

Meeting Date: Tuesday 26 July 2022
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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Statement of Ethical Obligations
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1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/546

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/547

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 8/22, held on 28 June 2022 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 June 2022**

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ATTACHMENT 1



Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 8/22

Meeting Date: Tuesday 28 June 2022

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

Time: 6.08pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Laxale

Note: Councillor Laxale left the meeting at 6.59pm and did not return. He was not present for voting on Item 4, Item 5, Item 6, Item 7, Item 8, Item 9, Item 10, Notice of Motion 2, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 8, Item 12 and Item 13.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Parks, Manager – Urban Strategy, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Acting Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Acting Manager – Transport, Senior Coordinator – Community Services, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Greigory Whittaker from the Salvation Army was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Laxale requested a Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 26 July 2022.

Councillor Purcell requested a Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 23 August 2022.

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Maggio)

- (a) That Councillor Laxale's Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 26 July 2022 be approved.
- (b) That Councillor Purcell's Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 23 August 2022 be approved.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he knows a number of the applicants.

Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that his partner is an applicant for the Advisory Committees.

Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 4 – Australian Change Dividend for the reason that it pertains to federal matters.

Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 7 – Advocating for Change to the National Construction Code for the reason that it pertains to federal matters.

Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 8 – Congratulations to Councillor Jerome Laxale on being Elected as the New Member for Bennelong for the reason that it pertains to federal matters.

Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that she knows the community members being nominated for the Committees.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that her son is nominating for the Ryde Youth Council and she knows numerous nominees from the community.

Councillor Brown disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he has a family member who has nominated to become a member of the Ryde Youth Council.

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Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that she knows some members in the Working Groups as acquaintances.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he is known to many of the people who have sought membership of the various Working Groups.

Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Membership Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

Councillor Brown disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 16/22 – TG Millner Rugby Field for the reason that he is a member of the Eastwood District Rugby Football Club and a social member of the North Ryde RSL.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 16/22 – TG Millner Rugby Field for the reason that he is a member of the North Ryde RSL.

Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 16/22 – TG Millner Rugby Field for the reason that he is a casual member of North Ryde RSL.

Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 16/22 – TG Millner Rugby Field for the reason that she is a casual member of the North Ryde RSL.

Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 16/22 – TG Millner Rugby Field for the reason that he is a social member of the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and North Ryde RSL Club.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled a petition with 11 signatures in relation to a new dwelling at 12 Clarence Street, North Ryde.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Michael McGirr	Item 7 – Planning Proposal to rezone land at 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde from SP2 (Educational Establishment) to part RE1 public recreation and part C2 environmental conservation
Terence Maher	Item 7 – Planning Proposal to rezone land at 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde from SP2 (Educational Establishment) to part RE1 public recreation and part C2 environmental conservation
Betty Radcliffe	Item 7 – Planning Proposal to rezone land at 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde from SP2 (Educational Establishment) to part RE1 public recreation and part C2 environmental conservation
Catherine Bright	Item 7 – Planning Proposal to rezone land at 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde from SP2 (Educational Establishment) to part RE1 public recreation and part C2 environmental conservation
Matt Kemp	Notice of Motion 1 – Road Safety concerns around 72 – 78 Higginbotham Road, Ryde
Kelvin Gray (representing the Northern Districts Cricket Association)	Notice of Motion 2 – Council Rebate – Hiring of turf wickets for 2021-2022 summer season

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 15/22, Item 2, Item 11, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 6 and Questions with Notice 1 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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MAYORAL MINUTE

MM15/22 AWARDS RECEIVED BY CITY OF RYDE AND STAFF – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION:

That Council acknowledge the receipt of each of the above awards and that staff be congratulated on their contributions to each award.

COUNCIL REPORT

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 24 May 2022

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 7/22, held on 24 May 2022 be confirmed.

INFORMATION REPORT

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

Note: An Information Report was provided to Council

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS AROUND 72-80 HIGGINBOTHAM ROAD, RYDE – Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: Matt Kemp made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council's Transport department urgently meet with the residents of 72-80 Higginbotham Road, Ryde to discuss their concerns with road safety following a spate of accidents in this area.
- (b) That the staff investigate solutions to minimise the potential for future accidents to occur in this area.
- (c) That a report be tabled for Council's consideration within 3 months that details the solutions investigated and the respective costs.

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5 SAFE LAUNCHING PLATFORM FOR KAYAKS AT THE WHARF ROAD BOAT RAMP – Councillor Trenton Brown

Note: A Memorandum from the Acting General Manager dated 21 June 2022 was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde Council acknowledge the proposal from Mr Justin Paine of the Lane Cove River Kayak Club.
- (b) That Ryde Council liaise with TfNSW (Maritime) to:-
 - (i) make minor improvements to improve the safety and accessibility of the Wharf Road Boat Ramp.
 - (ii) permit kayakers to safely launch from the unused northern section of the jetty.
 - (iii) engage with Paddle NSW and the Lane Cove River Kayak Club to improve general access to the ramp.
 - (iv) seek suitable grants to fund the minor improvements referred to in part (a) above.

6 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON CRESSY ROAD AT EAST RYDE – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes:-
 - (i) That students should be able to walk safely to school, reducing the need for parents and more vehicles to travel into school zones.
 - (ii) That vehicles make U-turns off Twin Road at Cressy Road and John Miller Street in East Ryde.
- (b) That Council staff liaise with residents and school community at Ryde East Public School regarding the safety of students crossing Cressy Road at Twin Road intersection and bring back a report that considers the following suggestions:-
 - (i) No parking near the corner of Cressy Road and Twin Road before and after school, to increase visibility for pedestrians.

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- (ii) Pedestrian refuge devices be installed on Cressy Road on both sides of Twin Road, to prevent U turns and prevent cars cutting corners.
- (iii) Extension of the 40km zone on Twin Road to the Elliott Avenue and Moncrieff Drive intersection.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – Councillor Roy Maggio

Question 1:

Please provide Cambridge Market charges to stallholders.

Answer 1:

As listed on the Cambridge Markets website <https://cambridgemarkets.com.au/>
Hot food stalls are \$195 and General Stalls \$160

Question 2:

What is the Councils return?

Answer 2:

As listed in the adopted 2021/22 Council Fees and Charges
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/fees> (booking of park hire and booking of waste bins) the annual fee is \$26,748

Question 3:

Why is the planning department of Council having constant delays in processing development applications?

Answer 3:

Development Assessment times are reported to Council quarterly, last reported at the Council meeting 24 May 2022.

All key performance indicators were noted as 'on-track' with the exception of mean gross determination days which was reported at 102 days with a target of 95 days.

The comments provided noted that COVID issues and a large number of Land and Environment Court cases in January and February impacted staff availability delaying determination of applications in this quarter.

Further it should be noted that in the previous two quarters in the 2021 / 2022 financial year all KPI's for development assessment were achieved.

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MAYORAL MINUTES

MM15/22 AWARDS RECEIVED BY CITY OF RYDE AND STAFF - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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

MM16/22 TG MILLNER RUGBY FIELD – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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

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

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

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is a casual member of the North Ryde RSL.

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

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

That Council:-

- (a) Recognise the rich history of the TG Millner playing fields in Marsfield, and the vital importance of large open spaces for our local community.
- (b) Oppose any plans that reduce or diminish the public's access to green space in Ryde.
- (c) Instruct the Acting General Manager to take any and all steps necessary to help secure this iconic local landmark as green open space in perpetuity.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding the Afghan Community, the time being 6.39pm.

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

MATTER OF URGENCY – AFGHAN COMMUNITY

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council acknowledge the tragic loss of life and those injured in the magnitude 6 earthquake which struck in Paktika province, Afghanistan on Wednesday, 22 June 2022. The country's deadliest quake in two decades that killed at least 1,000 people and injured at least 1,500.
- (b) That the City of Ryde donate \$10,000 (in keeping with donations to Lebanon last term) to assist the humanitarian efforts and sourced from the Civic Services base budget.
- (c) That staff identify the appropriate agency for the donation i.e. Australian Red Cross.
- (d) That Council observe a minute silence as a mark of respect to the victims of the Earthquake.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 24 May 2022

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

3 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-2026 INCLUDING ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN 2022/23

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Pedersen)

That Council:-

- (a) Considers the public submissions received during the public exhibition period and the responses to those submissions.
- (b) Adopts the proposed Four Year Delivery Program 2022-2026 including the One year Operational Plan for 2022/23, and 2022/23 Fees and Charges Schedule.
- (c) Makes and levies the rates for the 2022/23 financial year in accordance Section 535 of the *Local Government Act* 1993, such rate to be as follows:-

Type	Name	Base Amount Yield %	Min/Base Amount \$	Ad Valorem (cents in \$)
Ordinary	Residential		\$597.95	0.0764230
Ordinary	Business		\$597.95	0.5970200
Ordinary	Business- Major Retail Centre - Macquarie Park			0.4623300
Ordinary	Business- Major Retail Centre - Top Ryde			0.4623300
Special	Macquarie Park Corridor			0.0974670
Special	Special Infrastructure Renewal	49.97%	\$125.10	0.0206010
Special	Environmental Management	40.37%	\$59.60	0.0144790

- (d) Fixes its interest charge on overdue rates and charges in accordance with the Section 566 (3) of the *Local Government Act* 1993 at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION -
Councillor and Mayoral fees for 2022/2023**

Note: Councillor Laxale left the meeting 6.59pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Brown)

That Council adopt the following increases to Councillor and Mayoral fees effective from 1 July 2022:-

- (a) 2% increase to Councillor fees from \$31,020 to \$31,640 per annum.
- (b) 2% increase to Mayoral fees from \$90,370 to \$92,180 per annum; in addition to the Councillor fees.

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

That Council **not** adopt the following increases to Councillor and Mayoral fees effective from 1 July 2022:-

- (a) 2% increase to Councillor fees from \$31,020 to \$31,640 per annum.
- (b) 2% increase to Mayoral fees from \$90,370 to \$92,180 per annum; in addition to the Councillor fees.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Amendment. The voting on the Amendment was ten (10) For and one (1) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Amendment: Councillor Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

That Council **not** adopt the following increases to Councillor and Mayoral fees effective from 1 July 2022:-

- (a) 2% increase to Councillor fees from \$31,020 to \$31,640 per annum.
- (b) 2% increase to Mayoral fees from \$90,370 to \$92,180 per annum; in addition to the Councillor fees.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pedersen

5 COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION

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

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

That Council authorise the payment of a superannuation contribution payment for the Mayor and Councillors who provide a nominated superannuation account in accordance with Section 254B of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

6 WORKING GROUPS - COMMUNITY MEMBER EXPRESSSIONS OF INTEREST AND TERMS OF REFERENCE TEMPLATE

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows a number of the applicants.

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his partner is an applicant for the Advisory Committees. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows the community members being nominated for the Committees.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her son is nominating for the Ryde Youth Council and she knows numerous nominees from the community. She left the meeting at 7.04pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Brown disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has a family member who has nominated to become a member of the Ryde Youth Council. He left the meeting at 7.04pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows some members in the Working Groups as acquaintances.

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is known to many of the people who have sought membership of the various Working Groups.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

That consideration of this Item be deferred to Closed Confidential Session.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO REZONE LAND AT 22 WINBOURNE STREET, WEST RYDE FROM SP2 (EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT) TO PART RE1 PUBLIC RECREATION AND PART C2 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

Note: Councillors Brown and Pedersen returned to the meeting, the time being 7.05pm.

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Note: Michael McGirr, Terrence Maher, Betty Radcliffe and Catherine Bright made a written submission on this Item and copies are ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Deshpande)

- (a) That the planning proposal, attached to this report, to rezone the land, Lot 1 DP 1274125, at 22 Winbourne Street, West Ryde from SP2 (Educational Establishment) to Part RE1 Public Recreation and Part C2 Environmental Conservation be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination under 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (b) That the Department of Planning and Environment be advised that Council wishes to be delegated as the Local Plan-Making Authority.
- (c) That the following public exhibition, the planning proposal and any submissions received be reported back to Council to finalise the application.
- (d) That a detailed list of measures to address community concerns relating to traffic, parking and noise abatement, be included in the post-exhibition report to Council, including implementation options funded by the applicant.
- (e) That the above report considers, but not be limited to, the below suggested measures:
 - i. the widening of Winbourne Street from the northern side of former school site to Hermoyne Street.
 - ii. maximising the amount of parking on site by the construction of multi-storey car parking.
 - iii. a noise management plan for the site.
 - iv. the installation of sound proofing infrastructure on site or for neighbouring residents.
 - v. adequate pedestrian infrastructure in the immediate surrounds of the former Marsden High site.
 - vi. That Council liaise with the applicant on including funding for the above.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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ATTACHMENT 1

8 2022 SPORTSGROUND AMENITIES AUDIT

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the 2022 Sportsground Amenities Audit.
- (b) That a Workshop be undertaken with Councillors as soon as practicable to discuss a high level implementation amenities program.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 MANAGEMENT OF CHRISTIE PARK SYNTHETIC FIELDS

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

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

- (a) That Council undertakes an expression of interest process for a community facility lease of Christie Park 1 and Christie Park 2 synthetic fields.
- (b) That a further report be brought back to Council for a workshop outlining the outcomes of this process prior to any lease agreement being finalised.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

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

(A) CULLODEN ROAD, MARSFIELD - FORMALISE PARALLEL PARKING

The following changes be made on Culloden Road, Marsfield:

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- a) The existing informal 2P 7am-7pm Mon-Fri perpendicular (90°) parking on the eastern side of Culloden Road be replaced with 2P 7am-7pm Mon-Fri, parallel parking.
- b) The parallel parking spaces be defined as marked parking bays with 'Park in Bays Only' signage installed to improve enforceability.

(B) MCGOWAN STREET, PUTNEY - NO PARKING

The following changes be made on McGowan Street, Putney:

- a) A 126-metre-long 'NO PARKING' zone be installed on the western side of McGowan Street, between the property boundary of 6 Putney parade and 68 Pellisier Road, Putney

(C) HILLVIEW LANE, EASTWOOD – REMOVAL OF LOADING ZONE AT THE REAR OF 127 TO 133 ROWE STREET

- a) That this Item be deferred for further consultation.

(D) 17 BUFFALO ROAD, GLADESVILLE – FORMALISATION OF MAIL ZONE

- a) The existing Mail Zone be formalised by installing 5.8 metre long "MAIL ZONE, 10AM – 5PM, MON-FRI" at the property frontage of 17 Buffalo Road, Gladesville.

(E) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE – ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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

(F) BRENDON STREET AND FLINDERS ROAD, NORTH RYDE – PARKING AND ACCESS

- a) Statutory 10 metre No Stopping signs be installed at the intersections of Brendon Street with Flinders Road and Cave Avenue, North Ryde.
- b) Give Way hold lines (TB) and associated signs be installed at the intersections of Brendon Street with Flinders Road and Cave Avenue, North Ryde.
- c) A 13-metre-long section of No Parking be installed on the western side of Brendon Street, opposite its intersection with Cave Avenue.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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INFORMATION REPORT

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

Note: An Information Report was provided to Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

**1 ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS AROUND 72-80 HIGGINBOTHAM ROAD, RYDE -
Councillor Roy Maggio**

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

**2 COUNCIL REBATE - HIRING OF TURF WICKETS FOR 2021-2022 SUMMER
SEASON - Councillor Roy Maggio**

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

Note: Kelvin Gray (representing the Northern District Cricket Association) made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

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

- (a) That due to the significant impact of Covid and weather on the available play time, Council consider a rebate or credit of 45% on NDCA's hiring of turf wickets for the recent 2021-2022 summer season with a view that those funds be passed onto the relevant local clubs.
- (b) That staff report back on the preferred option and funding source through the first quarter review of the 2022/23 financial year.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL 2022 - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

- (a) That Council make a \$2,500 one off donation to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2022 to be funded from the Councillor Induction Training budget.

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- (b) That as part of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2022, a 6th Charity Golf Day is to be held at North Ryde Golf Course with a tentative date of Friday, 8 July 2022. Given the fact that this represents an opportunity for further promotion and support by Council of the Red Shield Appeal as well as a valuable marketing, partnership and promotion opportunity for Council (given the prominent location within the LGA), it is recommended that Council purchase a Gold Sponsorship at a cost of \$3,300 to be funded from the Councillor Induction Training budget.
- (c) That the Mayor write to the Principals of Meadowbank High School, Ryde Secondary College, Marist College Eastwood, Holy Cross College Ryde and Epping Boys High School requesting that they nominate up to two (2) students each to be included in the City of Ryde sponsored teams.
- (d) That a photo shoot be arranged on the golf day that includes the event organisers and City of Ryde participants to advertise Council's support and goodwill for the Red Shield Appeal, that is then released through Council's media channels.
- (e) That to facilitate the ongoing funding of charitable drives and donations, staff develop a charitable donations policy and budget for inclusion in future operational and delivery plans.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor O'Reilly

4 AUSTRALIAN CHANGE DIVIDEND - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that it pertains to federal matters. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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

That the City of Ryde Council:-

- (a) Recognise the work of the previous Ryde Youth Council, who advocated for stronger climate change action through the Australian Change Dividend model.
- (b) Supports the reduction of emissions through policies like the Australian Climate Dividend as described in Richard Holden and Rosalind Dixon's paper "A Climate Dividend for Australians".

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- (c) Request the Mayor to write to the Federal Government to enact policies like the Australian Change Dividend to ensure global warming does not increase above 2°C at the turn of the century.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council acknowledge the work of the previous Ryde Youth Council, who were presented with and chose to endorse the 'Australian Climate Dividend Plan' a carbon tax policy with dividend paid to every adult citizen and that our convenor work with the Ryde Youth Council to prepare a letter to send to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers.
- (b) That the City of Ryde Council supports Australia's Paris Agreement commitment of 43 per cent emissions reduction by 2030 and the reduction of emissions through policies including:-
- Upgrading the electricity grid to fix energy transmission, drive down power prices and effectively increase the use of renewable energy.
 - Making electric vehicles cheaper with an electric car discount and a National Electric Vehicle Strategy.
 - Investing in green metals (steel, alumina and aluminium); clean energy component manufacturing; hydrogen electrolyzers and fuel switching; agricultural methane reduction and waste reduction.
 - Providing direct financial support for measures that improve energy efficiency in households, within existing industries and develop new industries in Regional Australia.
 - Rolling out solar banks around Australia to ensure more households can benefit from rooftop solar.
 - Installing community batteries across the country.
 - Reducing the Australian Public Service's emissions to net zero by 2030.
 - Investing in New Energy Apprentices and a New Energy Skills Program.
 - Establishing a real-world vehicle fuel testing program to inform consumer choice.
 - Working with large businesses to provide greater transparency on their climate related risks and opportunities.
 - Restoring the role of the Climate Change Authority, while keeping decision-making and accountability with Government and introducing new annual Parliamentary reporting by the Minister.
- (c) Request the Mayor to write to the Prime Minister, Hon. Anthony Albanese MP; Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Hon Chris Bowen MP and Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy - Senator the Hon. Jenny McAllister calling on the federal government to enact policies like those listed and others, to ensure Australia meets or exceeds its 43% emissions reduction by 2030 and meets or exceeds its net zero target by 2050.

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- (d) Request the Mayor to write to the Federal Government to enact policies like the Australian Change Dividend to ensure global warming does not increase above 2°C at the turn of the century.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Lara-Watson abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Amendment. The voting on the Amendment was four (4) For and seven (7) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

That the City of Ryde Council: –

- (a) Recognise the work of the previous Ryde Youth Council, who advocated for stronger climate action through measures like the Australian Climate Dividend model.
- (b) Request the Mayor write to the Federal Government on behalf of the Ryde Youth Council, alerting them to the advocacy of the Youth Council, and encouraging them to consider policies which aim to ensure global warming does not increase above 2 degrees at the turn of the century.
- (c) Recommit to taking action at a local level to further progress the journey towards net zero by accelerating the implementation of, and adding a sustainable procurement component to, the City of Ryde Net Zero Emissions Pathway.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Further Amendment was Unanimous. The Further Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

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RESOLUTION:

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- (c) Recommit to taking action at a local level to further progress the journey towards net zero by accelerating the implementation of, and adding a sustainable procurement component to, the City of Ryde Net Zero Emissions Pathway.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 SAFE LAUNCHING PLATFORM FOR KAYAKS AT THE WHARF ROAD BOAT RAMP - Councillor Trenton Brown

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

6 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON CRESSY ROAD AT EAST RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

7 ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE TO THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that it pertains to federal matters. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Song)

(a) That Council notes that:-

- (i) The National Construction Code (NCC) is updated every 3 years, based on required regulatory practices, industry research, public feedback provided and policy directions from Governments to the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) between publishing cycles. Updated content is included in the PCD for consultation, seeking comment on the suggested amendments and/or inclusions to the next edition of the NCC.
- (ii) The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) is currently consulting on stage 1 of National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 public comment draft (PCD) and submissions are open until 11:59 PM AEST Sunday 11 July.
- (iii) Following the findings of climate Council's report: 'Tents to Castles: building energy efficient, cost-saving Aussie Homes' they published a series of recommendations.

(b) That the General Manager:-

- (i) Forward a submission to the ABCB online Consultation Hub, calling on the ABCB to identify opportunities to more broadly mandate solar panel installations, in addition to adopting the following recommendations from the Climate Council's report:
 - States and territories should support lifting energy efficiency standards in the 2022 update to the National Construction Code and implement the update at a state and territory level by the end of 2022. If the national update is delayed or unsuccessful, states and territories should nonetheless commit to proceeding with a move to 7-Star homes in their jurisdiction by the end of 2022.
 - Push for additional updates to the National Construction Code to ensure homes are future-ready.
 - Implement mandatory energy efficiency disclosure at point-of-sale.
 - Implement minimum energy efficiency standards for rental properties by 2025.
 - Comprehensively upgrade existing social housing so they are energy efficient.

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- Increase incentives for home energy efficiency improvements including appliance replacement and thermal-performance upgrades.
 - Investigate opportunities to incentivise the replacement of all residential gas appliances.
 - Ensure housing standards are prepared for worsening climate extremes.
- (ii) Write to NSW Minister for Small Business and Minister for Fair Trading, The Hon. Eleni Petinos MP, The Hon. Victor Dominello MP, The Hon. Matt Keen MP and The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and Homes calling on them to support the findings and recommendations of the Climate Council's report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILLOR JEROME LAXALE ON BEING ELECTED AS THE NEW MEMBER FOR BENNELONG - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that it pertains to federal matters. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council acknowledge and congratulate Councillor Jerome Laxale on his successful campaign for the seat of Bennelong at the federal election and extend gratitude to all candidates who took time from their lives to contest the election.
- (b) That Council looks forward to working closely with the new federal member and acknowledges the importance of having a federal representative who lives in the electorate and who has represented our community at a local level. Congratulations.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

CLOSED SESSION

**ITEM 12 - PROPOSED DRAINAGE EASEMENTS WITHIN SMALLS ROAD
PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STORMWATER
DRAINAGE LINE**

Confidential

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

**ITEM 13 - 1 DEVLIN STREET WATER MAIN RELOCATION AND ASSOCIATED
WORKS – EXEMPTION FROM TENDERING**

Confidential

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

**ITEM 6 - WORKING GROUPS – COMMUNITY MEMBER EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST AND TERMS OF REFERENCE TEMPLATE**

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).

