4.10 The Australian and NSW Governments to recognise the socio-economic impacts of water buybacks and to implement measures to safeguard impacted rural and regional communities.

05 Drought

It is widely accepted that climate change and other factors may result in more devastating drought conditions in future, with an increase in the frequency and duration of droughts.

As the sphere of government closest to the community, councils have a critical local leadership role to play in planning, preparing, responding to, and recovering (PPRR) from drought and are uniquely placed to deliver services at the local level.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

5.1 Recognition by State and Federal Government that drought is a natural disaster and that it be eligible for natural disaster funding

5.2 Development by the State Government of an emergency plan, in consultation with local government and Aboriginal communities, to address the immediate water supply crisis afflicting NSW towns and communities and a disaster recovery plan for when the drought breaks.

5.3 Increased emergency funding to support people suffering hardship as a result of drought (including farmers, small businesses and individuals) and the appointment of recovery coordinators, through the Joint Organisations, to facilitate implementation of recovery plans.

5.4 Development and implementation of integrated National and State Drought Policies which:

a) clearly define when an area is deemed to be in "drought".

b) list the range of assistance measures and triggers for when those measures will be activated.

5.5 Development by the State Government, in partnership with local government and Aboriginal communities, of long-term water supply strategies for catchments throughout the State which mitigate risk from the predicted impact of climate change and to help ensure population and economic growth targets can be achieved and supported.

5.6 Substantial investment by State and Federal Government in regional and rural water supply infrastructure and demand management initiatives for drought proofing and water security measures and infrastructure.

5.7 Management of river systems to ensure the best possible social, economic and environmental outcomes are achieved, particularly during drought.

06 Natural Disaster & Emergency Management

All councils in NSW play a key role in all aspects of disaster and emergency management at the local and regional level. In addition to statutory or regulatory responsibilities and despite limited means, councils also play a major role in providing support to their communities, volunteers and charities.

Issues requiring addressing include allocation of responsibilities for emergency management, adequacy and timeliness of funding, the absence of funding for betterment or mitigation works and the funding of council day labour.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

6.1 The transfer of emergency management responsibilities to the NSW Government.

6.2 Prioritisation of the development and implementation of policies and programs to build the resilience of communities so that they can better withstand and recover from natural disasters. This includes a review of building codes, a review of the impact vegetation management in riverbeds has on flood management and authorising removal of dead timber from roadsides where it creates a hazard.

6.3 Increased Federal funding and review of the DRFA to expand eligibility of assets (to include water and sewer infrastructure) and:

a) Ensure that repair of damage to road and bridge infrastructure as the result of natural disasters continues to be funded under the DRFA.

b) Streamline DRFA processes to help ensure funding is obtained on a timely basis.

c) Recognise rehabilitation of significant environmental damage for funding under the DRFA.

d) Allow payment of day labour and council equipment costs under the DRFA.

e) Fund voluntary buyback schemes.

6.4 Increased funding for mitigation and betterment measures, both in advance of disasters where the risks are identified and in the recovery stage.

6.5 Legislate to give councils power of entry to construct and maintain flood mitigation works.

6.6 Financial support for restoration, remediation and betterment of local community infrastructure that has been severely damaged by natural disasters including climatic conditions and drought.

6.7 The NSW Government to work with councils to support rebuilding and recovery after natural disasters by streamlining the approvals processes and providing funding and other assistance to review and update local plans.

6.8 NSW and Federal Government fully fund the clean up of damaged or destroyed buildings and structures, particularly those that contain asbestos, following natural disasters and establish and operate an Asbestos Emergency Management Flying Squad to provide expert advice to councils.

6.9 The NSW Government to support cultural burning for fire management on Crown land, National Parks and State Forests (and training and employment of Indigenous people for this task).

6.10 Streamlining approvals for constructing and maintaining asset protection zones (APZs) or undertaking hazard reduction burns, requiring appropriate APZs for urban settlements that interface with natural areas, and ensuring government managed forested areas maintain fire trails.

6.11 Appropriate recognition for individual first responders via

a local government service award.

6.12 Urgent implementation and funding of the recommendations of the NSW Bushfire Inquiry.

6.13 An inquiry into insurance arrangements for natural disaster events to develop a more effective model.

6.14 Recognition of heatwaves as natural disasters and federal legislation and development of a national urban heat mitigation and adaptation strategy.

6.15 Funding for councils' Local Emergency Management officers and permanently embedded Community Recovery Officers.

07 Planning

Councils support an efficient, fair, and locally led planning system that prioritises quality of life and meets the needs and expectations of local communities.

Councils across the state support actions to address the housing crisis and acknowledge the need for new and more diverse housing in well-located areas across NSW. However, decisions of successive state governments have gradually diminished councils' and communities' authority to determine what and how this development occurs in their local areas. Restoring community-led planning powers to local government is a longstanding advocacy priority for LGNSW.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

7.1 The planning system to ensure the voice of local communities is heard through:

- a) The well understood and accepted councillor representation system, which provides transparency and accessibility to communities.
- b) Genuine local representation, including councillors, on regional planning panels, and
- c) Third party merit appeal rights in respect of all categories of development applications, including decisions made by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC).

7.2 Local government to retain control over the determination of locally appropriate development. Local planning powers must not be overridden by State plans and policies or misuse of State Significant Development (SSD) provisions.

7.3 The NSW Government to commit to a collaborative approach in co-designing and implementing planning reforms with councils, to ensure:

- a) Reforms are responsive to different planning contexts (in particular, to avoid land with high-risk from natural hazards, such as flood and bushfire) and deliver high quality, livable and sustainable housing, neighbourhoods and communities.
- b) Plans and provisions are made for the funding and timely delivery of both state and local infrastructure needed to support increased density.
- c) Changes aimed at increasing development density uplift include the provision of affordable housing in-perpetuity.
- d) There is robust, transparent and regular monitoring by the NSW Government of the outcomes of planning reforms with a holistic approach to the roles of all players in the planning and development process.

7.4 Strategic (local, district and regional) plans that reflect the agreed planning outcomes from community engagement at local, regional/ district and metropolitan levels.

7.5 Measures to address land banking associated with residential land.

7.6 A review of provisions for local and regional planning panels so that:

- a) The establishment and role of Local Planning Panels (LPPs) is made voluntary not mandatory. Where panels are mandatory, councils should be allowed to establish the thresholds and processes for public determination of matters referred to the Panel.
- b) State appointees on Regional Planning Panels avoid potential conflicts of interest.

7.7 State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) being subject to parliamentary scrutiny and disallowance, and reviewed so that:

- a) They include appropriate controls to minimise impacts on health and safety, environment and amenity, including by strengthening stormwater management controls (during and post-construction).
- b) Housing solutions developed by councils are not undermined.

c) Planning decisions relating to the location, type and design of local development are returned to councils.

d) Provisions are introduced to mitigate clustering of boarding houses and co-living and to ensure occupants have good access to public transport and essential services.

7.8 Councils and communities to be able to determine how housing is delivered in their local areas based on their local housing strategies and in particular:

a) Provide more discretion for councils to amend the SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) when applying it to their area, and

b) Allow for the Low Rise Housing Diversity Code to be optional, not mandatory.

7.9 State and federal governments to identify opportunities and legislative arrangements to allow councils greater flexibility to support growth in rural and regional areas and reduce growth pressures in Sydney.

7.10 Reforms to the planning system to:

a) Improve its efficiency and effectiveness, by streamlining plan-making and development assessment, improving the quality of development applications and property information certificates, revising thresholds and building in realistic timeframes

b) Ensure councils have adequate powers, and resources and cost recovery to implement compliance and other provisions.

c) Address the issue of 'zombie developments' whereby the delayed implementation of decades-old development consents results in development proceeding that is out of step with contemporary planning and environment standards.

d) Establish best practice policy and review legislative powers to assist councils to manage derelict sites, particularly where these buildings are negatively impacting economic activity.

7.11 A planning framework (with actions, responsibilities and timeframes) and statutory mechanisms to deliver high level objectives in regional and city plans (including protecting employment lands, food security, open space, livability, sustainability).

7.12 Greater independence and integrity in the development application process by introducing provision for councils, rather than proponents, to appoint independent consultants to undertake the reports needed for development assessment (such as Statements of Environmental Effects and Environmental Impact Statements).

7.13 The NSW Government to urgently improve the NSW Planning Portal in close consultation with local government by:

a) Urgently improving operation of the NSW Planning Portal with particular focus on the length of time the portal is adding to assessment timeframes.

b) Formalising an agreement with local government on the operation and ongoing development of the Planning Portal, including covering all costs incurred by councils to implement and operate the portal.

7.14 The NSW Government to increase support for councils to assist housing delivery through:

a) development assessment fee recovery and other resourcing, including remunerating councils for their role in assessing SSD applications,

b) funding for strategic planning,

c) increased funding for enabling and supporting infrastructure.

7.15 Recognition and retention of the intrinsic social, environmental, economic and cultural value to local communities of built and cultural heritage, through increased funding and legislative support for councils to ensure ongoing preservation of local heritage items and maintenance and promotion of existing local built and cultural heritage.

08 Housing & Homelessness

Local councils, as the level of government closest to the community, play an important role in engaging with and planning for the needs of their communities. This includes planning to ensure there is an appropriate supply and mix of housing to meet the community's diverse and changing needs. Councils help shape and deliver housing policy objectives through their land use planning and community service responsibilities.

Councils also prepare local housing strategies in consultation with communities, to detail how and where housing will be provided in local areas.

Councils also work closely with a range of specialist housing and homelessness services, domestic violence agencies and police to respond appropriately and with compassion to rough sleeping. However, the NSW and Australian Governments are ultimately responsible for ensuring that all households have access to housing that meets their needs and they are able to afford.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

8.1 The NSW and Australian Governments to address homelessness, the housing affordability crisis and access to public, social and affordable housing in metropolitan, regional and rural areas, including through:

a) Funding a significant increase in the supply of public and social housing to address current shortfalls and keep pace with population growth and demand (including following disasters).

b) Implementing the Housing First model across NSW, with proactive outreach, crisis support and homelessness prevention measures including addressing co-morbidities.

c) Undertaking an audit of all public, social and affordable housing assets in NSW and government land that can be used for this purpose.

d) Ensuring that any public and affordable housing reforms provide for housing in perpetuity and introduce measures for the staged introduction of inclusionary zoning.

e) Setting minimum targets of 10 per cent social and affordable housing across NSW and at least 30 per cent on government-owned land.

f) Providing finance, government land and infrastructure for the supply of affordable housing to meet increased demand across NSW.

g) New models for social and affordable housing including equity share and covenant housing.

h) Taxation and other financial incentives that support the delivery of affordable housing.

8.2 The NSW and Australian Governments to address the rental affordability crisis in NSW by:

a) Developing strategies to provide secure tenure rental housing.

b) Removing barriers and incentivising owners to put existing housing, including vacant dwellings, into the long-term rental market.

c) Enabling meanwhile use of NSW Government assets (land and building) for emergency, transitional and removable housing.

d) Ensuring housing security and safety for residents of caravan parks and manufactured home estates.

8.3 The NSW Government to help councils facilitate public, social and affordable housing in their local areas by:

a) Working with local government and community housing providers to develop efficient and sustainable models to significantly increase the supply of affordable housing.

b) Removing legislative and other barriers to the provision of affordable housing such as use of council land for public, social and affordable housing, new and innovative methods of construction and other forms of housing (such as tiny homes).

c) Improving processes for the timely approval of affordable housing contribution schemes developed by councils under the Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing SEPP).

d) Developing strategies and legislative tools to enable councils to manage the impacts of short-term rental platforms on the availability of long-term rental housing.

e) Providing funding and assistance for councils to develop and implement housing strategies and to deliver initiatives at the local level.

8.4 The NSW Government working with councils and Aboriginal communities and organisations to set clear targets to reduce housing disadvantage impacting Aboriginal people in NSW.

8.5 The NSW Government to limprove housing accessibility and liveability through:

a) An agreed legislated definition of accessibility incorporating universal design principles.

b) Adopting the Livable Housing Design Standards (Silver Level) introduced into the National Construction Code in 2022.

c) Mandating minimum accessibility standards at the Livable Housing Australia Guidelines Gold Level (Option 3) or an equivalent or higher standard.

d) Amending the 2023 Land and Housing Corporation Design Requirements, relevant planning instruments and legislation to mandate Livable Housing Design Standards (Platinum Level) for all new public, social and affordable housing.

e) Linking and alignment of state and federal housing, ageing and disability strategies.

8.6 Policies and plans that enhance holistic sustainability outcomes in housing by requiring consideration of housing design (including site selection), construction and operation over its lifetime, minimising economic harm and considering economic and social sustainability. This would include NatHERS 7-star energy ratings in multi-residential buildings 5 storeys and under.

8.7 The NSW Government to regularly review and adjust housing supply targets and seek concurrence with councils in setting these targets.

8.8 Housing growth that meets community expectations, by contributing to place-making and the safety and quality of the built form.

8.9 The State Government to work with regional and rural councils to find solutions that address the unique housing pressures associated with major infrastructure and state significant developments, renewable energy zones and seasonal demands for short-term and tourist accommodation in regional NSW. This should include consideration of permanent and temporary residential accommodation to support construction and operation phases of significant infrastructure projects.

09 Building Regulation & Certification

Successive NSW Governments have continued to extend the types of development that qualify as exempt and complying development, which is a policy that allows registered certifiers to approve development without the need for development consent from council. The use of private certifiers to approve these developments and to regulate the subsequent construction phase (such as commonly occurs for dwelling houses, dual occupancies and secondary dwellings) is an area of ongoing concern to councils and their communities.

LGNSW and councils have called on successive state governments to implement a system which ensures that all parties are responsible and accountable for their actions, and the community and public interest is at the forefront. This means taking actions that address deficiencies with building and certifier regulation and that ensure issues raised by community members are addressed.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

9.1 A properly resourced regulatory framework that ensures the building certification system (including fire safety regulation) delivers well-built, safe and compliant buildings that protect the public interest and the environment.

9.2 The introduction of mandatory Decennial Liability Insurance (DLI), replacing the Statutory Warranty requirement, as another means to promote quality building works.

9.3 A more effective framework for regulation of private certifiers, with improvements to address complaints management and notification processes, strengthen probity arrangements and increase penalties for non-compliance.

9.4 A gradual return of certification functions to councils if the NSW Government's building reforms do not deliver meaningful solutions to problems with the private certification system and address potential and perceived conflicts of interest.

9.5 Complying development to be limited to low risk or low impact development, with clearly defined parameters.

9.6 Support from the NSW Government for more affordable access to the full suite of Australian Standards for the local government sector.

9.7 The NSW Government to require manufacturers to declare carbon emissions of new building products to better inform consumers of sustainable building material choices.

10 Climate Change

Local government has a significant role in reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change. Councils are responsible for $176 billion worth of assets. Reducing emissions can lower operating costs associated with these assets. The effects of climate change also have the potential to damage council assets, cause serious disruptions to the delivery of council services, generate unbudgeted financial impacts and affect the wellbeing of the community.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

10.1 Urgent action to address the climate emergency in a bipartisan manner to make clear, effective and unambiguous steps to avert a climate crisis in NSW under four priority areas:

a) reduction of Australia's carbon emissions through effective mitigation strategies;

b) planning for and adapting to a changing climate;

c) significant structural adjustment in businesses and communities which may arise from transitioning to a low carbon economy and adapting to the impacts of climate change; and

d) the provision of leadership and support for both councils and their communities.

