

Meeting Date: Tuesday 27 September 2022
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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COUNCIL REPORTS

1 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/678

REPORT SUMMARY

The role of Deputy Mayor is not required under the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). However, at the City of Ryde it has been Council's practice to elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor.

In accordance with the Act, a Councillor is only entitled to be paid a fee as determined by Council when he or she acts in the Office of the Mayor.

Council can resolve that a portion of the Mayor's fee be paid to the Deputy Mayor (in addition to their Councillor fee) when he or she acts in their position or that no fee be paid.

In accordance with Section 249(5) of the Act, a determination by Council to pay the Deputy Mayor a fee to undertake the responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor, that this fee will be paid on a pro rata basis.

It is recommended that Council resolve to elect a Councillor to the role of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period until September 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period until September 2023.
- (b) That where the Deputy Mayor is to act in the Office of the Mayor, that this is to be done by way of a Council resolution.
- (c) That where there is a Council resolution in accordance with (b) above, the Deputy Mayor will be paid a fee to undertake the responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor on a pro rata basis, deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

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Civic Services Manager

Report Approved By:
John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

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Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, provides the following with regard to the Deputy Mayor:-

- (1) *The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the Deputy Mayor.*
- (2) *The person may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term.*
- (3) *The Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the Office of the Mayor.*
- (4) *The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as Deputy Mayor if the Deputy Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this section, or if no Deputy Mayor has been elected.*

As set out in Section 231(2) above, the person elected as Deputy Mayor may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term.

At its Extraordinary meeting held on 11 January 2022, Council resolved in part:-

- (a) *That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period until September 2022.*
- (b) *That a subsequent election for Deputy Mayor take place in September 2023, for a 12 month term.*

If Council endorse the appointment of a Deputy Mayor and if there is a requirement for the Deputy Mayor to act in the Office of the Mayor, Council would be required to pass a resolution to make such appointment. The fee paid to the Deputy Mayor will be paid on a pro-rata basis. The fee will be deducted from the annual Mayoral Fee, thus reducing the total amount paid to the Mayor for the year.

2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/679

REPORT SUMMARY

Should Council resolve not to elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Item 1 on this Meeting Agenda, it is not necessary for Council to proceed with consideration of this Item.

Should Council choose to elect a Deputy Mayor (as set out in Item 1 of this Meeting Agenda), the term of the office for the Deputy Mayor will be in accordance with the Council's resolution of Item 1. That term will therefore be applied to the person elected by resolution of this Report.

Below are the procedures to be followed for the election process:-

- (a) Determination of method of voting (ordinary ballot, preferential ballot or open voting).
- (b) Announcement of nominations.
- (c) Conduct of election.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council determine the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate), as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Report Prepared By:

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Report Approved By:

John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance**Mark Eady**
Director - Corporate Services

3 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/715

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.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 23 August 2022

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/716

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 11/22, held on 23 August 2022 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 23 August 2022

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Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 11/22

Meeting Date: Tuesday 23 August 2022
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.02pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Pedersen, Purcell and Yedelian OAM.

Note: Councillor Purcell left the meeting at 8.13pm and did not return. He was not present for voting on Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 8, Notice of Motion 9, Notice of Motion 11, Notice of Motion 12, Item 12 and Item 14.

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 9.07pm and did not return. She was not present for voting on Item 14.

Apologies: Nil.

Leave of Absence: Councillor Song.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager, Acting Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Acting Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – People and Culture, Manager – Environment, Manager – Parks, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Acting Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Acting Manager – Transport, Acting Manager – Corporate Governance, Economic Development Coordinator, Team Leader – Community Grants and Direct Services, System Support Officer and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Councillor Maggio offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 24/22 – Ending Ageism – Every Age Counts Organisation for the reason that he is over 65 years old and the Mayoral Minute refers to that group.

Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding, Small Grants 2022, Round 2 for the reason that she knows the community groups applying for the grants.

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 10 – Women's Health Week – 5 to 11 September 2022 for the reason that she works for a company in the department of Women's Health.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled a petition with 87 objections in relation to Notice of Rescission 1 and using Sydney Water Land.

Councillor Pedersen tabled a petition with 122 signatures in relation to Notice of Rescission 1 and supporting the reinstatement of Sydney Water Land.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Stephanie Doyle	Notice of Motion 1 – Live Music Strategy
Philip Peake	Notice of Rescission 1: Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Brown)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 6.11pm:-

- Notice of Rescission 1: Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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NOTICES OF RESCISSION

1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 5 - ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN - Councillor Penny Pedersen, Councillor Katie O'Reilly, Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: Philip Peake made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled a petition with 87 objections in relation to this Item and using Sydney Water Land.

Note: Councillor Pedersen tabled a petition with 122 signatures in relation to this Item and supporting the reinstatement of Sydney Water Land.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and O'Reilly)

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 5 – ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 July 2022, namely:-

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5 ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN

- (a) *That Council adopts the Green Links Masterplan as its vision for the three corridors, but excludes the works within the Sydney Water lands between Quarry Road and Blaxland Rd, prepared by McGregor Coxall (June 2022).*
- (b) *That Council write to thank Sydney Water for their input to the City of Ryde Green Links Masterplan and advise them the land between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road is no longer required.*
- (c) *That outside the link referred to in Part (a), Council enters into detailed discussions with the respective land owners to formalise use of lands not owned by Council and delegate authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to affect the progressive implementation of the Green Links Masterplan on these lands.*
- (d) *That Council advocate for funding to expedite Masterplan implementation.*
- (e) *That the Mayor writes to the relevant Minister to expedite implementation of the remaining projects of the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Masterplan which directly relate to the Green Links Masterplan.*
- (f) *That Council write to thank all participants in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.*

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On being put to the meeting the voting on the Motion was three (3) For and seven (7) Against. The Rescission Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

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1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Deshpande)

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 22/22, Mayoral Minute 23/22, Mayoral Minute 24/22, Item 2, Item 8, Item 10, Item 11, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 2, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 10 and Item 13 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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MM22/22 AWARDS TO STAFF MEMBERS – MARNIE MITCHELL AND TRANSPORT PLANNING TEAM – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council congratulate Marnie Mitchell on her receipt of the "Champion of Change – Metro category in the 2021 Ministers' Award for Women in Local Government" provided by the Office of Local Government.
- (b) That Council congratulate the Transport Planning Team on its award from the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Lane made a presentation to Marnie Mitchell (Manager – People and Culture) and Yafeng Zhu (Acting Manager – Transport) in recognition of these awards.

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**MM23/22 ANNUAL RATES INFORMATION FOR RATEPAYERS – Mayor,
Councillor Jordan Lane**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council maintain its support for ratepayers to receive transparent financial information about how their rates and annual charges are spent by the City of Ryde.
- (b) That personalised information will be provided to residential ratepayers that will detail where Council spending occurs for rates and charges collected, and that non-personalised spending information also be publicly made available on Council's website.
- (c) That as an interim measure for the financial year 2022/23, this personalised high level spending information is to be included as an insert accompanying the second rates instalment which will be issued in October 2022 for residential ratepayers.
- (d) That from FY 2023/24 and each year thereafter, personalised high level information about Council spending will be sent to all residential ratepayers as an insert accompanying the annual rates notice in July.

**MM24/22 ENDING AGEISM – EVERY AGE COUNTS ORGANISATION –
Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is over 65 years old and the Mayoral Minute refers to that group.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:-

- (a) Support the EveryAGE Counts campaign to end ageism and join with other in the community to create a society where every person is valued, connected and respected, regardless of age
- (b) Take the pledge to stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged.
- (c) Create opportunities in the community to build awareness of ageism and its impacts
- (d) Promote the signing of the Pledge amongst the community.
- (e) Inform relevant state and federal parliamentarians of Council's support for EveryAGE counts and that it has signed the pledge

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- (f) Hold an activity on Ageism Awareness Day – 7th October 2022 to provide an opportunity to raise awareness of ageism and how to dismantle it.

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 26 July 2022

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 10/22, held on 26 July 2022 be confirmed.

8 MEMORIAL PARK AND OLYMPIC PARK DOG OFF-LEASH PARK OUTCOMES

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse the continued use of the Memorial Park dog swimming area on a permanent basis.
- (b) That Council fully enclose the Olympic Park Dog off-leash area, including the current Potts Street entrance to improve safety for dogs, their owners, and users of the Olympic Park Playground.
- (c) That Council funds the cost of these works from the Parks Operational Maintenance budget.

10 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 2022

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held in July 2022:-

(A) PEARSON STREET, GLADESVILLE - ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)

The following changes be made on Pearson Street, Gladesville:

- a) A 10-metre-long section of 1P parking zone be installed on the eastern side of Pearson Street, Gladesville, between the driveway access of 5-7 Pearson Street and the adjacent perpendicular parking bays.

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(B) BRUCE STREET, RYDE - ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)

The following changes be made on Bruce Street, Ryde:

- a) A 6-metre-long section of 1P parking zone be installed on the southern side of Bruce Street, Ryde, commencing 10 metre from the intersection of Goulding Road (old alignment).

(C) PITTWATER ROAD, NORTH RYDE - BUS ZONE (LAYOVER)

The following changes be made on Pittwater Road, North Ryde:

- a) An 18-metre-long section of Bus Zone Mon-Fri 6am – 9am be installed (in the northern most section of the indented parking area adjacent to North Ryde Oval) on the western side of Pittwater Road to the immediate south of Cressy Road, North Ryde.

(D) MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION

The parking control measures outlined in *Table 1* of **ATTACHMENT 1** be installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

(E) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

INFORMATION REPORT

11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2022

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 LIVE MUSIC STRATEGY – Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: Stephanie Doyle made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That staff develop a “Live Music Strategy” for the City of Ryde within the next 6 months that:-
 - i. seeks to deliver a range of practical actions in collaboration with partner agencies and individuals;

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- ii. manages the impacts of live music on residents and the community without compromising the viability of the city's live music venues;
 - iii. facilitates opportunities for an all age music sector to nurture emerging local talent and provide career pathways in the live music sector;
 - iv. provides safe live music participation opportunities for young audiences;
 - v. activates the City of Ryde's growth through the delivery of live music performance in a range of indoor and outdoor venues and settings;
 - vi. promotes social cohesion and community well-being;
 - vii. includes an implementation plan for permanent live music venues.
- (b) That following completion of the "Live Music Strategy", staff investigate whether there are any City of Ryde facilities that could be utilised as live music venues and report back to Council on these possibilities with developing a EOI to conduct permanent live music venues.

2 HIRING OF APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES BY COUNCIL – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

That staff provide a report to Council within three months, addressing the following:-

- (a) Identify any existing formal strategies, informal practices, or targets already in place promoting hiring of apprentices and trainees by Council.
- (b) If such targets or strategies exist, whether they are currently being met, and if not, reasons why.
- (c) Are there any teams/operations within Council that currently has staff with appropriate trade skills able to train an apprentice in that trade?
- (d) Are there any teams/operations within Council that are currently outsourced, but if brought in house, would then have staff with appropriate trade skills able to train an apprentice in that trade?
- (e) What are the barriers to Council hiring more apprentices/trainees, and how might those barriers be overcome?
- (f) If no targets exist, what would be an achievable target for apprentices hired by Council each year?

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- (g) Does Council impose any KPIs on its trade contractors relating to whether those contractors hire apprentices? Would it be feasible for Council to impose such a KPI? What would a reasonable KPI be?
- (h) When requesting tenders from contractors for trade work, does Council ask tenderers to provide any information about whether they hire apprentices? If so, what weight is given to this information? If not, would it be feasible to require this information to be provided by tenderers moving forward.
- (i) Identify any state or federal incentives or grants which Council could apply for to offset the costs of hiring apprentices.

3 HOP, SKIP AND JUMP IN PUTNEY – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council staff identify more durable and permanent stencil solutions and replace the temporary hop skip and jump in Putney by ending of September 2022.
- (b) That if the new solution is successful it be considered for other suitable locations such as (and not limited to) Blenheim Rd, Cox's Rd, Boronia Park, and West Ryde Plaza, subject to consultation with local businesses and any affected stakeholders to confirm a suitable location.
- (c) That this program be funded from the existing Neighbourhood Activation Budget up to \$6,000.
- (d) That Council considers the inclusion of a Hop, Skip & Jump in future Park and Town Centre Master Plans.

10 WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK – 5 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 – Councillor Shweta Deshpande

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she works for a company in the department of Women's Health.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:-

- (a) Acknowledge Women's Health week dedicated to the health of women, girls and gender-diverse people celebrated during the week 5th – 11th September 2022.

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- (b) Work with a local Health Care Professional to conduct a local event/talk for women in the City of Ryde around Menopause/Perimenopause on a suitable date in September 2022.
- (c) Raise awareness of the importance of Women's Health during the week 5th - 11th September 2022 in the City of Ryde through the City's digital media channels including a link to Jean Hailes as the national digital gateway for women's health.

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13 REQUEST FOR TENDER – NSROC RFT 2022-2024 – ROAD SURFACING, PATCHING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That City of Ryde enter into a contract for a period of two (2) years until 30 June 2024 with an option to extend for an additional one (1) plus further one (1) year extension subject to satisfactory performance with the preferred companies listed below:-

The following contractors are recommended to be empanelled for Principal Asphalt Services:-

1. Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd
2. Bitupave Pty Ltd (trading as Boral Asphalt)
3. Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
4. ANJ Paving Pty Ltd
5. State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd
6. Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd

The following contractors are recommended to be empanelled for Other Asphalt Services:-

1. State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd
2. C&D Asphalting Pty Ltd
3. ANJ Paving Pty Ltd
4. Planet Civil Pty Ltd
5. J&M Schembri Pty Ltd
6. Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd
7. State Civil Pty Ltd
8. Optimal Civil Pty Ltd
9. NA Group Pty Ltd
10. Complete Linemarking Services Pty Ltd
11. Bitupave Ltd (trading as Boral Asphalt)
12. Colas Solutions Pty Ltd
13. Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
14. Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd
15. SuperSealing
16. NSW Spray Seal Pty Ltd

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- (b) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to enter into a contract with the companies listed above on the terms contained within the tender and for minor amendments to be made to the contract documents that are not of a material nature.
- (c) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to extend the contract for up to an additional one (1) year plus a further one (1) year extension subject to satisfactory performance at annual contract review.

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM22/22 AWARDS TO STAFF MEMBERS - MARNIE MITCHELL AND TRANSPORT PLANNING TEAM - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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

MM23/22 ANNUAL RATES INFORMATION FOR RATEPAYERS - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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

MM24/22 ENDING AGEISM – EVERY AGE COUNTS ORGANISATION - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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

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3 JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT (UNAUDITED) INCLUDING 2021/22 CARRYOVERS - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2025 AND 2021/2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Deshpande)

- (a) That the June 2022 Quarterly Review report (Four Year Delivery Plan 2021 - 2025 and One Year 2021/22 Operational Plan) for Quarter Four, *April – June 2022*, be received and endorsed by Council.
- (b) That the proposed Capital Budget Variations, the unspent 2021/22 Carryover Funds and Proposed Movements in Reserves as detailed in this report and in the ATTACHMENT – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER 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.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Pedersen and Purcell

4 COUNCIL BY-ELECTION - RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JEROME LAXALE

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and O'Reilly)

- (a) That Council note:-
 - That along with all Councils in NSW, City of Ryde were offered the opportunity by OLG to opt in to a count back process in the event that a seat should become vacant on City of Ryde Council. The Mayor Jordan Lane, Liberal Councillors and councillor Maggio voted against a count back process and voted in support of conducting a by-election should a seat become vacated as a result, Council are now required to conduct a by-election to fill the seat made vacant in the West Ward.
 - No Ward should have less representation than another and this seat should be filled by an elected representative from the community.
- (b) That Council note the resignation of Councillor Jerome Laxale and endorse the by-election for West Ward, to be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022 to fill this vacancy.

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- (c) That due to legislative requirements and short timeframe to arrange this election Council note that it is exempt from requiring call formal tenders / quotations under the provisions of Section 55(3)(p) of the Local Government Act 1993, where a contract with the Electoral Commissioner to administer a Council election / by-election, is proposed.
- (d) That the City of Ryde, pursuant to Section 296(2) and 296(4) of the Local Government Act 1993 endorse:-
 - i. an agreement be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer the upcoming City of Ryde by-election for West Ward, at an estimated cost of \$220,000, to fill the casual vacancy as a result of the resignation of Councillor Jerome Laxale, and
 - ii. such electoral agreement be entered into by contract between the Electoral Commissioner and the Council.
- (e) That Council allocate a budget of \$220,000 funded from the Election Reserve, for the by-election, to be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022.
- (f) That Council allocate a budget of \$50,000 funded from the Election Reserve, for the communications awareness campaign for the by-election.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was three (3) For and seven (7) Against. The Motion was LOST and the matter is now **AT LARGE**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council note the resignation of Councillor Jerome Laxale and endorse the by-election for West Ward, to be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022 to fill this vacancy.
- (b) That due to legislative requirements and short timeframe to arrange this election Council note that it is exempt from requiring call formal tenders / quotations under the provisions of Section 55(3)(p) of the *Local Government Act* 1993, where a contract with the Electoral Commissioner to administer a Council election / by-election, is proposed.

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- (c) That the City of Ryde, pursuant to Section 296(2) and 296(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* endorse:-
- i. an agreement be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer the upcoming City of Ryde by-election for West Ward, at an estimated cost of \$220,000, to fill the casual vacancy as a result of the resignation of Councillor Jerome Laxale, and
 - ii. such electoral agreement be entered into by contract between the Electoral Commissioner and the Council.
- (d) That Council allocate a budget of \$220,000 funded from the Election Reserve, for the by-election, to be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022.
- (e) That Council allocate a budget of \$50,000 funded from the Election Reserve, for the communications awareness campaign for the by-election.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN SERIATIM

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

On being put to the meeting the voting on the Motion was five (5) All. The Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane used his casting vote Against the Motion. The Motion was LOST.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Brown, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian
OAM

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Deshpande, O'Reilly, Pedersen and Purcell

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On being put to the meeting, Councillor Maggio and Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 2021-22

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

- (a) That Council notes the economic development strategy update and thanks City of Ryde staff. In particular, Jan Bouhali, commending her on the relationships she has forged with local business, stakeholders, individuals working from home, women in business and chambers across Ryde. The economic development, place making and small business centre activation teams should be commended for the excellent work over recent years helping keep business functioning through the pandemic.
- (b) That Council requests staff to perform additional analysis on outcomes and deliverables of EDS Initiatives projects undertaken including the following:-
1. Budgeted versus actual cost, within analysis if variation is 5% above of below budget.
 2. If applicable, Number of residents who participated.

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3. Learnings of the initiatives/project.
 4. Assess whether Council should continue to fund the initiatives/projects going forward.
- (c) That results are to be communicated via the Councillor Information Bulletin.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Brown advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding Planning Proposal - 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde, the time being 7.22pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Lane accepted this matter as an Urgent Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Yedelian OAM)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Brown, regarding Planning Proposal – 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – PLANNING PROPOSAL – 22 WINBOURNE STREET, WEST RYDE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That the City of Ryde extend the period of community consultation on the Planning Proposal for 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde from closing on Monday, 29 August 2022 to close on Monday, 19 September 2022.
- (b) That City of Ryde Council requests the NSW Department of Education conduct an on-site drop-in session as part of its community consultation program prior to the extended closing date.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, SMALL GRANTS 2022, ROUND 2

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows the community groups applying for the grants.

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

(a) That Council endorse funding for the following organisations for a Small Grant:-

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
1	SG11	Italian Leisure Group	\$2,200	\$2,200	Weekly social support group for Italian seniors.	
2	SG1	The West Ryde Huizhi Chinese School Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Increase connection between the Chinese teaching service and the Ryde community. Development of a brochure and teaching materials and an end of term exhibition.	
3	SG12	Sydney Cricket Club	\$2,500	\$2,500	Replacement of cricket wicket covers.	
4	SG14	Australian Asian Association of Bennelong Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	AAB Harmony Project- Multicultural Soccer Cup and Concert.	
5	SG15	Ryde Pickleball in the Park	\$2,500	\$1,040	Safety equipment and nets for players including first aid kits, field nets and playing equipment.	Funding for operational costs including general equipment for existing sport program not eligible.
6	SG2	Australian Association of Cancer Care	\$2,500	\$2,500	Musical entertainment for nursing home residents and support for cancer patients.	

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7	SG3	Putney Tennyson Probus Club Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	A range of activities for the year including Christmas in July and subsidised outings.	
	Total		\$17,200	\$15,740		

- (b) That funding of \$10,000 is available from the Community Grants Program Small Grants budget to fund the recommended applications outlined in recommendation (a) and an additional \$5,740 be funded from the Community Grants program reserve.
- (c) That the successful and unsuccessful applicants be advised in writing of the outcomes of their applications.
- (d) That Council staff bring back a report of life time grants given to each community group within this list and previous community grants rounds.
- (e) That Council request staff communicate the outcomes of the funding given in this round and it be notified through Councillors Information Bulletin upon completion of the project or 4 months if the project has not been completed.
- (f) That Council fund the following application currently endorsed for partial funding, SG15, Pickleball in Ryde Park, for the total amount of \$2,500.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Purcell

7 CITY OF RYDE - NET ZERO EMISSIONS PATHWAY - REMODELLING TO 2030 TARGET

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council adopt the proposed Net Zero emission target for Corporate emissions that City of Ryde "commits to Net Zero emissions by no later than 2035 or sooner if possible, with interim emission reduction targets of 60% reduction by 2024/25 and 76% reduction by 2029/30 on 2018/19 emissions"
- (b) That Council resolves to allocate funding to deliver the Plan at a cost of \$739k per year under the new 2022- 2026 Delivery Plan for actions that cannot be delivered through identified internal resourcing, to meet the target adopted by Council and to provide further annual allocation of \$707k from 2027-2035 target.

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- (c) That Council approves the public exhibition of the attached Net Zero Emissions Plan for a period of 28 days. Following public exhibition, and subject to the results and response to the adopted target, that the finalised Net Zero Emissions Report be reported back to Council to seek final adoption.
- (d) That in an effort to deliver net zero sooner, this target and interim targets be reviewed annually to take into account any future state and federal incentives, policy changes and market movements.
- (e) That in accordance with key actions outlined in this report that there be no new gas installation in new council buildings or in existing council owned buildings that do not currently have gas.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN SERIATIM

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

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

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 O'Reilly, Pedersen and Purcell

Note: The matter was then dealt with in Seriatim.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (b) That Council resolves to allocate funding to deliver the Plan at a cost of \$739k per year under the new 2022- 2026 Delivery Plan for actions that cannot be delivered through identified internal resourcing, to meet the target adopted by Council and to provide further annual allocation of \$707k from 2027-2035 target.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (d) That in an effort to deliver net zero sooner, this target and interim targets be reviewed annually to take into account any future state and federal incentives, policy changes and market movements.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (e) That in accordance with key actions outlined in this report that there be no new gas installation in new council buildings or in existing council owned buildings that do not currently have gas.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Motion was three (3) For and seven (7) Against. The Motion was LOST.