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

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 8.31pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

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12 PROPOSED DRAINAGE EASEMENTS WITHIN SMALLS ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STORMWATER DRAINAGE LINE

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Maggio)

That Council resolve to accept the following proposal in accordance with the recommendation given in the discussion below:-

- (i) That Council approve the acquisition of a new 2m wide easement along the South-Eastern boundary of the Department of Education's Smalls Road Public School (Lot 1 DP830420, 3B Smalls Road, Ryde NSW 2112) and widening of the existing easement along the North-Eastern boundary of that property from 1.83m to 2m in order to construct a stormwater drainage system within the resulting easements;
- (ii) That Council approve the acquisition of the easement(s) referred to in (i) above from the Department of Education for the sum of \$112,626 (Plus GST);
- (iii) That the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to effect the acquisition of the necessary easement(s);
- (iv) That Council approves the total cost of \$620,000 for the 2023/24 financial year which includes the monetary contribution to DoE and the construction of the stormwater pipelines within the easement(s). The project will be funded by deferring 2 stormwater capital works projects from the Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Program from the 2023/24 financial year to future years.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13 1 DEVLIN STREET WATER MAIN RELOCATION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS – EXEMPTION FROM TENDERING

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council, having regard to the information put before it, is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances and that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.
- (b) That under Section 55 (3) (i) of the Local Government Act, Council does not invite tenders 1993 for the 1 Devlin Street Water Main Relocation and Associated works.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 WORKING GROUPS - COMMUNITY MEMBER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND TERMS OF REFERENCE TEMPLATE

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows a number of the applicants.

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his partner is an applicant for the Advisory Committees. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows the community members being nominated for the Committees.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her son is nominating for the Ryde Youth Council and she knows numerous nominees from the community. She left the meeting at 8.50pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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Note: Councillor Brown disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has a family member who has nominated to become a member of the Ryde Youth Council. He left the meeting at 8.50pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows some members in the Working Groups as acquaintances.

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is known to many of the people who have sought membership of the various Working Groups.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

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

(a) That Council resolve to accept the nominations of community members to the Working Groups listed below, in accordance with the recommendations given in the **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS 1-9**

- Festival and the Arts Working Group
- Heritage Working Group
- Inclusion and Access Working Group
- Multicultural Working Group
- Ryde Youth Council
- Small and Family Business Working Group
- Sport, Recreation and Leisure Working Group
- Status of Women Working Group
- Sustainability Working Group

(b) That Council adopt the Working Group Terms of Reference template (**ATTACHMENT 10**).

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Han and Deshpande)

(a) That Council resolve to accept the nominations of community members listed below to the Working Groups listed below:-

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Festival and the Arts	
Roseanna Gallo	Kedarnath Pagaddinnimath
Anthony Ching	Tony Tang
Phillip Ward	Sophie Xiao
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Jessica Matthews	Artin Etmekdjian
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Jennifer Chan	Narelle Barker
Jennifer Erickson	Carol Gulbin

The Lunar New Year events sub-committee will be co-chaired by Mr Tony Tang and Councillor Trenton Brown and Council staff will liaise with the co-chairman on the appointment of this sub-committee.

Heritage	
Suzanne Marks	Kim Phillips
Peter Mitchell	Betty Willis
Lyn Langtry	Wendy Evans
Lucy Cooper	

Small and Family Business	
Max McFarlane	Thiagarajan Raman
Nora Etmekdjian	Anthony Stavrinis
Artin Etmekdjian	Anjie Lal
Jerry Yessaeian	Craig Chung
Soraya Raju	

Sport, Recreation and Bicycle	
Andrew Hill	Paul McDonald
Michael Khachiki	Buckley Findlay
Adrian Hobson	Shane Cotton
Elaine Budd	John Constandopoulos
Karen Waud	Craig McMurdo
George Dimech	Sandra Donovan
Alison Pryor	Anne Doring OAM
Kim Clayton	Jill Hartley
Kim Clifton	

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Sustainability	
Bev Debrincat	Vlad Tudor
Jordan Hodgson	Kerry Gallagher
Gary Patni	Jan Aiello
Jill Hartley	George Divisek
Austin Kim	Peter Davies
Jo Taranto	Chathurkia Perera
Pamela Reeves	Wendy Evans
Shu-fang Wei	Katherine Spencer
Annie Sim	Amelia Saul
Jane Valentine	Balu Moothedath
John Herbert	Hope Ashiabor

Status of Women	
Cate Sinclair	Geeta Rani
Akhila Nagarajan	Jessica Matthews
Chavalin Svetanant	Kitty Ng
Rose Torossian	Agnes Shim
Brenda Gaddi	

Multicultural	
Elias Hassib OAM	Tony Tang
Gary Patni	Thiagarajan Raman
Angelina Bonifacio	Bin Lin
Roseanna Gallo	Harvey Ng
Chavalin Svetanant	Kitty Ng
Leechen Zhang	Viola Lo
Lydia Scuglia	Anthony Ching
Rose Torossian	Agnes Shim
Kedarnath Pagaddinnamath	Balu Moothedath
Geeta Rani	Neda Jovasevic
Leon Li	George Wu
Alberto Macchione	

Inclusion and Access	
Joe Bechara	Cecilia Park
Aida Yazdani	Sarah McFayden
Emilie Lemasson	

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Ryde Youth Council	
Anju Dhanushkodi	William Brown
Rajmalian Thiagarajan	Bailey Linton-Simkins
Jasmine Ye	Cassidy Mackay
Aarzu Patni	Sewon Kim
Armaan Patni	Joshua Zuback
Hannah Young	Cameron Last

- (b) The Terms of Reference will contain an attendance requirement for all members. Those members who fail to attend, or lodge an apology, for three meetings will be considered to have their membership withdrawn.
- (c) The membership criteria of the Festival and the Arts Working Group and the Multicultural Working Group should be amended to ensure a broader representation that reflects our diverse local community.
- (d) That Council endorse the creation of eligibility lists for fully appointed Working Groups, and that the General Manager be authorised to fill vacancies from those lists in accordance with adopted criteria. This method of appointment will be used for new applicants that are submitted throughout the term of office for these Working Groups.
- (e) A report be brought back to Council in August 2023 with recommendations and advice about the performance of the new Working Group structure and its achievements in the first 12 months.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Amendment. The voting on the Amendment was eight (8) For and one (1) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Amendment: Councillor Maggio

RECOMMENDATION:

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Sport, Recreation and Bicycle	
Andrew Hill	Paul McDonald
Michael Khachiki	Buckley Findlay
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Alberto Macchione	

Inclusion and Access	
Joe Bechara	Cecilia Park
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Emilie Lemasson	

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- (d) That Council endorse the creation of eligibility lists for fully appointed Working Groups, and that the General Manager be authorised to fill vacancies from those lists in accordance with adopted criteria. This method of appointment will be used for new applicants that are submitted throughout the term of office for these Working Groups.
- (e) A report be brought back to Council in August 2023 with recommendations and advice about the performance of the new Working Group structure and its achievements in the first 12 months.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

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

Note: Councillors Brown and Pedersen returned to the meeting, the time being 9.17pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Deshpande)

- (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 9.18pm.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY 2022

Chairperson

Minutes of the Council Meeting No. 8/22, dated 28 June 2022.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 July 2022

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/579

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 Extraordinary Council Meeting 9/22, held on 12 July 2022 be confirmed.

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Extraordinary Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 9/22

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 July 2022
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors O'Reilly, Purcell, Song and Yedelian OAM.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson and Pedersen.

Note: Councillor Brown left the meeting at 6.14pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on Notice of Rescission 1.

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 6.14pm and did not return. She was not present for consideration or voting on Notice of Rescission 1.

Apologies: Councillors Laxale and Maggio.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – People and Culture, Senior Coordinator – Community Services, Senior Coordinator – Events, IT Applications Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Councillor Yedelian OAM offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 6 - Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that many of the applicants to the various Working Groups are known to him socially, however, none are related.

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Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 6 - Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that her son is nominating for the Ryde Youth Council and she knows numerous nominees from the community.

Councillor Brown disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 6 - Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he has a family member (his son), who has nominated to become a member of the Ryde Youth Council.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 6 - Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 6 - Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that he knows to varying degrees a number of the applicants, which he has met through his role as a Councillor for the City of Ryde.

Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 6 - Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that she knows the community members being nominated for the committees.

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 6 - Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template for the reason that she knows some members in the Working Groups as acquaintances.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

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CLOSED SESSION

**NOTICE OF RESCISSION 1: ITEM 6 - WORKING GROUPS – COMMUNITY
MEMBER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND TERMS OF REFERENCE
TEMPLATE**

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).

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Yedelian OAM)

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

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

Record of Voting:

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

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

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 6.13pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

**1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 6 - WORKING GROUPS - COMMUNITY
MEMBER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND TERMS OF REFERENCE
TEMPLATE - Councillor Bernard Purcell, Councillor Katie O'Reilly,
Councillor Charles Song**

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that many of the applicants to the various Working Groups are known to him socially, however, none are related.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her son is nominating for the Ryde Youth Council and she knows numerous nominees from the community. She left the meeting at 6.14pm and did not return. She was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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Note: Councillor Brown disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has a family member (his son), who has nominated to become a member of the Ryde Youth Council. He left the meeting at 6.14pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows some of the applicants.

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows to varying degrees a number of these applicants, which he has met through his role as a Councillor for the City of Ryde.

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows the community members being nominated for the committees.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows some members in the Working Groups as acquaintances.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Song)

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 6 – WORKING GROUPS – COMMUNITY MEMBER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND TERMS OF REFERENCE TEMPLATE, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022, namely:-

COUNCIL REPORT

6 WORKING GROUPS – COMMUNITY MEMBER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND TERMS OF REFERENCE TEMPLATE

- (a) *That Council resolve to accept the nominations of community members listed below to the Working Groups listed below:-*

Festival and the Arts	
Roseanna Gallo	Kedarnath Pagaddinnimath
Anthony Ching	Tony Tang
Phillip Ward	Sophie Xiao
Therese McKenzie	Ricky Tang
Lindsay Mar	Jeffrey Tse
Justin Li	Anthony Pang
Gary Patni	Viola Lo
Leechen Zhang	Kitty Ng
Rose Torossian	Dr Bin Lin
Jessica Matthews	Artin Etmekdjian

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<i>Nora Etmekdjian</i>	<i>Rosanna Tang</i>
<i>Jennifer Chan</i>	<i>Narelle Barker</i>
<i>Jennifer Erickson</i>	<i>Carol Gulbin</i>

The Lunar New Year events sub-committee will be co-chaired by Mr Tony Tang and Councillor Trenton Brown and Council staff will liaise with the co-chairman on the appointment of this sub-committee.

Heritage	
<i>Suzanne Marks</i>	<i>Kim Phillips</i>
<i>Peter Mitchell</i>	<i>Betty Willis</i>
<i>Lyn Langtry</i>	<i>Wendy Evans</i>
<i>Lucy Cooper</i>	

Small and Family Business	
<i>Max McFarlane</i>	<i>Thiagarajan Raman</i>
<i>Nora Etmekdjian</i>	<i>Anthony Stavrinos</i>
<i>Artin Etmekdjian</i>	<i>Anjie Lal</i>
<i>Jerry Yessaeian</i>	<i>Craig Chung</i>
<i>Soraya Raju</i>	

Sport, Recreation and Bicycle	
<i>Andrew Hill</i>	<i>Paul McDonald</i>
<i>Michael Khachiki</i>	<i>Buckley Findlay</i>
<i>Adrian Hobson</i>	<i>Shane Cotton</i>
<i>Elaine Budd</i>	<i>John Constandopoulos</i>
<i>Karen Waud</i>	<i>Craig McMurdo</i>
<i>George Dimech</i>	<i>Sandra Donovan</i>
<i>Alison Pryor</i>	<i>Anne Doring OAM</i>
<i>Kim Clayton</i>	<i>Jill Hartley</i>
<i>Kim Clifton</i>	

Sustainability	
<i>Bev Debrincat</i>	<i>Vlad Tudor</i>
<i>Jordan Hodgson</i>	<i>Kerry Gallagher</i>
<i>Gary Patni</i>	<i>Jan Aiello</i>
<i>Jill Hartley</i>	<i>George Divisek</i>
<i>Austin Kim</i>	<i>Peter Davies</i>
<i>Jo Taranto</i>	<i>Chathurkia Perera</i>
<i>Pamela Reeves</i>	<i>Wendy Evans</i>
<i>Shu-fang Wei</i>	<i>Katherine Spencer</i>
<i>Annie Sim</i>	<i>Amelia Saul</i>
<i>Jane Valentine</i>	<i>Balu Moothedath</i>
<i>John Herbert</i>	<i>Hope Ashiabor</i>

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Status of Women	
<i>Cate Sinclair</i>	<i>Geeta Rani</i>
<i>Akhila Nagarajan</i>	<i>Jessica Matthews</i>
<i>Chavalin Svetanant</i>	<i>Kitty Ng</i>
<i>Rose Torossian</i>	<i>Agnes Shim</i>
<i>Brenda Gaddi</i>	

Multicultural	
<i>Elias Hassib OAM</i>	<i>Tony Tang</i>
<i>Gary Patni</i>	<i>Thiagarajan Raman</i>
<i>Angelina Bonifacio</i>	<i>Bin Lin</i>
<i>Roseanna Gallo</i>	<i>Harvey Ng</i>
<i>Chavalin Svetanant</i>	<i>Kitty Ng</i>
<i>Leechen Zhang</i>	<i>Viola Lo</i>
<i>Lydia Scuglia</i>	<i>Anthony Ching</i>
<i>Rose Torossian</i>	<i>Agnes Shim</i>
<i>Kedarnath Pagaddinnamath</i>	<i>Balu Moothedath</i>
<i>Geeta Rani</i>	<i>Neda Jovasevic</i>
<i>Leon Li</i>	<i>George Wu</i>
<i>Alberto Macchione</i>	

Inclusion and Access	
<i>Joe Bechara</i>	<i>Cecilia Park</i>
<i>Aida Yazdani</i>	<i>Sarah McFayden</i>
<i>Emilie Lemasson</i>	

Ryde Youth Council	
<i>Anju Dhanushkodi</i>	<i>William Brown</i>
<i>Rajmalian Thiagarajan</i>	<i>Bailey Linton-Simkins</i>
<i>Jasmine Ye</i>	<i>Cassidy Mackay</i>
<i>Aarzu Patni</i>	<i>Sewon Kim</i>
<i>Armaan Patni</i>	<i>Joshua Zuback</i>
<i>Hannah Young</i>	<i>Cameron Last</i>

- (b) *The Terms of Reference will contain an attendance requirement for all members. Those members who fail to attend, or lodge an apology, for three meetings will be considered to have their membership withdrawn.*
- (c) *The membership criteria of the Festival and the Arts Working Group and the Multicultural Working Group should be amended to ensure a broader representation that reflects our diverse local community.*

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- (d) *That Council endorse the creation of eligibility lists for fully appointed Working Groups, and that the General Manager be authorised to fill vacancies from those lists in accordance with adopted criteria. This method of appointment will be used for new applicants that are submitted throughout the term of office for these Working Groups.*
- (e) *A report be brought back to Council in August 2023 with recommendations and advice about the performance of the new Working Group structure and its achievements in the first 12 months.*

On being put to the Meeting the voting on the Rescission Motion was three (3) For and five (5) Against. The Rescission Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Han)

- (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 6.21pm.

The meeting closed at 6.21pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY 2022

Chairperson

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4 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - HUNTER VALLEY - 23 OCTOBER TO 25 OCTOBER 2022

Report prepared by: Civic Support Officer
File No.: CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/555

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council for its consideration of Councillor attendance at the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference, to be held at The Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, 430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale from Sunday, 23 October to Tuesday, 25 October 2022.

This report will also consider any recommended Motions received from Councillors, to be submitted to Local Government NSW for inclusion in the Business Papers for the Conference. It is noted that no proposed motions were received from Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council nominate six (6) Councillors to attend the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates.
- (b) That Council note that the Acting General Manager will determine which staff will attend the Conference.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Draft Program - Local Government NSW Conference 2022
- 2** Voting on Motions - 2022 Annual Conference
- 3** 2022 Motions Submissions Guide
- 4** Rule 4 – Objects of the Local Government Association
- 5** Councillor Attendance at Conferences Guidelines - December 2021

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Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

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Discussion

Conference

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. A copy of the Draft Program with workshops and options for the Conference is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

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.

Delegates Representing the City of Ryde

Council has been advised by Local Government NSW that it is entitled to send six (6) Councillors to the Conference as voting delegates as provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

In this regard, this report recommends that Council nominate six (6) Councillors to attend the Conference as voting delegates.

Voting

To vote on motions at the Conference, delegates must be an elected member of a Council, County Council, the Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) a Related Local Government Body (RLGB) or an Administrator appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Ordinary members and Associate members need to advise LGNSW of the name(s) of their nominated voting delegate(s) for voting on motions.

Members are required to advise LGNSW of the names of their nominated voting delegates by Monday, 10 October 2022. Nominations received after this date cannot be accepted.

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 3**.

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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 4**;
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.

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 Monday, 29 August 2022, however, in accordance with the Local Government NSW rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is Sunday, 25 September 2022. All Motions must be adopted by Council before submission to the Association.

Councillors were invited through the Councillor Information Bulletin dated 12 July 2022 to submit proposed motions and notes for Council to consider endorsing for submission to Local Government NSW for inclusion in the Business Papers for the Conference. It is noted that no motions were received from Councillors. The Executive Team have also not proposed any motions for Council's consideration.

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Attendance at the Conference

Councillors can attend the Conference using their own vehicle and receive reimbursement on the travel expenses per kilometre should they wish to drive.

Critical Dates

The following deadlines are required to be met:-

- Early bird registrations paid by Wednesday, 17 August 2022.
- Councillor delegates and Motions are to be determined and confirmed at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, 26 July 2022.
- Motions are to be submitted by 12 midnight on Monday, 29 August 2022 and no later than Sunday, 25 September 2022.

Financial Impact

Early-bird registration cost for the Conference is \$1,088 per person (paid by 17 August 2022).

Standard registration cost for the Conference is \$1,430 per person (made between 18 August 2022 and 10 October 2022).

Accommodation:	\$500.00 (2 nights)
Travel Expenses:	\$120.00 pp approx. (driving)
Incidentals:	\$200.00 pp approx.

Four (4) Optional Events:

President's Opening Reception:	\$ 88.00 (included in registration)
Councillor Training session:	\$ 99.00
The ALGWA breakfast:	\$ 88.00
Conference Dinner:	\$250.00

Currently, there is an allocation of \$34,800 remaining in the 2022/23 budget for Conferences.

Policy Implications

The City of Ryde has regularly participated in the Annual Local Government NSW Conference. Funding is allocated in the annual budget for delegates to attend the Conference. The Policy on Expenses and Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors sets out the entitlements for Councillors attending such Conferences.

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The Guidelines for Councillor Attendance at Conferences is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 5**. The Guidelines provide that in addition to the Local Government NSW Conference and the Australian Local Government Conference, every Councillor is entitled to attend a conference in NSW, Canberra, metropolitan Brisbane or metropolitan Melbourne.

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23 OCTOBER	24 OCTOBER	25 OCTOBER	SOCIAL EVENTS	OPTIONAL	WORKSHOPS
12.15pm	Pre-booked bus transfers to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from selected hotels				
12.30pm – 7.45pm	Galleria foyer (ground level) Registration desk operational				
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Semillon Room 1 (level 2) Workshop #1: Universal Urban Design and local government: creating welcoming, vibrant, safe and inclusive communities				
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Semillon Room 2 (level 2) Workshop #2: Creating Smart Places – How Your LGA can Benefit				
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Semillon Room 3 (level 2) Workshop #3: Managing Pests and weeds: Biosecurity and your council protecting the economy, environment and community				
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Verdelho Room (level 2) Workshop #4: Building a new, resilient LG sector – Reset, Reshape and Resilience				
2.45pm	Pre-book bus transfers to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from selected hotels				
3.00pm – 3.40pm	Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment Break				
3.45pm – 3.50pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Keynote sponsor introduction by TPG Telecom				
3.50pm – 4.40pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Keynote address: John Brogden AM (Lifeline International)				
4.45pm – 5.00pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Presentation of the A.R. Bluett Awards by the Trustees				
5.00pm – 5.15pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Official Opening LGNSW Conference				

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WELCOME TO THE 2022 CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR NSW

23 OCTOBER	24 OCTOBER	25 OCTOBER	SOCIAL EVENTS	OPTIONAL	WORKSHOPS
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From 7.30am	<p>Pre-booked bus transfers to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from selected hotels</p> <p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Light refreshments</p>
7.30am – 8.00pm	<p>Galleria foyer (ground level) Registration desk operational</p>
8.00am – 9.10am	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level) Conference Introduction by Scott Phillips, Chief Executive, LGNSW</p>
9.10am – 9.15am	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level) Welcome to Country on behalf of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council</p>
9.15am – 10.00am	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level) Opening of the Federal and State conferences, adoption of standing orders, business sessions and consideration of motions and conference business. Opening Address by Cr Darreia Turley AM President, LGNSW Presentation of financial reports (Treasurer)</p>
10.00am	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level) Demonstration of voting procedure. Commencement of consideration of motions and conference business</p>
10.35am – 11.00am	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level) Presentation from Cr Linda Scott, President Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)</p>
11.00am	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment break with distinguished partner Transport For NSW</p>
11.30am – 11.35am	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level) Address by Premier Partner abn</p>
11.35am – 1.00pm	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level) Consideration of Conference Business (continued)</p>
1.00pm – 1.05pm	<p>Cabernet/Merlot Room (ground level)</p>

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1.05pm - 2.15pm	Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Lunch with Elite Sponsor StateCover Mutual
1.05pm - 2.20pm	Semillion Ballroom (level 2) StateCover Mutual Members' Lunch - GMs and CEOs are invited to join StateCover Mutual for a member networking event
2.20pm - 3.20pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Consideration of Conference Business (continued)
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment Break with Distinguished Partner Landcom
4.00pm - 5.05pm	Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Consideration of Conference Business
5.05pm - 5.25pm	Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Networking
5.15pm	Pre-booked bus transfers from Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley to selected hotels
6.30pm	Pre-booked bus Transfers to Hope Estate Vineyards from selected hotels
From 7.00pm	Hope Estate Vineyards Local Government NSW/ Conference Dinner and entertainment with Elite Sponsor StateCover Mutual , Presentation of Local Government Service Awards
10.30pm	Pre-booked bus Transfers from Hope Estate Vineyards to selected hotels

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From 7.30am	<p>Galleria foyer (ground level) Registration desk operational</p> <p>Pre-booked bus transfers to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from selected hotels</p> <p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Light refreshments</p>
7.30am – 8.45am	<p>Semillon Ballroom (level 2) Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW) Breakfast</p>
9.00am – 10.00am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Housekeeping and introduction</p> <p>Keynote address followed by Q&A – The Future of Local Government</p>
10.00am – 10.30am	Address from Distinguished partner Transports For NSW
10.00am – 10.40am	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Refreshment break with Distinguished Partner Active Super</p>
10.40am – 10.45am	Address from Distinguished partner Active Super
10.45am – 11.40am	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Keynote address – Re-imagining Our Future Workforce with Simon Kuestenmacher, followed by case studies and Q&A</p>
11.40am – 11.45am	Address from Distinguished partner Landcom
11.45am – 12.45pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Final Keynote Session – Crime Prevention In NSW</p>
12.45pm – 1.00pm	<p>Cabernet Merlot Room (ground level) Final remarks from President LGNSW, including Annual Conference 2023 announcement and Conference Close</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<p>Trade Area (Exhibition Centre, ground level) Collect and go – lunch box style. Trade Exhibition closes at 2:00pm</p> <p>Pre-booked bus transfers from Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley to selected hotels</p>

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President's Welcome Reception	<p>Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hunter valley 23 October, 5.15pm to 7.45pm. Featuring Hunter Valley Food and wine. Sponsored by StateWide Mutual</p> <p>The President's Welcome Reception is included in your registration. Tickets for partners and extra guests of members can be purchased at time of registration.</p>
Conference Dinner	<p>Hope Estate Vineyards 24 October, 7pm to 10.30pm.</p> <p>The conference dinner and entertainment is optional and tickets are \$250.00pp (inc GST). Pre-booked bus transfers from 6.30pm.</p> <p>Presentation of Local Government Service Awards will be made during the Conference Dinner. Sponsored by StateWide Mutual</p>

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Conference Program

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23 OCTOBER	24 OCTOBER	25 OCTOBER	SOCIAL EVENTS	OPTIONAL	WORKSHOPS
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Choose any one of the four workshop options				
	Semillon Room 1 (Level 2) Workshop #1: Universal Urban Design and Local Government: Creating Welcoming, Vibrant, Safe and Inclusive Communities – \$99.00pp (inc GST). Afternoon tea served in Exhibition Centre at conclusion of workshop.				
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Semillon Room 2 (Level 2) Workshop #2: Smart Places – How Can Your LGA Benefit? \$99.00pp (inc GST). Afternoon tea served in Exhibition Centre at conclusion of workshop.				
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Semillon Room 3 (Level 2) Workshop #3: Managing Pests And Weeds: Biosecurity and Your Council Protecting The Economy, Environment and Community – \$99.00pp (inc GST). Afternoon tea served in Exhibition Centre at conclusion of workshop.				
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Vendellie Room (level 2) Workshop #4: Building a new, resilient LG Sector, reset, reshape and resilience – \$99.00pp (inc GST). Afternoon tea served in Exhibition Centre at conclusion of workshop.				