10.2 Ambitious but realistic policies and practices that promote council, community, industry and government commitment to renewable energy, energy conservation and energy efficiency.

10.3 An integrated approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, including shared responsibility and collaboration across all levels of government, industry and the community.

10.4 Long term consideration of climate change issues across all government functions and services, including ensuring new government buildings and infrastructure includes provision of renewable energy in their design and construction where feasible.

10.5 Emission reduction measures through a market mechanism across all sectors of the economy including energy generation, mining, transport, waste, construction, buildings and agriculture (excluding a cull of national livestock).

10.6 State Environmental Planning Policies that achieve improvements in liveability and sustainability of housing to:

a) ensure developments and precincts include measures to alleviate the urban heat island effect.

b) apply (or enable councils to apply) higher Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) targets and include other sustainability outcomes to improve housing stock resilience.

c) enable innovative approaches to community and public transport.

d) improve provisions to ensure the resilience of housing stock under future climate scenarios.

e) Provision of point-of-sale consumer information about the environmental impacts of building products, considering the use of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs).

10.7 A roadmap to transition away from natural gas, including updating of BASIX to remove installation of gas in new dwellings and renovations.

10 Climate Change

10.8 Greater support to local government for coastal and estuary management especially in areas experiencing climate change or severe weather induced erosion.

10.9 Other spheres of government to work with and support councils to build resilience to current and future climate risks on the community and businesses, such as:

a) Introducing a range of funding mechanisms including a special purpose 1% increase in local government rates.

b) Encouraging urban greening and the adoption of tree canopy targets across all urban areas with funding support from the NSW Government and recognising street trees as essential community infrastructure.

10.10 A mandatory government reporting framework for climate risk exposure.

10.11 Enable the uptake of zero and low emission technologies including electric vehicles through appropriate investment, concessions, guidelines and legislation.

10.12 Retention of the uranium mining ban in NSW, and support for sustainable and clean energy initiatives and jobs, including power sharing, community battery schemes and expansion of the Smart Energy Schools Pilot Program.

11 Renewable Energy Development

Renewable energy is now rapidly developing across NSW, forming an increasing proportion of wind and solar in the NSW electricity generation mix.

The cumulative impact of this rapid development is significantly affecting the local labour market, housing, infrastructure, water, waste services, emergency response and transport routes. However, there are opportunities for rural and regional communities associated with the transition, including economic diversification, investment and the creation of highly skilled and well-paid jobs.

Local government must be a key partner in the roll out of renewable energy generation, storage and transmission infrastructure. Councils are well-placed to understand their communities' needs and the local opportunities and challenges the transition presents.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

11.1 The NSW Government's ongoing commitment to the renewable energy transition, and action to increase investment in renewable energy projects in metropolitan and regional areas to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

11.2 The NSW Government to amend the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 and Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan to include reference to renewable energy zones and appropriateness of renewable energy types within specific locations across NSW.

11.3 The NSW Government to improve transportation of renewable energy infrastructure by resolving road constraints, reclassifying impacted local roads as State roads for the duration of the renewable energy construction works, and enabling communities to track the passage of oversize vehicles.

11.4. The NSW Government to ensure adequate compensation for renewable energy development by:

a) Increasing the per megawatt value of community benefits for wind and solar farm development adopted in the NSW Energy Policy Framework.

b) Introducing a standardised community benefit contribution/payment for battery energy storage systems and transmission lines.

c) Establishing significant Community Enhancement Funds for impacted local government areas.

11.5 The NSW Government to prepare cumulative assessments for renewable energy zones and state significant developments, addressing:

a) The social, environmental and economic impacts during construction and operation, including on neighbouring communities and agricultural land.

b) The impact on council resources and council-managed infrastructure and services. Councils should receive development contributions to fund the required infrastructure upgrades.

11.6 The NSW Government to prepare regional master plans for renewable energy zones and state significant developments, and further strategic planning including strategic studies regarding appropriate locations and a process to sequence and strategically locate new projects to reduce acute cumulative impacts.

11 Renewable Energy Development

11.7 The NSW Government to take steps to reduce the administrative burden on councils to support the renewable energy assessment process, and provide appropriate funding for councils to conduct and update their strategic planning, including:

a) Fund councils to complete rural land use and other strategies, as well as update their existing strategies that require amendments to meet additional demands resulting from the influx of workers to an area.

b) Fund councils to engage with renewable energy development proponents and develop community consultation plans.

c) Fund and make available town planners to relocate to rural and regional areas to support councils' planning responsibilities for reviewing SSD applications.

d) Introduce a limit on permissible amendments to renewable energy SSD applications to a maximum of two iterations before final determination.

11.8 The NSW Government to work with regional and rural councils to deliver permanent and temporary residential accommodation to support construction and operation of significant infrastructure projects.

11.9 Require renewable energy proponents to commit to an environmental management bond to ensure the land is returned to its pre-use state (or other defined future state).

11.10 The Australian Government to provide leadership and support so that a larger proportion of renewable energy is generated in the capital cities of Australia, including offshore wind farms close to major demand centres.

12 Waste & Recycling

Councils provide waste, recycling and resource recovery services to the community, navigating the complexities of sourcing and/or generating recycling and disposal options. Framed by circular economy principles, they work tirelessly to reduce the amount of waste ending up in landfill and the environment. Councils recognise that dealing with waste is a whole of community exercise and seek to engage and educate residents, businesses and schools about waste avoidance, recycling and diversion from landfill.

Councils continue to face significant challenges from increasing waste generation and lack of markets for Australian recycled content. All levels of government, as well as business and the community need to work together as we move to a more circular economy where materials and products remain within the economy for longer and waste is reduced.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

12.1 Measures to address waste and recycling challenges, including through the reinvestment by the NSW Government of 100% of the NSW waste levy to:

a) Urgently fund regions of councils to develop and implement regional waste plans for the future of waste and resource recovery in their regions, which include infrastructure and circular economy solutions to address the needs of our cities and regions.

b) Fund the delivery of priority infrastructure and other projects, procured by local government, that are needed to deliver the regional-scale plans, particularly where there is market failure identified in the regional plans.

c) Offset the full costs of implementing mandated FOGO services.

d) Increase local and state government procurement of recycled goods made with domestic content, for example by:

- Adopting recycled content targets to help drive demand and provide incentives to deliver on these targets
- Funding further research, development and delivery of recycling technologies and products generated from recyclables, particularly by local or regional councils.

e) Fund and deliver state-wide education campaigns on recycling to encourage the right way to recycle, the purchase of products with recycled content, as well as promote waste avoidance.

f) Work with the Federal Government to introduce:

- extended and compulsory producer responsibility schemes for soft plastics and other emerging problem wastes such as paints, batteries, chemicals, mattresses, electronic waste and sharps.
- bans or tariffs on plastics that cannot be recycled in Australia.
- reforms to support consumers' 'right to repair'.

g) Rehabilitate orphan dump sites and address illegal dumping, including enhanced enforcement powers and permanent funding streams for councils.

12.2 No expansion of the Waste Levy boundaries, and alignment of Waste Levy Metropolitan and Regional classifications with the classifications used by the Office of Local Government.

12.3 Transitioning to a circular economy and keeping materials in use for longer which requires a focus on higher-order waste management options, noting that lower-order options can have negative impacts on human and environmental health. As such we:

12 Waste & Recycling

a) Acknowledge concerns regarding the impact of waste to energy incinerators on communities and the environment.

b) Note that the Draft Regulations and the EPA's Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan would prohibit waste to energy incinerators in some places and not others.

c) Consider burning waste material to generate energy as an outdated technology, and encourage diversion rather than incineration.

12.4 Support for innovative solutions to reduce waste and waste transport requirements.

12.5 Avoidance and minimisation of waste, including from building and construction sites with appropriately scaled fines for non-compliance.

12.6 The NSW Government to apply the same planning process to identify future landfill precincts as it has with energy from waste infrastructure.

12.7 Clear policy direction with regulatory certainty, achievable targets and implementation and funding pathways for delivery through e.g. NSW Waste Strategy, National Waste Policy, COAG targets.

12.8 Access to credible data and improved accountability to achieve best value for the community.

12.9 The NSW Government to establish a new Waste Authority for NSW to assist with the planning and development of critical waste infrastructure.

12.10 The NSW Government to extend the roll-out of mandated food organics and garden organics (FOGO) services to multi-unit households until 2035 and refrain from mandating collection frequencies.

12.11 The NSW Government to ban per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other chemicals in all products that may impact health, especially including food packaging and products..

12.12 The NSW Government to repeal or adjust the Waste Tendering regulations adopted December 2023 to ensure value for money outcomes in waste service provision for communities.

13 Biodiversity

Local Government supports the conservation of biological diversity. Councils are a key influence on local biodiversity management and have an essential role to play. This includes through planning and approval processes, community education and engagement activities, and as public land managers.

Councils can develop biodiversity strategies and plans, protect biodiversity through their land use planning instruments, and manage biodiversity actively through specific programs and projects.

Councils also have a legislative mandate to manage the ongoing challenge of development pressure, natural disasters and maintenance of environmental values. Councils have responded through improved knowledge of, and strategic planning for, their local biodiversity including undertaking mapping and assessments, developing biodiversity strategies, policies and processes, and building staff capability.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

13.1 All three spheres of government to collaboratively review the cumulative impacts of legislation governing land, water and natural resource management, and act to ensure the protection of biodiversity, threatened iconic species, water security, native forests and food security throughout NSW.

13.2 Protection and management of local biodiversity on an 'avoid, minimise, offset' basis.

13.3 Closer coordination across spheres of government, and with other biodiversity resource managers, to include local biodiversity information and mapping in regional and state-wide approaches to biodiversity management.

13.4 Resources and assistance to councils to build capacity, review systems and implement changes to NSW legislation in relation to managing biodiversity.

13.5 Continuation of funding streams to support local land management activities to achieve biodiversity outcomes.

13.6 Policies and practices that maximise biodiversity and the protection of threatened and endangered species, including:

a) The development and maintenance of habitat corridors.

b) Enforceable standards for the preparation of flora and fauna management plans

c) Development of a policy on light spillage in urban bushland areas

d) A ban on the sale of unsafe backyard netting and Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides.

e) Increased protection for koala habitat when planning for new development.

13.7 The ending of logging in native forests in NSW. In the interim, additional funding for compliance and enforcement of private native forestry legislation.

13.8 A prohibition on carrying out sea bed petroleum, mineral exploration and recovery and related development in NSW coastal waters.

13.9 The urgent review of the legislative regime for tree protection particularly in environmentally sensitive areas, including increased deterrents and penalties for the destruction and vandalism of trees in NSW.

13 Biodiversity

13.10 Wider recognition of the value of urban biodiversity and bushland areas and the implementation of management approaches to specifically meet the needs of these areas including incentives to protect mature urban vegetation.

13.11 Cross jurisdictional commitment to managing the threats to biodiversity including weeds, pests and other risks such as bushfires which impact on the integrity of local biodiversity and contribute to further losses.

13.12 A review of the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice to assess the safety benefits compared to the impacts on tree canopy.

13.13 Additional Ramsar site listings in recognition of the value of lake systems for aquatic biodiversity, supporting migratory bird species, fish nurseries and essential wetland processes.

13.14 Exploration of the recognition and protection of dingoes as a native species under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

14 Biosecurity & Companion Animals

Local government has a significant role in biosecurity including:

- as a local control authority (LCA) in regulating weeds under the Biosecurity Act 2015,
- as a land manager, to understand and implement its biosecurity responsibilities (e.g. weeds, pests).

Councils also have regulatory responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act 1998, for domesticated cats and dogs.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

14.1 A global ban on the trade in wild animals and wild animal products given their role in the emergence and spread of zoonotic diseases, and biosecurity response measures at all Australian entry points to prevent the entry of diseases such as foot and mouth and lumpy skin disease.

14.2 The concepts that underpin the Biosecurity Act, such as risk-based decision making and a tenure neutral approach to weed and pest management.

14.3 Changes to the weed management framework, including:

a) An urgent increase in funding to local government for weed management, including funding stability and funding via the Weed Action Program to be increased to $20M per year and indexed with CPI.

b) A review of the Weed Action Program administration to include a non-contestable allocation to LCAs to fund approved Weed Action Plans over 5 years, allow collaboration between neighbouring councils in developing plans, and minimise any duplication or excessive reporting and auditing requirements applied to councils and county councils.

c) Penalties for weed-related offences set at levels high enough to act as a deterrent.

d) Development of appropriate mechanisms to address current and emerging biosecurity (weeds) issues on parks and reserves under joint management arrangements with local Aboriginal communities.

e) Creation of biosecurity (prosecution) fund to support local control authorities with enforcement of the Biosecurity Act.

14.4 Local government to have input to the setting of relevant charges (for weed regulatory functions), and local government keeping any revenue from services or compliance and enforcement undertakings.

In relation to companion animals, LGNSW advocates for:

14.5 Improvements to regulation of companion animals through:

a) Enabling councils to more effectively manage the nuisance effects of cats on residents and wildlife, including:

- Amending legislation to enable local governments to enforce the containment of pet cats in NSW, supported by funding to support implementation and enforcement,
- streamlining the process of animal identification and registration,
- further incentives for desexing before a transition to mandatory desexing laws to align with other jurisdictions,
- state-wide awareness and education campaigns for responsible pet ownership,
- empowering councils to take actions to reduce feral cat populations (such as euthanasing feral cats in accordance with animal welfare ethics and a council-adopted policy).

b) Increased funding and resources to enable councils to comply with animal rehoming requirements.

c) A mechanism for NSW accreditation of assistance animals and associated training organisations.

d) A review of companion animal penalties, with penalty amounts to be based on the severity of incidents.

14.6 Legislation/codes to strengthen companion animal breeding facility assessment and operation, to prevent the establishment of puppy farms in NSW and instigate a common database and better coordination across jurisdictions (e.g. NSW, VIC).

15 Health & Safety

All councils in NSW play an essential part in improving and safeguarding the health and safety of their communities. Local government also has statutory responsibilities for public health protection under the Public Health Act 2010 and Food Act 2003, regulating food businesses as well as premises that may pose environmental health risks through legionella, skin penetration or exposure to hazardous materials including asbestos. Councils also provide communities with access to additional services to contribute to community health, including immunisation clinics, sporting and recreation facilities and open space, mental health and physical activity programs, clean drinking water and no-smoking zones. Councils further have a role in considering how the built environment can be planned to promote health and safety.

Council involvement in community safety and crime prevention initiatives is often in partnership with police and other government and non-government organisations, engaging with communities to understand and develop strategies to address local crime issues.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

15.1 Practical reforms and initiatives that improve public health and safety but do not represent cost shifting or burden the limited resources of local government without providing adequate funding or cost recovery mechanisms.

15.2 Legislative amendments to enable council rangers to issue fines and penalty amounts equivalent to NSW Health for breaches of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000.