Record of Voting:

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

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

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8 MEMORIAL PARK AND OLYMPIC PARK DOG OFF-LEASH PARK OUTCOMES

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

9 PROPERTY POLICY

Note: Councillor Lara-Watson left the meeting at 7.43pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Property Policy to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days to allow submissions to be received.
- (b) That at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received, the document be adopted by Council.
- (c) That should any submissions be received during the public exhibition period, a further report is presented to Council outlining these submissions.

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AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That adoption and exhibition of this draft policy is deferred until Councillors have had a further workshop.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was three (3) For and six (6) Against. The Amendment was LOST. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED.**

Record of Voting:

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

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

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Record of Voting:

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

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

10 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY 2022

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

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INFORMATION REPORT

11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2022

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

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1 LIVE MUSIC STRATEGY - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

2 HIRING OF APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES BY COUNCIL - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

3 HOP, SKIP AND JUMP IN PUTNEY - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

4 NEW YEARS' EVE FIREWORKS - Councillor Trenton Brown

Note: Councillor Lara-Watson returned to the meeting at 7.46pm.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Deshpande)

- (a) That the City of Ryde explore opportunities to host New Year's Eve fireworks at suitable locations such as Meadowbank Park, or other locations, so that our residents may enjoy the New Year's Eve festivities without the need to travel into the CBD on New Year's Eve.
- (b) That a report is brought back to Council within 3 months identifying suitable locations and the potential for interaction with the NSW Government and other Local Government Areas to jointly collaborate in hosting fireworks in areas beyond the Sydney CBD.
- (c) That this report should also assess the potential for environmentally-sustainable and non-explosive alternatives, such as drone shows, similar to those conducted overseas or at the Vivid Australia Festival.

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AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That the City of Ryde explore opportunities to host New Year's Eve celebrations like site specific lightshows at suitable locations such as Meadowbank Park, or other locations, so that our residents may enjoy the New Year's Eve festivities without the need to travel into the CBD on New Year's Eve.
- (b) That a report is brought back to Council within 3 months identifying suitable locations and the potential for interaction with the NSW Government and other Local Government Areas to jointly collaborate in hosting vivid like Lightshows in areas beyond the Sydney CBD.
- (c) That this report should only assess the potential for environmentally-sustainable and non-explosive alternatives, such as drone shows, similar to those conducted overseas or at the Vivid Australia Festival.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was three (3) For and seven (7) Against. The Amendment was LOST. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Deshpande)

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

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Record of Voting:

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

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

5 MORNING TEA TO CELEBRATE COMMONWEALTH GAMES SPORTING CHAMPIONS - Councillor Trenton Brown

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

- (a) That the City of Ryde hosts a morning tea with members of the Commonwealth Games team who reside in the City of Ryde.
- (b) That the Mayor officially invites Councillors, Commonwealth Games athletes and their families and relevant community members to celebrate the achievements of individuals and team members from our community at a suitable date in the future.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 BOOST ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY OF RYDE'S EMPLOYMENT CENTRE, MACQUARIE PARK - Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

That the Acting General Manager:-

- (a) Commission a comprehensive economic development study to measure the current and planned economic profile and impact of Macquarie Park, to help guide decision-making and strategic investment.
- (b) Investigate the introduction of a dedicated Macquarie Park Economic Development Director.
- (c) Re-establish regular contact points for businesses and interest groups operating within Macquarie Park.
- (d) Investigate real economic development opportunities that the City of Ryde can assist in achieving – encouraging more growth in Macquarie Park through funding and / or incentives.
- (e) Investigate infrastructure and livability reform for both businesses and residents to optimise the above opportunities.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 PROTECTING WILDLIFE FROM RAT POISON AND PHASING OUT OF SECOND GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES (SGARs) IN THE CITY OF RYDE LGA - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor Purcell left the meeting at 8.13pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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

- (a) That Council notes:-
- i. the most commonly used rodent poisons are anticoagulant rodenticides (ARs). Newer ARs, called second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs), which are powerful enough that a single feed can be lethal but because of the time lag between taking a bait and feeling the effects, rodents can consume a more than lethal dose and still be wandering around – like walking time bombs.
 - ii. predators that naturally eat rodents, like owls and birds of prey, can then easily consume multiple poisoned rodents, in turn becoming poisoned themselves.
 - iii. SGARs work by causing internal bleeding, but when rats and mice eat baits poisoned with SGARs, they become poisonous themselves, harming and even killing other animals and birds that eat them.
 - iv. studies in Australia have found harmful and often fatal levels of SGARs in dead birds of prey, including Southern Boobooks, Wedge-tailed Eagles and Powerful Owls.
- (b) That Council notes that City of Ryde do not use SGARs.
- (c) That Council staff lobby the State Government on phasing out community use of SGARs in the City of Ryde LGA that includes:-
- where pest management is via an external provider, updating Council contracts to include a clause that inhibits the use of SGAR rodent control.
 - only permitting application of rodenticides in solid, non-pellet form in locked, tamper-resistant bait stations targeted to rodents only.

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- restricting permanent baiting and replace with pulsed baiting in areas where exposure to non-target wildlife is high.
- distributing information about the impacts of second-generation rodenticides on birds and other wildlife to Ryde business and residents.
- investigating conditions that could be included to assist with rat control in demolition licences.
- providing information to tenants of Council buildings to make it a condition of leases that tenants use wildlife-safe pest control.
- running custom training sessions for health inspectors so that they can educate food and beverage licensees.
- providing information as part of the process of demolition permit application and to service providers.
- creating a list of wildlife friendly pest services for community and businesses.
- writing to Birdlife Australia, Wires, Sydney Wildlife Services and the Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society informing them of the resolution.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 MULTICULTURAL DISABILITY ROUND TABLE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

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

That the idea of hosting a multicultural disability advocacy round table be added to the agenda of the Inclusion and Access Working Group for feedback and a report back to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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9 REPLACING FAST GROWING TURF ON NATURE STRIPS WITH SLOW, LOW GROWING NATIVE SHRUBS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Deshpande)

That staff bring back a report on replacing turf on nature strips with slow, low growing native shrubs, with focus on nature strips that are alongside Transport for NSW roads and where nature strips are not managed by adjoining properties like North Ryde Golf Club on Lane Cove Road, Transport for NSW road reserves and the stretch of Lane Cove Road between the Twin Road and Quarry Road intersections.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

10 WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK - 5 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

11 INDOOR SPORTING FIELDS IN RYDE - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Maggio)

That Council:-

- (a) In partnership with local schools and clubs to develop a strategy to maximise utilisation and access of indoor sporting facilities to keep up with growing demand.
- (b) That the strategy focuses on but is not limited to:-
 - Badminton
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball
 - Martial Arts
- (c) That the strategy be reported back to Council in 3 months' time.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12 REVIEW OF PARKING ZONES - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Han)

That Council:-

- (a) Review 2-hour parking zones in streets located within Lane Cove, Kent and Epping Road boundaries including but not limited to Milroy, Trevitt, Michael Street in North Ryde to assess whether these restrictions are still required.
- (b) If changes are recommended, these changes are reviewed after 12 months.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 5 - ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN - Councillor Penny Pedersen, Councillor Katie O'Reilly, Councillor Bernard Purcell

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

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 12 - PROPERTY MATTER

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: (b) discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer; AND (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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ITEM 14 – APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

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

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

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 8.41pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORTS

12 PROPERTY MATTER

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors and Maggio and Brown)

That Council:-

- (a) Acquires the Property in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 and the terms detailed within the body of this report;
- (b) Delegates authority to the General Manager to negotiate the terms of the acquisition and to subsequently do all that is necessary, including executing all documents to effect resolution (a) above;
- (c) Finances the purchase of the Property in accordance with Option 1 as detailed in the financial implications section of this report; and
- (d) Gives public notice, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, that it intends to resolve to classify the Property as 'Community Land'.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13 REQUEST FOR TENDER – NSROC RFT 2022-2024 – ROAD SURFACING, PATCHING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

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

Note: All staff, with the exception of the Manager – People and Culture, Acting Manager – Corporate Governance (Administration) and Civic Support Officer (Minute Taker) left the meeting, the time 8.54pm.

14 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 9.07pm and did not return. She was not present for voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council note the information included in the confidential report regarding the process undertaken to appoint a Chief Executive Officer.
- (b) That Council offer the preferred applicant the position of Chief Executive Officer for a term of three years as per the details contained in the confidential report and subject to relevant due diligence checks being finalised.
- (c) That the formal written offer letter and contract modelled on the DLG (Department of Local Government) Standard Contract of Employment for General Managers of Local Councils in New South Wales be forwarded to the preferred candidate.
- (d) That the Mayor, in conjunction with the Deputy Mayor be delegated the authority to undertake the actions as required to appoint the Chief Executive Officer.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Minutes of the Council Meeting No. 11/22, dated 23 August 2022.

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OPEN SESSION

Note: Councillor Pedersen and Councillor Purcell were not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio 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 resolution 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 9.08pm.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

Chairperson

5 REFERRAL OF 2021/22 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO EXTERNAL AUDIT

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/22/48 - BP22/700

REPORT SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year and refer them for audit as soon as practicable after the end of that year.

Council officers have prepared the draft 2021-2022 Annual Financial Statements in accordance with the Act, the Regulations, the Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

A preliminary pre-audit result was presented to the independent members of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) on 1 September 2022. The draft financial statements were endorsed with some changes made and was forwarded to the external auditors on 2 September 2022.

The external audit commenced on 5 September, and at the time of writing this report is still in progress. Once the audit is finalised, the annual statements will be presented to ARIC. They are expected to be available for the meeting on 11 October 2022.

It is proposed, following endorsement by ARIC, that the audited financial statements (including the Auditor's Report) be presented to Council at its meeting on 25 October 2022. At that meeting Council will be asked to resolve to sign the annual statements prior to placing on public exhibition as required by Section 418 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Once endorsed, the signed Financial Statements must be forwarded to the Office of Local Government on or before 31 October 2022. Any public submissions received will be referred to the Auditor in accordance with the Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council releases the draft 2021/22 Financial Statements for external audit purposes, pursuant to section 413 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Financial Statements FY2021/2022 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Report Prepared By:

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:



Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

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Discussion

The Audit Office remains responsible for all of Councils' financial audits, their performance and for issuing the Independent Auditor's Reports. The Auditor-General has engaged Grant Thornton to provide audit and/or assurance services on this engagement and this has been done since FY2018/19. The level of Audit Office involvement will vary depending on the size, nature, complexity, and risk of the audit.

Summary Financial Position & Performance as at 30 June 2022 (subject to audit)

Income Statement		\$M
Total Income from continuing operations		\$ 168.6
Total Expenses from continuing operations		\$ 134.6
Net Operating Result for the year		\$ 34.1
Net Operating Result for the year before Capital Grants and contributions		\$ 15.6
Capital Expenditure		\$M
New Capital Works		\$ 23.2
Renewal Capital Works		\$ 32.3
Non-cash asset dedications		\$ 2.7
Total Capital Expenditure		\$ 58.2
Financial Position		\$M
Total Assets		\$ 1,732.3
Total Liabilities		\$ 63.4
Net Assets		\$ 1,668.9
Cash & Investments		\$
Less External Restrictions		\$ 62.5
Less Internal Restrictions		\$ 149.5
Unrestricted Cash		\$ 7.9
Performance Indicators		
Financial performance indicators		
Operating Performance ratio	4.36%	
Own Source operating revenue ratio	82.96%	
Unrestricted current ratio	5.86	
Debt service cover ratio	12.23	
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding	4.96%	
Cash Expense Cover Ratio	11.49	
Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators		
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio	164.53%	
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio	1.90%	
Asset Maintenance Ratio	101.61%	
Costs to bring to agreed service levels *	1.17%	
* Note - The Office of Local Government does not set a benchmark for this ratio		

ITEM 5 (continued)**Operating Result**

The operating result for the year amounted to a surplus of \$34.1m compared to \$67.5m in the previous year. This is a decrease of \$33.5m and is mainly due to fair value on investment properties, capital grants and contributions and loss from disposal of assets.

Net Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions is \$15.6m however this includes the fair value for investment properties (\$13.2m) and loss from disposal of infrastructure assets (\$3.5m). When adjusting for these items, the net operating result is a surplus of \$5.9m.

Capital Expenditure

Council delivered \$58.2m of capital projects of which \$32.3m was for renewal of Council's existing asset base. There was also a non-cash developer contribution of \$2.7m, mainly road dedications.

Financial Position

Council's assets grew to \$1.7bn mainly due to additional capital expenditure, the revaluation of investment properties \$13.2m and the construction of the Rowe Street carpark \$10.9m.

Cash Position

Council's overall cash position decreased from \$231m to \$220m and this is primarily due to a reduction in internally restricted reserves, namely asset expansion reserve which was utilised for various infrastructure related expenditure adopted by Council. Unrestricted cash remains healthy at \$7.9m.

Performance Indicators

Council has achieved all the financial ratios within the benchmarks. All asset related ratios met the benchmarks. The asset maintenance ratio has improved from the previous two years and has met the benchmark of 100%.

Performance Against Original Budget

Council's original budget was adopted by Council on 29 June 2021. The original projections on which the budget have been based have been affected by several factors. These include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. State and Federal decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors and decisions made by Council.

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During the year as required by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the adopted income and expenditure is reviewed against the actual income and expenditure and any variations are reported against the adopted budget to Council on a quarterly basis. The general purpose financial statements require the original budget adopted by Council to be included to compare to the actual results.

As a result of the ongoing health crisis, other income reduced by \$4.2m when compared to budget and this was primarily due to parking fines and bus shelter advertising income. This reduction was offset by savings achieved in materials and services mainly in utilities, street-lighting and various operating and maintenance program expenditure.

Other material budget variations are detailed in Note B5-1 Attachment 1 which provides further information between the original budget and actuals for variances greater than 10%.

It should be noted that the financial information contained in Attachment 1 (circulated under separate cover) is still subject to external audit and at the 25 October 2022 Council meeting, the audited Financial Statements together with key findings will be presented to Council.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

6 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLR/07/8/9/6 - BP22/717

REPORT SUMMARY

The '*Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy*' ensures that City of Ryde Councillors have access to reasonable facilities and support so they can fulfil their civic duties, while also ensuring accountability, transparency and equity.

Within one year of an ordinary election of Council, this Policy is required to be reviewed and this has been done with several minor changes (content and formatting) to be brought to Councils attention.

This Policy is presented to Council for endorsement and to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days for the making of public submissions.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as **ATTACHED** for a period of at least 28 days.
- (b) That following the exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council detailing any submissions received and seeking the adoption of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy - September 2022 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

Report Approved By:

John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance**Mark Eady**
Director - Corporate Services

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Discussion

The Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy aims to ensure that all Councillors have access to the appropriate resources and facilities required to fulfil their civic duties.

This Policy ensures that there is accountability and transparency in the facilities provided to Councillors and the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors in carrying out their civic duties. Under Section 252 of the Act, Council's Expenses and Facilities Policy must be adopted within 12 months of the commencement of the new Council term, which is by 4 December 2022. Section 253(1) of the Act requires Council to give public notice of its intention to adopt or amend this Policy and to allow at least 28 days for the making of public submissions.

There is no longer a requirement to provide a copy of this Policy to the Office of Local Government.

History

This Policy was last adopted by Council on 24 August 2018.

Context

The Governance team has reviewed and updated the Policy in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Office of Local Government Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy – Better Practice Template (2017) and Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW (Division of the Local Government Department of the Premier and Cabinet, October 2009).

Overview of 2022 proposed changes to the ATTACHED draft Policy

The 2022 review proposes additions to the Policy as required through a number of reasons including technology requirements (including the desire to move to a BYOD model), process changes, comparisons against other similar sized Council's and change as necessitated through experience in applying the existing Policy. There have also been some additional changes incorporated from the 2017 template (*Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy – Better Practice Template*). These additions are reflected in the draft Policy in **green bold italics**.

The 2022 review also proposes minor amendments and updates that reflect changes in the Local Government Act 1993, further improve readability, and provide clarity around requirements, transparency, consistency and reasoning. Additions to the Policy are noted in **bold italics**. Deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~.

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Details of the proposed changes to the ATTACHED draft Policy

1. Page 7 – The following text, taken from the Better Practice Template, was added under “Policy Summary”. This text is suggested for inclusion in the Policy in order to increase accountability and transparency:-

Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be publicly tabled to a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council’s website. These reports will include expenditure summaries by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.

2. Page 11 – Section 8.3 – “Gifts and Benefits”

This Section as detailed below is suggested to be removed from the Policy as it is a duplication and is already set out in Council’s Gifts and Benefits Policy:-

8.3 Gifts and Benefits

- (1) *City of Ryde’s ‘Thank you is Enough’ – Gifts and Benefits Policy (September 2020) requires all Council officials (Councillors, staff, Council committee members etc.) to refuse gifts and benefits offered by any customers, suppliers or contractors.*
 - (2) *Public officials are requires to declare any offers of gifts or benefits (including hospitality), even when refused, no matter what the value. Records of the declarations are maintained in a public register. The process with regard to Gifts and Benefits is set out in Council’s adopted Gifts and Benefits Policy.*
3. The following text (highlighted), taken from the Better Practice Template, was added to Section 9.2 Clause 14 (page 14), Section 9.4.1 Clause 5 (page 16), Section 9.4.2 Clause 2 (page 16) regarding travel for Council related business:-

Council is not liable **and will not pay** for any traffic, parking or transport fines, **administrative charges for road toll accounts**, or costs of petrol, oil, depreciation, repair, maintenance, insurance or registration incurred by Councillors while using their private vehicles on Council related business.

4. Page 15 – New Section added to Policy – 9.3 – “Professional Development” (along with the table summarising expenses on page 5).

The following text, taken from the Better Practice Template, was added to the Policy as a new Section 9.3 – Professional Development. Clause 2 was also added to clarify that where a Councillor does not expend the entirety of funds allocated to them for professional development, these funds may be utilised by other Councillors for professional development:-

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9.3 Professional Development

- (1) Council will set aside \$4,000.00 per Councillor annually in its budget to facilitate professional development of Councillors through programs, training, education courses and membership of professional bodies.**
- (2) Where a Councillor does not expend the entirety of the funds allocated to them, these funds may be utilised by other Councillors for professional development requirements.**
- (3) In the first year of a new Council term, Council will provide a comprehensive induction program for all Councillors which considers any Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG). The cost of the induction program will be in addition to the ongoing professional development funding.**
- (4) Annual membership of professional bodies will only be covered where the membership is relevant to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties, the Councillor actively participates in the body and cost of membership is likely to be fully offset by savings from attending events as a member.**
- (5) Approval for professional development activities is subject to a prior written request to the Chief Executive Officer outlining the:-**
 - Details of the proposed professional development.**
 - Relevance to Council priorities and business.**
 - Relevance to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties.**
- (6) In assessing a Councillor request for a professional development activity, the Chief Executive Officer or delegated employee must consider the factors set out in Clause (4) above, as well as the cost of the professional development in relation to the Councillor's remaining budget.**

5. Page 16 – Section 9.4.1 – “Local Travel Arrangements and Expenses”

The following text (highlighted), was added to Clause 4 and Clause 6 to take into consideration other modes of travel such as Uber:-

- (4) Travel expenses include use of private vehicle, use of public transport, taxis, *ride share*, hire cars, travel using a Council vehicle and associated costs such as parking and road tolls. Private vehicle expenses will be reimbursed using the kilometre rate prescribed in the relevant legislation or policies applicable to employees of the Council. Actual costs will be reimbursed for other travel expenses.**

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- (6) *A Council vehicle (with or without a driver), a hire car, **ride share** or a taxi voucher may be provided to a Councillor for the purpose of attending any Council related event at the discretion of the ~~General Manager~~ **Chief Executive Officer** having regard to the circumstances.*

6. Page 22 – Section 9.11 – “Care and other Related Expenses”

These expenses have been amended (along with the table summarising expenses on page 5) to reduce the allowance for both carer and special needs from **\$6,000 to \$4,000**. This is to reflect a comparison with other “Large Metropolitan” Councils.

7. Page 23 – Section 9.13 – “Meals and Refreshments”

This Section as detailed below is suggested to be removed from the Policy:-

9.13 Meals and Refreshments

- (1) *Morning and afternoon tea may be provided to each Councillor when in attendance at the Civic Centre during normal office hours. A meal including drinks may be provided to each Councillor at the Civic Centre whenever the Councillor is required to attend at the Civic Centre, or leave from or return to the Civic Centre, for a Council related event.*
- (2) *Meals and refreshments may also be provided to Councillors when attending a local community event or festival. The General Manager shall determine when such meals and refreshments are to be provided.*
- (3) *Meals and refreshments may also be provided to Councillors when attending a seminar, conference or training course, in accordance with Section ‘Seminars and Conferences’.*

8. Page 25 – Section 11 – “General Facilities, Equipment and Services for all Councillors”

The following amendments are proposed to Clause 3 in order to provide clarity with regards to Councillor equipment:-

- (3) Unless otherwise resolved by the Council, **or subject to the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer**, the equipment shall be provided to a Councillor only once during the term of each Council. Council remains in ownership of the equipment and ~~will be responsible for maintenance, replacement, insurance, technology upgrades and supply of consumables.~~ **The all** equipment is required to be returned at the end of the term of each Councillor. At the conclusion of their term, Councillors shall be offered the option to purchase the equipment that they have been in possession of, at current market value. Unless stated otherwise, the Councillor shall be responsible for all other costs of operating this equipment.

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9. Page 26 – Section 12.1 – “Stationary and other Items”

The expenses set out in Clause 1 have been amended (along with the table summarising expenses on page 6) to include additional stationary and items as per the Better Practice Template:-

(1) Each Councillor may receive:-

- (a) ***letterhead, to be used only for correspondence associated with civic duties;***
- (b) ***2500 sheets of plain white A4 paper per year a reasonable supply of plain white A4 paper per year;***
- (c) 500 plain white DLE envelopes per year;
- (d) 500 business cards per year in a format agreed by each Councillor;
- (e) ***50 Christmas or festive cards per year;***

10. Pages 27 and 28 – Section 12.2 – “Home Office and Equipment”

This Section as detailed below is suggested to be removed from the Policy and replaced with a new Section 12.2 – Information Technology IT Equipment (along with the table summarising expenses on page 6):-

Section 12.2 to be removed:-

12.2 Home Office and Equipment

- (1) *The following equipment and facilities may be provided by Council at a location nominated by the Councillor:*
 - (a) *a personal computer/laptop with appropriate software*
 - (b) *a printer*
 - (c) *an iPad Pro or equivalent*
- (2) *Alternatively to (1) above, Councillors may choose to be provided with, or receive reimbursement for, information technology equipment and/or software up to a maximum of \$5,000 per term.*

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Replaced with the below new Section 12.2 below:-

12.2 Information Technology IT Equipment

- (1) Each Councillor will receive a set allowance per term (currently set at a maximum of \$5,000.00) to purchase their own IT equipment for the primary purpose of conducting Council related business.**
- (2) This equipment may consist of:-**
 - **Computer (either desktop or laptop).**
 - **An iPad or similar tablet device.**
 - **A smart phone.**
 - **A printer (multi-function device) allowing printing/scanning etc.**
 - **Accessories for the above such as keyboard, mouse, protective case, screen protector and headset etc.**

Other devices such as smart watches will be assessed for reimbursement within this allowance on an individual basis.