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Conference Dinner	Hope Estate Vineyards 24 October, 7pm-10.30pm – \$250.00pp (inc GST). Pre-booked bus transfers from 6.30pm. Will include presentation of Local Government Service Awards.				
StateCover Mutual Lunch	Semillon Ballroom (Level 2) 24 October, 1.05pm to 2.20pm: Exclusive to GLMs and CEOs. Sponsored by StateCover Mutual				
ALGWA Breakfast	Semillon Ballroom Level 2 25 October: Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW) Breakfast from 7.30am – 8.45am. Cost is \$88.00pp (inc GST)				

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Members' voting entitlement at the 2022 LGNSW Annual Conference

Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Albury (R/R)	4
Armidale Regional (R/R)	3
Ballina (R/R)	3
Balranald (R/R)	1
Bathurst Regional (R/R)	3
Bayside (M/U)	9
Bega Valley (R/R)	3
Bellingen (R/R)	2
Berrigan (R/R)	1
Blacktown (M/U)	11
Bland (R/R)	1
Blayney (R/R)	1
Blue Mountains (R/R)	4
Bogan (R/R)	1
Bourke (R/R)	1
Brewarrina (R/R)	1
Broken Hill (R/R)	2
Burwood (M/U)	3
Byron (R/R)	3
Cabonne (R/R)	2
Camden (M/U)	6
Campbelltown (M/U)	9
Canada Bay (M/U)	5
Canterbury-Bankstown (M/U)	11
Carrathool (R/R)	1
Castlereagh-Macquarie County (R/R)	1
Central Coast (R/R)	7
Central Darling (R/R)	1
Central Tablelands Water County (R/R)	1
Cessnock (R/R)	4
Clarence Valley (R/R)	4
Cobar (R/R)	1
Coffs Harbour (R/R)	4
Coolamon (R/R)	1
Coonamble (R/R)	1
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional (R/R)	2
Cowra (R/R)	2

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Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Cumberland (M/U)	10
Dubbo Regional (R/R)	4
Dungog (R/R)	1
Edward River (R/R)	1
Eurobodalla (R/R)	3
Fairfield (M/U)	9
Far West Joint Organisation	1
Federation (R/R)	2
Forbes (R/R)	1
Georges River (M/U)	9
Gilgandra (R/R)	1
Glen Innes Severn (R/R)	1
Goldenfields Water County (R/R)	1
Greater Hume (R/R)	2
Griffith (R/R)	3
Gunnedah (R/R)	2
Gwydir (R/R)	1
Hawkesbury City (M/U)	5
Hawkesbury River County (M/U)	2
Hay (R/R)	1
Hilltops (R/R)	2
Hornsby (M/U)	9
Hunters Hill (M/U)	2
Inner West (M/U)	9
Inverell (R/R)	2
Junee (R/R)	1
Kempsey (R/R)	3
Kiama (R/R)	3
Kimbriki Environmental Enterprises Pty Ltd (M/U)	1
Ku-ring-gai (M/U)	6
Kyogle (R/R)	1
Lachlan (R/R)	1
Lake Macquarie (R/R)	7
Lane Cove (M/U)	3
Leeton (R/R)	2
Lismore (R/R)	3
Lithgow (R/R)	3
Liverpool (M/U)	10
Liverpool Plains (R/R)	1
Lockhart (R/R)	1

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Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Maitland (R/R)	4
Mid-Coast (R/R)	4
Moree Plains (R/R)	2
Mosman (M/U)	3
Murray River (R/R)	2
Murrumbidgee (R/R)	1
Muswellbrook (R/R)	2
Nambucca (R/R)	2
Narrabri (R/R)	2
Narrandera (R/R)	1
Narromine (R/R)	1
Newcastle (R/R)	7
New England County (R/R)	1
North Sydney (M/U)	5
Northern Beaches (M/U)	10
Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (M/U)	1
Oberon (R/R)	1
Orange (R/R)	3
Parkes (R/R)	2
Parramatta, City of (M/U)	10
Penrith (M/U)	9
Port Macquarie-Hastings (R/R)	4
Port Stephens (R/R)	4
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (R/R)	4
Randwick (M/U)	9
Richmond Valley (R/R)	3
Riverina Water County (R/R)	1
Rous County (R/R)	1
Ryde (M/U)	6
Shellharbour (R/R)	4
Shoalhaven (R/R)	5
Singleton (R/R)	3
Snowy Monaro Regional (R/R)	3
Snowy Valleys (R/R)	2
Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (M/U)	1
Strathfield (M/U)	4
Sutherland Shire (M/U)	10
Sydney, City of (M/U)	10
Tamworth Regional (R/R)	4
Temora (R/R)	1

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Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Tenterfield (R/R)	1
The Hills Shire (M/U)	9
Tweed (R/R)	4
Upper Hunter (R/R)	2
Upper Lachlan (R/R)	1
Upper Macquarie County (R/R)	1
Uralla (R/R)	1
Wagga Wagga (R/R)	4
Walcha (R/R)	1
Walgett (R/R)	1
Warren (R/R)	1
Warrumbungle (R/R)	1
Waverley (M/U)	5
Weddin (R/R)	1
Wentworth (R/R)	1
Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (M/U)	1
Willoughby (M/U)	5
Wingecaribee (R/R)	4
Wollondilly (R/R)	4
Wollongong (R/R)	7
Woollahra (M/U)	5
Yass Valley (R/R)	2
LGNSW Board (M/U)	9
LGNSW Board (R/R)	9
TOTAL:	482

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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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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.

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Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep



Councillor Attendance at Conferences Guidelines

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2.1	November 2013	Corporate Governance	Adopted by Council and incorporated into related policy
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2.3	November 2015	Corporate Governance	Adopted by Council
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**Councillor Attendance at
Conferences Guidelines**

1. Related Policy

This guideline sets out the criteria to determine the attendance of Councillors at Conferences. It relates to the Policy on the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors.

2. Guideline

Council acknowledges the value of Councillor attendance at conferences to enable them to be both knowledgeable and current on issues affecting the City of Ryde. In order to ensure that attendance at Conferences is equitable, transparent and consistent, attendance will be limited as follows:-

1. Local Government Association Conference – the number of voting delegates plus one. Details of the delegates and attendee to be determined by resolution of Council.
2. Australian Local Government Association Conference.
3. In addition, to 1 and 2 above, every Councillor is entitled to attend one conference in either NSW, Canberra, metropolitan Brisbane or metropolitan Melbourne. The conference must directly relate to the business of Council. More than one Councillor may attend the same conference if Council resolves that this will be beneficial for both Council and the Councillors concerned.
4. Within 2 months after the conference the attending Councillor must report to Council on the proceedings of the conference. That report will be included in the Councillors Information Bulletin.
5. No Councillor can attend a Conference without the prior approval of Council. Reports to Council are to include details of the Conference and an estimate of the associated costs including registration, transport and accommodation.
6. Council may resolve that a Councillor can attend more than one conference per year but this determination will be dependant on budgetary constraints and with an emphasis on ensuring that all Councillors have equal access to conferences.
7. Each year, as part of the review of the Policy on the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors, Council officers will provide a full report of expenditure and Conference attendance by Councillors.

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5 ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN

Report prepared by: Open Space Planner

File No.: GRP/22/47 - BP22/494

REPORT SUMMARY

The Green Links Masterplan has been prepared in response to the Greater Sydney Commission's *Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities* (2018) and *North District Plan* (2018), and the City of Ryde's *Local Strategic Planning Statement* (2020). The Masterplan incorporates the Green Grid is described in these Strategies as "the Greater Sydney Green Grid will provide cool, green links to support walking, cycling and community access to open space." Greater Sydney Commission's - North District Plan identifies the Eastwood to Macquarie Park Open Space Corridors as a "Priority Corridor" as follows:-

"Eastwood to Macquarie Park Open Space Corridors will be extended and enhanced, including Shrimptons Creek, Terrys Creek and the Booth Road-North Road-Welby Street Green Link".

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided Council with a Metropolitan Greenspace Program grant to develop the Green Links Masterplan for implementation these three open space corridors. Council has ongoing in principal support from Sydney Water and Transport for NSW for inclusion of their lands in the Green Links Masterplan. Land owners consent and/or use agreement (as necessary) will be negotiated after the Masterplan has been adopted.

The Masterplan has considered the strategic context of the Green Links and supports the intent of relevant NSW Government and Council strategic plans and strategies. The development of the Green Links Masterplan has been underpinned by a whole-of-government approach. This has involved consultation with the Greater Sydney Commission, as well as a Project Control Group (PCG) comprised of NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW, Sydney Water, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, adjoining local councils and a range of internal City of Ryde departments. It is anticipated collaborative engagement with all of the above will be ongoing once the Green Links Masterplan has been adopted.

Green Links Masterplan, Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan and West Ryde Town Centre Masterplan (drafts pending adoption July 2022) have all been prepared with consideration and in conjunction with each other.

The Green Links Masterplan consist of three liner open space corridors:-

1. Shrimptons Creek Green Link
2. County Green Link
3. Terrys Creek Green Link

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The Green Links Masterplan include significant improvement to:-

- Cycle and walking connections between Macquarie Park to Eastwood,
- Cycle and walking connections between Macquarie Park to West, Ryde/Meadowbank (and onwards to Parramatta/Sydney Olympic Park)
- Terrys Creek walking track improvements,
- Safe paths and road crossings for pedestrians/ cyclists, and
- A range of other general park, recreation, community/cultural and environmental improvements.

The Shrimptons Creek Green Link will provide a direct and continuous link between Macquarie Park, West Ryde/Meadowbank (with regionally significant onwards connections to Parramatta and Sydney Olympic Park). It links a number of current and future significant NSW Government and Council projects, such as Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct, Macquarie Park Education Precinct (future), Ryde Central, Ryde River Walk, Midtown development, West Ryde Town Centre Masterplan and a number of park Masterplans. It will strengthen active transport connectivity and link parks, cultural/community locations and town centres, education centres (current and future schools/universities) and public transport options (metro, rail, bus and ferry).

Currently the northern section along Shrimptons Creek has a well-used shared user path (pedestrian and cycle) from Macquarie Park to Santa Rosa Park which terminates at Quarry Road. The integration of the Sydney Water land reservation will realise a major missing link to provide continuous off-road shared user path/cycleway through to West Ryde, Meadowbank and beyond to Rhodes and Parramatta.

The County Green Link provides a direct continuous link between Macquarie Park and Eastwood. This Green Link provides a multi-faceted open space corridor for green transport, recreation and blue and green ecology with links to parks, cultural/community and town centres, schools/university and other networks. It strengthens the connection and interconnection with current and future green transport options (eg. cycle, metro and buses in Macquarie Park, rail and buses in Eastwood).

The County Green Link will deliver a missing link in the active transport network which is of local and regional significance. The Masterplan will connect the existing short sections of shared user paths in Eastwood and Marsfield to form a continuous off-road shared user path from the Eastwood Station precinct to ELS Hall Park.

The Terrys Creek Green Link provides connection between Eastwood and Macquarie Park (with regionally significant onwards connections to Epping and Turramurra). Terrys Creek forms an important regional biodiversity corridor, ecological and recreation link to the Lane Cove National Park. The Green Links Masterplan connects the missing link between Forrester Park and Forsyth Park (south & north). The existing bushland character will be protected and enhanced.

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The cycle route for the Terrys Creek Green Link is via Vimiera Road. Plans also include future connection between the City of Ryde and Epping in the City of Parramatta local government area (as identified in City of Ryde – Planning Ryde Local Strategic Planning Statement) which will strengthen local and regional routes.

The project has been informed by two stages of community consultation. Stage 1 community consultation occurred in May/June 2021. The design was further refined following Stage 2 community consultation feedback (January/February 2022). Further details on the consultation undertaken are outlined in the body of this report. Internal and external stakeholder input informed the development of the Masterplan throughout.

Key statistics from the community consultations:-

- 82% supported improvements in draft Green Links Masterplan (Stage 2)
- 79% indicated improvements in the Masterplan would encourage them to use the parks and paths/tracks more (Stage 2).
- In Stage 1 the most popular elements people wanted to see included in the Masterplan was new and extended walking paths and tracks (59%), biodiversity improvements (55%), new active transport links (51%), traffic safety improvements for cyclist/pedestrians (46%), interconnections between corridors and transport options (42%) and park improvements (39%).
- 75% indicated improvements in the Masterplan would encourage them to use the parks and paths/tracks more (Stage 1)

The key design refinements in response to Stage 2 community consultation feedback include:-

- Multi-purpose community building being repositioned to the southern end of Santa Rosa Park (near to Quarry Road);
- Blaxland Road crossing being relocated to the junction of Blaxland Road/Anzac Road and expanded to include signalisation for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Realignment of Shrimptons Creek Green Link cycle route to be a separated cycleway along Anzac Avenue to avoid loss of on-street parking on Hermitage and provide better alignment and connections to West Ryde and Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct.

The Masterplan report includes an implementation plan for the progressive implementation of the Masterplan over the next 20 years. Implementation of the Masterplan is subject to Council's adoption of the final Masterplan and funding availability. Funding to implement the full Masterplan over its 20-year life will be sought through grant funding opportunities and during Council's annual business planning cycle.

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A range of different grants from NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW, NSW Office of Sport, state/federal government funding programs and user group contributions are likely to be suitable to partly fund the implementation of the Masterplan. With the recent creation of Minister for Active Transport into the NSW Government's portfolio, the NSW Government is demonstrating its' commitment to active transport (walking and cycling) and projects such as the Green Links Masterplan in terms of policy direction, infrastructure project commitments and budget announcements.

Projects such as the Green Links Masterplan have the ability to significantly improve the health and wellbeing of residents and workers, and directly link to Council's commitment to *Lifestyle and Opportunity at your doorstep*. This is demonstrated with the Ryde River Walk masterplan that was adopted in 2007, creating one of the most popular and well used community assets in Ryde.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council adopts the Green Links Masterplan as its vision for the three corridors; prepared by McGregor Coxall (June 2022).
- (b) That 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.
- (c) That Council advocate for funding to expedite Masterplan implementation.
- (d) 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.
- (e) That Council write to thank all participants in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.

ATTACHMENTS – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 Green Links Masterplan Report - For Adoption – June 2022
- 2 Green Links Masterplan - For Adoption - June 2022
- 3 Green Links Stage 2 Consultation Report - March 2022
- 4 Green Links Plans Draft for Stage 2 Consultation - December 2021
- 5 Green Links Stage 1 Consultation Report - June 2021
- 6 Green Links Context Analysis Report - October 2020

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Green Links Masterplan - Project History

May 2020	City of Ryde secured Metropolitan Greenspace Program grant from NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to develop the Green Links Masterplan.
May 2020	McGregor Coxall engaged to prepare Greens Links Masterplan.
July 2020	Green Links Masterplan Benchmark Report
July 2020	Greater Sydney Commission Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Masterplan (MEEP)
October 2020	Sydney Water in principle support for the Green Links Masterplan confirmed.
January 2021	Confirmation from Greater Sydney Commission – North District Commissioner in relation to vision for the Green Links Masterplan and use of the Green Link corridors.
May 2021	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in principle support for the Green Links Masterplan confirmed.
May-June 2021	Stage 1 community consultation conducted
June 2021	Green Links Masterplan – Strategic Intent, Spatial Framework and Implementation Report to DPIE.
July-December 2021	Community feedback considered and draft Masterplan developed.
June 2021	Presentation to City of Ryde Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee.
October 2021 – present	Inter-agency Project Control Group (PCG) established with City of Ryde, TfNSW, Sydney Water, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services and DPIE.
November 2021	Presentation to City of Ryde Bicycle Advisory Committee
January-February 2022	Stage 2 community consultation conducted.
February 2022	Presentation to City of Ryde – Ryde Environmental Educators Network
March-June 2022	Community feedback considered and draft Masterplan updated.
April 2022	Presentation to City of Ryde Councillors
July 2022	Report to Council to adopt the Green Links Masterplan

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Local Context

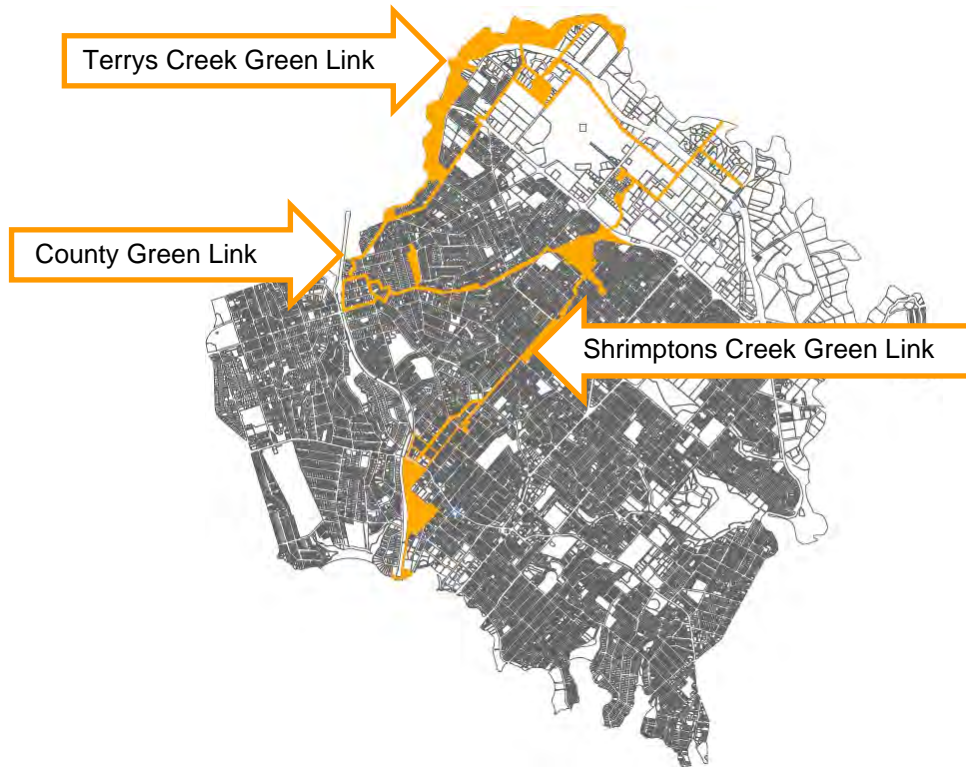


Image 1: Site Locations – Terrys Creek Green Link, County Green Link and Shrimptons Creek Green Link

Strategic Context

The Green Links Masterplan, has been prepared in response to and with consideration to a number of City of Ryde and NSW Government strategic planning documents, including:-

NSW Government:

- *Greater Sydney Commission – A Metropolis of Three Cities (2018)*
- *Greater Sydney Commission – North District Plan (2018)*
- *Greater Sydney Commission – Grid North District Plan (2017)*
- *TfNSW – Future Transport 2056 Strategy (2020)*
- *DPIE - Macquarie Park Place Strategy (Draft July 2021)*
- *Greater Sydney Commission – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Masterplan (2020)*
- *NSW Everyone Can Play Guidelines (2019)*
- Discussion with the NSW Government stakeholders during development of this Masterplan

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City of Ryde:

- *Planning Ryde Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020)*
- *Ryde Local Environmental Plan (2014)*
- *Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan (2018)*
- *West Ryde Town Centre Masterplan (draft July 2022)*
- *Integrated Open Space Plan (2012)*
- *Open Space Future Provision Strategy (2021)*
- *Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 (2017)*
- *Children Play Plan (2019)*
- *Youth Infrastructure Strategy (2021)*
- *Dog Recreation Needs Study (2020)*
- *Integrated Transport Strategy (2022)*
- *Sustainable Transport Strategy (2022)*
- *Bicycle Strategy (draft July 2022)*
- *Bicycle Strategy (2014)*
- *Biodiversity Plan (2016)*
- *Street Tree Masterplan (2012)*
- *Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 (2020)*
- *Disability Inclusion Action Plan (draft 2022)*
- City of Ryde park and town centre Masterplans (various)
- Discussion with the City of Ryde staff and other stakeholders during development of this Masterplan

The Greater Sydney Commission's *Greater Sydney Regional Plan, A Metropolis of Three Cities (2018)* established a vision for three cities in the Greater Sydney:

- Eastern Harbour City
- Central River City
- Western Parkland City

City of Ryde is located in the overlap between the Eastern Harbour and Central River City.

"The Greater Sydney Region Plan, A Metropolis of Three Cities is built on a vision of three cities where most residents live within 30 minutes of their jobs, education and health facilities, services and great places."

TfNSW's *Future Transport Strategy 2056 (2020)* re-affirms the Greater Sydney Commission's 30 minute city concept in their strategy. It strengthens the combined strategic value walking, cycling, public transport and transport modal shifts can provide for access to employment, education and services. The Plan also includes a short section relating to micro-mobility devices.

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“Living in a ‘30-minute city’ will mean residents can access jobs and services in their nearest metropolitan or strategic centre within 30 minutes by public transport, walking and/or cycling, seven days a week. This will give people better access to jobs, education and essential services and give people more time back in their days.”

“The 30-minute city will be supported by strong walking and cycling connections to increase mode-share and improve sustainability and health outcomes.”

The City of Ryde is incorporated in the Greater Sydney Commission’s *North District Plan (2018)*. The green grid is described in the *North District Plan* as “*The Greater Sydney Green Grid will provide cool, green links to support walking, cycling and community access to open space.*”

The City of Ryde has developed this Green Links Masterplan in response to the Greater Sydney Commission’s directions in the *North District Plan (2018)* which identifies:

- Green Grid Priority Corridor 2 - ‘*Eastwood to Macquarie Park Open Space Corridors*’.

This project will extend and enhance the following linear open space corridors located to the south/south-west of Macquarie Park and travel through multiple suburbs:

1. Shrimptons Creek Green Link (Macquarie Park – Marsfield – Ryde – Denistone East – West Ryde - Meadowbank)
2. Terrys Creek Green Link (Macquarie Park – Marsfield – Eastwood)
3. Booth Street-North Road-Welby Street Green Link (herein after referred to as “*County Green Link*”) - (Macquarie Park – Marsfield – Eastwood)

The City of Ryde’s population is forecast to reach 189,000 by 2041 - an increase of 40%. It is essential that NSW Government and City of Ryde invest in infrastructure and services to meet current demands and future demands in the context of a rapidly increasing population. The Green Links is an example of one such project.

The *Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan (2018)* outlines the vision for the City of Ryde. It provides seven key outcomes which underpin Council’s planning and decision-making – all of which are applicable in the context of the Green Links Masterplan.