15.3 The NSW Government to take action to protect human health and the environment by:

a) Making asbestos identification, removal, transport and disposal cheaper, easier, and safer.

b) Working with the federal government to ensure that all vehicles imported into Australia meet the highest EU standards for emissions and introduce tax initiatives to encourage the up-take of electric powered vehicles.

c) Adopting the World Health Organisation Clean Air Guidelines and assisting communities to address breaches of national air quality standards and improving health through filtration and ventilation in public buildings.

d) Implementing tighter controls on facilities at high risk of causing dust and air pollution, including timely and tighter enforcement for malodorous emissions.

e) Amendments to noise control regulations to:

- ensure that general activities within a park cannot be deemed intrusive or offensive during certain hours of the day.
- enable simpler enforcement of excessive motor vehicle idling.

f) Improving water safety by developing a holistic inland water safety strategy, incentivising learn to swim programs, and funding safety measures including council-owned surf club facilities.

g) Phasing out the use of shark nets and replacing them with alternative mitigation strategies.

h) Increasing funding to council and other health and community services to address instances of hoarding and squalor.

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15 Health & Safety

15.4 The NSW Government to ensure that any new schools constructed in a local government area provide appropriately sized off-street drop off and pick up zones.

15.5 Increased funding and policy measures for road safety (including for pedestrians and cyclists) from state and federal government.

15.6 Policy and legislation to enable and regulate active transport, including for e-scooters.

15.7 The NSW Government to allocate more resources for crime prevention and to holistically respond to youth crime and drug use. This should include increased police numbers and state regulatory inspectors, to improve response times, particularly in regional and rural NSW.

15.8 The state and federal governments to fund councils and community organisations to manage antiterror and security related risks at events and in crowded places.

15.9 The NSW Government to implement stronger minimum penalties and convictions for people who are found to illegally vandalise, damage or remove graves, monuments, memorials and statues.

15.10 Increased local government involvement in determination of gaming machine applications with priority consideration given to social impact and implementation of cashless poker machines with harm reduction features.

15.11 Funding, resources and initiatives to address the prevalence of domestic and family violence (DFV) in NSW, including Crimes Act recognition that coercive control and dowry abuse are forms of DFV, and funding a DFV prevention officer to work with NSW councils.

15.12 The NSW and Australian Governments to address the mental health crisis and ensure adequate access to care across NSW.

15.13 Community access to adequate sport and recreation facilities that are safe, accessible and fit for purpose, including the use of public and private school land and facilities.

16 Libraries, Arts & Culture

Local government provides art galleries, museums, libraries and cultural services which are vital in enabling communities to participate in artistic and cultural expression. Councils provide almost 400 free public library services in NSW, including central, branch and mobile libraries in NSW. The right to equitable access to basic information is a cornerstone of democratic society.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW calls on State and Commonwealth governments to:

16.1 Support the critical role of public libraries in communities by:

a) Reversing the significant decrease in the State Government expenditure as a proportion of total expenditure on public libraries that has occurred since the 1980s.

b) Creating a sustainable funding model for public libraries that indexes funding to CPI and is protected in legislation.

c) Investigating systems to provide communities throughout NSW with greater access to larger collections and library resources and materials.

16.2 Devise a museum strategy for NSW with sufficient resources to ensure cultural heritage led vibrancy, collection care and local storytelling initiatives are supported, developed and maintained for communities throughout NSW.

16.3 Ensure councils receive a fair share of funding from government arts and culture programs, particularly by investigating a model of funding that is similar to the library funding model.

16.4 Recognise the challenges for small, regional and remote councils and prioritise them for arts and cultural funding relative to the large State Cultural Institutions.

16.5 Provide funding to councils to promote and support arts and culture, including for galleries, performance, exhibitions and festivals.

17 Elections & Democracy

Councils are elected to shape, serve, support and give voice to their communities, to whom they are democratically accountable. The NSW and Australian governments must respect local government as an equal sphere of government and must not seek to impose decisions on local government that fundamentally affect the ability of democratically elected councillors to reflect the views of their communities on local government matters.

Councils for government elections to be conducted in a manner as similar as possible to State elections make democratic participation similar for voters and to support voter turnout.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for the NSW Government to:

17.1 Legislate to prevent the forced amalgamation of councils or significant boundary alteration without the support of a plebiscite.

17.2 Legislate to limit the power of the Minister for Local Government to suspend or dismiss democratically elected councils in all but the most extraordinary circumstances.

17.3 Permit newly amalgamated councils that have been divided into wards as part of a larger council area to revert to their status as undivided electorates.

17.4 Shorten the pre-poll voting period to the period including the Saturday to Friday of the week before Election Day.

17.5 Ensure councils and communities retain choice in their method of voting and does not impose universal postal voting.

17.6 Legislate to ensure that councillors and candidates who are members of a registered political party or have been a member of a registered political party during at any time during the 12 months prior to seeking council election/re-election, be prohibited from using the word 'Independent' beside their name on the ballot paper and on all electoral materials.

17.7 Legislate to ban the following from serving as councillors, and increase penalties for false declarations on this matter:

(a) Property developers and their relatives and close associates including investors, owners and beneficiaries

(b) Real estate agents (except in rural areas) and their relatives and close associates including investors, owners and beneficiaries

17.8 Legislate to ensure a person may only nominate for election to a particular council if they are a resident or ratepayer.

17.9 Remove the need for council by-elections, by eliminating the 18-month time limit on using election countback to replace a councillor casual vacancy.

17.10 Implement measures such as information sessions, published materials (in multiple languages) and training programs to increase the diversity of candidates standing for elections and electors' knowledge and awareness of the electoral process.

17.11 Legislate so that LG elections are to be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission only.

17.12 Reduce the cost of conducting LG elections, including through:

a) a commitment that the NSW Electoral Commission not be permitted to increase the cost of elections by more than the rate cap limit imposed on LG rates

b) directly offsetting the cost of LG elections with significant fine revenue from non-voting

c) trialing online voting initiatives.

17.13 Legislate to ensure all mayors continue to hold their positions until a new mayor is elected following local government elections.

17.14 Ensure candidate safety by removing the requirement for street addresses to be included on candidate electoral material.

18 Governance

Local government is committed to the principles of good governance and is responsible and accountable to the citizens and the communities it represents, through consultative processes, legislative accountabilities, efficient delivery of services and effective customer service.

GOVERNANCE

LGNSW advocates for the NSW Government to:

18.1 Establish a panel of independent members with specific local government knowledge, for appointment to local councils' Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees.

18.2 Review the guidelines for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees to:

a) reduce the exclusion period for former councillors and staff, to support rural and regional councils.

b) reinstate councillors as voting members provided that independent members remain the majority.

18.3 Legislate to strengthen requirements for general managers to provide councillors with the information required to perform their functions.

18.4 Improve the Code of Conduct framework to ensure:

a) complaints are dealt with efficiently, effectively and in line with principles of procedural fairness.

b) complaints are lodged directly with an independent tribunal with full responsibility for triaging, investigating and resolving complaints.

c) a central register of conduct complaints and investigation reports is published online.

18.5 Legislate to provide that a councillor's position becomes vacant if she or he is absent from three ordinary meetings of a council in any calendar year without having been granted leave.

18.6 Amend the gifts and benefits provisions in the Model Code of Conduct so that the token value amount be removed and replaced with the provisions that apply in the Code of Conduct for Members of the NSW Parliament.

18.7 Amend legislation and the Model Code of Meeting Practice to require councils to publish unconfirmed minutes of council and committee meetings and provide suitable legal protection for councils to act on decisions before the minutes are confirmed.

18.8 Ensure councils retain discretion to hold informal briefings and workshops with councillors as a supporting mechanism to formal meeting and committee structures.

18.9 Permit councillors to attend and participate in council meetings by audio-visual means, without need for their council's approval.

18.10 In the interests of safety and privacy, review the Information and Privacy Commission requirement for returns of interest disclosures to be published online.

18.11 Legislate to make it an offence for any person to threaten, incite violence, intimidate, menace or harass any person exercising functions under the Local Government Act or any other Act or regulation that confers functions on a council, and disqualify

any person who has committed such an offence from holding public office for local government in NSW.

18.12 Require Working With Children Checks and police checks for councillors.

18.13 Improve accessibility and compliance outcomes by simplifying all forms and processes for candidates and public office holders and permitting documents to be signed and lodged electronically.

18.14 Restore funding to ensure the independence of the Independent Commission Against Corruption in NSW.

18.15 Ensure regulatory and reporting requirements imposed on councils are proportionate to size and risk.

18.16 Support the development and implementation of tripartite governance frameworks between the three tiers of government.

18.17 Support local government in improving cyber security practices and infrastructure.

18.18 Ensure impacts on county councils are considered during any legislative reform.

18.19 Amend the Local Government Act to provide councils with greater discretion and flexibility to manage community lands.

19 Councillor Conditions & Remuneration

To attract a diverse array of talented candidates for election, the local government sector should be able to offer conditions and compensation, including superannuation, comparable to that available from the work activities mayors and councillors forgo in order to serve on councils.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for the NSW Government to:

19.1 Investigate options for full time councillors in NSW.

19.2 Fund ongoing, mandatory councillor professional development.

19.3 Repeal s242A of the LG Act so that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (LGRT) is able to determine fair and reasonable fees for councillors and mayors, unfettered by the Public Sector Wages Policy (and the LGRT to determine the maximum permissible remuneration increase for councillors and mayors while the NSW Public Sector Wages Policy still applies)

19.4 Amend s241 of the LG Act to remove reference to maximum and minimum fees payable, so that the LGRT determines the actual annual remuneration for councillors and mayors.

19.5 Amend s240(1) of the LG Act to include councils' financial position and/or performance as additional criteria that the LGRT must have regard to when determining categories for councils and mayors.

19.6 Consider dedicated remuneration for deputy mayors, in recognition of increasing deputy mayoral duties, including payment of the mayoral allowance when acting in that capacity (without depriving the mayor of this allowance).

19.7 Legislate to require compulsory superannuation payment to councillors and mayors at the rate equivalent to the rate set out in the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992 (Cth).

19.8 Require all councils, county councils and Joint Organisations to have personal accident insurance cover for all councillors while performing their functions, equivalent to the level of insurance employees receive under NSW workers' compensation legislation.

20 Strong & Inclusive Communities

Local government is a significant provider and supporter of essential and inclusive services to all members of their diverse communities. Councils also support refugee resettlement, provide services for newly arrived migrants and hold citizenship ceremonies and a range of culturally diverse programs and events. Councils fill the gaps in the provision of essential human services when there are no other providers, particularly in rural and remote areas, and advocate for equitable access to infrastructure and services.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW advocates for:

20.1 Continued State and Commonwealth funding to supplement the contribution of NSW councils of approximately 60% towards the cost of community development, ageing and disability staff positions.

20.2 Increased support for councils and communities that resettle refugees and welcome multicultural communities, including through:

a) A broader humanitarian resettlement strategy to encourage and support distribution of resettlement across NSW and Australia,

b) Support to areas where concentrated resettlement occurs to address social and economic impact gaps (including housing, employment, infrastructure and services).

c) Funding for councils' roles, responsibilities and activities that support anti-racism initiatives, multicultural communities and promote social cohesion, including for refugee resettlement and seasonal workers.

d) Improving the inclusivity and accessibility of asylum seeker assistance programs.

20.3 Funding to support participation of people with disability in their communities, including:

a) Funding to implement actions and projects identified in council Disability Inclusion Action Plans.

b) Funding to councils for community support, information, and referral and capacity building initiatives.

c) Equal access to National Disability Insurance Scheme services for people with disability over 65 years of age.

20.4 The NSW Government to support and encourage inclusive consultation and engagement approaches, in consultation with councils and including technological options for people with disability.

20.5 Funding and policy settings to address accessible and liveable housing design standards, housing affordability, access to public housing, and homelessness, including funding for councils to deliver initiatives at the local level.

20.6 Improvements to provision of aged care services through:

a) NSW Health to retain ownership of its aged care and disability facilities.

b) State and Federal Governments to provide increased funding to ensure the financial viability of local government aged care services.

20.7 Legislation to require councils to plan, implement strategies and report on gender equity in the workplace, with funding support from the NSW Government.

20.8 Legislation to require Equal Employment Opportunity management plans to include provisions for targeted programs to increase employment opportunities for First Nations people.

20.9 Funding support for volunteers and volunteer development programs, including for community organisations that engage volunteers.

20.10 An urgent increase in the rate of JobSeeker & Youth Allowance to a level sufficient to meet basic living expenses.

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20 Strong & Inclusive Communities

20.11 An increase in Government support for vulnerable children and young people to meet demand for rehabilitation services, early intervention and justice initiatives.

20.12 High quality, universally accessible and affordable early childhood education and care.

20.13 Adequate funding for council-run youth and children services and recognition that councils are an essential provider of services to children and young people.

20.14 Initiatives to address skill shortages and impediments to employment and training, including:

a) injecting significant funds into TAFE and the higher education system to redress recent funding cuts and the impacts of TAFE deregulation,

b) Ensuring funding for apprentice and trainee programs consider the costs associated with coordinating and supervising these employees.

20.15 Support and recognition from all three tiers of government for the important social and economic contribution that carers make to the community.

20.16 The administration and delivery of the NSW ClubGrants Scheme to remain under local control.

20.17 Funding and support for inclusive programs and frontline services that enable all members of the community to safely participate.

21 First Nations

LGNSW acknowledges the significance of the Statement from the Heart issued at the 2017 First Nations National Constitutional Convention at Uluru and supports the principle of the Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Australia is one of the few developed nations with a colonial history that does not recognise its Aboriginal population in the Constitution.

LGNSW is a signatory of the NSW Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap, alongside the NSW Government and the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations. This agreement is a commitment to do things differently – by working in partnership and sharing decision making with Aboriginal organisations and communities to improve outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

OUR POSITION

LGNSW:

21.1 Seeks that the NSW Government commit to state-based implementation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart – Voice, Treaty and Truth – by implementing the First Nations Voice to the NSW Parliament.

21.2 Supports the process of truth-telling, including through recognising the Frontier Wars which occurred during the British colonisation of Australia and considering opportunities for commemoration, healing and reflection.

21.3 Supports reforms to redress any disproportionate disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and calls for the NSW Government to provide support and resources to councils to contribute to initiatives such as Closing the Gap and Reconciliation.

21.4 Advocates to both the NSW and Australian Government to prioritise blanket Aboriginal land claims and native title claims currently in the Federal Court, remove native title requirements for land owned by Local Aboriginal Land Councils, and provide clear guidance for assessing, valuing and resolving native title compensation within and across local government areas.

21.5 Encourages councils to develop a relationship with local First Nations communities to develop ways in which they can provide input into council decisions.

21.6 Advocates for compulsory First Nations cultural training as part of councillor induction training requirements, and mandatory cultural safety and cultural awareness for councillors and council staff.

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Subject: 54 THORNLEY STREET LEICHHARDT - TREE REMOVAL

Prepared By: Lindsay Field - Public Tree 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:

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

BRIEFING NOTE

To:	**All Councillors**
From:	**Manod Wickramasinghe, Acting Director Engineering**
Date:	**1 August 2025**
Subject:	**Tree Removal 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt**

Dear Councillors,

In June and July 2025, Council notified the removal of a Eucalyptus tree at 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt. Following the notification, a petition has been lodged from 158 petitioners with concerns regarding the decision made.

