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Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 7.00pm

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MAYORAL MINUTES**MM7/22 ATTACK ON UKRAINE BY RUSSIA – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP22/194**

On Thursday 24 February 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin unleashed a three-pronged invasion of Ukraine from the north, east and south in the biggest attack on a European state since World War Two.

The attack on Ukraine has left many residents homeless and the footage of women and children fleeing over the border into neighbouring Poland is sobering.

Democracies around the world are decrying the invasion of a sovereign state and as bombings and attacks on the civilian population escalate, I move that the City of Ryde join the condemnation of the action by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council condemn the military aggression launched on 24 February 2022 by Russian forces against the people of Ukraine.
- (b) That Council donate a sum of \$5,000.00 to be used for humanitarian purposes to support the residents of Ukraine via a suitable charity, funded from the appropriate reserve or base budget.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Councillor Jordan Lane
Mayor

MAYORAL MINUTES (CONTINUED)**MM8/22 AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS QLD AND NSW FLOOD APPEALS – Mayor,
Councillor Jordan Lane****File Number: CLM/22/1/1/8 - BP22/221**

Our thoughts are with those impacted by the unprecedented floods that recently devastated large parts of NSW and Queensland.

These floods have upended communities, destroyed businesses and caused tremendous loss and heartache for so many Australians.

Many people have lost their lives, thousands of homes have been deemed uninhabitable or suffered serious damage as a result of the floods.

The recovery effort will take years to complete, with entire towns needed to be rebuilt and ongoing care and support required to be provided to the hundreds of thousands of affected residents.

To assist with this and show Council's support for the impacted communities, I am proposing that the City of Ryde make a donation to the Australian Red Cross QLD and NSW Floods Appeal.

Funds raised by the Australian Red Cross QLD and NSW Floods Appeal will help provide vital humanitarian support to the people and communities affected by the floods and support them with the long recovery effort.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde donate \$20,000 to the Australian Red Cross QLD and NSW Floods Appeal to assist impacted communities, funded from the Corporate Governance base budget.
- (b) That Council advertise through its regular communication channels how residents and visitors can make a donation to assist those who have been impacted by the recent devastating floods.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Councillor Jordan Lane
Mayor

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/11

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determine the Items on Council's Agenda that will be adopted without debate.

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 22 February 2022

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/13

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 Council Meeting 3/22, held on 22 February 2022 be confirmed.

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- 1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 22 February 2022

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**Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 3/22**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 22 February 2022

Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online

Time: 7.11pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Laxale, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song.

Councillors Present online via audio-visual: Councillors Brown and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – People and Culture, Manager – Parks, Manager – Urban Strategy, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Transport, Manager – Library Services, Manager – Project Development, Developer Contributions Coordinator, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Pastor Alan Au of the Captivate Presbyterian Church, North Ryde was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that he is a member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Councillor Brown disclosed a Less than Significant Non Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that he is a social member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

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Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that he is a social member of the Club.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that he is a member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that he is a social member of the Club.

Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that he is a social member of Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Councillor Maggio disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that he is a member of the Club using the Fitness Edge Gym.

Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Exhibition of draft amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127–133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone for the reason that she is a social member and frequents the Club.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 5/22 – Ryde Secondary College – Accessible Parking for the reason that he works at Ryde Secondary College.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Maggio tabled a petition with over 150 signatures in relation to concerns around the construction of a new community building at Santa Rosa Park and a copy is ON FILE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Frank Rayner	Item 6 – December Quarterly Review Report – Four Year Delivery Plan – 2021-2025 and 2021/2022 Operational Plan

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Name	Topic
Philip Greenwood	Item – 9 - Exhibition of Draft Amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127-133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road Denistone
Brendan Hoskins (representing Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club)	Item – 9 - Exhibition of Draft Amendment to Ryde DCP 2014 – 127-133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road Denistone
Jacqueline Gardiner	Item 10 – Meadowbank Park Dog off leash proposed new area – outcomes of consultation
Ruvisha Vithanage	Notice of Motion 12 – Off leash dog area at neighbourhood Charity Creek Cascade Park

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received by Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Yedelian OAM)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 7.22pm:-

- **Notice of Motion 12** – Off-leash dog area at neighbourhood Charity Creek Cascade Park

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Purcell)

That Council allow a speaker to address Council on Notice of Motion 12 – Off-leash dog area at neighbourhood Charity Creek Cascade Park, the time being 7.26pm.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Laxale, Pedersen, Purcell, O'Reilly, Song and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following person then addressed Council:-

Name	Topic
Ruvisha Vithanage	Notice of Motion 12 – Off-leash dog area at neighbourhood Charity Creek Cascade Park

NOTICE OF MOTION

12 OFF-LEASH DOG AREA AT NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARITY CREEK CASCADE PARK - Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

Note: Ruvisha Vithanage made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Ruvisha Vithanage addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Deshpande)

That the General Manager bring back a report to Council:-

- (a) Investigating on the feasibility to build an off-leash dog area at neighbourhood Charity Creek Cascade Park at 55A Linton Avenue, Ryde.
- (b) Outlining the changes that can be made to the existing park and possible funding sources.

Record for the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 4/22, Mayoral Minute 5/22, Mayoral Minute 6/22, Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 5, Item 7, Item 8, Item 9, Item 11, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 2, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 11 and Item 14 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

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MM4/22 COMMUNITY HEROES PROGRAM – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION:

That Council:-

- (a) Establish a 'Community Heroes Program' that will recognise the contributions of members of our local community.
- (b) Develop a 'Community Heroes Program' as a dedicated category of the annual Volunteer Recognition Awards and incorporate the following processes:-
 - (i) a publicly advertised nomination process, emphasizing the program's focus on community contribution.
 - (ii) a suitable judging panel to assess nominations and determine successful applicants.
 - (iii) at least half of the successful nominees must be women.
- (c) Install a 'Community Heroes Program' Honour Board in a suitable location to recognise the contributions of members of our local community.
- (d) Hold an annual Mayor's morning tea to recognize the 'Community Heroes Program' award winners.
- (e) Fund the 'Community Heroes Program' and Honour Board from the Mayoral Budget and other reserves as applicable.

MM5/22 RYDE SECONDARY COLLEGE – ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he works at Ryde Secondary College.

RESOLUTION:

That Council staff work with the Ryde Secondary College principal and other relevant staff to investigate the need for the provision of an appropriate number of accessible parking spaced to be provided adjacent to the school in Forrest Road.

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MM6/22 SMART PLACES ACCELERATION PROGRAM – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

That Council:-

- (a) Note that applications for the \$45 million Smart Places Acceleration Program are currently open.
- (b) Investigate, with the view to apply for a grant under the program of up to \$5,000,000 which is designed to support economic and community recovery post COVID-19, encourage partnerships with and co-investment from local councils and industry to deliver smart place initiatives, support advancement and implementation of the NSW Smart Places Strategy, and ensure NSW remains the leading state in implementing Smart Places initiatives.
- (c) Delegate staff to identify suitable project(s) that will most efficiently and effectively benefit our City within the parameters of the program, apply for requisite funding, and report back to Council once funding decisions have been made.
- (d) Endorses a letter sent from the Mayor to the Minister for Customer Service and Minister for Digital, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, expressing the Council's willingness to work constructively on future grant and funding programs and thanking him for the opportunity to apply.

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 31 January 2022

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 2/22, held on 31 January 2022 be confirmed.

3 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 30 November 2021.

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4 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 31 December 2021.

5 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 31 January 2022.

7 ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED LAND RECATEGORISATION FOR PART OF YAMBLE RESERVE – GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT 2020

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That in accordance with Section 40A and 47G of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the recategorisation of part of Yamble Reserve from Park to General Community Use, as set out in the Public Hearing and Submissions Report, prepared by Parkland Planners (dated 05 January 2022) to support the proposed extension to North Ryde Community Preschool Inc.
- (b) That Council note that its decision to proceed with the recategorisation of part of Yamble Reserve from Park to General Community Use will provide significant future benefit to the community through the addition of a new classroom at the existing preschool and that concerns raised in the submissions including impact on neighbours privacy and noise can be addressed during any future detailed design and the development application process.
- (c) That Council update Appendix B – Maps Series, which relate to the Generic Plan of Management – Parks and General Community Use (adopted November 2020) to reflect the recategorisation of part of Yamble Reserve, as set out in the Public Hearing and Submissions Report prepared by Parkland Planners (dated 05 January 2022).

8 DRAFT BICYCLE STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 2022-2030

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the draft Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and the associated Bicycle Action Plan is endorsed to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks, commencing by mid-February 2022.

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- (b) That following public exhibition, staff report back to Council regarding any submissions received and to have the Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 reconsidered for final adoption.

9 EXHIBITION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO RYDE DCP 2014 – 127-133 RYEDALE ROAD AND 4-14 TERRY ROAD, DENISTONE

Note: Philip Greenwood and Brendan Hoskins (representing Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club) made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Note: Councillor Brown disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a social member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a social member of the Club.

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a social member of the Club.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a social member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Note: Councillor Maggio disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a member of the Club using the Fitness Edge Gym.

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is a social member and frequents the Club.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council adopt Part 6.6 127-133 Ryedale Road and 4-14 Terry Road, Denistone provided in **ATTACHMENT 6** as an amendment to the Ryde Development Control Plan 2014.

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- (b) That Council notify submitters regarding the outcome of its consideration of the public exhibition and proposed amendments to the Ryde Development Control Plan 2014.

11 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held in November 2021:

(A) MIRIAM ROAD, WEST RYDE - PROPOSED MOTORBIKES ONLY ZONE

The following changes be made on Miriam Road, West Ryde:

- a) A 'Motorbikes Only' parking zone be created between the two driveways of 22 and 24 Miriam Road, West Ryde.

(B) MULTIPLE STREETS, MACQUARIE PARK - ALTERATIONS TO TICKET PARKING TIMES

The following changes be made on Eden Park Drive, Giffnock Avenue and Byfield Street, Macquarie Park:

- a) 5 Parking spaces of '12P Ticket Parking 7am-7pm' on Eden Park Drive be changed to '2P Ticket Parking 7am-7pm'.
- b) 8 Parking spaces of '12P Ticket Parking 7am-7pm' on Giffnock Avenue be changed to '2P Ticket Parking 7am-7pm'.
- c) 7 Parking spaces of '12P Ticket Parking 7am-7pm' on Byfield Street be changed to '2P Ticket Parking 7am-7pm'.

(C) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted

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NOTICES OF MOTION

1 EXPANDING PROBLEM RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY OF RYDE – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes that in City of Ryde a number of problem waste materials which could be recycled, are being collected in our red bin and going to landfill. These materials can be recycled if they can be collected.
- (b) That City of Ryde staff bring back a report to Council or the Works and Community Committee:-
 - (i) providing an update and timeline for the development of the City of Ryde Community recycling facility and repair room at Porters Creek.
 - (ii) supply costing to provide problem waste recycling pick up service, similar to the one already being provided to residents in Hunters Hill and Randwick LGA's in view of establishing a service in 2023.
- (c) That staff identify the organisations who recycle problem waste, provide additional recycling drop off station locations in carparks to collect problem waste and expand the materials that will be accepted to include: plastic bottle tops, make-up, toothbrushes/toothpaste tubes, spray or pump from cleaning products, coffee pods, empty drug blister packs, plastic bread tags, writing pens and other identified problem waste.

2 PARKING IN CRESSY ROAD, EAST RYDE BETWEEN PIDDING PARK AND FIELD OF MARS CEMETERY – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the need for more parking during sport events and peak visitor times to the cemetery at Cressy Road. Noting that residents in neighbouring streets, complain of over parking at peak times, that this road is a dead end and that an opportunity exists to expand parking by changing the parking to diagonal.
- (b) That staff bring back a report on ways to expand parking at this site that includes the proposal to build diagonal parking.

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3 REDUCING ORGANIC AND NON-ORGANIC MATTER IN OUR WATERWAYS – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note, close to 4,000 fish died recently in one of several fish kills in the Parramatta River at Rydalmere and Haslams Creek. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Primary industry (DPI) have confirmed that this event was due to deoxygenation of the water, caused by excessive organic matter being washed into the river from drains after heavy rain.
- (b) That the General Manager bring back a report to Council or the Works and Community Committee outlining:-
 - (i) the current management of organic matter in City of Ryde (COR) drains, gross pollutant traps (GPT's) and street gutters, including the locations and frequency of COR street-cleaning.
 - (ii) opportunities and costs to increase the number, type and efficiency of our GPT's – outlining the resources required to increase cleaning of traps, particularly before major weather events.
- (c) That Council identify appropriate funding from the EPA or other sources to begin:-
 - (i) painting a stencil or mural or attaching a sign on highly visible COR drains to remind residents that all of our drains lead to our river.
 - (ii) an education campaign through the COR rates notice and website, educating residents on the impact of organic and non-organic matter washing from drains into our waterways.

5 KOREAN MEMORIAL GARDEN – Councillor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION:

That the City of Ryde undertake the following preliminary assessment to:-

- (a) Construct a Memorial Garden dedicated to veterans of the Korean War at a suitable location with the City of Ryde.
- (b) Have engagement with local RSL clubs and the Korean War Memorial Committee and Korean Veterans groups.

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- (c) Present a report with recommendations for the size, scope and location of a Korean Memorial Garden and present this to Council before September 2022.
- (d) Identify suitable funding sources and an overall cost to be funded by Ryde Council and community organisations in this report.

7 FLINDERS ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOPS – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That due to increased usage of the shops by the public and safety concerns around the condition of the footpath, staff undertake preliminary investigations for the Flinders Road Neighbourhood Shops, such that an upgrade can be included in a future program of the Neighbourhood Shop Upgrade Program.
- (b) That as part of the investigation, consideration be given to the changing nature of the commercial tenancy, and staff ensure provisions are made to support additional access needs for car parking and footpaths.
- (c) That staff report back to Council within three (3) months on the investigation outcomes and when this work could be programmed for implementation.

11 LIGHT RESTORATION – Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

RESOLUTION:

That Council:-

- (a) Recognise the community's support for night light installations and Council's commitment to ensuring installations are maintained and restored after many years of use.
- (b) Explore more opportunities to create Night Light installations around Ryde and deliver a report detailing options within four (4) months.

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COUNCIL REPORT

**14 REQUEST FOR TENDER – COR-RFT-11/21 WATERLOO ROAD
CULVERT REMEDIATION**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Council accepts the tender from Eptec Services Pty Ltd for the Waterloo Road Culvert Remediation at the schedule of rates provided within their submission dated 25 November 2021.
- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM3/22 VALE OLSEN FILIPAINA - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That Council mark the passing of Mr Olsen Filipaina with a minute's silence.
- (b) That Council recognise Mr Olsen Filipaina's service to the City of Ryde over a 40-year period by installing a plaque in the City of Ryde in consultation with his family.
- (c) That the plaque in recognition of Mr Olsen Filipaina be funded from the Mayoral budget and that a morning tea be arranged.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute's silence was then observed by the meeting.

MM4/22 COMMUNITY HEROES PROGRAM – Mayor Councillor Jordan Lane

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

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MM5/22 RYDE SECONDARY COLLEGE - ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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MM6/22 SMART PLACES ACCELERATION PROGRAM – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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4 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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6 DECEMBER QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2025 AND 2021/2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Note: Frank Rayner made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

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MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

- (a) That the report of the December 2021 Quarterly Review Statement - Four Year Delivery Plan 2021-2025 and One Year 2021/2022 Operational Plan, *Quarter Two, October – December 2021* be received and endorsed by Council.
- (b) That the proposed budget adjustments and project changes summarised in the **ATTACHMENT (CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)** to the report, resulting in no net impact on Council's projected working capital position of \$4.50 million (as at 30 June 2022) be endorsed by Council.
- (c) That Council provide a donation of \$40,000 to the Lady of Grace Fraternity Inc. to assist in the completion and publishing of a book detailing the history of Italian Migrants of Ryde and funding be sourced from the Community and Ranger Services Budget.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) That the report of the December 2021 Quarterly Review Statement - Four Year Delivery Plan 2021-2025 and One Year 2021/2022 Operational Plan, *Quarter Two, October – December 2021* be received and endorsed by Council.
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- (c) That given significant community concern surrounding the distribution of public money, and that given circumstances surrounding this matter are still under investigation, that council defer this matter until such time as the investigation is complete.

If they cannot confirm investigation

That given significant community concern surrounding the distribution of public money, and that given certain circumstances surrounding this matter, that council defer this matter until such time as matters have been resolved.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was five (5) For and seven (7) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was the put.

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO DEAL WITH MOTION IN SERIATIM

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Pedersen)

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Motion was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Lane used his casting vote Against the Motion. The Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Brown, Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

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- (c) That Council provide a donation of \$40,000 to the Lady of Grace Fraternity Inc. to assist in the completion and publishing of a book detailing the history of Italian Migrants of Ryde and funding be sourced from the Community and Ranger Services Budget.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion. On being put to the meeting the voting on the Motion was seven (7) For and five (5) Against. The Motion was **CARRIED**.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

7 ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED LAND RECATEGORISATION FOR PART OF YAMBLE RESERVE - GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT 2020

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

8 DRAFT BICYCLE STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 2022-2030

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

9 EXHIBITION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO RYDE DCP 2014 - 127-133 RYEDALE ROAD AND 4-14 TERRY ROAD, DENISTONE

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

10 MEADOWBANK PARK DOG OFF-LEASH PROPOSED NEW AREA - OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

Note: Jacqueline Gardiner made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Han)

- (a) That Council retains the existing area identified for dog off-leash use in Meadowbank Park.
- (b) That dog off leash use be permitted in this area when the sportsfield is not booked for organised sporting activities.
- (c) That staff thank respondents for their submissions, including the head petitioner.

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ATTACHMENT 1

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

- (a) That Council retains the existing area identified for dog off-leash use in Meadowbank Park.
- (b) That dog off leash use be permitted in this area when the sports-field is not booked for organised sporting activities, thus expanding utilisation time.
- (c) That in response to the majority of submission respondents that supported the exhibited plan, and those who opposed the plan citing the need for more off-leash space, Council adopts the proposed fenced area on the Eastern side of the canal.
- (d) That Council allocate appropriate funds as required for implementation from General Revenue.
- (e) That staff thank respondents for their submission, including the head petitioner, and advise them of the outcome of the consultation.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) For and five (5) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

RESOLUTION:

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- (e) That staff thank respondents for their submission, including the head petitioner, and advise them of the outcome of the consultation.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

11 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 2021

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

12 INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS SYSTEM REFORM SUBMISSION

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 8.24pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council endorse ATTACHMENT 1 as Council's formal submission to the Contributions Reform Package with amendments made as required to ensure Council's position is communicated that the reform is delivered so long as no Council is worse off.
- (b) That Council write to the Department of Planning and Environment to inform them that ATTACHMENT 1 has been endorsed by the Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

LATE COUNCIL REPORT

16 FRANC.SYDNEY CONFERENCE 2022 - Dockside Darling Harbour - 29 and 30 March 2022

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council approves Councillor Pedersen's request to attend the franc.sydney Conference 2022, including attendance fees, travel and other associated expenses.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 EXPANDING PROBLEM RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

2 PARKING IN CRESSY ROAD, EAST RYDE BETWEEN PIDDING PARK AND FIELD OF MARS CEMETERY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

3 REDUCING ORGANIC AND NON-ORGANIC MATTER IN OUR WATERWAYS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

4 PASSING OF OLSEN FILIPAINA - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: This Motion was withdrawn by Councillor Purcell.

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

5 KOREAN MEMORIAL GARDEN - Councillor Trenton Brown

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

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM returned to the meeting at 8.30pm.

6 RACISM NOT WELCOME COMMITMENT - Councillor Jerome Laxale

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Pedersen)

- (a) That the Mayor write to Woollahra Liberal Councillors Zeltzer, Cavanagh and Jarvis condemning their attempts to remove Racism Not Welcome signs throughout their local government area.
- (b) That Council acknowledges the work of the Racism Not Welcome campaign and writes to the organisation thanking them for their work in helping communities acknowledge the existence of racism, validating peoples lived experiences with racism, and normalising conversations about racism whilst igniting change.
- (c) That Council reaffirm its commitment to the Racism Not Welcome campaign by:-
 - (i) installing Racism Not Welcome signs at appropriate locations in all town centres across the Ryde Local Government Area.
 - (ii) promoting the campaign throughout all media channels, including a paid full page advertisement featuring a photo of all interested Councillors at the Eastwood signs in a March edition of weekly times.
 - (iii) holding a launch ceremony to unveil the newly installed signs to be held.
 - (iv) engaging with local community groups, Council Advisory Committees, Racism not Welcome and residents in regards to how the City of Ryde can do more to protect our community from racism.
- (d) That funding for above initiatives be sourced from the Mayoral Budget or other appropriate funding sources if required.

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ATTACHMENT 1

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Yedelian OAM)

That Council:-

- (a) Note recent attempts to remove 'Racism Not Welcome' signs throughout the Eastern suburbs of Sydney, and that the City of Ryde is currently installing 46 new anti-racism signs throughout the Ryde LGA as we speak.
- (b) Acknowledge that at the 2021 Local Government elections, the City of Ryde community elected the most diverse and intersectional Council in Ryde's history.
- (c) Endorses the work of the 'Racism Not Welcome' campaign and writes to the organisation thanking them for their work in helping communities acknowledge the existence of racism, validating peoples lived experiences with racism, and normalising conversations about racism whilst igniting change.
- (d) Reaffirm its commitment to the 'Racism Not Welcome' campaign by:-
 - (i) Acknowledging that the Ryde community is a mature, multicultural society, and that the installation of signage alone, while important, will not remedy the complex and fundamentally abhorrent expression of racism and discrimination.
 - (ii) The Mayor to invite multicultural community leaders to a morning tea at the Mayoral office with the NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, the Hon. Mark Coure MP and local Member for Ryde, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP to discuss issues pertaining to racism, multicultural affairs and the role of the City of Ryde in addressing these issues;
 - (iii) Promote the morning tea throughout all media channels, including a paid full page advertisement in a future edition of The Weekly Times newspaper.
- (e) That funding for above initiatives be sourced from the Mayoral Budget or other appropriate funding sources if required.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) For and five (5) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Pedersen)

- (a) That the Mayor write to Woollahra Liberal Councillors Zeltzer, Cavanagh and Jarvis condemning their attempts to remove Racism Not Welcome signs throughout their local government area.
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- (c) That Council endorses the work of the 'Racism Not Welcome' campaign and writes to the organisation thanking them for their work in helping communities acknowledge the existence of racism, validating peoples lived experiences with racism, and normalising conversations about racism whilst igniting change.
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- (e) That funding for above initiatives be sourced from the Mayoral Budget or other appropriate funding sources if required.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Further Amendment was five (5) For and seven (7) Against. The Further Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Lane Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION:

That Council:-

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- (e) That funding for above initiatives be sourced from the Mayoral Budget or other appropriate funding sources if required.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 FLINDERS ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOPS - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

8 RYDE RIVERWALK - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That staff investigate and identify any potential opportunities to extend public usage of the Ryde Riverwalk, between Putney and Meadowbank by providing environmentally sensitive lighting of the footway.
- (b) That within three (3) months, staff undertake a workshop with Council to present the findings of the investigations.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 PUBLIC SAFETY - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and O'Reilly)

- (a) That Council investigate the removal of the street trees and footpath repairs in Charles Street, Putney at the front of the properties at 151 and 119b, due to the danger and public safety that the surrounding residents consider the trees pose.
- (b) That a report be provided back to the next Council meeting on 22 March 2022.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Note: A Notice of Rescission has been received in relation to this Item and will be dealt with at the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 22 March 2022.

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

10 LATE NIGHT TRADING - POST COVID ACTIVATION PLAN - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Maggio)

That Council:-

- (a) Acknowledges traditional trading times of business do not accommodate the new wants and needs of residents and businesses. Late night trading businesses represent flexibility and inclusion of different lifestyles and are pivotal in the recovery of our local economy. They contribute many benefits to residents including exposure to local cuisine, art, social gatherings and cultural exchange.
 - (i) staff identify areas within the City of Ryde that have the capacity to extend beyond traditional hours of trading.
 - (ii) hold preliminary inquiries with Key Public Authorities and Stakeholders to consult with during the process.
 - (iii) Within three (3) months staff undertake a workshop with Council to present the findings of the investigations.
- (b) In parallel, develops a broad based City of Ryde COVID-recovery plan for small and family business, including but not limited to the following:-
 - (i) streamlining and digitizing bureaucratic processes.
 - (ii) reducing or abolishing outdoor dining fees and charges.
 - (iii) designating more or expanded areas for alfresco dining.
 - (iv) identifying activation hubs.
 - (v) cultural exchange and social events.
 - (vi) other opportunities, as identified by staff.
 - (vii) within three (3) months staff undertake a workshop with Council to present the findings of the investigations.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

11 LIGHT RESTORATION - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

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ATTACHMENT 1

**12 OFF-LEASH DOG AREA AT NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARITY CREEK
CASCADE PARK - Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

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

CLOSED SESSION

**ITEM 13 – REQUEST FOR TENDER – COR-RFT 15-20 CATHERINE HAMLIN
PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

ITEM 15 - ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

That the Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the above matters.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 9.16pm. The public and media left the Chamber and the webcast.

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

13 REQUEST FOR TENDER – COR-RFT 15-20 CATHERINE HAMLIN PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) In accordance with the resolution of 8 February 2011, Council approves the conceptual approach submitted by Jane Cavanough Artlandish Art & Design within their tender submission.
- (b) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Council accepts the tender from Jane Cavanough Artlandish Art & Design as detailed in the report.
- (c) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14 REQUEST FOR TENDER – COR-RFT-11/21 WATERLOO ROAD CULVERT REMEDIATION

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

15 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That the report of the General Counsel be received.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell, Song and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolutions of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the Minutes of the Closed Session be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 9.33pm.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2022

Chairperson

3 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer**File No.:** GRP/21/8 - BP22/189

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 28 February 2022, and compares it against key benchmarks. The report includes Council's loan liabilities.

Council's rate of return on investments for the reporting period is 1.35%, which is 1.28% above the benchmark figure of 0.07%.

Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sale of investments totals \$2,011K for the financial year to date, which is \$451K above the 2021/22 year-to-date adopted budget of \$1,560K.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 28 February 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

ITEM 3 (continued)

Discussion

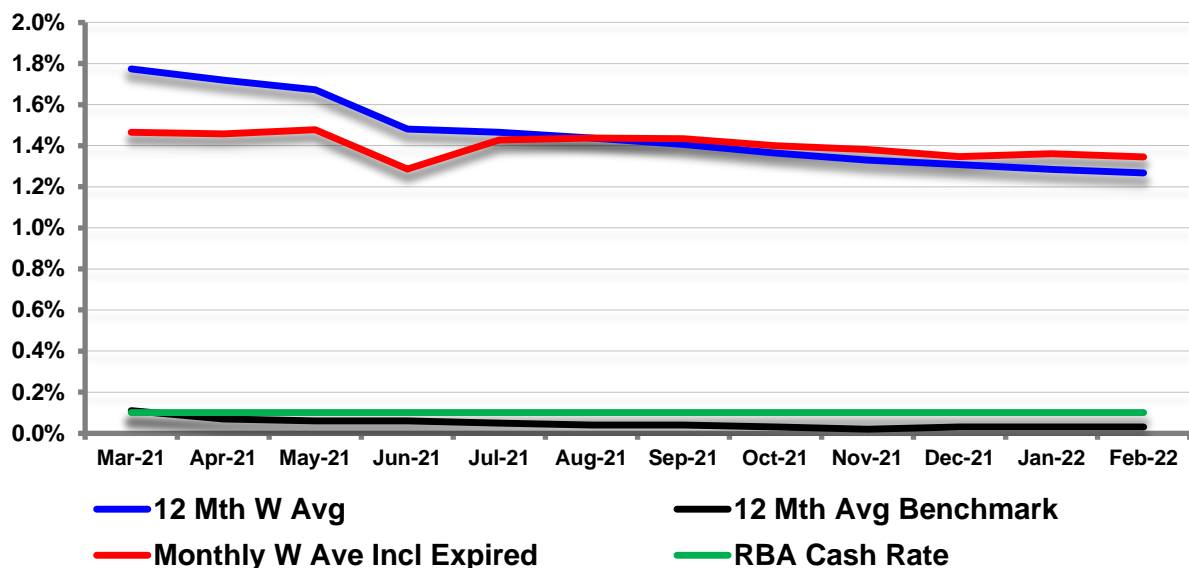
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for February 2022 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	Feb	12 Mth	FYTD
Council Return	1.35	1.27	1.36
Benchmark	0.07	0.03	0.03
Variance	1.28	1.24	1.33

Performance - All Investments



Council's investment portfolio as at 28 February 2022 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$139.04M	62.74%
Floating Rate Notes	\$28.00M	12.63%
Fixed Bonds	\$54.56M	24.62%
Total Investments	\$221.61M	

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Council continues to utilise the Federal Government's current guarantee (\$250K) investing in Term Deposits with a range of Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions (ADI's) on short to medium term investments (generally 30 days to 180 days maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

Council's income from investments continues to exceed budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated.

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 28 February 2022 was \$842K which represents the balance of two loans which were established under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). Council receives a 3% interest subsidy payment from the OLG twice a year.

1. A \$1.5M 10 year loan drawn down 31 January 2014 at 180 day Bank Bill Swap rate (BBSW) of +175 basis points for the Children's Play Implementation Plan, which was approved for an LIRS subsidy in Round 2. The interest rate for this loan is reset every six months.
2. A \$1.5M 10 year loan drawn down 1 September 2014 at 4.95% for Phase 2 of the Children's Play Implementation Plan, which was approved for an LIRS subsidy in Round 3.

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INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 28-Feb-22 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2021	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	Y	1,200	1.14	1.11	1.11	0.54	14/05/2025	1826
National Australia Bank	2. NAB Fixed Bond (Covered)	AAA	Y	3,747	3.10	3.10	3.08	1.69	16/03/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	3. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	1,500	3.15	3.16	3.16	0.68	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	4. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,999	3.09	3.14	3.14	1.35	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	5. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,000	1.60	1.57	1.57	0.90	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	1,995	1.70	1.68	1.68	0.90	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	1,998	1.69	1.70	1.70	0.90	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,983	1.82	1.81	1.81	1.35	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,590	2.58	2.58	2.58	1.62	25/01/2027	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	Y	1,500	0.84	0.81	0.69	0.68	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	Y	2,000	0.98	0.94	0.94	0.90	9/05/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.59	1.54	1.54	1.81	10/11/2022	2557
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.52	1.49	1.49	1.81	15/12/2022	2557
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	14. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	Y	45,054	0.20	0.19	0.20	20.33		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	15. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,995	3.42	3.42	3.42	1.80	25/04/2023	1916
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	16. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,498	3.10	3.27	3.27	1.58	16/08/2023	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,489	3.22	3.23	3.23	1.57	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.80	0.46	0.48	1.81	22/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	19. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,998	2.91	3.08	3.08	1.80	10/02/2023	1918
National Australia Bank	20. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,998	2.58	2.93	2.92	1.35	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	21. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,491	2.97	2.97	2.97	1.58	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	Y	4,000	0.97	0.94	0.94	1.81	16/05/2023	1826
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	Y	2,000	0.99	0.96	0.96	0.90	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.90	0.40	0.42	1.81	24/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.52	0.38	0.42	1.81	11/11/2022	365
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.81	16/06/2022	273
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.30	0.45	0.38	1.81	16/06/2022	273
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.65	0.48	0.50	1.81	11/01/2023	365
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.81	18/09/2023	1827
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,000	0.55	0.51	0.52	0.90	2/12/2022	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	31. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,490	3.25	3.26	3.26	1.12	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	32. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	3.32	3.32	3.32	1.81	9/08/2022	1813
Westpac Banking Corporation	33. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,000	3.38	3.38	3.38	0.90	18/08/2022	1815
Westpac Banking Corporation	34. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.81	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	35. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,999	1.50	1.70	1.70	1.80	12/02/2025	1827
Suncorp-Metway	36. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note (Covered)	A+	N	1,000	1.03	1.00	1.01	0.45	16/08/2022	1826
Suncorp-Metway	37. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	N	1,200	1.19	1.16	1.17	0.54	24/04/2025	1823
Bank of Queensland	38. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,794	2.15	2.14	2.14	1.71	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	39. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.90	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	40. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	0.43	0.47	0.45	1.81	16/09/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	41. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.70	2.99	2.61	0.90	9/12/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	42. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.81	15/11/2022	1804
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	43. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	2,000	3.54	3.54	3.54	0.90	25/01/2023	1826
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	44. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB+	N	1,999	1.18	1.14	1.15	0.90	25/01/2023	1532
Heritage Bank	45. Heritage Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB+	N	2,000	0.85	0.83	0.84	0.90	12/08/2022	1085
ME Bank	46. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	11,591	0.37	0.56	0.54	5.23		
Me Bank	47. ME Bank TD	BBB+	N	2,000	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.90	16/06/2022	363
MyState Bank	48. MyState FRN	BBB+	N	1,500	0.72	0.68	0.68	0.68	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	49. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.90	11/10/2023	730

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Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 28-Feb-22 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2021	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
MyState Bank	50. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.90	29/11/2022	365
MyState Bank	51. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.90	4/11/2022	365
AMP	52. AMP At Call Account	BBB	Y	398	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.18		
AMP	53. AMP Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	1.47	1.43	1.44	0.45	30/03/2022	917
AMP	54. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	0.75	0.77	0.75	0.45	2/08/2022	368
Auswide Bank	55. Auswide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	N	1,500	1.13	1.09	1.09	0.68	17/03/2023	1095
Auswide Bank	56. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	N	2,000	1.24	1.65	1.63	0.90	5/02/2024	720
Bank Australia	57. Bank Australia Floating Rate Note	BBB	N	2,000	0.97	0.94	0.94	0.90	2/12/2022	1096
Credit Union Australia	58. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	N	1,000	1.19	1.16	1.17	0.45	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	59. Great Southern Bank Term Deposit	BBB	N	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.90	31/01/2023	365
Defence Bank	60. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	N	2,000	0.85	0.47	0.48	0.90	8/02/2024	730
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	61. NPBS FRN	BBB	N	2,000	0.69	0.66	0.67	0.90	4/03/2026	1826
Police & Nurses Limited	62. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.45	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	63. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	N	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.90	31/01/2024	730
Teachers Mutual Bank	64. Teachers Mutual Bank FRM	BBB	N	1,100	0.76	0.72	0.72	0.50	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	65. QBank FRN	BBB-	N	1,000	0.81	0.78	0.78	0.45	22/03/2024	1096
QPCU	66. QBank Term Deposit	BBB-	N	1,000	0.65	1.23	1.03	0.45	30/09/2022	364
Railways Credit Union	67. MOVE Term Deposit	NR	?	1,000	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.45	19/05/2022	364
Railways Credit Union	68. MOVE TD	NR	?	1,000	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.45	12/05/2022	356
Warwick Credit Union	69. Warwick CU Term Deposit	NR	?	1,000	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.45	9/03/2023	728
				221,606	1.31	1.38	1.37	100		

*Monthly returns when annualised can appear to exaggerate performance

Return including Matured/Traded Investments Weighted Average Return	Feb	12 Mth	FYTD
	1.35	1.27	1.36
Benchmark Return: AusBond Bank Bill Index (%)	0.07	0.03	0.03
Variance From Benchmark (%)	1.28	1.24	1.33

Investment Income

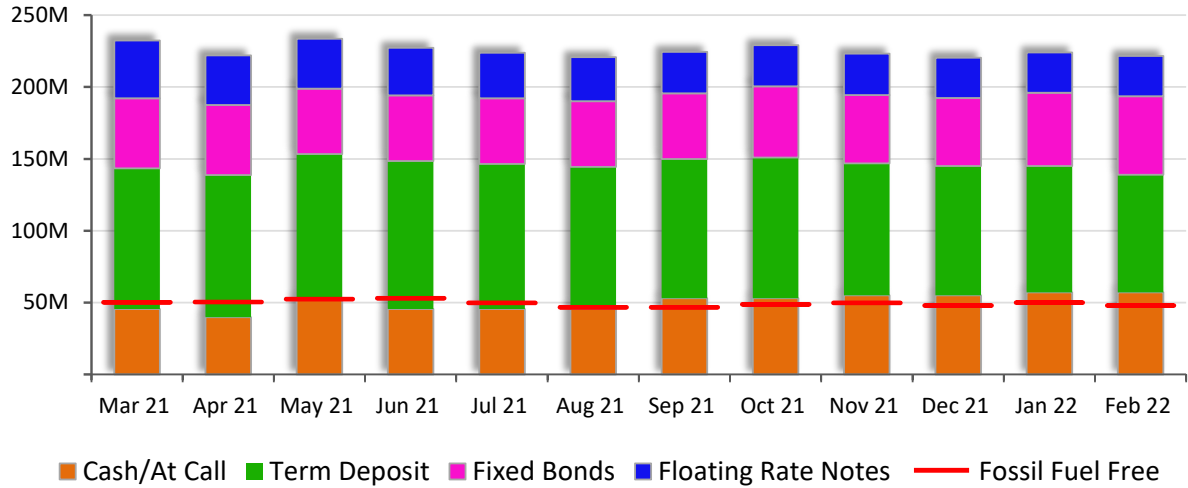
	\$000's
This Period	223
Financial Year To Date	2,011
Budget Profile	1,560
Variance from Budget - \$	451

Fossil Fuel Free (000's)

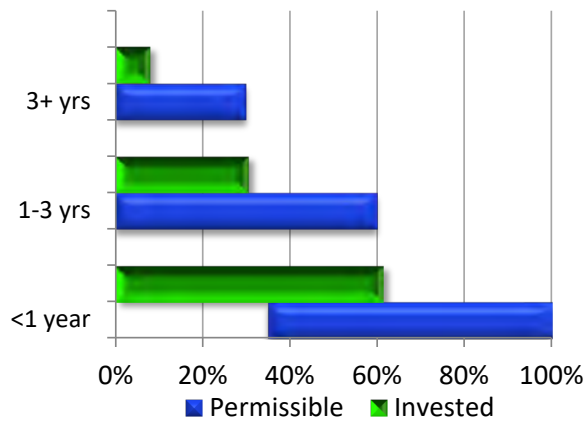
Yes	47,890
No	170,716
Unknown	3,000

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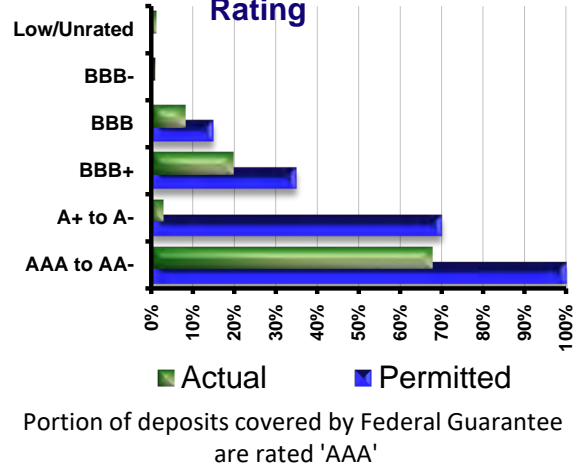
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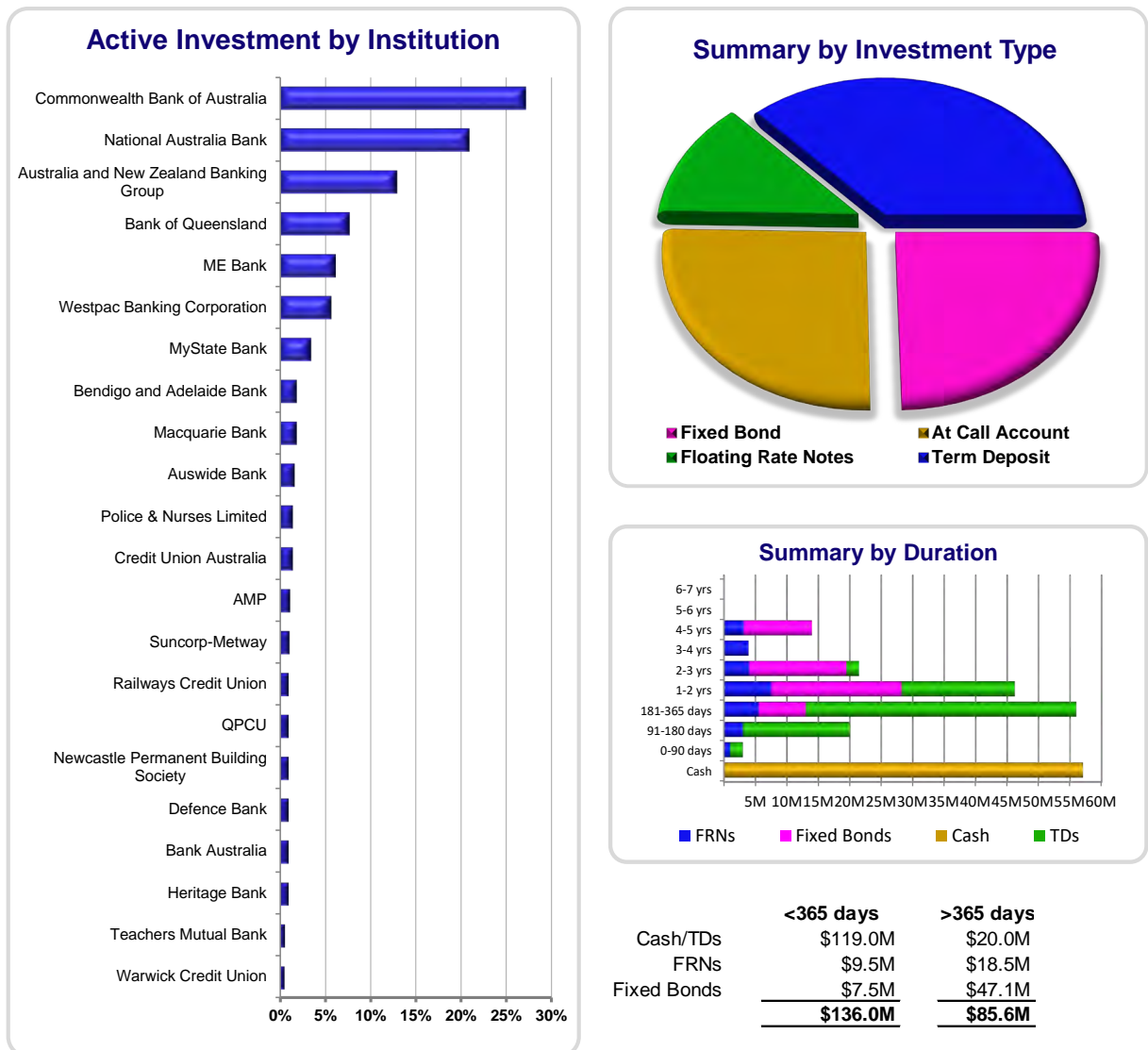
Policy Limits on Maturities



Investment Summary by Rating



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Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions

Council uses the entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either Fossil Fuel or Non Fossil fuel aligned institutions. The figures below do not include any financial institutions that have not declared if they are Fossil Fuel or Non Fossil Fuel aligned.