1. Our vibrant and liveable city
2. Our active and healthy city
3. Our natural and sustainable city
4. Our smart and innovative city
5. Our connected and accessible city
6. Our diverse and inclusive city
7. Our open and progressive city

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The *Planning Ryde Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020)* (LSPS) provides the City of Ryde with a 20-year vision for land use planning:

“The City of Ryde will be a liveable, prosperous and connected city, that provides for our future needs while protecting nature and our history. As a city with diverse and vibrant centres, our neighbourhoods will reflect and serve our residents and business. Our well-planned places will enhance the health, wellbeing and resilience of our future community. They will also foster innovation, equity, inclusion and resilience.”

Relevant to this Green Link Masterplan, the LSPS outlines a range of structure plans and strategic priorities in relation to open space and green space provision, active recreation, provision of walking and cycling paths, mass and active transport, environmentally sensitive lands and town centres. Of particular note for the Green Links project, the LSPS Open Space structure plan identifies investigations of open space links; investigation of new/expanded public recreation and open space opportunity; and potential new bridges for cyclists/pedestrians. The LSPS Environmentally Sensitive Land structure plan identifies green space; biodiversity corridors; riparian corridors, waterways and creeks; and threatened species. The LSPS Transport structure plan identifies future transport options. The directions in these structure plans have been used to inform the Green Links Masterplan.

The Green Links Masterplan supports the intent of the *Ryde Biodiversity Plan (2016)* and the *Ryde Resilience Plan (2020)*. Much of the Green Links surrounding context is within an urban setting, that provides important regional biodiversity connectivity and fauna habitat along the corridor connecting Parramatta River to Lane Cove River (River to River). The greening of the corridors and promotion sustainable transport options will increase canopy cover, reduced carbon emissions and lower reduced climate change impacts. The *Biodiversity Plan (2016)* provides the framework to manage, enhance and protect natural areas and biodiversity in the City of Ryde. The Biodiversity Plan “*provides capacity to reinforce regional connections and enhance local corridors*” and is based on five interconnected themes relevant to the Green Link Masterplan:-

1. Native vegetation
2. Urban waterways
3. Corridors and connectivity
4. Public spaces
5. Urban habitat

The recently adopted *Integrated Transport Strategy 2041 (2022)* was being prepared during the development of the Green Links Masterplan. This Strategy considers a movement and place approach, focused on maximising the efficiency of people movement (over vehicle movement) and achieving outcomes that make successful places. It examines key transport challenges, including the City’s unique mix of population and employment, household structures, and travel patterns. This direction has been incorporated into the Masterplan.

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The recently adopted *Sustainable Transport Strategy 2022 - 2032 (2022)* provides a framework and key directions under which Council will work to deliver on improving sustainable transport in the City of Ryde. The Strategy aims to reduce our City's emissions from transport and improve air quality, urban mobility, health and wellbeing, while providing community and Council with practical information to achieve more sustainable transport outcomes that will benefit us all. The Green Links Masterplan supports the intent of this Strategy.

The preparation of the Masterplan has also been informed by the actions and priorities identified in the *Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 - "Through its role in sport and recreation planning and management, the City of Ryde will contribute to the lifestyle, health and wellbeing and social cohesion of Ryde."*

The Green Links Masterplan seeks to provide safe spaces that are inclusive of all ages, all abilities and all cultures. The Masterplan incorporates the recommendations outlined in the *Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2022)*, *Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 (2017)*, *Children's Play Plan (2019)* and *Youth Infrastructure strategy (2021)*. The design has been prepared with consideration to universal design and crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles.

Strategic Context - Whole-of-Government approach

The development of this Masterplan has required a whole-of-government approach as it requires an inter-agency and multi-tiered government support and responses. The Greater Sydney Commission provided the initial direction via the *North District Plan* for the Green Links Masterplan. Pre-project and during the development of the Masterplan GSC's support has been re-confirmed. DPIE provided grant funding via their Metropolitan Greenspace Program to develop the Masterplan. TfNSW and Sydney Water provided in principle support pre-project. As a key stakeholder they have been consulted and their support has been re-confirmed thorough the project.

A project control group (PCG) was created for the Green Links Masterplan project to ensure the support of the key stakeholders was coordinated. PCG members included representatives from City of Ryde (multiple departments), TfNSW, Sydney Water, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and DPIE.

Input was also sought from adjoining local councils in relation to the regional interconnectivity of the Green Links routes. City of Parramatta and Ku-ring-gai Council provided submissions and are supportive of the regional outcomes the Green Links Masterplan will provide.

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Strategic Context - Connectivity of Major Strategic Projects

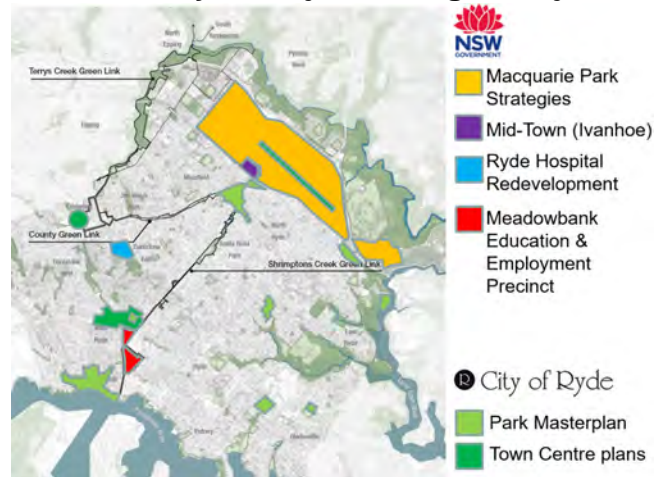


Image 2: Green Link interconnections with other major strategic projects

The Greater Sydney Commission developed the *Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Masterplan (2020)* which “identifies ideas for improved public spaces, green streets, transport and accessibility options, local heritage consideration and enhanced employment opportunities. These ideas aim to support a liveable, sustainable and productive Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct”.

Strategic Context – NSW Government: Active Transport and Cycling

The NSW Government added the Active Transport portfolio to its’ cabinet in December 2021 with Rob Stokes MP was appointed as Minister for Active Transport, Infrastructure and Cities and signalled a significant shifts in the priority of active transport projects for the NSW Government. This shift is demonstrated by policy positions such as;

- The Minister’s aspiration to double the \$950 million budgeted for footpaths, cycleways and other links over the following 5 years,
- A 2022/23 NSW budget announcement of \$60M for continuous active pathway along the foreshore between Sydney Opera House via Canada Bay to Parramatta Park, and
- 2022/23 NSW budget announcement - \$11.8M for critical maintenance works for Meadowbank Bridge to maintain this key transport link in the Sydney active transport network (400,000 walkers and cyclists annually) for residents and workers in Western Sydney.

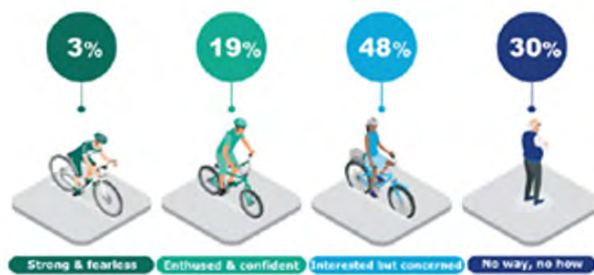
This shift in Government position demonstrates the importance of delivering projects such as the Green Links Masterplan for metropolitan Sydney.

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Strategic Context – Bicycle Strategy

The *Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030* (draft pending adoption July 2022) was prepared during the preparation of the Green Links Masterplan. The Green Links Masterplan has a strong strategic alignment with the pedestrian/cycle and active transport initiatives identified in the *Bicycle Strategy 2022 - 2030*. Both the Bicycle Strategy and the Green Links Masterplan will play an important role in enhancing Ryde's interconnected bicycle and pedestrian routes.

A core premise of the *Bicycle Strategy* and the Green Links Masterplan is to provide safe infrastructure to encourage people to cycle (and walk) more. The below infographics explains 48% of people are “*interested but concerned*” about riding their bikes. Of this category 81% feel more comfortable not being in a mixed traffic by way of “*a separated bike lane*”. Overall 75% of riders feel safe on separated cycleways and bike lanes.



(Figure 23)
Community of riders.
Source: Extracted from the Bicycle Design Toolbox, TfNSW (19).

Of the interested but concerned, percentage who are comfortable with



(Figure 24)
Likelihood of attracting the interested but concerned.
Source: Data taken from NACTO, 2016 and image by CrossleyTP, 2021.

Separated cycleway + bike lanes



Shared user path + road shoulders



Mixed traffic + bicycle logo in parking bay



Images 3: Excerpt from *Bicycle Strategy 2022 - 2033*

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The Shrimptons Creek and County Green Links seeks to provide off-road shared user paths/cycleways to increase safety and encourage more people to ride more often. The Terrys Creek Green Link includes off-road shared user path improvements to the north of Epping Road.

GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN

The vision for the Green Links Masterplan is to create:-

“recognisable environmental, cultural and green transport corridors linking two of Sydney’s most important rivers and connecting the City of Ryde’s town centres”

The four thematic objectives for the Green Links Masterplan are:-

1. Environment: Green Links as blue and green biodiversity corridors.
2. Green Transport: Green Links as transport corridors.
3. Recreation: Green Links as a place that meets multiple recreational needs.
4. Culture & Community: Green Links as a focal point for community and culture.

The Green Links Masterplan and *Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan (draft pending adoption, July 2022)* have been prepared in conjunction with each other. As such the following cycling projects form part of the Green Link Masterplan:-

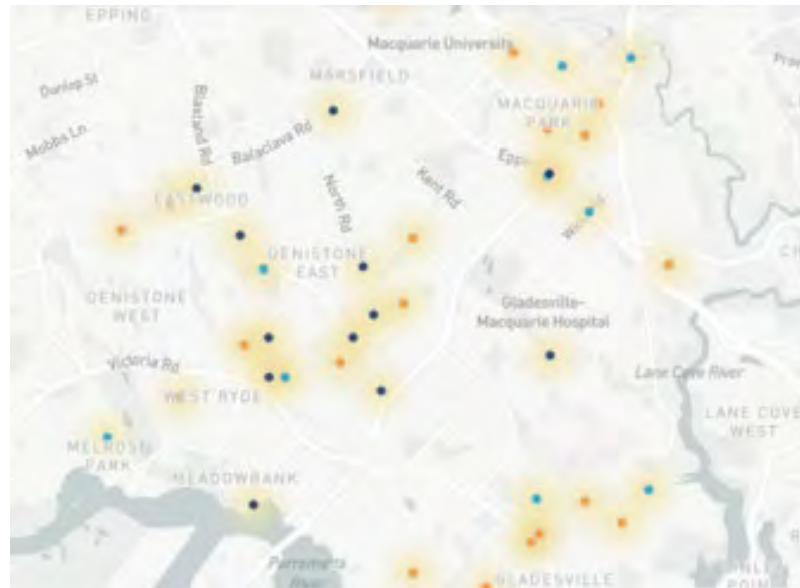
- The cycling link between Macquarie Park and Eastwood, Regional Route 12, forms part of the County Rd Green Link.
- The cycling link between Mona Vale and West Ryde, Regional Route 03, forms part of the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.
- The cycling link between Turramurra and Eastwood, Regional Route 02, forms part of the Terrys Creek Green Link.

The delivery of the abovementioned projects is subject to funding, which will primarily be obtained from State and Federal Government grants.

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GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN – Context and GIS Analysis

A Context Analysis Report was prepared in November 2020 and is provided in **ATTACHMENT 6**. Ongoing GIS analysis has been used to inform project decision making and the preparation of the Masterplan.



Degree of crash ■ Fatal ■ Serious Injury ■ Moderate Injury ■ Minor/Other Injury ■ Non-casualty (towaway)

Image 4: 2016-2020 report pedal cycle crash map for Ryde LGA (NSW Government crash map data)

The crash map above identifies 41 pedal cycle crashes were reported, although many minor incidents are not officially reported and therefore not present in the analysis. The benefits of the existing Shrimptons Creek off-road shared user path can be assumed as only one incident was noted. The bulk of the reported incidents occurred south of Quarry Road/North Road. This re-enforces the safety benefits the off-road shared user paths/cycleways in Shrimptons Creek and County Green Links will provide.

GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN – Consultation and Design Development

Council undertook a two-stage consultation process to inform the development of the Masterplan. Feedback from internal stakeholders and key external stakeholders (including TfNSW, Sydney Water, National Parks and Wildlife Service and DPIE) was also considered.

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Stage 1 community consultation was held on 27 May – 20 June 2021. The first stage of consultation allowed resident, users of the parks and stakeholders with an opportunity to provide their feedback on the existing parklands/corridors, their use and their thoughts for the future of the corridors. This consultation was promoted via flyer, letterbox drop (500m radius of the Park – 3,900 flyers), park signage, local newspaper advertisement (38,000 print readership), stakeholder eNewsletter (435 emails), Have Your Say webpage (249 page views), Facebook ad (10,141 users reached) and Council eNewsletters (3,300 emails distributed). Due to COVID restrictions information collection during drop-in session was limited with sessions primarily focused on questions and answers plus encouragement to provide feedback via survey or written submission. The consultation generated feedback via 417 online surveys and 69 written submissions.



Images 5, 6, 7 & 8: Stage 1 community consultation sign and drop in sessions.

The Stage 1 community consultation report is provided in **ATTACHMENT 5**. Key statistical findings from the online survey respondent indicated:-

- 75% indicated improvements in the Masterplan would encourage them to use the parks and paths/tracks more.
- The most popular elements survey respondents wished to see included in the Masterplan were new and extended walking paths and tracks, biodiversity improvements, new active transport links, and traffic safety improvements for cyclist/pedestrians
- County Green Link is predominantly used for more active forms of recreation, with the three highest uses being; 60% using the corridor for walking/jogging for pleasure, 43% cycling for pleasure and 51% exercise/fitness.
- Shrimptons Creek was the most well used Green Link with a diverse community use and predominantly used it for more active forms of recreation. In order of use; 68% walking/jogging for pleasure, 56% for exercise and 50% for cycling for pleasure.

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- Terrys Creek Green Link is used for more nature based activities as well as active forms of recreation. The three highest existing uses are; 62% bushwalking, 54% walking/jogging for pleasure and 42% for exercise.

A summary of how the draft Masterplan design was developed is as follows:-

Stage 1 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	General Masterplan Design Response
Improve and extend on the existing walking paths and track network in the Green Links.	Included in draft Masterplan design
Road crossings and traffic safety improvements in Green Links designed to improve pedestrian/cyclist safety.	Included in draft Masterplan design
Where possible, widen shared user paths to ensure safe, concurrent use by both pedestrians and cyclists	Included in draft Masterplan design and Report. Refer to Bike Plan
Paths lighting for safe evening use. Where appropriate, consider path lighting to minimise impacts to nocturnal fauna in ecologically sensitive areas.	Included in draft Masterplan design (Shrimptons Creek and County Green Links)
Include new signage (entry, site restrictions and wayfinding) and wayfinding to highlight routes, destinations and interconnections.	Included in draft Masterplan Report. Ongoing operation matter – noted.
Improve and extend on the existing cycling network/paths.	Included in draft Masterplan design.
Provide off-road cycle paths to maximise cyclist safety.	Included in draft Masterplan (County & Shrimptons Creek Green Links).
Include new active transport links, improve connectivity with local/regional destinations and improve interconnectivity between the each Green Link and other cycle routes.	Included in draft Masterplan design
Include park improvements (bins, picnic shelters BBQs, seating and fitness opportunities) in Green Link corridors.	Included in draft Masterplan (County & Shrimptons Creek Green Links).
Consider dog recreation and off-leash areas along the Green Links.	Existing dog off-leash areas retained. Refer to Dog Recreation Strategy.
Strengthen and expand on existing biodiversity across the Green Links with more bush regeneration, removal of invasive species, more native vegetation and provision of wildlife habitat.	Included in draft Masterplan designs and Report
Water Sensitive Urban Design principles into designs to improve water quality in local creeks & catchments.	Included in draft Masterplan designs and Report
Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals into the Green Links Masterplan design to improve user safety.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals into the Green Links Masterplan design to address safety and privacy concerns of residents adjoining the Green Link corridors.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Activate parks, paths and movement corridors to increase passive surveillance.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Road crossings and traffic safety improvements in Green Links are designed to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.	Included in draft Masterplan designs

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Stage 1 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	County Green Link Masterplan Design Response
Provide new and extend the existing shared user paths for off-road cycle/walking route along the County Green Link between Eastwood and Macquarie Park.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Open access along the County Road land reservation between Agincourt/Herring Roads and Graham/Pickford Avenues for walking/jogging & cycling	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Install paths that will accommodate both pedestrians and cyclist safely.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Include general park improvements and facilities such as wayfinding signage, seating/picnic facilities, outdoor gym equipment and water stations along the County Green Link	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Give consideration to whether a future potential community garden could be incorporated in the County Green Link.	Community area included in draft Masterplan designs. Purpose of use to be determined, pending agreement with TfNSW.
Provide more native plantings, including understory and canopy to improve food and habitat for native fauna along the County Green Link.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Improve the disconnected nature of the Green Link through improved continuous corridor plantings.	Included in draft Masterplan designs

Stage 1 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	Shrimptons Creek Green Link Masterplan Design Response
Extend the Shrimptons Creek Green Link beyond Santa Rosa Park and link to West Ryde, Meadowbank and Parramatta River.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Provide new and extend the existing shared user paths for safer off-road cycle/walking routes along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link between Macquarie Park, West Ryde, Meadowbank and the Parramatta River.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Open access along the Sydney Water land reservation between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road and between Benson Street and Goodwin Street.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Ensure the pathway is wide enough to safely accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Investigate methods to slow cyclists on the downhill section near Carara Reserve.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Open access along the Sydney Water land reservation between Quarry Road to Blaxland Road and Benson Road to Goodwin Street as a movement corridor to provide a safer off-road shared user path for cycling and walking. Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to integrate the Sydney Water corridor into the Masterplan designs and mitigate concerns of residents from adjoining properties.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Include facilities such as outdoor exercise equipment, lighting, water stations and secure bike parking facilities in the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Improve biodiversity through more native plantings and expansion to existing bush regeneration to reduce invasive species.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Improve the disconnected nature of the Shrimptons Creek Green Link through improved continuous corridor plantings.	Included in draft Masterplan designs

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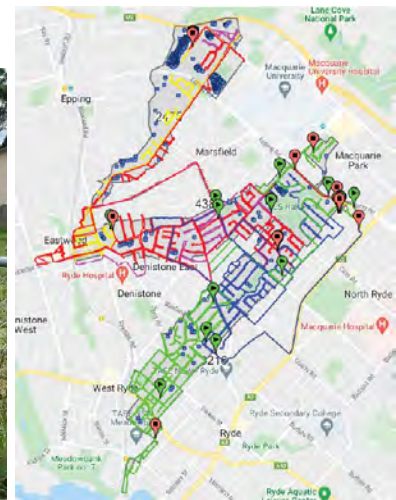
Improve the riparian zones and creek stabilisation within the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals into the Green Links Masterplan design to improve user safety and the surrounding context.	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Incorporate shared user path lighting along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link. Where appropriate, consider path lighting to minimise impacts to nocturnal fauna in ecologically sensitive areas	Included in draft Masterplan designs
Incorporate safe road crossing points for pedestrian and cyclist along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, traffic management and traffic calming devices as required, with particular consideration to Blaxland Road/Anzac Avenue, Victoria Road/Hermitage and North Road intersections.	Included in draft Masterplan designs

Stage 1 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	Terrys Creek Green Link Masterplan Design Response
Retain the existing Terrys Creek track for walking and provide track improvements where necessary.	Included in draft Masterplan design
Review existing Terrys Creek tracks to consolidate any informal tracks and formalise sections to provide continuous connection along the Terry Creek Green Link.	Included in draft Masterplan design and report
Retain the existing Terrys Creek Green Link cycle route via Vimiera Road and provide improvement where necessary.	Included in draft Masterplan design
Review use of Terrys Creek by mountain bike riders and investigate methods of managing track use to ensure pedestrian safety and the protection of the natural environment.	CoR and NPWS prohibit bike use on the Terrys Creek walking tracks. Ongoing operational matter – noted.
Include regulatory and way finding signage along the Terrys Creek Green Link.	Included in draft Masterplan Report. Ongoing operational matter – noted.
Preserve and enhance the natural areas along the Terrys Creek Green Link with a focus on greater native plantings including understorey planting and provision of habitat.	Included in draft Masterplan design and Report
Undertake further bush regeneration along the Terrys Creek Green Link.	Included in draft Masterplan Report. Ongoing operational matter – noted.
Undertake further and improved feral animal control along the Terrys Creek Green Link.	Ongoing operational matter – noted.
Install educational and informative signage about the ecological elements of the Terrys Creek Green Link.	Included in draft Masterplan Report.

The Context Analysis Report and Stage 1 community consultation report were considered and used to develop the draft Green Links Masterplans provided in **ATTACHMENT 4**.

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The draft Green Links Masterplan put on Stage 2 community consultation on 10 January – 13 February 2022. This stage of consultation allowed the community to review and provide feedback on the draft Masterplans – **ATTACHMENT 4**. This consultation was promoted via flyer, letterbox drop (500m radius of the corridors – 10,081 flyers), 66 x park signs, local newspaper advertisement (38,000 print readership), stakeholder eNewsletter (665 emails distributed), Facebook (reach of 9,312 users), Have Your Say webpage (2,012 page views) and Council eNewsletters (6,394 emails distributed). Six on-site drop in sessions were held on 1-3 February and 5 February 2022 and were conducted in accordance with Council's COVID Safe Plan. The consultation generated feedback via 417 online surveys, 125 written submissions and 216 drop in session comments.



Images 9, 10, 11 & 12: Stage 2 community consultation sign, letterbox distribution area and drop-in sessions.

The Stage 2 community consultation report is provided in **ATTACHMENT 3**. Key statistical findings from Stage 1 consultation online survey respondents indicated:

- 82% support improvements in the draft Green Links Masterplan.
- 79% indicated improvements in the Masterplan would encourage them to use the parks and paths/tracks more.

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A summary of how the Masterplan was updated is provided below:-

Stage 2 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	General Masterplan Design Response
Implement off-road shared user paths and cycleways.	Consistent with Masterplan design.
Implement a network of safe continuous cycling and walking routes.	No change. For consideration during detailed design and in consultation with Sydney Water.
Paths and cycleways are of sufficient width. In busy areas consider separate cycle & pedestrian paths. Where there are on-road sections, consider future separated cycleway paths.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design. Refer to Bike Plan.
Give consideration to reduced speed limits on local streets to 30kmh to better accommodate bicycles on the road.	Refer to Bike Plan.
Give consideration to prioritisation of pedestrians and cyclists at all intersection crossings.	Refer to Bike Plan.
Bike repair stations with air pumps, filtered water stations, bike racks and public amenities at key locations.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Benches/seating, filtered water stations (people/ dogs) & bins (rubbish, waste and dog waste).	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Directional, wayfinding (with distance), educational and interpretive signage with historic and indigenous heritage	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change.
Protect the existing native vegetation, natural areas, creeks and habitat for fauna and native flora.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Refer Biodiversity Plan.
Implement environmental and biodiversity improvements, enhance native vegetation, plant more native plants and trees, provide habitat, strengthen and protect wildlife.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Refer Biodiversity Plan.
Close/regenerate excess paths to reduce fragmentation of bushland.	Ongoing operational matter - noted.
Review impacts from paths and minimise any "edge effect" to reduce future fragmentation of the wildlife corridors.	Ongoing operational matter - noted. For consideration during detailed design.
Continue to provide bush care and bush regeneration throughout the Green Links.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Refer Biodiversity Plan.
Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles to improve water quality in local creeks/rivers.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Refer Biodiversity Plan.
Path lighting - energy efficient. Eco-sensitive in ecologically sensitive areas to minimise impacts on local wildlife. LED directional lighting non-intrusive adjacent properties.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Manage dogs in parklands and reduce negative impacts native fauna in bushland areas.	Ongoing operational matter - noted. Refer to Dog Recreation Strategy.
Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Expedite implementation, particularly where there are identified "missing links".	Refer to Implementation Plan in Masterplan Report. Subject to availability of funding.

