

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 12 May 2020  
**Location:** Online Audio Visual Meeting  
**Time:** 6.00pm

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**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2020**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager  
**File No.:** CLM/20/1/2/2 - BP20/356

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a motion or discussion with respect to such minutes shall not be in order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 3/20, held on 14 April 2020, be confirmed.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Works and Community Committee  
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 3/20**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 14 April 2020  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 6.00pm

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Pedersen (Chairperson), Clifton, Gordon, Kim and Purcell.

Note: Councillors Gordon and Purcell were in attendance at the meeting remotely via audio link (phone conference).

**Apologies:** Councillor Zhou.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Transport, Manager – Environment, Team Leader – Community Services, Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

Note: Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Transport, Manager – Environment, Team Leader – Community Services and Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator were in attendance at the meeting remotely via audio link (phone conference).

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 3 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 1, for the reason that he knows a Korean Association which applied for a community grant but is not a member.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 3 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 1, for the reason that she has until recently sat on the board with a member of the board at CASS.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following persons made a written submission to the Committee:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Jo Spangaro	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
John Boyle	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
Dr Hope Ashiabor	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
Pamela Reeves (representing Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group)	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
Honorary Professor Graham Town	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2020**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 2/20, held on 10 March 2020, be confirmed.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

**2 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

That the Committee adopt Item 5 on the Agenda as per the recommendation in the report.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**5 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET FOR THE CITY OF RYDE**

Note: Written Submissions from Jo Spangaro, John Boyle, Dr Hope Ashiabor, Pamela Reeves (representing the Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group) and Honorary Professor Graham Town were tabled in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

- (a) That Council endorses the *Solar Power and the City of Ryde Report* presented to Renewable Energy Advisory Committee on 13 March 2019 as provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** and the *Renewable Energy Target Pathways Analysis Report* as provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.
- (b) That Council adopts a 100% Renewable Energy Target (RET) for all of Council's electricity using assets by 30 June 2030.
- (c) That Council adopts the Resource Efficiency Targets as detailed in Appendix A of **ATTACHMENT 2 Renewable Energy Target Pathways Analysis Report** as dated 18 February 2020.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

**3 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM- ALLOCATION OF FUNDING 2020, ROUND 1**

Note: Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows a Korean Association which applied for a community grant but is not a member.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has until recently sat on the board with a member of the board at CASS.

Note: Councillor Kim requested that an increase of further \$2,500 funding (total of \$5,000) be given to both the Korean Harmony Culture Group and CASS.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Kim)

- (a) That Council endorse funding to the following organisations in Round 1 of the 2020 Community Grants as follows:

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Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP04	Message Community Church Inc. (Australian Korean Theatre Company)	Musical- You are Special	\$5,000	\$5,000	Production of musical "You are special"- in Korean language	
CP05	Ample Abilities Inc.	Badminton for people with Disabilities	\$4,800	\$3,800	Weekly badminton game for people with disabilities facilitated by volunteers	Travel allowance for volunteers is an operational cost and not eligible.
CP07	SydneySiders Express Incorporated	Harmony Chorus 2021 Open Night-membership drive	\$4,330	\$3000	Open night followed by a five week "Learn to sing in Harmony" course	Venue hire not eligible. Advertising costs reduced, disproportionate to overall grant.
CP08	The Shepherd Centre	Ready Set Go: A school readiness program for children with hearing impairments	\$5,000	\$5,000	Children's group + parent's group to prepare deaf children for transition to mainstream school	
CP14	Community Migrant Resource Centre	Parenting between Cultures	\$5,000	\$5,000	8 week program aimed at parents and carers from a non- English speaking background.	
CP15	Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Climbing playset for children with a disability	\$5,000	\$5,000	Support the gross motor development of younger clients with a range of adjustable play equipment	Transferred to Facilities and Equipment category
EM01	Diversity and Disability Alliance	Community of Peers West Ryde	\$4,740	\$4,740	A peer support program to share experiences and reduce social isolation for people with a disability	
EM02	Uyghur Cultural Group	Uyghur Cultural Group	\$5,000	\$5,000	Opportunity for parents in the Uyghur community to build connections and access support	
EM04	Relationships and Emotional Advancement Community Hub Ltd. (REACH)	Relationships and community advancement hub	\$5,000	\$5,000	Inaugural multi-lingual awareness event (conducted in English and Chinese) for families affected by autism spectrum disorder/ neurodiversity	
EM05	The Probus Club of Gladesville and District	Travel assistance for seniors	\$2,000	\$2,000	Four outings per year	Transferred to seniors category
Ev01	Korean Harmony Culture Group	Korean seniors performance and karaoke competition	\$2,500	\$2,500	An event for Korean seniors including performances, lunch and singing competition	

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Ev02	Riverside Business Chamber	Putney Village Street Festival	\$7,500	\$7,500	A street festival showcasing businesses in Putney. Includes stalls, music and children's activities	
Ev03	Good Friends INC.	Memory of July	\$2,496	\$2,496	Memory in July music concert-choir, hand bells, string ensemble and dancing	
Ev06	FoodFaith Ltd.	Ryde B & B Highway Launch	\$4,016	\$2,500	Launch of pollinator-friendly gardens including workshops for children from 12 local schools	Events under 1000 attendees eligible for up to \$2,500 funding
Ev07	CASS	Korean Parents Day Celebration for Seniors	\$2,500	\$2,500	Korean performances, lunch and signing competition to celebrate Parents Day	
Ev10	Christmas Carols West Ryde	Christmas Carols West Ryde	\$7,500	\$5,000	Christmas carols in West Ryde involving local businesses, community groups and churches	Events 1001-5000 attendees eligible for up to \$5,000 funding
Ev12	Rotary Club of Macquarie Park	Rotary Carols on the Common	\$7,500	\$7,500	Carols by Candlelight on the Common- Coordinated by volunteers, involving local community groups	
Ev14	Melrose Park Football Club	Street Football World Cup Intercultural Community Festival	\$5,000	\$5,000	A one-day community engagement event- Street Football World Cup Tournament and intercultural festival at Meadowbank Park	
Ev21	Ryde Indian Association	Diwali Fair- City of Ryde	\$7,500	\$5,000	Diwali- Festival of Lights is a community event at North Ryde Common	Events 1001-5000 attendees eligible for up to \$5,000 funding
FE02	1 <sup>st</sup> Meadowbank Scout Group	Improve concrete driveway	\$5,000	\$5,000	Improve concrete driveway at rear of building	
FE05	1 <sup>st</sup> North Ryde Scout Group	Repair uneven path	\$5,000	\$5,000	Concrete/ repair uneven path	
FE06	1 <sup>st</sup> Putney Scout Group	Repairs to Scout building	\$5,000	\$5,000	Fence repair, electrical work, replace vinyl floor, replace kitchen and paint garage	
FE07	Ryde District Historical Society	Scanning equipment to assist with archiving	\$4,458	\$4,458	Purchase of scanning equipment to assist with archiving historical records of ethnic communities in Ryde	