- (3) Alternatively, Councillors can elect to receive IT equipment provided by Council's Information Technology department. Such equipment will be in line with Council's current standard IT equipment.**
- (4) Councillors can purchase the equipment and receive reimbursement upon production of appropriate tax invoices and receipts. Alternatively, Council may purchase the nominated equipment on behalf of a Councillor if requested.**
- (5) It is important that all IT equipment is purchased with adequate warranty and support agreement from the retailer. Council's Information Technology department will not provide any hardware or support, therefore Councillors must contact the nominated service provider for assistance. In the event of any damage to the equipment or other out of warranty events, Councillors will be responsible to cover additional repair expenses.**
- (6) Maintenance, troubleshooting problems and upgrades to IT equipment will be the responsibility of individual Councillors and Council's Information Technology department will not be carrying these support activities. Council's Information Technology department will provide limited technical support for Council emails, BoardVantage and Zoom.**
- (7) Any equipment purchased under this allowance must be in accordance with the minimum specification as advised from time to time by Council's Information Technology Department.**

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(8) Councillors using a device to access Council systems must abide by the relevant Council Policies.

11. Page 29 – Section 13.3 – “Motor Vehicle and other Travel Facilities”

The following amendment to Clause 2 to add the word “calculations” is recommended in order to take into account electric vehicles:-

- (2) Should substantial private use occur, the Mayor is to reimburse to Council the cost of this private use, which will be calculated using the mileage rates prescribed in the relevant legislation, policies **or calculations** applicable to employees of Council.

12. Page 31 – Section 14 – “Approval, Payment and Reimbursement Arrangements”

The following amendment to Clause 4 to add the words “Information Technology” is recommended to take into account the reimbursement of IT equipment for Councillors:-

- (4) Claims for reimbursement of “Communication costs” **and “Information Technology”** will only be made upon the production of appropriate receipts, tax invoices, credit card statements or receipt numbers, in the name of the Councillor – a Statutory Declaration is not appropriate.

13. Page 32 – Section 16 – “Acquisition and Return of Equipment and Facilities by Councillors”

The following amendments to Clause 1 and Clause 4 are recommended in order to provide clarity regarding the return or purchase of any IT equipment by Councillors:-

- (1) Prior to the conclusion of a Council term, **or if a Councillor leaves civic office prior to the expiration of the term of Council**, Councillors will be invited to indicate if they wish to purchase any IT equipment utilised during the term:- ~~the following:-~~

- ~~—— Laptop or computer provided by Council~~
- ~~—— Printer provided by Council~~
- ~~—— iPad or equivalent provided by Council and/or~~
- ~~—— any phone provided by Council~~

- (4) Councillors no longer holding a position as Councillor will be required to return all equipment not purchased within one (1) week of the declaration of the polls to the ~~Director – Corporate Services~~ **Chief Executive Officer or delegated employee** at Council’s North Ryde Office.

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14. Page 33 – Section 18 – “Reporting”

The following text, taken from the Better Practice Template, is suggested for inclusion in the Policy in order to increase accountability and transparency with regards to reporting:-

(2) Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council’s website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.

15. All references to the General Manager throughout the Policy have been updated to **Chief Executive Officer**.

Consultation

In accordance with Section 253(1) of the Act, Council is required to publicly exhibit the draft Policy for a minimum of 28 days for the making of public submissions. Following Council’s endorsement of the public exhibition of the draft Policy, it is proposed that the exhibition commence on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 to Monday, 31 October 2022.

It is then anticipated that the draft Policy will be submitted to Council on 22 November 2022 for review of any submissions received and adoption of the Policy.

Critical Dates

Under Section 252(1) of the Local Government Act, “*within the first 12 months of each term of a Council, the Council must adopt a Policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by, and the provision of facilities to, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor (if there is one) and the other Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office*”.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact. Payments of expenses and the provision of facilities are included within Council’s adopted base budget.

7 DRAFT PETITIONS POLICY

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: GRP/22/48 - BP22/719

REPORT SUMMARY

Council has a commitment to providing transparency in all decision-making processes to invoke trust and accountability. There is currently a lack of clarity in Council's governance framework about how community representation through petitions will be dealt with by Council.

This report presents a draft Petitions Policy to Council to be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for 28 days for the making of public submissions.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Petitions Policy as **ATTACHED** to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days to allow submissions to be received.
- (b) That at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received, the Policy be adopted by Council.
- (c) That should any submissions be received during the public exhibition period, a further report be presented to Council outlining these submissions.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Petitions Policy - September 2022

Report Prepared By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

Report Approved By:

John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

ITEM 7 (continued)**Discussion**

Council has a commitment to providing transparency in all decision-making processes to invoke trust and accountability. Due to the number of petitions being presented to Council from community members, varying organisations and community groups, together with the ability for Councillors to now access Council meetings via audio-visual link, a need for a Petitions Policy has been identified.

The draft Policy provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1** has been developed to provide clarity and guidance in the management of petitions. This new policy demonstrates Council's commitment to best practice governance in local government.

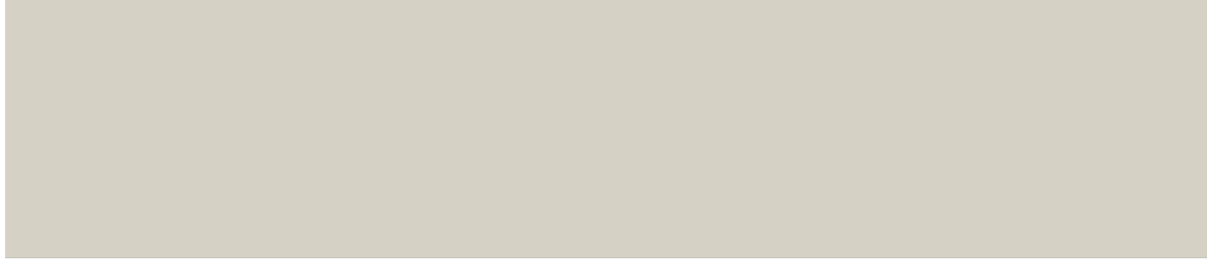
This report presents a draft Petitions Policy to Council and seeks endorsement to exhibit the draft Policy for a period of 28 days to allow public submissions to be received.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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Petitions Policy

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Petitions Policy

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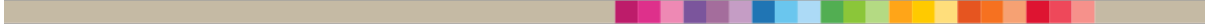
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Petition Policy		
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Petitions Policy



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Petitions Policy



Purpose / Objective

To provide a framework for the presentation and tabling of petitions to Council.

Scope

This policy applies to all petitions forwarded to a City of Ryde Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer.

This policy excludes:-

- Petitions that relate to objections to environmental planning applications or a planning decision that has already been made by Council; and
- Petitions about any matter relating to an individual or entity in respect of which that individual or entity has a right of recourse to a review or right of appeal conferred by or under any enactment.

Definitions

Term	Meaning
Petition	A formal written request, typically signed by many people, appealing to an authority in respect of a particular case

Policy Principles

Petitions are one of the many ways that members of the City of Ryde can voice their concerns about matters affecting the community. Properly managed, they can provide valuable community input into Council's decision-making process.

Policy Provisions

Anyone in the community can organise, sign or submit a petition. Petitions can be submitted to any City of Ryde Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer. The following types of petitions will be considered by Council:-

- Matters relating to Council's responsibilities.
- Matters which affect City of Ryde Council or the City of Ryde community, as long as Council is in a position to exercise some degree of influence.

If a petition is about something over which Council has no direct control, we will consider making representations to the relevant body on behalf of the community. Where a petition relates to a matter over which Council has no responsibility or ability to influence, Council will return the petition to the petition organiser with an explanation and wherever possible provide advice.

Petition Policy		
Owner: Corporate Governance	Accountability: Corporate Governance	Endorsed: 27 September 2022
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Petitions Policy



Petitions must contain:-

- A clear and concise statement identifying the subject matter and the action requested.
- The name and contact details of the person submitting the petition (if this is not provided Council will assume the first signatory is the main contact).
- The minimum number of petitioners required for a petition to be valid is ten persons.
- In the case of a paper petition, a heading on each page indicating the subject matter and the action requested.
- A statement specifying the number of signatories.
- In the case of a paper petition, the full name, address and signature of each person.
- In the case of an electronic petition, the full name and address of the person supporting the petition along with a statement by that person certifying that the statement identifying the subject matter and the action requested as set out in the beginning of the petition has not been changed.

Council staff may contact individuals who have signed the petition for many reasons including to: clarify community sentiment; arrange a community forum; or provide correspondence about the subject matter.

Tabling of Petitions

Petitions received by City of Ryde Councillors will be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer for assessment against the requirements of this Policy. All compliant petitions will be referred to the next Ordinary Council meeting as a separate Agenda item. The recommendation in the Council report will be "That the petition be received and noted".

Councillors may also move to table a hardcopy petition during a Council meeting as per the Code of Meeting Practice. Councillors who are present in the Council Chambers must have a physical hardcopy of the petition to be tabled (if not provided to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting). Councillors who are present via audio-visual link must provide a copy of the petition to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the commencement of the Council meeting so that Council staff can have a hardcopy ready to be tabled during the meeting. If a copy of the petition is not provided prior to the commencement of the meeting, the petition will not be able to be tabled until the next Ordinary Council meeting.

Consideration of the petition by Council will be in accordance with the Local Government (Meetings) Regulation 1999.

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Responsibilities and Review

The Corporate Governance Department will review this Policy incorporating relevant legislation, documentation released from relevant State Agencies and best practice guidelines. This Policy will be reviewed every four years from the adoption date. The next review date will be in 2026.

References

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the following:-

Legislation, Policies and Procedures	<i>Local Government (Meetings) Regulation 1999 – Section 13</i> City of Ryde Council Code of Meeting Practice – Part 3
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PETITION

Date:

To the Mayor, Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer of City of Ryde Council, the petition of the undersigned is submitted for your attention.

State the subject matter:

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State the action sought by the petitioners:

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Total number of signatories to the petition:

The full printed name, address and signature of the person lodging the petition:

Name:

Postal Address:

Signature:

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8 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY

Report prepared by: Open Space Planner

File No.: GRP/22/47 - BP22/652

REPORT SUMMARY

Council adopted both the *Urban Forest Plan* - renamed the *Tree Management Plan (TMP)* in 2016 - and the *Street Tree Masterplan (STM)* at its meeting held on 16 April 2013.

Both these plans need to be updated to bring them into line with policy change both at the State level (e.g. *Premier Priorities: Greening our City*) and LGA level (e.g. the *LSPS 40% target for tree canopy cover*) and current best practice in tree management.

The new *Urban Forest Strategy* is an update of the existing 2013 Tree Management Plan and 2013 Street Tree Masterplan and is intended to replace both documents.

The directions proposed in the draft *Urban Forest Strategy* are based on an extensive community engagement and a detailed review by consultants Edge Environment Pty Ltd.

The community engagement identified that while concerns remain surrounding aspects of the maintenance and management of trees in public places, there is very strong support for the provision of more trees.

The Edge Environment review provides a strong evidence base for enhanced Urban Forest management, with its focus on:-

- The social, environmental, and economic importance of the Urban Forest,
- Current tree canopy cover and trends (showing significant canopy loss in recent years),
- Scenario testing of achieving Council's 40% tree canopy target,
- The main challenges to achieving the canopy target,
- Street tree planting priorities, and
- Guidelines for best practice tree planting and asset management processes.

The Edge Environment report also presents to Council a strategic framework and action plan to meet tree canopy targets and pro-active tree management imperatives over the next 20- 30 years.

The strategic framework is based on five interconnected **principles** (i.e. 'Learn', 'Grow', 'Protect', 'Invest' and 'Engage') together with supporting **objectives** and **actions**.

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The framework is based on internal and external input, technical analyses, global best practice, and an understanding of the issues and challenges for growing the Urban Forest.

The *Urban Forest Strategy* provides Council with a clear evidence-base in which to grow and protect its urban forest. The Strategy will be used to inform increasing Council's investment in tree planting and reviewing planning controls relating to trees.

The principles, objectives and actions are summarized in this report and are detailed at **ATTACHMENT 1**, the draft *Urban Forest Strategy*.

The *Urban Forest Strategy* identifies that Council move towards a 'whole-of-life' tree asset management approach through implementing a Tree Asset Management System with the following benefits:

- Improved data on trees – better understand history of specific tree issues
- Informed risk assessments
- Better targeting of mitigation measures
- Informed planning/budgeting for future maintenance & renewal programs
- Informed future strategic directions and planning
- Improved management of community perceptions and expectations

The Tree Asset Management System will facilitate moving from a reactive (i.e. resident calls and informs Council of an issue) to a proactive approach, where Council can actively monitor tree issues via an industry best practice risk-based approach (i.e. QTRA, TRAQ, VALID).

This report recommends to Council to place the *Urban Forest Strategy* (**ATTACHMENT 1**) on public exhibition as it outlines projects for escalating tree planting and protection initiatives and activities – both by Council and the wider community – to meet tree canopy targets consistent with State guidelines and best practice tree management principles.

Following consideration of the draft Significant Tree Register Procedures at the March Council meeting earlier this year, a Councilor workshop was held to discuss specific aspects of those procedures. Following that workshop, based on the feedback provided the procedures have been updated as follows: -

- In some circumstances where a tree only meets one significance category, if it is considered by Council's technical expert (qualified arborist) to meet all the assessment criteria in an exceptional manner (as outlined in the statement of significance), the tree may be added to the register.

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- No change has been made to the requirements for maintaining a significant tree or the requirements for approval of significant trees to be removed from private land. Maintenance of the tree is to be done so adhering to Council's DCP – Tree Preservation and removal will require the completion of a Development Application process (rather than a Council resolution as was being considered).
- The procedures specify that nominations for private trees to be added to the register may only be made by the owner of the tree. A public tree however may be nominated by a member of the public should they wish to do so and are willing to pay the relevant fee.

A copy of the updated procedures is provided in this report (**ATTACHMENT 2**). Following adoption by Council, resources will be allocated to update the register which is expected to be undertaken over a 12 month period.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the draft "Urban Forest Strategy" be placed on public exhibition for twenty-eight (28) days plus 14 days for submissions to be received.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council should any objections be received during the consultation period.
- (c) That should no objections be received, the Strategy is adopted and implemented as outlined in this report.
- (d) That Council endorses the Significant Tree Register Manual as attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Urban Forest Strategy - For Public Exhibition – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2 Significant Tree Register Procedures Manual

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Background

The *Urban Forest Plan (UFP)* and *Street Tree Masterplan (STMP)* were developed in 2012-13 to guide the management, conservation and enhancement of the urban forest i.e. all public trees (park and street trees) and trees on private lands.

The two documents describe specific actions to be undertaken to ensure the holistic and sustainable management and enhancement of the City of Ryde's urban forest.

Following extensive community engagement, Council adopted both the *Urban Forest Plan* and the *Street Tree Masterplan* at its meeting held on 16 April 2013.

The *Urban Forest Plan* was renamed the *Tree Management Plan* in 2016. However, since then, the term 'urban forest' has become widely used and accepted as the collective term for all urban trees and is the term used by the NSW Government.

Many of the *Tree Management Plan (TMP)* and *Street Tree Masterplan (STM)*'s recommended actions (on tree asset management, protection, sustainability, biodiversity, community education and compliance) have been implemented. The major areas of work-in-progress include:

- Species monitoring and selection
- Management of tree senescence
- Community education on tree removals
- Management of tree clearances under power lines
- Full implementation of a tree asset management system

These work-in-progress initiatives have been addressed in the current study and, where deemed relevant, have been carried forward into the *Actions & Implementation Plan* of the *Urban Forest Strategy 2022*.

The need for change

Since adoption of the *TMP* and the *STM*, there have been substantial changes in biodiversity and climate-change related policy settings at LGA, regional and metropolitan levels.

At the metro and regional levels, the key drivers include the Premier Priorities: *Greening our City*, the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, the *Greater Sydney Region Plan* and the *North District Plan*.

At the Ryde City level, the newer policy drivers build on the tree management directions of the *Integrated Open Space Plan 2012* and include the *Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2020*, the *Community Strategic Plan 2028*, the *Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016* and the *Ryde Resilience Plan 2030* (adopted September 2020).

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Both the TMP and STM need to be updated to bring them into line with these policy documents (e.g. the LSPS 40% target for tree canopy cover) and current best practice.

Purpose & Project Scope

The new Urban Forest Strategy (UFS) is an update of the existing 2013 Tree Management Plan and 2013 Street Tree Masterplan and is intended to replace both documents. It aims to elevate Council's urban forest as a critical urban asset, providing clear justifications and the evidence-base for decisions relating to feasible canopy cover targets, planting priorities and enhanced tree asset management.

Prior to commissioning the UFS, Council officers undertook a city-wide community engagement on tree management issues in late 2021 (including distribution of 27,000 flyers with the October 2021 rate notice, an on-line survey and face-to face discussions with interested residents, to better understand current community perceptions, concerns and priorities for enhanced tree management in the City.

Following this, EDGE Environment Pty Ltd were commissioned to prepare a study with the scope including:-

- Review status of TMP and STMP,
- Identify and review state of art knowledge of tree benefits/values and best practice tree asset management,
- Review and understand the community engagement outcomes,
- Define and document the City's existing urban forest (in terms of tree canopy status and change over time),
- Review tree canopy target options and scenarios (using best practice modelling tools), and
- Develop a Draft Strategy (including a Vision and an Action and Implementation Plan).

Key findings: community engagement

Council undertook a community engagement, during November 2021, to better understand the level of community support for trees, including street trees, and to obtain specific feedback and ideas on tree management and maintenance.

The engagement included drop-in sessions and an on-line survey to canvass ideas and specific concerns on:

- Preferred types and species of trees,
- Perceived values of street and other trees, and
- Any issues to do with the location, maintenance and/or replacement of street trees.

A total of 677 comments were received from the community with 659 comments from the online survey, 5 written submissions and 13 one-on-one submissions.

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Many comments noted tree benefits, including visual appeal, reducing temperatures, providing habitats for wildlife, social benefits (e.g. mental health) and the provision of shade.

Other comments raised concerns and issues, including the need for more maintenance/ pruning, inappropriate types and/or locations of trees (particularly near powerlines), damage to footpaths and property, mess and damage from leaf, fruit, sap and branches falling, and visibility issues (e.g. traffic and pedestrian).

Many respondents would like to see more trees in their area and on nature strips, while emphasising the importance of adequate maintenance and suitable selection of tree species.

Comments also noted tree removals (especially in developments) and the need to consult and be flexible with owners on removals.

Key findings: EDGE Environment study

Based on the agreed scope of works, as detailed above, EDGE Environment have prepared and submitted a draft report comprising the following elements:-

- Importance of the Urban Forest
- Tree canopy target
- Ryde City's tree canopy status and trends
- Achieving the canopy target – options and scenarios
- Achieving the canopy target – prioritizing the options
- Achieving the canopy target – issues and challenges
- Best practice tree planting and management

The key findings for each of these elements are briefly summarized in the following sub-sections – with the relevant Sections of the attached draft *Urban Forest Strategy* noted in brackets.

Importance of the Urban Forest (Section 2)

The report highlights the significant environmental, economic, health and social benefits of trees and the urban forest, as supported by the NSW Premier Priorities, and their increasing importance to community resilience and welfare as global temperatures increase.

The need to ensure best practice in tree management is based on the increasing importance of these benefits e.g. the capacity of trees to cool and mitigate the urban heat island effect, caused by global warming and exacerbated by urban growth and densification and removal of tree canopy.

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Canopy target (Section 6)

In line with NSW Government Premier priorities directives for Metropolitan Sydney and the target timeframe for adoption, Council has committed to increasing canopy cover to 40% by the year 2030 in the LSPS.

EDGE Environment has applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) and predictive tools to test the achievability of this target, including quantifying the current canopy cover and recent trends in cover and have clarified a range of practical requirements for achieving the target (e.g. the number of trees that need to be planted, financial commitment, and space required within the target timeline).

Canopy status and trends (Section 7)

The report analyses the current (2020) canopy cover (using Nearmap data sets) and past trends over time. Within areas of high Council influence such as RE1, C2, C1 zoned land and road reserves, canopy is expanding however these gains were offset by overall losses within areas of lower influence (high and medium density residential and industrial) and medium influence (low density residential and private recreation) areas. The level of influence is representative of Council's control of planning controls for development on specific types of zoned land.

Tree planting requirements to achieve the 40% target (Sections 8 & 10)

Edge Environment used its proprietary Tree Planting Predictor™ (TPP) tool to test the feasibility and requirements to achieve the 40% target by 2030. Due to feasibility constraints, options for achieving the canopy target over longer time frames (2040 and 2050) were also investigated and compared. The model inputs include a tree planting workload (number of trees x species mix) and the planting program/timeline as outlined in the report.

The scenario analysis found that while a 40% canopy target is achievable over various time horizons via new plantings, protection of existing trees is just as important. This is especially true given the extent of existing tree loss and the fact that trees take a considerable amount of time (>20 years for some species) for their canopy to mature.

Achieving the canopy targets will also depend on funding/rates of tree planting, the species mix and proportion of larger trees planted and Council's ability to manage a range of other constraints and challenges including enhancing tree retention.

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Street tree plantings priorities (Section 9)

The report recommends an initial focus on street tree planting due to the high livability and sustainability benefits of street trees (through providing shade over bitumen which is a major contributor to urban heat). Trees also increase walkability via shade and cooling, thereby reducing car reliance and associated carbon emissions.

Edge Environment applied its proprietary AI tool - Street Tree Prioritiser™ (STP) - to identify plantable space and plantable opportunities within street corridors. The model identified 15,959 plantable opportunities across the City's streets, the majority of which occur within the low-density residential zone.

Best practice tree planting and management (Sections 11 & 12)

The Urban Forest Strategy also provides best practice guidelines on 'tree asset management' and 'tree planting and management', as illustrated in Figs 1 and 2, below.