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Stage 2 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	County Green Link Masterplan Design Response
Implement off-road shared user paths and cycleways.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Implement a network of safe continuous cycling and walking routes.	
Implement the shared user paths to provide sustainable/green transport options	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. Refer to Sustainable Transport Strategy.
Review shared user path alignment Grove St-North Rd to position it further away from adjacent properties.	TfNSW land. Alignment as per TfNSW direction. No change.
Review shared user path alignment around Kent Road Public School/Herring Road.	For consideration during detailed design. Direct alignment is through lands when Kent Rd PS is located.
Review shared user path alignment at the junction of Welby Street/Graham Avenue.	Updated in Masterplan. For consideration during detailed design.
Review extending the proposed shared user path from First Avenue through to Eastwood Station.	Updated in Masterplan.
Review providing path connection between Green Link & Denistone East Public School (via Waratah St).	Updated in Masterplan.
Paths and cycleways are of sufficient width.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design. Refer to Bike Plan.
Seating, filtered water stations (with dog bowls), bins (include dog waste) and community libraries	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Park improvements to encourage exercise and creating safe spaces for families and kids.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Basketball court (or half court) in grassed area between Abuklea Rd and Herring Rd for kids and families to use.	Courts provided in Youth Zone (near ELS Hall Park). No change.
Wayfinding signage and interpretive signage with indigenous heritage of the area.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change.
Provide the local community with additional green space.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Incorporate biodiversity principles, native vegetation and stronger wildlife corridors.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Refer Biodiversity Plan.
Higher level of maintenance along the County Green Link, especially mowing of the grassed areas.	TfNSW land. To be resolved when land use agreements are formalised.
Path lighting - energy efficient. LED directional lighting non-intrusive adjacent properties.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Review location of the raised pedestrian/cycle crossings Agincourt Rd & Abuklea Rd/Woorang St due to concerns about increased traffic noise within the residential street.	No change. For consideration during detailed design. Consult with residents during detailed design.
Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.

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Stage 2 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	Shrimptons Creek Green Link Masterplan Design Response
Implement off-road shared user paths and cycleways.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Implement a network of safe continuous cycling and walking routes.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Implement the shared user paths to provide sustainable/green transport options	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. Refer to Sustainable Transport Strategy.
Review separate cycleway on Hermitage Road & alternative route alignment or a shared user path on the verge could be achieved in order to prevent potential loss of on-street parking on the western side of Hermitage Road.	Masterplan updated. Cycle route changed to Anzac Ave. Northern section of Hermitage Rd is now a pedestrian route.
Review and give consideration to whether the proposed two-way separated cycleway on Hermitage Road could be extended further south.	Masterplan updated to provide shared user path link on Hermitage Rd (between Victoria Rd – Rhodes St)
Review cycle route relocation to Melville St & Quarry Rd shared user path extended to Yamble Res & Melville St.	No change. This route does not align with West Ryde Station and MEEP connection.
Review configuration of the pedestrian/cycle paths along Ford St (between Flinders Park and Tindarra Reserve) - pedestrian path on footpath & dedicated cycleway on road.	Masterplan updated.
Review shared user path re-route behind ELS Hall Park field 3 (rather than along Scott St).	No change due to ecologically sensitive area.
Review poor sight lines & pinch points on the shared user path at Tindarra Reserve and the Epping Rd underpass.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Consider current use and future use of shared user paths by bicycles, e-scooters, e-bikes and other mobility devices.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design. Refer to Bike Plan, Sustainable Transport Strategy and future COR e-Scooter trial.
Paths are of sufficient width.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design. Refer to Bike Plan.
Line marking on shared user path to assist with safer use.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Refer to Bike Plan
Provide education programs to encourage good shared user path rider/pedestrian etiquette and on-road cycle/driver awareness.	Operational matter - Noted for Council consideration.
Review the proposed location of the new multi-purpose community building in Santa Rosa Park. Liaise with sporting user groups in relation to their preference for the changerooms within the community building to be co-located with the sports fields.	Masterplan updated. New building re-located near existing location. User groups to be consulted during detailed design.
Consider whether the existing community building in Santa Rosa Park could be refurbished rather than demolished.	Building has exceeded useful life and does not meet current council access requirements. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Potential usage conflicts between the different community user groups for the future multi-purpose community building & storage space required by different community groups.	Operational matter. User agreements to be determined once building has been constructed.

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Sporting upgrades at Santa Rosa Park including sports field improvements, sports field lighting and mitigate impacts on adjacent residential properties.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. Lighting subject to DA, further consultation and relevant Australian Standards.
General park improvements at Santa Rosa Park including car park upgrades, continuous walking loop path/bridge (Bridge Rd), Habitat expansion & BBQ improvements.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Dog off-leash area should be fenced or partially fenced to prevent conflicts between dogs/cyclists and keep dogs out to protect native fauna, habitat, biodiversity and creek line.	No change. Existing off-leash area retained. Refer to Dog Recreation Strategy.
Implement the shared user path extension through the Sydney Water land reservation to address the major "missing link" and safer/inclusive off-road route.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Proposed native vegetation corridor along the Sydney Water land reservation. Plantings consisting of native shrubs with shallow root profiles for wildlife habitat corridor, good sight lines and not impact Sydney Water assets.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design and in consultation with Sydney Water.
Incorporate the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, including the Sydney Water land reservation to mitigate concerns of adjoining residents.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Consider increased fence height and planting of native plants that are spiky/prickly along the fence lines throughout the corridor to improve privacy, security and deter opportunistic crime and graffiti.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Install path lighting (as proposed) and ensure good clear sight lines through the corridor, activation as an active transport movement corridor and potential CCTV (if deemed necessary) to provide a strong deterrent to antisocial behaviour, graffiti and opportunistic crime.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Sydney Water land reservation is recommended for activation as a movement corridor for active transport purposes only. No other park elements be should be included to encourage pedestrians/cyclists to stop/loiter.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Install bollards or similar devices and potential CCTV (if deemed necessary) to prevent and deter motor cars/bikes from entering the Sydney Water land reservation.	No change. For consideration during detailed design.
General park improvements along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, including playground upgrades, fitness stations, BBQs, picnic shelters, filtered water stations (dog bowls)	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Implement the proposed Youth Zone including the mountain bike/BMX track, skate elements, multi-court and toilets in the lands adjacent to ELS Hall Park and seek to integrate into ELS Hall Park.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design and in consultation with Transport for NSW.
Implement the proposed car parks in the lands adjacent to ELS Hall Park and seek to integrate into ELS Hall Park.	
Provide directional, wayfinding (with distance), educational and interpretive signage with indigenous heritage of the area along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change.
Biodiversity improvements, enhance native vegetation, plant more trees, provide habitat, strengthen and protect wildlife corridors, including the native vegetation corridor along the Sydney Water land reservation.	Consistent with Masterplan design and Report. No change.
Provide increased levels of bush care and bush regeneration along the Shrimptons Creek corridor.	Consistent with Masterplan design and Report. No change.

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Path lighting - energy efficient. Eco-sensitive in ecologically sensitive areas to minimise impacts on local wildlife. LED directional lighting non-intrusive adjacent properties.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Request for Council to undertake greater weed removal, management practices and maintenance behind the residential properties near Tindarra Reserve to better manage the overland flow impacts during high rain events.	Noted in the Masterplan design. For consideration during detailed design. Ongoing operational matter – noted.
Provide a higher level of general park maintenance	Ongoing operational matter – noted.
Serious safety concerns about the existing on-road cycle route along Heath Street/Rickard Street due to the narrow streets lined with parked cars forcing cyclist to ride in a dangerous double 'door zone', poor sight lines, many driveway crossings, the unusual one-way entry configuration to Heath Street and vehicle speeds. This is not a suitable route for less confident cyclists or children.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. Off-road shared user path through Sydney Water land is recommended to provide a significantly safer option for cyclists/pedestrians.
Pedestrian/cycle road crossings improvements to reduce traffic speed & increase safety for pedestrians/cyclist especially for children and less mobile users.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Implement a signalised pedestrian/cycle crossing on Blaxland Road for the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Review location of the proposed Blaxland Rd pedestrian/cycle crossing near Beattie Park. Consider if a signalised traffic intersection with pedestrian/cycle crossing at Blaxland Rd/Anzac Ave would better address community concerns about existing traffic conditions and proposed pedestrian/cycle crossing near Beattie Park.	Masterplan updated. Full signalised traffic intersection at Blaxland Rd/Anzac Ave recommended to provide safer crossing & better cycle route alignment. For consideration during detailed design and in consultation with Transport for NSW.
Implement the pedestrian/cycle bridge overpass at Victoria Road (near West Ryde station) to provide regional active transport connection as identified in the Meadowbank Education Employment Precinct Masterplan.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. Refer to MEEP Masterplan.
Review location of the proposed pedestrian/cycle crossing on Goodwin St nearer to Falconer St	No change. This crossing is now only intended for pedestrians.
Implement a safe road crossing at North Road.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Give consideration to whether pedestrian and cyclist safety can be prioritised at road crossings.	Refer to Bike Plan
Investigate flood mitigation measures at Epping Rd underpass to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of the active transport route being cut off in high rain events or consider a longer term solution for a pedestrian/cycle overpass at Epping Rd.	Masterplan updated. For consideration during detailed design in consultation with Transport for NSW.
Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.
Expedite implementation the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, and in particular the use of the Sydney Water land reservation which is a key missing link in the network.	Refer to Implementation Plan in Masterplan Report. Subject to availability of funding.

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Stage 2 Community Consultation Summary of Recommendations	Terrys Creek Green Link Masterplan Design Response
Protect and enhance existing bushland areas and natural assets of this Green Link. Strengthen the ecological, biodiversity values and wildlife corridors.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Refer Biodiversity Plan.
In environmentally sensitive areas use raised boardwalks on the Terrys Creek walking track to reduce the impact on the soil and existing vegetation.	Consistent with existing track & Masterplan designs. No change. For consideration during detailed design for future upgrades.
Increase canopy cover by keeping existing trees and planting more shade trees along the roadways.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. Refer to Street Tree Masterplan.
Lighting in the proximity of Terry Creek natural areas should be minimised. If required, consideration should be given to eco-sensitive lighting to minimise impacts to fauna.	No change. Lighting is not proposed in Masterplan design.
Water quality improvements in Terrys Creek, Lane Cove River and the surrounding catchment areas. Consider litter reduction strategies and engineered measures such as gross pollutant traps to capture litter before it enters the Terrys Creek and Lane Cove River systems.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. For consideration during detailed design. Operational matter for future consideration.
Retain Terrys Creek walking track for walking.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Provide continuous walking track connection including formalisation of walking track between Forrester Park & Forsyth Park.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Review the existing creek crossing near Abuklea Road and give consideration to safety and access improvements.	Operational matter - noted
Review access to the Terrys Creek waterfall at the bottom of Anembo Place and consider access improvements.	Operational matter - noted
Ongoing review of walking tracks to ensure tracks are consolidated, informal tracks are closed. If track upgrades required ensure it is done in an eco-sensitive manner to minimise impacts on the surrounding natural area.	Operational matter – noted. For consideration during detailed design for future upgrades.
Retain the existing Terrys Creek Green Link cycle route via the Vimiera Road (between Eastwood Station and Epping Road - on-road cycle route in mixed traffic). Consider future design improvements to this route to make it safer and more suitable for bike riders of all abilities (eg. children), such as better separation between cyclists and cars along Vimiera Road, shared user path or separated cycleway with path lighting to allow for safe commuting after dark.	On-road route via Vimiera Rd consistent with Masterplan design. No change. Refer to Bike Plan.
New off-road shared user path along Vimiera Road (Epping Rd - Waterloo Rd) to link with existing shared user paths.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Implement an education program, regulatory signage improvements and increased levels of ranger enforcement to prevent use of bikes on the walking tracks & dogs off-leash	Operational matter – noted.
Council to investigate feasibility and work with relevant NSW Government agencies to seek potential alternative opportunities for mountain bikes/BMX in the City of Ryde or nearby.	MTB/BMX track (small) recommended for Youth Zone in lands adjacent to ELS Hall Park. Ongoing operational matter. Separate MTB/BMX report to be provided to Council in due course
Future active transport connection/bridge to connect Abuklea Rd, Marsfield (City of Ryde) & Abuklea Rd, Epping (City of Parramatta).	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during

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	detailed design in consultation with City of Parramatta.
Investigate feasibility for flood mitigation measures at Browns Waterhole to improve safety & reduce likelihood of cycling/walking route being cut off in high rain events.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change. Engage with the relevant NSW Government land owners and adjoining local councils for collaborative investigations
Investigate the feasibility to achieve a higher level of flood mitigation through Browns Waterhole and/or feasibility for other suitable alternative routes to provide a northern connection over Lane Cove River	
In appropriate and serviceable areas, provide bins for general rubbish, recycling and dog faeces	Operational matter – noted.
Upgrades to Forrester Park, including pathways, rest stop and small amenities building.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change.
Directional, wayfinding, educational, interpretive and indigenous heritage signs.	Consistent with Masterplan Report. No change.
Ongoing review of creek/river crossing points to facilitate safe passage.	Operational matter – noted.
Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.	Consistent with Masterplan design. No change. For consideration during detailed design.

GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN - Final Design

The Stage 2 community consultation report, internal City of Ryde advice and NSW Government key stakeholder input was considered and used to inform the final Green Links Masterplans provided in **ATTACHMENTS 1** and **2** recommended for adoption in this report.

SHRIMPTONS CREEK GREEN LINK



Image 13: Shrimptons Creek Green Link concept image

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Shrimptons Creek Green Link – Summary of Key Facts	
Route (to/from)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parramatta River ⇄ Meadowbank ⇄ West Ryde ⇄ Macquarie Park
Onwards connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parramatta (off-road shared user path via Ryde River Walk/Parramatta Valley Cycleway). Rhodes/City of Canada Bay (off-road shared user path via John Whitton bridge) Sydney Olympic Park (off-road shared user path via Rhodes and Bicentennial Park) Northern connections towards Turramurra.
Interconnections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrys Creek Green Link (Abuklea Rd & Epping Rd) Shrimptons Creek Green Link (Abuklea Rd/Bridge Rd & Epping Rd shared user path) Top Ryde Town Centre & Ryde Central Epping via Epping Rd shared user path North Sydney and CBD via Epping Rd shared user path
Public Transport links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meadowbank Ferry Wharf West Ryde Train Station Macquarie University Metro Bus routes (Meadowbank, West Ryde, Victoria Rd, Epping Rd, Macquarie Park) Future Parramatta Light Rail – Stage 2 at Melrose Park.
Education links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: Meadowbank Education & Employment Precinct, Macquarie University, TAFE NSW, St Michaels School, West Ryde PS, Smalls Rd PS, Denistone East PS, Kent Rd PS and future Macquarie Park Education Precinct.
Town/Business Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macquarie Park Business Centre, Meadowbank West Ryde Town Centre
Major Parks links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meadowbank/Memorial Parks, Anzac Park, Santa Rosa Park, ELS Hall Park/Greenwood Park/Booth Reserve, Wilga Park, Elouera Reserve.
Other key links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health: Macquarie University Hospital. Other: Eastwood Library
Missing Links to be addressed in Green Links Masterplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meadowbank Station ⇄ MEEP & West Ryde Pumping Station ⇄ West Ryde Station West Ryde Station ⇄ Blaxland Road (cycle via Anzac Avenue) Sydney Water land reservation (Quarry Road ⇄ Blaxland Road)

The Shrimptons Creek Green Link directly connects to the Ryde River Walk and the John Whitton Bridge at the southern end of the corridor. The corridor continues through MEEP and is reliant upon the NSW Government delivering the infrastructure identified within that Precinct. The corridor then passes above Victoria Rd, over a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge proposed as part of MEEP, to be delivered by the NSW Government and enters into West Ryde Town Centre. The route then joins to Anzac Ave and travels up to Blaxland Rd and through Sydney Water land to Quarry Rd where it seamlessly joins the existing Shrimptons Creek shared user path through to Macquarie Park. Elements of this corridor that received higher levels of feedback during the community consultations are discussed below.

The initial draft Masterplan proposed the shared user path travel between Hermitage Road/Goodwin Street ⇔ Blaxland Road/Anzac Avenue via Benson Lane and Carara Reserve. This route did not directly connect to the proposed Victoria Rd pedestrian and cyclist bridge and has a severe gradient through Carara Reserve and Benson Lane. During Stage 2 community consultation some residents expressed concerns about these issues and the potential loss of car parking on the western side of Hermitage Road to accommodate a dedicated cycleway.

Following Stage 2 consultation this section of the route has been reviewed and it was assessed that a unidirectional dedicated cycleway could be accommodated on either side of Anzac Avenue in the final Masterplan. This route is consistent with the draft Bicycle Strategy 2022 Principle Bicycle Network. Whilst this route travels up to the same ridgeline at Blaxland Road, its' gradient is not as steep for cyclist as the topographical height difference of the ascent/descent is dispersed over a greater length. Due to the width of Anzac Avenue it is not currently anticipated there would be a loss of parking, as shown in the section below. This route provides a better route align to West Ryde Station and the future Victoria Rd pedestrian and cyclist bridge.

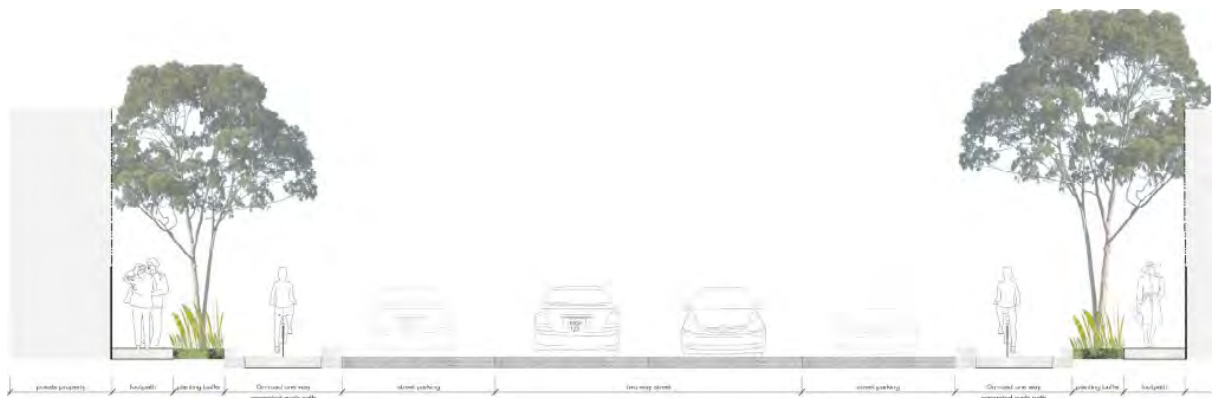


Image 14: Anzac Avenue separated cycle path (indicative) section

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Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Blaxland Rd/Anzac Ave Intersection

Community feedback expressed concerns about the ability to safely cross Blaxland Rd. For pedestrians/cyclists, the nearest safe road crossing is located at Melville Road, a signalised intersection, adding approximately 740m round trip to users.

Community feedback during Stage 1 and Stage 2 community consultations indicated a safe road crossing point (Blaxland Road) is an imperative component for pedestrian/cyclist safety. The initial draft Masterplan positioned a signalised pedestrian/cycle crossing to the west of the Shrimptons Creek corridor (near Beattie Park). However, feedback during Stage 2 consultation queried the proposed signalised crossing location and suggested that a full signalised intersection for vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists at the junction of Blaxland Road and Anzac Avenue would produce a better combined outcome. The Final Masterplan has been updated to reflect a more direct route alignment to cross Blaxland Road as well as better route alignment to the Anzac Avenue cycleway to West Ryde Station and the future Victoria Rd cycle/pedestrian bridge. Blaxland Road is a TfNSW managed road and as such the proposed signalisation at this intersection is subject to necessary traffic assessment, approvals and TfNSW agreement. Initial discussions with TfNSW have been supportive.

Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Sydney Water land shared user path

The Masterplan includes the Green Link shared user path extension through the Sydney Water land reservation (Blaxland Road ⇄ Quarry Road) to address the significant “missing link” with local and regional active transport network identified in the Context Report, and during both stages of community consultation. This will result in a continuous off-road pedestrian/cycle route between Meadowbank ⇄ West Ryde ⇄ Macquarie Park. This will be significantly safer and more inclusive of children, families, the elderly, all abilities and people with mobility needs.



Image 15: Current - Sydney Water land Quarry Rd looking south

Image 16: Proposed - Sydney Water land Concept image

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The Sydney Water land will act as a movement corridor for active transport purposes only and will not include additional park features that would encourage users to stop or loiter. Path lighting has been included to permit safe evening use. New raised pedestrian/cycle crossings are identified at North Road and Quarry Road. A native planting consisting of native shrubs with shallow root profiles and spiky/thorny habits along the fence lines will ensure good sight lines are maintained through the corridor and will not adversely impact the Sydney Water assets. The vegetation corridor will also provide a separation buffer between the shared user path and rear fences of the adjoining properties.



Image 17: Sydney Water land shared user path (indicative) section

Feedback from NSW Health, NSW Police, Bicycle NSW and Bike North and many individual community members see that the off-road shared user path via the Sydney Water land will provide a much safer and inclusive route for pedestrians/cyclists of all ages and abilities, especially children, families and the elderly.

Individual submissions were received from a number of residents from the area immediately adjacent to the Sydney Water land reservation. These respondents were strong in their opposition to the Sydney Water land reservation being re-opened for community use, citing a range of reasons including safety concerns, anti-social behaviour, increased levels of crime, noise and privacy impacts. Some would prefer for the existing on-road route via to Heath Street to continue to be used. These concerns raised by residents have been addressed in the Masterplan.

NSW Health recognised *“the link has the potential to create a safer and healthier environment for all users of the Green Link compared to more hazardous on-road alternatives, where pedestrians and cyclists are required to navigate local traffic and parked cars on relatively narrow streets.”*

NSW Police are of the opinion that *“opening of the Sydney Water corridor would allow for additional unused land to be utilised as a new cycleway, which will provide additional safe paths for Cyclists, as well as Pedestrians. It is unlikely that by opening this corridor it would attract any further crime or anti-social behaviour. It would though allow for greater natural surveillance and adheres to the CPTED principles.”*

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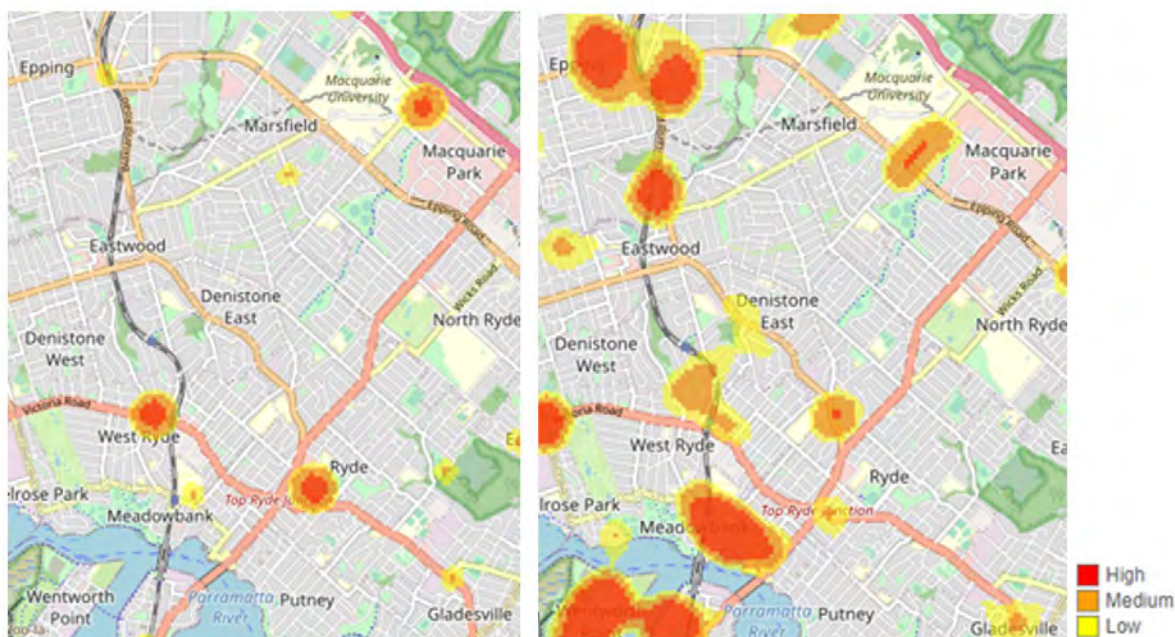
The development of the Masterplan included, and during detailed design will incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to mitigate concerns of adjoining residents. These measures will improve privacy and deter antisocial behaviour, graffiti and opportunistic crime. This includes:

- Installation of path lighting and good clear sight lines through the corridor.
- Activation as an active transport movement corridor to increase passive surveillance.
- Absence of seating or alike that may encourage users to dwell within the corridor,
- Increased fence height to maintain residential privacy,
- Native plants (spiky/prickly) as a buffer along the fence lines, and
- Install bollards or similar devices to prevent and deter motor cars from entering the corridor.