This briefing note provides further detail on the process to date and the review following lodgement of the petition.

Background
Council's Civil works team inspected the tree in April 2025 in response to a customer request regarding a footway hazard. The Civil team inspection found that the footway needed to be removed and replaced, but the tree roots prevented this.

The inspection by Coordinator Public Trees (qualification AQF5 Arboriculture Diploma TAFE NSW) in April 2025 found that, whilst the tree appeared healthy, the footway was restricted to a maximum 900mm wide past the tree and that significant disturbance to the root zone was required to reinstate the footway.

Following objection to the tree's removal, a peer review was conducted by Councils Public Trees Manager (qualification AQF8 Graduate Certificate Arboriculture Melbourne University) including a feasibility assessment of options to retain the tree.

Whilst the trip hazards put all pedestrians at risk, residents with reduced mobility are at greater risk, from the non-compliant footway between the tree and the fence that is raised and displaced by the tree roots. The entry gate to 54 Thornley Street is located directly opposite the heaved area.

There are reports of large limb failures in May 2019, November 2023 and December 2024. Whilst limb failures are not uncommon in weather events and these recorded failures could be dismissed as infrequent, this must be considered as part of the available evidence in determining an action. Residents who lodged requests have sought for the tree to be removed, including the impacted property immediately adjacent to the tree.

The key concerns are:
1. The root crown of the tree and roots have grown out onto the kerb and partly impedes water flow along the gutter.
2. There is a High risk of pedestrians tripping and falling due to footway cracking, heave and restricted width.
3. The lean in the tree from a past event, appears self-corrected but raises concern over future tree stability.

The processes under the adopted Urban Forest Policy 2025, requires trees to be assessed holistically having regard for all other essential functions of the public space.

Legal and legislative framework
Council has:

1. *A responsibility to manage foreseeable and preventable risk in accordance with the Civil Liabilities Act 2002, and*
2. *must also ensure its insurance cover in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and must act in a responsible way to ensure this is not compromised, and*
3. *to meet its insurance obligations with its insurer in accordance with industry best practice utilising peer reviewed contemporary arboricultural research and literature.*
4. *The Disability Inclusion Act 2014 and associated Australian Standard sets requirements for footways and disability access including required widths.*
5. *Statewide Best Practice Manual Trees and Tree Roots provides a framework of risk management measures with tree removal being the last option in the absence of any feasible remedial options.*

The unacceptable risk test
This test is based on the principles detailed in the Statewide Best Practice Manual Tree and Tree Roots 2018 and considers the tree and the full context in determining suitability of any remedial option.

The objective of this test is to determine if the public tree, or its immediate surroundings, poses an unacceptable risk that cannot be appropriately managed by arboricultural or engineering treatment, isolation, signage or other risk management measures.

A. Tree assessment
The tree is a Yellow Blood wood Eucalyptus eximia. The tree is generally healthy with no significant structural defects observed above ground. There is obvious removal of large limbs, assumed to be the removed stubs from failed limbs back to appropriate pruning cuts.
The useful life expectancy of the tree is zero (0) as it is no longer fit for purpose, given the impact to infrastructure and that there are no suitable remedial options to manage the interaction.

There is an obvious lean on the tree and although the root system appears stable at this time, a lean toward the road with the heave in the footway indicates that the root plate may have moved under load at some time in the past and future weather events may generate a catastrophic failure. The Eucalypt failing in Darling Street Balmain and the Angophora near the school crossing at Birchgrove School are two examples in 2024 of how these trees must be treated with caution.

The primary issue is the raised root crown and tree roots at and above the surface that have both displaced and restricted the footway. This creates significant risk for pedestrians, in particular mobility devices, less mobile or disabled pedestrians.

B. Risk assessment
Councils risk assessment methodology uses ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) TRAQ (Tree Risk Assessment Qualification) methodology. This is a peer reviewed, and Industry accepted methodology

The risk assessment has been applied to the area of greatest risk being the footway trip hazards. The outcome of the risk rating is High.

Council is obliged to take action to mitigate the risk. The following table provides the review of options considered.

C. Options feasibility

Option	Detail	Implications	Feasible
1	Do nothing and retain the tree	• This would provide further evidence regarding potential for limb failure over next 12 to 18 months. • Does not resolve the footway trip hazard. • Council is on notice given the reported limb failures and people tripping near the tree. • Council would not be able to defend an incident given the previous history and existing footway condition.	No
2	Cut the tree canopy, tree roots and root crown back and reinstate asphalt along footway	• Further pruning poses an increased risk as this directly affects how the tree performs in weather events, increasing the risk of limb failure and impact other biological functions within the tree. Past practices such as lopping are deemed an unacceptable practice as per AS4373-2007 Pruning amenity trees, due to range of negative potential impacts for the tree, increased risk, and likely reduced life expectancy. • The level of displacement and root crown spread on the surface prevents the normal solution Council uses to remove and replace the asphalt. • The footway works requires excavation to bring the footway back to a suitable level. This requires the roots and root crown to be removed to allow a complaint footpath. • The severing, grinding or otherwise damaging roots within the trees structural root zone is contrary to Australian Standard AS4970-2009 Protection of trees and would compromise the trees structural stability increasing the risk and likelihood of whole tree failure. • Further ramping of asphalt over the roots and root crown would not achieve a compliant footway width or slope, given the spread of the tree at ground level and would impact the adjacent entry way to the private property. • To construct a complaint raised boardwalk along the footway cannot be achieved due to the private	No

		property entry way, the adjacent driveway. This would require some excavation for footings within the trees structural root zone and installation of a handrail.	
3	Install porous paving, Softfall or other similar products.	• The roots of the tree and the root crown are at or above the footway surface. • To install these options would require some excavation which would damage/sever tree roots and root crown within the trees structural root zone, compromising the trees structural stability.	No
4	Close the footway to pedestrians	• This would impact the access to the property immediately adjacent as entry gate is located at the tree. • Would remove the trip hazard risk • Would require all pedestrians to cross to the other side of the road. • May require a crossing in Thornley street before the closed footway. • Would require a traffic study to determine the level of risk to all pedestrians, impact to traffic in the surrounding streets by the change and may require the road be coming one way. • Would be in place until the tree is eventually removed subject to future health and structure.	No
5	Remove the tree, reinstate the footpath Kerb & gutter and plant a 100 litre Brushbox tree.	• Removes the immediate risk for footpath users. • Resolves the midterm storm water flow issue • Removes the potential for further large limb failures. • Provides renewal of the urban forest and all associated benefits at this location. • Reduces Council risk profile at this location.	Yes

Conclusion
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 has formed the opinion that despite the tree being generally in good health, it presents a high risk to the safety of pedestrians using the footway in the foreseeable future and there are no practical remedial options to reinstate the footway to a conforming level and width.

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 and
3. A new 100 litre Brushbox planted as part of Council 2025/26 program due to commence in spring 2025.

The tree removal works will be scheduled for the week commencing 4 August 2025. A response to the head petitioner will be issued by early next week, prior to the removal of the tree.

Image 1. Tree looking from Cary Street Leichhardt

INNER WEST

Image 2. View of tree noting root crown and tree root displacement of the footway, and encroachment into the gutter.

Image 2A. view of displaced and encroachment into footway be tree roots and root crown. The red arrow indicates the height of a boardwalk that would reinstate the 1.2m minimum footpath width without cutting the tree roots or root crown. The yellow box indicates the estimated area of root crown and roots that would need to be removed to reinstate the footway.

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Attachment 1

Image 4. An exudation of kino (sap) however this does not indicate anything serious and may simply be a response to a localised borer within the tree.

Image 5. Upper canopy showing previous cuts from removal of stubs assumed to be the failed limbs previously reported.

Image 6. Wounding to the trunk for apparent vehicle impacts

Manod Wickramasinghe
Acting Director Engineering

BRIEFING NOTE

To:	**All Councillors**
From:	**Peter Shields, Director Engineering**
Date:	**12 August 2025**
Subject:	**Tree Removal 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt**

Dear Councillors,

This briefing note records how Council has considered the matters raised by [redacted] in an email on 6 August 2025 and the Arborist report attached to that email regarding Eucalyptus tree at 54 Thornley Street, Leichhardt NSW, provided by Margot Blues Consulting Arborist (MB).

[redacted] email - Council recognises tree is healthy

1. *Council now recognise that the tree is healthy. An independent arborist has also formed a similar opinion. Copies of the applicable reports from Michael Tay and Margot Blues are attached.*

Council Officer Response – Council officers' assessment of 21 April 2025 noted the tree health as good; this view has not changed.

[redacted] email - Footpath

2. *The only reason on which Council now relies for removal of the tree is the footpath. Again, there is no documented evidence to say that it cannot be repaired, and independent consultants say that it can be addressed (either in its current location) or via a new path along the eastern side. If costs are an issue, let me know and I will arrange for funding to be provided.*

Council Officer Response – The displaced and non-compliant footway caused by the root crown and roots of the tree is the primary concern currently. The other matters regarding the street drainage, or potential for limb failure, are secondary matters and would be subject to future assessment based on performance over time.

The note entered by Civil within the customer request at completion of the workorder, states that they cannot repair the footway, and it needs to be ripped up.

MB Report Page 3 second paragraph.

The slight disruption to the footpath and gutter would not seem significant enough to warrant the removal of such a mature healthy tree. These issues could be managed and the tree retained. The report also provides image Fig 1 Footpath design above roots (186 Lyons Road Five Dock), and photo 6 Possible alternative design. With a line in the road pavement approx. 700mm out from the kerb.

Council Officer Response - A review of options by officers (Councillor Briefing Note 1 August 2025) showed that there is no practical option to reinstate a compliant footway without

compromising the tree. Reason being the tree root and root crown severing required to achieve a 1.2m wide footway would compromise the tree creating an imminent risk, and that ramping was not practical due to the extent of the root crown, amount of footway lift and adjacent property entrance at 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt.

Council's Public Tree Manger, Manager Traffic Engineering & Transport Planning and Engineering Services Manager reviewed the option of an inroad footpath. The outcome of the review is detailed in the following. This option would;

a) Require the inner edge of the footpath to be located out in the parking lane at one (1) meter from face of existing gutter, so that pedestrians would not hit their heads on the leaning trunk and to avoid the tree root system in the gutter.

b) The footpath would then extend a further 1.2m into the 10.5m road to achieve the minimum footpath width. This would reduce the overall road width to 8.3 meters at this point leading into the Cary Street intersection.

c) The footpath would need to transition further back along Cary Street to allow safe use by all residents, resulting in loss of the parking space at 54 Thornley Street.

d) The required tree protections zone (TPZ) as per AS4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites is a 9-meter radius based on 12 x diameter of trunk at 1.4m above ground to ensure tree health and stability.

e) The SRZ (structural root zone) calculation is not relevant as the tree has an asymmetrical root system (AS4970-2009) therefore the TPZ becomes the default SRZ.

f) Whilst not applicable, the critical SRZ calculation for this tree is a 2.93 meters radius, which encompasses the lifted and heaved asphalt area in the footway. This is an area critical to the tree's stability and extreme caution is required in this zone, this is generally considered a not go zone.

g) Allowing some reduction of the 9-meter TPZ, the excavation would need to transition back into the footway a minimum 6 meters at either side measured from the centre of the tree so that the excavation would not compromise the tree. This distance may impact the driveway of 52 Thornley Street Leichhardt.

h) There is no drainage in Thornley Street or nearby, so a pit could not be installed to manage the water that would pool inside between old and new footpath, which would be sealed at each end. Best practice is to not install surface pipes in the gutter at either end of the new foot path due to repeat failures and maintenance.

i) The footpath would require excavation of road and existing footway, this may further impact tree roots due to their tendency to develop under gutters and kerb in a linear fashion (Craul 1985, 1999) as the road pavement is heavily compacted and does not support root growth. This is further supported by the peer reviewed arboricultural literature.

j) Tree roots generally grow in the top thirty centimetres of soil with some descending roots (Perry 1982, Moore 2012) within a specific tolerance for oxygen, moisture, temperature and compaction which results in loss of pore space (Coder 2000, Craul 1985, 1999, Perry 1982). Whilst trees may have some deeper roots, they still need to

develop the typical spreading lateral root plate, which combine with any sinker roots to provide stability through cohesion with the soil (Perry 1982, Moore 2012).

k) Cost of in road build estimate @ $40,000.00

l) This option does not address the trip hazard for the resident at 54 using their entry gate located at the tree and would require closure of the existing footway as the tree roots in the footway cannot be excavated.

Conclusion – The footway in its current state poses a foreseeable risk to pedestrians, in particular the elderly or less mobile residents. Trees as living organisms have a specific set of requirements for stability and health, which cannot be ignored without consequence. There are no practical options to reinstate a compliant footway on the current alignment, and the in-road footway option is not feasible.

[redacted] **email - Footpath**

3. *As Michael Tay's report makes clear, the only evidence on which Council relies is a complaint and follow up email from a single resident (the residents at 52 and 54 Thornley Street deny it was them) and a statement from Council's works team. However, no evidence of any written statement of opinion from the works team or record of the underlying inspection was provided in answer to* [redacted] *GIPA application when it appears to have been material to Michael's recommendation.*

Council Officer Response - The note entered by the Civil team within the customer request at completion of the workorder, states that they cannot repair the footway, and it needs to be ripped up. A review of options by officers (Councillor Briefing Note 1 August 2025) showed that there are no practical options to reinstate a compliant footway without compromising the tree. The decision to remove the tree is based on Council now being aware of the footway issue, regardless of how Council became aware, with a responsibility under the Civil Liabilities Act 2002 to manage the foreseeable risk. Council cannot ignore the risk posed to pedestrians at this location.

[redacted] ***email***

4. *There is also no indication that Council has, when making its decision, considered Transport for NSW's Walking Space Guide (copy attached) which makes clear that parts of a footpath need not be 1.5m wide. As page 7 notes:*

"In hot climates people will not walk for more than 4 months of the year on footpaths that do not have near continuous shade. With temperatures increasing as the result of climate change, it is important for footpaths to have large spreading tree canopies that provide continuous shade during hot months. ***The provision of street trees and continuous shade is even more important than the spatial comfort requirements set out in this guide****. Any existing trees should be protected from damage or removal and spatial allowances made for new trees where shade is not continuous." (emphasis added).*

5. *So, ironically if the tree comes down there will be on Transport for NSW view less foot traffic than currently is the case – which I note is exceptionally limited. Foot traffic at the northern end of Thornley Street almost invariably turns right up Cary Street and then onto Marion Street/Norton Street.*

Council Officer response – The TFNSW Walking Space Guide is useful to understand the range of issues that must be considered when developing pedestrian pathways. However, there are minimum footpath widths that must be achieved to allow for pedestrian movements to occur at all, particularly for those utilising prams or mobility aids.

Council must consider these minimum widths and compliance with standards (and Disability Discrimination legislation) when assessing the need to remove street trees, rather than relying on the general commentary in the Walking Space Guide. In this instance, the minimum pedestrian footpath width of 1.2m is not maintained.