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Gen01	Australian Korean Art Therapy Association	Parenting program with art therapy	\$4,875	\$3,500	8 week parenting program, art therapy- for parents, children and grandparents	Reduced funding for catering, as this cannot be a main component of the grant
Gen02	Stryder Incorporated	Safe driver training	\$5,000	\$5,000	Individual and group driver training sessions for Stryder's volunteers and team	
Sen01	Probus Club of Putney-Tennyson	Social events for seniors	\$2,000	\$2,000	Christmas in July, seafood BBQ, bus trip and Christmas lunch for seniors	
Sen02	Ryde Ladies Probus	Monthly social outings	\$2,000	\$2,000	Subsidise coach hire for monthly seniors social outings	
Sen03	Italian Women's Group Marsfield	Promote health initiatives	\$2,000	\$2,000	Social and support group for older Italian women	
SI01	Resolution Community Services	Our Community Table	\$10,000	\$2,500	Partnership project between social housing tenants and Afghan Women's social enterprise- providing regular lunches	Up to \$2,500 (matched funding) is available for this category
SI05	AASHA Australia Foundation	Everyone Deserves Respect- Seniors Rights Forum	\$5,000	\$4,700	Forums for seniors in the Indian community- focusing on seniors rights, health & social activities	Ongoing venue hire not eligible.
SS01	The Northern Centre	Dads & Bubs Saturday Supported Playgroup	\$10,000	\$10,000	8 week dads & bubs supported playgroup	
SS03	Link Housing	Let's Get Social 2	\$7,780	\$7,780	Engagement program for residents of 4 social housing complexes (social, physical, recreational and creative activities)	
SS07	Learning Links	Take Action- supporting children with anxiety in City of Ryde	\$7,475	\$7,475	A cognitive therapy based program for children 4-7 years and 8-12 years old to address anxiety.	
SS08	Christian Community Aid Services	Community Store- Community Safety Net	\$10,000	\$2,000	Expansion of Community Store program- providing food, clothing, books etc. to financially disadvantaged people. Includes a research project on factors contributing to disadvantage.	Approve research project only. Community store has been funded in Round 2, 2019 and cannot be to be funded again this year.
SS10	StreetWork Australia Ltd.	KickStart Mentoring Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	Mentoring program for at-risk young people	



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SS12	CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay	Practical support for women and children leaving domestic violence	\$10,000	\$10,000	Practical assistance for women and children in Ryde leaving domestic violence situations (incl. food, travel, clothing)	
SS14	Rotary Club of North Ryde	Seniors Christmas Lunch	\$2,500	\$2,500	Fully catered Christmas lunch to approximately 70 frail aged elderly clients of North Ryde Community Aid	Transferred to event category
SpR02	Central Eastwood Rugby Football Club	Cultural Diversity	\$3,500	\$3,500	Promotion of rugby to increase number of players from Chinese and Korean communities	
SpR04	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	Net Set Go	\$3,500	\$3,500	Students from local schools aged 6-10 years to participate in Net Set Go 4-6 week introduction to netball skills	
SpR05	Inner West Harbour Cricket Association	IWHCA- Ryde Master Blaster Centre	\$2,960	\$2,960	Facilitate an entry level cricket program aimed at children aged 7-10 years of age over 16 weeks	
SpR06	Macquarie Combines Sports Club Inc.	Specialist coaching, over 40 age group, coach education injury risk management	\$3,500	\$3,500	Specialist support and advice to teach over 40's coaches on minimizing injury risk to grassroots players	
SpR07	Australian Asian Association of Bennelong Inc.	AAAB Harmony Project	\$3,500	\$2,500	Part A: Multicultural soccer tournament to promote multicultural friendship  Part B: Harmony concert and cooking competition	Transferred to event category. Eligible for up to \$2,500 funding

- (b) That funding of \$136,093.30 is available from within the Community and Ranger Services budget to partially fund the recommended applications totaling \$190,409. Allocate the remaining funding of \$54,315.70 from the community grants reserve.

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(c) That Council does not endorse the following applications:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP06	Courage to Care	Courage to Care Social Harmony Exhibition (2020)	\$5,000	\$0	6 week exhibition (open to the public) at the Whitlam Institute-promoting social harmony	Out of area and not primarily benefiting people in Ryde.
Ev05	Eastwood Tamil Study Centre Inc.	Annual Cultural Event-Kalai Vizha	\$7,500	\$0	Annual cultural Tamil event including dancing, acting, singing and other multicultural activities	Out of area and does not meet eligibility criteria
Ev20	City of Ryde Art Society	60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition	\$5,000	\$0	City of Ryde Art Society hosting 60 <sup>th</sup> annual art awards.	Applied for funding for cash prizes. No evidence of how this meets the objectives of the event category
SS02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	Continuing of Cancer Care Nursing Home Entertainment	\$10,000	\$0	Weekly beach walks for cancer patients and Korean performances in nursing homes. First aid training for volunteers.	Commonwealth and Health Services in the area are funded to provide culturally specific meals and social support. The grant application does not provide any evidence of partnerships with these existing services and is likely to be a duplication of service.
SS13	Ryde Secondary College Parents and Citizens Association	Student Scholarships 2020	\$10,000	\$0	Scholarships for socio-economically disadvantaged families attending Ryde Secondary College	Scholarships are not eligible under the grants program.