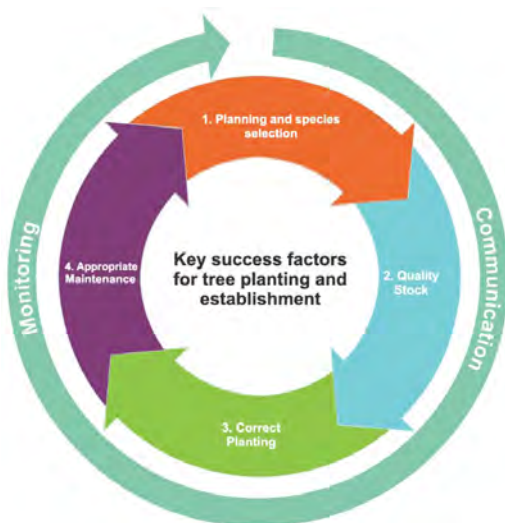


Fig 1: Key success factors - tree planting & establishment

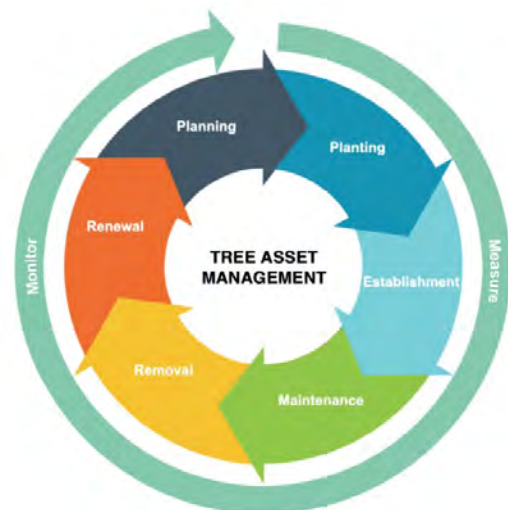


Fig 2: Strategic 'whole of life' tree asset management cycle

Council has initiatives in place in accordance with these best practice guidelines.

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Council, for example, is moving towards a 'whole-of-life' tree asset management approach through acquiring a Tree Asset Management Systems (TAMS) with the following benefits:-

- Improved data on trees – better understand history of specific tree issues,
- Informed risk assessments,
- Better targeting of mitigation measures,
- Informed planning/budgeting for future maintenance & renewal programs,
- Informed future strategic directions and planning, and
- Improved management of community perceptions and expectations

The TAMS will facilitate moving from a reactive (i.e. resident calls and informs Council of an issue) to a proactive approach, where Council can actively monitor tree issues via an industry best practice risk-based approach (i.e. QTRA, TRAQ, VALID).

Recommended directions (Sections 13 & 14)

The strategic framework for the *UFS* is based on five interconnected **principles** together with supporting **objectives** and **actions**.

The framework is based on internal and external input, technical analyses, global best practice, and an understanding of the issues and challenges for growing the urban forest.

The *UFS* provides Council with a clear evidence-base on which to grow and protect its urban forest.

The principles, objectives and actions are detailed in the attached *UFS* report with the principles and objectives outlined below.

Some of the 40 Actions detailed in Part 5 of the attached *UFS* can be implemented within the current budgets and staff establishments.

But most of the Actions entail extensions and enhancements of current workloads and resource needs and will require new budget bids and allocations to facilitate these enhancements through Council's business planning processes and are subject to budget availability.

Specific Actions requiring funding and/or increased workloads are summarized below under each of the report's five principles.

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Principle 1: Learn

Objectives:

- Council understands the structure, composition, and condition of, and benefits provided by, the urban forest, and
- Council understands where to prioritise plantings to maximise co-benefits.

Funding will be used for enhanced data collection to provide greater clarity and understanding of the condition and potential of the Urban Forest.

Enhanced/new initiatives are detailed in Part 5 of the attached *UFS* report and include tree inventories, acquisition and implementation of a TAMS, species monitoring and adaptation and canopy cover monitoring (on both public and private lands).

Principle 2: Grow

Objectives:

- The City's urban forest is planned and managed to support healthy growth and achieve realistic targets, and
- Council applies up-to-date data and leading best-practice approaches.

Existing funding will fund works for Implementing prioritized tree planting programs to mitigate climate change impacts and to meet the LSPS tree canopy target.

Enhanced/new initiatives are detailed in Part 5 of the attached *UFS* report and include confirmation of 'plantable opportunities' across the City, revision of canopy targets (if required) implementation of expanded tree planting programs, monitoring and evaluation and refinement of AI urban forest planning tools (i.e. Tree Planting Predictor and Street Tree Prioritiser).

Principle 3: Protect

Objective:

- Council advocates for protection of the City's urban trees from development and urban intensification activities.

Funding is required for expanding tree maintenance and protection initiatives and programs to optimise climate change mitigation responses, achieving the LSPS tree canopy targets and to protect heritage trees.

Enhanced/new initiatives are detailed in Part 5 of the attached *UFS* report and include expanded tree maintenance programs on public lands, the encouragement and incentivization of tree retention on private land, ensure tree protection and planting compliance.

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Principle 4: Invest

Objective:

- The City's urban forest is valued as an urban asset and funded to ensure effective planning and management is not impeded.

This principle is included to underpin the importance of funding for the effective management of the Urban Forest as a key urban asset.

The specific Actions are detailed in Part 5 of the attached *UFS* report and are aimed at ensuring that funding is sufficient for implementation of the expanded/new initiatives detailed under the other 4 Principles.

Principle 5: Engage

Objective:

- Council staff and community value urban trees and work together to grow the urban forest on private and public land.

The City supports an integrated delivery of green, blue and grey infrastructure capital programs.

Funding is required for expanding community education and engagement programs to build community support for enhancement of the Urban Forest.

Enhanced/new initiatives are detailed in Part 5 of the attached *UFS* report and include ongoing engagement to better understand community barriers and incentives for supporting the urban forest and adoption of best practice community education and engagement programs.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

It is recommended that the draft *Urban Forest Strategy* be placed on public exhibition for 28 days with a further 14 days allowed for public submissions.

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

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications should the recommendations of this report be adopted. Any change to funding to implement the recommendations of the *Urban Forest Strategy* will be considered during Council's business planning process and is subject to funding availability.

ITEM 8 (continued)**Conclusion**

This report and **ATTACHMENT 1** outline a series of projects to address the need for enhanced tree management – to meet Council and State canopy targets and to streamline tree asset management. This report recommends placing the draft *Urban Forest Strategy* on public exhibition.

Additionally, the report recommends that Council endorse the Significant Tree Register Procedures Manual provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**. This will allow staff to commence the process of reviewing the register and assessing applications made with an updated and endorsed process.

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**SIGNIFICANT TREE PROCEDURES
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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 by the landowner only 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 categories. In some circumstances where a tree only meets one category, if it is considered by Council's technical expert to meet all the assessment criteria in an exceptional manner (as outlined in the statement of significance), the tree may be added to the register. 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 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. They also consider the importance of 'place', giving an understanding of the value of specimens or groups of trees within the broader landscape.

For example, a resident might nominate a large Lemon Scented Gum (*Corymbia citriodora*) growing in their yard. The tree is only 20 years old, and the owner 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.

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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 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.

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 outlined 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.

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 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.

FEEES

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.

Endorsed by Council:

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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

9 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN CITY OF RYDE

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Community Services
File No.: GRP/21/11 - BP22/718

REPORT SUMMARY

At the Council meeting held on 26 July 2022, Council resolved the following:-

- (a) *That Council re-establish Alcohol Free Zones in the following areas:-*
- *West Ryde Bus Interchange*
 - *Meadowbank, encompassing Bowden Street and Bay Drive, including Meadowbank Ferry Wharf*
 - *Eastwood Town Centre*
 - *Trim Place and Coulter Street (between Trim Place and Linsley Street), Gladesville*
 - *West Ryde Plaza, between Anthony Road and Market Street*
- (b) *That the Alcohol-Free Zone in the Eastwood Town Centre is temporarily suspended on the third Saturday of October each year between 9am and 8.30pm for the duration of the Granny Smith Festival.*
- (c) *That Alcohol Free Zones in Trim Place and Coulter Street, Gladesville, Eastwood Town Centre and West Ryde Plaza are temporarily suspended for Council-run events, as approved by the General Manager, following consultation with the Ryde Police Area Command.*
- (d) *That Council undertake public consultation, as outlined in the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones.*
- (e) *That Alcohol Free Zones, as stated in Recommendation (a), (b) and (c) are adopted if no adverse public comments are received during the consultation period.*
- (f) *That Council receive a further report on the Alcohol-Free Zones should any adverse comments be received during the public consultation period.*

As per the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZs), Council undertook a public consultation from 3 August to 4 September 2022. The consultation was promoted via Council's website, City News and the local newspaper.

Ryde Police Area Command were notified and the licensed liquor outlets and registered clubs adjacent to the proposed alcohol-free zones.

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Council received two responses from the consultation. The responses raised concerns regarding the cost of signage and enforcement of the AFZs. As the AFZs are already in place in four of the five identified areas there will not be a significant cost to Council. The AFZs are strongly supported by the Ryde Police Area Command, and they will assist police to manage anti-social behaviour in the specific areas of concern.

It is recommended that the AFZs are established in the five nominated areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council re-establish Alcohol Free Zones in the following areas:-
- West Ryde Bus Interchange
 - Meadowbank, encompassing Bowden Street and Bay Drive, including Meadowbank Ferry Wharf
 - Eastwood Town Centre
 - Trim Place and Coulter Street (between Trim Place and Linsley Street), Gladesville
 - West Ryde Plaza, between Anthony Road and Market Street
- (b) That the Alcohol-Free Zone in the Eastwood Town Centre is temporarily suspended on the third Saturday of October each year between 9am and 8.30pm for the duration of the Granny Smith Festival.
- (c) That Alcohol Free Zones in Trim Place and Coulter Street, Gladesville, Eastwood Town Centre and West Ryde Plaza are temporarily suspended for Council-run events, as approved by the CEO, following consultation with the Ryde Police Area Command.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from Ryde Police Area Command City of Ryde Alcohol Free Zones 2022
- 2 Alcohol Free Zone - West Ryde bus interchange map 2022
- 3 Alcohol Free Zone - Meadowbank Wharf map 2022
- 4 Alcohol Free Zone - Eastwood town centre map 2022
- 5 Alcohol Free Zone - Trim Place and Coulter Street map 2022
- 6 Alcohol Free Zone - West Ryde plaza map 2022

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Background

Alcohol Free Zones can be established by Council in road-related public places (such as a car park, public road or footpath), as per sections 642-648 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones. They aim to prevent alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour. All AFZs in the Ryde Local Government Area were established at the request of the Ryde Police Area Command.

Although the City of Ryde does not experience high levels of alcohol-related crime compared to Greater Sydney (BOSCAR 2022), the Ryde Area Police Command have requested the re-establishment of existing AFZs and the establishment of West Ryde Plaza, as an AFZ (**ATTACHMENT 1**). This is to assist police to manage anti-social behaviour related to the consumption of alcohol in higher risk locations.

Consultation

At the Council meeting held on 26 July 2022, Council endorsed that community consultation is undertaken to re-establish the AFZs in the City of Ryde for a period of four years commencing 10 October 2022. Public consultation prior to the establishment of AFZs is a requirement of the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones.

Consultation was undertaken from the 03 August to 04 September 2022 for the following locations:-

- West Ryde Bus Interchange.
- Meadowbank, encompassing Bowden Street and Bay Drive, including Meadowbank Ferry Wharf.
- Eastwood Town Centre.
- Trim Place and Coulter Street (between Trim Place and Linsley Street), Gladesville.
- New AFZ at West Ryde Plaza, between Anthony Road and Market Street.

The consultation was advertised via Council's website, City News and the local newspaper. Ryde Police Area Command, licensed liquor outlets and the registered clubs adjacent to the proposed alcohol-free zones were also notified. A letter regarding the consultation was sent to CASS Care to assist with consultation with culturally and linguistically diverse community members.

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Two comments were received during the consultation period, as outlined:-

	Consultation Comment	Likely Impact
1	One respondent was concerned that the signs are not a good use of ratepayer money.	Four of the five proposed alcohol-free zones are existing. Existing signs would be updated with the new dates rather than new signage being produced. Only the West Ryde Plaza would require new signage. The cost to Council will be minimal.
2	One respondent was concerned that better policing was required and AFZs would limit the opportunity for picnics in Meadowbank.	The AFZs provide police with additional enforcement options in instances where there is anti-social behaviour due to alcohol consumption. The Ryde Police Area Command are strongly supportive of AFZs in all the identified areas. AFZs are limited to road related public areas i.e. roads, footpaths and carparks. The AFZ area in Meadowbank is limited to Bowden Street, Bay Drive and Meadowbank Ferry Wharf.

Proposed AFZ locations
1. West Ryde Bus Interchange (ATTACHMENT 2)

This area is adjacent to a licensed premises. There is a high transient population leaving and entering the rail system and bus network. Police have previously noted that the consumption of alcohol in the area while people are waiting, has produced issues with anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime.

There are no community events or activation plans in this location due to the nature of the site.

It is recommended that an AFZ is re-established in this area due to the risk of alcohol consumption and associated crime.

2. Meadowbank, encompassing Bowden Street and Bay Drive and Meadowbank Ferry Wharf (ATTACHMENT 3)

This location has packaged liquor outlets in the vicinity. It has not historically been a high-risk area, but the intention of the AFZ is to deter crimes from being committed. The area is primarily for transit and there are no community event or activation plans for this site.

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It is recommended that an AFZ is re-established in this area to prevent issues with alcohol related crime.

3. Eastwood Town Centre bounded by Glen Street, Lakeside Road, Wingate Avenue, West Parade, Coolgun Lane, Progress Avenue, Hillview Lane, Rowe Street, Trelawny Street, Shaftsbury Road, Rutledge Street, First Avenue, East Parade, Railway Parade, Rowe Lane, Station Street, Ethel Street, Ethel Lane, May Lane, May Street and the western side of Blaxland Road (**ATTACHMENT 4**)

There are licensed venues in the vicinity of the Eastwood Town Centre. Police reported that alcohol related incidents were increasing in this area prior to the implementation of the AFZ in 2010. Following the implementation of the AFZ there has been a reduction in alcohol related street crime and malicious damage. This has been stable over recent years.

The Granny Smith Festival is the major Council-run, community event held in Eastwood Town Centre each year. This event has previously included the service of alcohol and due to its past success, there is a desire for this to continue. Pop-up Council-run events may also occur in the Eastwood Town Centre to activate the area, which may serve alcohol.

An AFZ can be suspended during its period of operation by a resolution of Council, as per the Local Government Act 1993, section 645. Liaison with local police would be undertaken to ensure there is coordinated action for the duration of the suspension.

It is recommended that an AFZ is re-established in Eastwood Town Centre to manage incidents of alcohol related crime. To allow alcohol to be served at the Granny Smith Festival, it is recommended that a suspension is approved for the Eastwood Town Centre during this event. The suspension would be required on the third Saturday of October each year between the hours of 9am and 8.30pm. A temporary suspension of the AFZ is also recommended in Eastwood Town Centre for Council-run events approved by the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Ryde PAC.

4. Gladesville, Trim Place and Coulter Street (between Trim Place and Linsley Street) (**ATTACHMENT 5**)

There are licensed venues and a packaged liquor outlet in the vicinity of Trim Place/ Coulter Street. An AFZ was implemented due to police detecting alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour in the area. The statistics indicate that the level of offending has remained stable in this vicinity.

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The need for regular pop-up activation events in the Gladesville Town Centre has been identified with Trim Place and Coulter Street the most suitable location. Previous events have included the service of alcohol and there is a desire to continue similar activations in the future. A suspension of AFZs for Council-run events is recommended, as per Section 645 of the Local Government Act, 1993, to enable activation of the area to continue. Liaison with the Ryde PAC will be undertaken prior to each event to ensure there is coordinated action for the duration of the suspension.

It is recommended that an AFZ is re-established in Trim Place and Coulter Street, Gladesville to prevent the escalation of alcohol related crime. To support Council pop-up activation events serving alcohol in the area, it is recommended that the AFZ is temporarily suspended, as approved by the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Ryde PAC.

Request for a new AFZ location- West Ryde Plaza

The Ryde Police Area Command has identified West Ryde Plaza (**ATTACHMENT 6**), between Anthony Road and Market Street, as an area of increasing concern for alcohol-related crime. The police are currently managing incidents without an AFZ in place. Licensed venues and packaged liquor outlets are in the vicinity.

There is a desire to increase night-time trading and activation in the vicinity of the West Ryde Plaza. Several activation events have previously been held by Council in the Plaza, which have included the service of alcohol.

It is recommended that an AFZ is established for West Ryde Plaza to address the increasing incidents of alcohol-related crime. It is recommended that the AFZ is temporarily suspended for Council-run events as approved by the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Ryde PAC.

Duration of Operation

The Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones state that an Alcohol-Free Zone may operate for a maximum of four years. It is proposed that the AFZs for the recommended sites are established for a period of four years (2022-2026).

Council can approve the suspension of an AFZ via a resolution, as per section 645 of the Local Government Act, 1993, which are usually for short periods of time. This is to allow Council to respond to immediate situations within the AFZ including to accommodate a specific community event. Consultation with local police must be undertaken, as part of any suspension. The Ryde Police Area Command are supportive of temporary suspensions for community events.

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Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendations will have no adverse financial impact. Costs associated with undertaking community consultation and updated signage can be funded from existing Community and Ranger Services base budgets.

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27 June 2022

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The Ryde Police Area Command (PAC) supports the re-establishment of the Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZ) located within the boundaries of the City of Ryde Local Government Area (LGA).

Listed below are the areas previously nominated by the Ryde PAC to be AFZ.

- Eastwood CBD See Annexure A
- Trim Place Victoria Road Gladesville
- Coulter Street Gladesville
- West Ryde Railway and Bus Interchange West Parade West Ryde
- Bowden St and Bay Drive Meadowbank including Meadowbank Wharf

Further to this, the Ryde PAC would request that the West Ryde Plaza be included as an AFZ. Since the re-development of the Plaza Police have seen an increase in acts of anti-social behaviour, within the area between Coles and the West Ryde Market Place, known as West Ryde Plaza.

Section 642 of the Local Government Act is an effective tool used by NSW Police in the prevention and management of alcohol related incidents. The proposal to re-establishment these AFZ will undoubtedly aid Police in reducing incidents such as alcohol related assaults, malicious damage offences, street offences and general acts of anti-social behaviour within the nominated areas.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate in contacting Licensing Officers of the Ryde PAC Sergeant Barnard or Senior Constable Perigo on 9879 9699.



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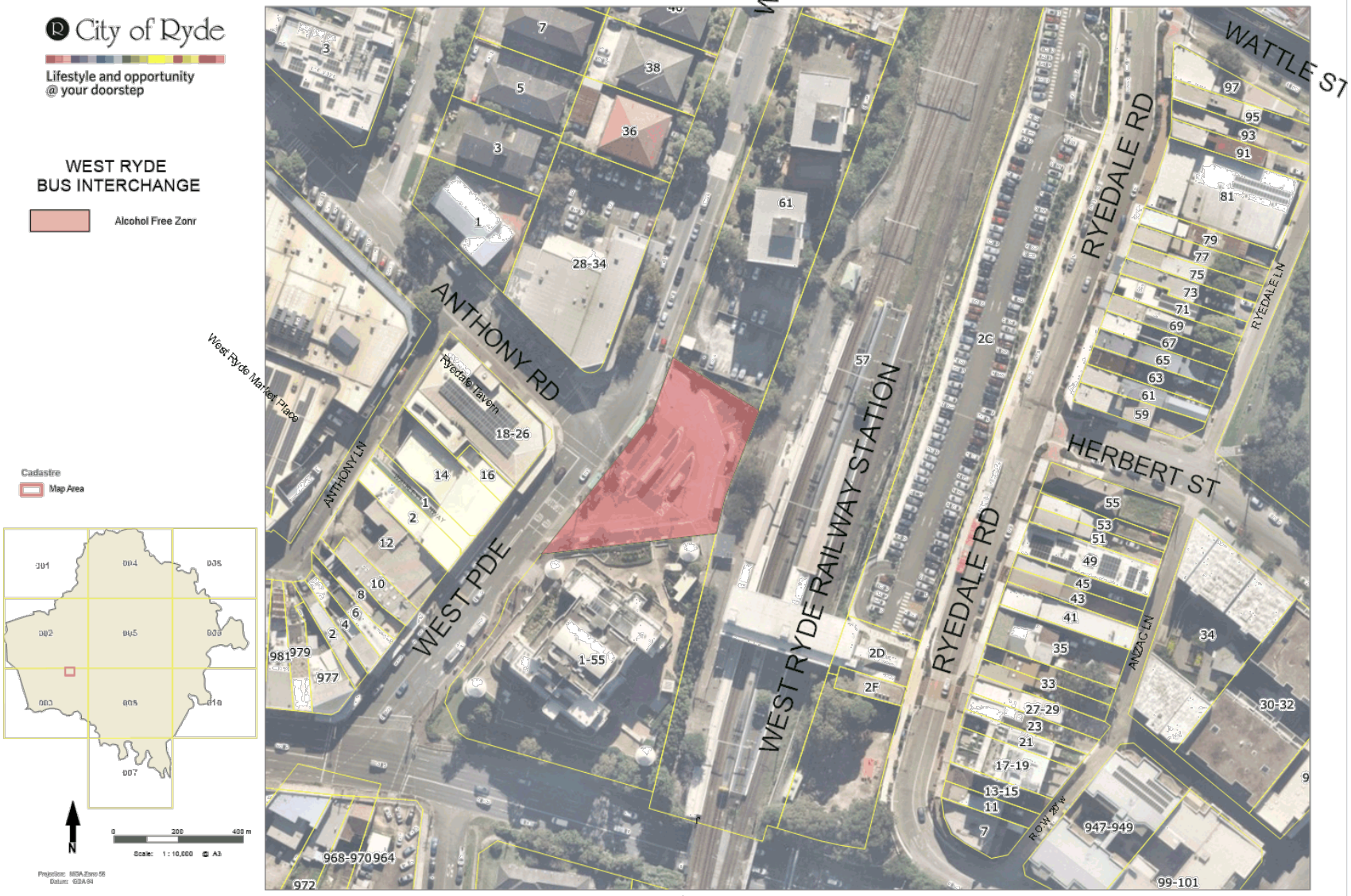
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ATTACHMENT 6



10 LIVE SITES IN RYDE - FIFA MEN AND WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2022/2023

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Events**File No.:** GRP/22/51 - BP22/742

REPORT SUMMARY

Council at its meeting on 26 July 2022, resolved to seek an investigation on the feasibility of hosting 'live sites' for the FIFA Men and Women's World Cup 2022. After the success of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Live Site at ELS Hall Park a further report will be prepared to consider live site/s for the 2023 Women's World Cup which will be held in July and August in both Australia and New Zealand.