It is important that operational decisions consider Councils Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) as we aim to provide inclusive and accessible footways. The definition of disability applied in the DIAP document includes both definitions provided by the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 and the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA). We must consider inclusiveness as a part of operational decision making process. Currently the footway at 54 Thornley is not an inclusive footway.

Council's planting program provides for the installation of trees along footways subject to a set of offsets from a range infrastructure, house services, driveways, intersections and traffic elements. This results in trees spaced out along a street, which also maximises the canopy potential of each tree. The retrospective planting of trees must account for footway widths and trees need to match the available space to ensure longevity and minimise future negative interaction.

[redacted] **email**

6. *Measurements of the space between the tree and the boundary fence clearly establish that a repaired path (which we must remember will be less than c1.5m in length) would be wide enough to accommodate mobility scooters, wheelchairs and prams.*

Council Officer response – Council's measurement using a tape from the base of the tree root crown flare where it meets the asphalt to the fence was 900mm, 300mm less than the minimum 1.2m width of a standard Council footpath. In addition, the raised root crown and root system cannot be excavated and would require ramping. As previously noted, this is not practical in this circumstance due to the expanded root crown and the adjacent property access.

[redacted] **email**

7. *Contractors advised today that they can't see how the proposed replacement tree can be planted. This is because:*

   a. *It is only possible to stump grind to 400mm.*

Council Officer Response – This is correct as 400mm is the standard depth for stump grinding for Council tree works due to the location of infrastructure and services. Council will often then undertake further stump works as part of any Civil or tree planting works.

b. Stump grinding to that level will, almost certainly, be insufficient to remove enough of the stump to allow a replacement tree to be planted at the same location.

Council Officer Response – This is correct**,** Council's Civil team will then undertake further excavation to remove more of the stump and tree roots as part of their works when replacing footpath kerb and gutter. The tree will be relocated slightly away from the front gate of 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt. At this time, Council will look to options to reinstate with more underground space to help prevent future interaction between the tree roots and infrastructure.

[redacted] **email**

8. They further advised (although this has not been fact checked) that Council intend to fill in the hole left post stump grinding and then lay a footpath.

Council Officer Response – It is not clear who provided this advice, as the tree contractors are not aware of what occurs once the tree is removed and stump ground. Regardless, claim is incorrect, as this site will be prepared ready for the new 100 litre tree, which has been ordered and will be planted as part of Council's planting program, due to commence in Spring 2025.

[redacted] **email - Request for assistance**

Clearly points 7 and 8 have significant importance if the tree is healthy as per Council's findings. The community can't be put in a situation after the event where Council discover that it is not possible to plant the proposed replacement tree. I would therefore be grateful if you can make enquiries of Manod, Lindsay and Michael to obtain their views. We really need a guarantee that the proposed replacement tree can be planted before the tree gets the chop (noting that such action would be clearly contrary to the wishes of the local community.

Why doesn't Council simply repair the path using the same material at 14 Thornley Street and then re-evaluate the position in, say, 6 months' time? If the answer is "the design will impact on 54 Thornley Street", would it sensible to find out their views on the design. [redacted]

Council Officer Response – as outlined in this file note, the space between the tree and the footpath is too narrow to install a complying footpath of 1.2m without significant cutting of tree roots and root crown, which would compromise the tree, defeating the purpose. Delaying the removal for 6 months will not change the limitations that prevent remedial action. Ramping and inroad footway options are not feasible.

Council is committed to replacing the tree, which has been ordered and will be planted as part of Council's planting program due to commence in Spring 2025.

MB Report - Council's justification for removal: **Page 1** (no paragraphs provided)

• *Damage to infrastructure being asphalted footpath and rootplate extending over the kerb. Impedance of stormwater flow from the gutter.*

• *Narrowness of footpath restricting prams and mobility scooters.*

• *Branch failure (x 3) and damage sustained to a boundary front fence – public risk and hazard.*

Council Officer Response – This is not an accurate statement. Council's reason for removal is the foreseeable risk to the pedestrians due to the footway displacement, and lack of feasible options due to the tree root and root crown encroachment into the footway. The stormwater and potential for limb drop are secondary matters that do not require action at this time but are matters that must be included and considered.

The report by MB then proceeds with a basic, but standard tree assessment pages 1 and 2, which generally concurs with Council's findings by the Public Tree Coordinator Michael Tay and Public Trees Manager Lindsay Field.

MB Report - Discussion page 3 paragraph 1

The slight bend in the tree's lower trunk then righting to vertical indicates the tree has adjusted to the lean (Matheny, 1994). In the case of Eucalypts (including Corymbia) they are considered crown shy (Florence, 2004) therefore will bend away from other objects to maximise sunlight on the canopies.

Council Officer Response – The report is limited in its use and application of the key literature (such as Mattheck tree physiology and biomechanics and Shigo tree biology) which is fundamental to contemporary Arboriculture. In addition, there is no application of the Australian Standard - AS4970 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

Regardless, Trees can have a phototropic response to grow away from objects to maximise light for photosynthesis, however, a look around most CBD areas (Sydney, Melbourne) shows that only some trees will respond this way and generally when immediately adjacent to other trees or large structures.

However, in this instance there are no large structures, the house is single story and set back from the boundary, and there are no preexisting trees that could contribute to this. I cannot support the statement by MB in this instance based on the available evidence. It is more likely that the tree shifted at a younger age during a weather event and self-corrected. Regardless the root plate stability of the tree is not in question at this time and is not the reason for removal.

MB Report - Discussion page 3 paragraph 2

The slight disruption to the footpath and gutter would not seem significant enough to warrant the removal of such a mature healthy tree. These issues could be managed and the tree retained.

Council Officer Response –MB does not acknowledge the root crown intrusion into the footway in the above statement, and the limitations this place due to the reduced width between fence and tree.

MB Report – Page 3 paragraph 3 and 4

The referenced replacement tree will be a 100 litre specimen as nominated by Council – possibly a Brush Box. With this replacement species, will not the same problems arise in a few decades as this species has the potential to replicate the current (and greater) dimensions of the existing tree. Therefore, the current infrastructure issues will be replicated. There is no indication that a 100 litre tree can be planted in the available space due to inground limitations such as cables, pipes, soil volume limitations etc. Newly planted trees generally have tree guards installed during the establishment period.

Council Officer Response – The above statement appears to assume Council will not take further action to remediate the site before planting. Once the tree is removed and the initial stump ground has occurred, Council's Civil team will undertake further excavation to remove more of the stump and tree roots as part of the civil works when replacing footpath, kerb and gutter. At this time, Council will look to options to increase the underground space to help prevent future interaction between the tree roots and infrastructure, and to reduce the likelihood of the same outcome in 40 years' time.

MB Report - Risk and hazard (TRAQ) Page 2

TRAQ assessment resulted in an overall tree risk rating of LOW and an Overall residual risk rating of LOW – see attached worksheet.

Council Officer Response – The TRAQ (Tree Risk Assessment Qualification) prepared by MB has only considered tree health and structure in determining a low-risk rating. The risk assessment does not address the primary concern being the footpath displacement and narrowing near the tree. Whereas Council's assessment considered the tree and the context. Council concluded that the footway in its current state posed a High risk to the public, particular elderly and infirm pedestrians.

Councillor Requests

Noting 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.

Conclusion

There is no practical option that will keep the footway inclusive and accessable and retain the tree. Council has a responsibility to manage foreseeable risk and maintain inclusive footpaths

for all users regardless of mobility in accordance with Councils Disability Inclusion Action Plan. Currently the footway at 54 Thornley is not an inclusive footway.

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 a investigation to expand to increase space for the new tree, and
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Image 1. Tree looking from Cary Street Leichhardt

Image 2. View of tree noting root crown and tree root displacement of the footway, and encroachment into the gutter.

Image 2A. view of displaced and encroachment into footway be tree roots and root crown. The red arrow indicates the height of a boardwalk that would reinstate the 1.2m minimum footpath width without cutting the tree roots or root crown. The yellow box indicates the estimated area of root crown and roots that would need to be removed to reinstate the footway.

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Image 3. view of tree looking toward Cary Street noting expansive root crown, displaced footway and heaved asphalt due to surface roots. This creates an issue for mobility devices, less mobile or disabled pedestrians.

Image 4. An exudation of kino (sap) however this does not indicate anything serious and may simply be a response to a localised borer within the tree.

Image 5. Upper canopy showing previous cuts from removal of stubs assumed to be the failed limbs previously reported.

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Image 6. Wounding to the trunk for apparent vehicle impacts

Image 7 Location of Measurement using measuring tape

Image 8 Reading at interface with asphalt and base of root crown spread

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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 Clr 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 recission 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

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.

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

Document 2: Photograph of tree

Save The Tree

Petition to Inner West Council Councillors.

We the undersigned request Inner West Council to rescind the decision to remove the Yellow Bloodwood tree located at the corner of Thornley and Cary Streets, Leichhardt.

The petitioners consider:

- The Council's reasons for the removal are insufficient to warrant the decision; and
- The Council's concerns regarding the tree can be addressed using alternative methods.

This petition will be presented to Councillors of the Inner West Council.

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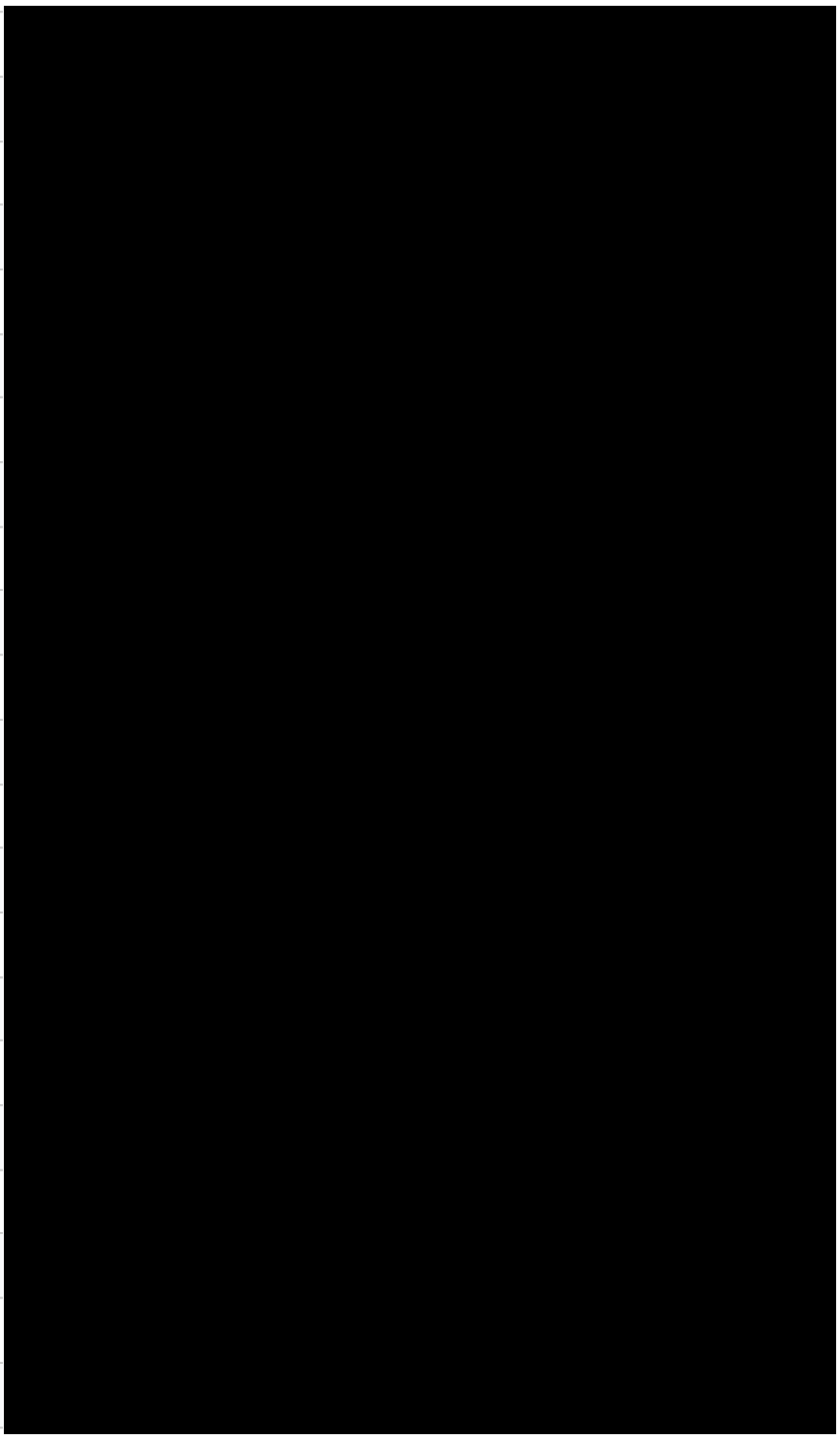

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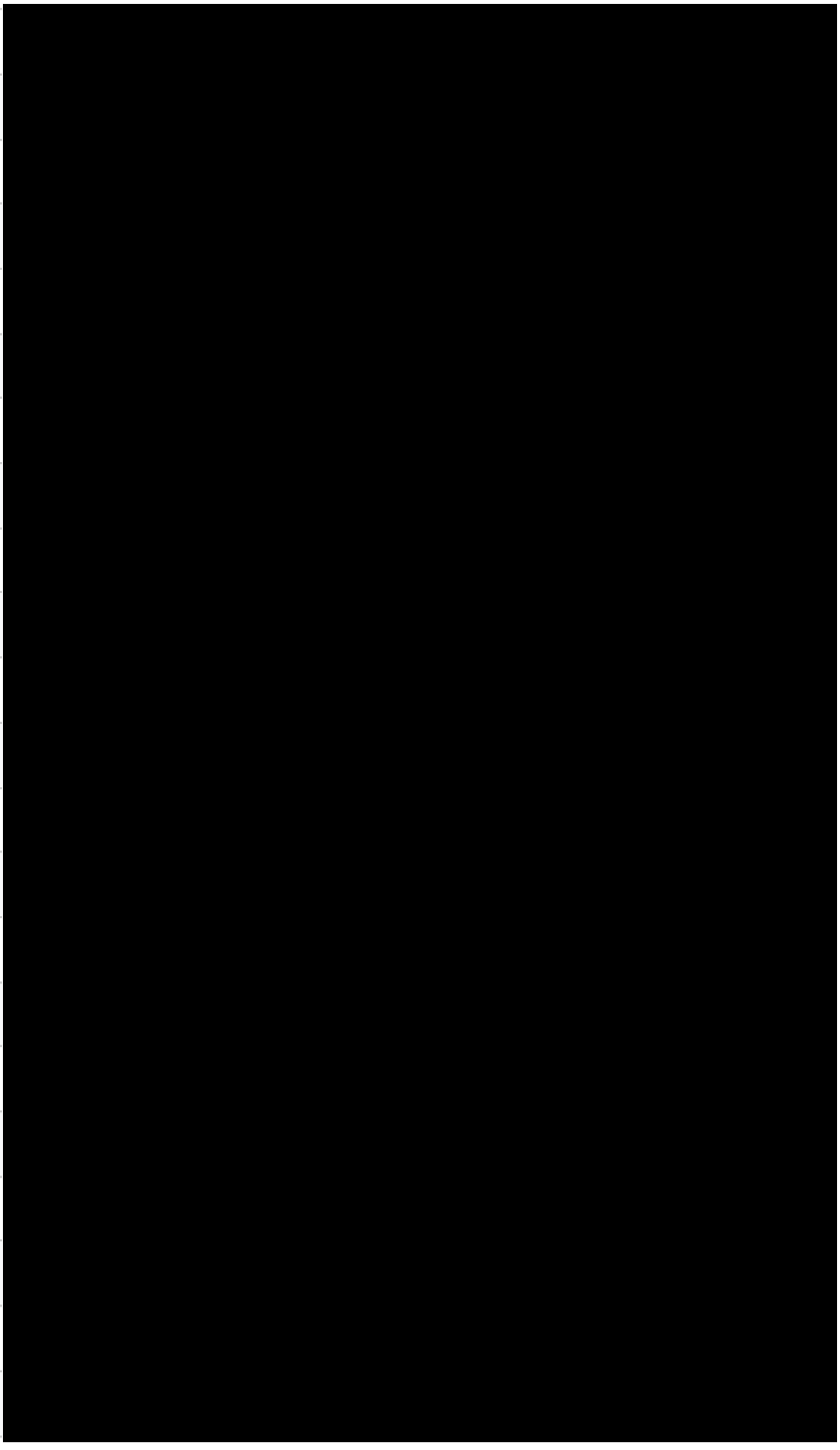