(d) That the successful and unsuccessful grant applicants be informed in writing of the outcomes of their applications.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

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**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Pedersen

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **28 APRIL 2020** as dissenting votes were recorded and it is outside the Committee's delegations.

**4 DRAFT ART COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

- (a) That Council place the draft Art Collection Management Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) That should no objections be received during the public exhibition period Council adopt the policy.
- (c) That should any substantive submissions/feedback be made objecting to the policy during the public exhibition period, a further report be prepared for Council's consideration.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

**5 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET FOR THE CITY OF RYDE**

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**6 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS AT THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2020.**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Kim and Purcell)

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations:

**A. 92 HERRING ROAD, MARSFIELD – Extension of Median Island**

- Extension of the median island on the southbound approach to the Herring Road/Dora Street roundabout by 8.5m. All works to be undertaken by the developer at no cost to Council.

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**B. 459 & 461-495 VICTORIA ROAD, GLADESVILLE – Signage and Line Marking Plans**

- Endorsement of the signage and line marking plans for 459 & 461-495 Victoria Road, Gladesville, with all costs associated with the implementation of the works to be borne by the developer.

**C. ETHEL STREET AND MAY STREET, EASTWOOD – Temporary Parking Restrictions**

- Conversion of all unrestricted parking spaces along Ethel Street, Eastwood to *2P 8am-6pm Mon-Sun* for the duration of the closure of Rowe Street car park.
- Conversion of 19 unrestricted parking spaces along the eastern side of May Street, Eastwood to *2P 8am-6pm Mon-Sun* for the duration of the closure of Rowe Street car park.

**D. WINBOURNE STREET, WEST RYDE - Parking Restrictions**

- Conversion of the unrestricted parking zone along the frontage of 11 Winbourne Street, West Ryde to *1/4P 8am-9.30am & 2.30pm-6pm Mon-Fri*.

**E. BUFFALO ROAD, GLADESVILLE – Disabled Parking**

- Installation of a 7.8m long dedicated disabled parking space on Buffalo Road immediately south of the driveway serving 36 Monash Road, Gladesville.

**F. KULGOA AVENUE AND PRICE STREET, RYDE – Intersection Upgrade**

- Installation of *Give Way* signage and delineation on Price Street at Kulgoa Avenue, with the existing double barrier (BB) lines on Price Street remarked and augmented with raised reflective pavement markers (RRPMs).

**G. ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE – Report Be Noted**

- That the report be noted.

**H. HERMITAGE ROAD AND GOODWIN STREET, WEST RYDE - Statutory No Stopping**

- Installation of statutory *No Stopping* signage at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Goodwin Street, West Ryde.

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**I. HERMITAGE ROAD AND GOODWIN STREET, WEST RYDE - Line Marking**

- Installation of double barrier lines (BB lines) at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Goodwin Street, West Ryde.

**J. 3A-8 RAILWAY ROAD, MEADOWBANK – Formalise Existing Bus Stop**

- Installation of *Bus Zone 11pm to 6am* signage along the frontage of 3A – 8 Railway Road, Meadowbank.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY 2020.

Chairperson

**2 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/20/1/2/2 - BP20/357

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Committee can determine those matters on the Agenda that can be adopted without the need for any discussion.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee determine the Items on the Agenda that will be adopted without any debate.

OR

That the Committee determine all Items on the Agenda.

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### 3 DOG RECREATION NEEDS STUDY 2020

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator - Park Planning  
**File No.:** GRP/20/20 - BP20/340

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#### REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides Councillors with the draft 'City of Ryde Dog Recreation Needs Study' which is provided in **ATTACHMENT 1 – Dog Recreation Needs Study – May 2020 (CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**. This Study is supported by **ATTACHMENT 2 – Dog Recreation Needs Study – Technical Report (CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**.

The City of Ryde currently has 13 off-leash facilities, most of which date from the 2010 *Study on the Provision of Recreation Areas for Dogs in the City of Ryde* and the subsequent 2010-11 trialling of proposed sites.

The draft City of Ryde Dog Recreation Needs Study updates the 2010 Study and provides recommendations in accordance with current 'best practice' in the provision of dog exercise areas and the needs of a population that has changes since when the initial Study was undertaken nearly 10 years ago.

The review found that:

- The on-going provision of dog off-leash facilities is justified by the demonstrated social and health benefits associated with well-designed and located facilities,
- The City of Ryde has a relatively low provision of off-leash facilities compared to most North District Councils,
- The main provision gaps are in Marsfield, Macquarie Park, Putney and parts of Eastwood, Meadowbank and East Ryde,
- Community and stakeholder consultations confirmed the importance of dog off-leash areas in the community, and
- The consultations also identified strong support (84% of respondents) for additional off-leash areas and strong support (77% of respondents) for off-leash areas with access to recreational water.

Based on the study findings, new site selection criteria were identified as the basis for determining the need for new off-leash sites (and where they should be located) and enhancement opportunities for existing facilities.

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Through application of these criteria – and detailed consideration of the health and environmental impacts of access to recreational waterways - a new dog off-leash areas plan has been developed and is documented in the attached report. It addresses both the community demand and need for new off-leash facilities and priority improvement options for existing facilities.

The study concluded that there is a substantial case for trialing an additional six (6) off-leash areas within the City, including two (2) with access to the Parramatta River foreshore. The parks with proposed for trial areas are, a portion of;

- Moore Park, Eastwood
- Waterloo Park, Marsfield
- Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park
- Monash Park, Gladesville

The proposed trial sites with access to water are;

- Kissing Point Park, near Delange Rd,
- Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank.