The FIFA World Cup is held every four years and will be held this year during the months of November and December 2022 in Qatar. It will be screened free-to-air live on SBS television with the Australian Socceroos successfully qualifying for the worldwide competition.

The 2022 FIFA World Cup Australian Group D match schedule is as follows:-

- Game 1 - Australia v France Wednesday 23 November at 6.00am (AEST)
- Game 2 - Australia v Tunisia Saturday 26 November at 9.00pm (AEST)
- Game 3 - Australia v Denmark Thursday 1 December at 2.00am (AEST)

All games in the FIFA World Cup 2022 match are scheduled to start at either 9.00pm, 12.00am, 2.00am, 3.00am or 6.00am Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

While assessing the feasibility of each game for an outdoor live site, the following restrictions were taken into consideration:-

- Outdoor lighting curfews of 10.15pm
- Noise curfews from 10.00pm Sunday - Thursday
- Noise curfews from 12.00am Friday - Saturday
- Development Consents such as hours of operation.

Due to the above restrictions, only Game 2 is a feasible option to proceed with.

Upon consultation with the Parks and Recreation team, it was identified that Council was already working with North West Sydney Football (NWSF) to deliver a Gala Event to take place on Saturday 26 November at ELS Hall from 2pm to 8pm. As a considerable portion of the local football community will already be attending at this location and due to the success of the 2018 live site at ELS Hall it is recommended for Council to deliver the live site at ELS Hall Field 2 again for 2022.

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Further consultation took place at the Festival and the Arts Working Group on Monday 22 August 2022, which identified support to continue the live site at ELS Hall Park. The Working Group were also in support of promoting local venues who may be screening games. The Working Group provided a list of venues that Council could reach out to.

Initial communication with local establishments has identified numerous venues who will screening all possible games within their approved hours of operation within their development consent.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council supports the live outdoor screening of the FIFA World Cup 2022 Game 2 on Saturday, 26 November at 9.00pm at ELS Hall Park Field 2.
- (b) That \$20,000 is allocated in the next Quarterly Budget Review to host the outdoor live site.
- (c) That Council promote other venues in the City of Ryde who will be screening games throughout the FIFA world cup period, including but not limited to the Australian Games.
- (d) A further report is brought to Council in February 2023 for the live screening of the FIFA Women's World Cup.

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ITEM 10 (continued)**Background**

At its meeting of 26 July 2022, Council resolved the following:-

- (a) *That noting the success of the 2018 World Cup Live Sites, that the then, Acting General Manager prepare a report for Council which outlines the setting up of a live site/s in Ryde for the FIFA Men's World Cup in November / December 2022.*
- (b) *That the report to investigate the feasibility of such an event/s and possible appropriate location/s.*
- (c) *That the report is to consider running the live site/s, at the very least, but not limited to, the 3 Australian Group (D) games.*
- (d) *That a further report be prepared for Council to consider a live site/s for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.*

In July of 2018, Council delivered a live site at ELS Hall Park for the 2018 World Cup. There was approximately 800 people in attendance despite the game commencing at 10pm in the middle of winter. ELS Hall was chosen as the most suitable location in 2018 after careful consideration of 12 different venues. Each venue was assessed against a set of criteria. Due to the success of this location, the availability of the site and the planned activation of the site by the Parks and Recreation Team prior to the game commencing, it is recommended to proceed with ELS Hall Park Field 2 for the outdoor live site.

The gala event in partnership with North West Sydney Football (NWSF) on 26 November will be an inclusive event. The activities and games on the day will commence from 2.00pm and finish at 8.00pm, 1 hour prior to the game kicking off. The Gala event will take place on ELS Hall Park Field 1 and will also include use of the Ryde Community Sports Centre (RCSC) from 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

The outdoor activities taking place on ELS Hall Park Field 1 will include:-

- Walking Football
- Small Sided Games (Summer Football)
- Miniroos
- Female Inclusion, showcasing future Daughters and Dads program which will be available within the Ryde LGA
- Dart Football

Throughout the day, NWSF will organise player appearances from Sydney FC and Western Sydney Wanderers. They will also be bringing along their own players from Spirit FC and the female team Koalas to highlight NWSF player pathway.

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Activities Inside RCSC:-

- Blind Football (this will be run through Blind Sports NSW)
- Powerchair Football (NWSF will be running this through Football NSW)

NWSF will also reach out to local surrounding Grassroots Football clubs within the Ryde LGA to seek their interest in attending the event on the day. They will be setting up stalls on the day to gain interest for player registrations for the 2023 Winter season.

After the Gala Day has finished, all attendees will be invited to stay for the outdoor screening of Game 2 on a large 12m screen. There will be bean bags and beach chair seating, food trucks, games, activities and giveaways.

A further report will be provided on the feasibility of live sites for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup as more information becomes available.

Financial Implications

A budget has been created for the event of 26 November 2022 which includes all operational costs.

Should Council resolve to undertake this event it will result in a financial impact of \$20,000 and this requires additional funding of \$20,000.

	Current approved budget	Estimated cost	Surplus/(Deficit)
FIFA World Cup Live Site	\$0	\$20,000	(-\$20,000)

It is recommended that \$20,000 is allocated in the next Quarterly Budget Review to host the outdoor live site.

Further funding would be required to host further sites.

**11 VARIATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS UNDER CLAUSE 4.6 OF
RYDE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2014**

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Administration and Reporting
File No.: GRP/22/49 - BP22/699

REPORT SUMMARY

To ensure transparency and integrity within the planning framework, the Department of Planning and Environment requires a report to Council once a quarter in respect to all variations to development standards approved under Council Officers' delegation using Clause 4.6 of Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014.

This report details Development Applications approved in the period of 1 April to 30 June 2022 with a Clause 4.6 variation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the Clause 4.6 variations 1 April to 30 June 2022 be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Circular - Clause 4.6 - May 2020

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Discussion

The below table contains details of the Development Application approved under Council Officers' delegated authority in the second quarter of calendar year 2022 (April to June).

DA number	Address	Description of Proposal	Extent of variation & standard varied	Justification of variation	Delegation & Date of Determination
LDA2022/0005	20 Neil Street, North Ryde	New two storey dual occupancy (attached) and strata title subdivision.	<p>1.36% (7.9 m²) variation to minimum lot size of dual occupancy- Clause 4.1B(2) and clause 4.1A(b)(i)</p> <p>9.4% (27.3 m²) variation to the lot size for subdivision of a dual occupancy (attached) subdivisions – clause 4.1A(b)(iii)</p>	<p>The site area required to erect a dual occupancy is 580m²whereas this site has an area of 572.1m². The variation to the overall site area at 1.36% is minor and will not be evident when the site is viewed from the public domain. The site is a corner allotment and the proposed development complies with the DCP controls. The dual occupancy has been designed so that it address both street frontages with the proposal adopting a single driveway design and pedestrian entries addressing the two separate street frontages. These features contribute to the building presenting to the street as a single dwelling.</p> <p>With regard to the minimum subdivision lot size for a dual occupancy, one of the lots results in an area of 262.74m². This variation occurs due to the need to retain two trees located near the Neil Street frontage. This has pushed the dual occupancy further back on the site and results in one allotment having a smaller area than the 290m². The retention of the trees is important from a streetscape perspective and retaining the character of the area. The smaller allotment has provided all of the required facilities for a single dwelling such as open space, car parking and pedestrian access. The size of the dwelling on this allotment is also smaller to compensate for the reduced allotment size.</p>	<p>Council Officers Delegated Authority</p> <p>21/04/2022</p>

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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PLANNING SYSTEM

Varying Development Standards

Circular	PS 20-002
Issued	5 May 2020
Related	Revokes PS 17-006 (December 2017), PS 19-005

Variations to development standards

This circular is to advise consent authorities of arrangements for when the Secretary's concurrence to vary development standards may be assumed (including when council or its Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel are to determine applications when development standards are varied) and clarify requirements around reporting and record keeping where that concurrence has been assumed.

Overview of assumed concurrence

This circular replaces Planning Circular PS 18-003 and issues assumed concurrence, governance and reporting requirements for consent authorities. It also advises that council reports are to come through the Planning Portal, and of the repeal of SEPP 1.

All consent authorities may assume the Secretary's concurrence under:

- clause 4.6 of a local environmental plan that adopts the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006* or any other provision of an environmental planning instrument to the same effector
- *State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 – Development Standards* for land included in an old Interim Development Order (IDO) or Planning Scheme Ordinance (PSO).

However, the assumed concurrence is subject to conditions (see below).

The assumed concurrence notice takes effect immediately and applies to pending development applications.

Any existing variation agreed to by the Secretary of Planning, Industry and Environment to a previous notice will continue to have effect under the attached notice.

Assumed concurrence conditions

Lot size standards for dwellings in rural areas

The Secretary's concurrence may not be assumed for a development standard relating to the minimum lot size required for erection of a dwelling on land in one of the following land use zones, if the lot is less than 90% of the required minimum lot size:

- Zone RU1 Primary Production, Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU3 Forestry, Zone

RU4 Primary Production Small Lots, Zone RU6 Transition

- Zone R5 Large Lot Residential
- Zone E2 Environmental Conservation, Zone E3 Environmental Management, Zone E4 Environmental Living
- a land use zone that is equivalent to one of the above land use zones

This condition will only apply to local and regionally significant development.

Numerical and non-numerical development standards

The Secretary's concurrence may not be assumed by a delegate of council if:

- the development contravenes a numerical standard by greater than 10%; or
- the variation is to a non-numerical standard.

This restriction does not apply to decisions made by independent hearing and assessment panels, formally known as local planning panels, who exercise consent authority functions on behalf of councils, but are not legally delegates of the council (see section 231).

The purpose of the restriction on assumed concurrence for variations of numerical and non-numerical standards applying to delegates is to ensure that variations of this nature are considered by the council or its independent hearing and assessment panel and that they are subject to greater public scrutiny than decisions made by council staff under delegation.

In all other circumstances, delegates of a consent authority may assume the Secretary's concurrence in accordance with the attached written notice.

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Independent hearing and assessment panels

From 1 March 2018, councils in Sydney and Wollongong were required to have independent hearing and assessment panels that will determine development applications on behalf of councils (see section 231).

The attached notice allows independent hearing and assessment panels to assume the Secretary's concurrence because they are exercising the council's functions as a consent authority.

Independent hearing and assessment panels established by councils before 1 March 2018 also make decisions on behalf of councils. The attached notice applies to existing panels in the same way as it applies to panels established after 1 March 2018.

Regionally significant development

Sydney district and regional planning panels may also assume the Secretary's concurrence where development standards will be contravened.

The restriction on delegates determining applications involving numerical or non-numerical standards does not apply to all regionally significant development. This is because all regionally significant development is determined by a panel and is not delegated to council staff.

However, the restriction on assuming concurrence to vary lot size standards for dwellings in rural areas will continue to apply to regionally significant development. The Secretary's concurrence will need to be obtained for these proposals in the same way as it would for local development.

State significant development and development where a Minister is the consent authority

Consent authorities for State significant development (SSD) may also assume the Secretary's concurrence where development standards will be contravened. This arrangement also applies to other development for which a Minister is the consent authority for the same reasons.

Any matters arising from contravening development standards will be dealt with in Departmental assessment reports.

The restriction on assuming concurrence to vary lot size standards for dwellings in rural areas will not apply to SSD or where a Minister is the consent authority for the same reasons.

Notification of assumed concurrence

Under clause 64 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, consent authorities are notified that they may assume the Secretary's concurrence for exceptions to development standards for applications made under clause 4.6 of the SILEP (or any other provision of an environmental planning instrument to the same effect).

The notice takes effect on the day that it is published on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's website (i.e. the date of issue of this circular) and applies to pending development applications.

Procedural and reporting requirements

In order to ensure transparency and integrity in the planning framework the below Departmental monitoring and reporting measures must be followed when development standards are being varied:

- Proposed variations to development standards cannot be considered without a written application objecting to the development standard and dealing with the matters required to be addressed by the relevant instrument.
- A publicly available online register of all variations to development standards approved by the consent authority or its delegates is to be established and maintained. This register must include the development application number and description, the property address, the standard to be varied and the extent of the variation.
- A report of all variations approved (including under delegation) must be submitted through the NSW Planning Portal at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/reporting/online-submission-planning-data> within four weeks of the end of each quarter (i.e. March, June, September and December) in the form provided by the Department.
- A report of all variations approved under delegation from a council must be provided to a meeting of the council meeting at least once each quarter.

Councils are to ensure these procedures and reporting requirements are carried out on behalf of Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels and Sydney district or regional planning panels.

Audit

The Department will continue to carry out random audits to ensure the monitoring and reporting measures are complied with. The Department and the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption will continue to review and refine the audit strategy.

Should ongoing non-compliance be identified with one or more consent authorities, the Secretary will consider revoking the notice allowing concurrence to be assumed, either generally for a consent authority or for a specific type of development.

Repeal of State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 – Development Standards (SEPP 1)

The repeal of SEPP 1 came into effect from 1 February 2020 as part of the SEPP Review Program to update and simplify the NSW Planning system.

SEPP 1 is repealed in circumstances where a standard instrument LEP applies in a local council

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area. The amendments included the insertion of two clauses into the *SEPP (Concurrences and Consents) 2018*. Clause 6 provides for the continued operation of SEPP 1 where an Interim Development Order (IDO) or a Planning Scheme Ordinance (PSO) is in effect. Clause 7 is a savings provision which continues to apply SEPP 1 for applications that were made prior to the repeal but are yet to be determined.

Further information

A Guide on Varying Development Standards 2011 is available to assist applicants and councils on the procedures for managing SEPP 1 and clause 4.6 applications to vary standards.

Links to the Standard Instrument can be found on the NSW Legislation website at: www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's information centre on 1300 305 695.

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment circulars are available at: planning.nsw.gov.au/circulars

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12 WEST WARD BY-ELECTION - SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2022

Report prepared by: Manager - Corporate Governance
File No.: CLR/21/50/8 - BP22/746

REPORT SUMMARY

As reported to the August 2022 Council meeting, there is a by-election planned for Saturday, 15 October 2022. Council has now received notification from the NSW Electoral Office of the estimated cost of the by-election. The cost estimate is well in excess of the figure reported to Council in August 2022.

This report seeks to inform Council of this variation in anticipated expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receive and note the cost estimate for the by-election.
- (b) That Council fund these additional costs from the Election Reserve.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

As reported to the August 2022 Council meeting, there is a by-election planned for Saturday, 15 October 2022. Council has received notification from the NSW Electoral Office of a revised estimated cost of the by-election. The new cost estimate is well in excess of previous advice and reported to Council in August 2022.

Council had anticipated a cost estimate of a total of \$270k (excl. GST). This comprised the cost of running the election (\$220k) plus the cost of the communications awareness campaign of \$50k. These figures had been based on a combination of prior costs of elections (and a previous by-election in 2015) and represented a reasonable estimate. However, Council has only just received notification from the NSW Electoral Commission of a cost estimate of \$431k (excl. GST). This estimate is \$160k in excess of that anticipated by Council.

Council officer have questioned the \$160k increase (with the NSW Electoral Commission) and it would appear that the main reasons for this variation are as follows:-

1. Venue procurement – this has cost an additional **\$50k** due to some of the venues having to be sourced through the NSWEC venue procurement team (rather than a Council owned property being provided). This additional cost is primarily in the lease cost of the Returning Officers office. Council was not able to provide a suitable venue in the timeframe required, as has been the case at previous General Elections (i.e the Council owned Lachlan's Line venue was provided in the December 2021 election).
2. Staffing and Security costs have been elevated over previous elections and by-elections due to legislative change. This has resulted in staff having to be present over extended hours (along with accompanying security) and has resulted in additional costs of approx. **\$40k** over previous elections.
3. IT infrastructure – additional **\$30k** as all of their IT infrastructure is provided by an external service provider (rather than in-house). This is a new model with costs in a General Election being able to be distributed across the board rather than in a one off election (such as this by-election).
4. A small number of one off and fixed cost increases.

Financial Implications

It is estimated that the costs for the NSW Electoral Commission to administer the by-election on Saturday, 15 October 2022, will be approximately \$431k. Accordingly, it is recommended that Council make an allocation of \$431k for the by-election, with these funds to be allocated from Council's Election Reserve.

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Future budgets will be adjusted to increase transfers to the Election Reserve to recover this increased cost and this will be reported to Council as part of a future budget review.

Following completion of the by-election and costs being finalised, any savings achieved will be reimbursed to the Election Reserve.

13 PROPOSED MOTIONS FOR 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - HUNTER VALLEY - 23 OCTOBER TO 25 OCTOBER 2022

Report prepared by: Civic Support Officer**File No.:** CLR/07/8/11 - BP22/751

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council for consideration of three (3) motions received from Councillor Pedersen to be submitted to Local Government NSW for inclusion at the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the motions listed in this report for submission to Local Government NSW for consideration at the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

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- 1 2022 Motions Submissions Guide
- 2 Rule 4 – Objects of the Local Government Association

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The 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be held from Sunday, 23 October 2022 to Tuesday, 25 October 2022 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.

The Conference is the annual policy making event for all Councils of New South Wales. It is the pre-eminent event of the Local Government year where local Councillors come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way we are governed.

Motions

Local Government NSW has requested input from Councils, to guide the content of business sessions at the conference and is requesting Councils to ensure that the motions debate centres on advancing the sector wide policy agenda (see LGNSW 2022 Annual Conference Motion Submission Guide) as provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Councils were asked to identify motions relating to the following overall categories:-

1. Economic
2. Infrastructure
3. Planning
4. Environment
5. Social & Community
6. Governance
7. Accountability

Further, the LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they meet the following criteria:-

1. Are consistent with the objects of the Association (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules) as provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2**;
2. Relate to Local Government in NSW and/or across Australia;
3. Concern or are likely to concern Local Government as a sector;
4. Seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association;
5. Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws);
6. Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature; and
7. Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

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The Board has advised that it will not include motions in the Business Paper which do not advance the local government policy agenda. Therefore, a motion will not be included if it is operational, rather than strategic; not local government business; focused on a local issue only or if the motion is consistent with past policies and actions of LGNSW or the Local Government and Shire's Association.

Local Government NSW have advised all Councils to submit proposed motions by Sunday, 25 September 2022 for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper, however, late motions will be accepted. All motions must be adopted by Council before submission to the Association.

The following draft motions submitted by Councillor Pedersen are referred to Council for its consideration:-

MOTION 1 – WILDLIFE SAFE “BACKYARD” NETS – CITY OF RYDEBackground:

1. Each year backyard fruit tree netting entanglement causes the painful death of many flying foxes, birds, snakes and other animals. Netting entanglement maims, and exposes animals to heat stress, sun stroke, broken bones, myopathy and often results in death.
2. NSW wildlife rescue services undertake around 1000 call-outs for netting entanglements each year. The Government relies on volunteers to rescue wildlife, as RSPCA and council officers rarely do so.
3. Rescue of entangled flying foxes requires specialist trained and vaccinated rescuers and in peak season the netting rescues are unrelenting.
4. Wildlife "safe" netting (aperture no more than 5mm x 5mm) is available at most hardware shops.
5. Victoria have passed legislation, to prevent the sale of unsafe nets and ACT are about to follow. The ban does not apply to commercial growers as Modern orchards already use wildlife friendly netting “canopies”.
6. The grey-headed flying fox is already listed as endangered and may not survive this century so every preventable death is totally unacceptable.

MOTION:

That Local Government NSW call on the Minister for Agriculture and NSW Government to ban the sale and use of unsafe “backyard” netting and encourage the use of Wildlife "safe" netting (aperture no more than 5mm x 5mm).

ITEM 13 (continued)**MOTION 2 – PROTECTING WILDLIFE FROM RAT POISON AND BAN SECOND GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES (SGARs) – CITY OF RYDE**Background:

The most commonly used rodent poisons are anticoagulant rodenticides (ARs). Newer ARs, called second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs), which are powerful enough that a single feed can be lethal but because of the time lag between taking a bait and feeling the effects, rodents can consume a more-than-lethal dose and still be wandering around - like walking time bombs.

Predators that naturally eat rodents, like owls and birds of prey, can then easily consume multiple poisoned rodents, in turn becoming poisoned themselves. SGARs work by causing internal bleeding, but when rats and mice eat baits poisoned with SGARs, they become poisonous themselves, harming, and even killing other animals and birds that eat them. Including wildlife and pets.

Studies in Australia have found harmful, and often fatal levels of SGARs in dead birds of prey, including Southern Boobooks, Wedge-tailed Eagles, and Powerful Owls.

MOTION:

That Local Government NSW call on the NSW State government to:-

- **Legislate to ban the retail sale of SGARs in NSW.**
- **Change the state government's pest management practices for state-owned properties to stop the use of SGARs.**
- **Advocate through the joint Commonwealth-States Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (AMM) for a national ban on the retail sale of SGARs.**
- **Investigate nominating SGARs as a key threatening process under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.**
- **Encourage landholders through Local Land Services to avoid the use of SGARs and responsibly manage pest issues through licensed professionals.**

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In July 2021, the Presiding Officers, Clerks and Chief Executive Officer (The Parliamentary Executive Group) commissioned an independent review into harmful behaviours including bullying, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct at NSW Parliament workplaces. This review was undertaken by the former Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick. The review findings have been published on the Parliament's website.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/about/Pages/reviews-and-reports.aspx>

At the ALGWA NSW (Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW) conference held in July 2022, many conference delegates shared harrowing stories of the bullying and harassment they experienced in the local government sector. In response, the ALGWA NSW executive committee resolved at their September 10 meeting to submit a motion to the LGNSW conference and requested elected Councillor members to submit at their next ordinary council meeting.

MOTION:

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government to:-

- **Undertake a state-wide survey of elected Councillors and local government staff on bullying, harassment and intimidation as soon as practicable or in the 2023/2024 financial year, to improve workplace and Councillor safety.**
- **That the results of the survey and review be reported back to Local Government NSW and all Councils for further action, if required.**

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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Motions Submission Guide

1. Introduction

Each year, member councils across NSW submit a range of motions to the Annual Conference conducted by Local Government NSW (LGNSW). These motions relate to strategic local government issues which affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions. They are debated and resolved by Conference delegates, with successful resolutions guiding LGNSW's advocacy priorities for the year ahead.

All LGNSW member councils are invited to submit motions to the Annual Conference, with the following Guide outlining the motion development and submission process.

2. Deadlines

Members are encouraged to submit motions [online](#) as early as possible to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference. Under LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is **12 midnight (AEDT) on Monday 25 September 2022** (28 days prior to Conference).