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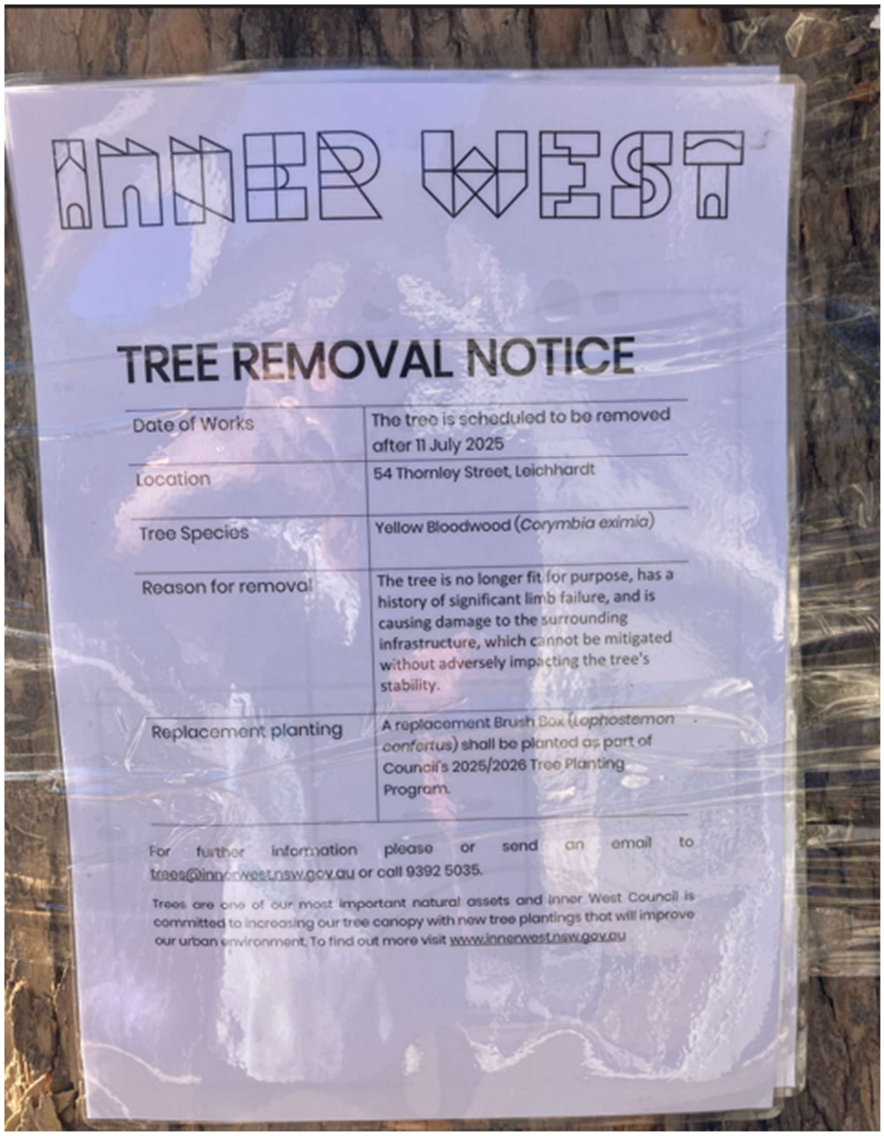

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TREE REMOVAL NOTICE

Date of Works	The tree is scheduled to be removed after 11 July 2025
Location	54 Thornley Street, Leichhardt
Tree Species	Yellow Bloodwood (*Corymbia eximia*)
Reason for removal	The tree is no longer fit for purpose, has a history of significant limb failure, and is causing damage to the surrounding infrastructure, which cannot be mitigated without adversely impacting the tree's stability.
Replacement planting	A replacement Brush Box (*Lophostemon confertus*) shall be planted as part of Council's 2025/2026 Tree Planting Program.

For further information please or send an email to trees@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or call 9392 5035.

Trees are one of our most important natural assets and Inner West Council is committed to increasing our tree canopy with new tree plantings that will improve our urban environment. To find out more visit www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au

INSPECTION REPORT - NOTIFIABLE TREE REMOVAL

To:	**Lachlan Broadbent, Senior Manager Operations**
CC:	**Manod Wickramasinghe, Acting Director Engineering**
From:	**Lindsay Field, Public Trees Manager**
Tree Officer:	**Michael Tay, Coordinator Public Trees**
Date:	**30 July 2025**
Subject:	**Notifiable Tree Removal 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt**

Dear Mr Broadbent

Summary

The following information details the inspection and reasons for the removal of the Yellow Bloodwood (*Eucalyptus eximia*) at the front of 54 Thornley St Leichhardt.

1 Background

A request was received by a nearby resident on 16 December 2024. A follow up email was received from the resident on 7 April 2025 raising further concern due to people tripping on the footway. On 22 April 2025 IWC Civil inspected and could not rectify the footway.

On 21 March 2025, I (Michael Tay) Inspected the tree and the surrounding interactions. The following details my inspection.

2 Tree assessment

Date of Inspection	21 March 2025
Name & Qualification	Michael Tay – AQF level 5
Species	Eucalyptus eximia
Location	Footway – Front of property
Height	16 metres
Diameter 1.4m above grade	0.75 metres
Size index calculation	1200
Health	Good
Structure	Fair - lean over roadside, exudation of kino (sap) at limb union.
Previous failures	Yes – Multiple, Primary branch and lower order branches.

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Property interaction roots	No visible damage to the property structures or fixtures
Infrastructure interaction roots or root crown	Yes – roots impacting footpath access (non-compliant) and roadside kerb and gutter.
TRAQ Risk Rating	High – roots causing footway trip hazards and restricting access. The tree has outgrown the planted location.
Options considered to retain tree	Isolate risk of trip, engineering solutions to widen or raise footpath, mitigate roadside impacts
Any Feasible Options	No
Useful Life Expectancy	0 Years

3 Conclusion & Recommendation

I have formed the opinion that the tree is generally healthy, the risk posed to pedestrians in the foreseeable future is unacceptable, and there are no practical remedial options to reinstate the footway to a conforming level and width.

In accordance with my delegation under the Roads Act 1993 I recommend that the tree is removed, the footway and kerb and gutter reinstated and a new tree planted.

Michael Tay
Coordinator Public trees
AQF 5 Arboriculture Tafe NSW

Reviewed
Lindsay Field
Public Trees Manager
AQF 8 Arboriculture Melbourne University

Image 1. Tree looking from Cary Street, Leichhardt

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Image 2. view of displaced and encroachment into footway be tree roots and root crown.

Image 3. view of tree looking toward Cary Street noting expansive root crown, displaced footway and heaved asphalt due to surface roots.

Image 4. An exudation of kino (sap) at limb union.

Image 5. Upper canopy showing previous cuts from removal of stubs assumed to be the failed limbs previously reported.

Image 6. Wounding to the trunk for ongoing vehicle impacts

MARGOT BLUES
CONSULTING ARBORIST

4 August 2025

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Sent by email: [redacted]

Corymbia eximia (Yellow Bloodwood) – Street Tree
Verge fronting No 54 Thornley St Leichhardt

At your request, the above street tree was assessed on Friday 1 August 2025 in the presence of yourself and two other residents. It is understood Council is proposing removal with a high number of residents dissatisfied with the decision and are seeking a comprehensive and satisfactory justification for its removal.

I have been asked to assess the tree's health and condition, suitability to the site, useful life expectancy (ULE) and possible recommendations.

Various correspondence documents have been received regarding this matter.

Council's justification for removal:

- Damage to infrastructure being asphalted footpath and rootplate extending over the kerb. Impedance of stormwater flow from the gutter.
- Narrowness of footpath restricting prams and mobility scooters.
- Branch failure (x 3) and damage sustained to a boundary front fence – public risk and hazard.

Results

The tree was visually assessed from ground level only. No destructive investigations occurred.

Review of historical imagery included Google Street view (date range 2007 – 2021) and Nearmap (Nov 2009 – May 2025). From this date range imagery, the tree has remained in good health and condition as evidenced by the high leaf ratio throughout this period.

The tree presented as a mature and healthy native species (Photos 3 & 7). No defect within the tree warranting removal was seen.

Evidence of three pruned sites noted with no decay present at these sites. The pruned sites were lower limbs towards the south and west of the main trunk (Photo 4).

The lower trunk had a slight bias lean to the N/NE then righted to 90 degrees (Photos 3, 5 6 & 7).

- Canopy balanced.
- Trunk diameter (DBH 1.4m) 750cm
- Trunk diameter (DGL) 1100cm
- Estimated tree height 16 metres
- Canopy spread 11m radial and considered balanced.
- Branch attachment and angle Good

No evidence of termite activity seen e.g. arboreal nests, mudding on the trunk or root plate area indicative of termite activity.

No evidence of root plate lifting and no evidence of pests or diseases.

Damaged footpath (Photos 1 & 2).

No evidence of damage occurring inside the front boundary fence of No 54 Thornley Street.

- ULE long (Greater than 40 years) – based on its current condition.

Historical online weather data currently commences from December 2024 to present (http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/dwo/IDCJDW2061.latest.shtml).

- The volume of foot traffic up and down the street was reportedly low.
- The planting theme along Thornley Street is generally Callistemon sp (Bottlebrush).

Proposed replacement planting as suggested by Council is a 100 litre tree (Brush Box *Lophostemon confertus).*

Risk and hazard (TRAQ)

TRAQ assessment resulted in an overall tree risk rating of **LOW** and an Overall residual risk rating of **LOW** – see attached worksheet.

Discussion

Reviewing the tree's health over that last 18 years, it would appear the tree has well survived its harsh urban environment. No sign of canopy deterioration (retrenchment[1]).

No comment can be made on the condition of the failed branches as no arboricultural assessment could be determined. The branch collars at the pruned sites appeared within normal limits and detailed weather data was not available to correlate branch failure timing with associated weather events.

In consideration, the failure of three branches only over a five and a half year interval and all similarly orientated off the main trunk would suggest that the tree has been impacted by

[1] Retrenchment: natural process during which an overtly mature tree reduces its crown and increases its girth to consolidate resources and increase longevity. (Tree Risk Assessment Manual – ISA).

adverse weather events rather than genetically defective and or affected by pest or disease. The historical imagery did not suggest that these failed branches were overextended.

The slight bend in the tree's lower trunk then righting to vertical indicates the tree has adjusted to the lean (Matheny, 1994). In the case of Eucalypts (including Corymbia) they are considered crown shy (Florence, 2004) therefore will bend away from other objects to maximise sunlight on the canopies.

The slight disruption to the footpath and gutter would not seem significant enough to warrant the removal of such a mature healthy tree. These issues could be managed and the tree retained.

The referenced replacement tree will be a 100 litre specimen as nominated by Council – possibly a Brush Box. With this replacement species, will not the same problems arise in a few decades as this species has the potential to replicate the current (and greater) dimensions of the existing tree. Therefore the current infrastructure issues will be replicated.

There is no indication that a 100 litre tree can be planted in the available space due to inground limitations such as cables, pipes, soil volume limitations etc. Newly planted trees generally have tree guards installed during the establishment period.

Conclusion

As the tree is mature, in good health and well established, its removal should be the last consideration especially from an environmental view point.

The tree has a very high retention value based on its health, condition, environmental benefits, prominence and estimated remaining ULE.

Recommendations:

- The current asphalt footpath can be repaired to remove/minimise trip hazards (Figure 1).
- Extend the footpath to pass on the eastern side of the tree, permitting prams and mobility scooters access. This would constitute the loss of one car parking space. In turn the gutter lip could be placed (extended) away from the tree's lignotuber. (At the time of inspection water pooling in the gutter was minimal and not commensurate with whole tree removal. – See Photos 5 & 6).
- Regular inspection of the tree especially after inclement weather events particularly when winds impact the tree from abnormal wind directions and/or turbulence from storms.

The footpath can be repaired as per Fig 1.

Figure 1: Footpath design above tree roots (location 186 Lyons Rd Five Dock).

I trust this information addresses the scope of works.

Margot Blues
Consulting Arborist (AQF5)
Dip. Horticulture (Arboriculture)
B.App.Sc (Horticulture)
Licenced Pest Technician
TRAQ qualified.

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Photographs

Photo 1: Current infrastructure around tree's base.

Photo 2: Raised asphalt.

Photo 3: Slight trunk bend then upright. Excellent canopy health.

Photo 4: Two of the three pruned sites.

Photo 5: Slight pooling of water. Water did not overflow onto the footpath.

Photo 6: Possible alternative design.

Photo 7: Tree in excellent health.

ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client [redacted] Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) reveal an individual's personal information. Date 1/8/2025 Time 10.30am

Address/Tree location _____ Tree no. _____ Sheet 1 of 2

Tree species Corymbia eximia dbh 750mm Height 16m approx Crown spread dia. 11 metres

Assessor(s) Margot Blues Time frame 3 years Tools used Metal tape measure

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target zone: Target within drip line	Target zone: Target within 1 x Ht.	Target zone: Target within 1.5 x Ht.	Occupancy rate (1–rare 2 – occasional 3 – frequent 4 – constant)	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
1	Parked cars	✔			3	Yes	Yes
2	Moving traffic	✔			2	No	No
3	Private dwellings	✔			4	No	No
4	Pedestrians	✔			2	No	No

Site Factors

History of failures NIL **Topography** Flat☐ Slope■ <5 % **Aspect** N/E

Site changes None ■ Grade change☐ Site clearing☐ Changed soil hydrology☐ Root cuts☐ Describe _____

Soil conditions Limited volume☐ Saturated☐ Shallow☐ Compacted☐ Pavement over roots■ 85 % Describe Footpath & roadway

Prevailing wind direction S/SW **Common weather** Strong winds☐ Ice☐ Snow☐ Heavy rain☐ Describe 30 year average

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low☐ Normal☐ High■ **Foliage** None (seasonal)☐ None (dead)☐ Normal 99.5 % Chlorotic ____ % Necrotic .5 %

Pests Nil seen **Abiotic** Slight bias trunk lean then rights to 90 degrees

Species failure profile Branches☐ Trunk☐ Roots☐ Describe Nil known

Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected☐ Partial☐ Full☐ Wind funneling☐ _____ **Relative crown size** Small☐ Medium☐ Large■

Crown density Sparse☐ Normal■ Dense☐ **Interior branches** Few☐ Normal■ Dense☐ **Vines/Mistletoe/Moss** ☐ NIL

Recent or planned change in load factors NIL seen or known

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☐ LCR 67 %

Dead twigs/branches ☐ ____% overall Max. dia. _____

Broken/Hangers Number _____ Max. dia. _____

Over-extended branches ☐

Pruning history

Crown cleaned ☐ Thinned ☐ Raised ☐

Reduced ☐ Topped ☐ Lion-tailed ☐

Flush cuts ☐ Other Maintenance pruned

Cracks ☐ _____ Lightning damage ☐

Codominant ☐ _____ Included bark ☐

Weak attachments ☐ _____ Cavity/Nest hole ____% circ.

Previous branch failures ■ x 3 Similar branches present ☐

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sapwood damage/decay ☐

Conks ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ _____

Response growth _____

Main concern(s) NIL

Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐ _____

Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐ _____

— Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Abnormal bark texture/color ☐

Codominant stems ☐ Included bark ☐ Cracks ☐

Sapwood damage/decay ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐

Lightning damage ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐

Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ. Depth _____ Poor taper ☐

Lean <5 ° Corrected? Yes

Response growth _____

Main concern(s) NIL

Load on defect N/A ■ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐

Likelihood of failure

Improbable ☐ Possible ■ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible ☐ Depth_____ Stem girdling ☐

Dead ☐ Decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐

Ooze ☐ Cavity ☐ _____% circ.

Cracks ☐ Cut/Damaged roots ■ Distance from trunk <2m

Root plate lifting ☐ Soil weakness ☐

Response growth _____

Main concern(s) NIL

Load on defect N/A ■ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐

Likelihood of failure

Improbable ☐ Possible ■ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

Risk Categorization

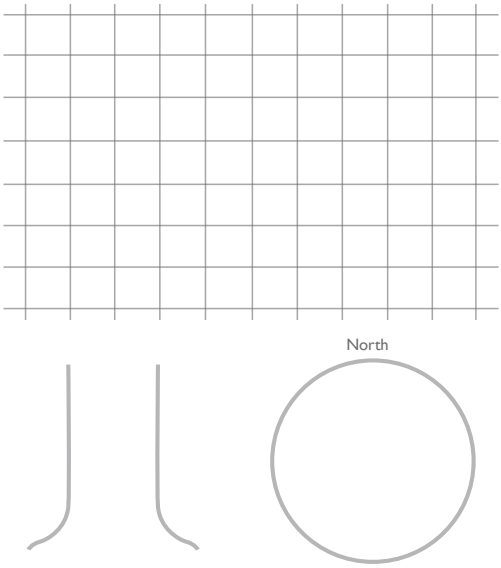
Condition number	Tree part	Conditions of concern	Part size	Fall distance	Target number	Target protection	Likelihood: Failure: Improbable	Likelihood: Failure: Possible	Likelihood: Failure: Probable	Likelihood: Failure: Imminent	Likelihood: Impact: Very low	Likelihood: Impact: Low	Likelihood: Impact: Medium	Likelihood: Impact: High	Likelihood: Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1): Unlikely	Likelihood: Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1): Somewhat	Likelihood: Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1): Likely	Likelihood: Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1): Very likely	Consequences: Negligible	Consequences: Minor	Consequences: Significant	Consequences: Severe	Risk rating of part (from Matrix 2)
1	Branches	Damage property (parked cars)	20cm	5m	1	Nil		●				●			●								Low
2	Branches	Moving traffic	20cm	5	2	NIL		●				●											Low
3	Branches	Dwellings	20	5	3	NIL		●				●								●			Low
4	Branches	Pedestrians	20	5	4	NIL		●				●			●								Low

Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impacting Target			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low



Notes, explanations, descriptions Risk posed is low. No evidence of any defect warranting whole tree removal seen. Trunk lean corrected. Wide rootplate with no evidence of any movement.

Mitigation options Tree inspection once every 12 months or more frequently particularly after inclement weather events particularly intense thunderstorms. Look for branch cracking on the upper stems due to updraft turbulence

Residual risk Low

Residual risk

Residual risk

Residual risk

Overall tree risk rating Low ■ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐

Work priority 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

Overall residual risk Low ■ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐

Recommended inspection interval ever 12 months

Data ☐Final ☐Preliminary **Advanced assessment needed** ■No ☐Yes-Type/Reason

Inspection limitations ☐None ☐Visibility ☐Access ☐Vines ■Root collar buried Describe Asphalt covering roots.

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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

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.**

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.

Item No: C0825(1) Item 45

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: ILLAWARRA ROAD BUSINESS SUPPORT

From: Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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**

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

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, LGBTIQA+, 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.**

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

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.**

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 Councill 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-Midjuburi 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.

Item No: C0825(1) Item 49

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: STEEL PARK ILLAWARRA ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

From: Deputy Mayor Mat Howard

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.**

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

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

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.**

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

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.

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

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.

Item No: C0825(1) Item 55

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: ADVANCING DISABILITY ACCESS IN COUNCIL STREET INFRASTRUCTURE

From: Councillor Jo Carlisle

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

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 31st 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.	HASSELL 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
	Total	**2,102,522**

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		

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*

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3. MCPC - 31 March 2025 meeting minutes - *Confidential*

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4. MCPC - 28 April 2025 meeting minutes - *Confidential*

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5. MCPC - 26 May 2025 meeting minutes - *Confidential*

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6. MCPC - 23 June 2025 meeting minutes - *Confidential*

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7.⇩ Major Capital Projects Committee Project Summary Report as at July 2025

Project Title	Callan Park Swim Site	1
Suburb Location	Balmain	
Ward	Balmain	

Scope of Works	New Swim Site at Callan Point within Callan Park with accessible Pathway Scope of works 1. Accesible pathway 2. Fixed jetty 3. Accessible pontoon walkway with handrails and balustrade 4 Pontoon with blaustrade to external edges and potential shower 5. Accesible ramp with handrails to 900mm depth - doubles as splash play zone 6. Play pontoon (Various sizes 3-5m dia) 7. Shark Barrier

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 4,200,000	$ 2,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,200,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*NSW Government*	$2,000,000	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	31/012/2025	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	31/01/2027

Project Title	Elkington Park Cottage Refurbishment	2
Suburb Location	Balmain	
Ward	Balmain	

Scope of Works	• Elkington Pk approved PoM - restoration and adaptive re-used of the Caretaker's Cottage as a gallery, with associated cafe, and associated amenities. • PWG agreed that a more coordinated outcome would be achieved by combing the Elkington Cottage, bandstand and park amenity block works into a single design services project. • Accessibility upgrades to the Elkington Park Rotunda. • General Elkington Pk pathway and lighting acessibilty upgrades. • Amenity upgrade on hold whilst awaiting outcome of Cottage amenity design

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 197,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 197,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Jun-26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2026

Project Title	Richard Murden Reserve Playground	3
Suburb Location	Rozelle	
Ward	Balmain	

Scope of Works	construction of a flagship inclusive playspace and renovation of the amenities building including: reuse of existing salvaged equipment, installation of new equipment, accessible bubblers, BBQ's, seating. Additional shade.

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case	*Planning*	*Scoping*	*Governance*	*Investigations*	*Design*	*Procurement*	*Contract Award*	*Construction*	*Delivery*	*Hand over*	*Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
							X					

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,290,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,290,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Monday, 30 June 2025	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	Tuesday, 5 August 2025

Project Title	Marrickville Road East – Sydenham Station to Victoria Rd	5
Suburb Location	Marrickville	
Ward	Marrickville	

Scope of Works	This project includes design of new cycleway along Marrickville Rd, from Victoria Rd to Sydenham Station. New cycleway is to be separated two way cycleway along southern side of Marrickville Rd. To accommodate the new cycleway and to retain existing street parking some changes to the existing road and footpaths are required. Therefore, construction work will include new footpaths on both sides of the road, some drainage upgrade, new kerb extensions at the affected intersections, possibly new raised shared intersection environments, new street trees, landscaping and signs and linemarking. Proposal is based on the adopted Marrickville Master Plan. The public domain improvements will provide a 'gateway' treatment and improved connectivity between Sydenham Station and the Marrickville Town Centre. The project will support Council's longer term vision for the Sydenham industrial precinct to become a creative hub for traditional industry as well as creative industries and businesses, supporting a night time economy.

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 3,475,000	$ -	$ 3,475,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	1-Jun-26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	1-Jun-26

Project Title	Cycleway Mary St/Princes Hwy to Sydenham Station	6
Suburb Location	St Peters	
Ward	Marrickville	

Scope of Works	Design and construct a separated cycleway on Burrows Avenue near Sydenham Station as well as traffic calming on Henry Street Sydenham and improved crossings at Unwin's Bridge linking with the existing L8 and L13 bike routes from the Marrickville Bicycle Strategy. The proposed route starts at Mary St/Princes Highway then follows Bakers Lane, Grove Street, Henry Street, George Street and ends at Burrows Avenue, near Sydenham Station. The design is to be integrated with the Metro Project work at Sydenham Station.

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation	Implementation		Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
					X		

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 1,361,382	$ 1,361,382	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Grant Funding provider(s)	*TfNSW & Westconnex*		*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/25	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/8/25

Project Title	GreenWay Capital Budget	7
Suburb Location	Dulwich Hill to Lewisham	
Ward	Ashfield/Stanmore	

Scope of Works	
	Greenway Local Streets: upgraded/new pedestrian and cycle crossings at Hercules Street and Ewart Street, a new shared path linking Hercules Street to Ness Avenue, new retaining wall below the Banstown rail line, and upgrades on Weston Street, Ness Avenue and Balfour Street along the GreenWay corridor in Dulwich Hill, including traffic calming measures, landscaping and raingardens. The upgrades provide necessary links between the future in-corridor works to create a continuous walking and cycling corridor through Dulwich Hill. **High Voltage relocation:** new high voltage cable feeder along the eastern side of the light rail tracks from Arlington to Dulwich Hill stations, including under track crossing north of Jack Shanahan Reserve, removal of the existing aerial feeder along the western side of the light rail tracks from Arlington to Dulwich Hill stations and relocation of existing electrical transformer at Waratah Mills Station **In-corridor southern links:** a new tunnel under Davis Street and a new boardwalk from Davis Street to Johnson Park, Upgrade of Johnson Park including an upgraded path and playground, tunnel under Constitution Road and an elevated pathway through the light rail corridor from Constitution Road to New Canterbury Road, a new path and upgraded natural areas in the light rail corridor near Hercules Street, demolition of 43 Hercules Street, and associated path lighting and artworks

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case	*Planning*	*Scoping*	*Governance*	*Investigations*	*Design*	*Procurement*	*Contract Award*	*Construction*	*Delivery*	*Hand over*	*Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
									X			

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 18,062,279	$ 11,041,961	$ 3,380,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,640,318

Grant Funding provider(s)	*TfNSW*	$ 11,041,961		$		$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Apr-25	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	Oct-25

Project Title	GreenWay Central Links Construction	8
Suburb Location	Summer Hill, Lewisham, Leichhardt	
Ward	Ashfield, Stanmore & Leichhardt	

Scope of Works	Suspended walkway under Parramatta Road and along the Hawthorne Canal A new path and upgraded natural areas in Gadigal Reserve, A new path, parklands and natural areas in the light rail corridor near Lewisham West A tunnel under Longport Street Associated path lighting and artworks A new signalised crossing at Old Canterbury Road including the closure of Weston Street

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
					X		

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 28,042,721	$ 25,498,039	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,544,682

Grant Funding provider(s)	*DPHI*	$ 23,280,000	*TfNSW*			$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Apr-25	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	Oct-25

Project Title	Mackey Park Amenities Upgrades	10
Suburb Location	Marrickville	
Ward	Marrickville	

Scope of Works	Full knockdown rebuild of the existing Amenities Building. Architectural Building room requirements: · 3x gender neutral cubicles · 2x gender neutral ambulant cubicles · 1x gender neutral accessible toilet with a change table (parents' room) · 1x club office for 4 people · 1x meeting room with a table for 12 people and a projector · 1x canteen with covered external area (min. 60sqm) · 2x change rooms with change areas, each including 1x basin,1x toilet and 1x shower (each change room), bench seating · 1x unisex accessible toilet with shower · 2x large (25sqm) storage room for the football & cricket clubs · 1x small (6sqm) storage room for line marking equipment · 1x plant room for housing services equipment (comms, electrical, etc) Sustainability Initiatives: · Install rainwater tanks connected to toilet flushes to reduce water consumption. · Implement a solar panel system to harness renewable energy. · Utilize electrical instantaneous heating for showers, gas is to be removed from all council sites. · Include a water fountain with a water bottle refill station to promote reusable water bottle use. · Ensure natural ventilation through the building design. · Incorporate skylights for natural light to reduce the reliance on artificial lighting. · Specify thermally efficient and recyclable materials in the construction to enhance sustainability.