These trials would commence following the lifting of State Government Restriction on the use of public open space and be undertaken for a period of 6 months. The timing of this is unknown, however is likely to be towards the end of 2020. A further report would come back to Council following the 6 month trial, providing the outcomes and recommendations how these area should be managed on an ongoing basis.

With the addition of a trial Dog Off Leash site at Monash Park and the construction of a fenced dog off leash area at Ryde Park, there is the opportunity to consider the need for a facility at Olympic Park. That area of the city is well serviced for dog recreation areas and during the project to fully enclose Olympic Park community opposition was encountered due to concerns of parking in the area. As such this report recommends that during the upcoming consultation for the Olympic Park Master Plan, feedback from residents be sought on the future use of the area as a dog recreation site.

In accordance with Council's resolution (2/19) of 26 February 2019, Council officers sought advice on the health impacts of locating off-leash areas near waterways. Advice has subsequently been received from NSW Health and the Parramatta River Catchment Group/Sydney Water. Two Sydney Councils with relevant experience in the planning, design and management of off-leash areas adjacent to recreational waterways were also contacted to obtain their advice.



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The responses provided by these agencies confirm that, while there is the potential for microbial pollution from dog exercise areas located near the foreshore, this can be substantially reduced or eliminated via good planning and design, education and regulation.

The evidence also supports the fact that the major sources of faecal contamination are diffuse, and after heavy rains, rather than from point sources such as dog off-leash areas.

Additionally Council officers sought advice from the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) and two Councils with relevant experience in the planning of shorebird protection in conjunction with dog off-leash area planning.

Based on the advice provided, the proposed dog off-leash areas along the Parramatta River foreshore have been selected with a desktop consideration of the potential impact on the shorebirds habitat. However, prior to proceeding with the trial, an assessment of potential impacts on shorebird habitat by a qualified avifauna consultant, will be undertaken.

As is being demonstrated in the Brisbane River Marine Park project, it is possible to combine off-leash dog access to waterways with the protection of shorebird habitats through appropriate planning (site selection and access zoning), regulation, education and compliance. This is demonstrated as possible to successfully implement in the Sydney Region at Rose Bay Beach and Bayview Rowland Park/Beach, as detailed in the attached report.

In recent correspondence to Council, the Co-ordinator of PRCG for Canada Bay, Nell Graham, endorsed this approach with respect to Kissing Point Park and the threatened Bar-tailed Godwit, as follows:

*“It is my understanding the Kissing Point is also going to be activated for more recreational activities such as kayaking. If so it will increase the amount of people also attending Kissing Point and therefore reduce the likelihood of it being a suitable spot for the Bar-tailed Godwit. I think a trial would be a good approach with educational signage about shorebirds and sandy mudflats”.*

With respect to existing dog recreation facilities within the LGA, the study concluded that priority infrastructure improvement works for some existing off-leash facilities were required. Funding for this purpose will be identified through Council’s process for finalising future Delivery Plans.

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In conclusion the study's recommendations for additional and improved facilities have the potential to enhance Council's dog off-leash service in multiple ways, including:

- Improved distribution and accessibility of facilities,
- Enhanced diversity of opportunity,
- More efficient use of space, and
- Higher quality experiences for dogs and their owners.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the draft "Dog Recreation Needs Study" be endorsed and Council implement the proposed trial sites for 6 months, as outlined in this report.
- (b) That a report be brought back to Council at the completion of the 6 month trial outlining the community feedback received.
- (c) That Council proceed with the staged improvement of existing off-leash areas in accordance with the core projects identified in the attached report as funding is identified through the development of Council's Delivery Plans.
- (d) That the future operation of the Olympic Park off-leash area be reviewed as part of the RALC Masterplan community engagement.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Dog Recreations Needs Study - May 2020 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2 Dog Recreations Needs Study - Technical Report May 2020 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

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Report Approved By:

**Simon James**  
**Manager - Parks**

**Wayne Rylands**  
**Director - City Works**

### ITEM 3 (continued)

#### Background

In early 2010, Council officers undertook a *Study on the Provision of Recreation Areas for Dogs in the City of Ryde*. At the time, the City had two designated dog off-leash areas – at Blenheim and Meadowbank Parks.

The report on the study was completed in July 2010. It identified a shortfall in the provision of dog exercise facilities and recommended 20 additional locations (comprising 7 enclosed free running areas, 4 unenclosed free running areas, 6 shared sports field facilities, 2 dog walking trails and 1 dog water hole).

At its meeting of 20 July 2010, Council considered the report and resolved to undertake a trial of the recommended dog exercise areas. On the basis of the trial outcomes, Council resolved, at its meeting of 14 June 2011, to confirm 10 of the recommended facilities, as follows:

- A further three enclosed off-leash areas (ELS Hall Park, Denistone Park and Olympic Park)
- Three free running off-leash areas (North Ryde Common, Kotara Park and Santa Rosa Park)
- Four shared-use sportsgrounds (Peel Park, Brush Farm Park, Darvall Park, Pidding Park)

Council also resolved to prohibit any further off-leash access to seven of the trial parks due to low community support (Carara Reserve, Fontenoy Park), potential natural area impacts (Waterloo Park, Santa Rosa Park and Forrester Park), user conflicts (Putney Park) and low need due to nearby alternate off-leash area (Cudal Reserve).

In the 8 years since the additional off-leash areas were established, one additional off-leash area has been established (at Ryde Park).