As at 28 February 2022, Council had a total amount of \$47.9M million invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 21.6% of its total investment portfolio. A number of Fossil Fuel Free institutions repaid investments in the month of February, and we are currently seeking out suitable replacement investments.

By way of comparison, Council had \$48.6 million (24.5% of its total investment portfolio) invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, as at policy inception on 26 October 2021. The implementation of the new Cash Investment Policy by the Finance Department should see this percentage grow over the coming months.

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Council's return for the reporting period is 1.35%, which is 1.28% above the benchmark figure of 0.05%. Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sales of investments totals \$2,011K for the period ending 28 February 2022 and is \$451K above the 2021/22 year-to-date adopted budget of \$1,560K.

Summary

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well with returns above benchmark. The recommendation in this report is consistent with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which deals with the investment of surplus funds by Councils.

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)

I certify that as at the date of this report, the investments listed have been made and are held in compliance with Council's Investment Policy and applicable legislation.

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

4 DETERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/181

REPORT SUMMARY

Council at its Extraordinary meeting held on 11 January 2022 resolved in part as follows:-

- (a) *That Council defer determination of the Advisory Committees (with the exception of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee) and the Expression of Interest process for community members until after a briefing has been conducted with Councillors to discuss the City of Ryde Advisory Committee Structure.*

As per the above Council resolution, a Councillor workshop was held on 8 March 2022 regarding the City of Ryde Advisory Committees.

The City of Ryde Advisory Committees enhance two-way communication between Council and the community. This report seeks Council's determination about what Advisory Committees are required for the next term of Council. Endorsement is also sought to proceed to an expression of interest process for community members for these Committees.

Council is also requested to determine the Councillor members for each Committee. Details of both the Councillor and community membership requirements, as extracted from the Committees' Terms of Reference are given in the report.

Following the determination of the 2021-2024 Advisory Committees, Council officers will also review the Terms of Reference for each Committee, which will subsequently be confirmed by each Committee at their first meeting and then reported back to Council.

It is anticipated that a report on the Expression of Interest process and next steps towards implementation of these Committees will be received by Council at its June 2022 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the following Advisory Committees be convened for the 2021-2024 term of Council:-
- Heritage Advisory Committee
 - Multicultural Advisory Committee
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Social Inclusion Advisory Committee
 - Status of Women Advisory Committee

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With the following consolidated Advisory Committees to be convened for the 2021 – 24 term of Council:-

- Arts Advisory Committee and Festivals and Events Advisory Committee to be consolidated into one committee
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee to be consolidated into one committee
 - Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee and Renewable Energy Advisory Committee to be consolidated into one committee
 - Economic Development Advisory Committee and Macquarie Park Forum to be consolidated into one committee
- (b) That Council determine the Councillor(s) to be members of each City of Ryde Advisory Committee, in accordance with their Terms of Reference noting that the position of Chairperson on each of the Advisory Committees (with the exception of Ryde Youth Council) is to be held by the appointed staff convenor.
- (c) That all future Advisory Committee meetings are to be hybrid meetings with attendance either in person or via remote audio-visual attendance.
- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community, to become members of each of these Advisory Committees.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Committees' Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Committee's first meeting and then reported back to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Former Advisory Committee Community Membership Profiles

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Discussion

The City of Ryde Advisory Committees provide an important vehicle for consultation, advice and feedback between the community and Council.

At the start of each term, Council's Advisory Committees are required to be determined and an Expression of Interest process undertaken to identify community Committee members. Each Committee also requires Councillor participation, in the role of Councillor members.

2017-2021 Advisory Committees

During the 2017 to 2021 term of Council, the following Advisory Committees were in place:-

Arts Advisory Committee	Multicultural Advisory Committee
Bicycle Advisory Committee	Renewable Energy Advisory Committee
Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee	Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services Committee (ceased 30 June 2020)
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Ryde Youth Council
Festivals and Events Advisory Committee	Social Inclusion Advisory Committee
Heritage Advisory Committee	Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee
Macquarie Park Forum	Status of Women Advisory Committee

A brief description of each Former Advisory Committee is given below and each Former Advisory Committee's community membership profile is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

ARTS Advisory Committee – Provides advice to Council regarding the progress of arts and cultural sector within the City of Ryde to make Ryde a culturally rich and vibrant community.

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Provides advice to Council on all matters relating to cycling in the City of Ryde.

Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee - Provides advice to Council regarding protection of biodiversity, protection of natural areas, including waterways and habitat corridors and promotion and implementation of environmentally sustainable initiatives.

Economic Development Advisory Committee - Provides direction and support to assist Council in implementing the City of Ryde Economic Development Strategy.

Festivals and Events Advisory Committee - Provides advice and feedback to Council on the delivery and development of festivals and events in the City of Ryde.

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Heritage Advisory Committee - Provides advice and assists Council to promote, conserve and celebrate places that are of natural, indigenous, cultural, social, aesthetic and/or historic significance within the City of Ryde.

Macquarie Park Forum – Assists Council in the refinement and implementation of the Macquarie Park Master Plan vision and objectives to achieve sustainable growth in Macquarie Park and provides guidance and support to Council in the development and implementation of sustainable infrastructure programs for Macquarie Park. Contributes to the development and implementation of activities to enhance and promote the qualities of Macquarie Park and supports Council's efforts to consult with a range of stakeholder and community groups, in particular the business community in Macquarie Park and key government agencies.

Multicultural Advisory Committee - Provides advice to Council to ensure that Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) residents in the City of Ryde are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life, and that Council recognises and values the diversity of the community.

Renewable Energy Advisory Committee – Provide advice regarding opportunities for further uptake of renewable energy technologies, services and other energy efficient initiatives across the City of Ryde, regionally, state wide and nationally.

Ryde Youth Council – To advocate for the needs of young people and provide a mechanism for their participation and involvement in decision making on community issues, acts in an advisory and consultative capacity to Council on matters affecting young people in the community and assist young people in developing skills in various areas including leadership, communication, advocacy, governance and administration.

Social Inclusion Advisory Committee - Provides advice to Council to ensure that all residents and visitors to the City of Ryde are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life, and that Council recognises and values the diversity of its community.

Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee - Fosters the appreciation, development and maintenance of sporting and recreational facilities, clubs and opportunities in City of Ryde, acts as a central point of communication between Council and the sporting and recreational groups in City of Ryde, assists clubs where possible in the application process for grants/sponsorships and advises Council on the need for wheeled sports' facilities in the City of Ryde.

Status of Women Advisory Committee – Provides advice to Council on improving the ways in which women in the City of Ryde are able to participate and engage actively in all aspects of community and civic life.

All Advisory Committees were disbanded at the end of November 2021 to coincide with the term of Council.

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2021 – 2024 Advisory Committees

Council at its Extraordinary meeting held on 11 January 2022 resolved in part as follows:-

- (a) *That Council defer determination of the Advisory Committees (with the exception of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee) and the Expression of Interest process for community members until after a briefing has been conducted with Councillors to discuss the City of Ryde Advisory Committee Structure.*

As per the above Council resolution, a Councillor workshop was held on 8 March 2022 regarding the City of Ryde Advisory Committees.

At this workshop there were a number of different options discussed concerning the future of the advisory committees. These included:-

- Structure of Advisory Committees – is the existing structure sufficient, does Council have too many or not enough Advisory Committees, additions, deletions or consolidations of the existing structure.
- Role of Councillors on Advisory Committees.
- How should Advisory Committee meetings be held – remotely, in person or a hybrid solution.

From these discussions, a general consensus was formed and this is represented below.

Structure of Advisory Committees

A view taken from the workshop was that Council favoured a proposal which would see the effective reduction in the overall number of advisory committees from 13 to 9 via the consolidation of some existing Advisory Committees.

No existing Advisory Committees were to be dissolved (or added), however it was proposed that a number of the existing Advisory Committees had commonalities (purpose, structure, membership) with other Advisory Committees that could potentially result in a better alignment to existing Council strategies.

As a result, the following Advisory Committees are proposed to be carried forward without change:-

- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Ryde Youth Council
- Social Inclusion Advisory Committee
- Status of Women Advisory Committee

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The following Advisory Committees were proposed to be consolidated/merged, although there were cases put both in support and against supporting the following proposed consolidation:-

- Arts Advisory Committee and Festivals and Events Advisory Committee to be consolidated into one committee.
- Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee to be consolidated into one committee.
- Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee and Renewable Energy Advisory Committee to be consolidated into one committee.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee and Macquarie Park Forum to be consolidated into one committee.

Role of Councillors on Advisory Committees

Council is required to determine the Councillor membership of each Advisory Committee as detailed in each Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference. Councillors are appointed to each Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term.

Committee Title	Existing Councillor Members as per Terms of Reference
All Advisory Committees (apart from Ryde Youth Council)	No less than one (1) Councillor appointed annually Chair - a Councillor or Staff Member as elected by Council
Ryde Youth Council	No less than one (1) Councillor appointed annually, non-voting member; No less than one (1) alternate Councillor delegate, non-voting member Chair - is to be a Youth member, and is chosen by the Youth members

At the workshop, it was proposed that while Councillors should still retain membership on the Advisory Committees, the appointed staff convenor should be the Chairperson on all Advisory Committees (with the exception of the Ryde Youth Council).

Council is requested to nominate Councillor members for each of the Advisory Committees (once the structure of the Advisory Committees is determined).

How should Advisory Committee meetings be held – remotely, in person or a hybrid solution

Also at the workshop, consideration was given as to the how future Advisory Committees should be held with all options being considered, particularly in light of experience with the COVID-19 pandemic. There was a strong general consensus towards the implementation of hybrid meetings which will allow in person or remote audio-visual attendance at all Advisory Committee meetings.

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Other items for consideration

Review of Terms of Reference

It is usual practice for the staff convenor to review the Advisory Committees Terms of Reference at the commencement of each new Council term. This will be particularly important if there are any changes made to the existing structure of Advisory Committees at the City of Ryde as proposed above (in terms of consolidation). Nonetheless, all Advisory Committees will have their Terms of Reference reviewed to ensure that these are relevant and purposeful.

Community Membership of Advisory Committees

Council is required to call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for community members for each of the Advisory Committees. The resulting members are to reflect the profile as given in each Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference. The community membership profile of the Former Advisory Committees in place for the last term of Council is provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Any changes to the existing structure of the Advisory Committees, may prompt a need for a review of the profile of community membership. If this is the case, it is proposed that the staff convenor will consult with Councillor representatives prior to implementing these changes.

The Expression of Interest process will be promoted on:-

- City of Ryde website
- The Mayoral Column
- The Weekly Times
- City of Ryde social media sites
- Councillor promotion

The EOI process for the *Ryde Youth Council* also includes specific communications with high schools, youth clubs, Macquarie University and local youth services.

Additionally, Advisory Committee members from the previous term will be notified and invited to submit an Expression of Interest.

It is anticipated that this EOI process will occur during April and May 2022, with nominations to be presented to Council at its meeting in June 2022.

Following Council's resolution to implement these Advisory Committees, Council officers will review each Committee's Terms of Reference, and these will then be considered at the first meeting of each Advisory Committee.

ITEM 4 (continued)**Critical Dates**

The City of Ryde Advisory Committees are an important means of engaging with the local community, providing a mechanism for consultation, advice and feedback.

Council's adoption of these Advisory Committees and agreement to commence the process to recruit Committee members is essential in order to facilitate the implementation of this two way communication process.

This process cannot commence until these determinations are made.

Financial Implications

Funding for the process to advertise and recruit for community members is available from within the Corporate Governance budget.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Former Advisory Committees – Profiles of Community Members

COMMITTEE NAME	PROFILE OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Committee comprises:</p> <p>Up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) members representing:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons with specialist skills and experience relevant to arts and cultural sector. • People who reside, work or visit the Ryde Local Government Area who have a demonstrated commitment to arts and culture. • Representatives from community groups/organisations invested in the progression of arts and culture within the City of Ryde.
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Bicycle Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) representatives of Bike North. • One (1) alternate Bike North delegate. • One (1) representative from Connect Macquarie Park. • One (1) representative of Macquarie University. • One (1) representative of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). • One (1) representative from a major employer in the Macquarie Park area. <p>Substitute delegates may attend the Bicycle Advisory Meeting on behalf of a representative organisation.</p>
BUSHLAND AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 bushcare group representatives, 1 representing each ward. • Up to 3 representatives from different environmental and/or sustainability stakeholder groups that are not already represented on the committee. • Up to 2 community representatives that are not members of other groups represented on the committee. • Up to 2 industry and/or educational representatives that are currently not employed or contracted by the City of Ryde.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC)	<p>Community Membership of the Economic Development Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Business Chamber representatives. • Local Business Owner/Operators. • Education Institutions (e.g. Macquarie University & Local Schools). • Community Based Service Operators.
FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Proposed Community Membership of the Festivals and Events Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <p>Twelve (12) and no more than twenty-four (24) community representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally, community members will be drawn from each of the three wards of Council, with a minimum of two (2) representatives from each ward. • One (1) member from each of the following groups:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eastwood Chamber of Commerce - West Ryde Chamber of Commerce - Gladesville Chamber of Commerce - Chair or delegate from each event Sub-Committee (Lunar New Year, Cork & Fork and Granny Smith Festival)

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COMMITTEE NAME	PROFILE OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Heritage Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups represented by one (1) person. Currently the groups are:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brush Farm Historical Society - Ryde District Historical Society - Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society • Up to five (5) individual community representatives.
MACQUARIE PARK FORUM	<p>Community Membership of the Macquarie Park Forum comprises:</p> <p>Appropriate representation from the following stakeholder groups:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial landowners in Macquarie Park • Key tenants in Macquarie Park • Macquarie Centre (AMPCAPITAL) • Relevant education providers e.g. Macquarie University • Transport Management Association – Macquarie Park + North Ryde • Relevant business groups (e.g. Chamber of Commerce) • Relevant State Government entities (e.g. Transport for NSW, Sydney Metro)
MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Multicultural Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <p>Up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) members representing:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons who are representative of the cultural, ethnic, faith and linguistic diversity of the City of Ryde. • People who reside, work or visit the Ryde Local Government Area who have a demonstrated commitment to community harmony. • People will be co-opted as required.
RENEWABLE ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Renewable Energy Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 representatives from different environmental sustainability and/or renewable energy or renewable technology stakeholder groups that are not already represented on the committee. • Up to 4 community representatives that are not members of other groups represented on the committee – minimum 1 representing each ward. • Up to 3 industry and/or educational representatives that are currently not employed or contracted by the City of Ryde.
RYDE YOUTH COUNCIL	<p>Community Membership of the Ryde Youth Council comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that there be between ten (10) and fifteen (15) community representatives aged 12 – 25 years. Members must live, work, study or recreate in the City of Ryde. • Young people who represent organisations that service young people. • Young people from diverse socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. • Individuals with specialist skills and professional interest in issues affecting young people will be contacted / invited as required.

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COMMITTEE NAME	PROFILE OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
SOCIAL INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Social Inclusion Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <p>A minimum of twelve (12) and maximum of twenty-five (25) community representatives</p> <p>Community representatives shall be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons who reside, work or visit the Ryde Local Government Area who have a demonstrated commitment to access and inclusion issues. • Persons with specialist skills and experience relevant to access and inclusion issues; e.g. community members with a lived experience of disability, engineers, architects, occupational therapists. • Representatives from community groups/organisations representing people with diverse backgrounds, interests and abilities.
SPORT AND RECREATION AND WHEELED SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One representative from sporting clubs, recreation organisations and regular hirers that use facilities and/or are located within the City of Ryde. • Residents that have an interest in working with Council on the development of recreation facilities for wheeled sports (skate boarding, BMX riding, scooters).
STATUS OF WOMEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<p>Community Membership of the Status of Women Advisory Committee comprises:</p> <p>Up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) members representing:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women who represent women's organisations • Highly regarded professional women • Women from CALD backgrounds • Indigenous women • Young women • Women who have previous advocacy experience highlighting women's issues • Individuals with specialist skills and professional interest in issues affecting women • Active community members • Women will be co-opted as required.

5 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETING STRUCTURE AND SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/207

REPORT SUMMARY

Council at its Extraordinary meeting held on 11 January 2022 resolved as follows:-

That Council endorse the Ordinary Council meeting components of Option 2 on a temporary basis until the end of March 2022, with a workshop to be arranged with Councillors in February to formalise a meeting schedule for the remainder of 2022, with other matters to be deferred pending the Council workshop.

As per the above Council resolution, a Councillor workshop was held on 8 March 2022 regarding the Council/Committee Meeting Structure.

Based on the discussion and feedback from the Councillor workshop, this report sets out the framework for a Council meeting cycle from April 2022 and recommends a number of changes to the meeting structure.

If Council endorses the changes detailed in this report, these amendments to Council's Code of Meeting Practice (Item 6 on this Agenda) will be placed on public exhibition from 23 March 2022 until 3 May 2022, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) with a report to come back to Council at its meeting on 24 May 2022 for adoption.

This report also outlines for the consideration and endorsement of Council, a draft schedule of meeting dates from April 2022 up to the end of August 2023 as provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Schedule of Meeting Dates as detailed in the report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**, noting that the schedule may be amended at any time, subject to one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.
- (b) That Council endorse a Council meeting be held on the second Tuesday of December 2022, being 13 December 2022.
- (c) That Council note that the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 25 April 2023 has been moved to Wednesday, 26 April 2023 due to Anzac Day.

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- (d) That Council endorse all other amendments listed in the report relating to Council's meeting structure, noting that these amendments will be incorporated in the Code of Meeting Practice report which is Item 6 to be considered at this meeting.
- (e) That in relation to tenders invited under s55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (**Act**), Council delegates to the General Manager the function:-
1. Under s178(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (NSW) (**Regulation**) to either:-
 - (i) accept the tender that, having regard to all the circumstances, appears to it to be the most advantageous; or
 - (ii) decline to accept any of the tenders.
 2. If the General Manager decides to accept a tender in accordance with s178(1)(a) of the Regulation, to finalise and execute the contract resulting from the acceptance of the tender.
 3. This delegation does not apply to tenders for a contract that involves an estimated expenditure or receipt of an amount greater than \$1,000,000 plus GST.
 4. If the General Manager exercises this delegation by declining to accept any of the tenders, a report must be provided to Council to enable Council to make a resolution under s178(3) of the Regulation.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Schedule of Meeting Dates for April 2022 up to end of August 2023

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Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

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Discussion

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As per the above resolution, a Councillor workshop was held on 8 March 2022. Based on discussion and feedback at the workshop, this report details proposed amendments to the current Council and Committee meeting structure.

Current Meeting Structure

Council's current adopted Standing Committees are as follows:-

- Works and Community Committee; and
- Finance and Governance Committee.

The format for Council's current meeting structure (in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice) is outlined below:-

- The Works and Community Committee and the Finance and Governance Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive, commencing at 6.00pm and 6.45pm respectively.
- Ordinary Council meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive, commencing at 7.00pm.

Proposed Amendments to Council's meeting structure

The following amendments are proposed to Council's meeting structure:-

- That Council discontinue the Works and Community Committee.
- That Council discontinue the Finance and Governance Committee.
- That the commencement time for Ordinary Council meetings be altered to commence at 6.00pm.
- That the opportunity for speakers to address Council meetings in person be discontinued and that written submissions only be accepted.
- That the deadline for a Councillor to submit Notices of Motion and Questions with Notice be moved to 5.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the issuing of the Agenda and Business Papers.

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If Council endorses the changes, detailed in this report, these amendments to Council's Code of Meeting Practice (Item 6 on this Agenda) will be placed on public exhibition from 23 March 2022 until 3 May 2022, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) with a report to come back to Council at its meeting on 24 May 2022 for adoption.

Draft Schedule of Meeting Dates

Attached to this report for Council's consideration and endorsement and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1** is a draft schedule of meeting dates for the period April 2022 up to the end of August 2023.

It should be noted that the calendar may be amended at any time if Council resolves to alter the meeting day or to adjust the Council structure, subject to an appropriate transition period in order for public notices to be amended.

The proposed schedule of meeting dates has taken into account public holidays such as Easter and Anzac Day.

The schedule has followed normal procedure for the majority of the period, however slight amendments are recommended as follows:-

Council meeting for December 2022

As Council has resolved in previous years, it is proposed to hold the December 2022 Council meeting on the second Tuesday on the month being 13 December 2022.

Council meeting for April 2023

As Anzac Day falls on Tuesday, 25 April 2023 which is the same day as the Council meeting, it is therefore recommended that the Council meeting be moved to Wednesday, 26 April 2023.

Review of General Manager's Delegation – Approval of Tenders

At the workshop, Council also discussed the current practice of receiving reports on tenders in excess of a threshold of \$250,000 (including GST). Council indicated that it was comfortable in delegating the authority for approving tenders up to a defined value of \$1,000,000 plus GST to the General Manager. Council would still be required to approve Tenders over this amount.

This proposed amendment is allowed under the provision of the Local Government Act as there have been amendments to Section 377(1) that enables Council to delegate the function of accepting tenders (other than for services currently provided by council staff members). Council needs to clearly specify which functions of the tendering process are to be delegated and to whom (in this case the General Manager).

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Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation outlined in this report will have no financial impact as there is provision for the conduct of meetings allocated in the adopted 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 budgets.

Options

1. Council can adopt the recommendation to Council's meeting structure as detailed in this report.

This option is recommended.

2. Council can modify or make no changes to its current meeting structure.

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ATTACHMENT 1

**MEETING SCHEDULE
APRIL 2022 TO END OF AUGUST 2023**

DATE	MEETING TYPE	COMMENTS
APRIL 2022		
26-Apr-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 7.00pm
MAY 2022		
24-May-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 7.00pm
31-May-22	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
JUNE 2022		
28-June-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
JULY 2022		
26-July-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
AUGUST 2022		
23-Aug-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
30-Aug-22	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 2022		
27-Sep-22	Council Meeting (including election of Deputy Mayor)	Commencing at 6.00pm
OCTOBER 2022		
25-Oct-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
NOVEMBER 2022		
22-Nov-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
29-Nov-22	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
DECEMBER 2022		
13-Dec-22	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
FEBRUARY 2023		
28-Feb-23	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
MARCH 2023		
28-Mar-23	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
APRIL 2023		
26-Apr-23	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 26 April due to Anzac Day on 25 April
MAY 2023		
23-May-23	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
30-May-23	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
JUNE 2023		
27-June-23	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
JULY 2023		
25-July-23	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
AUGUST 2023		
22-Aug-23	Council Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
29-Aug-23	No Meetings	5th Tuesday

* Note: Councillor Briefings and Workshops will be programmed as required and will commence at a time allocated by the General Manager

6 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLR/07/8/9/3 - BP22/184

REPORT SUMMARY

Following extensive consultation, a new *Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in New South Wales* (Model Meeting Code) was prescribed under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) on 12 November 2021. As a result, Council must now consider a new Code of Meeting Practice.

The new Model Meeting Code contains mandatory and non-mandatory provisions and Council is required to adopt a Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code prescribed by the Regulation.

The new Model Meeting Code, which is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** contains the following:-

- New provisions that allow Councils to permit individual Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link and to hold meetings by audio-visual link in the event of natural disasters or public health emergencies.
- Amendments to the provisions governing the webcasting of meetings and disorder at meetings to reflect amendments to the Regulation since the previous iteration of the Model Meeting Code was prescribed.
- An amendment has also been to the Model Meeting Code implementing recommendation 6 in ICAC's report in relation to its investigation of the former Canterbury City Council (Operation Dasha). ICAC recommended that the Model Meeting Code be amended to require that Council business papers include a reminder to Councillors of their Oath or Affirmation of Office, and their Conflict of Interest disclosure obligations.

Councils must adopt a Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code within 12 months of the local government elections. It should be noted, however, that the repeal date for Section 237 of the Regulation which exempts Councils from the requirement under Clause 5.2 of the previous iteration of the Model Meeting Code for Councillors to be personally present at meetings in order to participate in them has been extended to 30 June 2022. Therefore, Councils who wish to continue allowing attendance by audio-visual link at meetings must have exhibited and adopted a new Meeting Code incorporating those provisions by **30 June 2022**. If Councils have not adopted a new Meeting Code that allows Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link, they will not be permitted to do so after that date.

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It is recommended that Council endorse the attached draft *Code of Meeting Practice (March 2022)* which is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** to be placed on public exhibition in accordance with Section 361 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the draft *Code of Meeting Practice (March 2022)*, to be placed on public exhibition from 23 March 2022 to 3 May 2022, in accordance with Section 361 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting on 24 May 2022 setting out any submissions received and to consider adoption of the new draft Code of Meeting Practice.

ATTACHMENTS – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 2021 Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW
- 2 Draft Code of Meeting Practice (March 2022)

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The new Model Meeting Code contains mandatory and non-mandatory provisions and Council is required to adopt a Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code prescribed by the Regulation.

The new Model Meeting Code, which is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** is also available on the Office of Local Government's (OLG) website and contains the following:-

- New provisions that allow Councils to permit individual Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link and to hold meetings by audio-visual link in the event of natural disasters or public health emergencies. The provisions governing attendance at meetings by audio-visual link are non-mandatory meaning that Councils can choose not to adopt them or to adapt them to meet their own needs.
- Amendments have also been made to the provisions governing the webcasting of meetings and disorder at meetings to reflect amendments to the Regulation since the previous iteration of the Model Meeting Code was prescribed.
- An amendment has also been to the Model Meeting Code implementing recommendation 6 in ICAC's report in relation to its investigation of the former Canterbury City Council (Operation Dasha). ICAC recommended that the Model Meeting Code be amended to require that Council business papers include a reminder to Councillors of their Oath or Affirmation of Office, and their Conflict of Interest disclosure obligations.
- The repeal date for Section 237 of the Regulation which exempts Councils from the requirement under Clause 5.2 of the previous iteration of the Model Meeting Code for Councillors to be personally present at meetings in order to participate in them has been extended to 30 June 2022. This is to allow Councils additional time to exhibit and adopt a new Code of Meeting Practice containing provisions allowing attendance by audio-visual link at meetings. If Councils have not adopted a new Meeting Code that allows Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link, they will not be permitted to do so after that date.

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Discussion

The Model Meeting Code has two elements:-

- It contains mandatory provisions (indicated in **black font**); and
- It contains non-mandatory provisions (indicated in **red font**) covering areas of meeting practice that are common to most Councils but where there may be a need for some variation in practice between Councils based on local circumstances. The non-mandatory provisions also operate to set a benchmark based on what the Office of Local Government (OLG) sees as best practice for the relevant area of practice.

Councils must adopt a Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code prescribed by the Regulation. A Council's adopted Meeting Code must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions.

A Council's adopted Meeting Code may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code and any other supplementary provisions adopted by the Council.

Councils and Committees of Councils of which all the members are Councillors must conduct their meetings in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice adopted by the Council.

The new draft *Code of Meeting Practice (March 2022)* which is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** has been prepared to align Council's Code of Meeting Practice with the Model Meeting Code.

To highlight the proposed changes, the sections in **Black Font** represent the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code prescribed by the Regulation together with supplementary provisions taken from Council's current adopted Code of Meeting Practice.

The sections in **Red Font** represent the non-mandatory provisions that have been taken from the Model Meeting Code. These provisions are recommended for inclusion in the draft Code of Meeting Practice as Council already has some of those provisions in place and they are seen as being best practice for Council meetings by the Office of Local Government.

The sections in **Blue Font** represent recommended amendments/additions to the draft Code of Meeting Practice and also where Council is required to make a determination.

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The sections in ~~strike through~~ are Clauses from Council's current Code of Meeting Practice that are either not mandatory or no longer required and are therefore recommended for deletion.

A summary of the recommended amendments and inclusions in the draft Code of Meeting Practice are set out below. Please note that this is best read in conjunction with the draft *Code of Meeting Practice (March 2022)* which is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.**

PART 3 – BEFORE THE MEETING**Clause 3.1 under Timing of Ordinary Council Meetings (page 7 of the draft Code)**

It is noted that under Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, Ordinary meetings of the Council are held on the fourth Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive commencing at 7.00pm.

In the event that there may be a requirement to hold an Ordinary meeting of the Council in the month of January and based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop regarding the commencement time for Council meetings, it is recommended that Clause 3.1 of Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice include the text in blue font to outline that Ordinary meetings of the Council will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive, or as required, commencing at 6.00pm.

Clause 3.2 under Extraordinary Meetings (page 7 of the draft Code)

It is noted that under Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor must call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council if they receive a request in writing signed by at least two (2) Councillors. If the item of business, the subject of the request for an Extraordinary meeting, is unlawful or the implementation of the business would be unlawful, this could lead to a situation where an Extraordinary meeting is called, opened and the item of business ruled out of order.

It is therefore recommended that the text in blue font "subject to Clause 3.33" be added to Clause 3.2 of Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice in order to avoid a situation where an Extraordinary meeting of the Council is called for an item of business which is, or the implementation of the business would be unlawful.

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Clauses 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 under Extraordinary Meetings (page 7 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clauses 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, are not mandatory Clauses in the Model Meeting Code and are therefore marked for deletion from Council' draft Code of Meeting Practice as they are not required.

Clauses 3.9, 3.10 and 3.11 under Notice to the public of Council Meetings (page 8 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clauses 3.9, 3.10 and 3.11 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, are not mandatory Clauses in the Model Meeting Code and are therefore marked for deletion from Council' draft Code of Meeting Practice as they are not required.

Clauses 3.14, 3.15 and 3.16 under Notice to Councillors of Ordinary Council Meetings (page 8 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clauses 3.14, 3.15 and 3.16 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, are not mandatory Clauses in the Model Meeting Code and are therefore marked for deletion from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as they are not required.

Clause 3.18 under Notice to Councillors of Extraordinary Council Meetings (page 9 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clause 3.18 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, is not a mandatory Clause in the Model Meeting Code and is therefore marked for deletion from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is not required.

Clause 3.19 under Giving Notice of Business to be considered at Council Meetings (page 9 of the draft Code)

It is noted that under Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, the deadline for submission of Notices of Motion was 5.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the Ordinary Council meeting being four (4) business days before the meeting is to be held. Based on discussions held during the recent Councillor workshop, there is now a requirement that Notices of Motion be included in the Agenda prior to the Business Papers being issued.

It is therefore recommended that Clause 3.19 stipulate that Notices of Motion be received in writing and submitted by 5.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the issuing of the Agenda and Business Papers for the Ordinary Council Meeting, being nine (9) business days before the meeting is to be held.

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Clause 3.20 under Giving Notice of Business to be considered at Council Meetings (page 9 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clause 3.20 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, is not a mandatory Clause in the Model Meeting Code and is therefore marked for deletion from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is not required.

Clause 3.24 under Giving Notice of Business to be considered at Council Meetings (page 9 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clause 3.24 is a non-mandatory provision, however it is recommended for inclusion in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and also gives Council the opportunity to receive a report so that they can be fully informed prior to making a decision.

Clause 3.28 under Questions with Notice (page 10 of the draft Code)

It is noted that under Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, the deadline for submission of Questions with Notice was 5.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the Ordinary Council meeting being four (4) business days before the meeting is to be held. Based on discussions held during the recent Councillor workshop, there is now a requirement that Questions with Notice be included in the Agenda prior to the Business Papers being issued.

It is therefore recommended that Clause 3.28 stipulate that Questions with Notice be received in writing by the General Manager by 5.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the issuing of the Agenda and Business Papers for the Ordinary Council Meeting, being nine (9) business days before the meeting is to be held. This will also align with the deadline for submission of Notices of Motion.

Clauses 3.41, 3.42 and 3.43 under Availability of the Agenda and Business Papers to the Public (page 12 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clauses 3.41, 3.42 and 3.43 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, are not mandatory Clauses in the Model Meeting Code and are therefore marked for deletion from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as they are not required.

Clause 3.51 under Pre-Meeting Briefing Sessions (page 13 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clause 3.51 is a non-mandatory provision, however it is recommended that it be included in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice so that if a Pre-Meeting Briefing Session was required to be held, Councillors and staff have the opportunity to attend the session by audio-visual link.

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PART 4 – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Clauses 4.1 to 4.18 (pages 13, 14 and 15 of the draft code)

It is noted that under Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, members of the public have the opportunity to address Council in person at meetings. Based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop, there was a consensus view that the opportunity for speakers to address Council meetings in person to be discontinued and written submissions only be accepted.

It is therefore recommended that Clauses 4.1 to 4.18 be deleted from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice and a new Clause 4.1 and 4.2 be included.

It is recommended that a new Clause 4.1 in blue font be included in the draft Code of Meeting Practice to reflect that members of the public may submit written submissions to Council on items of business to be considered at its meetings.

It is also recommended that a new Clause 4.2 in blue font be included in the draft Code of Meeting Practice to advise members of the public how to submit written submissions and also the deadline when written submissions must be received which is midday on the Friday prior to the meeting being held. This is based on the discussions held at the Councillor workshop in order to give Councillors sufficient time to read the written submissions prior to the meeting.

It is also recommended to change the heading of Part 4 of the draft Code of Meeting Practice from Public Addresses to 'Written Submissions from the Public'.

Appendix "D" (page 55 of the draft code)

It is noted that Appendix "D" in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice relates to Part 4 of the Code and outlines the Practice for Public Addresses. Based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop, it is therefore recommended to update Appendix "D" in the draft Code of Meeting Practice to reflect these changes by deleting the sections relating to Public Addresses and including the new blue font regarding written submissions from the public.

PART 5 – COMING TOGETHER

Clause 5.14 under the Quorum for a Meeting (page 16 of the draft Code)

It is noted that the text in blue is non-mandatory but it is recommended that it be included in Clause 5.14 of Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and also allows Council to cancel a meeting where there is a public health emergency that could put the health, safety or welfare of Councillors, Council staff or members of the public at risk.

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Clauses 5.16 to 5.18 under Meetings held by audio-visual link (page 17 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clauses 5.16 to 5.18 are non-mandatory provisions, however it is recommended that they be included in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as they are considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and also allow Council to conduct a meeting by audio-visual link where there is a natural disaster, a public health emergency or any other appropriate reason.

Clauses 5.19 to 5.25 under Attendance by Councillors at meetings by audio-visual link (pages 17 and 18 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clauses 5.19 to 5.25 are non-mandatory provisions, however it is recommended that they be included in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as they are considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and also allow individual Councillors (excluding the Mayor/Chairperson) to attend and participate in meetings by audio-visual link.

Clauses 5.36 and 5.37 under Webcasting of Meetings (pages 18 and 19 of the draft Code)

It is noted that under Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, a copy of the webcast from Council and Committee of Council meetings be audio visually recorded and uploaded to Council's website within five (5) business days after the meeting.