3. Criteria for motion submission

The LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they:

1. are consistent with the objects of LGNSW (see Rule 4 of the Association's [rules](#)),
2. relate to or concern local government as a sector in NSW and/or across Australia,
3. seek to establish or change policy positions of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the Association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for decisions around resourcing any campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process),
4. have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws),
5. are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature, and
6. do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

Before submitting motions for this year's Annual Conference, council members are encouraged to review [Action Reports](#) (on the member only pages of the LGNSW website) from previous Conferences and the [LGNSW Policy Platform](#) to ensure the proposed motion wording reflects any recent developments and does not duplicate existing policy positions.

4. How to write a motion

Motions adopted at Conferences inform LGNSW's advocacy actions on behalf of the local government sector. LGNSW includes the exact wording of motions when writing to ministers, departments and agencies post-conference, so it is important that the wording of motions clearly outlines your council's policy intent or objective.

The format of motions, as much as possible, should call on a specific body (e.g. LGNSW, state government, federal government, a specific department or minister) and have a specific outcome that the motion is aiming to achieve. The wording should be unambiguous.

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Examples of clearly-worded Annual Conference motions:

Local government representation on National Cabinet

That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government for permanent local government representation on the National Cabinet.

Natural Disaster Funding, Day Labour

That LGNSW requests the Australian and NSW governments reinstate the claimable expense for the use of council staff during their normal working hours to attend to natural disaster relief and recovery funded works and reverse the present policy that effectively requires the mandatory use of contractors for recovery works.

Companion Animal Act matters

That LGNSW advocates that the NSW Government takes the following steps to improve the management of companion animals:

- establish an integrated on-line statewide registration process as an improved service to companion animal owners;
- resolve difficulties with the *Companion Animals Act 1998* definition of an "Authorised Officer", by using the definition contained in the *Impounding Act 1993* as the definition in both Acts, allowing councils choice in the business model for its area; and
- review the dismissal of charges under section 10 of the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999* in relation to offences under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

For more examples see Business Papers from past Conferences on the [LGNSW website](#).

5. Demonstrating evidence of council support for motion

The member submitting the motion must provide accompanying evidence of support for the motion. Such evidence takes the form of an attachment note or extract from the minutes of the council meeting, at which the member council resolved to submit the motion for consideration by the Conference. In the absence of a council meeting, the evidence should be a letter signed by both the Mayor and General Manager.

6. How to submit a motion

LGNSW members are invited to submit motions through an [online portal](#) from 4 July 2022.

[Attachment B](#) provides detailed instructions on how to submit motions via the online portal.

7. How LGNSW manages incoming motions

The LGNSW Board has established a committee and delegated the function of managing incoming motions for the Conference to this committee. The Chief Executive will refer motions to the committee and the committee will assess whether the motion meets or doesn't meet the criteria, or if it is unclear whether it meets the criteria. This assessment forms the final decision on which motions are included in the Conference Business Paper.

Prior to the committee making a final decision, LGNSW may contact the council that submitted the motion to seek clarity on its intent or wording.

Incoming motions which seek to change any long-held [Fundamental Principles](#) (Part A of the Policy Platform), will be highlighted in the Business Paper for members' information at time of voting.

Motions which are consistent with existing LGNSW positions or current LGNSW actions, or that are operational and can be actioned without a Conference resolution, may still be printed in the Business Paper but will not be debated at the Conference.

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8. What happens to motions at the LGNSW Annual Conference

Standing orders are outlined at the front of the Business Paper and adopted at the commencement of each Conference. They outline the manner in which the Conference deals with motions. The standing orders adopted at the Special Conference can be found on our [website](#).

During debate on motions at Conference, the standing orders generally permit councillor delegates to speak in support of or against each motion. Following a vote on a motion, the motion is either carried and becomes a resolution of the Conference, or it is defeated.

9. Post-conference: Updates to the LGNSW Policy Platform

LGNSW's [Policy Platform](#) consolidates the voices of councils across NSW, reflecting the collective positions of local government on issues of importance to the sector. Importantly, the Policy Platform guides LGNSW in its advocacy on behalf of the local government sector.

The Policy Platform consists of two parts: LGNSW's Fundamental Principles, and the more targeted Position Statements.

- **Fundamental Principles** are the enduring and overarching principles that direct LGNSW's response to broad matters of importance to the local government sector. These Fundamental Principles are endorsed (or amended) by LGNSW members at Annual Conferences.
- **Position Statements** contain LGNSW's more detailed positions on specific issues and guide LGNSW's work on, and response to, policy issues of the day. Position Statements are subordinate to LGNSW's Fundamental Principles but are more agile and are targeted at specific policy issues as they arise.

Changing Fundamental Principles

Where a motion conflicts or may conflict with a Fundamental Principle, this will be clearly highlighted for delegates in the Conference Business Paper. If the motion is adopted as a resolution at Conference, then the relevant Fundamental Principle will be changed.

It is expected that changes to the Fundamental Principles will be uncommon, given their broad focus and general acceptance among the local government sector.

Changing Position Statements

Following each Conference, LGNSW will review resolutions of that Conference to determine whether the intent of each resolution is adequately covered by existing Position Statements. Where the Position Statements do not adequately include the intent of a resolution, LGNSW will update an existing Position Statement or draft a new Position Statement, to be endorsed by the LGNSW Board as part of the LGNSW Policy Platform.

LGNSW members will be informed of updates to the LGNSW Policy Platform.

10. Post-conference: Determining LGNSW Advocacy Priorities

Following the LGNSW Annual Conference, LGNSW will review the resolutions and identify key areas of focus to guide LGNSW's advocacy for the coming year. These areas of focus are also informed by member feedback, the LGNSW strategic plan, position statements, emerging issues, and Board input.

LGNSW's Advocacy Priorities for the following year are then submitted for endorsement by the LGNSW Board, and communication to members via email.

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As LGNSW undertakes advocacy actions on each of the Conference resolutions throughout the year, these actions and their outcomes will be published in LGNSW's Action Report. ([Past Action reports](#) are available on the member only pages of the LGNSW website).

11. Further information

For further information on the motion submission process, please contact Elle Brunsdon, Policy Officer at elle.brunsdon@lgnsw.org.au.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if my proposed motion is consistent with existing LGNSW policy positions?

The subject matter expert within council is best placed to identify this (for example, if the motion relates to a planning matter, this question should be answered by the Planning Manager). Subject matter experts are encouraged to review LGNSW's [Policy Platform](#) to gain an understanding of LGNSW's position on a particular matter to help identify whether your proposed motion is consistent.

What is the deadline for submitting motions?

Members are encouraged to submit motions [online](#) as soon as possible to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference. However, in line with the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is **12 midnight AEST on Sunday 25 September 2022** (28 days prior to Conference).

LGNSW can receive more than 300 motions for an Annual Conference. Submitting motions as early as possible helps LGNSW to manage the large volume of motions received within a short period of time and allows LGNSW to seek clarification on any motions if required.

However, the LGNSW Rules allow councils to submit motions with less than 28 days' notice and the LGNSW Board may allow these to be considered at Conference as a **late item** (but not included in the Business Paper).

I'm unsure which motion category or sub-category I should select in the online portal

If you are unsure, just select the category you think best fits. LGNSW can re-categorise the motion if necessary.

Who should be the council contact for motions?

We recommend the council contact is someone who is available during the months that motions are open, and able to respond promptly to communications between your council and LGNSW. Some councils have identified the General Manager and others have identified the Governance Officer – it is a decision for each council.

How can I amend my council's motion that I've already submitted?

Once a motion has been submitted it cannot be edited without contacting LGNSW so please review the content carefully before submission. If you need to edit a submitted motion, please contact Elle Brunsdon, Policy Officer at elle.brunsdon@lgnsw.org.au. You may need to provide evidence of support for the change (see section 5).

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Attachment A – Step by Step guide to lodge a motion

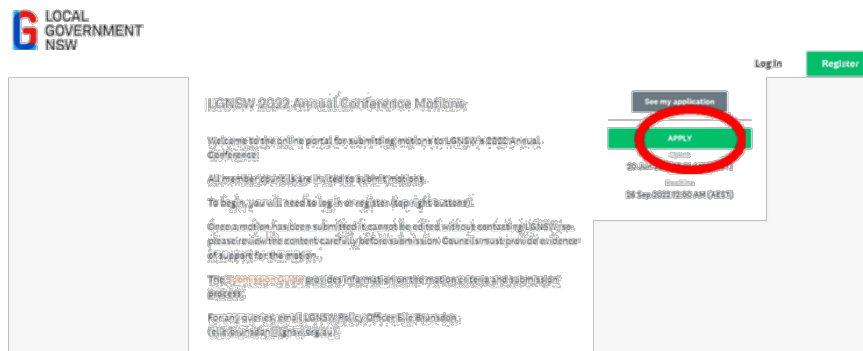
This section provides step-by-step instructions to assist council staff in lodging a motion via Survey Monkey Apply.

- Member councils are invited to submit motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference via [Survey Monkey Apply](#).
- Under LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is **12 midnight (AEDT) on Monday 25 September 2022** (28 days prior to Conference).
- Once a motion has been submitted it cannot be edited without contacting LGNSW, so please review the content carefully before submission.

For further assistance contact Elle Brunson, Policy Officer at elle.brunson@lgnsw.org.au.

Step 1: Log into [LGNSW's online portal](#) and click **APPLY**.

Note: you will need to register for Survey Monkey Apply if you are logging in for the first time.



Step 2: Add your motion title (a few words). You will then be taken to the landing page which will show three tasks to complete.

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Step 3: Click on 'Applicant Contact Information' to add the contact information. This could be the relevant officer within council or someone who can respond to questions promptly. Click **MARK AS COMPLETE** once finished.

Step 4: Click 'Motion Form' to add the motion details.

Motion category and sub-category assists with assigning motions to the relevant policy staff and grouping related motions in the Conference Business Paper.

Motion wording should include a sentence or two which includes the call to action.

Background note should provide a paragraph or two to explain the context and importance of the issue to the local government sector.

Click **MARK AS COMPLETE** once finished.

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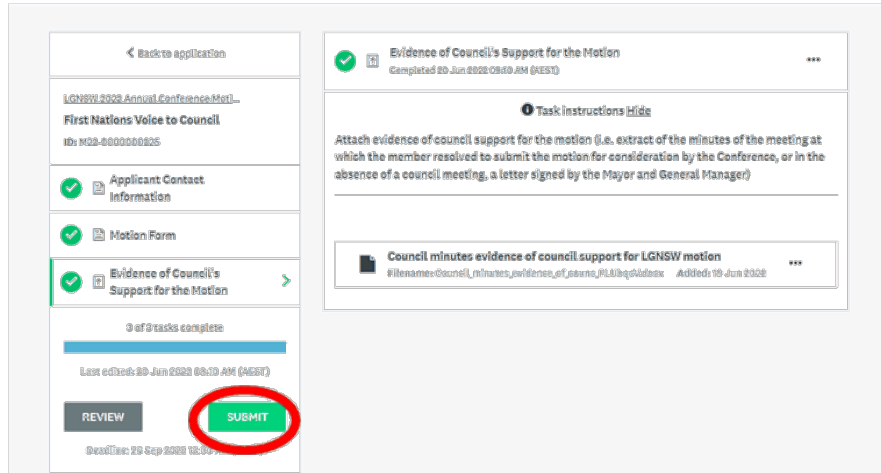
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Step 5: Click 'Evidence of Council's Support for the Motion' and attach the relevant file. This could be an extract of council meeting minutes. Click **MARK AS COMPLETE** once finished.

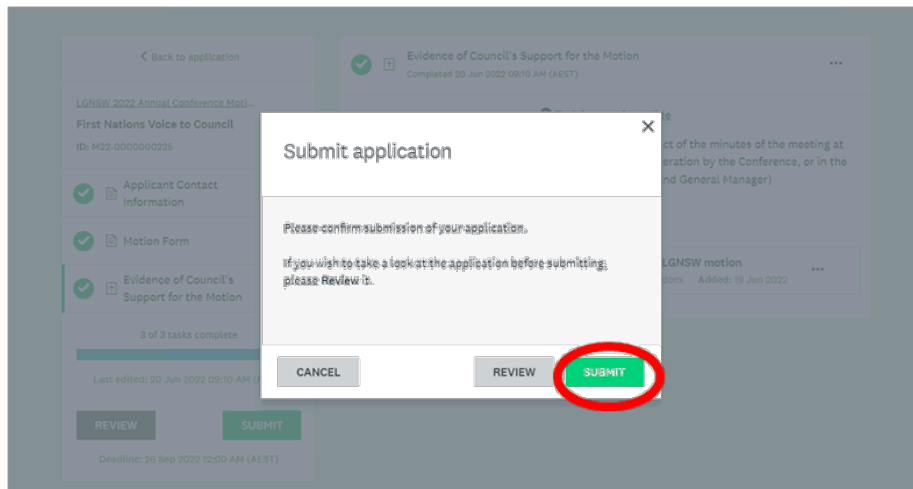
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Step 6: Once you have completed all tasks (a green tick is displayed next to each task), click **SUBMIT**.



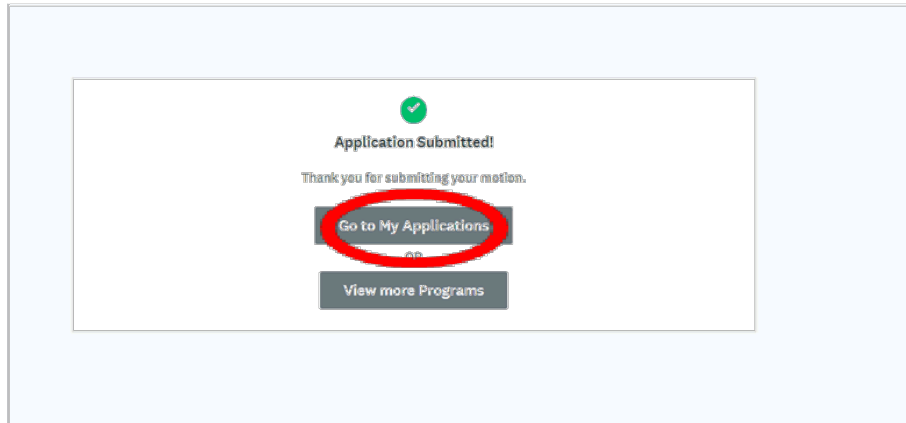
Step 7: You will be asked to confirm submission of the motion. There is an option to review the motion before submitting. When you are ready, click **SUBMIT**.



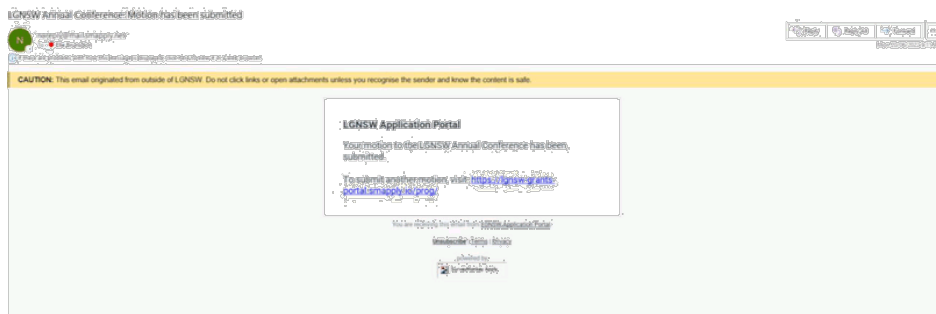
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Step 8: If you are submitting multiple motions, click 'Go to My Applications'. This will take you to a landing page to submit more motions. It will also show all the motions you have submitted.



Step 9: An automated confirmation email will be sent to the email address listed in the 'Applicant Contact Information' section.



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RULE 4 – OBJECTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

4. The objects of the Association shall be in New South Wales and elsewhere:
- (a) to encourage, promote, protect and foster an efficient and effective autonomous, democratic system of Local Government elected by and responsible to local communities with its position constitutionally guaranteed and with adequate resources including revenue from State and Commonwealth Governments;
 - (b) to promote, maintain and protect the interests, rights and privileges of Local Government in New South Wales and of the constituent members of the Association;
 - (c) to encourage and assist Local Government to seek out, determine, assess and respond to the needs and aspirations of its constituents;
 - (d) to encourage, assist, promote and foster the achievement and maintenance of the highest level of integrity, justice, competence, effectiveness and efficiency of Local Government;
 - (e) to develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and co-operation between councils and Local, State and Commonwealth Governments and their instrumentalities;
 - (f) to develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain the financial and economic well-being and advancement of Local Government and for such purposes to undertake, establish, acquire, conduct or dispose of any business, enterprise, undertaking or venture which in the opinion of the Association is necessary, desirable or convenient;
 - (g) to represent the members of the Association and Local Government generally in their dealings with State and Commonwealth Governments, with statutory and other corporations, with the media and with the public;
 - (h) to promote, support and encourage Local Government at a State and national level;
 - (i) to provide an industrial relations service to members including:
 - (i) representing the interests of members in industrial matters before courts and tribunals;
 - (ii) assisting in negotiations relating to the settlement of disputes between members and their employees;
 - (iii) representing the interests of members in negotiating the establishment of and/or variation of industrial awards and agreements;
 - (iv) promoting training programs aimed at enhancing the performance of Local Government.
 - (j) to undertake or promote any activity which the Board determines to be for the benefit and/or interest of members and local government in New South Wales.

14 2022 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 7 TO 9 JULY 2022 - Information Report submitted by Councillor Penny Pedersen

Report prepared by: Civic Support Officer
File No.: CLR/07/8/11 - BP22/750

REPORT SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 26 April 2022, Council resolved as follows:-

That Councillor Pedersen be nominated to represent the City of Ryde and that an invitation be extended to any other female Councillors who wish to attend at the 2022 ALGWA Annual Conference, and that a formal report be tabled at the subsequent general meeting of Council, recounting events of the conference, and advising of the benefits to Ryde.

Attached is a report submitted by Councillor Pedersen regarding her attendance at the 2022 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the information included in the report submitted by Councillor Pedersen regarding her attendance at the 2022 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference.

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- 1 2022 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference Report - Councillor Pedersen

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Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

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The 2022 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference was held on 7 to 9 July 2022. Councillor Pedersen's report regarding her attendance at the Conference is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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**Delegate report
NSW ALGWA CONFERENCE 2022
Australian local Government Women's association**



What is ALGWA?

The Australian Local Government Women's Association was created in Canberra on October 15, 1951, at a meeting held in the hotel suite of Councillor Mrs Violet Lambert of Fern Tree Gully Shire Council, Victoria, by 16 local government women drawn from all States of Australia then attending the Jubilee Women's Convention in the Jubilee Year of the Commonwealth of Australia (19/01/1951). It was probably the only far reaching outcome of this great conference. A provisional committee was elected with representation from most States of

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Australia. A permanent national organisation took shape at the First National Conference in Canberra, October 19, 1966, attended by 53 people. Alderman Marjorie GE Propsting of Lane Cove, NSW was chosen as National President, a position she held until 1970.

Objectives of ALGWA

- a) Promote women in Local Government by furthering women's knowledge and understanding of the function of Local Government.
 - b) Support the interests and rights of women in Local Government.
 - c) Take action in relation to any subject or activity affecting Local Government and Local Government legislation.
 - d) Act in an advisory capacity to intending women candidates for Local Government election.
 - e) Arrange conferences on matters relating to Local Government.
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The National Board

State Branches are federated through a common National Constitution with the National Board. The National Board represents the association at the National level. The National Board supports the State Branches and holds its Biennial AGM in conjunction with the State Conferences. The Association currently has six states as members and a Network in the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory is in the process of becoming a Branch in its own right.

ALGWA Success

ALGWA measures its success by the number of women encouraged to join Local Government. In 1951, when ALGWA was first organized, only 54 women had been

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elected. By December 1974 a total of 877 women had been elected in Australia, of whom 460 were then sitting members. While South Australia had the first woman in local government with Mrs Susan Grace Benny, JP, elected in 1919, NSW has been the most successful state. In 1974, 169 women were elected, the highest number elected up to that time in any one State, and the first woman Lord Mayor in Australia (Alderman Lilian M Fowler, MBE, MLA, JP, Newtown Municipal Council) was elected. At the 1995 elections 406 women were elected in NSW (22.5%). There were 27 women Mayors (15%) and 37 Deputy Mayors but there were still 12 Councils with no women at all.

As of the 2021 elections, women make up 39.5% of all councilors in NSW – an 8.5% jump on the proportion of women elected in 2016/17.

Success in 2021

In a statewide effort to increase female participation in local government ALGWA was funded in 2020/21 by the Office of local government to provide workshops for women who were considering running for election or considering a career in local government. Ryde hosted one of these workshops which was attended by women from all political parties giving them information on how to nominate, run a campaign, what to expect once elected, managing time with family and how to report bullying and harassment - an ongoing issue for women in local government.

One of these workshops was held in Ryde and saw five women out of the group elected at the last election.

As President of LGNSW Darriea Turley said soon after the election: “Councils are the closest level of government to their communities, so to ensure everyone has a voice it is important that they reflect the communities they represent.

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“The proportion of women on council was stuck between 27 and 31% for nearly a decade, so to make such great progress in a single election is really worth celebrating.”

“It’s a great outcome from the 4 December local government elections, and it’s gratifying to see the result of the hard work to put in by LGNSW, the Australian Local Government Women’s Association (ALGWA) and the NSW Government.

Members

While there are many mayors and Councilors, membership of ALGWA is also made up of ex-councillors (who wish to support women running for election), local government staff and people from other sectors who are considering involvement in local government. There are also men who have associate membership and quite a few attend conference which is welcome and encouraged of course.

Member councils share the hosting of the executive meetings and conferences which has proven to be (particularly in regional areas) an opportunity to focus media on the host organization’s accomplishments, the wider LGA, their facilities, their staff and their local business. A few hundred women coming to town is of enormous benefit to small business.

The conference

The NSW Australian local government women’s association annual conference is a place that women working in local government (or wishing to) can come together and discuss issues impacting women in the sector; to discuss ways of encouraging more women to enter local government; helping them overcome the obstacles that prevent women getting elected and taking senior leadership positions.

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Those Ryde councilors who joined me during our recent CEO recruitment will know how few women there are in the pool of eligible candidates for the top jobs.

The ALGWA 2022 conference - Fairfield City Council

The NSW ALGWA conference 2022 was held on July 8, 9,10 hosted by Fairfield city Council.

The conference opened on July 8 with a welcome by Mayor Frank Carbone and Deputy Mayor Dai Le (who had just been elected to the seat of Fowler in the 2022 federal election)

The evening was designed to allow delegates to catch up and meet one another in a social setting before getting down to the business of conference on Saturday and Sunday. Many of the regional delegates were staying in Fairfield and all met at the newly redeveloped Fairfield showground function centre.