In recognition of changes that have occurred since 2010, Council resolved (12/18, 25 September 2018):

- *That Council acknowledges the increasing amount of dog owners in the Ryde LGA;*
- *That a review of the dog off-leash areas be undertaken by reviewing the City of Ryde Dog Recreation Needs Strategy in 2019-20 and the project be included in the draft 2019-23 Delivery Plan*

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- *That as part of the review, community consultation to be undertaken in respect to all parks becoming a dog off-leash area when not used for organised sport, in particular Monash Park.*

Subsequently, at its 26 February 2019 Meeting, the following Motion was put to Council:

- *That the General Manager ask staff to include in the future Dog Recreation Needs Study, scheduled to be undertaken in 2019/2020, an analysis of the need and appropriate sites for a dog exercise area that has access to water.*
- *That Kissing Point Park and other City of Ryde Parks along the Parramatta River be considered as a possible site for this area during the preparation of the Study.*

The Motion was Amended with Council resolving (2/19, 26 February 2019) as follows:

*That this Motion be deferred pending advice from NSW Health, Sydney Water, Office of Environment and Heritage, Greater Sydney Commission and discussion by the Parramatta River Catchment Group on the health implications of a dog park being built metres from a potential swim site.*

**The Purpose of the Dog Recreation Needs Study**

In accordance with Council's resolutions, the purpose of this project is to review and update the *Study on the Provision of Recreation Areas for Dogs in the City of Ryde* in accordance with current 'best practice' in the provision of dog exercise areas and the needs of a population that is now much larger than when the initial Study was undertaken 8 years ago.

**Study Methods and Approach**

The study encompassed the following elements:

- Dog ownership patterns and trends – nationally and locally
- Types and benefits of dog off-leash facilities
- Existing dog off-leash facilities in the City of Ryde
- Benchmarking against Sydney North District Councils
- Evaluation of Council's existing dog recreation area strategy
- Stakeholder and community engagement

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- Best practice in dog off-leash area planning, design and management
- Identification of key issues and service gaps

**Off-leash Service Gaps**

While off-leash areas are fairly well distributed across the City, there are some provision disparities in terms of households and dogs per off-leash area.

A 'walkability' assessment of Council's existing 13 off-leash areas was undertaken to identify areas of the City that are currently being well serviced by the facilities and those areas that are not.

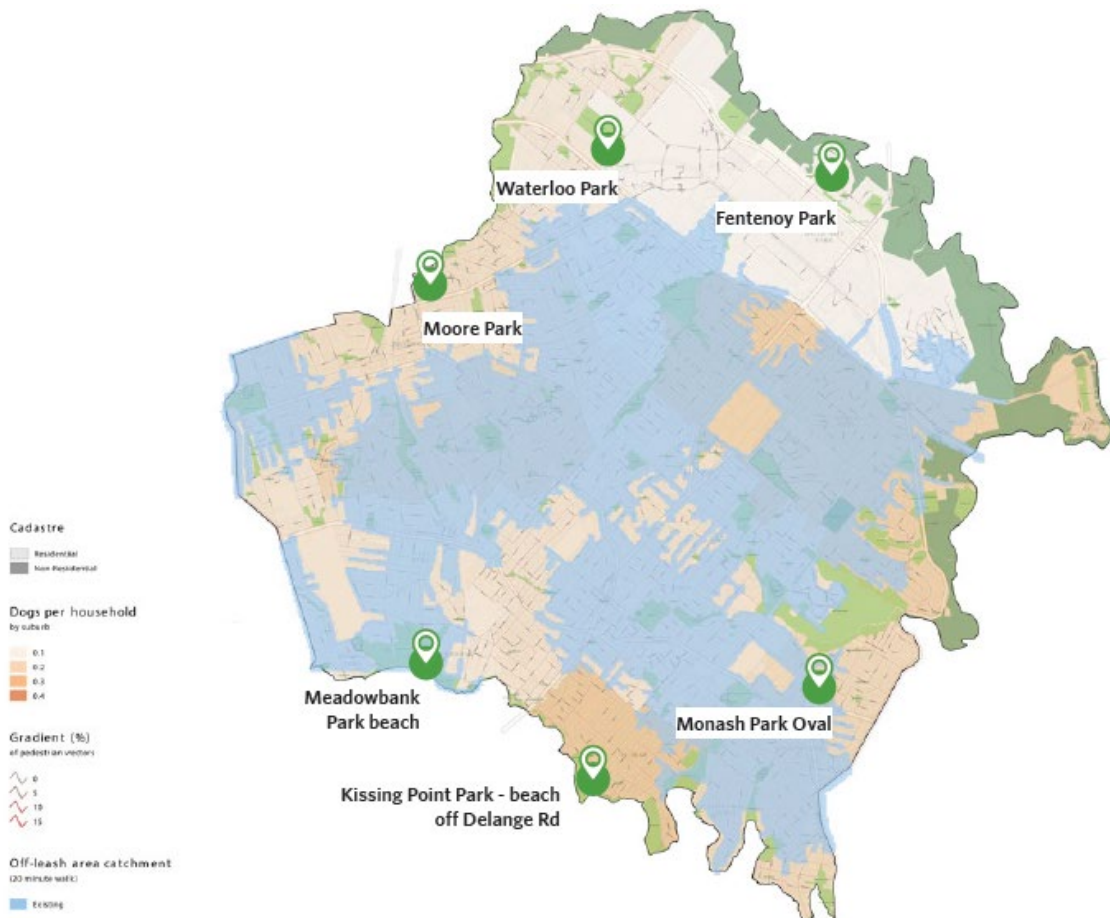
The assessment was based on the widely accepted provision standard of providing off-leash areas within a 20 minute walk (which translates to an approximate 1.5 kilometre travel distance) of user populations.

The walkability software used in the analysis calibrates for major walking access barriers (i.e. rail, major road, drainage channel, industrial zone).

The walkability assessment for Council's 13 existing off-leash facilities found that they collectively service close to 60% of the land area of the LGA.

The majority of precincts within the LGA are reasonably well provided for, with the main service gaps being in Marsfield, Macquarie Park, Putney and parts of Eastwood, Meadowbank and East Ryde.

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**Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

Community and stakeholder consultations, including a community on-line survey and targeted workshops, was undertaken to identify community and stakeholder perceptions on existing dog off-leash areas and perceived needs for additional dog off-leash areas.