There is a past history of adjoining residents objecting to the Sydney Water lands being open for community use which has resulted in the Sydney Water corridor being fenced off behind locked gates (650m section between Quarry Rd – Blaxland Road). As a result, the existing shared user path from Macquarie Park terminates abruptly at Quarry Road which necessitates cyclists having to continue their journey in an on-road traffic environment (eg. via Heath Street – discussed further within this report).

The new shared user path through the Sydney Water land is relatively comparable to the existing shared user path that travels through Flinders Park and Tindara Reserve, approximately 600m further along the Shrimptons Corridor. These are elongated linear open space corridors with restricted width and a shared user paths that travel behind adjacent residential properties. The hotspot maps below (sourced from NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in 2022) demonstrate there are no hotspot areas of robbery or break nor enter dwelling in the residential areas adjoining the parklands where the existing Shrimptons Creek shared user path travels (eg. Santa Rosa Park, Flinders Park, Tindara Reserve, Greenwood Park and ELS Hall Park). On this basis, crime levels are not anticipated to increase when the new shared user paths are installed through the Sydney Water lands or County Green Link.

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Images 18 & 19: Hotspot Maps - Incidents of Robbery (L) & Break and Enter Dwelling (R)
April 2021 – March 2022. (NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research)

Heath Street – Existing on road cycle route

The on road cycle route which is currently used (instead of the Sydney Water lands) has safety concerns which include:-

- Very narrow and poor sight lines,
- Multiple vehicle/cyclist conflict points,
- Cars parked on both sides puts cyclists into a double 'door zone',
- Insufficient required 1m minimum passing distance for vehicles travelling below 60km/hr passing cyclists,
- Due to narrowness, increased likelihood of head on collisions between cyclists and vehicles.

Bicycle NSW noted in their Stage 2 written submission *"the alternative to opening the Sydney Water corridor to active transport is the current route via Heath Street and Rickard Street. Heath Street is narrow and lined with parked cars, forcing cyclists to ride in a double 'door zone'. There are many driveways that would compromise safety if a shared path was constructed. And there is no safe crossing of Blaxland Road at the end of Rickard Street. This is not a suitable route for less confident cyclists and children."* Bike North expressed similar concerns about the alternative on-road cycle route, as did some of the individual responses from the community.

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A firsthand account from residents living on the Heath St cycle route expressed serious concerns about the existing Heath Street route: *“The current cycle route via Quarry Road/Heath Street/Rickard Street is not safe. I stress that it is really, really unsafe. It’s difficult to see the cyclists and it is dangerous as local residents reverse out of their driveways. Heath Street is dangerous for cyclists, especially with the one-way set up. The Sydney Water corridor is much safer for cyclist.”* and *“Cars speed down Quarry Road and into Heath Street. There are so many near misses and unreported incidents. Our car has been hit before, but they didn’t leave their details.”*



Image 20: Aerial image of Heath Street



Images 21, 22 & 23: Existing configuration of Quarry Rd shared user path and Heath St on-road cycle route

The following image and table summaries the primary safety concerns with the current route alignment, as compared to the route proposed in the Masterplan.

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Image 24: Aerial image of Green Links v existing Heath Street

Element	Existing route (Heath St/Ln, Rickard St & Blaxland Rd)	Green Link (via Sydney Water land – Quarry Rd – Blaxland Rd)
Cycle route type	On-road with traffic	Off-road shared user path
Road crossings /junctions	9 x crossing/junctions	2 x crossings (North Rd & Blaxland Rd)
Driveways	105 x driveway interfaces	0 x driveway interfaces
Heavy vehicles sites	Yes – Sydney Water depot & 7/11	No – route avoids Sydney Water depot & 7/11
Distance to/from safe crossing point on Blaxland Rd	740m deviation (Rickard St ⇔ Melville St ⇔ Anzac Ave)	Nil – new crossing proposed to align with Green Link at Anzac Ave.
Route distance	1.65km	0.65km

It is envisaged that the on-road Heath Street route will be made redundant once the shared user path through the Sydney Water corridor has been delivered.

It is noted that Council does have the option to adopt the Green Links Masterplan without utilising the Sydney Water land. This is strongly not recommended for the reasons set out above.

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Santa Rosa Park - Quarry Road park frontage

The property at 255 Quarry Rd was acquired by Council in 2015 for the specific purpose of expanding the Santa Rosa Park and increasing the passive surveillance into Park. The residential property was subsequently demolished and the parcel of land was formally incorporated into Santa Rosa Park. The Green Links Masterplan seeks to better integrate this parcel of land into park by expanding the car parking, further increase passive surveillance by adjusting the format of the community building (discussed below) and facilitate improved utilisation of the Park.

Santa Rosa Park – Multi-purpose community building

The Masterplan identifies a new multi-purpose community building in Santa Rosa Park. In response to community feedback during Stage 2 community consultation, the new community building has been relocated in the Masterplan to the Quarry Road end of the Park.

The existing community buildings (currently leased by Scouts NSW and Air League – Ryde Squadron) will be decommissioned in the future with existing use to be accommodated in a new, consolidated multi-purpose community building.

The smaller northern building (leased by Air League) is poorly located, has poor passive surveillance, does not meet CPTED principles or accessibility standards and has ongoing water penetration/ventilation issues. The building is approaching the end of its serviceable life.

The existing southern building (leased by Scouts NSW) does not meet accessibility requirements, constricts passive surveillance into the park, and includes a barbed wire fence which detracts from the southern end of Santa Rosa Park. The building is also approaching the end of its serviceable life.

At the time of writing this report (July), Council were in the process of conducting community consultation in relation to the granting of a licence to the Scouts Association of Australia New South Wales Branch for use of part of Santa Rosa Park (ie. the area containing the existing community building) for activities associated with their association for a 5 year period, with an option for a further 5 years. This is the same community group has previously been using the building.

Santa Rosa Park – Sports field upgrades

Consistent with the *Open Space Future Provision Strategy (2021)* and *Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 (2017)* the 1 x senior and 1 x junior multi-purpose sports fields (grass) have been identified for drainage upgrade and sports field lighting.

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The sports field lighting will be subject to a Development Application, community consultation and conditions of consent. The Development Application will consider impacts and demonstrate compliance with applicable Australian Standards.

Santa Rosa Park – Dog off-leash area

The existing dog off-leash area in Santa Rosa Park has been retained in the Masterplan design. It is available for use outside of organised sport.

Santa Rosa Park – Other park upgrades

Other park upgrades identified for Santa Rosa Park include a new district level playground, BBQ and picnic shelters, fitness station, filtered water station, bike repair station and expansion of car parking. The existing playground is to be relocated and better integrated in the Park, the Habitat Community Nursey will be expanded and more native vegetation and bush regeneration zones. On the northern side of the Park a new path connection (adjacent to Bridge Road) has been identified to connect the two park entries and complete the loop walking path.



Image 25: Santa Rosa Park, Bridge Road and Flinders Park (indicative) section

Bridge Rd & Kent Rd pedestrian/cycle crossing

The City of Ryde has recently upgraded the shared user path road crossings at Bridge Road (Santa Rosa Park ⇄ Flinders Park) and Kent Road (Tindara Reserve ⇄ Greenwood Park). These provide pedestrians and cyclists with safer road crossings along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link. These crossings were funded by the Federal Stimulus Road Safety Program. The Masterplan has identified similar pedestrian/road crossing have been identified along the Shrimptons Creek and County Green Links.

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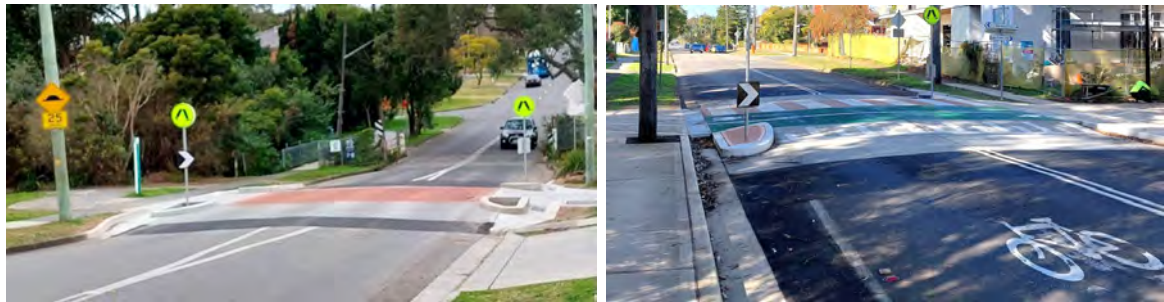


Image 26 & 27: Recently upgraded pedestrian/cycle crossings at Bridge Road and Kent Road

Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Flinders Park to Tindara Reserve

The Masterplan identifies the upgrades to the existing off-road shared user path to include path widening, path lighting, some minor realignments in these parklands. The picnic shelters, BBQ and seating in Flinders Park are identified for update.

The Green Links Masterplan seeks to address the missing link on Ford Street. Currently the cycle route enters a traffic environment for approximately 115m between these two parks. Draft plans identified a shared user path along the verge. However, following stage 2 community consultation feedback this has been amended to footpath on the verge and dedicated cycleway in the road reserve. This would result in a small loss of on street parking, however, these properties have good parking capacities within their land. This is consistent with the directions within the draft Bicycle Strategy 2022.

Along the creekline future stormwater, creek stabilisation, riparian corridor improved maintenance and bush regeneration zones are identified.

Shrimptons Creek & County Green Link - ELS Hall Park, Greenwood Park & Booth Reserve

Shrimptons Creek and County Green Link corridors converge on this collective grouping of parks. The Green Links Masterplan integrates with the ELS Hall Park, Greenwood Park and Booth Reserve Masterplan (2019) including the TfNSW land (near Whiteside Street/Epping Road). A new Youth Zone is proposed for this area and is recommended to include a mountain bike/BMX track, multi-use court, skate/scooter park, public toilets and new car park. This is subject to land use negotiations with TfNSW.

Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Environmental considerations

Council's program of bush regeneration works is ongoing along Shrimptons Creek and includes a Bushcare site at Greenwood Park. Community planting activities along Shrimptons Creek are helping to improve the wildlife corridor, linking the centre of the Ryde Local Government Area with the Lane Cove National Park. To improve water quality in Shrimptons Creek, Council has a pre-existing WSUD device at Santa Rosa Park and gross pollutant traps are installed along Shrimptons Creek which are regularly maintained. The Green Links Masterplan incorporates the actions in the *Biodiversity Plan (2016)*.

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Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Macquarie Park

The urban interface at Macquarie Park will be strengthened by including wayfinding/directional signage, filtered water station, bike repair station, Shrimptons Creek viewing platform and bike racks.

Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District (CMPID), who represents leading local workplaces in Macquarie Park including Optus, Johnson & Johnson, Schnieder Electric, Macquarie University and others., are very strong advocates for the Green Links Masterplan. They support the *“completing of the ‘missing link’ in Shrimptons Creek, and in doing so creating a sustainable link between the strategic districts of Macquarie Park and Parramatta”, “strongly support the utilisation of the Sydney Water Reservation to Blaxland Road, which we consider to be a critical community connection” and “would welcome this route being prioritised for delivery on an expedited basis.”* CMPID promote alternative forms of sustainable transport to the constituents in Macquarie Park. They acknowledge the Green Links will provide significant benefits in terms of active transport, recreation and placemaking for employers, workers, students and residents in Macquarie Park. The projects contained within the Green Links Masterplan will promote economic development and encourage workers to return to work post-COVID19.

Macquarie University supported the *“green credentials”, “economically and socially inclusive society” and the “promotion of connectivity and building of a sense of place and community engagement”* which the Green Links Masterplan seeks to achieve. Macquarie University recognised *“Shrimptons Creek Green Link will be a valuable connection between Macquarie University Campus and the new Institute of Applied Technology being established at TAFE NSW’s Meadowbank campus. These will be essential to developing the talent required to assist the Macquarie Park Innovation District to grow”.*

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Image 28: Shrimptons Creek Green Link – Macquarie Park urban interface concept image

Macquarie Park - draft Place strategy

The NSW DPE have developed *Macquarie Park Place Strategy (draft July 2021)*. This will provide a 20-year plan for Macquarie Park to reach its potential as a world-class place for innovation and collaboration with a strong employment focus. It will guide Macquarie Park's transition from a successful suburban business park to a vibrant commercial centre that is a growing home to world-class businesses, innovation, research and education. It seeks to supports job growth and create great places for people to work, live, learn and play by including:-

- Opportunities for up to 20,000 jobs
- Up to 7,650 new homes
- Improved access to public transport
- An 18-hour economy attracting business, workers and visitors
- A renewed Connection to Country – better connections between people and places
- More walking and cycling paths
- A network of parks and open space for everyone to enjoy

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The Green Links Masterplans strongly supports the intent of the *Macquarie Park Place Strategy (draft July 2021)* by providing a strong continuous active transport, open space, recreation and environmental connections within and to Macquarie Park.

COUNTY GREEN LINK



Image 29: County Green Link concept image

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County Green Link – Summary of Key Facts	
Route (to/from)	Eastwood ⇄ Macquarie Park
Onwards connections	Refer Shrimptons Creek & Terrys Creek Green Links
Interconnections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrys Creek Green Link (Abuklea Rd & Epping Rd) • Shrimptons Creek Green Link (Abuklea Rd/Bridge Rd & Epping Rd) • Epping via Epping Rd shared user path • North Sydney and CBD via Epping Rd shared user path
Public Transport links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastwood Train Station • Macquarie University Metro • Bus routes (Eastwood, Epping Rd, Macquarie Park)
Education links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macquarie University, Denistone East PS, Kent Rd PS, Eastwood PS, St Kevins School, Marist College.
Town/Business Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macquarie Park, Eastwood Town Centre
Major Parks links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastwood Oval, Jim Walsh Park, ELS Hall Park/Greenwood Park/Booth Reserve.
Other key links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macquarie University Hospital. • Eastwood Library
Missing Links to be addressed in Green Links Masterplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELS Hall Park shared user path ⇄ County Road corridor (Abuklea Road) • County Road corridor ⇄ Eastwood Town Centre

The *Future Open Space Provision Strategy (May 2021)* recognises the important contribution the County Road corridor can play in meeting Council's open spaces provision.

“County Road Corridor is also located between Eastwood and Macquarie Park, an area with poor access to open space, and an inadequate supply of open space. Residents living adjacent to the corridor do not have access to open space within 400 metres, and the corridor provides immediate access. It is sufficiently large enough to support a diversity of uses on site and is proximate to 2 or more active transport corridors and leverages a non-Council facility, optimising the use of council resources.”

The majority of the County Road corridor is currently fenced off and/or public access is discouraged. The Masterplan seeks to open the full length of the County Road corridor to facilitate resident access to the open space and provide a continuous off-road active transport link.

There are some very short sections of shared user path that have already been implemented. This includes ELS Hall Park; County corridor between Grove Street ⇄ Orange Street; Blaxland Road (Edgar Street) ⇄ First Avenue (Ryedale Road).

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The Masterplan seeks to address major missing links and provide full shared user path connectivity between ELS Hall Park ⇄ Eastwood Station (via Woorang Street, Welby Street and First Avenue). Shared user paths will include path lighting to permit use after dark and safe road crossing points for pedestrians/cyclists along the route.

The route alignment has been developed in consultation with Transport for NSW to satisfy their future land use requirements.

County Green Link - Licence Agreement (TfNSW) – Shared user path

The County Road corridor between Agincourt Road, Marsfield and Blaxland Road, Eastwood, is under the ownership of Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Council is currently negotiating a licence agreement with TfNSW for public access to this corridor.

County Green Link - Other General Park Improvements

The Masterplan identifies the following park improvements: new park entry (Fay St); new park entry and path to Denistone East PS (Waratah St); new fitness station and opportunity for other community park elements (North St⇄Grove St); new bridge crossing (near Graham Ave); upgrade car park, filtered water station, bike repair station, bike rack and improved park entry on Balaclava Rd (Jim Walsh Park); and bike repair station (Eastwood Oval).

County Green Link - Environmental considerations

During detailed design and implementation, designs will seek to integrate existing trees wherever possible. The Masterplan identifies a new vegetation buffer along the fences of the adjoining residential properties which will provide habit and biodiversity outcomes.

TERRYS CREEK GREEN LINK



Image 30: Terrys Creek Green Link concept image

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Terrys Creek Green Link – Summary of Key Facts	
Route (to/from)	Eastwood ⇄ Macquarie Park (via Lane Cove National Park)
Onwards connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern connections towards Turramurra & Pymble. Epping Aquatic Centre, Epping, Epping Station and North Epping
Interconnections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrys Creek Green Link (Abuklea Rd & Epping Rd) Shrimptons Creek Green Link (Abuklea Rd/Bridge Rd & Epping Rd shared user path) Macquarie Park via Culloden Rd & Talevera Rd shared user paths Epping via Epping Rd shared user path Epping via Blaxland Rd North Sydney and CBD via Epping Rd shared user path M2 cycle route(west) M2 cycle route (east)
Public Transport links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastwood Train Station Macquarie University Metro Bus routes (Eastwood, Epping Rd, Macquarie Park)
Education links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macquarie University, Epping Boys High School, Eastwood Heights Public School, Eastwood PS, St Kevins School, Marist College.
Town/Business Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macquarie Park, Eastwood Town Centre
Major Parks links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastwood Oval, Sommerville Park (City of Parramatta), Forrester Park, parks along Terrys Creek, Lane Cove National Park, TJ Milner Oval, Stewart Park, Marsfield Park, Waterloo Park.
Other links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macquarie University Hospital, Eastwood Library
Missing Links to be addressed in Green Links Masterplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forrester Park ⇄ Forsyth Park (walking track) Vimiera Road shared user path (Epping Road shared user path ⇄ Waterloo Road shared user path) Vimiera Road shared user path (Epping Road shared user path ⇄ M2 underpass) Future active transport bridge over Terrys Creek towards Dence Park Pool – Abuklea Rd (City of Ryde) ⇄ Abuklea Rd (City of Parramatta)

Terrys Creek Green Link - Existing Terrys Creek Walking Track

The City of Ryde's Terrys Creek Walking Track formally commences in Forsyth Park (north) then travels through Pembroke Park, Lucknow Park and Somerset Park. Beyond the M2, the track joins the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) walking track network from Berriwerri Reserve to Lane Cove National Park and Browns Waterhole. Browns Waterhole is the confluence of Terrys Creek and Lane Cove River.

The Terrys Creek Walking Track (City of Ryde and NPWS) is intended to be for bush walking. Bicycles and mountain bikes are not permitted on the walking track. The Green Links bicycle route is a predominantly on-road cycle route via Vimiera Road.

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Between 2018 – 2021 Council has delivered various stages of the upgrades to the Terrys Creek Walking Track. These improvements have included installation of fibremesh deck walkways, bridge crossing with hand railing, lookouts, access stairs and signage in specific locations. These upgrades are to reduce erosion, improve access, improve safety and increase public awareness of natural areas.

The Masterplan recommends that the existing track network is reviewed on an ongoing basis to remove any duplicate tracks and close any informal tracks which may have formed.

Terrys Creek Green Link - Missing Link

The City of Ryde's Terrys Creek Walking Track is intended to commence in Forrester Park, however there is a relatively short missing link between Forrester Park/Forsyth Park (south) and Forsyth Park (north). This missing link is identified on Ryde LEP 2014 to be acquired as 'Regional Open Space'. This acquisition is the responsibility of NSW Government who will in turn transfer ownership to Council for use as open space. Until the acquisition is completed, no works will be undertaken to connect through these properties.

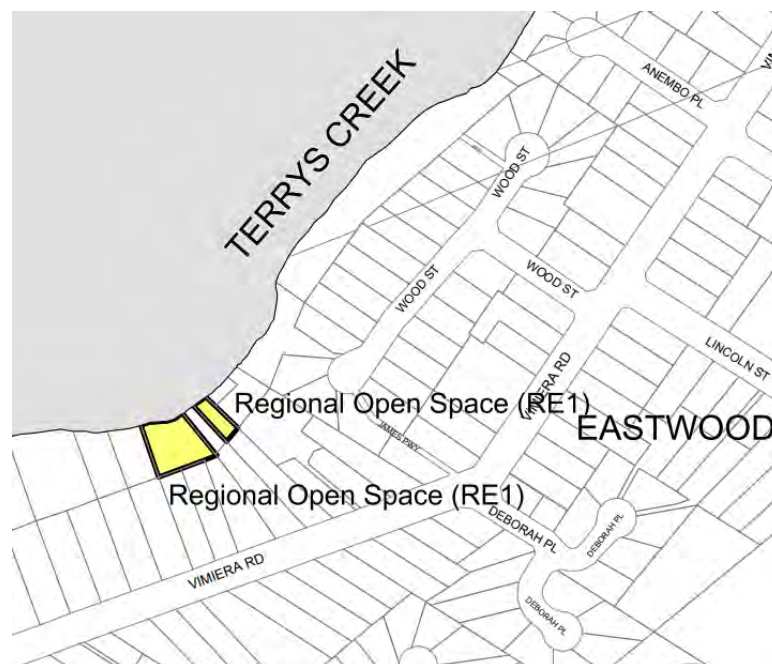


Image 31: Land Reservation Acquisition Map 1, RLEP 2014

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Terrys Creek Green Link - Cycle Route

Consistent with the draft Bicycle Strategy 2022, the existing cycle route for Terrys Creek Green Link remains as an on-road cycle route Ball Street (near Eastwood Station) ⇔ Vimiera Road (Epping Road). There is a shared user path bridge over Epping Road (near Epping Boys High School) and then continue to Waterloo Road and onwards beneath the M2 to Browns Waterhole and Turramurra.

Terrys Creek Green Link - Environmental considerations

Council's program of bush regeneration works is ongoing at Terrys Creek. Bushcare activities continue along Terrys Creek at the Forsyth Park. Feral animal control measures are ongoing. Wildlife Protection Areas throughout the Terrys Creek corridor were declared in 2019. This helps to protect native wildlife by prohibiting cats and dogs off-leash. Community education campaigns in the Eastwood area, located in the upper reaches of Terrys Creek, have helped to raise awareness of the impacts of littering.