It is recommended that Clauses 5.36 and 5.37 be deleted from the draft Code of Meeting Practice as they have been superseded by a new mandatory provision (clause 5.38) which outlines that recordings of a meeting must be uploaded as soon as practicable after the meeting.

PART 8 – ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Clause 8.1 (page 21 of the draft Code)

It is noted that based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop, a recommendation was made to discontinue the Council's Standing Committee meetings. Accordingly, part (l) of Clause 8.1 'Reports from Committees of Council' is recommended to be deleted from the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

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PART 10 – RULES OF DEBATE

Supplementary Provision – reference Section 223 of the Act (page 25 of the draft Code)

It is noted that parts (a) and (b) under Supplementary Provision – reference Section 223 of the Act in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, is not a mandatory provision in the Model Meeting Code and is therefore marked for deletion from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is not required.

PART 14 – CLOSURE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC

Clause 14.21 under Obligations of Councillors attending meetings by audio-visual link (page 34 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clause 14.21 is a non-mandatory provision, however it is recommended for inclusion in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and also informs Council of the expectations of Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link during closed confidential session.

PART 15 – KEEPING ORDER AT MEETINGS

Clauses 15.20 and 15.21 under How disorder by Councillors attending meetings by audio-visual link may be dealt with (page 37 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clauses 15.20 and 15.21 are non-mandatory provisions, however they are recommended for inclusion in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as they are considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and also informs Council of how disorder will be dealt with for Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link.

PART 16 – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Clause 16.2 under Conflicts of Interest (page 38 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clause 16.2 is a non-mandatory provision, however it is recommended for inclusion in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and also informs Council of how Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link must declare and manage any Conflicts of Interest.

ITEM 6 (continued)**PART 17 – DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL****Clause 17.12 under Rescinding or Altering Council Decisions (page 39 of the draft Code)**

It is noted that Clause 17.12 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, is not a mandatory Clause in the Model Meeting Code and therefore is marked for deletion from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is not required.

PART 18 – TIME LIMITS ON COUNCIL MEETINGS**Clause 18.2 under Time Limits on Council Meetings (page 41 of the draft Code)**

It is noted that based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop, a recommendation was made for Council to resolve into Closed Confidential Session to consider items under Section 10A of the Local Government Act no later than 9.00pm.

It is therefore recommended to include the blue font into a new clause 18.2 in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice which allows Council to resolve into Closed Confidential Session to consider items under Section 10A of the Local Government Act no later than 9.00pm, or upon the conclusion of the current item.

PART 19 – AFTER THE MEETING**Clause 19.2(a) under Minutes of Meetings (page 42 of the draft Code)**

It is noted that Clause 19.2(a) is a non-mandatory provision, however it is recommended for inclusion in Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice as it is considered best practice by the Office of Local Government and Council is already recording its voting in meeting minutes in this manner.

Clause 19.13 under Implementation of Decisions of the Council (page 43 of the draft Code)

It is noted that Clause 19.13 in Council's current Code of Meeting Practice, is not a mandatory Clause in the Model Meeting Code and is also unlawful, therefore it is marked for deletion from Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice.

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PART 20 – COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Clause 20.6 under Timing of Committee Meetings (page 44 of the draft Code)

It is noted that based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop, a recommendation was made to discontinue the Works and Community Committee and the Finance and Governance Committee. Accordingly, Clause 20.6 – Timing of Committee Meetings is recommended to be deleted from the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

Clauses 20.9, 20.10 and 20.11 under Order of Business at Committee Meetings (page 45 of the draft Code)

It is noted that based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop, a recommendation was made to discontinue the Works and Community Committee and the Finance and Governance Committee. Accordingly, Clauses 20.9, 20.10 and 20.11 are recommended to be deleted from the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

Appendix “E” (page 57 of the draft code)

It is noted that Appendix “E” in Council’s current Code of Meeting Practice relates to Part 20 of the Code and outlines the Meeting Times, Charters, Function and Powers of Committees. Based on discussions held at the recent Councillor workshop and the recommendation to discontinue the Works and Community Committee and the Finance and Governance Committee, it is therefore recommended to delete Appendix “E” from the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

Exhibition of the draft Code of Meeting Practice (March 2022)

Before adopting a new Code of Meeting Practice, under Section 361 of the Act, Council is required to exhibit a draft of the Code of Meeting Practice for at least 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days to provide any feedback or comments on the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

It is therefore proposed to place the draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition from Wednesday, 23 March 2022 to Tuesday, 3 May 2022.

A further report outlining any submissions received and requesting Council to consider adoption of the draft Code of Meeting Practice will then be presented to Council at its meeting on 24 May 2022.

ITEM 6 (continued)**Critical Dates**

If Council wishes to continue allowing attendance by audio-visual link at meetings, a new Meeting Code incorporating those provisions must be exhibited and adopted by **30 June 2022**. If Council has not adopted a new Meeting Code that allows Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link, they will not be permitted to do so after that date.

In order to comply with the 42 days submission period and have the draft Code of Meeting Practice adopted prior to 30 June 2022, Council must place the draft Code on public exhibition no later than **23 March 2022**. This allows time for Council to consider any submissions and make any required amendments to the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

Financial Implications

Adoption of these recommendations will have no financial impact.

**7 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Canberra
- 19 to 22 June 2022**

Report prepared by: Civic Support Officer
File No.: CLR/21/74/2 - BP22/129

REPORT SUMMARY

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on Sunday, 19 June 2022 to Wednesday, 22 June 2022.

This report is presented to Council for its consideration of the Mayor (or his nominee) in addition to the General Manager (and/or his delegates) and other Councillor/s to attend the Assembly.

This report will also consider any recommended Motions received from Councillors, to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association for their consideration to include in the Conference Business Paper. It is noted that no proposed motions were received from Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council consider the attendance of the Mayor (or his nominee) in addition to the General Manager (and/or his delegates) and other Councillor/s to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government held in Canberra on Sunday, 19 June 2022 to Wednesday, 22 June 2022.
- (b) That Council nominate the Mayor (or his nominee) to be the voting delegate to represent the City of Ryde during debates on Motions presented to the Assembly.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 National General Assembly Discussion Paper 2022

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Discussion

Conference

The 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government will meet on 19-22 June 2022 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. The Assembly will be hosted by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

The theme of the Assembly this year is “*Partners in Progress*”. The National General Assembly (NGA) aims to focus on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and Local Governments, can tackle immediate challenges facing communities as well as confidently facing the future.

Previously, the Mayor (or his nominee) and the General Manager (and/or his nominees) have attended the Assembly. In 2021, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Purcell, Councillor Pedersen, George Dedes (General Manager) and other Senior Staff attended the Assembly.

A notice was placed in the Councillor Information Bulletin dated 22 February 2022 inviting Councillors to indicate their interest to attend the Assembly by 14 March 2022. As a result, no expressions of interest were received from Councillors in relation to attending the Assembly.

In determining Councillor attendance to the Assembly, Council is required to nominate one voting delegate to represent the City of Ryde during debates on Motions presented to the Assembly. This report recommends the Mayor (or his nominee) to be Council’s voting delegate.

Motions

The Australian Local Government Association is now calling for Motions and encourages all Councils to submit Motions relevant to the theme for consideration by the Assembly. Council has an opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy at the Assembly by submitting a Motion.

To be eligible for inclusion on the Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the National General Assembly, Motions must follow the following criteria:-

1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference.
3. be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.

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5. be submitted by a Council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. propose a clear action and outcome, and
7. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the National General Assembly to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

All Motions must be endorsed by Council prior to it being submitted to the Association. The Motions will then be reviewed by a Committee of the ALGA Board and State and Territory Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion on the Business Paper.

Provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1** is a Discussion Paper was previously circulated to Council to assist in preparing Motions.

Councillors were invited through the Councillor Information Bulletin dated 22 February 2022 to prepare Motions for Council's consideration to submit to the Association. Councillors were requested to submit any draft Motions by 14 March 2022. The deadline to submit Motions to the Association is 25 March 2022. It is noted that no proposed motions were received from Councillors. The Executive Team have also not proposed any motions for Council's consideration.

Financial Implications

The following is a summary of costs that would be incurred per person for travel to the Assembly:-

- Registration: \$989 (Early Bird Rate)
- Travel to Canberra: Approximately \$450 return via car or \$600 return flight
- Accommodation: \$960 for 3 nights (approximately)

Virtual registrations are also available. Participants can attend the NGA live from the platform of their home:-

- Virtual Registration: \$689

In addition to the above summary, it is anticipated that additional costs for incidentals, meals and taxi fares would also be incurred. This will be determined after the Conference.

The total cost for attending this Conference (in person) is approximately \$2,549 (excluding meals, incidentals and taxi fare charges).

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In the 2021/2022 Budget there is an allocation of \$34,170 for the Mayor and Councillors to attend conferences. There is currently a balance of \$9,253 remaining and is subject to Council's resolution on the number of Councillors participating in this Conference.

Critical Dates

The following deadlines are required to be met:-

- Motions for inclusion on the National General Assembly of Local Government Business Paper are required to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association by 25 March 2022.
- Early Bird Registrations for attendance at the National General Assembly of Local Government close on 6 May 2022.

Policy Implications

There is no policy implication through adoption of the recommendation. The Policy on the Expenses and Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors sets out the entitlements for Councillors attending such Conferences.

Options

1. That Council does not attend the National General Assembly.

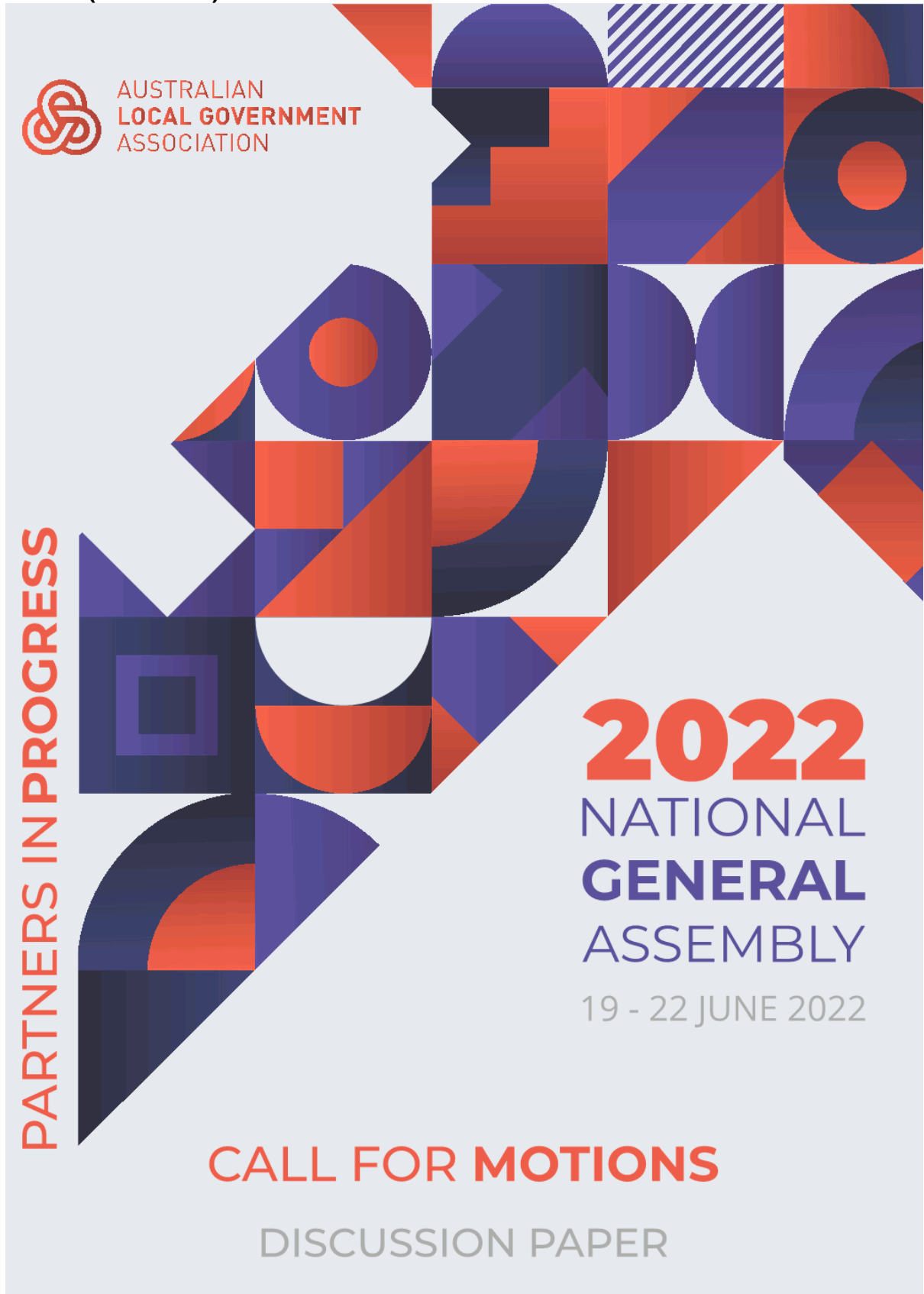
This Option is not recommended as it may be perceived that Council is not interested in national local government issues, many of which have a local impact on our community and/or are of interest to our local community.


2. That Council attend the National General Assembly.

This Option is the preferred Option and forms the basis of this report's recommendation. This Assembly is the only formal opportunity for the nation's Mayors (and interested Councillors) to come together to debate and resolve significant local government issues, many of which have a localised impact and/or are of local interest.

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19 - 22 JUNE 2022

CALL FOR MOTIONS
DISCUSSION PAPER

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SUBMITTING MOTIONS

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2022 National General Assembly (NGA) to be held in Canberra 19 – 22 June 2022.

It has been prepared to assist you and your council in developing your motions. You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.asn.au and received no later than 11.59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.

The theme of the 2022 NGA is – Partners in Progress.

The NGA aims to focus on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and Local Governments, can tackle immediate challenges facing communities as well as confidently facing the future.

In submitting your council's motion/s you are encouraged to focus on how partnership can address national issues at the local level, and new ways the Australia Government could partner to strengthen the local government sector to advance community well-being, local economic development, create jobs, address environmental challenges, climate change and complex social issues such as housing affordability.

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda and promote new ways of strengthening the local government sector and our communities.

Note: If your council does submit a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2022 NGA.



To submit your motion go to:
alga.asn.au/

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KEY DATES CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally
2. not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference
3. be consistent with the themes of the NGA
4. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
5. be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
6. propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something; and
7. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs.

Motions should commence as follows - *This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to*

Example

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore Local Government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

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OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Please note that it is important to complete the background section on the form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the issue. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed and relatively simple. Complex motions with multiple dot point can be difficult to implement and to advance.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-Committee considers the criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government. If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Subcommittee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions have either been drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter. Debate will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.asn.au. All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.

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Introduction

As Australia emerges from the crisis management phase of the COVID-19 global pandemic, attention now turns to rebuilding and to the future.

By the time of the NGA in June 2022, the next federal government and 47th Parliament of Australia, will almost certainly have been elected.

Prior to the election the major political parties will have campaigned on priorities and made numerous policy and programs commitments that will help shape our nation's future.

Invariably, in government, these policies and programs will need to be refined, developed and implemented. Almost certainly they will need to be adapted to meet changing circumstances, emerging issues and local and regional needs.

We know from previous elections that governments will not be able to achieve their policy agenda alone. They need reliable partners committed to playing their part in taking the nation forward, working together on mutual goals and advancing national prosperity for all.

During the election campaign, ALGA will be working extensively with state and territory local government association members, and many of you, to advance the national priorities highlighted in the Federal Election manifesto 'Don't' Leave Local Communities Behind'.

These priorities were significantly influenced by many of the resolutions of past NGAs.

Whether the Coalition Government is returned or a new Government formed, the 2022 NGA provides the first major opportunity to engage with relevant portfolio Ministers and key members of the new Government.

Most importantly, it provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to reaffirm our national priorities and to place new ideas on the national policy agenda.



The Immediate Recovery Challenges

Government at all levels have collaborated to avert the worst possible health and economic outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic across Australia.

By November 2021 most states had reached or made significant progress in reaching the 80% or more vaccination threshold.

Every community was affected, some more than others, and local government has been at the forefront of developing local solutions to local challenges.

Given the economic and social impacts of the COVID pandemic on communities over the past 2 years, are there issues that need to be addressed by a new partnership between the Commonwealth Government and local governments?

Given the impacts of the COVID pandemic on your council and other councils around the country, are their issues that a partnership between the Commonwealth Government and local government should address?

Jobs

In September 2021 the national, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, was 5.2% (ABS). The underemployment rate was 9.5% with monthly hours worked decreasing by 1 million hours. Roy Morgan's survey work suggests Australian unemployment (unadjusted) was 9.2% in October with underemployment at 8.6%.

National statistics however mask variations at the state, regional and local level. State and Territory unemployment ranged from 3.9% in Western Australia and the Northern Territory, 5.1% in Queensland and Tasmania, 5.3% in South Australia, NSW 5.4%, Victoria 5.6% and the Australian Capital Territory 6.6%. Similarly, regional and local community unemployment vary from the national average reflecting local circumstances and the different impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns and their flow-on effects have on the local economy. Youth unemployment and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployment is also consistently higher.

As an employer of staff and of contractors, as well as a facilitator of local economic development, local government can play a key role in addressing unemployment and underemployment.

In keeping with the ALGA Federal election manifesto, 'Don't' Leave Local Communities Behind' local solutions are required for local circumstances.

What new partnership program could the Australian Government develop to take advantage of local government's knowledge of the local economy, geographic spread across the country and its ability to create jobs?

As an employer, what are the pre-requisites for councils to create more good quality, secure local jobs that build community capacity and address local workforce skills shortages?

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Building Back Better Businesses

The economic shock of the past 2 years has caused unprecedented disruption to local businesses and communities. While many businesses have adapted to difficult circumstances, some have not survived. The current vacant shop fronts and offices of the streetscapes in our cities and towns is evidence of the challenges that our local businesses, local industry and communities have faced.

- The capacity of the private sector, and small business in particular, to bounce back is untested.*
- What new partnership programs could the Australian Government introduce to take advantage of local government's role in economic development, including to support local businesses?*

Opening Australia's Borders

As previously mentioned, by November 2021 most states had reached or made significant progress in reaching the 80% or more vaccination threshold. At this point, under the National Plan to Transition Australian National COVID-19 Response, governments were committed to introducing new measures such as opening international borders, minimising cases in the community without ongoing restrictions or lockdowns, Covid vaccination boosters encouraged and provided as necessary, and allowing uncapped inbound arrivals for all vaccinated persons, without quarantine.

As Australia opens-up its international borders economic recovery is expected to accelerate. The return of expats, international students, overseas migration and international tourism will increase population, supply of labour and demand for goods and services including for accommodation.

In the first instance, economic activity can be expected to return to pre-Covid levels. Over time, with appropriate support, it will grow.

The closure of borders and particularly international borders affected many parts of the tourism industry and the economies of many local communities. While domestic visitors helped fill a gap, recovery of many parts of the industry and the economy of communities that depend heavily on tourism will depend on the return of international travel.

To do this Australia must position itself to compete in international markets. This comes through offering high quality destinations, services and experiences that highlight the quality and value available in Australia. In addition to delivering a better visitor experience, this should also increase productivity, efficiency and innovation.

- In the short term, what new partnership programs could the Australian Government introduce to assist local government meet the return of international students and stronger migration now and into the future?*
- What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to facilitate tourism and the traveller economy?*

Workforce Shortages and Re-engineering Work

In November 2021 business representatives report significant labour shortages particularly in the agriculture and hospitality sectors. The lack of backpackers, overseas students and migrant workers, combined with people not wanting to return to the workforce, are just some of the reasons attributed to these shortages.

While opening borders may increase the supply of labour, some argue that there is a more fundamental change in Australia's workforce and workplaces.

Although not reported in Australia yet, in the United States the post Covid workforce has been associated with what some have called the 'Great Resignation' as employees have adjusted their expectations, work life balance and priorities and simply not returned to their old jobs.

Many workers have been required to work from home for extended periods during the pandemic, including working remotely and now look for greater flexibility in their work. Technology and automation are transforming work and the workplace.

Many are prepared to change jobs to maximise this flexibility and the benefits derived from it. Traditionally this has led to wage pressure but coupled with demand for greater workplace flexibility employers need to be innovative to attract and retain employees. As an employer, councils are not immune and will also need to develop these strategies.

- What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help support an influx of skilled migrants?*
- What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help councils attract and retain appropriately trained workers and employees?*

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Climate change

The United Nations Conference (COP) of Parties 26 held in Glasgow 2021 focused global attention on climate change and global and national efforts to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

For decades local governments have played an important leadership role in addressing climate change. Councils have supported the adoption of a wide range of community-based programs and initiatives to lower the carbon footprint of local communities. As a sector, local government has led the debate for lowering carbon emissions, sourcing renewable energy, responded creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, facilitated the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Pragmatically, local government has been at the forefront to address the impacts of climate change and adaptation to climate change. These impacts include an increased number of days with high temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets and natural ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management.

*How do we work together to ensure that there is local adaptation to climate change and climate extremes?
What partnerships are available to achieve climate neutrality?*

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Natural Disasters

With the high-risk weather season commencing, many councils will be engaging with their communities about disaster preparedness, resilience and recovery. Not only have we experienced one of Australia's worst bushfire seasons in 2019-20, but some councils also had to deal with multiple disaster events within a 12 month period. Some councils have had to deal with bushfires, followed by storms, flooding, hailstorms, more flooding and COVID-19. These multiple disasters have had a devastating effect on many councils' financial sustainability and their ability to fund mitigation measures for the upcoming high risk weather season. Smaller rural and regional councils are further financially challenged and require help with preparedness and mitigation, as they currently have zero capacity to fund major mitigation projects.

The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements recognised that councils need help. It concluded that without assistance many local governments cannot undertake the roles and responsibilities allocated to them by their State/Territory Governments.

What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help to address natural disasters to assist in recovery and build resilience?

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Environment

Local government plays a critical role in environmental management including environment protection.

"Australia's Strategy for Nature 2019 – 2030" recognises that we all have a role in securing nature as the foundation of our existence. It is an overarching framework for all national, state and territory and local strategies, legislation, policies and actions that target nature. It has 3 goals:

1. Connecting all Australians with nature:
2. Care for nature in all its diversity, and
3. Share and Build knowledge.

To achieve these goals there are a variety of options for joint action to reduce threats and their impacts include ensuring the design and management of the protected area network considers and accommodates future threat scenarios and establishes robust mechanisms to respond effectively to new and emerging threats. The strategy suggests there are opportunities to '... improve planning, regulation, environmental impact assessment and approvals processes. In addition, threat abatement activities could include targeted pest management, ecosystem restoration (integrated fire management, revegetation), pollution control, greenhouse gas emissions management and climate change adaptation'.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to help support the implementation of the Australian Strategy for Nature 2019 – 2030 and take advantage of local knowledge?

What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help to reduce threats and risks to nature and build resilience?

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The Circular Economy

The 2019 National Waste Policy Action Plan applies principles of a circular economy to waste management to support better and repeated use of our resources. The circular economy principles for waste are:

1. Avoid waste
2. Improve resource recovery
3. Increase use of recycled material and build demand and markets for recycled products
4. Better manage material flows to benefit human health, the environment and the economy
5. Improve information to support innovation, guide investment and enable informed consumer decisions.

Councils play a major role in the management of household and domestic waste. Therefore, local government has a critical role to play in further developing the circular economy.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to advance the circular economy?

What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government to progress these objectives?

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Affordable Housing

The shortage and costs of rental properties and affordable home ownership is causing significant social and economic impacts in cities and towns across Australia, including rural and regional communities. This is due to a range of factors such as changes in recent migration patterns, cheap finance and labour and material shortages in the construction sector.

The impacts on local governments and communities includes housing stress for individuals and families, difficulty in attracting and housing key workers and an increase in homelessness.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue 2021 is leading an inquiry into the contribution of tax and regulation on housing affordability and supply in Australia. Whilst the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, local governments often facilitate affordable housing within their communities, operating within state/territory planning, financial and other legislation requirements. The housing challenge is different in each community and the council response is dependent on its financial resources and priorities.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government address housing affordability?

What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government to progress this objective?

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Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and support for the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A reminder:

- Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.asn.au and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.
- It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- Motions must meet the criteria published at the front of this paper.
- When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2022 NGA.

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8 PLANNING PROPOSAL: HOUSEKEEPING REVIEW 2022

Report prepared by: Senior Strategic Planner
File No.: LEP2021/8/5 - BP22/15

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this Planning Proposal is to amend the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* (LEP) to update and address a range of miscellaneous administrative issues identified in the operation of the plan through the correction of errors, omissions and anomalies. It also introduces community facilities and recreation areas in more locations to ensure the City of Ryde can support the needs of its community and new advertising and signage provisions to reduce reliance on existing use rights. Additionally, it expands community education and capacity of Council's waste management practices.

The Planning Proposal is provided at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

This report provides an overview of the Planning Proposal and recommends that it be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the Gateway Determination. Following the exhibition period, the results of the public exhibition will be reported back to Council prior to finalisation.

It is a requirement under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* the Planning Proposal be considered by the Local Planning Panel for the provision of advice to Council. The Planning Proposal was considered at the Local Planning Panel's meeting of 10 March 2022 provided the following advice:

The Panel advises that they raise no objection to the Housekeeping Review 2022 Planning Proposal being submitted for Gateway Determination under 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The advice was unanimous.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council forwards the Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination under Section 3.33 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That Council request delegation to be the Local Plan-making Authority.

ATTACHMENTS – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 Planning Proposal - Housekeeping Review 2022 Meeting
- 2 Report to Local Planning Panel - 13 August 2020
- 3 Recommendation of Local Planning Panel - 13 August 2020
- 4 Report to Council - 22 September 2020
- 5 Withdrawn Administrative and Update LEP Planning Proposal
- 6 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Letter - 28 April 2021

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Background

The majority of this Planning Proposal was previously reported to the panel on 13 August 2020 as part of the Administrative and Update LEP Planning Proposal. The panel recommended to Council that that proposal be submitted for Gateway Determination. The proposal was reported to Council on 22 September 2020 and submitted to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for Gateway Determination. Refer to report at **ATTACHMENT 2**, panel recommendation at **ATTACHMENT 3**, report to Council at **ATTACHMENT 4** and withdrawn Administrative and Update Planning Proposal at **ATTACHMENT 5**.

In a letter dated 28 April 2021, the DPIE recommended to Council that the proposal be withdrawn and resubmitted after removing elements that would require separate proposals. Refer to DPIE letter at **ATTACHMENT 6**.

This Planning Proposal addresses that recommendation by DPIE and does not include proposed provisions of the withdrawn Administrative and Update LEP Planning Proposal for the following:-

- Removal of prohibitions and restrictions in relation to uses within business and light industrial zones, including providing for creative enterprises (note – these matters are being addressed by State-wide changes to the employment zones);
- Design excellence in the City of Ryde Town Centres (to be pursued with future proposals specific to the centres);
- Advertisements on billboards (for community benefit) with development consent (to be undertaken on a site by site basis);
- Environmentally sensitive land provisions and mapping to provide conservation management outcomes (to be undertaken as a separate proposal when relevant studies and maps have been updated) and
- Protection of threatened ecological Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest community and riparian land on and adjoining the Ivanhoe Estate (to be undertaken separately with future Environmentally sensitive land updates; the current concept approval ensures development will not occur in areas where there are sensitive ecological communities or riparian land).

The background to each of the proposed amendments to the LEP provisions and mapping which is provided in Part 2 – An Explanation of the Provisions provided at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

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The Planning Proposal

The purpose of this Planning Proposal is to amend the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* (LEP) to update and address a range of miscellaneous administrative issues identified in the operation of the plan. It also introduces community facilities and recreation areas in more locations to ensure the City of Ryde can support the needs of its community and new advertising and signage provisions to reduce reliance on existing use rights. Additionally, it expands community education and capacity of Council's waste management practices.

The objectives of the Planning Proposal include:-

- Improve the operation of the LEP through the correction of historic errors, omissions and anomalies.
- Allow community facilities in additional locations to assist government agencies and non-profit community organisations in providing services.
- Allow recreation areas in the C2 Environmental Conservation Zone to reflect the existence of children's play areas in existing Council owned parks.
- Implement *Planning Ryde: Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020* by expanding on community education and capacity of Council's waste management practices.
- Incorporate Council-initiated resolutions made with respect to advertising to provide via exempt development, improved and enhanced access networks, services and facilities in the City of Ryde in terms of convenience, safety and amenity of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and road users.

Two provisions are also included in the Administrative and Update LEP Planning Proposal, proposing to exempt general advertising on bus shelters and similar structures on Council roads and road related areas and community service signage on flagpoles, street lighting and multi-function poles. These proposed provisions have been redrafted into one more concise provision with the same intent.

The Planning Proposal as submitted (refer to **ATTACHMENT 1**) is considered to be generally in accordance with the requirements under Section 3.33 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's 'Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline' (dated December 2021). The planning proposal adequately sets out the following:-

- A statement of the objectives or intended outcomes of the proposed amending LEP;
- An explanation of the provisions that are to be included in the proposed amending LEP;

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- Justification for those objectives, outcomes and provisions and the process for their implementation;
- Maps, where relevant, to identify the intent of the planning proposal and the area to which it applies;
- Details of the community consultation that is to be undertaken on the planning proposal; and
- A project timeline.

Ryde Local Planning Panel

Under the Section 9.1 Ministerial Direction signed on 27 September 2017, all Council's in the Greater Sydney Region are required to send all Planning Proposals (except those of a minor or inconsequential nature) to a Local Planning Panel comprised of independent experts. The Panel is to review the Proposal and make recommendations to Council.

The Planning Proposal was considered by the Ryde Local Planning Panel at their meeting on 10 March 2022. The Panel's recommendation was as follows:-

The Panel advises that they raise no objection to the Housekeeping Review 2022 Planning Proposal being submitted for Gateway Determination under 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The advice was unanimous.

Planning Assessment of Planning Proposal

The assessment of the subject Planning Proposal has been undertaken in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's 'Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline' (dated December 2021).

- **Part 1 Objectives and intended outcomes**

The objectives of the proposed changes to the LEP are provided above and detailed in Part 1 – Objectives or Intended Outcomes provided at **ATTACHMENT 1**. The intended outcomes are also detailed in that part of the attachment.

- **Part 2 Explanation of provisions**

An explanation of provisions is detailed in Part 2 – Explanation of Provisions provided at **ATTACHMENT 1** and is not reiterated here due to the broad nature of the proposed new planning controls and amendments to existing provisions proposed.

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- **Part 3 Justification**

Need for the Planning Proposal

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment's 'Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline' requires the following two questions be answered to demonstrate the need for the proposal:

1. Is the planning proposal a result of an endorsed LSPS, strategic study or report?
2. Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

The Planning Proposal is not a result of a single strategic study or report. It responds to matters that have been raised by Council staff in relation to the operation of the LEP. It also responds to part of the LSPS and Council resolutions detailed in Part 2 – An Explanation of the Provisions provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**. The Planning Proposal is required to amend the LEP to resolve the identified issues.

The Planning Proposal is the only means to achieve the intended outcome as amendments to the LEP are required.

Relationship to Strategic Planning Framework – The Strategic Merit Test

A strategic merit test is provided in the following table and addresses the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's 'Local Environmental Plan Making guideline'.

Strategic Merit Issue	Comment
State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Directions	The Planning Proposal is generally consistent with the relevant State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Planning Directions under Section 9.1 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> . An analysis of compliance with these policies is provided in the attached Planning Proposal.
Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities	The planning proposal is generally consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities.
North District Plan	The Planning Proposal is generally consistent with the North District Plan.
Ryde Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)	The Planning Proposal is consistent with Council's adopted LSPS and implements planning priorities identified by the strategy.

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Key Assessment Issues

Due to the number of proposed new provisions, amendments to existing provisions and amount of subject land, key assessment issues relevant to the Planning Proposal are detailed in Part 2 – Explanation of Provisions provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

Options

Option 1 (Recommended) – Endorse the Planning Proposal

This option is supported as it will update and address a range of miscellaneous administrative issues identified in the operation of the LEP through the correction of anomalies. It will also achieve the above objectives that are considered beneficial to the City of Ryde for the reasons specified.

Should Council support the recommendations, the first step in the process to amend the LEP is to request a Gateway Determination followed by Community Consultation and a further decision by Council after consultation as to whether or not the Proposal should be brought into effect.

Option 2 – Not endorse the Planning Proposal

This option is NOT supported as the Planning Proposal will not proceed to Gateway or community consultation, and the range of miscellaneous administrative issues identified in the operation of the plan will not be addressed through the correction of anomalies. It will also not achieve the above objectives that are considered beneficial for the reasons specified to the City of Ryde.

9 DEVELOPMENT OF A DEDICATED PICKLEBALL CENTRE AT MEADOWBANK PARK

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Park Planning
File No.: GRP/21/7 - BP21/1136

REPORT SUMMARY

This report has been prepared in response to a Council resolution that staff investigate the implementation of a dedicated Pickleball site in the City of Ryde. Pickleball is a racket sport which combines various elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It can be played by either two or four players, who hit a perforated ball over a net, similar to a game of tennis. The court is a similar size to a doubles badminton court. Pickleball is typically more accessible than tennis as it is played on a smaller court size with slower ball movement. Pickleball has seen increasing participation both locally and globally.

At a strategic level, the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016 – 2026 outlines 7 goals for a healthy and active community. Supporting new and alternate formats of sports to increase participation and leveraging existing Council assets are key themes of the Strategy's goals. The creation of a dedicated Pickleball Centre is not considered consistent with the Sport and Recreations Strategic goals as the facility would be single rather than multipurpose and the significant financial investment required. Therefore, a review of Council's existing assets was undertaken to identify opportunities for existing infrastructure to become multipurpose for the creation of pickleball courts.

The investigations completed by staff used the existing playing schedule of Ryde Pickleball to quantify the existing peak demand for courts to determine the number of courts required. This found that the existing playing schedule is primarily focused on weekdays. The current peak use is generally five (5) courts during weekday morning, with three (3) courts used during weekday afternoon/evenings. Additionally, there are two (2) courts used on Saturdays. As no current location has five (5) courts, these games are spread across multiple facilities. As is typical with volunteer based sports, co-locating in a single location would improve efficiencies and assist with growing the sport.

Multiple sites within the City were considered for a centralised location for 6 pickleball courts, which includes an additional court that provides capacity for short term growth. Sites were weighted if there was existing supporting facilities such as hard courts, car parking, lighting, room for further expansion of courts and an amenities building. Additional considerations include whether the use is consistent with the adopted masterplan for the site and constraints such as environmental, physical, and capacity.

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The review identified Brush Farm Park hard courts as the preferred location. There is an existing car park, amenities, hard courts, lighting (although not to the required lux level) and the site is primarily only used on Saturdays for netball competition. Additionally, the site has the capacity for additional courts to be used should the need be demonstrated.

The Ryde Pickleball group has been consulted regarding the proposal and is supportive. Eastwood Ryde Netball Association (ERNA), current hirers of the facility, are also supportive of the proposal. To secure the courts, Ryde Pickleball will need to commence booking the courts and adhering to the relevant fees and charges for use of the facility. These bookings will be subject to the Sportsground Allocation Policy whereby ERNA will maintain their Saturday booking and some midweek evening use, as they have historical use of the facility. Outside of this the courts are rarely utilised.

As such, this report recommends that following receipt of Ryde Pickleball's booking for the courts at Brush Farm Park, Council completed the line marking for six (6) courts, funded through existing operational budgets. The existing Pickleball courts at Meadowbank Park will then be removed, with the courts at Morrison Bay Park and Kings Park to remain for social use only and be shared with other community users.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council line marks six (6) courts at Brush Farm Park for Pickleball, funded through existing operational budgets.
- (b) That Council's relevant fees and charges be applied for use of these facilities for the purpose of Pickleball.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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This report has been prepared in response to Council resolution 'Development of a Dedicated Pickleball Centre at Meadowbank Park' from the 24 August 2021 Council meeting. Council resolved the following:

- (a) *That Council investigate the implementation of the development of a dedicated Pickleball Centre in the City of Ryde.*
- (b) *That a report be presented to Council as soon as practicable with all options including funding.*

What is Pickleball?

Pickleball combines various elements of other racket sports including tennis, badminton and table tennis. The game is played by either two or four players, who hit a perforated ball over a net with the court the size of a doubles badminton court. The sport is more accessible than other racket sports as it is played on a smaller court size with slower ball movement. Pickleball originated in USA in 1965.

The sport has seen a recent increase in participation globally. This growth is also occurring in Sydney, with Pickleball being played at 21 locations including a mix of indoor and outdoor courts. This includes six (6) courts on two (2) netball courts at Avalon by Northern Beaches Council that are booked by a pickleball user group.

Strategic Context

The Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016 – 2026 (the Strategy) is Council's guiding strategy for the provision of sport and recreation in the City. The provision of, and the support for new and emerging sports such as pickleball aligns to the Strategy's seven goals for a healthy and active community.

Aligning to the goals of the Strategy such as *To Make the Most of What We Have* and *We Understand and Respond to the Needs of Our Diverse Community*, this report proposes to leverage existing underutilized assets to respond to the emerging demand for pickleball rather than the creation of dedicated new assets.

Pickleball in Ryde

As a result of local community advocacy, Council has created 6 pickleball courts over recent years. Line marking of these courts has occurred on new or existing hard courts at Morrison Bay Park (2x courts), Kings Park (1x court) and Meadowbank Park (3x courts). Additionally, Council has resolved to also deliver a further 2 courts at Blenheim Park when the outdoor recreation space is constructed in stage 1 of that masterplan delivery.

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The current playing schedule of Ryde Pickleball is shown below:-

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning (08:00 – 10:00 or 09:00 – 11:30)	5 courts (3 Meadowbank 2 Morrison)	5 courts (3 Meadowbank 2 Morrison)		5 courts (3 Meadowbank 2 Morrison)	5 courts (3 Meadowbank 2 Morrison)	(2 Morrison)	
Afternoon (17:30 – 19:30)	3 courts (3 Meadowbank)	3 court (3 Meadowbank)	5 Courts (3 Meadowbank 2 Kings)	3 courts (3 Meadowbank)			

Source: <http://www.rydepickleball.com.au/> accessed 6 December 2021.

Peak use is currently at five (5) courts, typically during weekday mornings, with three (3) courts typically used during weekday afternoon/evenings except for Wednesdays when five (5) courts are used. The peak demand of five (5) courts is split between two sites, as no sites that are available have five (5) courts. This is considered inefficient and a drag on the growth of the sport.

Options Analysis

To support the growth of the sport and to improve the operation of pickleball in Ryde, an options analysis was prepared to identify a centralized location for 6 pickleball courts including capacity for growth. Six (6) courts allows for the existing use of 5 courts and an additional court to allow for expected growth over time.