Over the two hours, the mayor gave delegates a talk on the background of the centre and some of the other council owned infrastructure that has recently been delivered (he is especially proud of the large, popular water park)

The showground multipurpose centre is a great example of how councils can repurpose aging facilities to create usable spaces that return revenue to council by diversifying use.

Through this networking event, Councillor Leigh Bowden met Hornsby Councilor Salliane McClelland which led to them working together to bring The Apron

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Project to **Cootamundra**. Which led to Women's Community Shelters CEO and **Domestic Violence NSW** Board Chair: Annabelle Daniel OAM, joining Salianne and Leigh to launch the apron project and help raise funds for YCAC Crisis Accommodation Centre Inc in Cootamundra.



The Apron Project Showcase aims to educate and raise awareness of Domestic Violence in towns across NSW.

There were many other collaborations formed and ideas swapped during the 3 days.

Hotspots

By far the most important part of the conference is the Hotspots segment (held over several hours on both days) and panel discussions with questions and comments from the floor. This year there seemed to be way more complaints than in previous years regarding harassment from the community; online bullying and bullying from other councilors.

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The panel discussion included councilor Christine Kaye from Ku Ring Gai Council; Deputy Mayor Dai Li from Fairfield city council and Councillor Darriea Turley President of LGNSW from Broken Hill on day one. Day two: president of federal ALGWA - Marianne Saliba -; president of NSW ALGWA - Councillor Di Baker from inverell and Secretary of NSW ALGWA Sera Ylimaz.

They covered numerous topics and questions from the floor around their experience as women on council and Deputy Mayor Dai li talked about her experience swapping from local government to Federal parliament and community engagement.

As per previous conferences on both days discussion centred around harassment of female staff and councilors. Many complaining that the current code of conduct process does little to prevent bullying or harassment and many of the perpetrators are repeat offenders.

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Representatives from industry super funds and unions were available for advice during the conference as well as ALGWA executive to discuss future collaborations, hosting opportunities and sensitive issues that require advocacy.



After the conference NSW ALGWA president Clr Di Baker and NSW ALGWA secretary Sera Yilmaz met with The Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP, the NSW Minister for Local Government with a list of asks and issues from the conference.

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The MC for the weekend was journalist, Ellen Fanning.

The conference business and input from delegates was interspersed with some excellent speakers including:

Deb Wallace - a retired Detective Superintendent who talked about bravery and her rise to leadership commanding a range of specialist crime squads. From the streets of Cabramatta in the 1990s to taking charge of some of the most challenging squads including the Asian Organized Crime Squad, the Middle Eastern Organized Crime Squad before her final challenge taking on the bikies at the Gangs Squad and Strike Force Raptor.

A trailblazer for women in a male dominated police force.

As well as speaker Dr Jana Pittman who spoke about managing work and family life and a change of careers (she is a medical practitioner now working in women's health) we heard from Dr Neryl East. a communication and credibility expert with a PhD in Journalism, who shows local government leaders how to be heard, stand out and command influence. Dr East specializes in working with leaders in "spotlight situations" – when the pressure is on, the stakes are high, and the outcome really matters.

She got the entire room on their feet and gave the delegates some excellent tips on professional development and public speaking.

Kiersten Fishburn - Deputy Secretary, Cities and Active Transport at Transport NSW. She spoke with energy about her new role with ambitions to help our cities reach their full potential.

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Prior to joining Transport, Kiersten led the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) as Secretary after almost two years as head of the Planning Delivery Unit (PDU).

Under her leadership the PDU oversaw the acceleration of more than 600 complex planning matters, equating to over \$57 billion in economic benefit. In addition to her responsibilities as head of the PDU, Kiersten led DPIE's Office of Local Government and Strategy and Innovation teams.

Before joining DPIE, Kiersten led Liverpool City Council for almost four years as their Chief Executive Officer. Under her leadership, Liverpool was successfully positioned as Sydney's third CBD, seeing the largest capital investment in commercial development in its history, and securing generational opportunities from the Western Sydney City Deal.

Her professional career has been devoted to public service, having also held leadership roles at City of Sydney, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre and Accessible Arts (New South Wales' peak arts and disability organization).

It was great to hear the career trajectory of a woman who started her career in local government. Very inspiring.

Amanda Rose

Australia's foremost Strategic Connector, Founder of [Small Business Women Australia](#), Founder of [Business Woman Media](#) and Founding Director of [Western Sydney Women](#), Western Sydney Executive Women & Managing Partner of [Western Sydney Advisory](#).

Amanda Rose works with The Australian Defence Force, CPA Australia, Law Institute, UTS, UBER, ANZ, Western Sydney University and the Royal Australian Navy on the areas of confident leadership, conflict resolution & relationship

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building via connection. She is also small business mentor for the Boosting Female Founders initiative for the Australian Government. Her talk was excellent and centred around proactive ways to handle conversations with bullies and discrimination in the workplace.

Fairfield City Presentation

During the first day a number of Fairfield city council staff gave a presentation on some of their recent projects - including a public recording studio and film studio for local creative start-ups as well as a shopping mall owned and operated by council.

The showbags provided by Fairfield provided lists of fabulous food outlets, unusual and popular small businesses to visit (including an amazing fabric outlet that many at the conference went to visit while they were in town.)

The next meeting will be hosted by Randwick Council and the 2023 conference will be hosted by Forbes, who's local small business community are excited to welcome the few hundred women for a few days.

The conference is an important event:

- to help women of all levels of local government be heard about issues that affect them doing their job and for the association to advocate on the most pressing issues to the minister on behalf of delegates.
- To allow collaborations between women in metropolitan and regional councils - often around ways to address the status of women in their community (particularly around community services, mental health, isolation and rising homelessness in women over 55)
- For many women, many of whom are the only one, two or three on council it is an opportunity to discuss how to grow representation (following the lead of councils where they have parity)

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- To swap stories and find resilience strategies to combat bullying, harassment and discrimination.

I hope that City of Ryde will one day be able to host the conference at Ryde Central.



15 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - AUGUST 2022

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP22/662

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on each traffic/ parking matter separately and details on how Council may proceed with the proposed measures. The August 2022 Traffic Committee was held electronically. 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 (4 items) The Hon. V Dominello MP
Member for Lane Cove (1 item) The Hon. A Roberts MP

The August 2022 Traffic Committee agenda consisted of Five (5) traffic and parking proposals. No objections were received from the voting members regarding all items A to E. 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 August 2022:

(A) MALVINA STREET, RYDE - PROPOSED NO PARKING ZONE

The following changes be made on Malvina Street, Ryde:

- a) An 8-metre-long section of 'No Parking 8am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm School Days' be installed on the western side of Malvina Street commencing 10 metres from the intersection of Forrest Road, Ryde.

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(B) PAUL STREET, NORTH RYDE - PROPOSED MOTORBIKES ONLY PARKING ZONE

The following changes be made on Paul Street, North Ryde:

- a) A 4.6 metres long 'Motorbikes Only' parking zone be installed between the driveway access of No.19 and No.21 Paul Street, North Ryde.

(C) MARGARET STREET, RYDE - CHANGES TO LINE MARKING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Margaret Street, Ryde:

- a) Double barrier lines on Margaret street be shortened by 5 metres.
- b) Install 'No Parking' across two parking spaces and the driveway accesses of 506 and 508 Victoria Road, Ryde.

(D) MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION

The parking control measures outlined in *Table 1* of **ATTACHMENT 1** be installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

(E) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

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ITEM (A): MALVINA STREET, RYDE
SUBJECT: PROPOSED NO PARKING ZONE

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 proposes to install an 8-metre-long section of 'No Parking 8am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm School Days' on the western side of Malvina Street commencing 10 metres from the intersection of Forrest Road, Ryde.



Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

Council has received representations from the residents of Malvina Street regarding the safety and access for vehicles on their street.

Due to the narrow width of Malvina Street north of Forrest Road and the high demand for parking in the area, access to the dead-end section of Malvina Street is constrained to a

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single lane. This results in vehicles turning into Malvina Street being confronted by vehicles exiting, with no safe way to proceed or allow passing.

To rectify this situation, Council intends to install a short (8-metre-long) section of 'No Parking 8am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm School Days' to keep a section of the road clear of parking and allow the safe passage of vehicles, to and from this section of Malvina Street during peak hours.

Whilst the loss of parking in the area is regrettable, this is a safety issue and is considered necessary to reduce the potential for incidents. The existing No Stopping will remain at the statutory distance of 10-metre from the intersection.

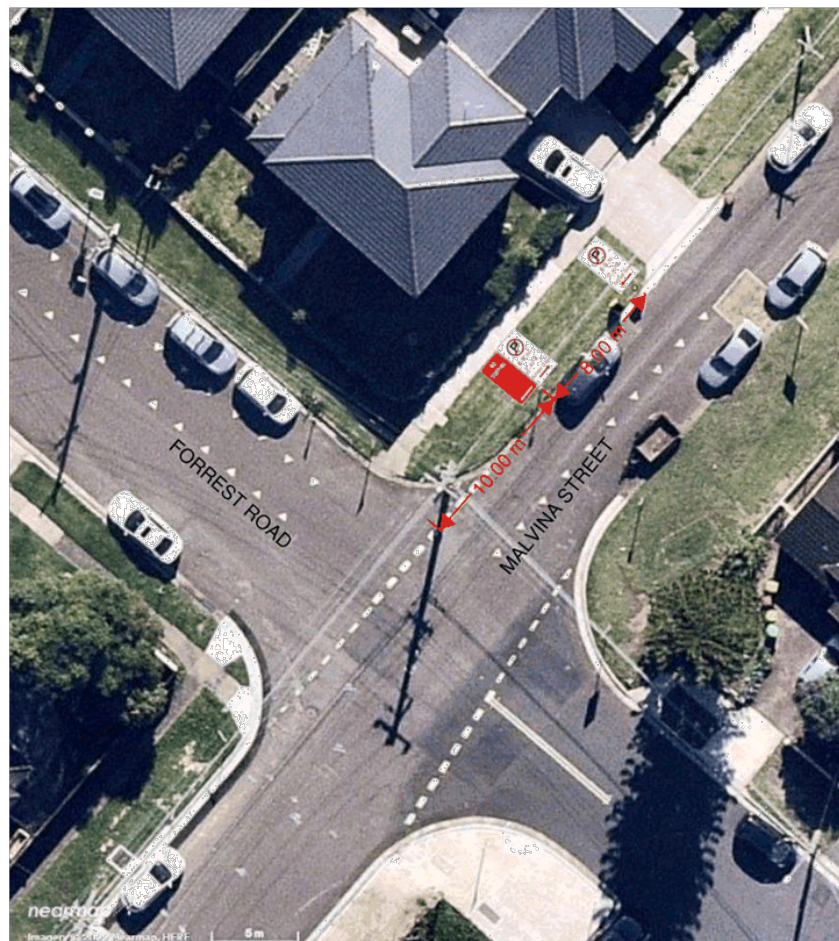


Figure 2: Proposed Changes

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CONSULTATION

As indicated in Figure 3, Council consulted the surrounding properties regarding the proposed installation of No Parking, allowing two weeks for feedback and enquiries. The properties consulted raised no objections to the proposal.

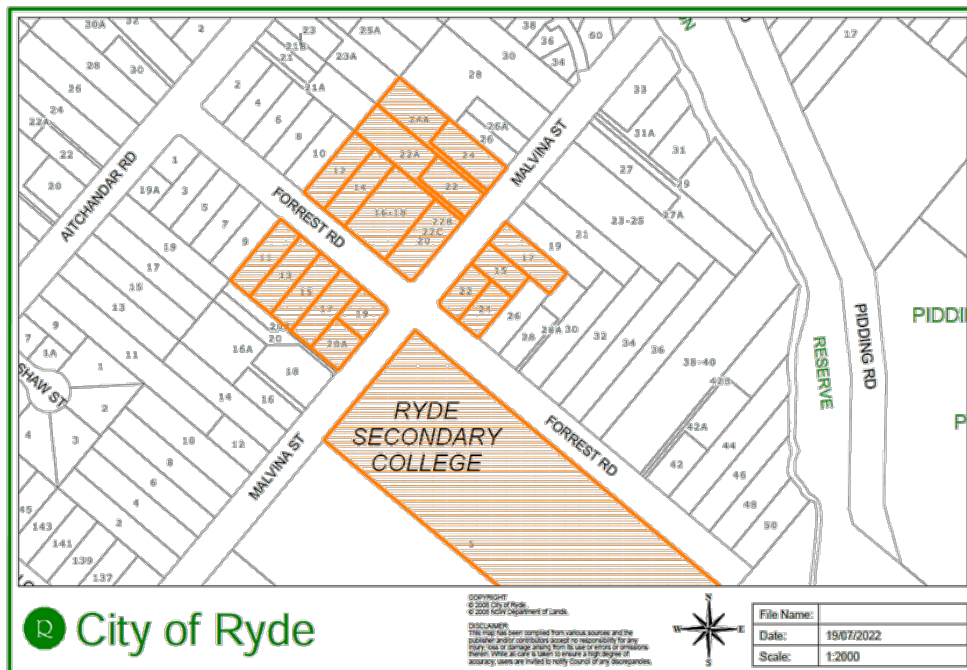


Figure 3: consultation area

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) An 8-metre-long section of 'No Parking 8am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm School Days' be installed on the western side of Malvina Street commencing 10 metres from the intersection of Forrest Road, Ryde.

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ITEM (B): PAUL STREET, NORTH RYDE
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MOTORBIKES ONLY PARKING ZONE
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 proposes to install 4.6 metres long 'Motorbikes Only' parking between the two driveways of 19 and 21 Paul Street, North Ryde.



Figure 1: Location plan

DISCUSSION

Council has received representations from residents requesting alterations to the existing parking restrictions on Paul Street, North Ryde. To prevent encroachment over residential driveways, Council installed driveway delineation lines in the area. However, the existing 4.6 metres long parking space between the two driveways of 19 and 21 Paul Street is insufficient to accommodate a legal parking space of 5.4 metres at this location. As a result, when a car attempts to park there, it inevitably partially blocks the driveways.

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To address this issue, Council proposes to install 4.6 metres long 'Motorbikes Only' parking between the two driveways of 19 and 21 Paul Street, North Ryde.



Figure 2: Proposed changes

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CONSULTATION

As indicated in Figure 3, Council consulted the surrounding properties regarding the proposal, allowing two weeks for feedback and enquiries. The properties consulted raised no objections to the proposal.

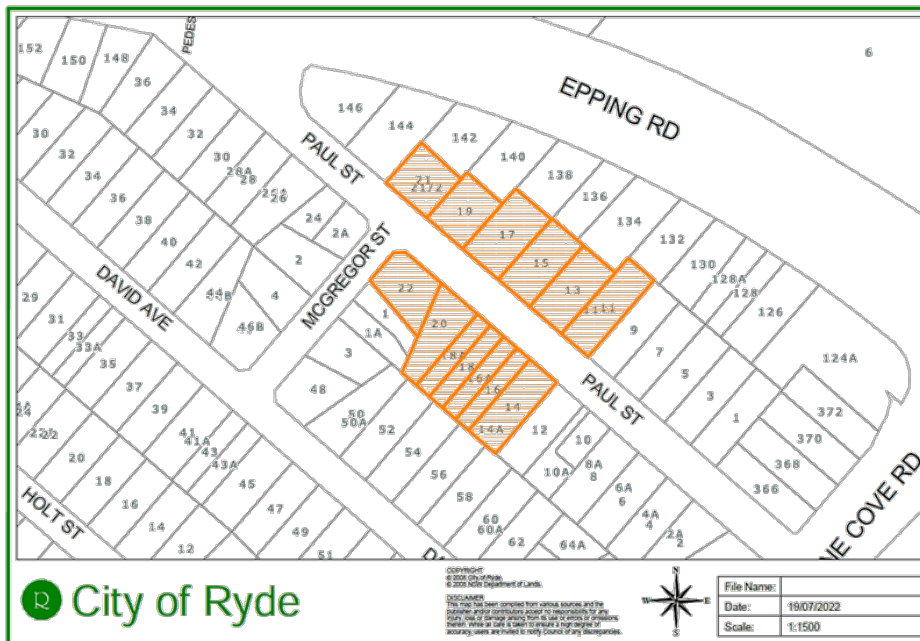


Figure 3: consultation area

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 4.6 metres long 'Motorbikes Only' parking zone be installed between the driveway access of No.19 and No.21 Paul Street, North Ryde.

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ITEM (C)	MARGARET STREET, RYDE
SUBJECT:	CHANGES TO LINE MARKING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ELECTORATE:	RYDE
WARD:	SOUTH
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 shorten the double barrier lines by 5 metres and installing a 'No Parking' zone at Margaret Street frontage of 506 Victoria Road, Ryde.



Figure 1: Location plan

DISCUSSION

Council received requests from residents raising concerns regarding vehicles blocking their driveways by parked vehicles on Margaret Street. To raise motorist awareness of the 3-metre rule, Council initially proposed to relocate the existing "No Stopping" to the south further closer to the driveway access of 506 and 508 Victoria Road along Margaret Street frontage.

The residents were consulted regarding the initial proposed changes and allowed two weeks to provide feedback. However, one resident expressed concerns regarding the limited parking for drop-off and pick-up of disabled parents and did not support the installation of No Stopping at her property frontage.

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To address the resident concerns, Council made amendments to the initial changes and now proposes to shorten the length of double barrier lines by 5 metres and install “No Parking” as shown in Figure 2 at 506 Victoria Road along the Margaret Street frontage. The proposed changes will have no safety impact on all road users, and at the same time, they will accommodate the concerns raised by the residents.



Figure 2: Proposed parking restrictions at 506 & 508 Victoria Road along Margaret Street frontage

CONSULTATION

As indicated in Figure 3, council consulted the surrounding properties regarding the initial proposal for the installation of No Stopping, allowing two weeks for feedback and enquiries. One objection was received about the proposal.

To address the residents concern and accommodate their drop-off and pick-up needs, Council amended the proposal and now proposing to install 'No Parking' at 506 and 508 Victoria Road, Ryde, shown in Figure 2. The resident who raised concerns regarding the initial proposed changes was happy with the new parking restrictions.

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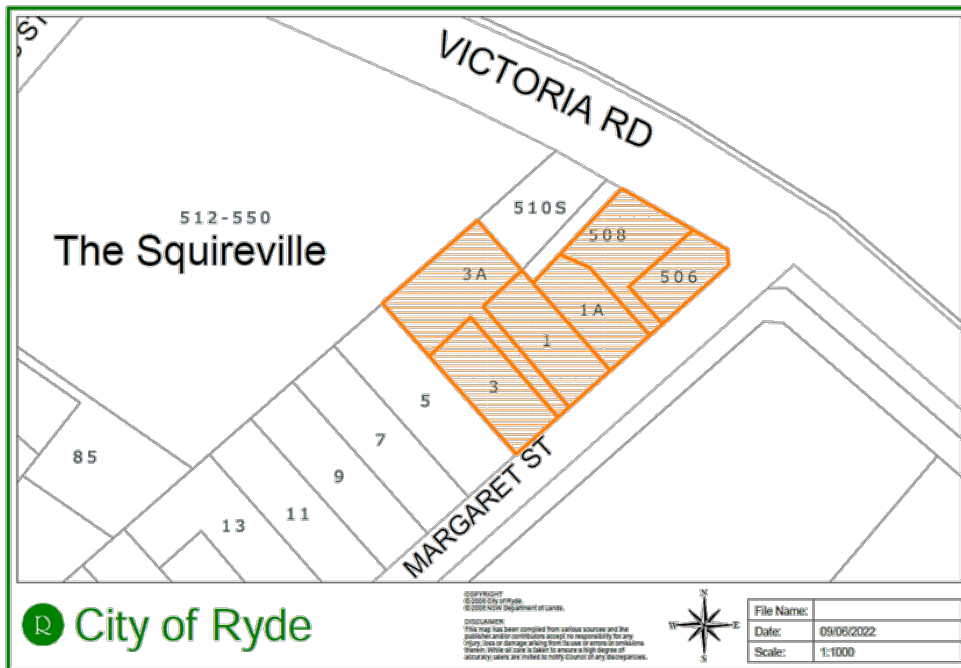


Figure 3: Distribution map

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Double barrier lines on Margaret street be shortened by 5 metres.
- b) Install 'No Parking' across two parking spaces and the driveway accesses of 506 and 508 Victoria Road, Ryde.

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MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION

The parking control measures outlined in *Table 1* were installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

Location	Parking Control Measure	Existing <i>Road Rules 2014</i> Control	Installation Date
82-84 Balaclava Road, Eastwood	1. Install No Parking across the two driveways of 82 and 84 Balaclava Road, Eastwood.	Rule 168 No Parking	Jul 2022
1 Mellor Street and Mulvihill Street, West Ryde	2. Install statutory 10 meter "No Stopping" on Mulvihill Street and 1 Mellor Street	Rule 170 Stopping at or near an intersection	Aug 2022

Table 1 *Parking control measures installed to reinforce existing controls under Road Rules 2014.*

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ATTACHMENT 1



Ryde Traffic Committee

ITEM (E): 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

The latest round of free child car seat check vouchers were distributed. 80% of recipients were first time users of the service. Council will now return to hosting restraint checking days for residents, the first being planned for September 2022.

The next workshops for senior drivers and for parents and supervisors of learner drivers are currently being scheduled.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

School Zone Safety Program

The Term 3 School Zone Safety Newsletter was distributed to all primary schools. The quarterly newsletter is a collaboration with Hornsby and Lane Cove Councils. See attached.

Traffic and parking reviews are currently in progress at the following schools:

- Denistone East Public School – reviewing safety in Boronia Lane
- Gladesville Public School – reviewing safety in Coulter St adjacent to school

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

INFORMATION REPORT**16 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022**

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP22/709

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 August 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 2.52%, which is 0.68% above the benchmark figure of 1.84%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$2,312K and as at 31 August 2022, funds of \$839K have been earned.