Terrys Creek Green Link – Bicycle/Mountain Bike use

Feedback from community members has indicated that bicycle/mountain bike usage along the Terrys Creek Walking Track is becoming a significant problem with some reported user conflicts and user safety being compromised. Bikes are not permitted on the walking tracks as they are too narrow to allow safe passage, the boardwalks were not designed for bicycle/mountain bike use or their weight load impacts when riding and jumping. There has been some degradation of the natural areas, damage done to sections of boardwalk and potential impacts on wildlife.

During Stage 1 and 2 consultation mountain bike riders provided submissions requesting Terrys Creek is opened to mountain bike use. This does not support the existing land use (environment) or the intent of *Biodiversity Plan (2016)*. It is noted that there is currently very limited signage advising that mountain bikes are not permitted.

From the hotspot maps it is noted there is no hotspot areas of robbery or break and enter dwelling in the residential areas adjoining the parklands where the existing Shrimptons Creek shared user path travels (eg. Santa Rosa Park, Flinders Park, Tindara Reserve, Greenwood Park and ELS Hall Park). On this basis, crime levels are not anticipated to increase when the new shared user paths are installed through the Sydney Water lands or County Green Link.

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GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN – Land Use Agreement and Detailed Designs

This Masterplan is a high level strategic vision and overview. Pending the adoption of the Green Links Masterplan, Council will instigate negotiations with relevant land owners to formalise land use (current and future), responsibilities for project delivery and ongoing maintenance.

Detailed design, including technical reports, analysis and approvals processes (where required), will be undertaken as next steps in the implementation of Masterplan stages. Where required, this will be done in consultation and with the applicable land owners. The Green Links Masterplan will be progressively implemented over a 20 year period (subject to funding availability).

GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN - Staging and Implementation

The Masterplan Report includes an implementation plan for progressive implementation of the Masterplan projects with the consideration to project values, strategic importance and implementation priority (short, medium and long term). Implementation of the Masterplan is subject to Council's adoption of the Masterplan, availability of funds and land owners consent (where applicable). For specific details, refer to the Section 8 of the Masterplan Report, provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN - Financial Considerations

An opinion of probable costs has been prepared giving consideration to the Implementation Plan in the Masterplan. Implementation will be funded via grant funding opportunities and considered during Council's business planning cycle. The implementation of the Masterplan will also be incorporated in the next iteration of the Section 7.11 Plan.

As the Green Links Masterplan overlaps into areas of active transport, sport/recreation, community building and environment, a range of different grants are likely to be applicable. This may include:

- Transport for NSW – Get NSW Active grants,
- Transport for NSW – Sustainable transport/eScooter grants
- NSW Department of Planning and Environment – Greenspace Metropolitan Program & Greening Our City grants,
- NSW Office of Sport – a range of grants applicable,
- NSW Government Community Building Partnership grants,
- other environmental grants,
- other state/federal government funding programs
- user group contributions.

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ALTERNATE RESOLUTION

The following is an alternate resolution prepared should Councillors not support the use of the Sydney Water lands as part of the Green Links Masterplan. This resolution is strongly not recommended for the reasons set out in this report;

- 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 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.
- c) That Council advocate for funding to expedite Masterplan implementation.
- d) 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.
- e) That Council write to thank all participants in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.

CONCLUSION

This report outlines to Council the project history and justification for the Green Links Masterplan. The Masterplan will create three continuous, vibrant corridors, featuring off road cycleways through the City, delivering the vision identified in the North District Plan and Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement. The Masterplan has been developed and informed through community consultation, ensuring the design aligns to the vast majority of residents feedback. This report recommends the adoption of the Masterplan, as designed by McGregor Coxall, dated June 2022.

6 RYDE BIODIVERSITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

Report prepared by: Natural Areas Project Officer
File No.: GRP/22/49 - BP22/435

REPORT SUMMARY

The Ryde Biodiversity Plan **ATTACHMENT 1** was adopted by Council on 6 December 2016. The purpose of the Plan was to provide Council a framework to assist with the management, enhancement and protection of biodiversity and natural areas across the 205 hectares of bushland in Ryde. The Plan works to ensure there is a no net loss of biodiversity and forms part of a suite of key strategic Council documents for environmental protection, as the city grows in density and under increased pressures impacting these fragmented and lineal pockets of remaining natural spaces.

The Plan framework is underpinned by local government legislative obligation for biodiversity and threatened species conservation. It is informed by species data and incorporates best practice management into specific actions to protect and manage these natural spaces long term. Supported by the community, the Plan outlines recommended actions under categories of High, Medium and Low priorities assesses against the need for action, threat or impact potential.

Implementation of the Plan began in 2017 following its adoption under a Council project bid to deliver the nominated priority actions for works from 2017 – 2024.

Focus for Council works was in addressing actions identified as being of 'high' and 'medium' priority. To date, Council has successfully completed 46 out of the 95 actions listed in the Ryde Biodiversity Plan. Of the remaining actions, 36 directly relate to long term management items such as identifying new opportunities to expand bushland areas or in maintaining weed suppression for bush regeneration which cannot be 'completed' in entirety.

Future actions in the final two years of the project will focus on waterway protection and strategic planning control consideration. Investigative data collection such as for updating Council's environmentally sensitive lands mapping and riparian areas, has commenced to inform these actions towards finalising.

The below report provides Council an update of the Ryde Biodiversity Plan delivery to date as per the recommendations within the Plan, following the completion of the first five years of its implementation.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledges the works delivered to date within the Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016 as outlined in this report towards protecting and enhancing the natural areas in Ryde.

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- (b) That a further report be provided to Council following the outcomes of the 2023/ 2024 review of the Biodiversity Plan 2016, to inform the new direction for Biodiversity Plan delivery and natural areas management.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ryde Biodiversity Plan - Adopted 6 December 2016 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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History

The Ryde Biodiversity Plan was adopted in 2016 following Council supporting the need for the city to have a formalised plan for ensuring the protection of biodiversity and natural areas in Ryde. The purpose of the Plan was to provide a framework to assist with the management, enhancement and protection of the 205 hectares of natural areas and to increase biodiversity in the City of Ryde aligned with best practice principles.

The 2016 Plan was the product of rigorous ecological assessment undertaken by a consultant, to review and consult across the city, towards developing a roadmap for future biodiversity management. The review included key environmental legislation, analysis of existing vegetation communities across the city, threats and opportunities, and both physical links and those relevant for Council's strategic planning. Assessment also considered key issues for biodiversity protection and management in the urban landscape and the role and impact from the sharing of these spaces.

The objectives of the Plan were developed to reflect the community's priority of the City of Ryde 2025 Community Strategic Plan (currently 2028), for 'protecting natural areas; reducing our impact on our natural systems and strengthening the health of our natural corridors'.

Five interconnected themes for the management of Biodiversity across the City of Ryde for ensuring biodiversity management were developed under the following areas:-

1. Native Vegetation: Protecting and managing Ryde's native vegetation
2. Urban Waterways: Restoring waterways and surrounding environments
3. Corridors and Connectivity: Linking the landscape
4. Public Spaces: Managing our reserves to promote biodiversity and community interaction
5. Urban Habitat: Protecting and managing biodiversity in the urban landscape

To inform the Plan and actions, public consultation was undertaken including review by stakeholder groups the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Council bushland staff and the Parramatta River Catchment Group. Council's Bushcare Volunteers and Council's former Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee were also independently engaged on several occasions to provide local input to the Plan and feedback into the actions, outcomes and directions for Council to deliver.

Findings from the analysis and community engagement, delivered a set of key biodiversity management and delivery actions under each theme, categorised under areas of 'high, medium and low priority' for implementation. These rankings were informed by assessing the conservation significance which considered current legislative status, threatened biota and vegetation at the site, landscape (size and connectivity), community values, threats and regenerative capacity.

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'High' ranking priorities were to be investigated to commence within the first year of the Plan and for completion within 5 years. 'Medium' ranking actions were to be investigated to commence within first three years of the Plan and for completion within 7 years, and 'Low' actions to be investigated to commence within five years of the Plan.

Following the adoption of the Plan, implementation began in the 2017/2018 under a funded Council project bid to deliver the recommendations of the Plan. Funding provided under an annual budget of \$140,000 per year from 2017– 2020 (three years) and an additional \$70,000 from 2021- 2024 for the remaining (four) years totaling \$700k for the seven year delivery of the Plan.

Discussion

As our city grows, increasing pressures from urban encroachment, domesticated pets, stormwater run off and lack of fire, place increasing strain on these last remaining bushland spaces for native flora and fauna to exist. Other factors such as impacts from climate change continue to see species diminish or move closer to permanent extinction. As land managers and owners of these remaining natural areas, it is imperative to proactively plan for and consider, future changes that may impact species survival ability and longevity outside of just legislative requirement to do so.

Key threatening processes from urbanization play a big role in managing these natural spaces long term as healthy biodiverse areas. Issues to be reviewed include; 'edge effects' with weed and plant infestations from private lands competing with natives, chemical usage in adjoining lands, increased runoff and nutrient impacts from piped stormwater and sediments suffocating native species, a lack of fire due to urban development limiting opportunities and species continuation, illegal dumping and recreational impacts, domesticated pets and introduced fauna, urban development encroachment and infrastructure.

Within the legislative context, the Local Government Act 1993, designates Council as the responsible authority and land manager, for protecting species and lands classified as 'natural areas' or containing identified bushland ecological communities with the below objectives:

- (a) to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- (b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- (c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- (d) to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (e) to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994

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Supplementary to this Act, Council also has responsibility as defined within the Biodiversity Conservation Act (2016), Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999), Protection of Environment Operations Act (1997), Water Management Act (2000) to actively work to positively protect, manage the quality and enhance, species and habitat opportunities for flora and fauna.

The Council implementation for the Plan prioritised actions identified as being of 'high' and 'medium' priority. Of these, 67 actions were categorised as being 'high' priority for action and 28 as 'medium' actions to be completed.

In the early delivery of the Plan, Council focused on prioritising works providing protection and enhancement for the specifically listed Endangered or Threatened Ecological Communities (EEC) of which 46 sites exist in Ryde. These 'high' priority communities are recognised under legislation due to their significantly low existing populations and the threat of permanent future extinction.

To date, Council has successfully completed 46 out of these 95 actions listed in the Plan. Of these remaining, 36 actions directly relate to long term management such as identifying new opportunities to expand bushland areas or in maintaining weed suppression for bush regeneration which will remain as ongoing items for management. The other remaining 13 actions are scheduled for completion in the final coming two years.

Out of the 96 biodiversity actions, key achievements delivered from the 'High' and 'Medium' priorities under the Biodiversity Plan to date, are outlined below:-

- Bushland educational signage installed at 24 high conservation priority parks and reserves to highlight the natural areas conservation and educate the community
- Wildlife Protection Areas were newly declared at 3 key corridors for the protection of native wildlife, a first in the City of Ryde.
- Commencement of Council led wildlife camera monitoring for populations of fauna
- Delineation of sensitive natural areas sites for the protection and enhancement of our endangered ecological communities such as saltmarsh
- Commencement of a Free Tree Giveaway program for Ryde residents to help improve tree canopy numbers, cool our city, improve habitat and increase biodiversity
- Completion of new Flora and Fauna Studies in 2018 in 42 parks and reserves
- Delivery of community education events, workshops
- Design and development of educational brochures – 'Be a bush friendly neighbour' and domestic pet management to minimise threats to these natural spaces
- Collaboration with Council's Rangers and Parks teams on natural areas issues towards improving surveillance measures or protections into planning documents such as Masterplans

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- Project collaboration with Macquarie University and project delivery reference group with the Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee – ‘*Which Plant Where*’ project for climate tolerant species and ‘*Wildlife protection monitoring project*’
- Annual corridor plantings at parks and reserves along Shrimptons Creek, Buffalo Creek and Kittys Creek to improve connectivity and habitat corridors
- Incorporating natural areas in Councils asset management system and mapping system to improve management and requests
- Completion of a walking trail audit undertaken in key natural areas totaling over 8km
- Saltmarsh Management Plan developed to guide the protection of the endangered ecological community
- A Biodiversity Education Strategy developed to educate the community on the impacts of feral animals, how to manage weeds, protect waterways, encourage responsible pet ownership, increase native habitat and protect native wildlife.
- Ryde Planting Guide development to assist Bushcare volunteers and community increase awareness of planting for biodiversity support
- Update on Councils website for Ryde’s native vegetation communities, and wildlife protection area information
- Walking track step upgrade at Kitty’s Creek to improve safety and attract the community to our natural areas
- Feral Animal Control to protect native species and enact our responsibility under the Biosecurity Act 2015
- Biodiversity considerations and input into Natural Areas Plan of Management and Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020) and Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 to improve city wide protection of natural areas for resilience and climate impacts

Throughout the implementation of the plan, Council has and continues to, collaborate and partner with numerous key stakeholders including the (former) Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee, Macquarie University, Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society, The Habitat Community Nursery, Ryde Bushcare Volunteers and various corporate and community volunteer groups for improving city-wide biodiversity outcomes. This approach has positively engaged community to understand issues and impacts as well as in planning for works to deliver benefit to these ecosystems long term.

For the final two remaining years (2022 - 2024) of the Biodiversity Plan implementation direction will focus on strategic planning for biodiversity and development of planning instruments to ensure ongoing biodiversity protection. This is particularly important as the city grows in population, placing additional pressures on these fragmented, natural spaces and impacts of climate change. This work has already commenced through investigative and data collection for updating environmental mapping and data to inform future delivery.

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The second focus will be looking at aquatic biodiversity and health, such as improvements in water quality and riparian areas across the City. Delivery timing aligns with recent legislative changes impacts with works also seeking to align outcomes and direction with the Coastal Management Program which is currently being developed by 25 Sydney Harbour councils and as coordinated by the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

Whilst there has been great progress of the plan delivery to date, continued action is required to maintain this level of service to improve biodiversity and in tackling key threatening processes that accompany urban density and living with these changing ecosystems.

In the final year of delivery in 2023/2024, Council will undertake a formal review of the Plan to inform the next phase of management and actions to update the document. It will assess latest species, climate and legislative information, provide new actions and evaluate current management practices and will include review of:-

- The results of the flora and fauna surveys undertaken by Council to date and mapping including the extent of vegetation communities and presence/absence of fauna (e.g. birds, mammals, reptiles, frogs).
- Review the conservation significance assessment and status using updated species and climate data to document changes in conservation significance, threat and management priority over the five year period and as against both legislative priority changes and best practice.
- Evaluation of action delivery to date to indicate the success or further action required.
- Monitor changes in legislation, policy and information relevant to biodiversity plan including a discussion on changes in priority of particular actions.
- Review of current city-wide management strategies and programs developed to support biodiversity to review towards continuous improvement for adaptive management practices

The review will outline recommendations for action for the coming years for management for Council.

Since the adoption of the Biodiversity Plan in 2016, numerous achievements have been realised for improving biodiversity over the past 5 years. Funding support by Council for the Plan has been critical for the implementation of actions and projects which would not have been possible and resulted in possible negative impact to biodiversity.

The document is used as a key consideration when informing new Plans of Management, to inform council projects, in major development assessment and in informing on ground works to ensure no net loss of biodiversity as our city grows and impacts these last remaining places for fauna and flora.

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The Environment Department would like to thank the support of Council for the implementation of the Ryde Biodiversity Plan to date.

Financial Implications

There are no financial impacts from the Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016 implementation report as it provides an update of works undertaken to date by Council, as per the Plan recommendation. Funding has previously been allocated for the implementation of the final two years of the Ryde Biodiversity Plan until 2024.

In the final year of the Plan delivery (2023/2024) it is envisaged that Council will engage a suitably qualified consultants to undertake a formal review of the Ryde Biodiversity Plan to date within the allocated project budget. Following the outcomes of this review, Council will determine if any additional funding is required beyond that of the base budget allocation for natural areas management. Should this be required then a formal Council Project Bid will be submitted with details of what support may be required and as informed by the review recommendations.

7 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION: Synthetic Surface Action Plan Review

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REPORT SUMMARY

In 2021 Council adopted the *Open Space Future Provision Strategy* (OSFPS) which considered the capacity of Council's sporting infrastructure to cope with the demand from the 2036 population and the accessibility of open space. The purpose of this report is to develop an implementation plan for the upgrade/expansion of the City's full-size sports fields to meet the 2036 population demand outlined in the OSFPS. This includes a review and update of Council's *Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan 2016-26*.

This report is an initial response to two Council's resolutions;

- At its meeting on 24 Nov 2020:
 - (a) *That Council endorse the 'planned' and 'future potential' project's identified with the draft 'City of Ryde Open Space Future Provision Strategy' to be implemented following prioritisation and identification of funding through the development of future City of Ryde Delivery Plans.*
- At its meeting on 22 March 2022 Council also resolved, in part;
 - (c) *That the Synthetic Surface Action Plan be reviewed and a report be presented to Council by the end of June 2022 with recommendations of implementation.*

As such, this report and **ATTACHMENT 1**, the draft *Sports Field Action Plan – Towards 2036* present to Council an Action Plan to meet the 2036 population demand for full size fields utilised for active recreation. The Action Plan includes various types of infrastructure upgrades such as sports field lighting, sport field layout optimisations, securing community access to sports fields on school land, rezoning opportunities to create new fields and synthetic surfaces. It is recognised that to meet the future active recreation needs of the community it will require a mix of infrastructure upgrades, not just conversion of natural fields to a synthetic surface.

The Action Plan prioritises projects based on their cost effectiveness (ie capital investment cost / per additional carrying capacity) and weighted according to how the different enhancement options increase capacity in different ways with some (i.e. sports field lighting) enhancing capacity for mid-week winter night training and others (i.e. synthetics and creation of new fields) increase capacity both for training and weekend sports competitions.

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Based on assessment against the criteria identified in the Action Plan, the cost/benefit analysis and Council's adopted Park Master Plans, the following synthetic playing surface projects are recommended as project priorities:-

- Bremner Park – Medium Priority
- Smalls Road School (Upper) – High Priority
- Westminster Park – High Priority

This report does not propose changes to the 4 Year Delivery Plan. Projects will be identified during the annual business planning process, subject to funding availability. The Action Plan does identify projects with budgets beyond the currently allocated funding. The implementation of these projects is therefore reliant on Council successfully obtaining grant income. If grant funding is not obtained then the projects will be included in future iterations of the Four Year Delivery Plan when Council funding is available.

This report recommends to Council to place the *Sports Fields Action Plan - Towards 2036* (**ATTACHMENT 1**) on public exhibition as it outlines projects for Council to deliver to meet the projected 2036 population demand for full size fields.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the draft *Sports Fields Action Plan – Towards 2036* be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, plus an additional 14 days to allow submissions to be received.
- (b) At the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received that require a material change to the Action Plan, the document be adopted by Council.
- (c) Should a submission/s be received that requires a material change to the Action Plan at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, a further report is presented to Council outlining the/se changes.

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- 1 Sports Field Action Plan - Towards 2036 - Public Exhibition Copy - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to develop an action plan for the upgrade/expansion of the City's full-size sports fields to meet the projected 2036 population demand, based on recommendations in the *Open Space Future Provision Strategy* and to review and update of Council's *Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan 2016-26*.

The Plan addresses current service gaps (remaining following the implementation of capacity improvement projects recommended in the *Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-26* and the *Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan 2016-26*) and forecast service gaps to 2036.

The Plan is an initial response to Council's resolution at its meeting of 24 Nov 2020:-

- (a) That Council endorse the 'planned' and 'future potential' project's identified with the draft 'City of Ryde Open Space Future Provision Strategy' to be implemented following prioritisation and identification of funding through the development of future City of Ryde Delivery Plans.*

Council has also resolved, at its meeting on 22 March 2022:-

- (a) That Council confirms it's Synthetic Surface Action Plan that was endorsed by the previous Council and the implementation plan for delivery of synthetic fields in the City of Ryde.*
- (b) That Council note the review of synthetic surfaces currently being undertaken by the NSW Chief Scientist at the request of the NSW Minister for Planning and due to be reported by mid 2022.*
- (c) That the Synthetic Surface Action Plan be reviewed and a report be presented to Council by the end of June with recommendations of implementation.*
- (d) That the report states which locations are suitable for detailed investigations to be undertaken, with particular consideration given to the environmental impact of conversion to a synthetic surface.*
- (e) That the Mayor liaises with the state government Minister of Sport to provide a synthetic funding program to delivery the City of Ryde Synthetic Surface Action Plan.*

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Identifying The Service Gaps: *Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan 2016 – 2026*

Council resolved to adopt the *Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan* (SSAP) at its meeting held on 15 December 2015, in part:-

- (a) *That Council establish a Synthetic Surfaces Program for the period 2016-2026.*
- (b) *That Council endorse the draft Synthetic Surface Action Plan 2016-2026 with fields to be converted as listed below in preference order as per the plan*
 - 1) *Christie Park No. 1*
 - 2) *Christie Park No. 2*
 - 3) *ELS Hall Park No. 1*
 - 4) *Meadowbank Park No. 2*
 - 5) *Magdala Park*
 - 6) *Meadowbank Park No. 3*

The purpose of the SSAP was to provide key objectives, principles and recommendations on the provision of synthetic surfaces over the 10 years to 2026.

The main finding of the Plan was that the potential sports field capacity gap - in the absence of capacity improvement initiatives - would be 280 field-hours/week (i.e. 122 hrs existing and 158 hrs from sports participation growth) by 2026.

The SSAP recommended a range of short, medium and long-term projects – including new synthetic fields, synthetic conversions, sports field lighting and field reconfigurations - as follows:-

Project type	Project
Synthetic fields	Christie Park 1 & 2 - develop synthetic football field in line with master plan
	ELS Hall 1 - revise design package/develop synthetic football field
	Smalls Road (upper) - develop synthetic football field
	Christie Park 3 (new) - potential synthetic football field
	Meadowbank 2 & 3 - potential synthetic football fields (i.e. primary alternative if Smalls Road negotiations stall)
Sports Field Lighting	Morrison Bay 2 & 4 - field lighting
	Meadowbank 12 - field lighting
Field reconfiguration	Gannan Park - investigate relocation of winter baseball to ELS Hall 2 & conversion of Gannan Park into 2 full size (F/S) football pitches with lighting. Upgrade ancillary facilities to accommodate new use

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While Magdala Park was not included in the SSAP top priorities for synthetic conversion (due to its only average rating), Council resolved (at its 15 Dec 2015 meeting) that it also be included within the top six synthetic field priority projects.

Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan – Implementation

It is noted that five (5) of the recommended projects (including the first three of the 'preferred' synthetic field projects adopted by Council i.e. Christie Park 1 & 2 and ELS Hall Park 1) have been completed or have commenced, as follows:-

Project type	Project	Project status
Synthetic fields	Christie Park 1 & 2 - develop synthetic football field in line with masterplan.	Project completed – 2 synthetic fields installed and opened May 2018
	ELS Hall 1 - revise design package/develop synthetic football field	Project completed – synthetic pitch (oval) installed end 2016, serving multiple sports - football (soccer), AFL, Ultimate Frisbee, cricket
Sports Field Lighting	Morrison Bay 2 & 4 Field lighting	Sports Field Lights installed
Field reconfiguration	Gannan Park - investigate relocation of winter baseball to ELS Hall 2 & conversion of Gannan Park into 2 F/S football pitches with lighting. Upgrade ancillary facilities to accommodate new use.	Commenced – with relocation of baseball to Magdala Park (rather than ELS) and adoption of <i>Gannan & McCauley Parks Masterplan</i> – conversion to 1x F/S + 1 Junior fields – and conversion to 2 F/S fields included as a 'future potential' project in the OSFPP

Two (2) of the synthetic surface projects recommended in the *Action Plan* (i.e. Smalls Rd School Upper and Christie 3) have not commenced due to the need for further detailed project and site planning.