Primary and secondary criteria were developed to inform the analysis process. Sites with existing infrastructure such as hard courts, car parking, lighting of courts and an amenities building were weighted higher. Additional considerations include whether the use is consistent with the adopted masterplan for the site and constraints such as environmental, physical and capacity limitations.

Primary Criteria;

- Land Ownership
- Existing Infrastructure
- Adopted Masterplan
- Environmental Constraints
- Physical Site Constraints
- Capacity

Secondary Criteria;

- Access
- Compatibility with surrounding land uses
- Land shape/configuration
- Availability of services


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The analysis is provided below, followed by a summary.

Site: Brush Farm Park – Hard Courts	
Primary Criteria	Secondary Criteria
<p>The site is Crown Land, managed by the City of Ryde.</p> <p>Existing infrastructure; four (4) hardcourts, amenities building, court lighting, car parking.</p> <p>There is no adopted masterplan for Brush Farm Park.</p> <p>The four (4) existing netball hard courts could be line marked for pickleball courts. The maximum capacity for pickleball would be 12 courts (3 courts per netball court).</p> <p>The historic use of the site was land fill, which is causing some subsidence issues with the existing courts. This may limit the longer term viability of this site.</p> <p>The existing infrastructure can accommodate the existing and potential increase of utilisation. It is noted that the courts are currently used by netball on Saturdays.</p>	<p>The site is accessible by bus, car, cycling and walking.</p> <p>There is no immediately adjoining sensitive land uses such as residential. Adjoining the location is an area of Blue Gum High Forest (EEC) however impacts to this area is not expected given the infrastructure already exists.</p> <p>The existing infrastructure has development consent for the use of lighting the courts. The additional use is not considered to worsen the existing impacts.</p>



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Site: Ryde Park Bowling Club – Top Green	
Primary Criteria	Secondary Criteria
<p>The site is Crown Land, managed by the City of Ryde. There is an Aboriginal Land Claim across this area of Ryde Park which prevents Council from undertaking works to this area.</p> <p>Existing infrastructure; car parking.</p> <p>There is no adopted masterplan for Ryde Park.</p> <p>There is adequate land available for the existing use and potential for limited expansion of pickleball courts should the need arise.</p> <p>There is an existing car park and an amenity building approx. 180m away. Hard courts would need to be constructed.</p>	<p>The site is accessible by bus, car, cycling and walking.</p> <p>There is no immediately adjoining sensitive land uses. Historically the greens have been used for lawn bowls however the club has ceased operating.</p>
	
Site: Morrison Bay Park – Existing hard court	
Primary Criteria	Secondary Criteria
<p>The site is Crown Land, managed by the City of Ryde. Council is currently unable to enter into leases/licences due to ongoing legal matters.</p> <p>Existing Infrastructure; hardcourt, car parking.</p>	<p>The site is accessible by bus, car, cycling and walking.</p> <p>Adjoining the site are residential properties which are considered sensitive to noise and lighting impacts. Irrespective, there is</p>

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<p>The Morrison Bay Park Plan of Management contains a masterplan for the Park.</p> <p>There is an existing hardcourt with two (2) Pickleball courts marked, however there is insufficient space for additional courts.</p> <p>The historic use of the site was land fill.</p> <p>There is existing car parking and an amenity building within 300m. There is no lighting. The site does not have the capacity to accommodate the identified use.</p>	<p>insufficient area to expand to accommodate the existing use.</p>
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Site: Meadowbank Park – Existing Hard Courts

Primary Criteria	Secondary Criteria
<p>The site is Crown Land owned by the City of Ryde. Council is currently unable to enter into leases/licences due to ongoing legal matters.</p> <p>Existing infrastructure; 27 hard courts, court lighting, car parking, amenities.</p> <p>Council adopted the Meadowbank Park masterplan in 2019 which identifies the existing courts being replaced with two (2) full size fields.</p> <p>The historic use of the site was land fill, which is causing subsidence issues with the existing courts.</p>	<p>The site is accessible by train, ferry, bus, car, cycling and walking.</p> <p>The existing infrastructure has development consent for the use of lighting the courts. The additional use is not considered to worsen the existing impacts.</p>

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<p>Anticipated that the existing use can be accommodated, except Saturdays.</p> <p>As such, the site is not considered viable as the existing courts will be demolished in the near future.</p>	
	
<p>Site: Kotara Park – Existing Courts</p>	
<p>Primary Criteria</p>	<p>Secondary Criteria</p>
<p>Commercially leased facility owned by the City of Ryde.</p> <p>Existing Infrastructure: 8 tennis courts, court lighting, car park, amenities.</p> <p>There is no adopted masterplan for Kotara Park.</p> <p>There is the potential for the existing use to be accommodate the addition of pickleball.</p> <p>As this is a commercially leased facility, the tenant is able to modify the courts to improve viability. This includes the marking of pickleball courts.</p>	<p>The site is accessible by bus, car, cycling and walking.</p> <p>The existing infrastructure has development consent for the use of lighting the courts. The additional use is not considered to worsen the existing impacts.</p>

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Site: Marsden High School Redevelopment as a Netball Centre

Primary Criteria

The site is owned and managed by the NSW Department of Education.

Proposed Infrastructure: 32 hard courts, 4 indoor courts, amenities, car parking, court lighting.

This site is not owned or managed by Council. As such there is no adopted masterplan for this site.

Environmental constraints will be assessed during the Planning Proposal and/or Development Application processes.

Anticipated that existing use can be accommodated, except Saturday.

Secondary Criteria

The site is accessible by bus, car, cycling and walking.

Impacts to the surrounding area is to be considered and resolved through Planning Proposal and/or Development Application process.

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A high-level summary of sites against the primary and secondary criteria is shown below. It is colour coded;

- Green = General Satisfactory,
- Orange = Issues to be resolved,
- Red = Major constraint/unsatisfactory.

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	Brush Farm Park – Hard Courts	Ryde Bowling Club – Top Green	Morrison Bay Park – Existing hard court	Meadowbank Park – Existing Hard Courts	Kotara Park – Existing Courts	Marsden High School Redevelopment
Primary Criteria						
Land Ownership	Crown Land managed by City of Ryde	Crown Land managed by City of Ryde. Currently subject to Aboriginal Land Claim	Crown Land managed by City of Ryde. Council is currently unable to enter into leases/licences due to ongoing legal matters.	Crown Land managed by City of Ryde. Council is currently unable to enter into leases/licences due to ongoing legal matters.	Leased facility owned by the City of Ryde	Department of Education
Adopted Masterplan	No masterplan	No masterplan	No masterplan	Proposed used conflicts with adopted masterplan	No masterplan	Proposed use can integrate with proposed design
Environmental Constraints	Land fill site	None identified	Land fill site	Land fill site and existing courts are suffering from subsidence	None identified	To be resolved through Planning Proposal and/or Development Application.
Physical Site Constraints	Existing courts are suffering from subsidence.	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
Existing Infrastructure	Existing hard courts with lighting, car park, amenities	Car park, amenities 170m away. No courts or lighting.	Car park, amenities 300m away. Existing 2 pickleball courts without lighting.	Existing hard courts with lighting, car park, amenities. Note these courts are to be demolished in 2023/24	Existing synthetic courts with lighting, car park, amenities	Proposed infrastructure includes hard courts (indoor and outdoor) with lighting, car park, amenities
Capacity	Existing use can be accommodated, except Saturday	Existing use could be accommodated	Insufficient space to accommodate all existing use.	Existing use can be accommodated, except Saturday mornings	Existing use should be able to be accommodated	Anticipated that existing use can be accommodate, except Saturday
Secondary Criteria						
Access	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Compatibility with surrounding land uses	Existing sporting use of courts. No immediately adjoining neighbours	Previous sporting use of green. No immediately adjoining neighbours	Likely noise and lighting impacts to adjoining residents.	Existing sporting use of courts. No immediately adjoining neighbours	Existing sporting use of courts.	To be considered and resolved through Planning Proposal and/or Development Application
Overall	Suitable	Not suitable	Not suitable	Not suitable	Suitable	Most suitable
Summary	Historic use of the site limits this sites suitability long term.	Limited existing infrastructure and current legal action limits this sites suitability	Available space is already utilised. Proximity to adjoining land use limited this sites suitability.	Council's adopted masterplan for Meadowbank Park identifies the existing courts to be converted into full size fields. As such, there is no potential to maintain hard courts in the current location.	This site is currently leased. Should pickleball be deemed by the operator to be a viable offering, the operator can install line marking at any time.	Preferred site as the site will have the required infrastructure, capacity and ability for pickleball to expand, should the need be identified.

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The analysis above identified two sites as preferred locations: Marsden High School redevelopment and Brush Farm Park hard courts. As the Marsden site is not expected to be operational until 2023 at the earliest, it is recommended to proceed with Brush Farm Park hard court as the location for six (6) Pickleball courts initially.

The courts will be serviced by the existing car park, amenities and lighting (although not to required brightness). Storage of nets and fences on site will be determined with the user. The site has four (4) existing hardcourts, allowing for a maximum for 12 Pickleball courts should the need be demonstrated. These courts currently have limited utilisation as a competition venue for ERNA on Saturday mornings.

The existing courts at Meadowbank Park will then be removed, with the single court at Kings Park and two (2) courts at Morrison Bay Park to remain for social use only.

Consultation

Preliminary consultation has occurred with Ryde Pickleball who are 'very supportive' of the proposal and approach of growing pickleball in Ryde. ERNA has also been consulted and is supportive of the proposal.

To secure the courts, Ryde Pickleball has been advised they will need to commence booking the courts. These bookings will be subject to the Sportsground Allocation Policy whereby ERNA will maintain their Saturday booking, as they have a historical booking. All new bookings will be subject to the Policy.

Financial Implications

This report recommends that following receipt of Ryde Pickleball's booking, Council line marks six (6) courts at Brush Farm Park, funded through existing operational budgets. These costs are expected to be circa \$200 per court.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined in this report it is recommended to expand the use of Council's existing assets to address an identified community need. This need has been established through existing utilization and the proposed site at Brush Farm Park has the capacity to accommodate the required six (6) Pickleball courts, plus a further six (6) courts should the demand increase.

10 INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES REVIEW

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Park Planning
File No.: GRP/21/7 - BP22/3

REPORT SUMMARY

At the meeting of 23 June 2020 Council received a report from staff on the provision of indoor courts within the City. The report established that a provision ratio of 1 court per 9,700 residents for indoor courts is required to meet the community demand for indoor courts. This is substantially higher than what is currently provided, 1 court per 21,000 residents. To achieve the required provision ratio, the report identified the following 4 projects:-

1. Marsden High School redevelopment as a netball centre includes 4 indoor courts. This project is a NSW Government initiative and is currently progressing through its planning stages. It is expected that the development will be operational in 2023.
2. Meadowbank School redevelopment includes a single indoor court. This project is a NSW Government initiative and is expected to be operational in mid 2022.
3. Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre redevelopment with 2 additional indoor courts, providing a total of 4 courts at the Centre. Council adopted the Olympic Park Masterplan in November 2021. The report to adopt the Masterplan included delivery times frames, concept plans and funding implications.
4. Ryde Community Sports Centre (RCSC) redevelopment within ELS Hall Park with an additional 3 indoor courts, providing a total 5 court centre.

Council endorsed the framework outlined in the report to achieve the required provision ratio and resolved, in part:

- (d) That a further report identifying delivery time frames, concept plans and funding allocations be brought back to the Works and Community Committee Meeting as soon as practicable.*

This report presents concept plans, delivery time frames and funding discussion for the RCSC.

The RCSC was opened in 2011 as an indoor 2 court centre. Prior to COVID-19, the centre was running near capacity, with limited room for growth. Concept plans have been prepared for the expanded centre, including photomontages. These are provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** and have been prepared by Allen Jack+Cottier. Consistent with the 2019 adopted Masterplan for ELS Hall Park, the expansion is located above the existing car park. The expansion aligns to Council's requirement of 5 star Greenstar facilities and includes a new entrance lobby, a lift (to ensure the courts are accessible for all people), multipurpose room, 3 indoor courts, change rooms, ancillary rooms and improvements to the layout of the existing centre.

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The project is expected to take at least 2.5 years for delivery as it would first require a planning proposal to address zoning considerations. A Quantity Survey has been prepared. It is estimated the facility would cost about \$24.6m (in 2021).

As outlined in the June 2020 report, the adopted framework to meet the provision ratio for indoor courts referred to earlier in this report, had the expansion of the RSCS occurring in the early 2030's, subject to delivery of other indoor facilities within the LGA. The proposed reforms to Section 7.11 funding currently being considered by the NSW Government, may prevent Council from utilising developer contribution funds towards projects such as this. The reforms propose that community facilities (including indoor sports courts and swimming pools) cannot be funded from developer contributions as they are not included on the 'essential works list'. Therefore, the implementation of this plan could be heavily reliant on Federal and State Government grants. As such, an advocacy document – **ATTACHMENT 2** has been prepared to assist with grant lobbying.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council write to Mr Stuart Ayres MP NSW Minister for Sport, Mr Victor Dominello MP NSW Minister for Ryde and Federal Minister for Bennelong Mr John Alexander OAM MP to raise awareness about the project and to seek funding assistance to accelerate its delivery.
- (b) That the General Manager, and his delegated staff, engage with relevant State sporting bodies seeking opportunities for funds to assist to progress the project.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ryde Community Sports Centre Expansion - Concept Design
- 2 Ryde Community Sports Centre Expansion - Advocacy Document

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ITEM 10 (continued)**Resolution**

At its meeting on 23 June 2020, Council resolved:-

- (a) *That the Future Facilities Direction detailed in the report be adopted as Council's planning framework for the future detailed planning of indoor sports courts within the City.*
 - (i) *Not only ensure that all future indoor sport's facilities meet regulation accessibility but to consult widely with all abilities sports organisers, on what features might encourage an increased uptake of these sports in Ryde.*
 - (ii) *That the identified design features be adopted into future works.*
- (b) *That Council note funding for these projects is identified within Council's Section 7.11 Plan and delivery of any works be identified in future draft Four Year Delivery Plans.*
- (c) *That the General Manager facilitate a delegation of staff and interested Councillors seeking a meeting to discuss funding with State and Federal Members and relevant Ministers.*
- (d) *That a further report identifying delivery time frames, concept plans and funding allocations be brought back to the Works and Community Committee Meeting as soon as practicable.*

The purpose of this report is to respond to Part (d).

HistoryELS Hall Park Masterplan

Council adopted the ELS Hall Park Masterplan in 2019. The masterplan outlines a vision for how the Park will be upgraded and improved over the 20 year life of the plan. The Masterplan identified the expansion of the Ryde Community Sports Centre (RCSC). The community and Park user groups were extensively consulted with to inform the plan.

Indoor Sports Facilities Review

Council adopted the future directions identified in the *Indoor Sports Facilities Review* in June 2020. The Review identified that there is currently an under supply of indoor courts in the City. A provision ratio of 1 court per 9,700 residents was set to meet demand for indoor courts. This provision ratio is more than double the current ratio of 1 court per 21,000 residents. This review identified a framework for how Council will address the significant undersupply of indoor courts in the City. This framework included the expansion of RCSC by 3 additional courts, to create a 5 court centre.

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The framework identifies how Council will achieve the 1 court per 9,700 residents by 2036. This will occur through the delivery of:-

- Marsden High School redevelopment as a netball centre including 4 indoor courts. This project is a NSW Government initiative and is currently progressing through its planning stages. It is expected that the development will be operational in 2023.
- Meadowbank School redevelopment includes a single indoor court. This project is a NSW Government initiative and is expected to be operational in 2022.
- Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre redevelopment with 2 additional indoor courts, totalling a 4 court centre. Council adopted the Olympic Park masterplan in November 2021. The report to adopt the masterplan included delivery times frames, concept plans and funding implications.
- RCSC redevelopment within ELS Hall Park with an 3 additional indoor courts, totalling a 5 court centre. This report presents concept plans, delivery time frames and funding discussion for this project.

DiscussionConcept design

Council engaged Allen Jack+Cottier to prepare concept designs for the expansion of RCSC with 3 additional courts, elevated above the existing car park. These are presented in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The vision for the project is to:-

- Promote vibrancy and livability by creating an active, accessible and flexible space for play that does not infringe on any available parkland.
- Ensure an active and healthy city by diversifying and increasing access to recreational facilities
- Develop the site in a natural and sustainable way, requiring minimal tree removal, respect for the surrounding environment and utilising low embodied carbon construction methods along with passive heating and cooling strategies.
- Foster a diverse and inclusive community through providing a new facility for existing community groups to meet and the opportunity for new groups to form.

The new facility will include:-

- 3 additional multi-purpose indoor sports courts achieving a 5-star Green Star rating, bringing the total number of courts at the RCSC to 5,
- Provision of a further 27 parking spots bringing the total at the facility to 152,
- New 90m² multi-purpose room with views over the Park,
- New 150m² multi-purpose room with the ability to double in size to accommodate large functions,

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- Upgraded publicly accessible amenities for users of the adjoining sports fields, along with upgraded change and toilet facilities within the RCSC,
- Creation of a public forecourt adjoining the pedestrian path around the Park, opposite established picnic area, and
- New native landscaping, tree planting and shared path connections



Image 1: North West Façade Concept

The expansion will create a new forecourt with native landscaping to create areas for groups to gather. The north-western façade features fixed exterior louvres to provide thermal relief from the afternoon sun which are perforated to provide translucency.

Operable glass louvres on the walls of the sports hall are an essential element of the passive ventilation strategy to ensure the hall remains cool in summer. Stainless steel tensile mesh will protect the glass without obstructing views and natural light.



Image 2: Sports Hall Interior Concept

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The curve of the roof is designed to reflect the curve of the existing sports hall. This geometry also significantly reduces the height of the building closest to the Kent Road neighbours. The design maximises natural daylight, ventilation and acoustic performance.

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The project also has statutory compliance obligations under the City of Ryde's DCP and RLEP 2014.

Delivery Time Frames

As outlined in the *Indoor Sports Facilities Review* (the Review), Council is not the only provider of indoors in the City. Within the proximity of ELS Hall Park, Macquarie University currently has a single indoor court available for community use. In 2020, during the preparation of the Review, Macquarie University identified a potential expansion of their courts with an additional 3 courts, total 4 indoor courts. If these courts proceed, they are expected to be operational later this decade. These courts would also limited the financial viability of the RCSC due to the proximity of the two centres. The Review identified that due to Council's limited financial resources, the additional courts at Macquarie University should be prioritised over the expansion of RCSC. This approach enables Council to address other pressing matters.

Two implementation plans were developed, as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. The X-axis is the number of courts required, with the green line identifying court demand based on 1 court per 9,700 residents as the population increases. The blue line is the supply of courts available. Figure 1 illustrates the strategy with the Macquarie University proposal proceeding and Figure 2 illustrates the strategy if the Macquarie University proposal does not proceed.

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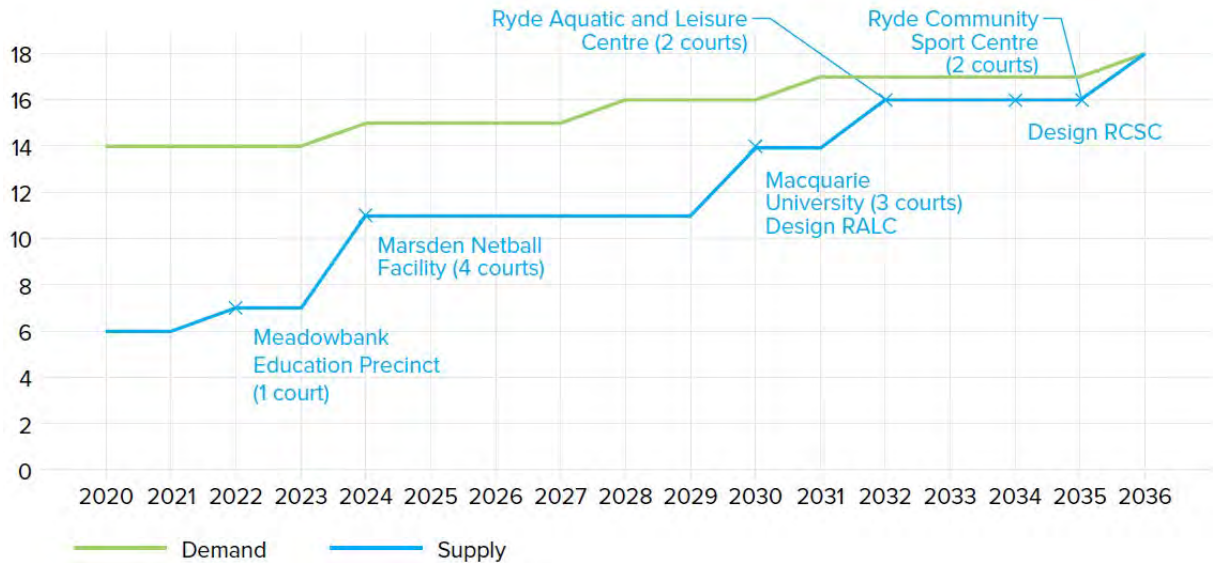


Figure 1: Macquarie University 3 courts proceeding

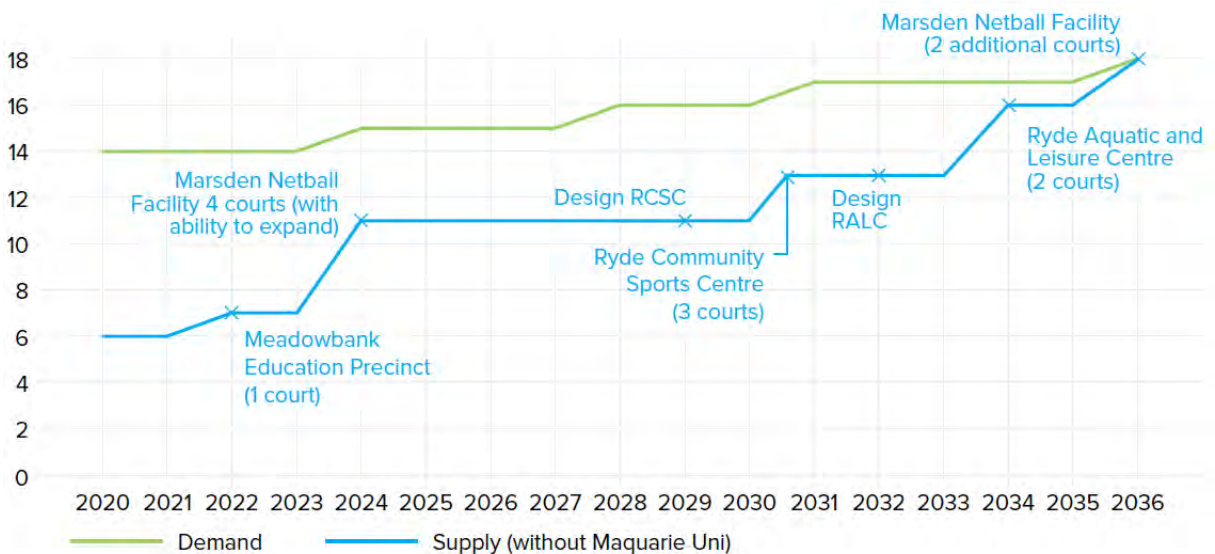


Figure 2: Macquarie University 3 courts not proceeding

The project, including the planning proposal is likely to take approximately 2.5 years to deliver. This timeframe allows for the planning proposal, development application, detailed design and construction. Therefore, the project would commence in or about 2028.

It is noted that the supply/demand gap for indoor courts remains over 4 courts until 2030 in both scenarios. If Council accelerated the delivery of the RCSC project there is the potential for Macquarie University to not proceed with their project.

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The expansion of RCSC has been quantity surveyed at \$24.6m (2021). At the time of preparing the implementation options outlined in figure 1 and 2 above, consideration was given to the internal funding available from developer contributions to construct this project and the increasing demand for indoor courts.

Since the 2020 Council report, the State Government has commenced a review of developer contributions. Recently released information on the review identifies that projects such as new indoor courts will not be eligible for developer contributions, as they are not considered 'base level embellishment' (*Review of the essential works list, nexus, efficient design and benchmark costs for local Infrastructure - Draft Report October 2021, IPART NSW*). This will create a funding vacuum as there are insufficient alternate Council controlled revenue streams to address this future funding gap. As such, proceeding with the expansion of RCSC will be heavily reliant on grant funding from both State and Federal Governments. As such, a grant advocacy document – **ATTACHMENT 2** – has been prepared for grant lobbying.

Conclusion

This report responds to Council's resolution by providing concept plans, delivery timeframes, and financial allocations for the Ryde Community Sports Centre expansion project. As outlined, the implementation of this project is expected to commence in or around 2028 (subject to the delivery of other indoor facilities within the LGA). Should the State Government reforms for Section 7.11 (Developer Contributions) be implemented as proposed, The City of Ryde will never likely have the financial capacity to be able to deliver this project without external funding assistance. The project could commence earlier if the \$24.6m (2021) for the entire project is obtained externally. The project is expected to take at least 2.5 years to complete.

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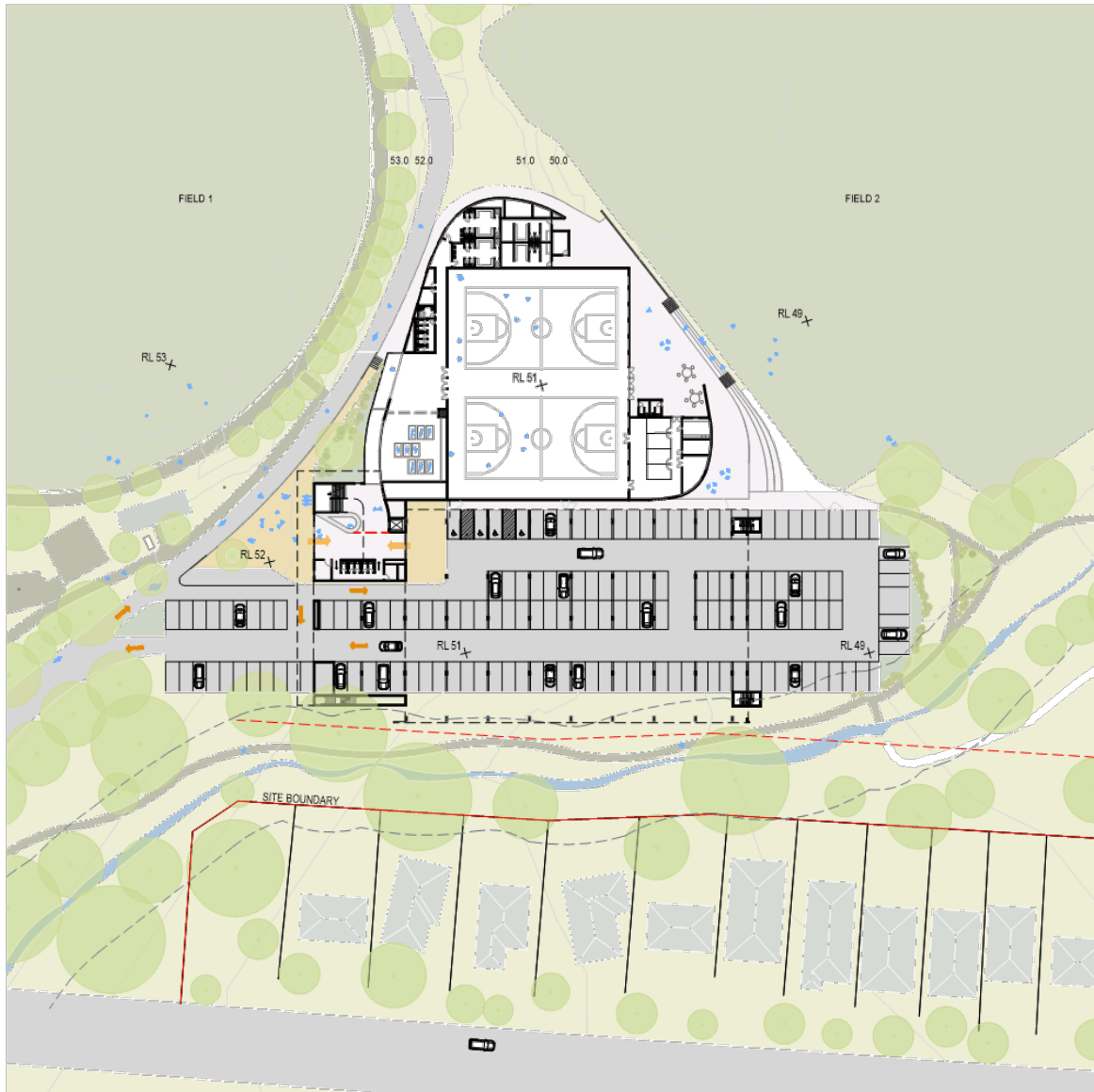
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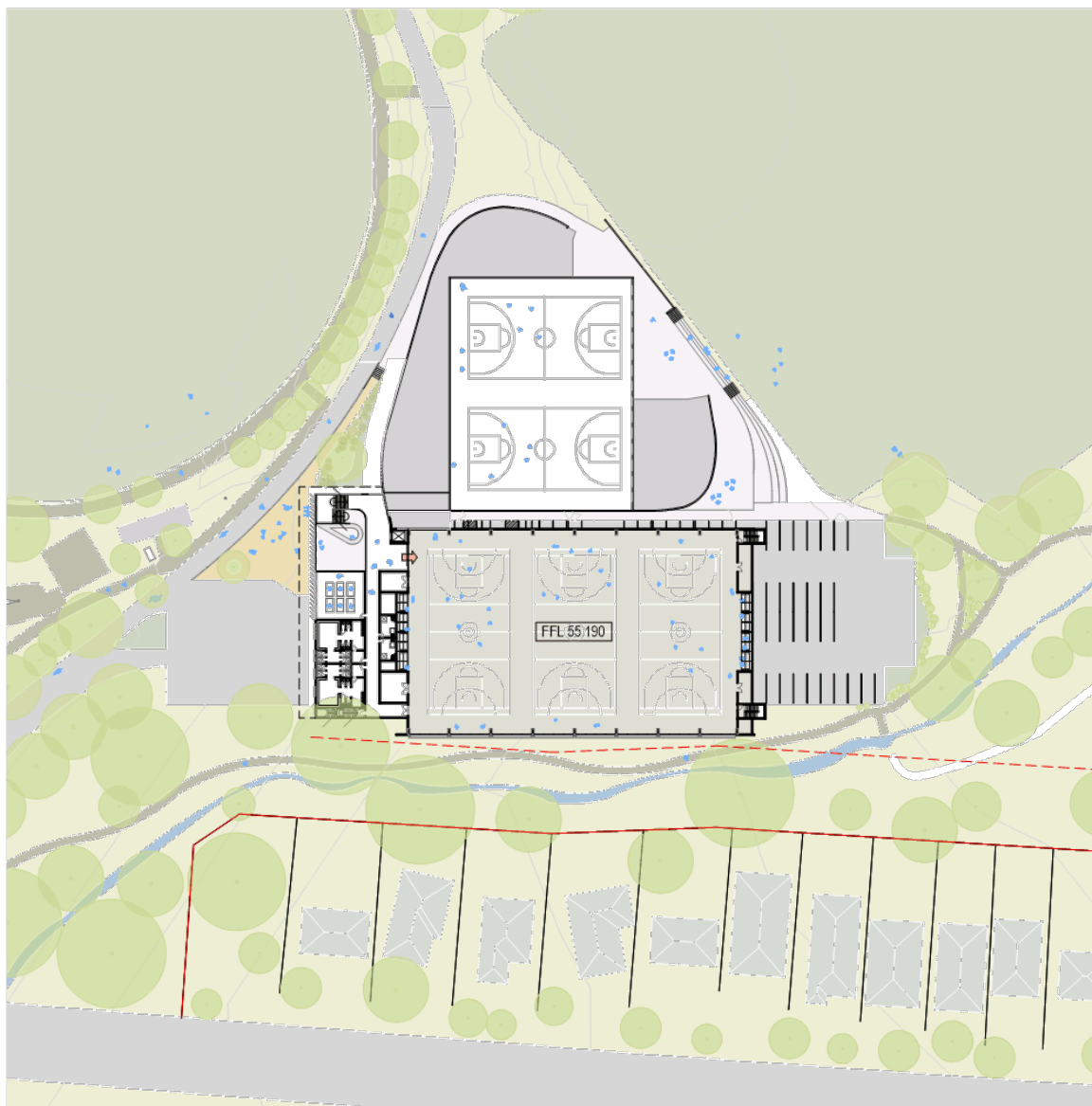
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GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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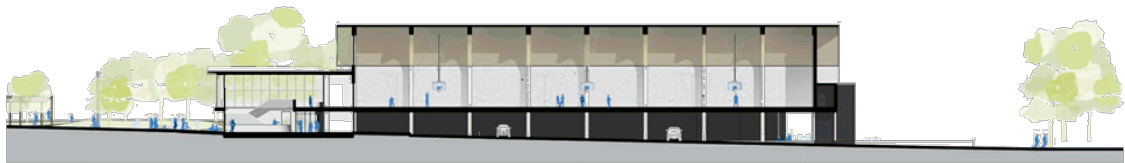
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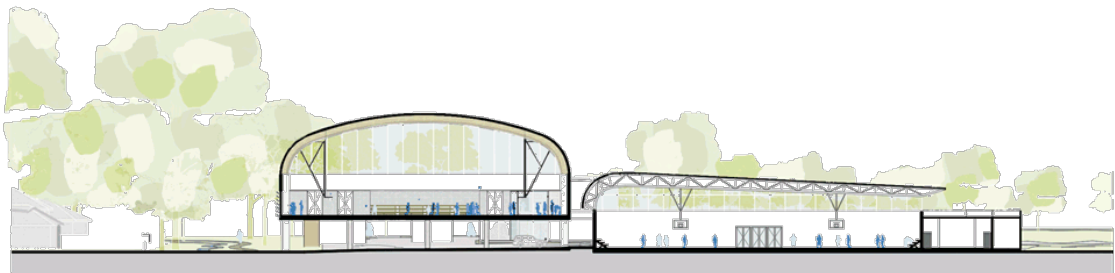


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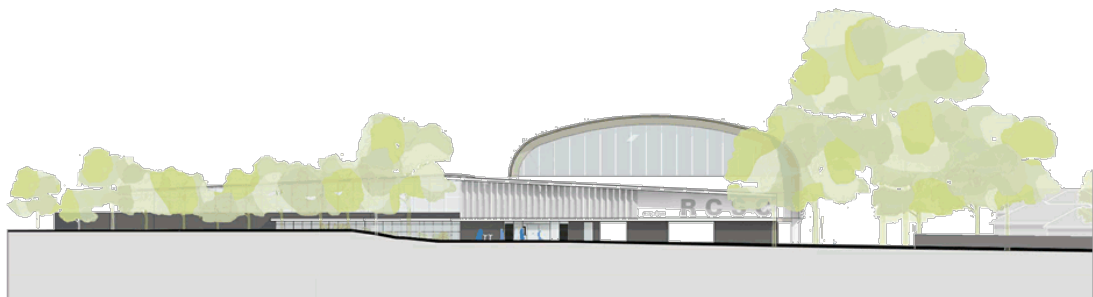
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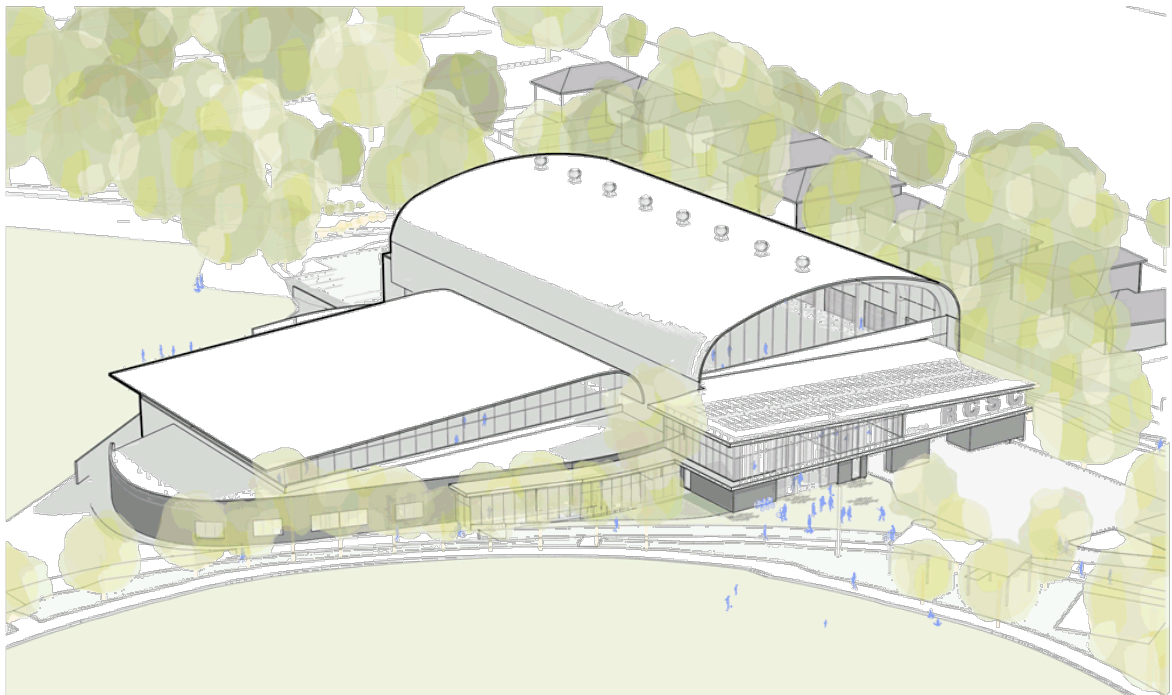
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City of Ryde acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of ELS Hall Park, the Wallumedegal Clan of the Darug nation.

Council also pays respect to Elders both past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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3D Visualisation: Virtual Ideas
Quantity Survey: Altus Group

Issue	Description	Date
A	For review	03/12/21
B	For approval	16/12/21
C	Final issue	24/01/22

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Introduction

Population

The population of the City of Ryde is expected to grow by 50,000 in the next 20 years. To accommodate the growing population the City expects to add 22,000 new dwellings to Ryde's housing stock. While growth is anticipated across the City, densification is highest in Macquarie Park, where job numbers are expected to grow by 20,000 before 2036 and the student population is set to become the third highest concentration in NSW. (City of Ryde, Ryde Infrastructure Strategy 2021, 12.)

People

Much of this growing population is to be housed in apartments. Public open space and flexible public indoor facilities will become more important as places where the local community can meet, play and exercise.

Macquarie Park is anticipated to become a community of young adults, with 51% of the population at 2036 anticipated to be aged 20-44. Over a quarter of Ryde local government area's population arrived recently in Australia and almost half speak another language at home. Cultural diversity is driving demand for sports facilities, including indoor court sports such as volleyball, badminton and futsal.