Key findings included:

- Strong support for additional off-leash areas (with 38% of on-line survey respondents disagreeing with the statement that ‘the City has adequate off-leash areas’ and 84% ‘supporting additional dog off-leash areas being introduced’)
- strong support (77%) for off-leash areas with access to recreational water
- The most popular locations for additional off-leash areas are all Parramatta River foreshore parks – Meadowbank, Putney, Kissing Point and Morrison Bay

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- The main reasons for not using the City's off-leash areas were 'lack of fence enclosure', 'dog conflicts', 'irresponsible owners', 'parks too far away' and 'lack of large-small dog separation'
- High level of expressed need for improvements to existing off-leash areas – including improved or additional facilities and facility maintenance/management

#### Support for additional off-leash areas

The support for additional off-leash areas is strong – as reflected in the 84% support for 'additional dog off-leash areas being introduced'.

The 38% disagreement with the statement that 'the City has adequate off-leash areas' may appear to contradict the 84% support, but is in line with the study finding (in the mapping analysis) that around 60% of the City's residences currently have walkable (20 minute) access to at least one off-leash area. The respondents, are likely to perceive, for themselves at least, that the City is adequately serviced.

#### Existing facility improvement requests

The best practice review identified two categories of support facilities at off-leash areas - standard/core facilities and desirable/optional facilities.

Standard/core facilities are generally regarded as essential and include information or regulatory signs, perimeter/boundary signs (where off-leash areas are not enclosed), waste bins, waste bag dispensers, drinking water (taps with water bowls), shade and seating (in most guides).

Desirable/optional facilities include enclosure (fencing/gates), small/large dog separation, lighting, agility equipment, dog wash station, notice board/information kiosk, seating (some guides) and toilets (near to but outside off-leash area).

Both of these categories featured strongly in responses to the community on-line survey question on 'desired improvements', as follows:

Facility category	Specific improvement requested	% respondents
Core/standard facilities	Improved shade	44
	Additional seating	32
	Availability of water	29
Desirable/optional facilities	Full fence enclosure	33
	Improved equipment	33
	Separation areas depending on dog size	25



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While many of the existing off-leash areas have all or most of the standard/core facilities, there are some provision gaps at some off-leash areas (e.g. shade shelters, seating, water) as detailed in the attached report.

However, apart from full enclosure at 4 off-leash areas and proximity to toilets at some areas there are no desirable/optional facilities at Council's off-leash areas (as also documented in the attached report) including those requested in the community on-line survey (i.e. small/large dog separation, dog play/agility equipment).

Options for addressing these service gaps are detailed below in the section titled 'Recommended Enhancement of Existing Sites'.

#### Existing facility management/maintenance

The community engagement also identified a range of facility maintenance and management issues and associated improvement requests. These include 'improved support services' (29% of respondents), 'more responsible dog owners/better behaved dogs' (20%) and 'improved cleanliness/maintenance' (18%).

Options for addressing these management issues are also addressed below in the section titled 'Recommended Enhancement of Existing Sites'.

### **Improving Service Coverage & Diversity – Potential New Sites**

Based on the catchment area gaps illustrated in the walkability map analysis, sites with significant potential to provide 'walkable' off-leash facilities in areas not currently serviced, were identified for further site suitability and mapping analysis.

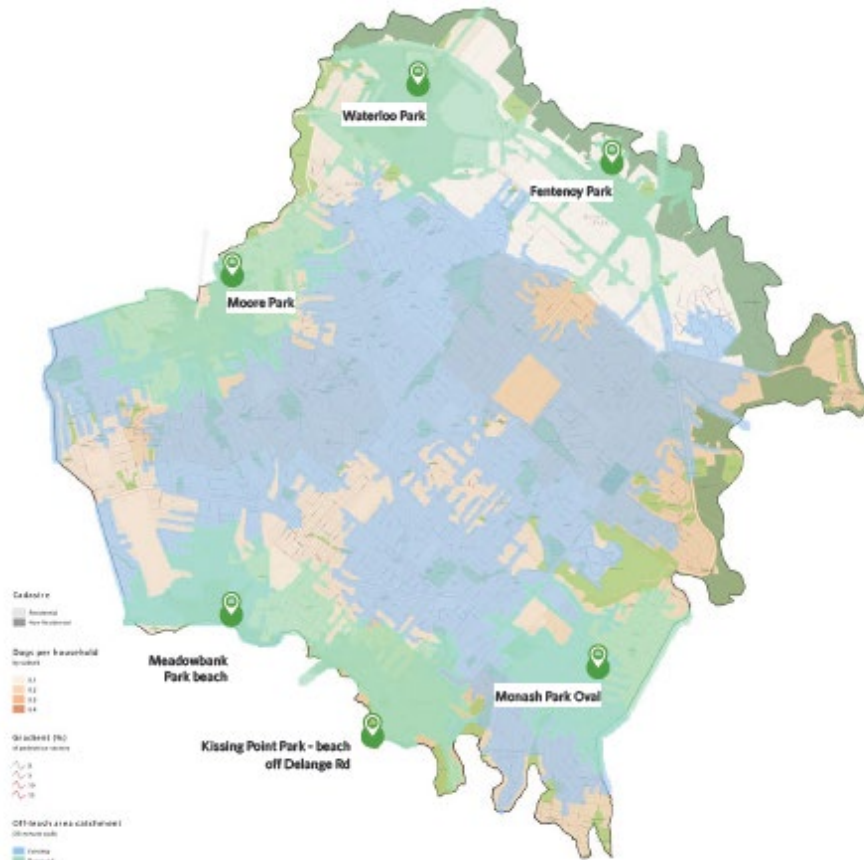
Based on this analysis, the preferred sites and proposed facility type, for each of the currently under-serviced precincts in the LGA, are as follows:

<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Preferred option</b>	<b>Facility type</b>
Eastwood	Moore Park	Enclosed
Marsfield	Waterloo Park	Time share with sports grounds
Macquarie Park	Fontenoy Park	Time share with sports grounds
Parramatta River foreshore	Meadowbank Park	Unenclosed – with water/ beach access
	Kissing Point Park - off Delange Rd	Unenclosed – with water/ beach access
East Ryde	Monash Park oval	Time share with sports grounds



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These six sites offer higher net benefits than do alternate sites in terms of their suitability and/or contribution to improving the distribution and accessibility of off-leash sites across the LGA.