Report Prepared By:

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

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Discussion

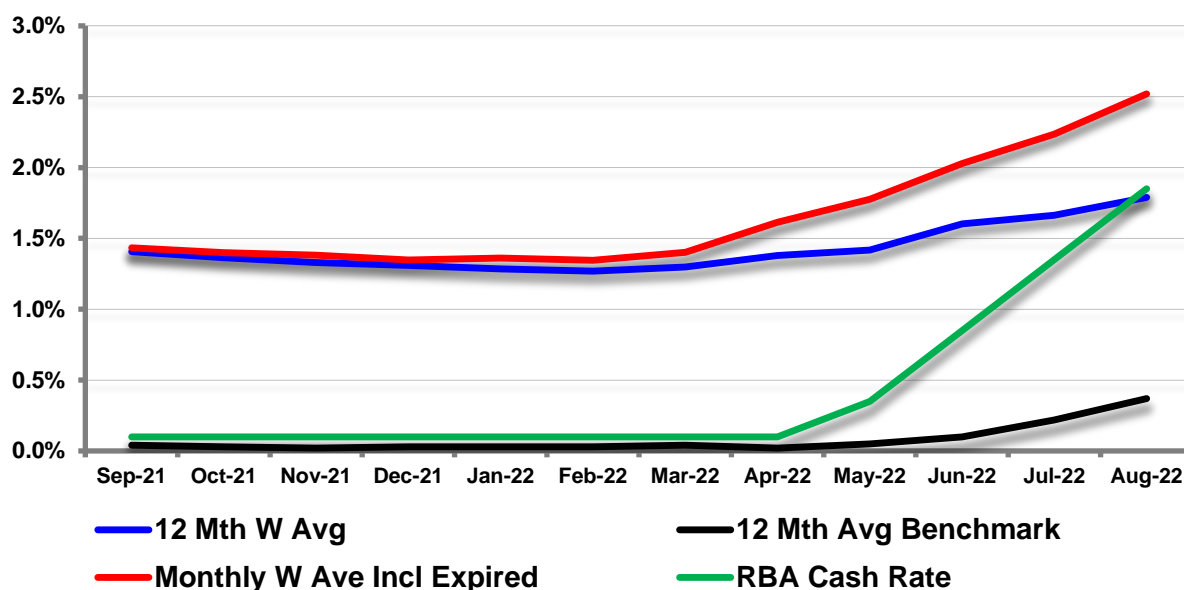
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio as per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 212 and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the *Local Government Act* 1993.

Investment Performance Commentary

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

	Jul	12 Mth	FYTD
Council Return	2.52	1.79	2.38
Benchmark	1.84	0.37	1.65
Variance	0.68	1.42	0.73

Performance - All Investments



Council's investment portfolio as at 31 August 2022 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$105.54M	46.57%
Floating Rate Notes	\$37.49M	16.54%
Fixed Bonds	\$83.58M	36.88%
Total Investments	\$226.61M	

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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 original budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated.

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 31 August 2022, was \$673K 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 31 AUGUST 2022

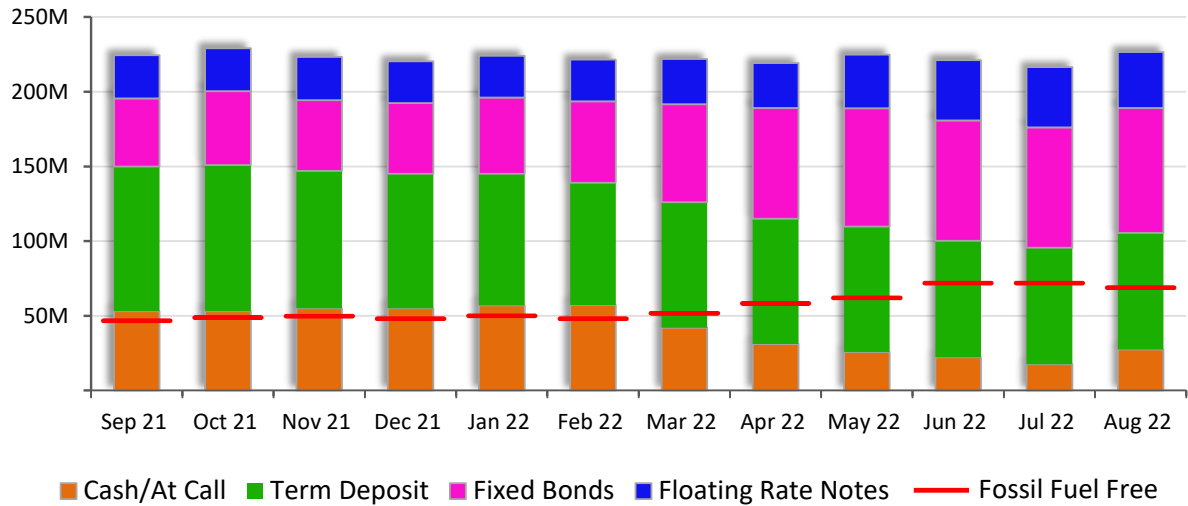
Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Aug-22 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2022	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenc
Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	N	1,200	2.82	1.47	2.46	0.53	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	N	2,000	2.82	2.44	2.46	0.88	14/05/2025	1051
National Australia Bank	3. NAB Fixed Bond (Covered)	AAA	N	3,749	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.65	16/03/2023	1826
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,960	3.68	3.58	3.62	1.75	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,193	3.94	3.93	3.94	1.41	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,500	3.16	3.16	3.24	0.66	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	3.29	3.14	3.21	1.32	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.58	1.57	1.57	0.88	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,996	1.69	1.67	1.68	0.88	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,998	1.69	1.68	1.70	0.88	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,987	1.82	1.80	1.81	1.32	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.09	0.88	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	1,500	2.98	1.16	2.48	0.66	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	14. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	2.86	1.32	2.36	0.88	9/05/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	15. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.42	1.91	2.94	1.77	10/11/2022	2557
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	16. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.19	1.88	3.19	1.77	15/12/2022	2557
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	26,545	1.94	0.38	1.69	11.71		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,997	3.41	3.41	3.41	1.76	25/04/2023	1916
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,499	3.43	3.27	3.36	1.54	16/08/2023	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,492	3.23	3.24	3.30	1.54	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	21. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,996	4.28	4.28	4.28	1.32	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	22. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.80	0.65	0.80	1.77	22/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,999	3.23	3.08	3.16	1.76	10/02/2023	1918
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	3.29	2.95	3.12	1.32	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,492	3.12	3.00	3.05	1.54	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	4,000	2.60	1.29	2.26	1.77	16/05/2023	1826
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	2.78	1.35	2.78	0.88	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.90	0.67	0.90	1.77	24/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	1.83	1.83	1.83	0.88	12/10/2022	146
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.52	0.49	0.52	1.77	11/11/2022	365
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.65	0.58	0.65	1.77	11/01/2023	365
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.77	18/09/2023	1827
National Australia Bank	33. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	0.55	0.54	0.55	0.88	2/12/2022	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	34. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,492	3.25	3.25	3.25	1.10	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	35. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,597	2.76	2.76	2.76	1.15	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	36. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.93	3.37	3.63	1.77	9/08/2023	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	37. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	3.94	3.43	3.66	0.88	18/08/2023	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	38. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.77	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	39. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	3,999	1.90	1.71	1.81	1.76	12/02/2025	1827
Suncorp-Metway	40. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,591	2.58	2.60	2.64	1.58	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	41. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,839	3.60	3.61	3.64	1.69	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	42. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,346	5.49	5.45	5.50	0.59	25/01/2027	1683
Suncorp-Metway	43. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	3.37	1.52	2.71	0.53	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	44. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,560	3.42	2.58	2.66	1.13	25/02/2027	1711
Australian Unity Bank	45. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.14	4.14	4.14	0.88	19/07/2023	398
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	46. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.28	2.11	2.36	0.88	9/02/2023	184
Bank of Queensland	47. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	596	0.87	0.49	0.76	0.26		
Bank of Queensland	48. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	3,795	2.14	2.15	2.14	1.67	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	49. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	1,835	4.06	4.04	4.06	0.81	6/05/2026	1496

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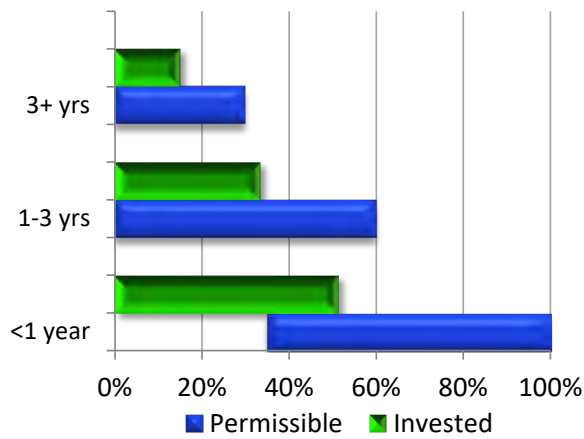
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Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	N	1,200	2.82	1.47	2.46	0.53	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	50. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.88	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	51. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	0.43	0.43	0.43	1.77	16/09/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	52. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	0.70	1.46	0.70	0.88	9/12/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	53. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.77	15/11/2022	1804
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	54. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.54	3.55	3.63	0.88	25/01/2023	1826
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	55. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,744	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.65	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	56. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	990	3.44	3.44	3.44	0.44	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	57. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,496	3.26	3.25	3.26	1.10	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	58. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.35	1.50	2.69	0.88	25/01/2023	1532
Members Banking Group	59. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.72	2.45	2.53	0.88	23/05/2025	1096
MyState Bank	60. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	2.41	1.08	2.41	0.66	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	61. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.88	11/10/2023	730
MyState Bank	62. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.88	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	63. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.88	29/11/2022	365
MyState Bank	64. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.88	4/11/2022	365
AMP	65. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	399	0.45	0.51	0.48	0.18		
AMP	66. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	3.50	0.98	2.13	0.44	2/08/2023	365
Auswide Bank	67. Auswide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,500	2.88	1.49	2.88	0.66	17/03/2023	1095
Auswide Bank	68. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.43	1.24	0.88	5/02/2024	720
Bank Australia	69. Bank Australia Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	2,000	2.14	1.25	2.14	0.88	2/12/2022	1096
Credit Union Australia	70. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	3.37	1.52	2.71	0.44	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	71. Great Southern Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.88	31/01/2023	365
Defence Bank	72. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.68	0.85	0.88	8/02/2024	730
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	73. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	1.89	0.98	1.89	0.88	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	74. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,236	2.02	1.44	2.02	1.43	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	75. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,692	5.40	2.65	3.39	1.63	10/02/2027	1720
Police & Nurses Limited	76. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.44	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	77. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.88	31/01/2024	730
Teachers Mutual Bank	78. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	2.45	1.11	2.45	0.49	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	79. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	2.56	1.17	2.56	0.44	22/03/2024	1096
QPCU	80. QBank Term Deposit	BBB-	Y	1,000	0.65	0.73	0.65	0.44	30/09/2022	364
Warwick Credit Union	81. Warwick CU Term Deposit	NR	NA	1,000	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.44	9/03/2023	728
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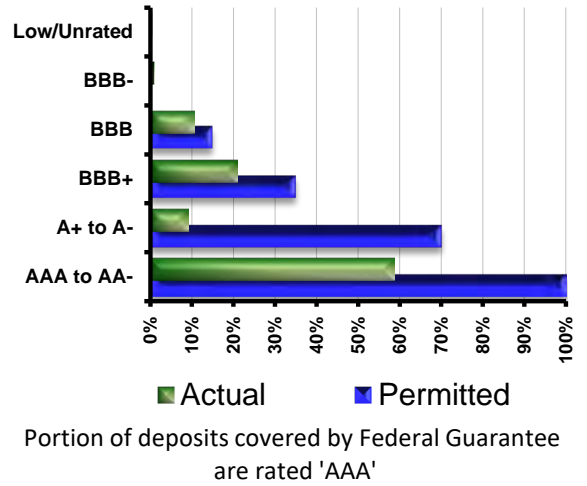
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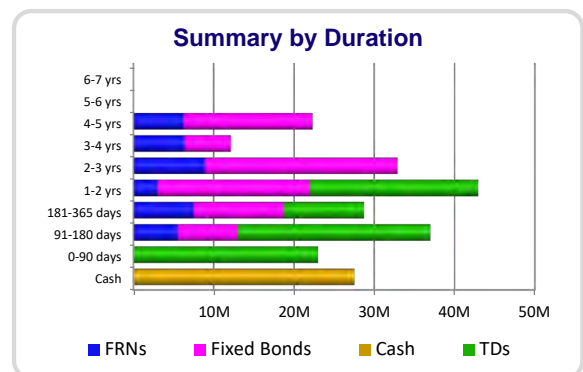
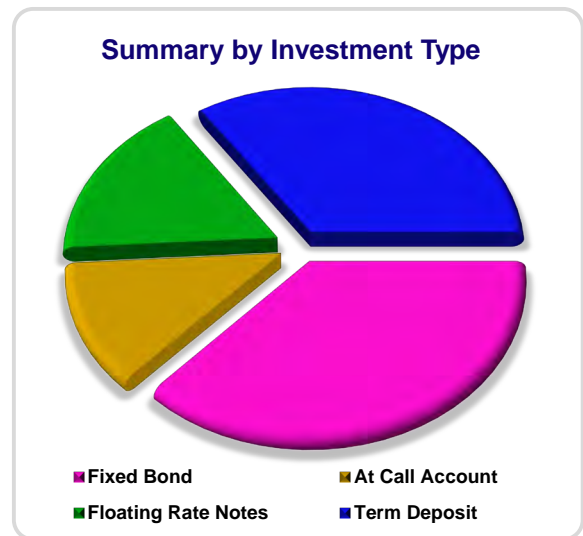
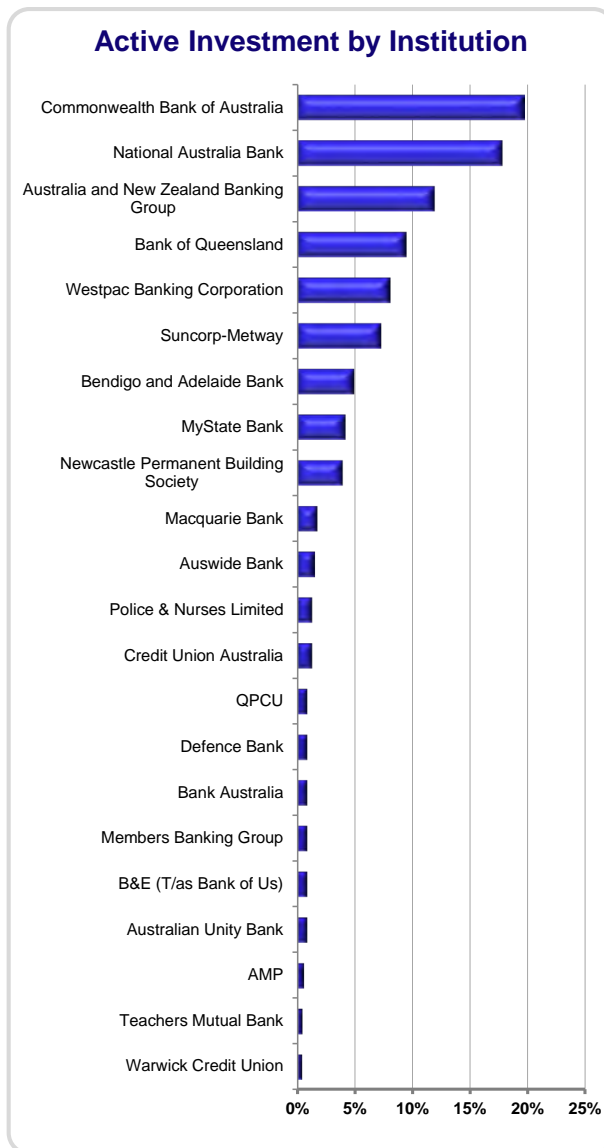
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Investment Summary by Rating



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	<365 days	>365 days
Cash/TDs	\$84.5M	\$21.0M
FRNs	\$13.0M	\$24.5M
Fixed Bonds	\$18.7M	\$64.8M
	\$116.3M	\$110.3M

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 are conservative and do not include any financial institutions that have not declared if they are fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned.

As at 31 August 2022, Council had a total amount of \$68.74M million invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 30.34% of its total investment portfolio. This is a slightly decreased proportion on previous months, as non-fossil fuel investments have recently matured, and council officers are looking to reinvest in suitable institutions.

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While all efforts are made to increase Council's proportion of non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, a conflict arises with legislated credit rating requirements. This is because non-fossil fuel investment opportunities are in the main provided by smaller institutions that have lower credit ratings.

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 2.52%, which is 0.68% above the benchmark figure of 1.84%. Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$2,312K and as at 31 August 2022 funds of \$839K have been earned.

Summary

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well with returns above benchmark and 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

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 THANK YOU TO NSW SES RYDE UNIT - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/647

MOTION:

- (a) That Council thanks NSW SES Ryde Unit for their assistance to the residents of Ryde throughout this years unprecedented weather conditions.
- (b) That the Mayor organises a small thank you function on a Sunday afternoon to personally thank the Ryde SES volunteers for their service to the community.
- (c) That the function be funded from the Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses budget up to an amount saved this year from a decision of Council not to take the annual fee increase of 2% for 2022/2023.
- (d) That the event be promoted through all media channels and an open invitation in the Mayors Column to residents affected during recent emergencies so they can attend to show their appreciation.

2 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON CHARLES STREET - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/729

MOTION:

- (a) That Council commissions an independent Road Safety Audit to be undertaken at the roundabout intersection of Charles Street and Parry Street, Putney to assess safety risks to road users at this location (e.g. children crossing Charles Street).
- (b) That Council considers appropriate options such as the provision of a pedestrian crossing or pedestrian refuge on Charles Street at/near Parry Street to mitigate risks identified in the independent Road Safety Audit.
- (c) That Council undertakes community consultation on proposed options to improve pedestrian safety at the roundabout intersection of Charles Street and Parry Street, Putney.
- (d) That the option(s) supported by the outcomes of the public consultation are tabled at the Ryde Local Traffic Committee for endorsement and reported back to Council.

**3 SITE INSPECTION - 2 NELSON STREET, GLADESVILLE - Deputy Mayor,
Councillor Roy Maggio**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/753

MOTION:

- (a) That Council carry out a site inspection of 2 Nelson Street, Gladesville within 10 days with the residents, any interested Councillors, the Acting Director and any appropriate staff to be present. The purpose of the inspection is to discuss the safety component.
- (b) That following the inspection, Council staff bring a report back to the next Council meeting outlining recommendations.

**4 SAFER AND ACCESSIBLE TRAIN STATION KISS AND RIDES - Councillor
Sophie Lara-Watson**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/737

MOTION:

- (a) This Notice of Motion seeks City of Ryde Staff to investigate the inclusion of safer and accessible kiss and ride zones near train stations in the next iteration of the "Integrated Transport Strategy."
- (b) City of Ryde Staff are requested to investigate the following zones via community consultation and traffic studies and report results via workshop ahead of the next "Integrated Transport Strategy":-
 - (i) Top Ryde Bus Interchange: The current kiss and ride on Pope Street mainly services library drop offs. An additional zone could be added on Tucker Street along Top Ryde where there are currently two parking spots.
 - (ii) Denistone train station: Immediately move the kiss and ride from the bridge to alongside the nearby car park.
 - (iii) West Ryde Station: The current kiss and ride is easily missed. It is disrupting traffic as it leads into a left hand turn towards Victoria Road. Staff should investigate a kiss and ride within the bus interchange on West Parade and another on Ryedale Road.
 - (iv) Macquarie Park Station: The current drop off zone is not clear. The distance from the Metro Station is more than a block away. Council should work with the State Government to encourage drop offs to this location and North Ryde Metro station. These should be the preferred drop off zone rather than Macquarie University (which is undergoing separate upgrades) with the goal of reducing car traffic around a critical connection station.

- (v) North Ryde Station: There are two easy access kiss and rides, this is the standard City of Ryde should be striving for.
- (vi) Meadowbank Station: From the [Integrated Transport Strategy 2041 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au), it is recognised there are plans to improve access to bus services, planned kiss and ride facilities, and reduced traffic on the eastern side of the railway line. The plan is from the State Government however staff should obtain a timeline for when this project is to progress and advocate for kiss and rides.
- (vii) Eastwood Station: From the [Integrated Transport Strategy 2041 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au) Pedestrian access between the two sides of Eastwood has recently been improved, following upgrading of the railway station. To add to these improvements, staff should investigate seamless kiss and ride zones on both sides of the station, which will increase the safety of commuters and reduce traffic disruption.

5 UNSAFE FRUIT TREE NETS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/738

MOTION:

- (a) That Council notes that:-
 - (i) each year backyard fruit tree netting entanglement causes the painful death of many flying foxes, birds, snakes and other animals. Netting entanglement maims, and exposes animals to heat stress, sun stroke, broken bones, myopathy and often results in death.
 - (ii) NSW wildlife rescue services undertake around 1000 call-outs for netting entanglements each year. The Government relies on volunteers to rescue wildlife, as RSPCA and Council officers rarely do so.
 - (iii) rescue of entangled flying foxes requires specialist trained and vaccinated rescuers and in peak season the netting rescues are unrelenting.
 - (iv) wildlife "safe" netting (aperture no more than 5mm x 5mm) is available at most hardware shops.
 - (v) Victoria have passed legislation, to prevent the sale of unsafe nets and ACT are about to follow. The ban does not apply to commercial growers as Modern orchards already use wildlife friendly netting "canopies".
 - (vi) the grey-headed flying fox is already listed as endangered and may not survive this century so every preventable death is totally unacceptable.

- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer write to Minister for Agriculture, the Hon. Dugald Saunders MP, calling for a ban on unsafe “backyard” netting.
- (c) That City of Ryde staff run an education campaign to inform residents of Ryde on the danger to wildlife when they use unsafe netting and encourage the use of Wildlife “safe” netting (aperture no more than 5mm x 5mm).

6 RYDE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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MOTION:

- (a) That Council notes that:-
 - (i) NSW Health are currently consulting with stake holders on the redevelopment of Ryde hospital on its current 7.69 ha site and that works will include a new carpark and new buildings.
 - (ii) City of Ryde Councillors have not been offered a workshop with NSW Health, on the design of the redevelopment.
 - (iii) the site contains 1.04 HA of native vegetation which is listed as a critically endangered ecological community, Blue Gum, High Forest (BGHF). This sits on a steep slope above the proposed buildings.
 - (iv) the redevelopment concept (as is) proposes modification of the native vegetation which will have a direct impact on the endangered forest through removal of 90% of shrub ground cover from the base of the trees, 80% of shrubs from the periphery of the forest, destabilising the steep slope, allowing increased erosion of subsoil and sedimentation.
 - (v) even though disturbance of BGHF is proposed as part of Stage 1 works, that no vegetation management has been made available as part of the EPBC (Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation) assessment and approvals process to identify the actual site areas of vegetation to be removed and how this will occur strategically to manage the risks on a steep highly erodible site.
 - (vi) addition of a detailed strategic management plan will ensure under storey native vegetation is rehabilitated, canopy trees can be maintained longer term with the modified stormwater conditions, that “scorched earth” weed removal doesn't destroy existing small bird habitat and provides compliance with OHS requirements in the ongoing management of the asset protection zones.
- (b) That staff request from NSW Health, a workshop for Councillors on the proposed new Ryde hospital design, natural areas, asset protection zone and endangered forest protection.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**17 PROPERTY MATTER**

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