Place

ELS Hall Park is located on the edge of Macquarie Park, North Ryde and Marsfield. The Park is home to three sports fields, open play space, picnic areas and outdoor gym equipment. It is accessible by cycle and walking via the Shrimptons Creek and future Country Road shared paths. The Park has a primary catchment of 27,234 people within a 5-minute driven radius and 267,174 people within 15 minutes. (City of Ryde, Indoor Sport Facility Review 2020, 49.)

Current Facilities

The current facilities at the Ryde Community Sports Centre include a two-court sport hall, a 125m² multi-purpose room, kiosk and amenities accessible to the public and players using the three surrounding sports fields. The Centre hosts a range of activities from children and youth sports to seniors sporting groups and martial arts classes.

Across the City of Ryde, there is a shortfall in the number of indoor courts available. Currently, one court in the City services 21,241 people. The City's target is a court to population ratio of 1:9700.

Future

The City of Ryde has established the need for an additional 14 indoor sports courts, including 3 more at the Ryde Community Sports Centre. The facility will provide much needed recreation for the growing population at Macquarie Park, after-school activities for children at adjacent schools and organised programs that are inclusive of all cultures and all abilities.

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Community Benefits

The capacity of the existing facility is currently exceeded by almost three times Council's desired court to population ratio. The new RCSC facility presents an opportunity to deliver on Council's 2028 Strategic Vision by providing world class facilities for future generations.

The new facility will include:

- 3 additional multi-purpose indoor sports courts, bringing the total number of courts at the RCSC to five.
- Provision of a further 27 parking spots bringing the total at the facility to 152.
- New 90m² multi-purpose room with views over the Park
- New 150m² multi-purpose room with the ability to double in size to accommodate large functions
- Upgraded publicly accessible amenities for users of the adjoining sports fields, along with upgraded change and toilet facilities within the RCSC
- Creation of a public forecourt adjoining the pedestrian path around the Park, opposite established picnic area
- New native landscaping, tree planting and shared path connections

Flexibility

While current demand for traditional, active sports remains strong, the City of Ryde understands that community sport and recreation programs may need to adapt and change over time. A downward trend in structured community sport participation is correlated with an upward trend in unstructured forms of sport and recreation as well as solo sporting activities like running, cycling and gym classes. In addition, greater consideration of the community's senior residents has been identified as necessary in community engagements. The new facility is therefore to be flexible above all else – all three courts could just as easily be utilised for a large futsal game as for 15 smaller table tennis matches. The multi-purpose rooms could easily transition from an active martial arts class to a community morning tea or rehearsal. Most importantly, it is up to the residents and the community to decide how the space works for them and the City of Ryde recognises that this is likely to change over time.

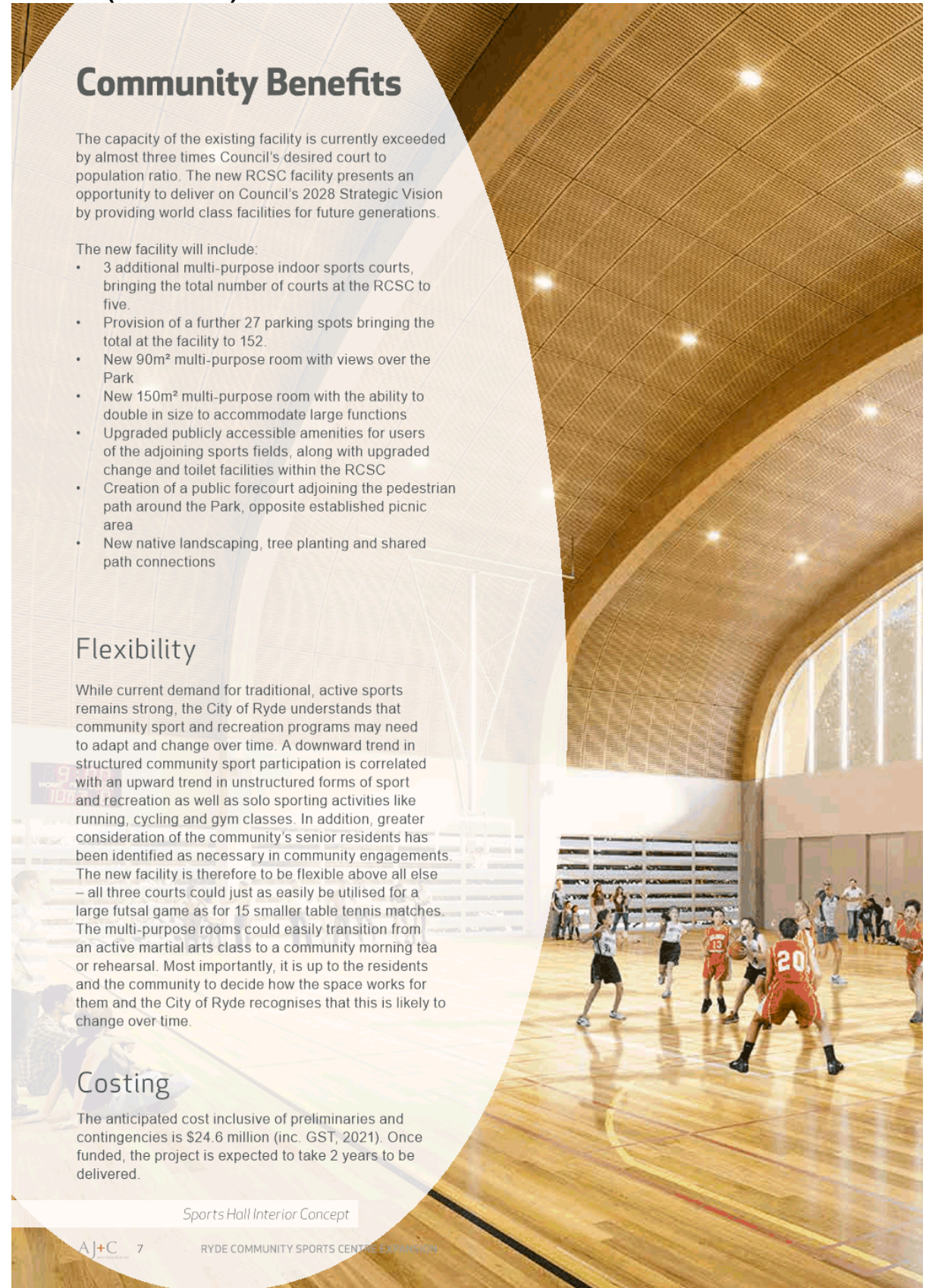
Costing

The anticipated cost inclusive of preliminaries and contingencies is \$24.6 million (inc. GST, 2021). Once funded, the project is expected to take 2 years to be delivered.

Sports Hall Interior Concept

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Existing Site

Vehicular access to the Park is from Kent Road. Pedestrian and cycle access to ELS Hall Park is via the Shrimpton's Creek and Epping Road shared user paths.

There is a network of shared paths throughout the Park, along which are located a children's playground, fenced dog off-leash area and outdoor fitness equipment.

The Park is well serviced by public transport with bus routes along Kent, Herring and Epping Roads; and within walking distance of the Macquarie Park and Macquarie University Metro stations.

The Green Links Masterplan will further strengthen the active transport links to the site, with continuous active transport connectivity between Eastwood to Macquarie Park and Meadowbank, West Ryde to Macquarie Park.



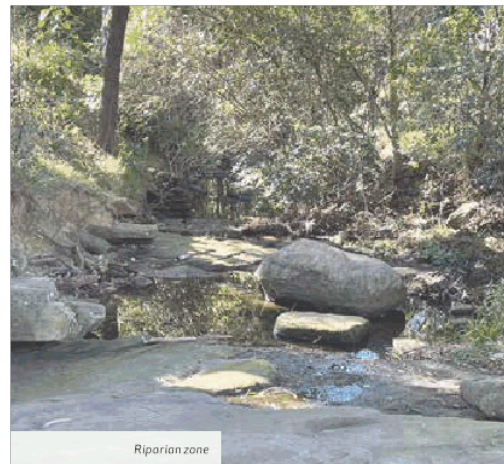
Pedestrian approach



Northern facade

The main façade of the existing building wraps along Field 1 and the controlled access way (maintenance, service and emergency vehicles only) to Fields 1, 2 and 3. The entrance to the building is sunken, along with the main pedestrian route around the building and to Field 2 to the east.

The Shrimptons Creek riparian zone and adjoining Greenwood Park and Booth Reserve are characterised by a large area of Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest. The vegetation is centred around Shrimptons Creek, a tributary to Lane Cove River.



Riparian zone

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Existing Site Plan Legend

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| 1. Field 1: Synthetic field - AFL, Soccer and Cricket. | 7. Car park |
| 2. Field 2: Baseball & Soccer | 8. Riparian zone (approx. 21m wide) |
| 3. Existing indoor sports hall (2 multi-purpose courts) | 9. Shrimpton's Creek tributary |
| 4. Path network | 10. Site boundary |
| 5. Outdoor fitness equipment | 11. Car park entry from Kent Road |
| 6. Covered picnic area with BBQ | 12. Bus stop (B) |

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Proposed Expansion Plans



Proposed ground floor legend

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| 1. Paved public forecourt with significant tree retained | 11. Operable wall to multi-purpose room |
| 2. Reception | 12. Kitchenette |
| 3. Foyer | 13. Plant and switch room |
| 4. Security clearance to indoor facilities | 14. First aid |
| 5. Lift | 15. Store |
| 6. Office | 16. Amenities |
| 7. Public amenities | 17. Existing indoor sports hall (2 multi-purpose courts) |
| 8. Waste room | 18. New native planting |
| 9. Ramped glazed link | 19. 15m setback |
| 10. Multi-purpose room | |

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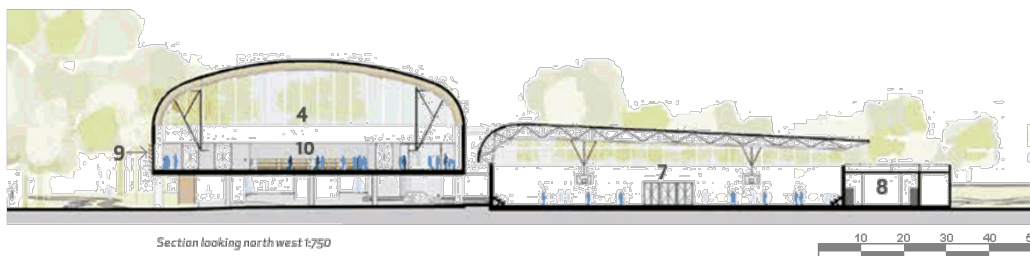
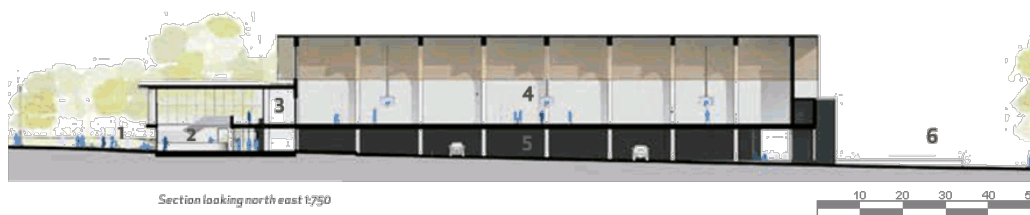
Proposed level one legend

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| 1. Foyer | 7. New sport hall (3 multi-purpose courts) |
| 2. Multi-purpose room | 8. Roof over glazed walkway |
| 3. Storage | 9. Existing roof |
| 4. Change rooms | 10. Void over ground floor |
| 5. Spectator seating | 11. Lift |
| 6. Accessible change rooms | |

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Interior Details



Section legend

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| 1. Public forecourt | 8. Existing amenities |
| 2. Ground level foyer | 9. Glass louvers with external fixed louvers |
| 3. Level one foyer | 10. Spectator seating |
| 4. New sports hall (3 multi-purpose courts) | |
| 5. Car park | |
| 6. Existing plaza and seating for Field 2 | |
| 7. Existing sports hall | |

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Operable glass louvres on the walls of the sports hall are an essential element of the passive ventilation strategy to ensure the hall remains cool in summer. Protective mesh can be installed to protect the glass without obstructing views and natural light.



The design uses durable wall finishes to withstand the rigours of intense sporting use. Interior materials have warm and natural colours and textures. Generous spectating areas incorporate bag storage nooks.



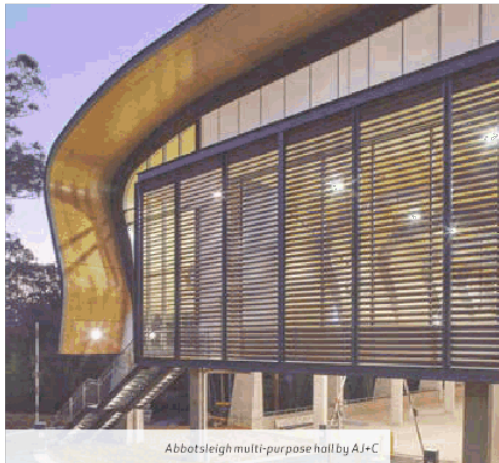
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Exterior Details



Abbotsleigh multi-purpose hall by AJ+C



The Concourse by FJMT

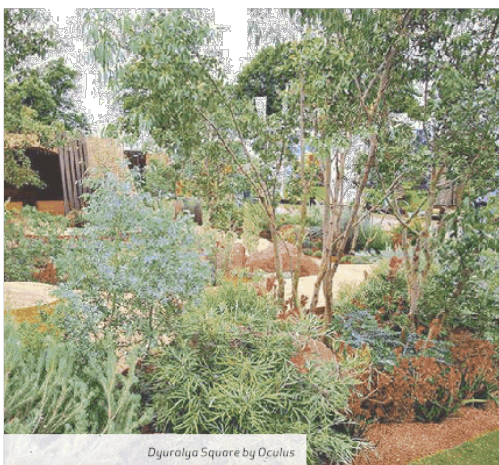
A public forecourt provides opportunity for flexible recreation and community interaction. Significant new native landscaping grounds the project to its place and provides cooling shade cover.

The new building form is crisp and contemporary. Fixed exterior louvres on the north-western aspect provide protection from the hot summer afternoon sun. The louvres will be micro-perforated steel to provide translucency.

The shape of the new hall is curved to mirror the existing building. The contemporary shape will form the backdrop for many memorable sporting experiences to come.



Meriden Oosh by AJ+C



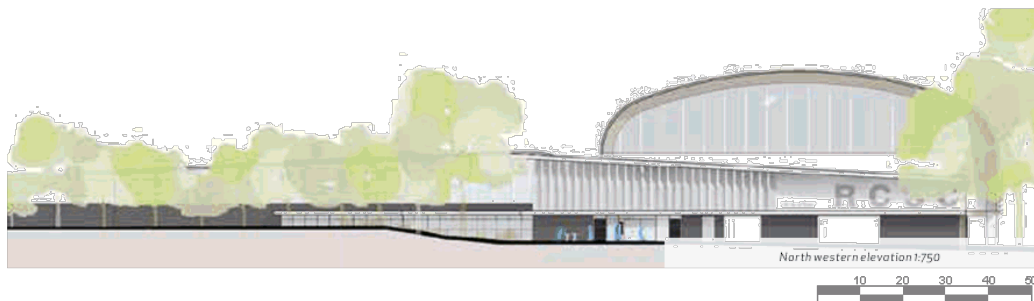
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Sustainability

Sustainability Pathways

The project will target Green Star 6-star certification. Additional environmental frameworks considered applicable to this building typology include Living Building Challenge, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Passive House, WELL or an equivalent project-specific approach. This project will also align to the City of Ryde's Pathway to Net Zero Emissions.

These frameworks will ensure superior occupant comfort (thermal, visual and acoustic), the embodiment of passive design principles and is supported by resource efficient systems and strategies.

The project also has statutory compliance obligations under the City of Ryde's DCP and LEP 2014 and the National Construction Code.

Sustainable Design Targets

Incorporating the Green Building Council of Australia's newly released Climate Positive Pathway, this project will aspire to achieve the following targets:

- 100% energy from renewable sources
- A minimum 20% reduction in energy use (operational carbon), compared to National Construction Code (NCC) baseline. 40-50% is likely required, based on today's NCC
- 20% reduction in upfront carbon emissions / embodied energy. This rises to 40% by 2026
- Elimination or offset of all other carbon emissions

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1. Native Planting

New planting will reintroduce locally endemic species to the site. Species to be selected in conjunction with Wallumedegal knowledge holders

2. Precious Water

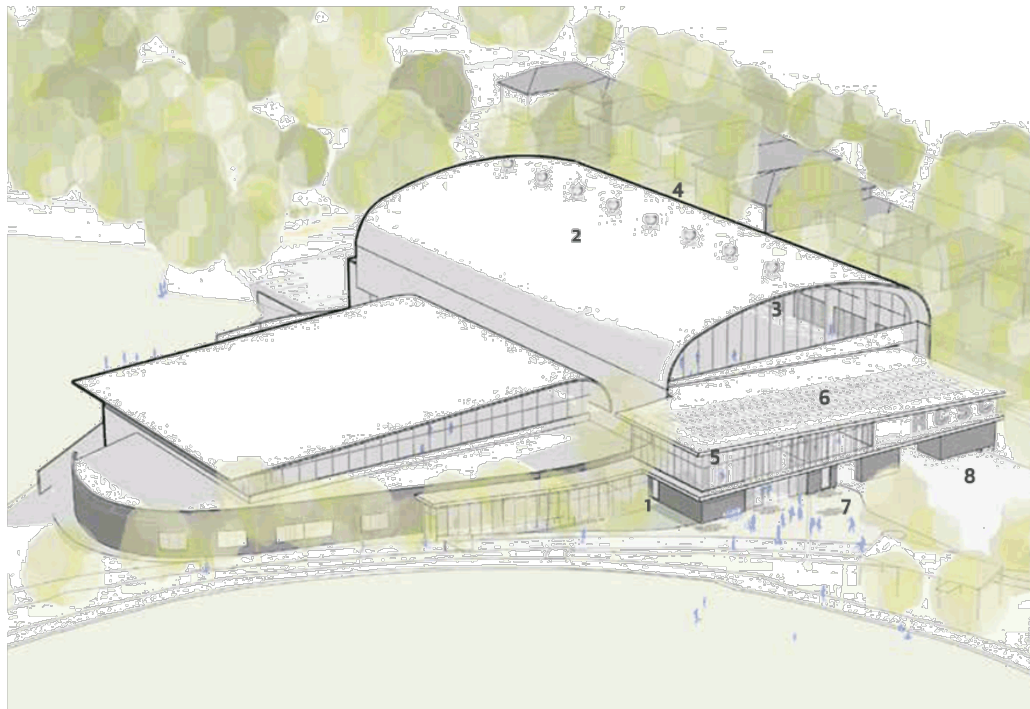
Rainwater collected by the entire roof area is to be filtered, stored and pumped for use on site, to satisfy the project's entire potable water demands

3. Performance

Exterior walls and roof are to significantly exceed standard insulation performance requirements to reduce the building's operational energy demand

4. Passive Design

The design is based on the principles of climate-responsive passive solar design to maximise natural heating, cooling, ventilation and daylighting



5. Low Carbon

The design reduces the volume of steel. Where used, steel is to be local, sourced to support Green Steel technologies, and designed to be disassembled for recycling or re-use

Concrete is to be low-carbon with a high percentage of cement to be replaced with other cementitious materials

The design adopts mass timber technology for the primary structure

6. Net zero

The building is to help facilitate the transition to the post carbon world by being all-electric in its operations and accommodating electric vehicle (EV) charging stations

A rooftop solar PV array is to be sized to enable the project to achieve Net-Zero Carbon in operation by producing sufficient energy on-site to match the demand

7. Connectivity

The design is resilient to future transport disruption within the next 20 years by:

- Improving pedestrian and cycle path access
- Providing an area to accommodate car share parking, community buses, electric scooter storage, facilities for cyclists and electric vehicle (EV) charging spaces.

8. Low Waste

Construction waste generated on site is greatly reduced by minimising the volume of excavation – the design maintains the existing ground levels as closely as possible. Low-waste construction systems to be used such as standard material sizes, pre-fabrication, and design for dis-assembly

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Parking and Public Domain Summary

Existing vehicle use and public domain

The existing car park has a capacity of approx. 125 car spaces and is accessed via an internal access roadway off Kent Road. There is a security gate at the Kent Road entry which closes to prohibit vehicles entering or exiting outside of opening hours. There are no formal pick-up/drop-off facilities on-site. There are no bus drop-off areas on-site which results in buses using the Kent Road to drop off school groups. A controlled access way adjacent to the existing building provides maintenance, service and emergency vehicles access to the sports fields. Pedestrian connectivity and wayfinding, external lighting and parking efficiency are all relatively poor. The car park is generally at capacity during peak periods.

Demand

The proposed increase in indoor sports facilities will create additional parking demand on site. Therefore, as part of the concept design, City of Ryde engaged TTW to undertake a Preliminary Parking Assessment Report. The report identified a range of measures to accommodate the additional demand. A summary of the proposed improvements are:

- Increase in parking capacity within the Kent Road carpark from 125 spaces to approx. 150 spaces
- Provision of pick-up / drop-off on site as well as on-site bus pick-up area
- Provision of additional parking in the current informal gravel and grass car park off Adelphi Road

Opportunities

A summary of additional improvements included in the design are:

- Bus drop-off area to be included on-site
- Provision of a new pick-up / drop-off area
- Provision of an additional row of parking spaces to the southwest of the existing parking area
- The controlled access way (maintenance, service and emergency vehicles only) is to be designated as a shared zone to improve safety and formalise the existing ad-hoc shared use of this zone
- Improved connectivity to the local and regional active transport network and public transport.
- Provision of additional accessible parking spaces
- Provision of electric vehicle (EV) charging spaces



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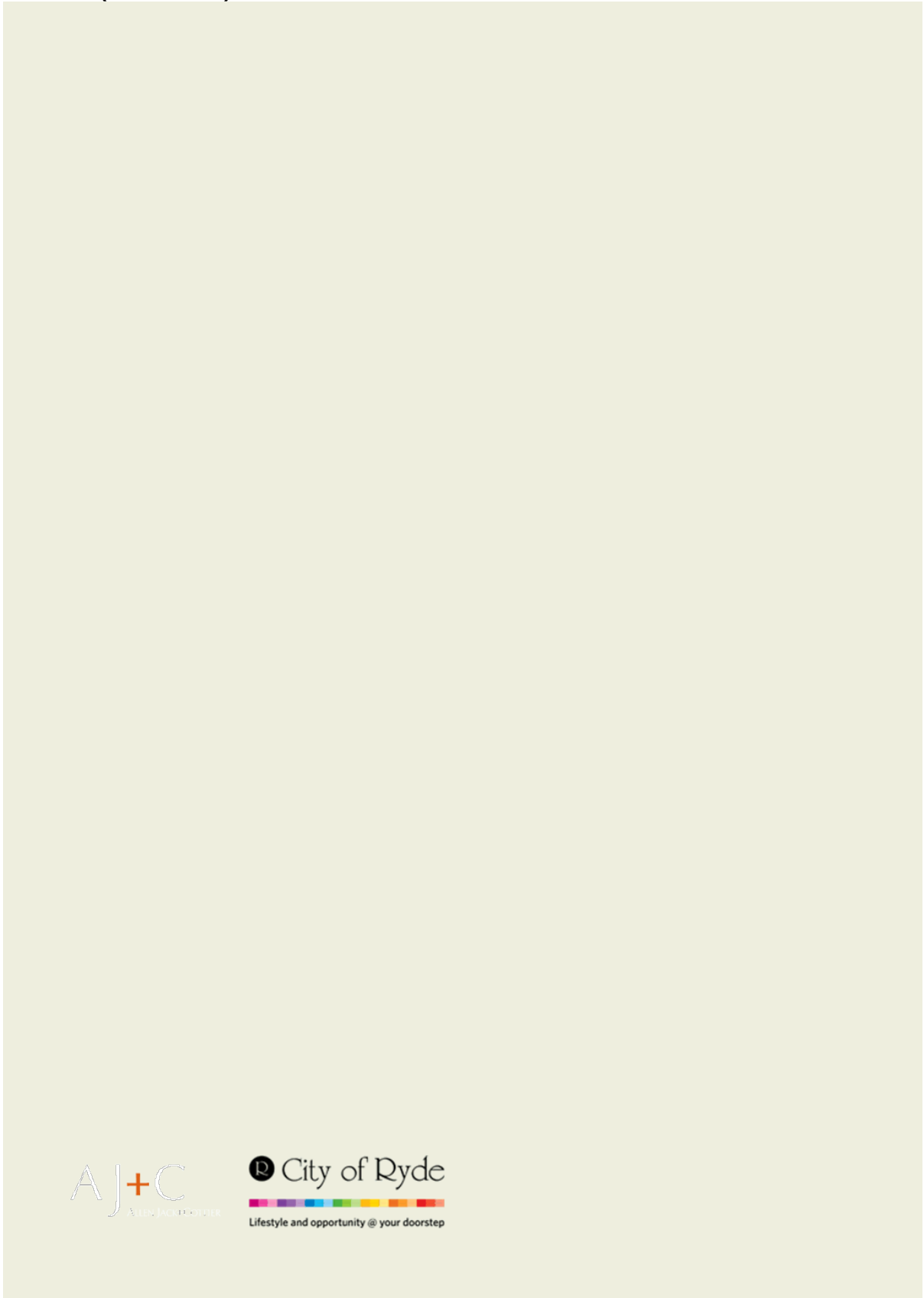


Parking and vehicle access legend

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11 PROCESS FOR NOMINATING AND MANAGING SIGNIFICANT TREES IN THE RYDE LGA

Report prepared by: Manager - Parks
File No.: GRP/21/7 - BP21/888

REPORT SUMMARY

The Significant Tree Register (the Register), has not been updated since 2007, with 44 trees at 24 individual sites across the LGA currently on the register. This report seeks to gain Council's endorsement on the process for adding trees to the Register with the intention to undertaking a comprehensive review in the 2022 Calendar Year. The Significant Tree – Procedures Manual, provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, details the criteria for adding trees to the register and the associated process. It also outlines how trees on the register are to be managed and details how approval is granted for requests for pruning works and removal of identified assets.

The document details: -

- Process for the addition of trees to the Register
- Information to be supplied for nominations
- An assessment criterion for new nominations
- How significant Trees are to be managed
- How the Significant Tree Register is to be administered
- How Trees are removed from the Register
- Fees associated with the process

An assessment of significance establishes the importance of a tree against established principles. All potential listings will be subject to an inspection from an arboriculturally qualified Council staff member, and a determination of relative importance made with reference to the identified categories and criteria.

The selection categories are:-

- 1. Outstanding Visual or Aesthetic Significance**
- 2. Historical and/or Commemorative Significance**
- 3. Social Significance**
- 4. Botanical/Horticultural Significance**
- 5. Significant Ecological Value**

The detailed assessment criteria for each selection category is outlined in the body of this report. Trees can only be added to the Register following assessment against the criteria detailed in the procedure's manual, the preparation of a report from an appropriately qualified staff member and approval from the officer delegated by the General Manager.

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To note within the Significant Tree Procedures Manual is that it is proposed that Council will require a standard Tree Management Application for any pruning works on a Tree listed in the Register. This differs from other private trees in the LGA where the 2014 Development Control Plan Part 9.5 – Tree Preservation (DCP), allows for pruning of up to 10% without obtaining a permit from Council.

Additionally, any trees on private land listed on the register can only be removed following a Development Application Process regardless of whether any exemption criteria apply under the current DCP. This is consistent to how trees identified as having heritage value are managed. Significant trees on public land can only be removed with the approval of the delegated staff member, the Director City Works or the General Manager, following consideration of a report prepared by the appropriately qualified staff.

A nomination fee of \$77.50 is proposed for residents wanting to put forward a tree for addition to the register. If endorsed by Council, this fee will be included in the 2021/22 schedule of fees and charges to be placed on Public Exhibition in April of next year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the process for the addition of trees and their ongoing management as detailed in the Significant Tree Procedures Manual attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Significant Tree Register Procedures Manual
- 2 Significant Tree Register Listed Trees Updated
- 3 Significant Tree Nomination Flow-Chart
- 4 2021-09 Significant Tree Register Nomination Form

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Manager - Parks

Report Approved By:

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Director - City Works

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Discussion

The City seeks to recognise and protect trees with unique historic, cultural, or botanical values within the City of Ryde LGA. The Significant Tree Register, 'the Register' also acknowledges the heritage value of Avenue plantings and stands of trees, as well as the habitat value of trees.

The Register works in conjunction with State and Commonwealth legislation together with Council's suite of existing planning controls in the conservation of trees, vegetation and heritage. Trees currently have protection under the **Development Control Plan 2014 (DCP) Part: 9.5 Tree Preservation**, however exemptions apply under this document (for example, an exemption applies under the DCP to trees that stand within 4m of a legally constructed building, outhouse or pool coping). The Register seeks to provide those trees that may otherwise be exempt under the DCP an extra level of protection where there are no exemptions (including for pruning 10% of the tree crown without a permit) from Council.

The Register aims to:-

- Recognise and celebrate the City's trees by promoting and raising awareness of the existing exceptional trees.
- Provide an important tool for the future planning protection and management of significant trees on private and public land.
- Provide a centralised database for each listed tree with recommendations for their protection and future management available upon request
- Use online information regarding trees placed on the Register to promote community awareness and promote better methods of protection, care, and management of significant trees.
- Have a consistent analytical approach to significant tree assessment based on accepted assessment criteria.
- Be a "living" document that is responsive to change, readily managed by Council and accessible to the community via City of Ryde's website.

As part of the nomination process for private trees, Council will require information from applicants on the appropriate nomination form (included as an attachment to the Procedures Manual). This requires identifying, where known, the comparative points of importance such as origin (indigenous or cultivated), rarity, individual and or group value, landmark importance, and representative value. The information relating to a tree listed on the Register will be entered in Council's records and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Assets along with GPS coordinates, and be linked to the relevant property for future assessment of Local Development Applications, Tree Management Applications or other works requiring approval. Specific details of the information to be provided is included in the Procedures Manual.

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Identified categories and a detailed assessment criterion for consideration of trees that are nominated to be added to the register is included in the Manual and is detailed below: -

Primary selection categories are to be listed as:-

- 1. Outstanding Visual or Aesthetic Significance**
- 2. Historical and/or Commemorative Significance**
- 3. Social Significance**
- 4. Botanical/Horticultural Significance**
- 5. Significant Ecological Value**

The detailed assessment criteria against each selection category is defined below.

1. Outstanding Visual or Aesthetic Significance

- Trees that are outstanding for their height, trunk diameter or canopy spread.
- Trees that occur in a very prominent location or context.
- Trees that contribute significantly to the landscape in which they grow [including streetscapes, parks, gardens or natural landscapes].
- Trees that exhibit an unusual growth form or physical feature, including unusually pruned forms.
- Trees that exemplify an important and valued taste or landscape style.

2. Historical and/or Commemorative Significance

- Indigenous significance
- Trees that are associated with public significance or important historical and commemorative events.
- Trees associated with a heritage listed place and representative of that same historic era.
- Trees that are particularly old or vulnerable.
- Trees that are associated with or planted by a significant person or group of persons.

3. Social Significance

- Trees that have strong or special associations with a particular community or cultural group for reasons of strong religious, spiritual, cultural or other social associations, including trees associated with aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Trees that are important to the local community and/or are important to a community's sense of place.

4. Botanical/Horticultural Significance

- Rare or uncommon species
- Unusual growth form
- Outstanding horticultural or genetic value

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- Could be an outstanding important source of propagating stock. This could include specimens that are particularly resistant to disease or climatic extremes or have a particular growth form.
- Specimen particularly resistant to disease or exposure
- Outstanding size or remarkable example of its species

5. Significant Ecological Value

- Rare, threatened or locally uncommon species or ecological community.
- Indigenous remnant trees that predate the urban development in its immediate proximity.
- Trees that make a significant contribution to the integrity of an ecological community, including its role as a seed source or specialised habitat.
- A remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, or particularly range limits.
- Trees which provide a significant habitat element for rare, threatened or locally uncommon or common native species.

Typically for a tree to be considered for listing, it needs to satisfy at least two of the selection criteria. This is especially important if the primary motivation for listing is simply visual or aesthetic value. Council's criteria for listing trees are based on a qualitative assessment of their value and worth. This limits subjectivity and provides a robust and defensible selection process.

Council's arborist undertakes the following upon receipt of a nomination:-

- Conducts a thorough physical examination of the nominated tree.
- Assesses each tree and species in relation to its natural occurrence.
- Researches the cultural history, when relevant, through report, photographs, archival material, and oral evidence.
- Evaluates the collected data on the basis of each tree's contextual relationship to other similar trees and its relative importance.

The selection criteria cater for the enormous variety of trees that many residents may consider significant. The criteria also consider the importance of 'place', giving an understanding of the value of particular specimens or groups of trees within the broader landscape.

The process followed for trees nominated to be considered for inclusion on the register, assessed against the above criteria is detailed in the Procedures Manual.

In cases relating to private trees, where objections from residents to nominations are made which Council's arborist considers meets the selection criteria, an expert panel will be engaged to review the nomination(s) in question and make a recommendation whether the subject tree/s should be placed on the register.

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There will be three ongoing positions available on the expert panel with a range of experience. The Panel will consist of two Council Staff members and an external panel member who will be a voluntary and unpaid position for a two-year period. This rotation will ensure a 'pool' of persons available with experience, guarantee continuity and consistency of function.

The panel will consist of:-

- Landscape Architect – City of Ryde
- External Community Representative (Minimum AQF Level V in Arboriculture with 5 years industry experience)
- Senior Tree Management Officer

Where required additional Council staff panel members will be added where specialist technical knowledge is required. This may be a staff member with extensive experience in Town Planning, Heritage or Environmental Management.

Optional panel members:-

- Heritage Officer- City of Ryde
- Manager Natural Areas (or delegate)
- Manager Urban Strategy (or delegate)

The Significant Tree Register – Procedures Manual also details Council's and the owner's responsibilities in relation to managing the trees and how Council will administer the Register.

Removal of Trees from the Register

Trees are living, dynamic organisms, and will therefore reach maturity, begin to decline, and eventually die. It is in the stage of decline where management problems often arise, they may become disfigured and diseased or pose unacceptable and unmanageable safety concerns. As a result, their value as an item of significance may also decline.

Council will receive requests to remove trees from the Register situated on private property solely from the property owner(s), or in the case of public land, from an officer with arboricultural qualifications.

For trees on private land, the owner of the tree shall submit a Development Application to seek the removal of the tree. Assessment of this request will then be undertaken through the planning process and be based on the information provided in the application.

For trees on public land, a report will be prepared by Council staff for the Director's consideration and only they can approve on the tree's removal. The Director has the delegated power to approve the removal of the Tree.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact. The Significant Tree Register will be administered within existing available resources.

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Related Policy

Development Control Plan (2014) Part 9.5 – Tree Preservation.

Procedure

INTRODUCTION

The City of Ryde would like to acknowledge that significant trees in the Ryde LGA grow on the traditional land of the Wallumedegal people. The Significant Tree Register (*The Register*) was initially developed in 2003. Since this time, numerous trees have been nominated and placed on the Register. For those trees included, it provides additional protection for their retention and highlights the overall significance of these trees within the community. The Register is included **Attachment 1**.

The City seeks to recognise and protect trees with unique historic, cultural, or botanical values within the City of Ryde LGA. The Register also acknowledges the heritage value of Avenue plantings and stands of trees, as well as the habitat value of trees.

The Register is not a static list of specimens, but constantly evolves as some trees die or require removal, and new trees are registered. Details on the nomination process for new trees and the comprehensive review of the Register are detailed later in this document. The City has acknowledged, through consultation and input from sources (both public and private), that numerous trees within the LGA that are not listed on the register are worthy of being placed on it so as to benefit from the protection that being listed affords.

The Register works in conjunction with State and Commonwealth legislation together with Council's suite of existing planning controls in the conservation of trees, vegetation and heritage. Trees currently have protection under the **Development Control Plan 2014 (DCP) Part: 9.5 Tree Preservation**, however exemptions apply under this document (for example, an exemption applies under the DCP to trees that stand within 4m of a legally constructed building, outhouse or pool coping). The Register seeks to provide those trees that may otherwise be exempt under the DCP an extra level of protection where there are no exemptions (including for pruning 10% of the tree crown without a permit) from Council.

The City is committed to promoting and protecting these important trees and their landscape settings. They often provide significant environmental and ecological benefits, play an important part in Sydney's past and future and often hold a special place in peoples' hearts.

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PURPOSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

The Register includes trees on public and private land. The Register offers the opportunity to recognise, celebrate and protect the exceptional trees that exist in our City.

The Register is a compilation of trees that have been nominated by the community, organisations, property managers, staff, and tree owners. The trees are initially assessed by qualified Tree Management Officers (minimum AQF Level 5 Arborists) and when required other relevant professionals (i.e Heritage Officer).

The Register aims to:

- Recognise and celebrate the City's trees by promoting and raising awareness of the existing exceptional trees.
- Provide an important tool for the future planning protection and management of significant trees on private and public land.
- Provide a centralised database for each listed tree with recommendations for their protection and future management available upon request
- Use online information regarding trees placed on the Register to promote community awareness and promote better methods of protection, care, and management of significant trees.
- Have a consistent analytical approach to significant tree assessment based on accepted assessment criteria.
- Be a "living" document that is responsive to change, readily managed by Council and accessible to the community via City of Ryde's website.

The listing of trees on the Register does not mean that no work can be undertaken or that removal is necessarily prohibited. For significant trees on private land approval for maintenance or minor pruning works will be processed via the Council's usual Tree Management Application process, although requests for removals will only be approved through a development application. For Trees on public land a pruning or maintenance work must be specified by Council's Tree Management Officer with an AQF Level 5 qualification. For the removal of a tree an external consulting arborist report (Mi, AQF Level 5 qualification) must be obtained confirming that it is not viable to retain the tree.

Nominations may be received for any trees within the City of Ryde with the endorsement of the Senior Tree Management Officer; however, the listing of private trees will require an application. This application process is detailed in the following section.

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PROCESS FOR ADDITION OF TREES TO THE REGISTER

Management of the Register shall be delegated to the Directorate responsible for tree management in accordance with the Development Control Plan Part 9.5 – Tree Preservation.

For this Register, 'Significant Trees' may be either be classified as a single tree or a larger grouping of trees. They may possess values relating to their visual, botanical, cultural, commemorative or other significance as defined in the approved category list shown in this document.

The Register shall be comprehensively reviewed every 10 years to acknowledge changes in legislation, planning controls and tree management best practice.

Nominations for trees on Private Land can be made at any time on the approved nomination form. Public trees can be added at any time with the approval of the Director, following assessment of the tree against the agreed criteria by the relevant technical staff.