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In particular, the six additional sites are anticipated to provide the following benefits:

Improved distribution and access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase walkable access to off-leash facilities (up from <b>66%</b> to <b>91%</b> of the City's residences)</li> <li>• Better align the City's off-leash provision ratio with the overall provision for the Sydney North District</li> <li>• Opportunity to rationalise the provision of existing facilities (see below re Olympic Park)</li> </ul>
Improved diversity of opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide additional enclosed and unenclosed off-leash facilities in accordance with community demand</li> <li>• Provide water access facilities in accordance with community demand and the demonstrated success of such facilities elsewhere in metro Sydney</li> </ul>
More efficient use of space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional activation of low-use sports space</li> </ul>

While the proposed time-share with sports ground sites have the potential to sustain minor surface damage (from dogs digging), it is noted that buckets of sand will be provided and maintained at these sites for the ground user groups to fill holes if and when required.

It is also noted that, consistent with the community engagement feedback received in the current study, both existing and proposed off-leash areas will be maintained on a regular weekly schedule to minimise potential disruption to dogs and their owners.

With respect to the 'distribution and access' benefit, the Study identified an opportunity to review the future of the Olympic Park off-leash area which attracts only limited use and conflicts with the nearby playground. Based on the mapping analysis completed for the study, it was found that there will be little need for the Olympic Park facility if the Monash and Kissing Point Park options are progressed (with only 210 residences exclusively within Olympic Park's 20-minute walking catchment). Accordingly, the future need for the Olympic Park site should be reviewed as part of the RALC Masterplan community consultation process.

Two of the recommended sites – Fontenoy Park and Waterloo Park – were also considered for selection in the 2010 study but rejected at that time (due to, respectively, community opposition and potential environmental impacts). They are being re-proposed now as there have been significant population shifts since 2010 and they still rate as the best off-leash options (in terms of best practice criteria) in their respective precincts.

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Four other sites were assessed in each of the under-serviced areas of the City and included Eastwood Park, Marsfield Park, Tuckwell Park and a foreshore site in Kissing Point Park opposite Douglas Street. These sites were assessed as less desirable than the preferred sites for the following reasons:

Service gap precinct	Site options	Reasons for non-selection
Eastwood	Eastwood Park – upper oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhances walkability less than Moore Park</li> <li>Limited access due to high use for sport</li> </ul>
Marsfield	Marsfield Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential impact on turf cricket wicket</li> <li>Higher potential impact on natural areas than Waterloo Park</li> </ul>
Macquarie Park	Tuckwell Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher sports use than Fontenoy Park which reduces accessibility</li> <li>Not as close to future high and medium density residential sites as Fontenoy.</li> </ul>
Parramatta River foreshore (Putney and Meadowbank)	Kissing Point Park - beach opposite Douglas St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternate site Kissing Point Park site (opposite Delange Rd) has better accessibility, higher passive surveillance and higher potential for shared use of infrastructure (car parking, toilets, water)</li> </ul>

### Health and Environmental Considerations

#### Health Impacts

In accordance with Council's resolution (2/19) of 26 February 2019, Council officers sought advice on the health impacts of locating off-leash areas near waterways. Advice has subsequently been received from NSW Health and the Parramatta River Catchment Group/Sydney Water.

Council officers also sought advice from two Councils (Sydney's Inner West Council and Northern Beaches Council) with relevant experience in the planning, design and management of off-leash areas adjacent to recreational waterways.

The advice provided by these agencies confirm that, while there is the potential for microbial pollution from dog exercise areas located near the foreshore, this potential can be substantially reduced or eliminated via good planning and design, education and regulation.

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The evidence also supports the fact that the major sources of faecal contamination are diffuse, and after heavy rains, rather than from point sources such as dog off-leash areas.

Environmental Impacts

Council officers sought advice from the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) and two Councils (Brisbane City Council and Northern Beaches Council) with relevant experience in the planning of shorebird protection in conjunction with dog off-leash area planning.

Based on the advice provided, it is apparent that any proposal to provide dog off-leash areas along the Parramatta River foreshore will need to consider the location of potential shorebirds habitat.

With respect to this and, as is being demonstrated in the Brisbane River Marine Park project, it is possible to combine off-leash dog access to waterways with the protection of shorebird habitats through appropriate planning (site selection and access zoning), regulation, education and compliance.

This approach is being successfully implemented in the Sydney Region at Rose Bay Beach and Bayview Rowland Park/Beach, as detailed in the attached report.

Accordingly, the proposal for dog off-leash trial sites within Parramatta River foreshore parks is supported by the research undertaken for this report. However, any specific site proposals will need to be accompanied by an assessment of potential impacts on shorebird habitat by a qualified avifauna consultant.

In a recent personal communication to Council, the Co-ordinator of PRCG for Canada Bay, Nell Graham, endorsed this approach with respect to Kissing Point Park and the threatened Bar-tailed Godwit, as follows:

*“It is my understanding the Kissing Point is also going to be activated for more recreational activities such as kayaking. If so, it will increase the amount of people also attending Kissing Point and therefore reduce the likelihood of it being a suitable spot for the Bar-tailed Godwit. I think a trial would be a good approach with educational signage about shorebirds and sandy mudflats”.*

**Recommended Enhancement of Existing Sites**

Based on issues and needs identified during the consultations and on the outcomes of the best practice review undertaken for this study, priority improvement works for some existing off-leash facilities have been identified.

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The improvements relate to the addition of 'core' site infrastructure, the potential addition of 'non-core' infrastructure (subject to a detailed facility design and operational review) and a re-location.

#### Site Infrastructure – core facilities

As identified above, there are two categories of infrastructure support -standard/ core facilities and desirable/optional facilities.