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,477,480	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,150,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Mar-26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	Mar-26

Project Title	Mackey Park Canoe Ramp	11
Suburb Location	Marrickville	
Ward	Marrickville	

Scope of Works	· Dismantling a section of the existing seawall and recycling the sandstone blocks into a new seawall set back from the origina · New accessible path including bicycle traffic calming on the existing shared pathway · Construction of a new piled floating pontoon to allow accessible access to the water's edge. Piling and pontoons are D&(· Landscaping including tree planting. . Spoil disposal

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case	*Planning*	*Scoping*	*Governance*	*Investigations*	*Design*	*Procurement*	*Contract Award*	*Construction*	*Delivery*	*Hand over*	*Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
									X			

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 1,450,000	$ 300,000	$ 110,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,040,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*DPE*	$ 300,000.00		$		$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Nov-24	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	Nov-26

Project Title	Leichhardt Oval Masterplan	12
Suburb Location	Lilyfield	
Ward	Liylfield	

Scope of Works	Refurbishment of Leichhadt Oval based on adopted Masterplan including: 1. New northern grandstand (seating with corporate facilities underneath) 2. New and upgraded seating 3. New and upgraded female friendly players facilities *NOTE: Museum of Inner West Rugby League @ budget of $1.2 million from Masterplan costs. Note that this does not form part of this scope of services.*

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case	*Planning*	*Scoping*	*Governance*	*Investigations*	*Design*	*Procurement*	*Contract Award*	*Construction*	*Hand over*	*Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
	X		X								

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 10,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10,000,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*Federal Govt*	$20,000,000	*NSW Govt*	$10,000,000	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/02/2028	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/02/2028

Project Title	Main Street Local Placemaking	13
Suburb Location	Various	
Ward	Various	

Scope of Works	Install street furniture in pop-out areas in Marrickville, Stanmore and Petersham Public art various locations Bin wrapping Tree wrapping / fairy lights Install multi-function pole banner raising systems Upgrade Peace Reserve, Newtown Upgrade Caves Lane, Dulwich Hill Wayfinding Signage Upgrade Hancock Lane, Rozelle Upgrade Ashfield Plaza

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			x	x	x	x	

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 1,244,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,244,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$163,346	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/06/25	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/09/25

Project Title	Cardinal Freeman Village	15
Suburb Location	Ashfield / Summer Hill	
Ward	Ashfield	

Scope of Works	302010: Victoria Street, Ashfield (No.126 to 128) - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing and Bus Stop Platform Relocation Pedestrian Crossings - Victoria Street and Seaview Street Pedestrian Crossings - Seaview Street at Yeo Avenue Pedestrian Crossings - Queen Street at Seaview Street & Hillcrest Avenue Pedestrian Crossings - Queen Street at Clissold Street Pedestrian Crossings - Clissold Street and Victoria Street Pedestrian Crossings - Clissold Street at Holden Street Pedestrian Crossings - Robert Street at Holden Street Pedestrian Crossings - Victoria Street at Robert Street Pedestrian Crossings - Drynan Street at Prospect Road Pedestrian Crossings - Henson Street at Smith Street Pedestrian Crossings - Smith Street east of Henson Street

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
				X	X	X	

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 200,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$ -	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Jun-26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	Jun-26

Project Title	Petersham Town Hall Upgrade Works	16
Suburb Location	Petersham	
Ward	Damun	

Scope of Works	Renewal and Upgrade of Town Hall by Capital Works - to be drafted and confirmed with Executive • Façade mortar repairs and minor painting • Light refresh to internal rooms. • Peeling paint in main hall remediation • Fire Sprinkler Compliance • Fly Works • Structural works above stage platform • Hvac and electrical upgrades

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
		X					

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 1,715,396			$ -	$ -	$ -	

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	June 26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	June 26

Project Title	Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP)	17
Suburb Location	Various	
Ward	All Wards	

Scope of Works	This project involves implementation, over a four year period, of high priority works identified by the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) adopted by Council in November 2021. The PAMP study involve a comprehensive audit of pedestrian facilities, identification of key pedestrian routes and prioritised pedestrian safety improvements. The high priority works being delivered include: •New and upgraded kerb ramps at intersections and other crossing points. Kerb ramp improvements are typically being undertaken in association with nearby footpath renewal projects and other traffic facilities or kerb and gutter works. •Raised pedestrian crossings and other crossing improvements. These projects typically require design and community engagement prior to construction. A range of high priority PAMP raised crossings and kerb ramp works, to the value of $1 million approx. were completed in 2021/22 after completion of the PAMP audit in early 2021. $1.3m in works were completed in 2022-23. Beach Rd at Hercules St, Dulwich Hill - raised MFC A'Beckett St at Norton St, Ashfield - kerb extensions Wells Street, Newtown - raised MFC Laura St at Hawken St, Newtown - raised MFC Alberto St at Balmain Rd, Lilyfield - Kerb Extensions Tideswell St at Liverpool Rd, Ashfield - kerb extensions Ramsay St at Alt St, Ashfield - Raised MFC Alt Street, Ashfield - Raised MFC Brereton St at Sydenham Rd, Marrickville - Ped Refuge/Kerb Extension

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			x	x	x	x	

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 8,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 8,000,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2025	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2025

Project Title	Marrickville Town Hall Internal Refurbishment	18
Suburb Location	Marrickville	
Ward	Marrickville	

Scope of Works	Work scope identified: • Replacement of carpet to entry foyer - repair floorboards and skirting, treat timber, install carpet runners • Replace AC units to level 1 offices - at end of usefull life • Replace lighting above stage area - not functioning, investigate LED lighting & digital control desk for future live music venue • Acoustic investigation and upgrade of AV system - faulty, investigate projector, screen, investigate requirements for live music venue - sound control desk. • BCA/accessibility compliance upgrade works - lighting, egress, fire safety etc. • Refurbish kitchen - appliances, exhaust, flooring, waterproofing etc. • Provide 2 zone HVAC system to upstairs rooms to allow individual leasing • Reconfiguring of the partitioning on Level 1 to separate the Sydney Fringe leased area from the shared kitchenette • Painting

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
		X					

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,943,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,943,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Jun-26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2026

Project Title	Annandale Town Hall Community Centre Refurbishment	19
Suburb Location	Annandale	
Ward	Gulgadya	

Scope of Works	Town Hall and Community Centre - building condition and compliance works. Final scope to be determined in consultation with Community and Property Services following identification and definition of future use and tenants for the community centre for any future upgrade works. Will include sustainability initiatives identified by Corporate Sustainability Building remedial works and complaince works Waterproofing and external facade/painting works Roof and gutter repairs Cladding works Internal patching and painting AV equipment in community centre and Hall

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
		X					

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 1,508,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,508,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	June 25	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	June 25

Project Title	LPAC Masterplan	21
Suburb Location	Lilyfield	
Ward	Leichhardt	

Scope of Works	Stage 1 * Feasibility study and options development to improve energy efficiency at LPAC * Separation of heating plant for indoor program pool, indoor program pool hall and mushroom pool. *. Mushroom Pool modification works, new water jet play zone adjacent to mushroom pool, BBQ area, timber seating and new shade **Stage 2** * 50m external heated 8 lane Olympic size pool - including sustainable heating/energy plant (1.1 m - 1.8 m depth) * 25m external heated flexible use pool with movable floor - inc. sustainable plant (maximum 2.1 m depth) * Sun/weather shading & spectator seating * New store room life guard and first aid room * Replacement of Concourse Slab * 50 m and 25 m pool plant upgrade, and new filtration plant *. Accessibility lift to rear turfed area and accessible pathway link *. Turfing improvement at the rear Northern side of 50 m and 25 m pools

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
				x	x		

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 55,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 14,400,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 39,600,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development (IiOC0253)	$ 1,000,000	Community Energy Fund	$ 1,000,000		$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Sep-27	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	Sep-27

Project Title	Ashfield Civic Centre upgrade	23
Suburb Location	Ashfield	
Ward	Ashfield	

Scope of Works	• Replacement of HVAC plant, inclusive of water-cooled chiller, new cooling towers, chilled/hot water buffer tanks and other associated equipment. • Electrical reticulation system upgrades to allow electrification of the site, with the removal of the gas boiler. and replacement with an air-cooled heat pump for space heating and domestic hot water. • Associated structural works to the roof structure, plantroom slab, and rooftop structural platform.

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation	Implementation		Closure	
	Business Case Planning		*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
				X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 897,947	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 897,947

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/06/2024	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	31/12/2025

Project Title	Henson Park Grandstand Redevelopment - AFL PPP	25
Suburb Location	Marrickville	
Ward	Marrickville	

Scope of Works	Redevelopment and upgrade of the King George V memorial grandstand, including: Upgrade and extension of existing Grandstand and amenities to include female change facilities Construction of a new multi-purpose building including Media facilities adjecent to Grandstand

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case	*Planning*	*Scoping*	*Governance*	*Investigations*	*Design*	*Procurement*	*Contract Award*	*Construction*	*Delivery*	*Hand over*	*Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
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Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 6,500,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 6,500,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	Sep-24	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/01/2026 (Stage 2)

Project Title	Dawn Fraser Baths - Northern Pavilion Upgrade Works	26
Suburb Location	Balmain	
Ward	Balmain	

Scope of Works	Northern Pavilion • Scope amended to provide an 'ongoing maintenance' strategy. • Works to be restricted to replacement of decayed timber and ongoing inspections and operational management. Accessible Parking • Refurbishment of accessible carpark located within Fitzroy Ave Reserve. • Construction of an accessible ramp and path of travel from the carpark to the Baths entrance pavilion. Baths General • Repair of wave baffle boards brackets, bolts and anodes

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning		*Scoping Governance*		*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
					X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Grant Funding provider(s)	*A*	$	*B*	$	*C*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	October - 25	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	October 25

Project Title	Pyrmont Bridge Road (PRUAIP)	27
Suburb Location	Annandale	
Ward	Leichhardt	

Scope of Works	A new dedicated cycle path is proposed to improve cycle connections along Pyrmont Bridge Road, which will complement the Johnston's Creek connection as a more direct route from Parramatta Road through Glebe and towards Pyrmont.

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,025,924	$ 2,025,924	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Grant Funding provider(s)	DPHI	$ 907,174	TfNSW	$ 1,118,750		$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	n/a	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	tbc pending agreement with TfNSW

Project Title	Mainstreet Revitalisation Program	28
Suburb Location	Various Mainstreet Areas	
Ward	All Wards	

Scope of Works	The Main Street Revitalisation Works include the following types of work: 1) Outdoor Dining All Weather Coverage 2) Footpth Plaques 3) Street Furniture Installations - 4) Weather Protection Awnings 5) Verge Greening. 6) Larger Public Domain Upgrades - Dulwich Hill (Laneway & Loftus St Reserve) - Balmain - Loyalty Square - The Hub - Newtown - Annandale - 115 Johnston Street, Haberfield - Main Street Further scope of works incude Lighting Design Strategy and May Street, St Peters Triangle Upgrades.

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
		X	X	X	X		

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 7,500,000	$ -	$ 3,750,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,750,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	

Approved completion date (as at date of report)		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	

Project Title	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub	29
Suburb Location	Former Tempe Jets Club Building, Tempe Reserve	
Ward	Midjuburi	

Scope of Works	Construction of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub Options: Refurbish the existing clubhouse OR Demolish and build a new purpose-built facility on-site. Proposed indoor spaces: Office, health consultation room, commercial kitchen, music and art rooms, social enterprise space, multi-purpose room, women's and men's areas, parents' room, elders' area, library, computer area, WCs, storage and laundry. External areas: Accessible pathways, covered outdoor space, lawn, shade structures, multipurpose court, and smoking area.

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation	Implementation		Closure	
	Business Case Planning		*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
				X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 1,267,394	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 407,000	$ -	$ 860,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)		Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	2/2028

Project Title	EV Charging Stations	30
Suburb Location	Leichhardt Service Centre, St Peters Depot, Ashfield Service Centre, Inner West Sustainability Hub, Petersham Service Centre and Leichhardt Depot	
Ward	Various	

Scope of Works

Design and Construct contract to supply and install EV charging infrastructure at the following locations

Location	Charging point type	Proposed number of charging points	No. of vehicles (existing and planned) daytime and overnight
Leichardt Service Centre	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	14	14 overnight with possibly of up to 5-10 during daytime
	Level 3 charging, up to 50kW DC*	1-2 (max. 50kW)	Anytime
St Peters Depot	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	10	5-10 vehicles overnight and/or possibly during daytime (discuss this number).
Ashfield Service Centre	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	5	To be advised
Inner West Sustainability Hub	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	3-4 (including one accessible charge point)	During opening hours only
Petersham Service Centre	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	4	1-2 overnight with possibly 5-15 during daytime
Leichhardt Depot	Level 2 charging, 7 - 22kW AC	1 should be 2 charge point	Possibly 1 overnight and 2-5 during daytime

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
					X		

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 740,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/06/2025	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/09/2025

Project Title	Steel Park Sportsfield upgrade	31
Suburb Location	Marrickville	
Ward	Marrickville	

Scope of Works	Sportsfield renewal and lighting upgrade, as per Sporting Ground Strategy C1222(1) Item 17 6th Dec 2022 Playing surface regrading, new sub-surface drainage, irrigation upgrade, new turf species and sports lighting upgrade.

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation		Closure	
	Business Case Planning		*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
				X				

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,250,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	28/03/2026	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	28/03/2026

Project Title	Yeo Park Inclusive Playground	32
Suburb Location	Summer Hill	
Ward	Ashfield	

Scope of Works	construction of a flagship inclusive playspace and renovation of the amenities building including: reuse of existing salvaged equipment, installation of new equipment, accessible bubblers, BBQ's, seating. Additional shade.

Current project phase	Start-Up		Initiation		Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case	*Planning*	*Scoping*	*Governance*	*Investigations*	*Design*	*Procurement*	*Contract Award*	*Construction*	*Delivery*	*Hand over*	*Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
					X							

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2026	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/2026

Project Title	Lilyfield Road Cycleway	33
Suburb Location	Balmain	
Ward	Balmain	

Scope of Works	Design and build a regional cycleway from Iron Cove to Anzac Bridge, Rozelle along Lilyfield Road. The regional cycleway was identified in the Inner Sydney Regional Bike Plan and former Leichhardt Council's 2016 Bike Plan as a route to be upgraded to a separated two-way cycleway. The project is fully funded by the NSW Government and aims to increase safety for bike riders, pedestrians and motorists. The route extends from Canal Road to Victoria Rd and is approximately 2.7km long. The scope also includes includes the construction of two raised pedestrian crossings.

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
			X	X	X		

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
	$ 2,398,000	$ 378,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,020,000

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/26	Forecast completion date (as at date of report)	30/6/26

Project Title	Robyn Webster Indoor Sports Centre	34
Suburb Location	Holbeach Avenue, Tempe Reserve	
Ward	Midjuburi	

Scope of Works

3 December 2024 Council Notice of Motion. Scope of works to be determined following discussions with the family of Robyn Webster and the on-site engagement with regular and potential hirers and the Tempe community.

C1224(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: The Robyn Webster Indoor Sports Centre

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council commence work to undertake a significant upgrade of the Robyn Webster Indoor Sports Centre, Tempe, with the objective of construction work commencing within this term of Council.
2. That Council thanks staff for their work to repair and upgrade flooring and insulation and undertake other works in 2023.
3. That Council note the Robyn Webster Sports Centre is one of the only large-scale indoor sports centres in the Inner West and is being used more and by a broader selection of sports and other users.
4. That Council in the first quarter of 2025:
   a) host a roundtable of regular hirers of the Sports Centre and outdoor courts, as well as potential future hirers, to determine the specific needs of local sports clubs and opportunities for upgrades;
   b) write to all residents of Tempe inviting them to a public meeting, to be held at the Sports Centre, to determine community needs and opportunities for upgrades; and
   c) hold a meeting between the Director for Infrastructure and the family of Robyn Webster to seek their feedback and input, if desired.
5. That Council commence the process of seeking grant and other funding from State and Federal governments to upgrade the Centre.
6. That Council add the upgrade of the Robyn Webster Indoor Sports Centre to the regular reporting to the Major Projects Committee.

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

Current project phase	Start-Up	Initiation	Implementation			Closure	
	Business Case Planning	*Scoping Governance*	*Investigations Design*	*Procurement Contract Award*	*Construction Delivery*	*Hand over Post-Project*	*Defects Liability*
	X						

Approved Budget (as at date of report)	Total	Grant	S94/VPA	Stormwater	SRV	VPA	DCR/Working Funds
		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Grant Funding provider(s)	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$	*N/A*	$

Approved completion date (as at date of report)		Forecast completion date	To be confirmed

Item No: **C0825(1) Item 62**

Subject: **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HUBS**

Prepared By: Adele Pittaway - Community Wellbeing Manager

Authorised By: Ruth Callaghan - Director Community

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.

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**

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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**

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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 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.