Typically for a tree to be considered for listing, it needs to satisfy at least two of the selection criteria. This is especially important if the primary motivation for listing is simply visual or aesthetic value. Council's criteria for listing trees are based is qualitative assessment of their value and worth. This limits subjectivity and provides a robust and defensible selection process.

Council's arborist undertakes the following upon receipt of a nomination:-

- Conducts a thorough physical examination of the nominated tree.
- Assesses each tree and species in relation to its natural occurrence.
- Researches the cultural history, when relevant, through report, photographs, archival material and oral evidence.
- Evaluates the collected data on the basis of each trees contextual relationship to other similar trees and its relative importance.

The selection criteria caters for the enormous variety of trees that many residents may consider significant. They also take into account the importance of 'place', giving an understanding of the value of particular specimens or groups of trees within the broader landscape.

For example, a resident might nominate a large Lemon Scented Gum (*Corymbia citriodora*) growing in the neighbour's yard. The tree is only 20 years old and the neighbour likes the tree and wants it protected. The tree may satisfy the aesthetic criteria, however this is not considered sufficient alone for inclusion in the register. As this is a common species and is not of any great botanical or scientific value, and the tree does not have great ecological significance, and is not associated with any historical event, nor does it have any strong social significance, it would not be eligible for listing on the register.

In cases where objections from residents to nominations for private trees are made which Council's arborist considers meets the selection criteria, an expert panel will be

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engaged to review the nominations in question and ultimately determine whether the subject tree/s should be placed on the register.

There will be three permanent positions available on the expert panel with a range of experience. The Panel will consist of two Council Staff members and an external panel member who will be a voluntary and unpaid position for a two-year period. This rotation will ensure a 'pool' of persons available with experience, guarantee continuity and consistency of function.

The panel will consist of:

- Landscape Architect – City of Ryde
- External Community Representative (Minimum AQF Level V in Arboriculture with 5 years industry experience)
- Senior Tree Management Officer

Where required additional Council staff panel members will be added where specialist technical knowledge is required. This may be a staff member with extensive experience in Town Planning, Heritage or Environmental Management.

Optional panel members:

- Heritage Officer- City of Ryde
- Manager Natural Areas (or delegate)
- Manager Urban Strategy (or delegate)

Trees nominated to be included in the Register will be assessed and an Arborist report written by qualified AQF Level 5 Arborists and/or Council Tree Management Officers. The Reports will then be presented to the expert panel who determines which tree would be included in the Register (where an objection is listed).

See Flowchart in **Attachment 2** detailing the workflow for the addition of trees to the Significant Tree Register.

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INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED FOR NOMINATIONS

As part of the nomination process for private trees, Council will require information from applicants on the appropriate nomination form (see **Attachment 3**). This requires identifying, where known, the comparative points of importance such as origin (indigenous or cultivated), rarity, individual and or group value, landmark importance, and representative value. The information relating to a tree listed on the Register will be entered in Council's records and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Assets along with GPS coordinates, and be linked to the relevant property for future assessment of Local Development Applications, Tree Management Applications or other works requiring approval.

The applicant will have to provide the below information for each proposed tree listing:

- Date of inspection, tree location (preferably by map GPS co-ordinates) and a full property description (public or private lands), ownership/management and references to other listings (e.g., National Trust of NSW), where applicable.
- Dates of addition to the register, as well as dates of most recent inspections and records of any pruning works undertaken
- Photographic record linked to an appropriate scaled map reference;
- References to tree canopy extent and root zone in relation to neighbouring properties, especially where development on adjoining property could affect the tree, with reference to standards AS4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees and AS4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.
- Number of listed trees and categories of significance.
- Full botanical description including botanical and common names.
- Local names if applicable.
- Origin, height, estimated age, canopy spread and trunk diameter
- Details of crown vitality and structural health at time of inspection
- Statement of Significance, as constructed by Nominee

Applicants would be required to construct a brief **Statement of Significance** – a summary outlining the reasons for significance and comparative points of importance which should, where possible, or known include;

- Identification of possible threats and problems
- Recommendations for management

The **Statement of Significance** should provide an introduction and background summary of the tree to define the relationship of the proposed Significant Tree within the local environment. Emphasis should be placed on the occurrence of natural remnant trees and the extent of cultural plantings associated with historic development within the Ryde City area.

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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

An assessment of significance establishes the importance of a tree. All potential listings should be subject to an inspection from an arborist qualified Council staff, and a determination of relative importance made with reference to the established criteria.

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The detailed assessment criteria against each selection category is outlined below.

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- Trees that are associated with public significance or important historical and commemorative events.
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- Trees that are important to the local community and/or are important to a community's sense of place.

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- Rare or uncommon species
- Unusual growth form
- Outstanding horticultural or genetic value
- Could be an outstanding important source of propagating stock. This could include specimens that are particularly resistant to disease or climatic extremes or have a particular growth form.

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- Specimen particularly resistant to disease or exposure
- Outstanding size or remarkable example of its species

5. Significant Ecological Value

- Rare, threatened or locally uncommon species or ecological community.
- Indigenous remnant trees that predate the urban development in its immediate proximity.
- Trees that make a significant contribution to the integrity of an ecological community, including its role as a seed source or specialised habitat.
- A remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, or particularly range limits.
- Trees which provide a significant habitat element for rare, threatened or locally uncommon or common native species.

This document may work both in conjunction with and separate to the **NSW Heritage Act 1977**, acknowledging that trees on Heritage sites are not automatically considered Significant Trees and are subject to the same **Assessment Criteria** as all trees placed on the register. The process will also apply to individual trees within an **Endangered Ecological Community (EEC)**.

INFORMATION TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT

The following information can be made available to the applicant, subject to, where applicable, any of Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

- Council's local history collection (Ryde Library);
- Council's Heritage Inventory (as well as information held by NSW Heritage Council and National Trust of NSW);
- Council's City Planning maps or aerial photos
- Significant tree records relating to maintenance records as per Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 No. 52

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MANAGEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT TREES

Following the Council resolution to inclusion on the Register, both Council and the owner of the tree share responsibilities regarding the maintenance and preservation of the listed tree.

Owner's Responsibilities

- The preservation of the listed tree, including routine maintenance pruning (that conforms with the standard AS 4373-2007- Pruning of Amenity Trees) and any other necessary maintenance measures. Council will require a Tree Management Application from the owner for any pruning works on the tree/s.
- Meet the cost for any fees required in relation to routine maintenance pruning of a listed Significant Tree on their property
- Where development proposals require the removal of a listed tree, the removal will be considered in the processing of the Local Development Applications.
- On development sites where a Significant Tree is present, and no approval has been given for the removal of the tree, all Tree Protection Measures as per AS 4970-2009 *Protection of Trees on Development Sites* must be taken to ensure the tree is not adversely affected by the development process.
- In situations where an owner wishes to remove a listed tree, (but removal is not necessitated to allow development of the site), a Development Application would be required. This would be considered and assessed in accordance with the relevant Council Policies and will require the provision of an arborist report which meets Councils specified standards.
- Prior to the commencement of any works on a tree listed in the Significant Tree Register, an owner will be required to nominate the person, listing their qualifications, who will be undertaking the work.

Council's Responsibilities

- Re-assessment of a tree on the register should be undertaken every ten (10) years. This assessment will take into consideration the condition of the tree and to recommend future maintenance works. Residents will receive notification prior to inspections occurring.
- Should it be noted that works are required on a tree during the ten (10) yearly re-assessment process, the owner of the tree will be notified of this, and a permit for the works issued.
- Should a site containing tree(s) listed on the Significant Tree Register (or neighbouring sites within close proximity to tree) have a Development Consent issued on the site, all inspections and certification relating to tree protection measures during construction works would be the responsibility of Council, regardless of the Principle Certifying Authority appointed.

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGISTER

The Register of Significant Trees shall be administered by the relevant Directorate and Department responsible for the administration of the Development Control Plan (2014) – Part 9.5 Tree Preservation by ensuring;

- Processing the nominations and deletions to the Register of Significant Trees as detailed in the Nominations flow chart
- Additions to and deletions from the Register are identified in all hardcopy and digital receptacles i.e. master database, website, mainframe (CM) and GIS systems and master hardcopy
- Liaising with Council's Planning Team to ensure Significant Trees and Vegetation are identified as a notation on relevant Planning Certificates.
- The Register is available to all Council officers to view prior to allowing works on both public and private trees to commence
- Making the Register available to Public authorities and utility agencies e.g. Roads and Maritime Services, Sydney Water, Integral Energy, Telstra regarding trees under or near public utilities.
- Australian and Industry Standards are upheld in the conservation of listed trees (Australian Standards AS4373 – Pruning of Amenity Trees and Australian Standards AS4970 –Protection of trees on development sites)
- The Register is available to the public through Council's website.
- Facilitate an annual meeting of the expert panel, when required to review and consider nominations where objections have been raised.
- Completing a comprehensive review of the Register approximately every 10 years with the next one scheduled for 2022.

FEES

There will be a nomination fee to be determined on an annual basis, in Council's schedule of fees and charges, for private trees. Existing fees for maps and plans required will still be applied.

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REMOVAL OF TREES FROM REGISTER

Trees are living, dynamic organisms, and will therefore reach maturity, begin to decline, and eventually die. It is in the stage of decline where management problems often arise, they may become disfigured and diseased or pose unacceptable and unmanageable safety concerns. As a result, their value as an item of significance may also decline.

Council will receive requests to remove trees from the Register situated on private property solely from the property owner(s), or in the case of trees on public land, from an officer with arboricultural qualifications.

For trees on private land, the owner of the tree shall submit a Development Application to seek the removal of the tree. Assessment of this request will then be undertaken through the planning process and be based on the information provided in the application.

For trees on public land, a report will be prepared by Council staff for the Director's consideration and only they can approve on the tree's removal. The Director has the delegated power to approve the removal of the Tree. This report will include:-

- The description of tree (species, size, age, issues of significance)
- Tree condition (vigour, disease, structure) and the circumstances behind the decline of the tree (e.g. whether the tree has declined naturally or has been subject to poisoning or other types of vandalism)
- Recommendations for alternative solutions (if applicable) for management of the tree.
- The Council staff will make a recommendation to the relevant staff member to either accept or reject the tree's deletion from the Register, with or without conditions.

All decisions regarding removal of significant trees will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Development Control Plan – Tree Preservation Part 9.5, and authority for removal will rest with the relevant Director under delegated authority from Council. A written report must be prepared prior to any tree removal and be signed off by the staff member delegated by the General Manager. In the case of emergency works where the tree is determined to be dangerous the report will be prepared after the removal.

Attachments

<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Trim Reference</i>
1.	Significant Tree Register	D21/141126
2.	Nomination Workflow	D21/137306
3.	Significant Tree Nomination Form	D21/139659

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Updated List of Significant Trees

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CITY OF RYDE SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

Date Added	Property Address	Private/ Council	Tree Species	Tree Common Name
22/8/00	18 Hancott Street Ryde	Private	1x <i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> 1 x <i>Angophora floribunda</i>	Sydney Blue Gum Rough Barked Apple
28/11/00	135 Marsden Road West Ryde	Private	2 x <i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>	Port Jackson Figs
12/12/00	4-6 Watt Avenue Ryde	Private	2 x <i>Eucalyptus saligna</i>	Sydney Blue Gums
12/6/01	2 Crowley Crescent Melrose Park	Private	1x <i>Corymbia ficifolia</i> 1 x <i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> 1 x <i>Syncarpia glomulifura</i>	West Australian Flowering Gum Jacaranda Turpentine
12/7/01	7 Emu Street West Ryde	Private	1 x <i>Eucalyptus acmenoides</i>	White Mahogany
6/11/01	76A Wharf Road Gladesville	Private	2 x <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> 2 x <i>Erythrina x sykesii</i>	Phoenix Palms Coral Trees
13/11/01	85 Champion Road Tennyson Point	Private	1 x <i>Podocarpus elatus</i>	Illawara Plum Tree
26/11/02	41 Belmore Street Ryde	Private	4 x <i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>	Port Jackson Fig Trees
25/2/03	102 North Road Denistone East	Private	1 x <i>Eucalyptus saligna</i>	Sydney Blue Gum
5/8/03	32A Vimiera Road Eastwood	Private	2 x <i>Syncarpia glomulifura</i>	Turpentines
24/8/04	5 Bell Avenue West Ryde	Council (Park Tree)	1 x <i>Ficus columnaris</i>	Fig Tree
24/8/04	79 Champion Road Tennyson Point	Private	1 x <i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak Tree
24/8/04	27 Grove Street Eastwood	Council (Street Tree)	1 x <i>Eucalyptus acmenoides</i>	White Mahogany
24/8/04	30 Grove Street Eastwood	Private	1 x <i>Pyrus ussuriensis</i>	Manchurian Pear
24/8/04	166 Tennyson Road, Tennyson Point	Private	1 x <i>Acmena smithii</i>	Lilly Pilly
22/3/05	60 Pellisier Road Putney	Private	1 x <i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>	Port Jackson Fig
5/4/05	Mirool Street Denistone West	Council (Street Trees)	2 x <i>Ficus macrocarpa</i> var. <i>hillii</i>	Hill's Weeping Figs
19/4/05	135 Marsden Road West Ryde	Council (Street Trees)	1 x <i>Pinus jeffreyi</i> 1 x <i>Photinia glabra</i> 1 x <i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i>	Jeffrey Pine Photinia Funeral Pine
6/2010	305 Pittwater Road North Ryde	Council (Street Trees)	6 x <i>Angophora costata</i>	Sydney Red Gums
6/2010	Cudal Reserve (Henry St Ryde)	Council (Park Tree)	1 x <i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Sacred Fig

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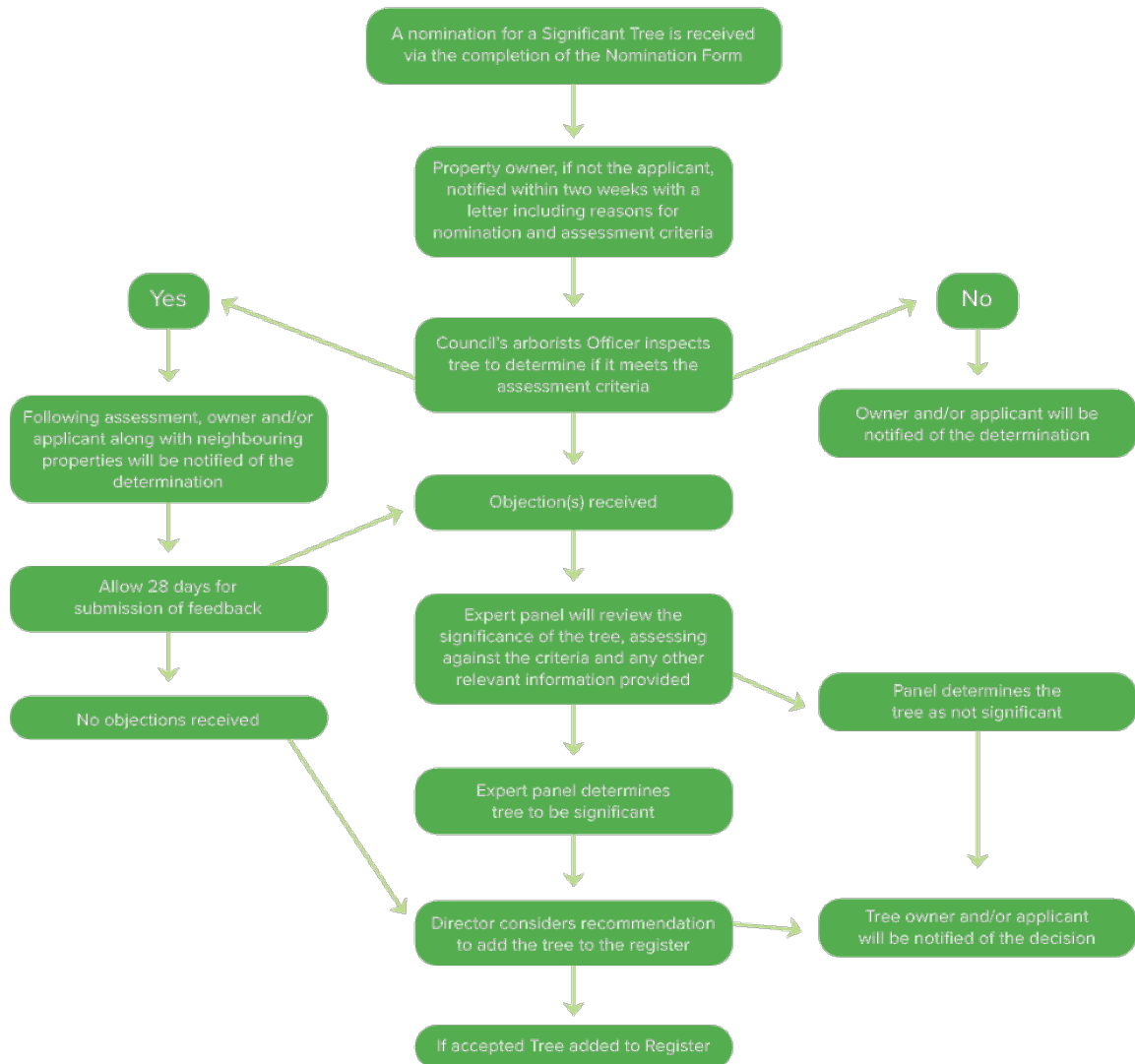
CITY OF RYDE SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

Date Added	Property Address	Private/ Council	Tree Species	Tree Common Name
16/4/04	24 Finch Avenue East Ryde	Private	1 x <i>Angophora costata</i>	Sydney Red Gum
17/9/03	22 Edgar Street Eastwood	Private	1 x <i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	California Redwood
2/9/03	112 Chatham Road Denistone	Private	1 x <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum Liquidambar
15/6/04	7 Coronation Avenue Eastwood	Council (Street Tree)	1 x <i>Syzygium smithii</i>	Lilly Pilly

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Significant Tree Assessment Flow Chart



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**SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER
NOMINATION FORM**

Customer Service Centre 1 Pope Street, Ryde NSW
Post Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670
Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
Phone (02) 9952 8222 **TTY** (02) 9952 8470
Fax (02) 9952 8070

PART 1: INFORMATION ABOUT THE TREE/S

Address of property containing tree/s

Address

Suburb Postcode

Category under which you are nominating the tree/s:

Outstanding Visual or Aesthetic Significance
 Historical and/or Commemorative Significance
 Social Significance
 Botanical/Horticultural Significance
 Significant Ecological Value

Species *Please be as specific as possible*

Botanic Name

Common Name

Please draw a sketch of the property indicating position of tree and north point.

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PART 1: INFORMATION ABOUT THE TREE/S (CONT.)

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PART 2: NOMINEE

Title Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other

Given Name Family Name

Address

Suburb Postcode

Postal Address
 If different from above

Suburb Postcode

Preferred contact Mobile Phone Email

Mobile Phone

Business phone Home phone

Email

Relation to tree/s:
 Owner Neighbour Other party

Signature Date

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12 RECONCILIATION ACTION WORKING GROUP

Report prepared by: Coordinator - Community Development
File No.: GRP/21/11 - BP22/182

REPORT SUMMARY

Council at its meeting of 23 June 2020 resolved to establish a Reconciliation Action Working Group (RAWG) to provide advice, input and feedback for the City of Ryde Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The establishment of the RAWG was delayed due to COVID 19 with its inaugural meeting held in March 2021.

The RAWG terms of reference stipulate that the working group members shall be appointed for the current Council term (or remaining period of the Council term), although membership can be altered at any time by resolution of Council. As a result, the RAWG concluded its term in December 2021.

As the previous RAWG community members were active for such a short period of time, it is recommended that the original six community representatives are reappointed for the remainder of this Council term. The RAWG was made up of six community representatives, four members that identify, as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and two non-indigenous members.

At the RAWG meeting of the 30 June 2021, the indigenous members requested that a Deputy Chairperson is elected from the non-indigenous members, as a symbol of reconciliation. Should Council endorse this recommendation the terms of reference will need to be amended to reflect this resolution.

Also, the terms of reference stipulate up to six community members on the RAWG with a quorum of four community members. The original community members requested that the number of community members on the RAWG is increased to up to ten with a quorum of six community members to ensure meetings can proceed should there be a few absences.

Council has recently received two new expressions of interest from indigenous community members to join the RAWG for the consideration of Council. Both community members identify, as Aboriginal and demonstrate a strong commitment and understanding of issues relating to the local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorses that the six original community members of the Reconciliation Action Working Group be reappointed for the remainder of this Council term.
- (b) That Council endorse the election of a non-indigenous community member, as Deputy Chairperson of the Reconciliation Action Working Group.

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- (c) That Council endorse that the membership of the Reconciliation Action Working Group is increased to up to ten community members and a meeting quorum of six community members.
- (d) That the terms of reference are amended to reflect the changes outlined in b) and c) above.
- (e) That Council endorse the nominations of Ms Melanie Gould and Mr Adam Whereat for a position on the Reconciliation Action Working Group.
- (f) That Council writes to Ms Melanie Gould and Mr Adam Whereat officially welcoming them, as members of the Reconciliation Action Working Group.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

The City of Ryde developed its Reflect RAP so that Council can strengthen its relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and provide a culturally appropriate and safe local government area for all current and future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents, employees, and visitors.

The RAP is a strategic document that includes practical actions that will drive Council's contribution to reconciliation both internally and in the community. To support the implementation, review and development of future iterations of the RAP a Reconciliation Action Working Group was established in March 2021.

The RAWG also works with Council to develop and promote appropriate celebrations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture including Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.

The original RAWG was made up of six community representatives, four members that identify, as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and two non-indigenous members. The membership criteria to join the RAWG for community members is as follows:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who live, work, study or have a strong commitment to the Ryde LGA or
- An individual or representative of a local community organisation with a demonstrated commitment, sensitivity to and understanding of issues relating to the local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Due to COVID 19, the establishment of the Reconciliation Action Working Group was delayed with the first meeting held in March 2021. Since this time three meetings have been held.

As the previous RAWG community members were active for such a short period of time, it is recommended that the original six community representatives are reappointed for the remainder of this Council term. This will ensure that Council continues to build relationships built on trust and integrity and sustains relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members.

The terms of reference for membership of the RAWG is as follows:

- Up to six (6) community members
- Strive to appoint at least 50% Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community members.
- All interested Councillors be invited to join the Working Group.

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At the RAWG meeting of the 30 June 2021, the indigenous members requested that a Deputy Chairperson is elected from the non-indigenous members, as a symbol of reconciliation. This action will support unity and respect between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders community members and the non-Indigenous community members.

Council has recently received two new expressions of interest from indigenous community members to join the RAWG. Should Council endorse the new members the terms of reference will need to be updated to reflect up to 10 community members.

The expression of interest requires nominees to outline their interests and skills to be part of the Reconciliation Action Working Group. The two new nominees meet the membership criteria and a summary of their interests and backgrounds, as outlined below:

Nomination 1: Ms Melanie Gould

- As a proud Aboriginal woman with a family heritage from the Gidabul mob of the Bundjalung Nation, Melanie would like to contribute to the RAWG by providing local cultural knowledge and experience and collaborate with the local workforce and service providers.
- Currently the chair of the Sydney North First Nations Collaborative and the facilitator of the Ryde Aboriginal Women's Gathering Group.
- Currently studying Post Graduate Indigenous Policy Development at Charles Darwin University and has experience on other committees including NSW/ ACT Aboriginal Hearing Advisory Group, ACT Chronic Care Network and the NSW/ ACT PHN Aboriginal Health Network.

Nomination 2: Mr Adam Whereat

- As a proud Gamilaraay man living on Wallumedegal Land, Adam understands the experiences that First Nations People with disability have in terms of accessing appropriate support in the community and through the health system.
- Currently employed, as the Diversity and Inclusion Project Manager for Wellspace Australia and currently working on a program that aims to support First Nations People who identify, as living with disability.
- Previously employed, as an Aboriginal Local Area Coordinator with the NDIS and an Aboriginal Support Coordinator with St Vincent de Paul where he was also part of the Pride Inclusion Working Group, First Nation Staff Working Group and the RAP Working Group.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

13 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY 2022

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP22/116

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on each traffic/ parking matter separately and details on how Council may proceed with the proposed measures. Due to the current pandemic, Council ceased all face to face Traffic Committee meetings after the March 2021 Traffic Committee. Members of the committee are listed below.

City of Ryde (Chair) Senior Coordinator Transport Services (for Mgr. Transport)
Transport for New South Wales.....Network & Safety Officer, Central River City
NSW Police ForceRyde Local Area Command
Member for Ryde (5 items) The Hon. V Dominello MP
Member for Lane Cove (0 item) The Hon. A Roberts MP

The February 2022 Traffic Committee agenda consisted of five (5) traffic and parking proposals. No objections were received from the voting members. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

The proposed traffic and parking matters now require the approval of Council. For ease of review, details of the proposals identified in the recommendations below are provided as **ATTACHMENT 1**.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held in February 2022:

(A) KHARTOUM ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUS ZONE & BUS STOP

The following changes be made on Khartoum Road, Macquarie Park:

- a) The existing bus zone and bus stop on Khartoum Road adjacent to the frontage of 85-91 Waterloo Road be relocated and installed in accordance with the signage and line arrangements shown in Figure 2 of the attached report.
- b) All works associated with the proposed new bus stop & bus zone be provided by the developer at no cost to Council.

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NO PARKING – WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED – MONDAY**

The following changes be made on Morrison Road, Putney:

- a) Install a 17.5 metre long 'NO PARKING – WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED – MONDAY 5AM – 11AM' zone at the property frontage of 184-186 Morrison Road, Putney.

**(C) HERRING ROAD, MARSFIELD - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING
RESTRICTIONS**

The following changes be made on Herring Road, Marsfield:

- a) The existing No Stopping restrictions on the eastern side of Herring Road be extended by 20m south of the intersection with Kent Road.

(D) PLUNKETT STREET, MARSFIELD - NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Plunkett Street, Marsfield:

- a) 15m of No Parking be installed across the two driveways associated with 2 & 4 Plunkett Street, Marsfield.

(E) 17 THOMPSON ST, GLADESVILLE - REMOVAL OF BUS STOP

The following changes be made in Thompson Street, Gladesville:

- a) The bus stop outside 17 Thompson Street Gladesville be relocated to the eastern side of the roundabout along the Thompson Street side frontage of 47 Westminster Road.
- b) The resident of 47 Westminster Road be advised of Council's decision.

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- 1 Ryde Traffic Committee Agenda – February 2022

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Transport Manager

Wayne Rylands
Director - City Works

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ITEM (A) KHARTOUM ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK
SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUS ZONE & BUS STOP
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest about the item discussed below

INTRODUCTION

Development consent was issued for a 15-storey commercial building (and associated off-street parking and loading facilities) at 85-91 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park on 30 July 2021. **Figure 1** below illustrates the site location within the context of the surrounding road network:



Figure 1 - Site Location

The approved development involves the construction of a new driveway connecting with Khartoum Road approximately 10m south of the northern property boundary, which encroaches on an existing bus stop (ID No.: 2113214) and bus zone along the western side of Khartoum Road, thus requiring the relocation of these facilities. The applicant has submitted a signage and line marking plan showing details of the new location for the existing bus stop and bus zone on Khartoum Road, which requires endorsement by Ryde Traffic Committee and formal approval by Council and STA in accordance with deferred commencement condition 1 of LDA2020/0433.

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PROPOSAL

The existing bus zone on the western side of Khartoum Road is proposed to be shifted 2m to the north of the future driveway servicing the approved commercial development. The length of the bus zone is proposed to be 27m. The "NO STOPPING" distance between the end of the bus zone and the departure side of a pedestrian pram ramp associated with an existing pedestrian refuge is proposed to be 4m.

The bus stop is proposed to be relocated 1m to the south of the future development access driveway, which is consistent with the advice provided by STA on 10 December 2021.

Figure 2 illustrates the relocated bus stop and bus zone.

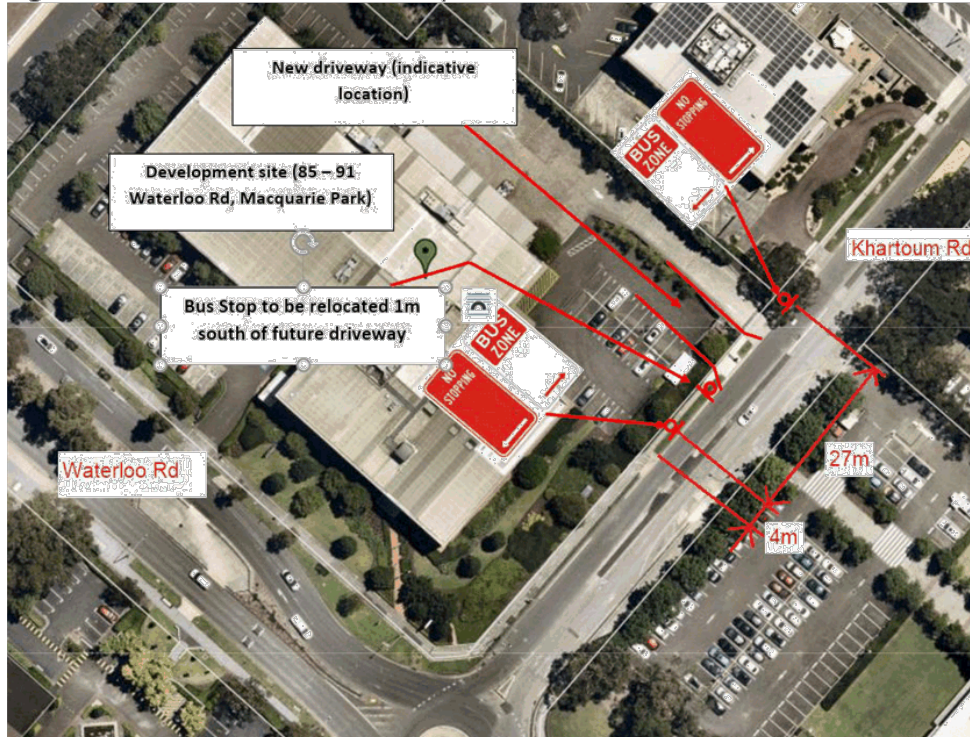


Figure 2 - Location of the relocated Bus Zone and Bus Stop (Khartoum Road)

DISCUSSION

Design

Based on discussions with STA, the longest bus currently serviced at this bus stop/bus zone is an 18m long articulated bus. Section 3.7 of the *State Transit Bus Infrastructure Guide* recommends a minimum length of 40m for a bus zone accommodating an articulated bus, which includes ingress and egress taper lengths. The length of the proposed bus zone (27m)

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combined with "NO STOPPING" restrictions to the north (26m) of the start the bus zone and south (59m) of the end of the bus zone will enable an articulated to enter and exit this bus zone, provided road rules are followed by drivers.

Future Development Driveway

It is noted that the bus stop is proposed to be relocated 1m south of the future driveway servicing the approved commercial development. As buses typically stop with the front door of the bus in line with the bus stop, the front of the bus would slightly encroach over the development driveway by approximately 2m (which is the distance between the front of the bus and its front door based on Section 2.2 of the *State Transit Bus Infrastructure Guide*).

The new development driveway is proposed to have a width of 9m. The slight encroachment of a bus extending across this driveway is therefore not expected to impede on the ability of vehicles to enter and exit from this driveway.

Bus Operations

The proposed relocation of this existing bus stop/bus zone approximately 10m south of its current location is not expected to alter the current operations of bus routes serviced at this bus stop/bus zone.

Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety

Figure 7 of AS1742.10 recommends a "NO STOPPING" length of 5m on the departure side of a pedestrian pram ramp associated with an existing refuge within Khartoum Road. The proposed relocated bus zone will result in 4m of "NO STOPPING" between the northern side of the pram ramp and the southern end of the bus zone. This variation to Figure 7 of AS1742.10 is acceptable for the following reasons:

- 1) A person crossing from the pram ramp at the western side of Khartoum Road to the refuge at the centre of Khartoum road would need to pay attention to northbound traffic. The line of sight of the person looking south (at northbound traffic) would not be obstructed by a bus temporarily stopping within the relocated bus zone.
- 2) The bus stop/bus zone predominantly services standard buses being 12.5m in length. As such, it is expected that at minimum 5m of kerb space along the western side of Khartoum Road on the departure side of the pram ramp is expected to be unoccupied most of the time.

STA Concurrence

STA have reviewed the design of the relocated bus stop and bus zone and have indicated in their email to Council on 10 December 2021 that they concur with the proposed design.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing bus zone and bus stop on Khartoum Road adjacent to the frontage of 85-91 Waterloo Road be relocated and installed in accordance with the signage and line arrangements shown in Figure 2.
- b) All works associated with the proposed new bus stop & bus zone be provided by the developer at no cost to Council.

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ITEM (B): WASTE COLLECTION – 184-186 MORRISON ROAD, PUTNEY
SUBJECT: NO PARKING – WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED – MONDAY
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest about the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to convert 17 metres of unrestricted parking to 'NO PARKING – WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED – MONDAY – 5AM – 11AM' along the property frontage of 184-186 Morrison Road, Putney.

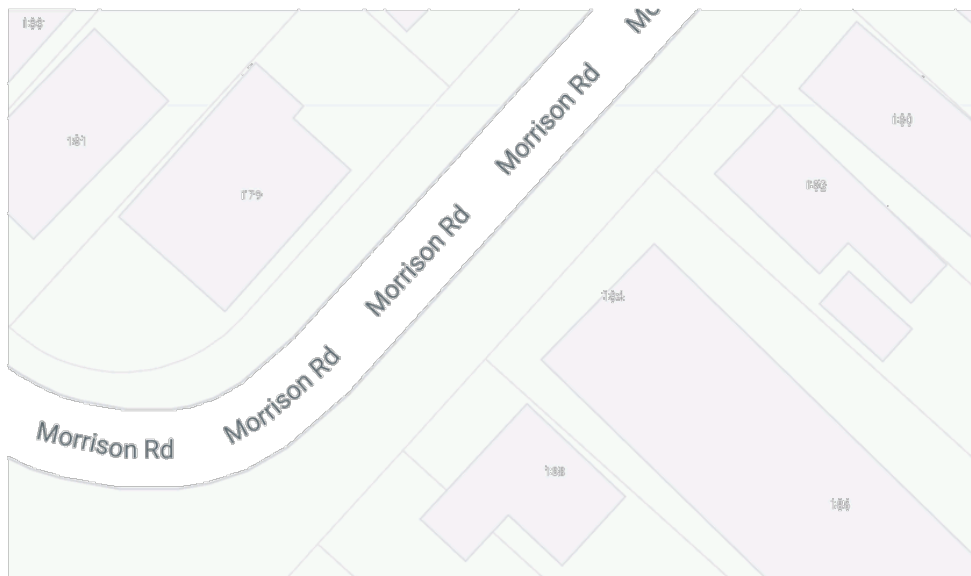


Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

Council received a request from the residents of 184-186 Morrison Road indicating that the waste collection service has been disrupted on many occasions in the past due to parked vehicles. Upon confirming with Council's Waste Department, it was revealed that the waste collection contractor had missed the bins on several occasions due to the heavy traffic flow and the bins being obstructed by parked vehicles at this location. It should be

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noted that there is currently an existing 'No Parking Waste Vehicles Excepted Monday 5AM – 11AM' zone along the property frontage of 188 Morrison Road for waste-collection services.

Council seeks to extend the 'No Parking - Monday 5AM – 11AM' restriction along the property frontage of 184-186 Morrison Road, Putney to offer a better and safer waste-collection service.

CONSULTATION

Given that the proposed parking improvements are limited to the property frontage of affected residents who have made the request, no community engagement was necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the following changes be made in Morrison Road, Putney:

- a) Install a 17.5 metre long 'NO PARKING – WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED – MONDAY 5AM – 11AM' zone at the property frontage of 184-186 Morrison Road, Putney.

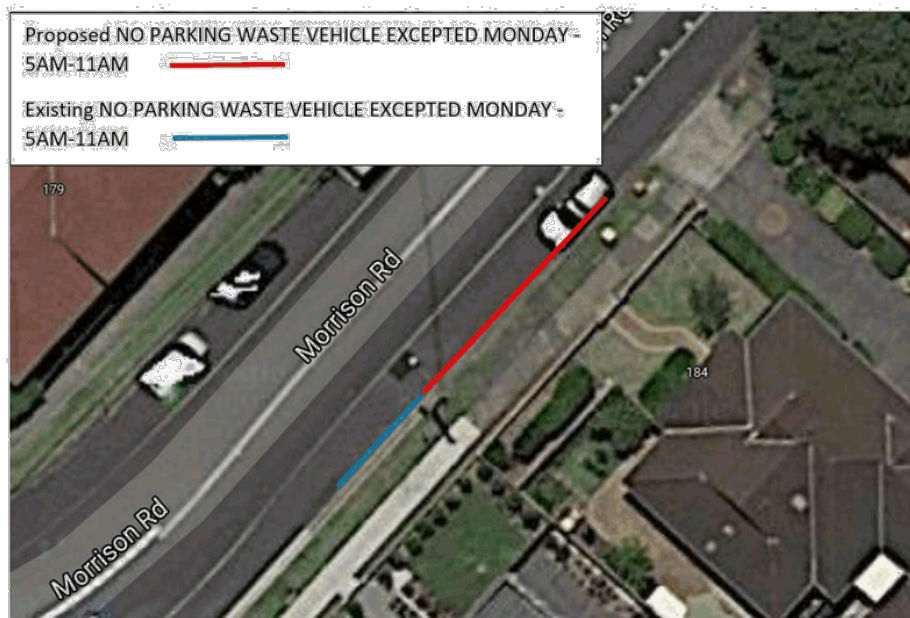


Figure 3: Proposed No Parking – Waste Vehicles Excepted in Morrison Road, Putney

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ITEM (C): HERRING ROAD, MARSFIELD
SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to extend the No Stopping restrictions on the southern side of Herring Road by 20m west of the intersection of Kent Road, Marsfield.

DISCUSSION

Council has recently revised the line marking arrangements on Herring Road, shifting the centre line to provide for sufficient width for kerbside parking and a through travel lane.



Image 1. Street view showing current restrictions.

The line was shifted as the previous arrangement required vehicles, especially buses, to cross the centre line to manoeuvre around parked vehicles. As this was occurring along the frontage of Kent Road Public School it created an inherent safety risk exacerbated by the congestion associated with the school pick up and set down.

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The revised arrangement left 9.5m of kerb (one parking space) where parking impedes the travel lane. The lane width here is only 3.3m between the face of kerb and the Centre (BB Line). This distance is insufficient to allow for kerb side parking and a travel lane and thus parking here is in contravention of the NSW Road Rules.

It was not possible to alter the line marking arrangements along the full length as the configuration of the entry/exit lanes at the roundabout at Kent Road and Herring Road could not be shifted.