While some of the existing off-leash areas have all or most of these facilities, there are some provision gaps, as follows:

Facility type	Parks requiring	No. units	Unit cost (\$)	Total cost (\$)
Information signs	Santa Rosa Park	1	500	500
Perimeter signs	North Ryde Common; Kotara Park; Peel Park; Olympic Park	10	500	5,000
Tap/dog bowl	Kotara Park; Santa Rosa Park (1 additional)	2	7,500	15,000
Seating (flat benches)	North Ryde Common; Kotara Park	2	2,500	5,000
Shade/shelter	North Ryde Common; Kotara Park; Pidding Park; Meadowbank Park	4	33,000	132,000

The delivery of this infrastructure is subject to Council's business planning processes.

#### Site Infrastructure – desirable facilities

While the addition of 'desirable' or 'non-core' facilities is not currently recommended for any of Council's existing off-leash areas, the community engagement undertaken for this study did identify strong demand for several of these facilities.

Accordingly, it is proposed that that the costs and benefits of providing at least some non-core facilities be the subject of a supplementary review as one part of a detailed evaluation of the design and operational management of Council's existing 13 off-leash areas.

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#### Site Re-location

With all off-leash facilities, there is the requirement, under the Companion Animals Act, to avoid proximity to 'sensitive' park attractors such as playgrounds and food preparation areas (such as BBQ facilities).

In the stakeholder engagements undertaken for this study, it was identified that Pidding Park is too close to children's play areas. Accordingly, it is proposed that the off-leash area be moved to the west (as illustrated in the attached report) to provide a sufficient distance buffer between the off-leash area and the playground and amenities building.

#### Conclusions on Proposed Enhancement of Existing Facilities

The 'core' infrastructure and relocation works as summarised above and detailed in the attached report, have been proposed to improve the quality of the off-leash experience for both dogs and their owners and to help to ensure full compliance with the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

### **Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

It is recommended that the draft Dog Recreation Needs Study be received, and Council implements the proposed 6 month trial at the sites identified in this report. At the conclusion of the 6 month trial, a report be brought back to Council outlining the community's feedback received.

The draft will also be distributed to the relevant internal and external stakeholders for their input and comment.

### **Financial Implications**

The proposed projects would be subject to and would form part of the standard business planning processes including park master planning and Section 7/11 planning. The trial areas will be funded through existing budgets.

The maintenance of any new off-leash areas would form part of the existing Operational budgets and budgeted accordingly.

### **Conclusion**

The adoption of the recommendations for this report will better align the City of Ryde with average off-leash provision levels in the Sydney North District and will better meet the expressed needs of a rapidly growing population for more accessible and more diverse off-leash recreation opportunities.

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#### 4 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator - Transport Services  
**File No.:** GRP/20/20 - BP20/331

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#### REPORT SUMMARY

Due to the current pandemic, Council ceased all face to face Traffic Committee meetings.

As a result of the cessation of face to face meetings, Council sent all traffic committee members three proposals for traffic and parking changes via email for their approval. Members of the committee are listed below. Note that the Member for Lane Cove did not have any items in their electorate and their response was therefore not required.

City of Ryde (Chair) ..... Senior Coordinator Transport Services (for Mgr. Transport)  
Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) ..... North West Precinct  
NSW Police Force ..... Ryde Local Area Command  
Member for Ryde (3 items) ..... The Hon. V Dominello MP  
Member for Lane Cove (0 items) ..... The Hon. A Roberts MP

All members approved the proposals and no objecting comments or disclosures of interest were received.

Sydney Buses (Western Region) were also advised of the proposals and did not raise objection.

The three traffic and parking measures now require the approval of the Works and Community Committee. These proposals are listed below:

##### (A) SEE STREET, MEADOWBANK – Parking Restrictions

###### - Relocation of 1/4P 8AM-5:30PM MON-FRI

*That Council relocates the existing 1/4P 8AM-5:30PM Mon-Fri (outside the Meadowbank TAFE Children's Centre on See Street) to a location near the intersection of Constitution Road and See Street by converting 5 unrestricted parking spaces to 1/4P 8AM-5:30PM Mon-Fri. As part of this proposal, the existing 1/4P zone will be converted to an unrestricted parking zone. The purpose of this work is to accommodate the changing needs of the centre due to its relocation.*





**(B) 38-40 ANTHONY ROAD, DENISTONE – Parking Restrictions**

- **Extension of 'No Stopping' and installation of 'No Parking 5AM-11AM Wed'**

*That Council extends the existing statutory 'NO STOPPING' from 10m to 12.5m outside 38 Anthony Road to prevent motorists from parking across the residential driveway, and installs a 'NO PARKING 5AM-11AM WED' restriction covering the frontage of 40 Anthony Road, Denistone to facilitate waste collection.*





**(C) 195 COXS ROAD, NORTH RYDE – Parking Restrictions**

- **Extension of 1/4P (15mins) to 1P (1hr)**

*That Council converts the existing 1/4P (8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI, 8:30AM to 12:30PM, SAT) to 1P (8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI, 8:30AM to 12:30PM, SAT) to better support local business and to be consistent with the surrounding parking restrictions.*



**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations:

**A. SEE STREET, MEADOWBANK – Parking Restrictions**

Relocation of the existing 1/4P 8AM-5:30PM Mon-Fri (outside the Meadowbank TAFE Children's Centre on See Street) to a location near the intersection of Constitution Road and See Street by converting 5 unrestricted parking spaces to 1/4P 8AM-5:30PM Mon-Fri and conversion of the existing 1/4P zone to an unrestricted parking zone.

**B. 38-40 ANTHONY ROAD, DENISTONE – Parking Restrictions**

Extension of the existing statutory 'NO STOPPING' from 10m to 12.5m outside 38 Anthony Road and installation of 'NO PARKING 5AM-11AM WED' restriction covering the frontage of 40 Anthony Road, Denistone.

**C. 195 COXS ROAD, NORTH RYDE – Parking Restrictions**

Conversion of the existing 1/4P (8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI, 8:30AM to 12:30PM, SAT) to 1P (8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI, 8:30AM to 12:30PM, SAT).

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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