The proposed extension of 20m includes the driveway access of No.63 and No.65 Herring Road. The current restrictions in the area include 9.5m of ¼P 8am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm School Days Only.

CONSULTATION

This is a safety issue which requires immediate action, as such there has been no resident consultation.

If approved residents immediately adjacent to the proposed restriction will be advised by letter prior to the installation of restrictions.

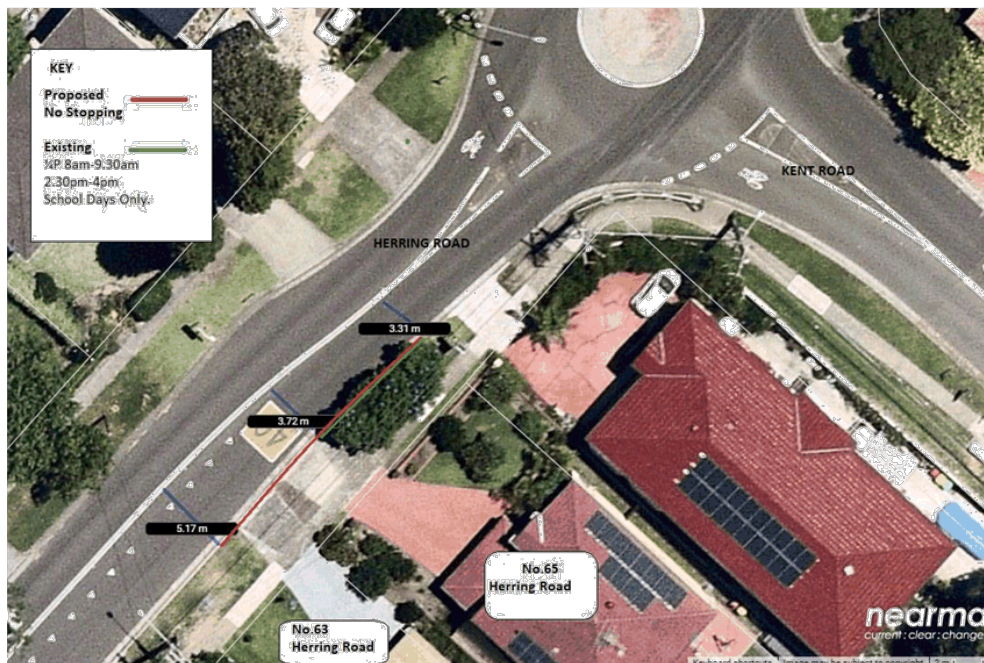


Figure 1: Herring Road – site plan

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RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing No Stopping restrictions on the eastern side of Herring Road be extended by 20m south of the intersection with Kent Road.

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ITEM (D): PLUNKETT STREET, MARSFIELD
SUBJECT: NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install 15m of No Parking on the southern side of Plunkett Street, Marsfield.

DISCUSSION

Plunkett Street experiences significant parking demand due to its proximity to Pioneer Park. This can in extreme circumstances result in vehicles attempting to park in the 3.5m section of kerb between the driveways of No.2 and No.4 Plunkett Street.



Image 1. Proposed No Parking Restrictions – Plunkett Street.

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CONSULTATION

No consultation was required as the matter was requested by the directly affected residents of Nos 2 & 4 Plunkett Street, Marsfield.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) 15m of No Parking be installed across the two driveways associated with Nos 2 & 4 Plunkett Street, Marsfield.

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ITEM (E) 17 THOMPSON ST, GLADESVILLE

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF BUS STOP

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: EAST WARD
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest about the item discussed below

INTRODUCTION

The following Notice of Motion was tabled at the Council meeting of 23rd November 2021

**1 BUS STOP IN FRONT OF 17 THOMPSON STREET, GLADESVILLE -
Councillor Roy Maggio**

Note: Councillor Clifton left the meeting at 9.09pm and did not return. She was not present for voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 9.09pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Maggio tabled a petition with 33 signatures in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

- (a) That staff be requested to liaise with TfNSW to investigate whether the bus stop in front of 17 Thompson Street, Gladesville can be removed or relocated.
- (b) That staff report back to Councillors on the outcome once investigations are completed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

The above Notice of Motion was accompanied by a petition with 33 signatures who have requested that the recently reinstalled bus stop outside No:17 Thompson Street be removed on safety grounds.

The bus stop at 17 Thompson Street is located 22m from the intersection of Thompson Street/Westminster Road. When a standard bus of 12.5m stops at the J-stem it partially blocks access to the pram ramp. The spitter island associated with the roundabout also means that following vehicles cannot overtake the bus. Articulated bus vehicles at 18.96m

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not only block access to the pram ramp but would also impact on the operation of the roundabout intersection of Thompson Street/Westminster Road.



Figure 1 – Bus Stop at 17 Thompson Street Gladesville

DISCUSSION

The bus stop at 17 Thompson Street is located between two existing bus stops, one of which is located 110m in a westerly direction, whilst the other is located 180m away in an easterly direction. Under *State Transit Bus Infrastructure Guide*, bus stops are generally placed between 200m to 400m to reduce journey times and passenger delays. Therefore the bus stop at 17 Thompson Street is technically redundant under these guidelines. Removing the bus stop would result in a 290m spacing between the stops which is within the spacing requirement.

As per the Notice of Motion requirement, consultation has been undertaken with TfNSW, State Transit Authority (STA) and Busways as regards whether the bus stop in question should be removed or relocated.

There has been some discussion as to whether or not a bus stop has been operating outside No 17 Thompson Street. A review of Google streetview imagery for 2007, 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2020 indicates that there has been no J-stem or bus marker in the vicinity of 17 Thompson Street to indicate that a bus stop operates at this location.

STA provided the following advice in relation to the bus stop at 17 Thompson Street:

1. *Route and stops were previously operated By Northern Western Bus Company prior to STA taking over the routes /area in Year 2000.*

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2. STA conducted a bus audit throughout the operator's area to ensure we were catering for customer needs and infrastructure met our guidelines.
3. Stop in question has been part of the stopping pattern and STA replaced an old-style bus stop flag style to a Pole style to ensure visibility for our drivers and customers.
4. Construction of the house number 15 to place and believe this is when the stop disappeared.
5. On the 11th May 2021 STA received an email from our customers advising of the bus stop missing at this location.

Please see below verbatim:

Case Number 01252797

The online route planner shows stop 211155 on Thompson Street Gladesville, near Westminster Street. There is no physical bus stop (there was once, but not for some years). Either a bus stop sign should be installed at this location, or it should be removed from the trip planner.

STA investigated this stop location and history and it clearly stated that it was part of our stopping pattern, hence the decision to return the stop to its original location. STA do not add stops without consulting residents/council and TfNSW as there is a process we are required to follow.

6. *Emails between STA and resident of House 17 in relation to the stop and their concerns were forwarded on the 25th May and STA offered on several occasions to conduct a site meeting. The resident was not available or not contactable after some time and STA was not contacted after this point.*
7. *The removal of the stop was done illegally or without consultation, hence the issue today when we reinstated the stop after an audit was conducted and a customer complaint was received.*

Busways who are the new operator for the route service have provided the following advice:

- *Not in favour of removing bus stops at the request of a resident, except when it can be shown that the bus stop is in a dangerous location, or that there are safety concerns in relation to a bus stopping, and causing issues to other road users. I have read the email chain and at no time has there been any mention of safety concerns.*
- *This bus stop and the one at No. 24 Thompson Street is ideally located as it provides a stop for passengers coming from Westminster Road. Removing this stop will cause inconvenience to those passengers as they will have an additional 130 to 180 metres of walking distance to the nearby bus stops on Thompson Street.*
- *Normally when bus services travel in both directions on a road, such as Thompson Street, a bus stop has what is called a "partner stop" on the opposite side of the road in the near vicinity. This is for passengers when they board a service, they can alight on the return trip close to where they boarded the service. If the bus stop at N.17 Thompson Street is removed, will Council consider installing/relocating a bus stop to the nearby stop opposite at No. 24 Thompson Street?*

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- *If the issue is related to safety concerns then I will abide by the decision of council and agree to the removal of the bus stop, however I would be strongly requesting that a bus stop be installed in the vicinity to replace it.*
- *All removal costs are to be met by either Ryde Council or the resident, and a notice will need to be installed 14 days prior to the removal, advising passengers of the closure and the locations of the nearby bus stops. Once the bus stop has been removed, I can then notify Transport for NSW of the removal and to have the Transit Stop Number, (TSN) removed from all records.*

To address the safety concerns associated with the existing bus stop at 17 Thompson Street, relocating the bus stop in a westerly direction would appear the most straight forward solution. Upon further examination of this proposal relocating the bus stop would require it to straddle the residential driveways serving Nos 15 & 17 Thompson Street resulting in the loss of amenity for both these residential properties. Relocating the bus stop westerly would bring it even closer to the next bus stop which presently is only 110m away. Removal of the bus stop at 17 Thompson Street would require patrons alighting from the next bus stop to face a very steep incline back up the hill to Westminster Road.

PROPOSAL

Having regard to the fact that there is a sister bus stop located at No: 24 Thompson Street and the impact that the loss of a bus stop at 17 Thompson Street will have on the amenity of local residents, it is considered prudent that an alternative location for the bus stop be found.

It is thus proposed that the bus stop be relocated to the eastern side of the roundabout and be located along the Thompson Street side frontage of 47 Westminster Road. This frontage enables the draw in/draw out requirements of an articulated bus to be provided without impacting on the access driveways of any residential properties. It is acknowledged that the resident of 47 Westminster Road will lose access to on-street parking, but the resident has a side frontage onto Westminster Road where they can park in addition to access to off street parking.

The resident of 47 Westminster Road, Gladesville has been advised of the proposal however no response has been received to date.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The bus stop outside No:17 Thompson Street Gladesville be relocated to the eastern side of the roundabout along the Thompson Street side frontage of 47 Westminster Road.
- b) The resident of No: 47 Westminster Road be advised of Council's decision.

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Figure 2: Relocation of Bus Stop on Thompson Street side frontage of 47 Westminister Road

14 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 2022

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP22/205

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on each traffic/parking matter separately and details how Council may proceed with the proposed measures. Due to the current pandemic, Council ceased all face to face Traffic Committee meetings after the March 2021 Traffic Committee. Members of the committee are listed below.

City of Ryde (Chair) Senior Coordinator Transport Services (for Mgr. Transport)
Transport for New South Wales.....Network & Safety Officer, Central River City
NSW Police ForceRyde Local Area Command
Member for Ryde (3 items) The Hon. V Dominello MP
Member for Lane Cove (1 item) The Hon. A Roberts MP

The March 2022 Traffic Committee agenda consisted of six (6) traffic and parking proposals. No objections were received from the voting members regarding five (5).

The only comment received regarding item (B) was that the proposed pedestrian crossing on Faraday Lane would need to be subject to a detailed design for review and approval by the Ryde Traffic Committee at a later stage as the information submitted to date is insufficient for a decision to be made. This requirement is to be imposed as a condition of consent for the development should it be approved. As such, the recommendation for Item (B) has been amended to reflect the Traffic Committee's feedback. All other components of Item (B) were approved without objection.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

The proposed traffic and parking matters now require the approval of Council. For ease of review, details of the proposals identified in the recommendations below are provided as **ATTACHMENT 1**.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held in March 2022:

(A) MEADOWBANK EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT (MEEP) - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO MEEP WORKS

The following changes be made on Macpherson Street and Bowden Street, Meadowbank:

- a) That the parking changes on Bowden Street outlined in **Figure 2 (ATTACHMENT 1)** be undertaken by the applicant (NSW Department of Education/School Infrastructure NSW), prior to the opening of the new Meadowbank schools at no cost to Council.
- b) That the right turn bay within Bowden Street be extended in accordance with **Figure 3 (ATTACHMENT 1)** to better accommodate the increased bus activity turning right from Bowden Street into Macpherson Street during peak school periods. This work is to be undertaken by the applicant (NSW Department of Education/School Infrastructure NSW), prior to the opening of the new Meadowbank schools at no cost to Council.
- c) That the pedestrian (zebra) crossing be provided on the northern end of See Street at its junction with Macpherson Street **Figure 4 (ATTACHMENT 1)**. The installation of this pedestrian facility will be undertaken by the applicant (NSW Department of Education/School Infrastructure NSW), prior to the opening of the new Meadowbank schools at no cost to Council.

(B) FARADAY LANE AND UNDERDALE LANE, MEADOWBANK - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The following changes be made on Faraday Lane, Underdale Lane and Constitution Road, Meadowbank:

- a) That Faraday Lane be extended in the north to connect with Constitution Road. Faraday Lane between Constitution Road and Underdale Lane is to be widened to provide a trafficable carriageway width of 9m between kerbs.
- b) That Underdale Lane between Bay Drive and Faraday Lane is to be widened to provide a trafficable carriageway width of 9m between kerbs.

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- c) That a pedestrian crossing is to be provided within Faraday Lane approximately 50m south of Constitution Road to provide a safe pedestrian link across Faraday Lane (subject to referral of detailed design of the facility to Ryde Local Traffic Committee and subsequent endorsement).
- d) That the design of the proposed roadworks will be subject to a road safety audit, loading dock management plan and signage and linemarking plan required at the Construction Certificate stage to manage traffic and pedestrian safety associated with the new roadworks. These requirements can be imposed as conditions of consent.
- e) That all costs associated with the design and construction of the proposed roadworks are to be borne by the applicant.

**(C) TCS-4867 IVANHOE PLACE & HERRING ROAD, MAQUARIE PARK
SIGNALISED INTERSECTION – SIGNAGE REVIEW**

The following changes be made at the intersection of Ivanhoe Place and Herring Road, Macquarie Park:

- a) The signage and line marking arrangements/changes on approach to the new signalised intersection of Herring Road and Ivanhoe Place, Macquarie Park to be installed as a part of the Macquarie Park Stage 2 (1B) Project.
- b) The traffic signals to be commissioned and the intersection traffic arrangement to be implemented as per the approved design plans.
- c) Appropriate signage & line-marking to be in place by mid-March 2022. Appropriate VMS strategy advising the public travelling northbound & southbound on Herring Road of a new U-turn facility within Ivanhoe PI and upcoming signalisation of the intersection. The post-signalisation VMS strategy will be allowed for 2 weeks for the public.

(D) BUNA STREET, RYDE - NO PARKING IN CUL-DE-SAC

The following changes be made on Buna Street, Ryde:

- a) That No Parking signage be installed around the cul-de-sac of Buna Street, Ryde.

(E) WARATAH STREET, EASTWOOD - NO PARKING IN CUL-DE-SAC

The following changes be made on Waratah Street, Eastwood:

- a) That No Parking signage be installed around the cul-de-sac of Waratah Street, Eastwood.

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(F) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted .

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ITEM (A): MEADOWBANK EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT (MEEP)
SUBJECT: ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO MEEP WORKS

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

INTRODUCTION/PROPOSAL

The following works are proposed to be implemented to address traffic, parking and pedestrian safety concerns raised by the Meadowbank community in relation to the civil works associated with the Meadowbank Education and Employment (MEEP) Schools Project approved by the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces:

- Changing the recently installed “NO STOPPING” parking restrictions along the eastern side of Bowden Street between Victoria Road and Macpherson Street to reinstate the unrestricted kerbside parking along the frontage of No. 66 (Lot 15) Bowden Street.

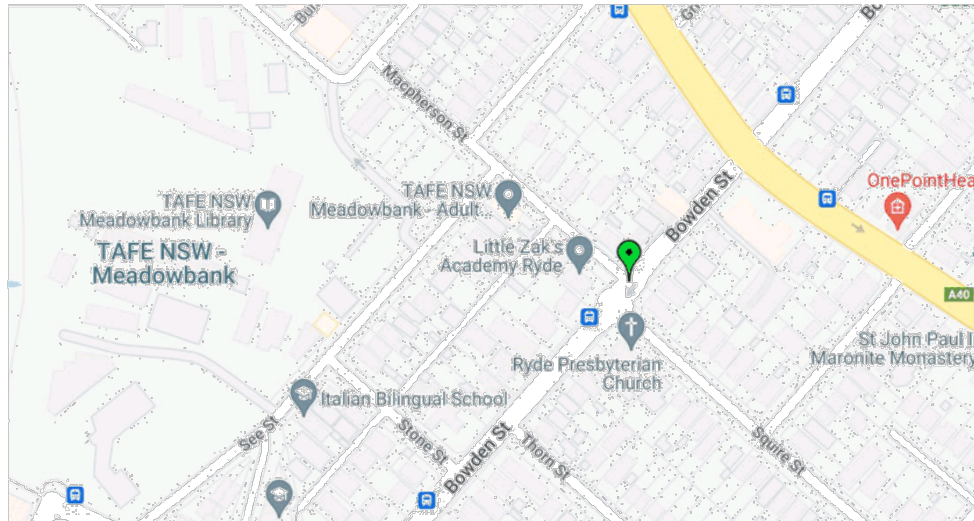


Figure 0 – Location Plan

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The current signage arrangements are illustrated in **Figure 1** below whilst the proposed changes are outlined in **Figure 2** over page.

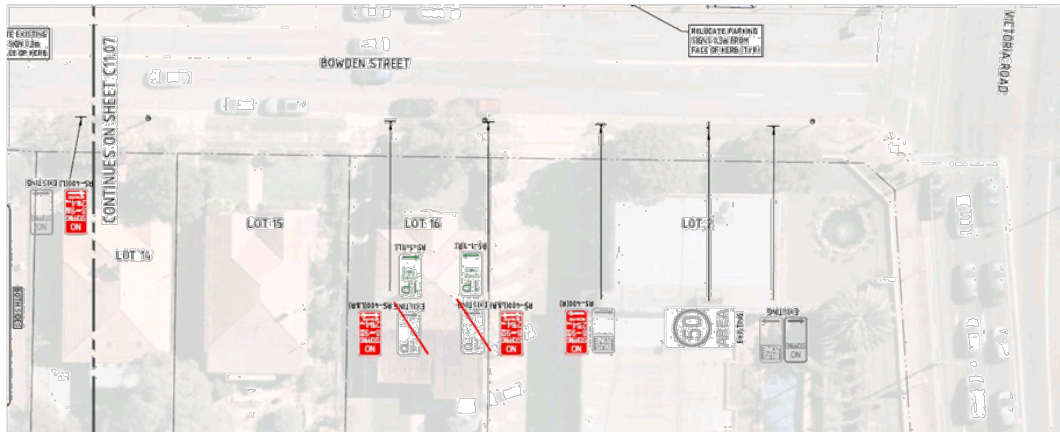


Figure 1 – Recently installed signage along the eastern side of Bowden Street between Victoria Road and Macpherson Street

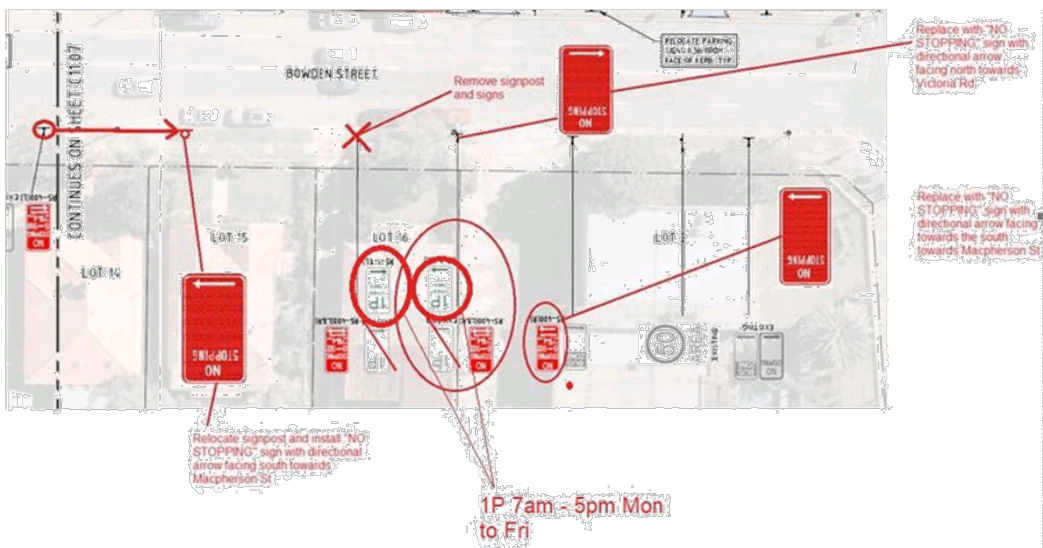
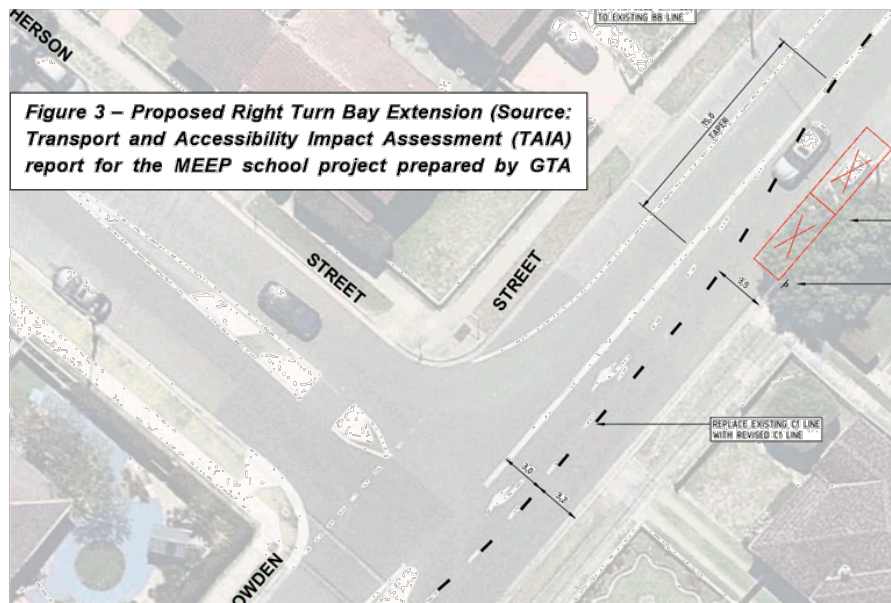


Figure 2 – Proposed alterations to existing on-street parking restrictions

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The proposed signage changes shown in **Figure 2** are intended to facilitate an extension to the right turn bay with Bowden Street to the north of Macpherson Street to improve its capacity with respect to servicing buses associated with the new Meadowbank schools. The modified right turn bay is shown in **Figure 3** below, which is to be implemented by the applicant (NSW Department of Education/School Infrastructure NSW) in accordance with Conditions D14(i) and D15 of the development consent (Reference: SSD 9343) issued by the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.



- Installing a pedestrian (zebra) crossing across See Street to the immediate south of Macpherson Street. The proposed signage and linemarking arrangements associated with the pedestrian crossing are illustrated in **Figure 4** below being an extract of the civil plan prepared by Northrop.

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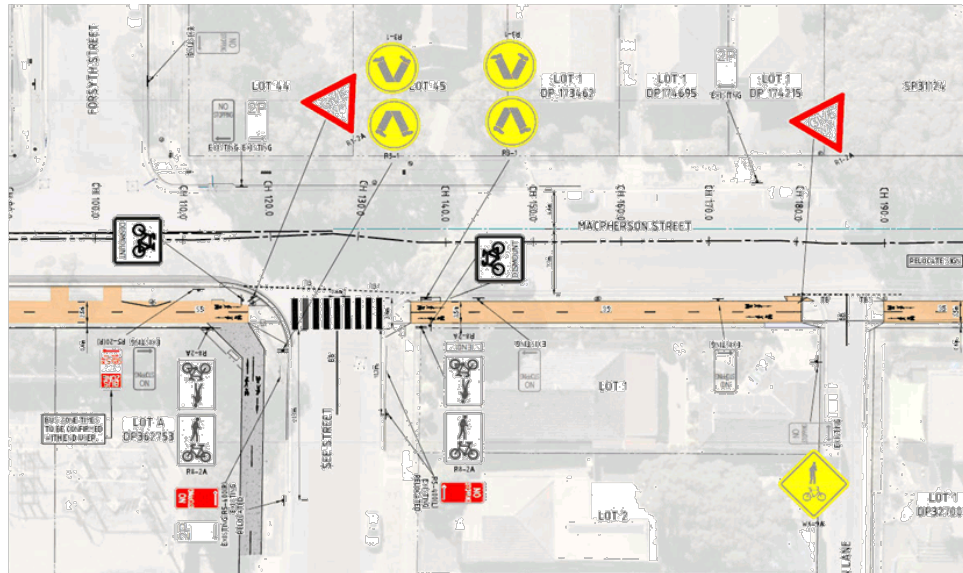


Figure 4 – Proposed signage and linemarking arrangements for the See Street pedestrian crossing

The abovementioned proposed works represents an amendment to the MEEP works endorsed by Ryde Traffic Committee at the April 2021 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Parking Changes on Bowden Street

The proposed signage changes on Bowden Street shown on **Figure 2** is in accordance with the recommendations specified within the approved Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment (TAIA) report for the MEEP school project prepared by GTA Consultants (now Stantec). These changes are intended to ensure that the full occupation of the right turn bay at the northern approach of the junction of Bowden Street and Macpherson Street does not impede on the through southbound traffic on Bowden Street (in particular during peak school and commuter periods), whilst minimising the loss of on-street parking.

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The swept path assessment being an extract from the TAIA shown in **Figure 5** demonstrate that vehicles (including 12.5m long rigid trucks) are able to safely manoeuvre around vehicles waiting to turn right into Macpherson Street from Bowden Street under the proposed signage arrangement reflected in **Figure 2**.

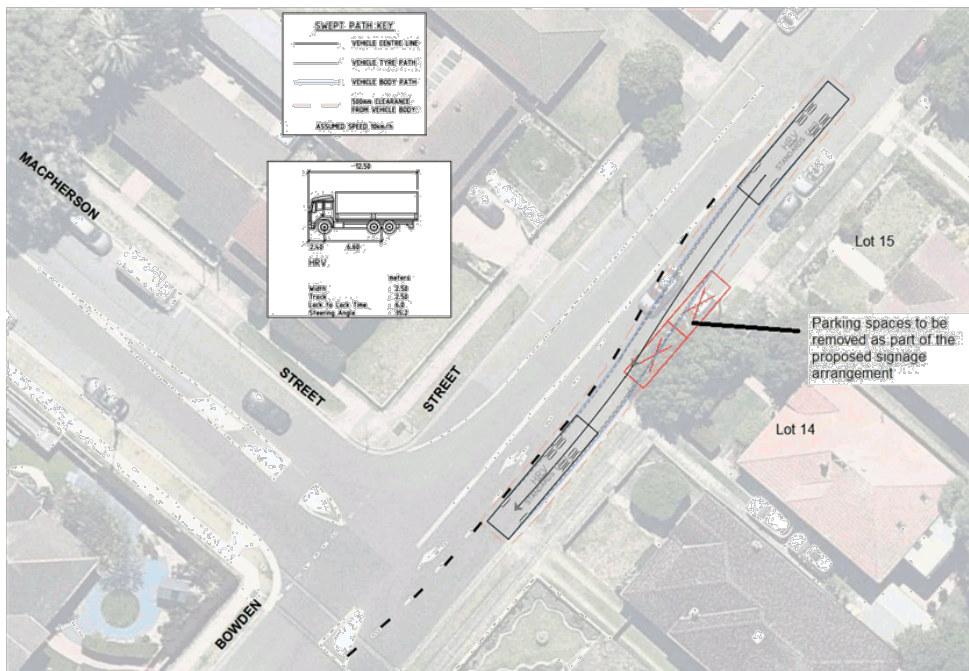


Figure 5 – Swept Path Assessment

Right Turn Bay Extension (Bowden Street)

The width and length (including taper) of the extended right turn bay design within Bowden Street to the north of Macpherson Street is compliant with the requirements specified within Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections. Further, the swept path assessment shown in **Figure 5** above demonstrates that a vehicle can pass a vehicle waiting in the right turn bay.

See Street Pedestrian Crossing

The provision of a pedestrian (zebra) crossing across See Street at Macpherson Street has been identified as a requirement to support the Meadowbank School development in accordance with Condition D9(b) of the development consent (Reference: SSD 9343) issued by the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

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It is noted that before a location can be considered for the installation of a pedestrian crossing it should consider the likely vehicular traffic and pedestrian demand at the crossing location. Transport for NSW's supplement to Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 10: Traffic Control and Communication Devices states the following minimum vehicular traffic and pedestrian demand that would warrant a pedestrian crossing:

" If the crossing is used predominantly by school children, is not suitable site for a children's crossing and in two counts of one hour duration immediately before and after school hours:-

(a) $P \geq 30$ AND

(b) $V \geq 200$ "

The school development will accommodate an ultimate student population of 2,620 students, which is expected to generate traffic and pedestrian demands on See Street that exceed the warrant volumes mentioned above, when the primary/secondary schools open in 2022.

The proposed location of the pedestrian crossing on See Street aligns with the other pedestrian infrastructure works that are to be delivered as part of the MEEP Schools project previously endorsed by Ryde Traffic Committee at the April 2021 meeting. These works combined provide a desired pedestrian route facilitating safe and efficient pedestrian connectivity to the school site for students walking to the school from the east and south, whilst also being critical to ensuring the active transport mode targets established within the school travel plan to encourage more students to walk to the school can be realised.

The signage and linemarking arrangements and width of the proposed pedestrian crossing shown on Figure 3 comply with relevant sections of Transport for NSW's technical directions (e.g. Stopping and Parking Restrictions at Intersections and Crossings (TDT2002/12c)), NSW Road Rules Act and AS1742.2. It is noted that the required "NO STOPPING" restrictions on the approach and departure side of the pedestrian crossing will result in the loss of three (3) on-street parking spaces on See Street. The TAIA has identified that despite the high parking demand on See Street based on parking surveys, there is still spare capacity that would not be affected by the loss of three (3) parking spaces.

CONSULTATION/NOTIFICATION

Parking Changes/Right Turn Bay Extension on Bowden Street

The resident affected by the proposed works on Bowden Street (No. 68 Bowden Street) have been consulted via email and have raised no objections to the subject proposal.

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See Street Pedestrian Crossing

As the pedestrian crossing is a condition of consent requirement of the approved MEEP School project, the responsibility to notify affected residents and/or business owners lies with School Infrastructure NSW. The project manager (Colliers) working on behalf of School Infrastructure NSW has advised Council via email dated 1 March 2022 that they have received no objections to the proposal for the pedestrian crossing on See Street following notification of the works on 16 February 2022. It is also worthwhile noting that the Meadowbank School P&C has also raised the need for a pedestrian crossing on See Street to assist with the safety of students walking to the school.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends:

- a) That the parking changes on Bowden Street outlined in **Figure 2** be undertaken by the applicant (NSW Department of Education/School Infrastructure NSW), prior to the opening of the new Meadowbank schools at no cost to Council.
- b) That the right turn bay within Bowden Street be extended in accordance with **Figure 3** to better accommodate the increased bus activity turning right from Bowden Street into Macpherson Street during peak school periods. This work is to be undertaken by the applicant (NSW Department of Education/School Infrastructure NSW), prior to the opening of the new Meadowbank schools at no cost to Council.
- c) That the pedestrian (zebra) crossing be provided on the northern end of See Street at its junction with Macpherson Street (See **Figure 4**). The installation of this pedestrian facility will be undertaken by the applicant (NSW Department of Education/School Infrastructure NSW), prior to the opening of the new Meadowbank schools at no cost to Council.

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ITEM (B) FARADAY LANE AND UNDERDALE LANE, MEADOWBANK

SUBJECT: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

BACKGROUND

Proposed Development

City of Ryde Council ('Council') is currently assessing a Development Application ('DA') for a proposed mixed-use development, located at 1 – 20 Railway Road, Meadowbank ('Subject Site'). **Figure 1** illustrates the site location within the context of its surrounding road network.



Figure 1 – Site Location (Source: Nearmap)

The subject DA proposes the following development yield over four (4) multi-storey buildings:

- 133 residential apartments, with the following dwelling mix:
 - 31 x one bedroom apartments;
 - 74 x two bedroom apartments; and
 - 28 x three bedroom apartments.

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- 162 boarding rooms.
- 3,956m² of retail floor space, comprising:
 - 2,463m² supermarket (Coles); and
 - 1,780m² specialty shops.

The abovementioned development is proposed to be serviced by three (3) levels of basement parking containing a total of 419 parking spaces. Vehicular access to the off-street carparking provision is proposed via a 7.7m wide combined ingress/egress driveway connecting with Faraday Lane approximately 8.6m north of Underdale Ln.

An internal loading area is proposed within the north-eastern portion of the site, separate to the off-street passenger vehicle parking area. Vehicular access to the internal loading area is proposed via a 6m wide combined ingress/egress driveway connecting with Constitution Road, directly opposite its junction with See Street. The largest/longest vehicle that is expected to be serviced within the internal loading area is a 12.5m long Heavy Rigid Vehicle (HRV). The heavy vehicle driveway is splayed at its corners to assist a HRV with entering and exiting the site.

Key Traffic Issues (Development Related)

The proposed development is estimated to introduce an additional 200 – 260 vehicle movements to and from the site within the surrounding road network during weekday peak hour periods based on the traffic generation rates established within the *Guide to Traffic Generating Development* and its *Technical Direction (TDT2013/04a)* as well as other technical studies (e.g. *NSW Small Suburban Shopping Centres Data Report*). The extent of the peak hour development traffic has been assessed to have the following key traffic implications:

- 1) Traffic safety & efficiency concerns at the junctions of Railway Road/Bank Street and Bay Drive and Underdale Lane

The future operational performance of the intersection of Railway Road/Bay Drive and Bank Street is projected to worsen in the next 10 – 15 years due to the additional traffic generated by the proposed development, resulting in excessive delays and queuing for drivers at this intersection. The close spacing between the intersection of Railway Road/Bay Drive and Bank Street and the intersection of Bay Drive and Underdale Ln is such that the intensification of traffic activity at these intersections as a consequence of the proposed development can increase the risk of potential accidents at this location. For instance, a vehicle exiting from the roundabout intersection of Railway Road/Bay Drive and Bank Street would be required to immediately slow down to make a left turn into Underdale Lane from Bay Drive in order to travel to the site.

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2) Environmental capacity within Underdale Lane between Bowden Street and Angas Street.

Underdale Lane between Angas Street and Bowden Street currently accommodates two-way traffic flow in the order of 150 and 220 vehicles per hour during the weekday AM and PM peak hour periods based on recent traffic surveys.

The additional traffic generated by the proposed development being in the order of 204 and 260 vehicles per hour coinciding with the AM and PM peak hour periods respectively (whereby 50% of this traffic is assumed to be loaded on the section of Underdale Lane between Angas Street and Bowden Street) is expected to result in Underdale Lane between Angas Street and Bowden Street accommodating 252 AM and 350 PM peak hour vehicle movements (two-way). It is evident from this analysis that the environmental capacity threshold of 300 vehicles per hour specified within the *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* would be exceeded in the afternoon peak hour period, thereby compromising the surrounding residential amenity.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (PROPOSAL)

The following works have been proposed by the applicant to mitigate the traffic issues tied to the development mentioned in the previous section of this report:

Faraday Lane is proposed to be extended to connect with Constitution Road at its northern extremity. It is to be widened to provide a carriageway width of 9m between kerbs accommodating one through lane of traffic in each direction (i.e. Faraday Lane will still be a two lane road) between Constitution Road and Underdale Lane. A 2m wide footpath is proposed to be provided along the western side of Faraday Lane adjacent to the eastern site boundary.

A marked pedestrian crossing is also proposed across Faraday Lane approximately 50m south of Constitution Road. The difference in elevation between the future footpaths along both sides of Faraday Lane is such that the location for the pedestrian crossing and associated kerb ramps represents the first opportunity where the footpaths along both sides of Faraday Lane will be level and safe for pedestrians to cross.

Underdale Lane (between Bay Drive and Faraday Lane) is proposed to be widened to provide a carriageway width of 9m between kerbs. Underdale Lane will still remain a two lane road accommodating one through lane of traffic in each direction. A 2.6m wide footpath is proposed to be provided along the northern side of Underdale Lane adjacent to the southern site boundary.

Figure 2 overleaf depicts the proposed works described above that are proposed on Faraday Lane and Underdale Lane being extracts of the civil plans prepared by Alpha Engineering & Development.

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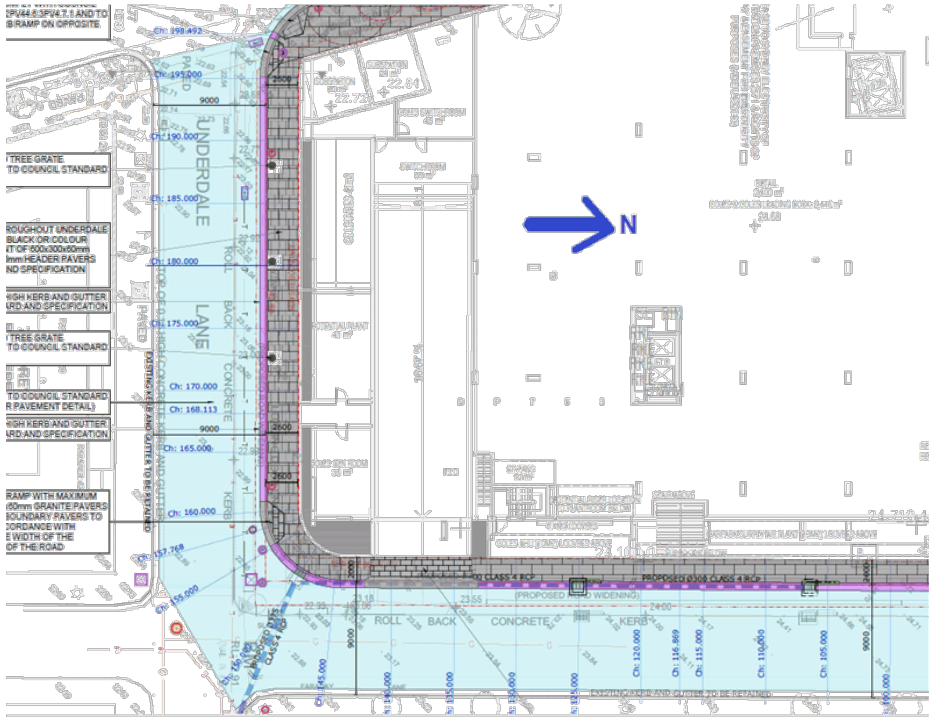
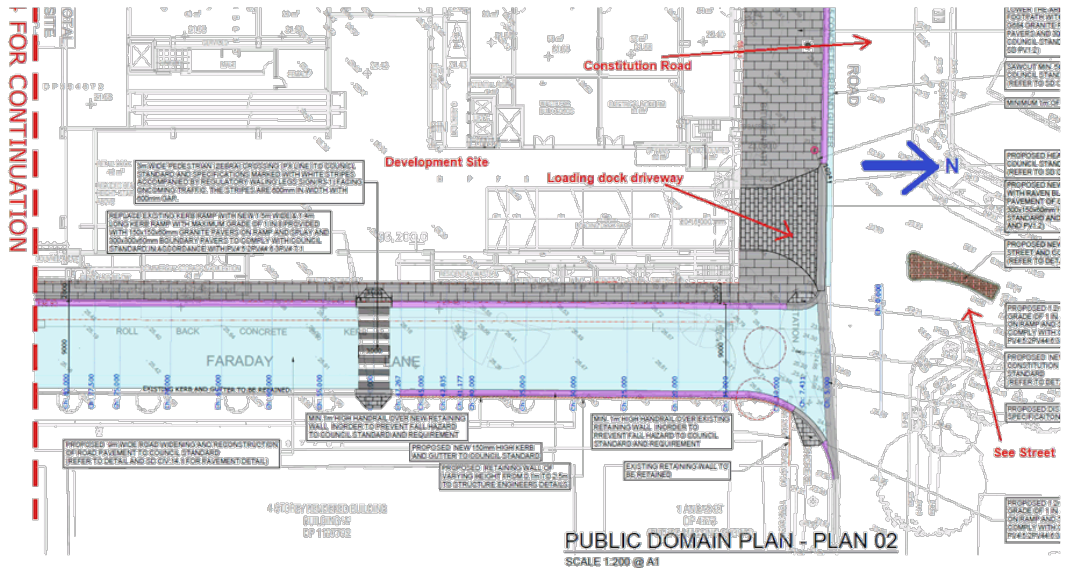


Figure 2 – Proposed Road Works

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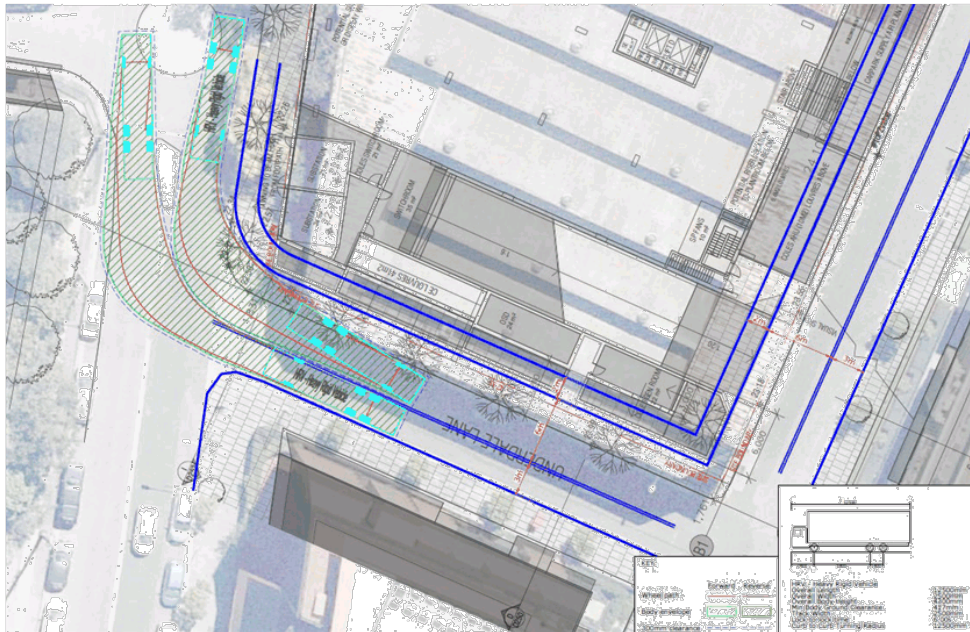
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DISCUSSION

The proposed connection of Faraday Lane with Constitution Road at its northern extremity and the widening of Faraday lane & Underdale Lane will take traffic away from the intersections of Railway Road/Bank Street and Bay Drive and Underdale Lane, thereby minimising the traffic impacts attributed to the development at these intersections. It will also take traffic away from Underdale Lane between Bowden Street and Angas Street, which will assist in minimising the impact to the residential amenity within that area.

Vehicle Manoeuvring

The intersections of Constitution Road & Faraday Lane, Underdale Lane & Faraday Lane and Bay Drive & Underdale Lane have been checked for manoeuvring with respect to a 12.5m long Heavy Rigid Vehicles (HRV). **Figure 3** shows the swept paths of two (2) opposing HRVs passing each other at these intersections (comprising right in/left out combination movements). These are extracts of the swept path plans prepared by The Transport Planning Partnership (TPPP).



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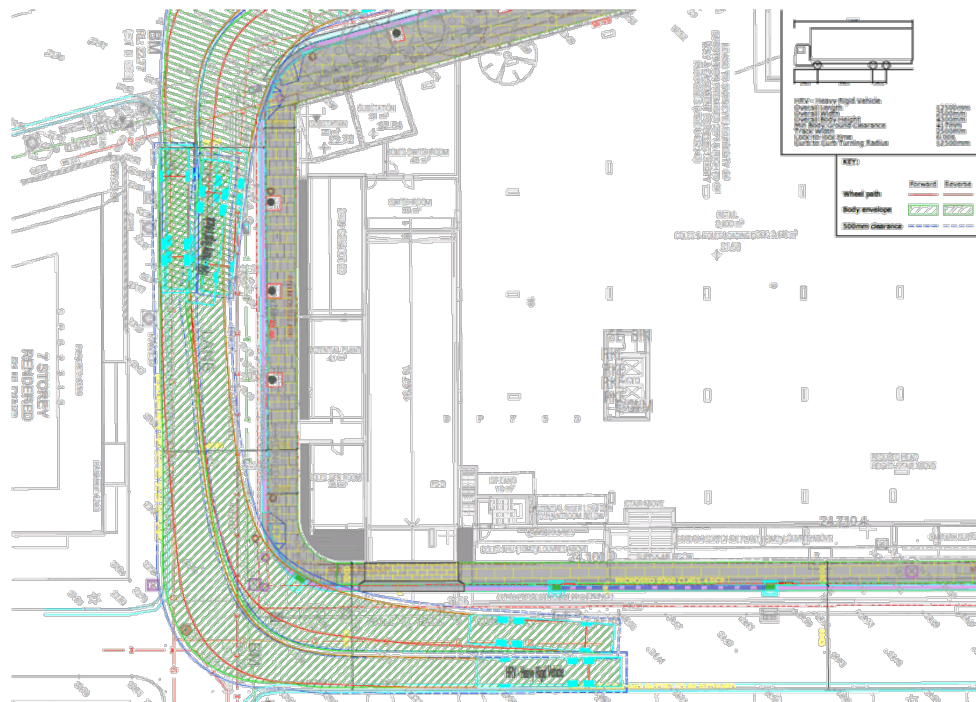
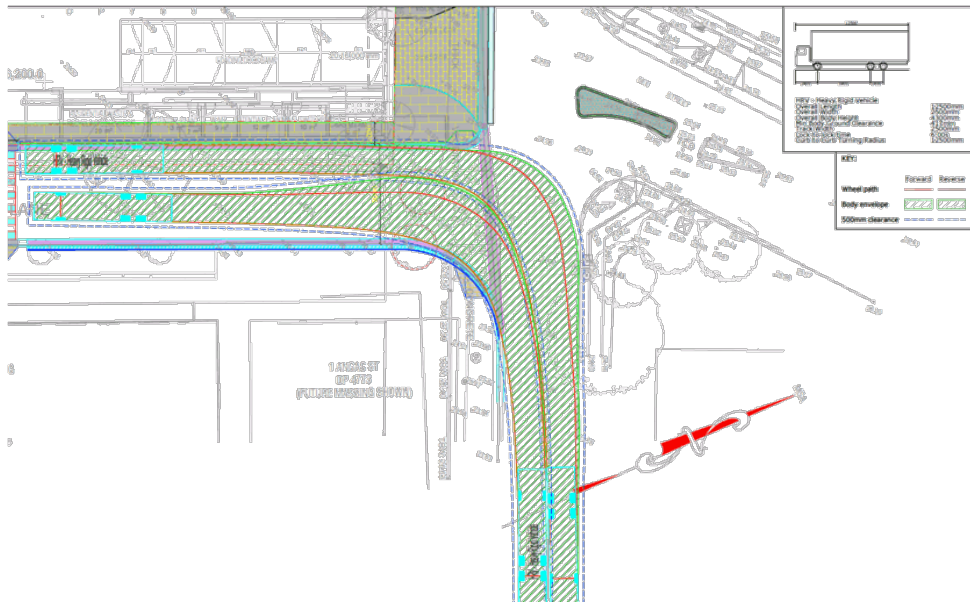


Figure 3 – HRV swept paths (need to be updated)

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The swept path diagrams shown in **Figure 3** indicate that the manoeuvring associated with two (2) opposing HRVs is tight with minimal/negligible clearance between opposing vehicles and adjoining kerbs. This outcome is not considered to be unacceptable for the following reasons:

- Based on recent independent traffic surveys (dated 23 February 2021) undertaken by Matrix Traffic and Transport Data, heavy vehicle (i.e. truck) traffic volumes represent around 2% of the total peak hour traffic flow within the surrounding roadwork. In this regard, the probability of two trucks passing each other (let alone two (2) HRVs) at the intersections of Constitution Road & Faraday Lane, Underdale Lane & Faraday Lane and Bay Drive & Underdale Lane is expected to be low.
- Table 5.1 of Part 4 of Austroads *Guide to Road Design* indicate that collector/local (residential) and local/local (residential) road intersections should be designed for 8.8m long Medium Rigid Vehicles (MRVs) and checked by 12.5m long HRVs. It is noted that Constitution Road is defined as a collector road, whilst Faraday Lane and Underdale Lane are defined as local roads. In this regard, as the swept paths demonstrate that two (2) opposing HRVs are generally able to pass each other (albeit with minimal/negligible clearances), it is expected that smaller vehicles will manoeuvre much more efficiently at the upgraded intersections, which is consistent with Austroads guidelines.

Notwithstanding the above, appropriate traffic management (e.g. signage and linemarking) and pedestrian protection measures (e.g. fencing at intersection corners) can be implemented at the intersections of Constitution Road & Faraday Lane, Underdale Lane & Faraday Lane and Bay Drive & Underdale Lane to assist with the safety of heavy vehicles turning at these intersections as well as the safety of other road users. This requirement can be imposed as a condition of consent for the proposed development.

Driveway Locations

The loading dock driveway is proposed to be located to the immediate west of the future junction of Constitution Road and Faraday Lane and directly opposite the junction of Constitution Road and See Street. Based on the concept civil plans prepared by Alpha Engineering & Development, there are no obstructions within the road verge between the driveway and Faraday Lane. As such, a truck driver exiting from the loading dock is expected to be able to see traffic at the junction of Constitution Road and Faraday Lane without any significant issues.

In addition to the above, truck movements at the loading dock are proposed to be restricted to left in/right out to assist with minimising the safety impacts at the junction of Constitution Road and See Street.

The design of the loading dock and its driveway would be subject to a road safety audit as part of the detailed civil design. Truck movements to and from the loading dock would also be guided by a loading dock management plan. These requirements can be imposed as conditions of consent for the proposed development to manage the safety of traffic activity within and in the immediate vicinity of the loading dock.

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Pedestrian Crossing (Faraday Lane)

A pedestrian crossing is proposed within Faraday Lane approximately 50m south of Constitution Road. This crossing will provide safe and efficient pedestrian link for people walking to site and the surrounding business premises from the east along Constitution Road. Section 6.4.4 of the supplement to Austroads *Guide to Traffic Management Part 10: Traffic Control and Communication Devices* specify the following numerical warrants for a pedestrian crossing:

- i) *Normal warrant:*
A pedestrian (zebra) crossing is warranted where:-
In each of three separate one hour periods in a typical day
- (a) the pedestrian flow per hour (P) crossing the road is greater than or equal to 30;*
- AND*
- (b) the vehicular flow per hour (V) through the site is greater than or equal to 500*
- AND*
- (c) the product PV is greater than or equal to 60,000*

Whilst the warrant for the proposed pedestrian crossing on Faraday Lane would not be currently met, the future pedestrian and vehicular traffic generated by the proposed and surrounding developments (e.g. Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct) in the immediate future is such that the warrant would be met by the time the proposed development is operational.

It is acknowledged that the width of the pedestrian crossing currently shown on the current civil plans will need to be widened to 3.6m to comply with Clause 6.4.4 of Austroads *Guide to Traffic Management Part 10: Traffic Control and Communication Devices*. The signage and linemarking (including pavement markings) arrangements (including pavement markings) would also need to be consistent with the following documents:

- Transport for NSW's Technical Direction (Stopping and Parking Restrictions at Intersections and Crossings) – TDT2002/12c;
- Transport for NSW's Delineation (Section 6 – Transverse Markings); and
- The Australian Standard Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Part 10: Pedestrian Control and Protection (AS1742.10)

The abovementioned requirements can form part of consent conditions for the applicant to address at the detailed design stage.

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CONSULTATION

Community consultation on the proposed development (including the proposed roadworks) have been undertaken for a period of three (3) weeks between 10 February 2022 to 3 March 2022. Council has received a total of eight (8) formal submissions from residents on the development during this period. The main issues relating to traffic raised by these residents are summarised below:

- Issue 1) Underestimation of existing and future traffic demands in the applicant's traffic study
- Issue 2) Traffic management at the future intersection of Constitution Road and Faraday Lane.
- Issue 3) Safety of heavy vehicles entering and exiting the internal loading dock via Constitution Road.

The abovementioned issues have been addressed in this report, of which the relevant sections are specified below:

Issue 1) Refer to the section "**Key Traffic Issues (Development Related)**". Further it is noted that the applicant's traffic assessment was based on the following:

- Existing weekday peak hour traffic demands based on traffic volume surveys undertaken on Thursday, 13 May 2021. This is outside of the COVID lockdown period.
- The additional traffic generated by the proposed development has been estimated based on the trip generation rates established within the *Guide to Traffic Generating Development* and its *Technical Direction (TDT2013/04a)* as well as other technical studies (e.g. *NSW Small Suburban Shopping Centres Data Report*).

With regards to the above, the applicant's traffic consultant has assessed existing and future traffic demands in accordance with standard traffic engineering practice. It is further noted that other traffic studies have been recently conducted in the area, which verifies the outcomes of the applicant's traffic assessment.

Issue 2) Refer to the section "**Vehicle Manoeuvring**".

Issue 3) Refer to the section "**Driveway Locations**".

In addition to the above, it should be acknowledged that two (2) of the eight (8) submissions were supportive of the proposal for Faraday Lane to connect with Constitution road as a means to mitigate traffic impacts associated with the development.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends:

- a) That Faraday Lane be extended in the north to connect with Constitution Road. Faraday Lane between Constitution Road and Underdale Lane is to be widened to provide a trafficable carriageway width of 9m between kerbs.
- b) That Underdale Lane between Bay Drive and Faraday Lane is to be widened to provide a trafficable carriageway width of 9m between kerbs.
- c) That a pedestrian crossing is to be provided within Faraday Lane approximately 50m south of Constitution Road to provide a safe pedestrian link across Faraday Lane.
- d) That the design of the proposed roadworks will be subject to a road safety audit, loading dock management plan and signage and linemarking plan required at the Construction Certificate stage to manage traffic and pedestrian safety associated with the new roadworks. These requirements can be imposed as conditions of consent.
- e) That all costs associated with the design and construction of the proposed roadworks are to be borne by the applicant.

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ITEM (C): TCS-4867 IVANHOE PLACE & HERRING ROAD, MAQUARIE PARK SIGNALISED INTERSECTION

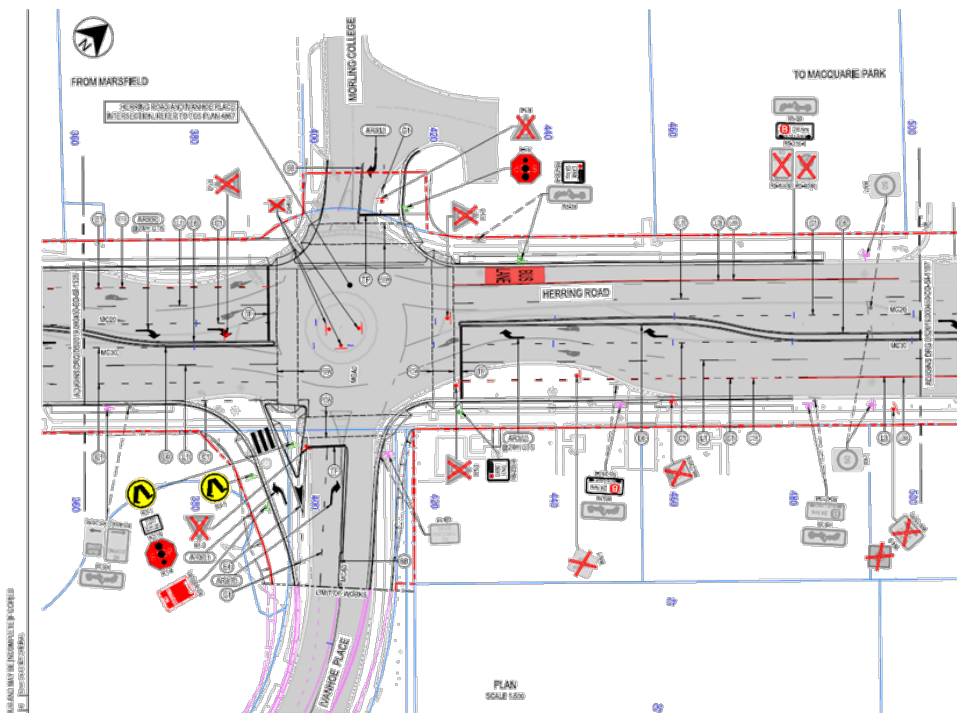
SUBJECT: SIGNAGE REVIEW

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest about the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

TfNSW is progressing the works at the Ivanhoe Place and Herring Road roundabout and converting it into a signalised intersection by end of March 2022. This is part of the Macquarie Park Stage 2 (1B) Project which includes bus priority and intersection upgrades along Herring Road between Epping Road and Waterloo Road in Macquarie Park previously known as Bus Priority Improvement Program (BPIP).



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DISCUSSION

The signage plan is attached for the review and consideration by CoR Council and the Traffic Committee members. The new signalised intersection will operate as per TfNSW's SCAT system. The scope change for signage includes installation of new signs and retention of existing signs to accommodate the traffic signals as per the attached design plans.

U-turn movements for Herring Road northbound and southbound lanes will be facilitated by a U-turn arrangement within the Ivanhoe Estate development as per the developer staging plans.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation for the intersection design was conducted as part of the project Review of Environmental Factors (REF) determined in 2017. The [submissions report](#) is available online. The REF submissions report in response to questions raised during the community consultation was determined in October 2017.

The Community will be updated about the change in traffic conditions via the project quarterly update, monthly digital update, media release and VMS placed on Herring Road two weeks prior to commissioning.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The signage and line marking arrangements/changes on approach to the new signalised intersection of Herring Road and Ivanhoe Place, Macquarie Park to be installed as a part of the Macquarie Park Stage 2 (1B) Project.
- b) The traffic signals to be commissioned and the intersection traffic arrangement to be implemented as per the approved design plans.
- c) Appropriate signage & line-marking to be in place by mid of March 2022.
Appropriate VMS strategy advising the public on Northbound & Southbound Herring Road of a new U-turn facility within Ivanhoe PI and upcoming signalisation of the intersection. The post signalisation VMS strategy will be allowed for 2 weeks for the public.

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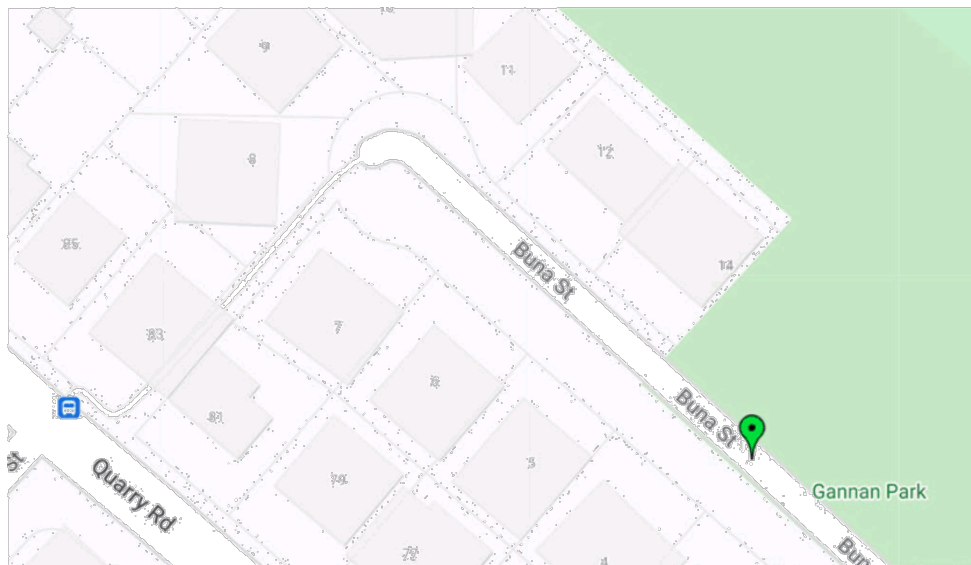
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ITEM (D): BUNA STREET, RYDE
SUBJECT: NO PARKING IN CUL-DE-SAC
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-Classified

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

INTRODUCTION/PROPOSAL

Council has received a request from a resident regarding the parking arrangements in the cul-de-sac of Buna Street, Ryde. The nature of the concern is that vehicles, including Council waste-collection services, are unable to make the turn at the cul-de-sac due to frequent presence of parked vehicles which then requires vehicles with trailers to reverse along the length of the street.



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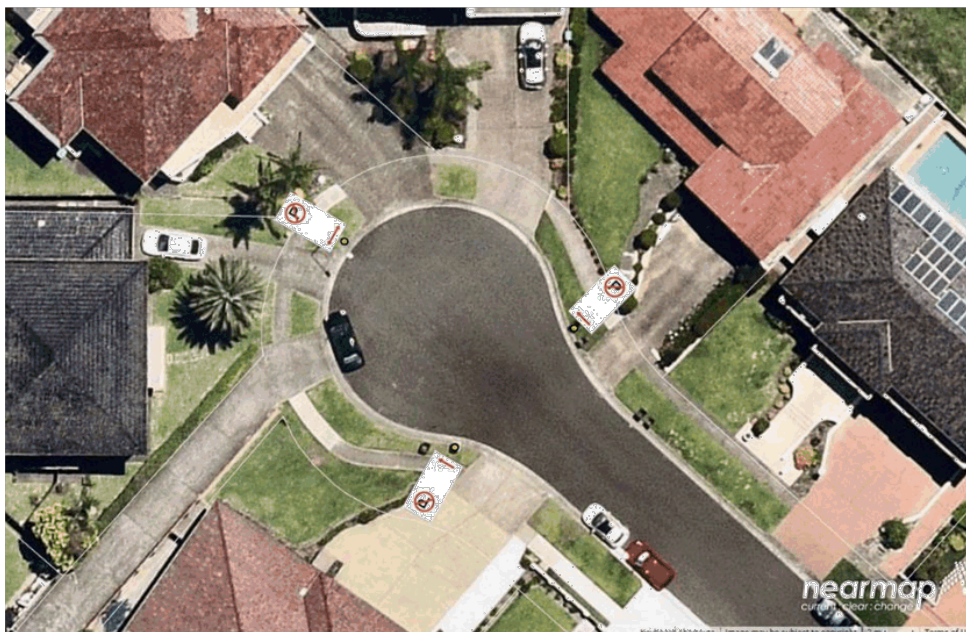
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DISCUSSION

This section of Buna Street has driveway access points for 4 properties, with access to off-street parking spaces, and a pedestrian access through to Quarry Road.

As the cul-de-sac is designed primarily for turning area, it is intended to install No Parking restrictions to allow this function to occur without impediment.



CONSULTATION

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As the primary purpose of the cul-de-sac is to act as a turning area, it is intended to notify residents of the proposed restrictions prior to installation of the restrictions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends:

- d) That No Parking signage be installed around the cul-de-sac of Buna Street, Ryde.

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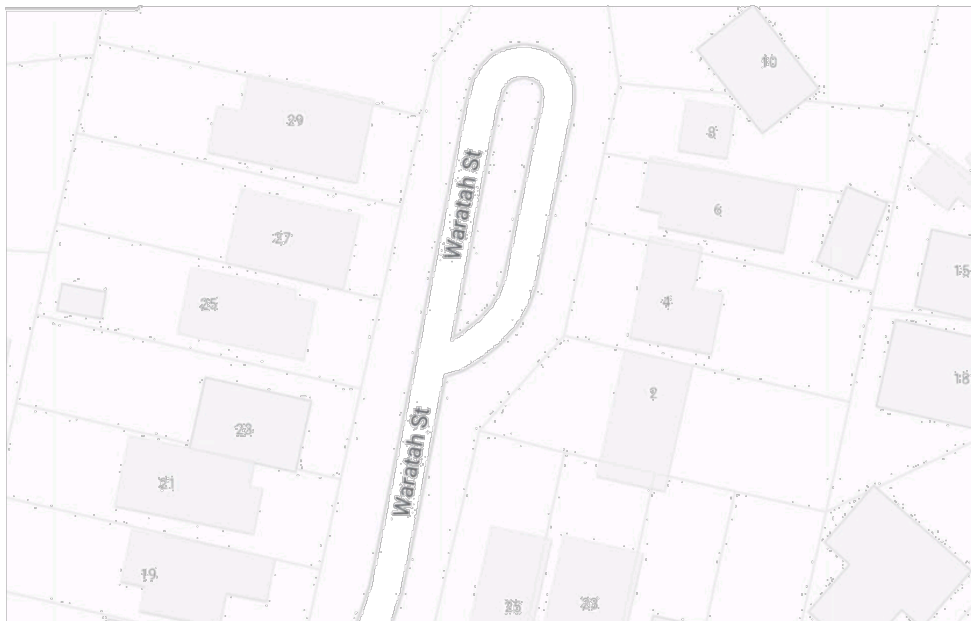
Ryde Traffic Committee

ITEM (E): WARATAH STREET, EASTWOOD
SUBJECT: NO PARKING IN CUL-DE-SAC
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-Classified

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

INTRODUCTION/PROPOSAL

Council has received a request from a resident regarding the parking arrangements in the cul-de-sac of Waratah Street, Eastwood. The nature of the concern is that vehicles, including Council waste-collection services, are unable to make the turn at the cul-de-sac due to frequent presence of parked vehicles which then forces vehicles to drive over the grassed area in the central island, which has caused significant damage.



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DISCUSSION

This section of Waratah Street has driveway access points for 2 properties, with access to off-street parking spaces, and a maintenance access point to the County Road reserve.

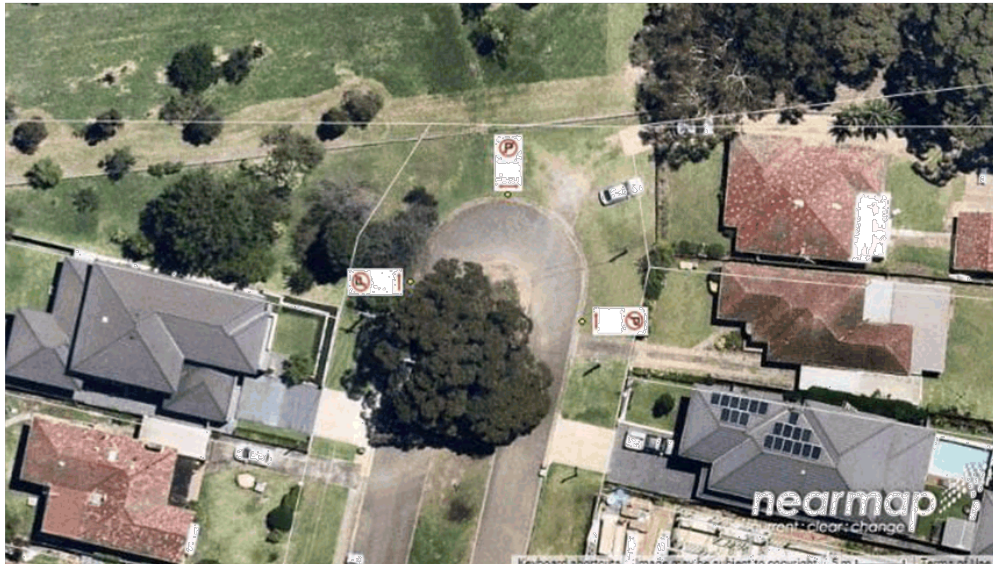
The parking in the area forces vehicles over the central island, which has caused significant damage to the grassed area.

As the cul-de-sac is designed primarily for turning area, it is intended to install No Parking restrictions to allow this function to occur without impediment.



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CONSULTATION/NOTIFICATION

As the primary purpose of the cul-de-sac is to act as a turning area it is intended to notify residents of the proposed restrictions prior to installation of the restrictions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends:

- e) That No Parking signage be installed around the cul-de-sac of Waratah Street, Eastwood.

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ITEM (F): ROAD SAFETY UPDATE
SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS
ELECTORATE: RYDE / LANE COVE
WARD: ALL

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the items discussed below.

TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES (TfNSW) FUNDED PROGRAMS

Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP)

Online workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers to be held on 23 March. Joint event with Willoughby Council.
Two pedestrian safety presentations locked in for Stepping On – a falls prevention program for seniors – on 23 and 24 March.
Another batch of 75 child car seat check vouchers have secured for distribution to residents.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

School Zone Safety Program

Council's Road Safety Officer and Rangers have been working together to provide information and support as schools return.

- The Term 1 School Zone Road Safety Newsletter was distributed to primary schools. See attached.
- Increased ranger support has been provided over February and information on parking rules and safety was distributed.

Upcoming events

Workshops and activities have been planned for the following upcoming events:

Seniors Week:

- Safer Driving for Seniors (31 March at Marsfield Community Centre)
- Free Bike Checks for Seniors (28 March at Meadowbank Park)
- Bike Maintenance Workshop (28 March at Meadowbank Park)
- Information and giveaways at the Henley Garden Party (7 April at Henley community Green)

Youth Week:

- Car Maintenance Workshops (12 April at Meadowbank Park)
- Information and activities at the Battle of the Bands and Skate Jam (25 March at Meadowbank Skate Park)

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April School Holidays

- Learn to Ride and Skills Clinic for kids (TBC)

Shared User Path Safety



A new pavement decal has been designed for shared user paths reminding cyclists to ring before passing pedestrians. It will be installed along Pittwater Road shared path this financial year and then rolled out to other locations.

What if? Program

Partnership with Ryde Police Area Command, Eastwood Gladesville Liquor Accord and Hornsby Council. Waiting to confirm dates for delivery to three schools in 2022 with the first tentatively scheduled for May. The program delivers morning presentations and activities on road safety and alcohol awareness to Year 10 students in Ryde and Hornsby LGAs. Activities include wheelchair basketball, driving simulators, distraction awareness activities and NSW Fire and Rescue demonstration. We are currently trialling a truck awareness Virtual Reality program provided by the Australian Trucking Association for potential use with the program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 EXPANDING MARKETS IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/208

MOTION:

- (a) That Council prepare a report on options to expand markets in the City of Ryde that would be run by a suitably experienced operator.
- (b) That options for markets include a direct benefit to the Ryde community. Any future procurement process for a market operator to include an operating model that supports locally based stall holders and local charities.

2 SYNTHETIC SURFACE ACTION PLAN - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/209

MOTION:

- (a) That Council confirms it's Synthetic Surface Action Plan that was endorsed by the previous Council and the implementation plan for delivery of synthetic fields in the City of Ryde.
- (b) That Council note the review of synthetic surfaces currently being undertaken by the NSW Chief Scientist at the request of the NSW Minister for Planning and due to be reported by mid 2022.
- (c) That the Synthetic Surface Action Plan be reviewed and a report be presented to Council by the end of June with recommendations of implementation.
- (d) That the report states which locations are suitable for detailed investigations to be undertaken, with particular consideration given to the environmental impact of conversion to a synthetic surface.
- (e) That the Mayor liaises with the state government Minister of Sport to provide a synthetic funding program to delivery the City of Ryde Synthetic Surface Action Plan.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

3 201 YEARS OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/202

MOTION:

That Council celebrate 201 years of Greek Independence on 25 March 2022 by:-

- (a) Flying the Greek flag at Kissing Point Park or other appropriate locations across the City.
- (b) That the Mayor writes to prominent leaders in the Greek community including the Archbishop and local clergy, and the Consul General of Greece acknowledging the contribution made by the large Greek community in the Ryde area.
- (c) That a flag raising ceremony be organised through the Mayor's office and budget on the 25th of March with all invites to be sent out immediately to the Archbishop, local clergy, the Consul General of Greece, Councillors and members of Parliament.
- (d) That Council promotes and produces content for Council's social media channels and e-news to mark the occasion.

4 INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE INDOOR FACILITIES FOR DISABLED SPORT - Councillor Katie O'Reilly

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/222

MOTION:

- (a) That Council commits to investigating options for any future expansion works at the Ryde Community Sports Centre and Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre being inclusive and accessible to disability sports and consider issues such as design, storage and access for the participants to the indoor court areas.
- (b) That a report be presented to Council detailing, what future planned works have been identified for accessible indoor facilities that Council controls and what other private facilities might be available in the Ryde LGA and surrounding area.
- (c) That council staff review our lease contracts as a part of our "Disability Inclusion Action Plan" strategy review, to implement a quota allowance for inclusion of disabled sporting groups.
- (d) That the Mayor write to the relevant NSW Government Minister(s) seeking access to be provided to sporting groups representing disabled participants, in the soon to be constructed Indoor Sports Facility on the Marsden High School site.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

5 DISABLED STREET ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS OF SKY GARDENS APARTMENTS, 5 ST ANNES STREET, RYDE - Councillor Katie O'Reilly

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/223

MOTION:

- (a) That staff investigate appropriate measures to be implemented in the public domain outside the Sky Gardens Apartments at 5 St Annes Street, Ryde to provide improved disabled access from the street to the building entrance.
- (b) That staff provide the investigation report and appropriate funding source back to council within 3 months.

6 SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER - Councillor Jerome Laxale

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/224

MOTION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde reaffirms its commitment to reaching the NSW Government's 40% tree canopy cover target by no later than 2030.
- (b) That Council acknowledges the positive impact and value that retaining mature street trees has to our local environment and streetscapes.
- (c) That Council investigate the inclusion of the trees outside 151 and 119b Charles Street, Putney for inclusion on the City of Ryde Significant Tree Register and report back to Council at the April General Meeting.

7 INSTALLATION OF A THIRD FLAGPOLE AT KISSING POINT WHARF - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/225

MOTION:

That the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Note that when a third flag is raised at Kissing Point, the Aboriginal Flag needs to be removed to make way.
- (b) That staff purchase and install a third flagpole at Kissing Point.
- (c) That this be funded from the buildings maintenance base budget.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

8 INCREASED MAINTENANCE AT LACHLAN'S LINE NORTH RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/226

MOTION:

- (a) That the General Manager ask staff to prepare a report outlining the current maintenance regime on public areas at Lachlan's Line, North Ryde with reference to:-
- oiling of street furniture.
 - stabilisation and repair of wooden infrastructure for street trees.
 - signage for heavy traffic on Jarvis/Epping Road – including repair of any signs that are loose.
 - current frequency of traffic patrols in the no stopping zones and bus precinct.
 - confirmation CCTV is functioning correctly or timeline for repair.
 - timeline for installation of signage to discourage the use of skateboards and scooters on footpaths.
 - exploring if sufficient resources have been allocated to address the identified works.
- (b) That business in the area have requested a loading zone, directly outside shops on Jarvis Circuit and that staff liaise with management at Lachlan's Square in order to investigate options to be brought back via the Ryde Traffic Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

9 SAFETY. RESPECT. EQUITY. - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/228

MOTION:

That Council:-

- (a) Recognise gender inequality is pervasive and for real change to occur it needs to come from our leaders at all levels. City of Ryde Council has a history of supporting empowerment of intersectional disadvantage and will continue to champion change.
- (b) Request that the Mayor write to the Prime Minister The Hon. Scott Morrison, Senator the Hon. Marise Payne (Minister for Women), the Hon. Anne Ruston (Minister for Women's Safety), and the Hon. Jane Hume (Minister for Women's Economic Security) endorsing the message of Safety. Respect. Equity campaign and encourage the adoption of its recommendations.
- (c) Provide information to Council outlining the progress of the City of Ryde, as an employer, assessed against the principles for improvement in gender equality as outlined in the Safety. Respect. Equity. Campaign.

10 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN TO EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/229

That Council:-

- (a) Recognise as a result of the increasing frequency of extreme weather events occurring in Ryde, there is a demand for responsiveness to attend to damaged infrastructure.
- (b) Display the "Report an Issue" prominently on council websites, social media channels and local newspapers during extreme weather events.
- (c) Recognises it may be difficult for citizens to delineate between the responsibilities of Local, State and Federal Government and its agencies.
- (d) Work with all levels of government to improve information sharing as part of its Emergency Response Plan.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

11 IMPROVING COMMUNITY GARDENS PROCESS - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/230

- (a) The City of Ryde acknowledges that Community gardens have many benefits, including:-
 - (i) Promoting healthy lifestyles.
 - (ii) Social benefits through participant interactions
 - (iii) Environmental benefits due to decreased necessity for transporting goods and reducing/reusing waste material.
 - (iv) Motivating and developing skills residents can use in their everyday lives.
- (b) That council acknowledges the current Development Application process is difficult to interpret and implement for residents interested in participating in community gardens
- (c) That council report back on a streamlined policy and process to help improve the experience of residents interested in starting community gardens.

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

- 1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: NOTICE OF MOTION 9 - PUBLIC SAFETY -
Councillor Jerome Laxale, Councillor Bernard Purcell and Councillor
Penny Pedersen**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/162

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Notice of Motion 9 – PUBLIC SAFETY, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 February 2022, namely:-

NOTICE OF MOTION

9 PUBLIC SAFETY

- (a) *That Council investigate the removal of the street trees and footpath repairs in Charles Street, Putney at the front of the properties at 151 and 119b, due to the danger and public safety that the surrounding residents consider the trees pose.*
- (b) *That a report be provided back to the next Council meeting on 22 March 2022.*

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

15 REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT 14/21 - CHIPPING AND MULCHING

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Passive Parks and Streetscapes

Report approved by: Manager - Operations; Director - City Works

Confidential

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16 REQUEST FOR TENDER - PROVISION OF SPECIALIST CLEANING SERVICES TO THE RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE

Report prepared by: Manager - Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

Report approved by: Director - Customer and Community Services

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