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The other three (3) preferred synthetic options (i.e. Meadowbank 2 & 3 and Magdala Park) have been found to be non-viable following detailed site master planning, as follows:-

Masterplan	Year adopted	Synthetic sports surface findings & actions
Meadowbank and Memorial Park Masterplan	2019	The proposed Meadowbank Park fields 2 & 3 conversions (as recommended in the SSAP) have been ruled as unavailable (Field 2 - replaced by the regional skate park & playground.) and/or unsuitable (Fields 2 & 3) – with LH Waud Oval having better geotechnical conditions for synthetic surfacing.
Magdala Park Masterplan	2021	The 4 th Aug 2020 scope of works for the MP included a feasibility assessment for inclusion of a future synthetic surface but the review by Council's consultants recommended against synthetic surfaces. This was reflected in the final masterplan.

Reviewing and Updating The *Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan (SSAP)*

The SSAP was prepared in 2016 and now requires updating due to:-

- Implementation of several of the recommended projects,
- Implementation constraints and issues identified in park masterplans,
- Recent developments in NSW Government Policy,
- Changes in the regional supply of synthetic surface facilities (that potentially influence the demand/need for such facilities within the City of Ryde), and
- Completion and adoption of the *Open Space Future Provision Strategy (OSFPS)*.

The previous Section identified the SSAP implementation status and issues with the implementation arising from detailed site master planning.

The following Sections summarise the implications (for the SSAP and for sports field capacity enhancement needs more generally) of the findings and recommendations of the OSFPS, recent developments in NSW Government Policy on synthetic sports surfaces, and changes in the regional supply of synthetic sports fields.

The *Open Space Future Provision Strategy (OSFPS)*

The OSFPS, adopted early 2021, provides a framework and road map (to 2036) for enhancing both the *capacity* and *accessibility* of the City's open space, including outdoor sports fields.

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In forecasting a full-size sports fields shortfall of 490 use hours per week in 2036 during the winter season (comprising a current shortfall of 90 hours and circa 400 hours of new demand forecast to emerge over the 15 years from 2021 to 2036), the OSFPS brings up to date the smaller service gap identified in the SSAP in 2016.

To address the service gaps, the OSFPS identified and prioritised a broad range of 'Planned' and 'Future Potential' projects.

The proposals for sports field capacity enhancement (i.e. new and/or upgraded outdoor sports fields) include the following:-

Project status	Project type	Full Size field projects
Planned	Field layout optimisation	Gannan Park (1); Pidding Park (1); Meadowbank Park (3)
	Sports Field Lighting	All full size sports fields without lighting; Bill Mitchell (1); Bremner Park (1); Gannan Park (1); Meadowbank (as per Masterplan = 5 new); Morrison Bay 3 & 6 (2); Smalls Rd Upper (1);
	Synthetic surfacing	Christie Park 3 (new synthetic); LH Waud Oval (conversion); Smalls Rd School Upper (conversion)
Future Potential	Field layout optimisation	Waterloo Park (1); Darvall Park (1)
	Sports Field Lighting	All sports fields without lighting: Waterloo Park (upgrade); Darvall (new); Peel Park (1); Pioneer (1); Santa Rosa 1 (1); Dunbar Park (1)
	New fields/synthetic surfacing	TBD - equivalent to adding 120 use/hours per week (e.g. 2 x natural grass fields or 3 synthetic conversions)

Through the delivery of sports field lighting at Tuckwell Park (12 hours) and the current project to convert LH Waud to a synthetic surface (32 hours), an additional 44 hours of capacity has been delivered since the adoption of the OSFPS. This results in a project demand gap of circa 450 hours in 2036.

NSW Government Policy Review

The then NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) recently undertook a study (*Synthetic Turf Study in Public Open Space*, August 2021) to address community concerns surrounding the increasing adoption of synthetic surface sports fields.

The Department recognises the key problem – the need to increase the capacity of the public open space network to address the growing demand for multi-functional and flexible public open spaces.

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As noted in the Study, capacity enhancement options include upgrading the surface type (either by converting to synthetic turf or replacing poor quality turf with a higher grade of natural turf), improving turf management and/or modifying use patterns.

In a parallel study, the NSW Government is preparing *Guidelines* on the use of synthetic surfaces in public open space. These will be informed by:-

- The completed *Synthetic Turf in Public Open Space Study*,
- The findings of an independent review by the Chief Scientist & Engineer on potential risks to the environment and human health from the use of synthetic turf in public open space, and
- The outcomes of a public engagement requesting ideas and feedback on 'what the proposed *Guidelines* should include and the scope of issues'.

At the time of writing this report, the Chief Scientist & Engineer was expecting to release a final report on the *Guidelines* in mid-2022. Following release, Council will review and integrate recommendations, where feasible.

Regional Supply of Synthetic Sports Fields

The *NSROC Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan* identified 10 existing rectangular synthetic playing fields in the NSROC area (as of Nov 2015) - five of which were dedicated for hockey use only.

This has now grown to 16 – with additional multi-purpose synthetic fields being established in Ku-ring-gai (2), Willoughby (2), North Sydney (1) and Hornsby (1)¹.

Additionally, another 7 synthetic conversions have been proposed in Hornsby (3), Ku-ring-gai (1), Willoughby (1), Lane Cove (1), Hunters Hill (1). Of these, Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Council's have resolved not to proceed with synthetic surfaces.

The implication for Council's sports field planning is that synthetic sports field supply and demand in surrounding LGA's - both existing and planned – requires on-going monitoring in terms of their impacts (actual and potential) on the need for and use of synthetic surface sports fields in the City of Ryde.

Draft Sports Fields Action Plan – Towards 2036

Based on progress with implementation of the SSAP, the findings of more recent planning studies (i.e. the OSFPS and several park masterplans) and other relevant factors discussed above (i.e. the NSW Government's synthetic sports facilities review and changes in the regional supply of synthetic sports fields), an update of the SSAP in the form of the draft *Sports Fields Action Plan – Towards 2036* (**ATTACHMENT 1 - the Action Plan**) is proposed.

¹ West Epping Park - now in Parramatta City, following boundary adjustments).

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The draft Action Plan is based on the following analysis and reviews:-

- Identification of enhancement options
- Measuring cost-effectiveness
- Identifying the most cost-effective synthetic opportunities
- Identifying the most cost-effective non-synthetic opportunities
- Identifying backup enhancement projects
- Indicative cost estimates & timelines.

Each of these elements is discussed briefly below (with additional details provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**).

Identifying enhancement options

The key options for enhancing sports field capacity include:

- Conversion of natural turf fields to synthetic,
- Acquisition of new synthetic surface and/or natural turf fields,
- Reconfiguration/optimisation of natural turf sports field layouts,
- Installation and/or upgrading of sports lighting, and
- Shared use of school/university fields.

Measuring cost-effectiveness

These differing enhancement options vary in cost-effectiveness – with some (e.g. synthetic conversions and site reconfigurations) having high capital costs with others (e.g. sports field lighting) being relatively inexpensive.

The approach taken here is to prioritise projects according to:

- Their potential (in terms of additional use hours) in contributing to meeting the forecast 2036 winter season full size field capacity shortfall of circa 450 hours/week, and
- Their relative cost-effectiveness in contributing to this.

The cost-effectiveness has been assessed according to the cost, for each project, of each hour of weekly playing hour capacity gained, and adjusted (with a weighting) to reflect relative usability.

$$\frac{\text{Capital cost}}{\text{Additional hours of capacity}} \times \text{Useability Weighting} = \text{Priority}$$

The weighting reflects how the different enhancement options increase capacity in different ways with some (i.e. sports field lighting) enhancing capacity for mid-week winter night training and others increasing capacity both for training and weekend sports competitions (further details on these differences are provided in Table 10 of **ATTACHMENT 1**).

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Synthetic opportunity priorities

As indicated above, three (3) of the synthetic playing surface conversions (i.e. Christie Park 1 & 2, and ELS Hall Park 1) recommended in the SSAP have been implemented, while two (i.e. Meadowbank Park 2 & 3) and the option adopted by Council as a preferred project (i.e. Magdala Park) have been determined as unsuitable for synthetic conversion.

Additionally, and since adoption of the SSAP, Council has resolved to undertake synthetic conversions at LH Waud Oval (Meadowbank Park) and at Westminster Park.

Other potential synthetic field projects include the two projects recommended by the SSAP that have not yet been implemented (i.e. Smalls Rd School Upper and Christie Park 3) and synthetic conversions at Bremner and North Ryde Parks.

These projects have been prioritised according to the following criteria:-

- Weekly hours of capacity gained,
- Relative cost-effectiveness (i.e. capital cost per weekly hour of capacity gained),
- SSAP priority rating, and
- Enhanced distribution of all-weather outdoor sport opportunity across the City.

The detailed suitability assessment, against these criteria, is provided in Section 8.4 of **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Based on the assessment and Council's existing commitments (i.e. Westminster Park), the following synthetic playing surface projects are recommended as project priorities:-

- Bremner Park,
- Smalls Road School (Upper)
- Westminster Park,

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As shown below, the indicative cost of these projects is around \$11.2M, with an overall average cost of each user hour gained of circa \$133K.

Park/location	Project	current Cost Est (\$) ²	Additional play hrs/week	Cost (\$) per net hr/week gained
Bremner Park	Upgrade to synthetic + sports field lighting	3,800,000	32	118,750
Smalls Rd School	Upgrade Upper field to synthetic + sports field lighting	3,875,423	32	121,107
Westminster Park	Upgrade to synthetic	3,520,000	20	176,000
TOTAL		11,195,423	84	133,279

Due to their higher cost and overall lower cost-effectiveness, Christie Park 3 (\$186K due to it being an elevated surface) and North Ryde Park (\$231K due to it only adding an additional 20 hours of capacity), have been included in a package of other backup projects (see 'Other Potential Projects' section below).

Non-synthetic opportunity priorities

As with the synthetic surface options, priorities for the non-synthetic project opportunities have been determined according to their contribution to meeting the forecast 2036 winter season full size field capacity shortfall of circa 450 hours/week, and their relative cost-effectiveness in contributing to this.

As shown below, the indicative cost of these projects is around \$10.2M, with an overall average cost of each user hour gained of circa \$27.6K.

Project type	Park/location	Project	2022 Cost Est (\$)	Additional play hrs/week	Cost (\$) per net hr/week gained
New natural turf from rezoning opportunity ³	New fields in Northern area of LGA	2 new turf fields	0	60	0
	CSIRO Marsfield	2 new turf fields	0	60	0

² All figures have been adjusted to 2022 by compounding with ABS' CPI for Australia – latest release at <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/price-indexes-and-inflation/consumer-price-index-australia/dec-2021>

³ It is noted that Council has little control over the timing and scope of the TG Milner and CSIRO land opportunities as they are subject to private commercial decisions. However, they are listed here as they are attractive options - with vesting in Council as a component of VPA's being a potential scenario

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Project type	Park/location	Project	2022 Cost Est (\$)	Additional play hrs/week	Cost (\$) per net hr/week gained
New natural turf 'shared use'	Shared use of Epping Boys High fields	2 new turf fields	400,000	60	6,667
Sports Field Lighting	Bill Mitchell Park	F/S field x 1	200,000	6	33,333
	Dunbar Park	F/S field x 1	200,000	6	33,333
	Morrison Bay 3	F/S field x 1	200,000	6	33,333
	Morrison Bay 6	F/S field x 1	200,000	6	33,333
	Peel Park	F/S field x 1	200,000	6	33,333
	Pioneer Park	F/S field x 1	200,000	6	33,333
	Santa Rosa 1	F/S field x 1	200,000	6	33,333
Field layout reconfiguration	Meadowbank Park – stage 3 (fields 7 & 8 - netball courts conversion)	New F/S (2) + Sports Field Lighting	3,885,926	60	64,765
	Meadowbank Park – stage 9 (fields 9, 10, 11, 12)	New F/S x 1 + Sports Field Lighting	1,796,252	30	59,875
	Gannan Park - stage 1	New F/S (1) + Sports Field Lighting	2,641,547	30	88,052
	Gannan Park - stage 2	New F/S (1) - with loss of 1 Junior	158,493	30	5,283
TOTAL			10,282,218	372	27,640

Other Potential Projects

There are other potential projects recommended in the OSFPS or park masterplans that, based on the prioritisation criteria, have a higher cost per weekly hour of capacity gained.

These projects, while a lower priority due to their cost-effectiveness metrics, could come into consideration in the event that one or more of the higher priority projects discussed above prove unfeasible and/or in the years beyond 2036 in the event that demand for outdoor sport fields continues to grow.

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As these projects are likely beyond 14 years from implementation, a preliminary review has been undertaken to identify the proposed project type. When these projects are identified for delivery, additional investigation will be undertaken at that time to determine the final project type and funding required for delivery.

These potential projects are summarised at Appendix E of **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Indicative Priorities

The projects have been grouped into three priority clusters – High, Medium and Low – as shown in Tables 15 to 17.

Each of the clusters includes a mix of capacity enhancement project types (i.e. synthetic conversions + lighting + field layout optimisation) with higher cost-effectiveness projects (in terms of 'cost per weekly hour gained') included in the earlier time periods, where possible.

High Priority

High priority project proposals include 2 new natural turf fields (subject to successful collaboration/negotiation), 2 synthetic conversions, 2 field layout reconfigurations and 2 sports field lighting projects with a total gain of 214 user hours per week, as summarised below.

Project type	Park/location	Project	Playing hrs/ week gained
New natural turf	Shared use of Epping Boys High fields	2 new turf fields	60
Sports Field Lighting	Peel Park	F/S field x 1	6
Sports Field Lighting	Santa Rosa 1	F/S field x 1	6
Field layout reconfiguration	Meadowbank Park – stage 3 (fields 7 & 8 - netball courts conversion)	New F/S (2) + sports field lighting	60
Field layout reconfiguration	Gannan Park - stage 1	New F/S (1) + sports field lighting	30
Synthetic conversion	Smalls Road School Upper*	Upgrade to synthetic	32
Synthetic conversion	Bremner Park	Upgrade to synthetic	32
TOTAL			214

* Department of Education Land – requires suitable agreement to be reached. If no agreement reached Westminster Park project to be reprioritised.

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Medium Priority

Medium priority project proposals include one (1) synthetic conversion, 1 field layout reconfiguration, 2 sports field lighting projects and 1 rezoning opportunity (to create 2 new turf fields, but subject to successful negotiation outcomes) with a total gain of 134 user hours per week, as summarised below.

Project type	Park/location	Project	Playing hrs/ week gained
Rezoning opportunity	Northern area of the LGA	2 new turf fields	60
Sports Field Lighting	Morrison Bay 3	F/S field x 1	6
Sports Field Lighting	Bill Mitchell Park	F/S field x 1	6
Field layout reconfiguration	Meadowbank Park – stage 9 (fields 9, 10, 11, 12)	New F/S x 1 + sports field lighting	30
Synthetic conversion	Westminster Park	Upgrade to synthetic + sports field lighting	20
TOTAL			134

Low Priority

Low priority project proposals include 1 field layout reconfiguration, 3 sports field lighting projects and one (1) rezoning opportunity (to create 2 new turf fields, but subject to successful negotiation outcomes) with a total gain of 108 user hours per week, as summarised below.

Project type	Park/location	Project	Playing hrs/ week gained
Rezoning opportunity	CSIRO Marsfield*	2 new turf fields	60
Field layout reconfiguration	Gannan Park - stage 2	New F/S (1) - with loss of 1 Junior	30
Sports Field Lighting	Pioneer Park	F/S field x 1	6
Sports Field Lighting	Morrison Bay 6	F/S field x 1	6
Sports Field Lighting	Dunbar Park	F/S field x 1	6
TOTAL			108

*Subject to negotiations through any future planning process – identified as an opportunity only

The graph at Fig. 1 models the impact of the different project types (i.e. sports field lighting, field layouts, etc.) over the planning horizon (i.e. 2022 to 2036) to assess the impact of the priority projects on the capacity shortfall.

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As illustrated on the graph, the gap between sports field capacity and demand increases from 90 weekly hours to 453 weekly hours by 2036 with no action.

However, implementation of the priority projects detailed above, will progressively address the capacity shortfall, and are projected to eliminate the shortfall by 2036/37.

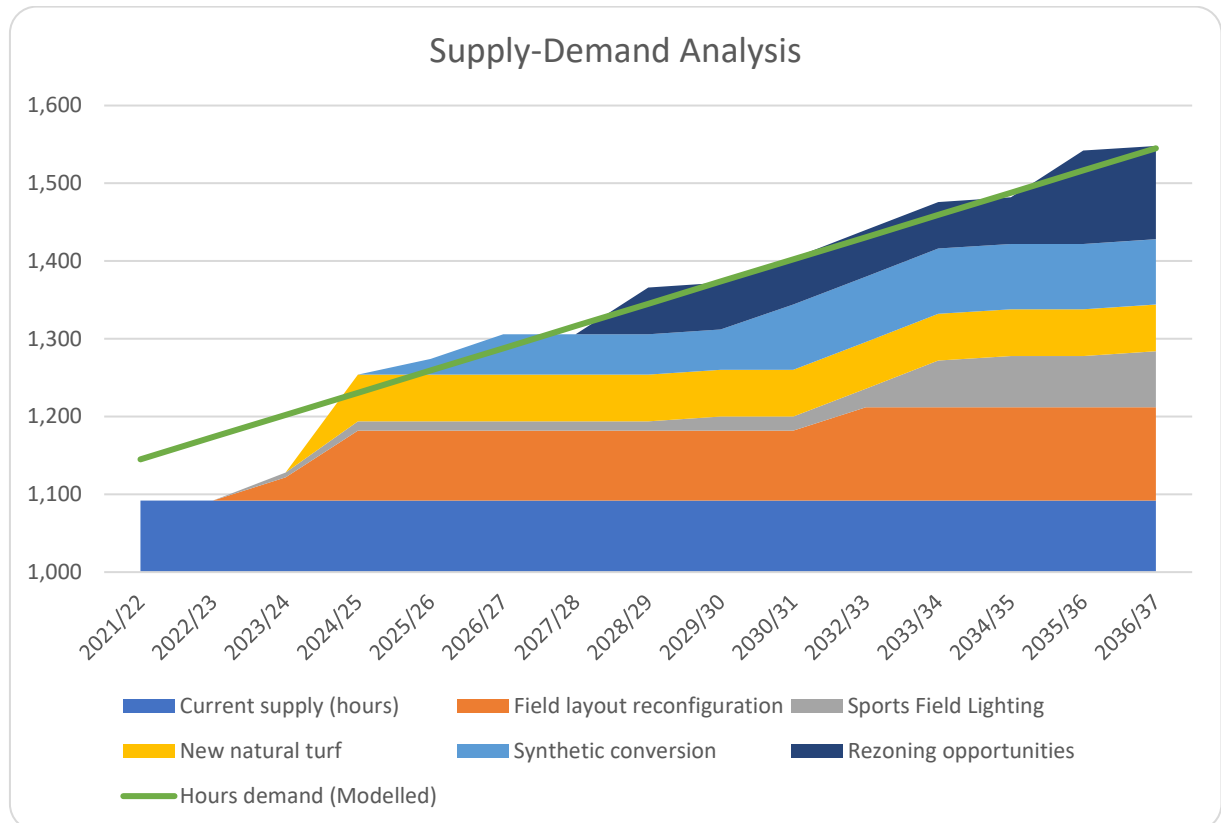


Figure 1: Sports field supply-demand analysis 2022 to 2037

The implementation of these projects will vary subject to funding availability.

This Action Plan focuses on the supply/demand for full size fields up to 2036. Projects that deliver modified sized/shaped fields such as the creation of futsal fields at Christie Park are beyond the scope of this Plan and are therefore subject to the preparation of individual business cases. These business cases will consider all options for implementation including public private partnerships.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

It is recommended that the draft *Sports Fields Action Plan – Towards 2036* 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.

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Financial Implications

This report does not propose any changes to the 4 Year Delivery Plan. Any changes to the Delivery Plan will occur during Council's business planning processes and is subject to funding availability. The projects identified in this report will be incorporated into the next iteration of the Section 7.11 Plan.

It is noted that the projected expenditure over the life of the Strategy is beyond the currently allocated funding for this style of infrastructure. The delivery of projects that require significant capital investment are therefore heavily reliant on substantial grant income. Without grant funding, projects with a lower cost per net hour a week gained, such as sports field lighting will be prioritised.

The impact of this trend is that the financial investment per hour gained will continue to rise into the future, requiring a greater overall level of investment, so Council can continue to meet the demand for full size fields of a growing population.

Conclusion

The *Open Space Future Provision Strategy* projects the 2036 population will add an additional 490 hours per week of demand for full size fields. This report and **ATTACHMENT 1** outline a series of projects to address this demand. These projects include sports field lighting, creation of new fields and synthetic surfaces. As these projects are directly linked to providing full size fields for the growing population, they will be added to the next iteration of the Section 7.11 Plan. This report recommends placing the draft *Sports Field Action Plan – Towards 2036* on public exhibition.

8 DOG OFF-LEASH FEASIBILITY - CHARITY CREEK CASCADES

Report prepared by: Sportsground Liaison Officer, Sportsgrounds and Recreation
File No.: GRP/22/47 - BP22/517

REPORT SUMMARY

This report responds to a resolution from the Council meeting held on 22 February 2022 where staff were asked to investigate the feasibility of a built dog off-leash area in the Charity Creek Cascades area. The resolution also asked staff to recommend any changes to the park and possible funding sources.

Charity Creek Cascades is identified by Council in the *Integrated Open Space Plan (2012)* as a Level 4 Park in the Ryde Local Government area. Currently, the only built infrastructure located within the park is a neighbourhood playground located adjacent to Shephard Street. The parcel of land located at 55A Linton Avenue, Ryde is the westernmost point of Charity Creek Cascades and is bordered by a residential property to the North-East and a commercial property operating as a car dealership to the South-West.

The City of Ryde Dog Recreation Needs Study was adopted by Council at its meeting in May 2020. This strategic document reviewed current dog ownership within Ryde and provided recommendations in accordance with 'best practice' in the provision of dog off-leash areas.

Within the adopted strategy, a site selection criterion was developed which gives consideration to several factors including but not limited to accessibility, community support, social impacts, dog park size, park boundaries and environmental sustainability. Utilising the assessment criteria the land parcel at 55A Linton Avenue received a score of 42 out of 100. For context, the six dog off-leash sites identified for a trial within the 2020 study received score assessment ratings ranging from 67 to 78 out of 100.

In addition to the low suitability score under the site selection criteria, significant site constraints make the space unsuitable for use as a dog off-leash area. Specifically, the available space is of insufficient size to safely allow for free-running dogs with residential properties and roadways in proximity. Site surveillance is also a major concern with the space having no clear sightlines from major roads, active recreation spaces, playgrounds or a regional cycleway route to provide sufficient passive surveillance.

Concerns over park size and proximity to roadways may be mitigated through the establishment of an enclosed (fenced) dog off-leash area however, the identified area of Charity Creek Cascades falls within a high-risk flood precinct. As a high-risk area, any development or use of the land must avoid adverse or cumulative impacts on flood behaviour to minimise flood risk to life and neighbouring property.

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Based on this flood risk only an unenclosed off-leash area is able to be considered for this location which necessitates that the minimum park size and buffer zones be met in any off-leash area to ensure safety and to avoid conflicts. As this size cannot be achieved at Charity Creek Cascades either at the land parcel located at 55A Linton Avenue or at any other point, this park is unsuitable for the establishment of a dog off-leash area.

An alternative location assessment was conducted to determine any other suitable open space within a 500m radius of Charity Creek Cascades. Only three other areas of parkland exist within this vicinity:-

Location	Comments
ANZAC Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highly activated park with significant conflicts with other parks uses (playground, memorial, BBQ areas)• Limited off-street parking• Conflict with ANZAC Day event• Insufficient size
Linton Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insufficient size• Adjacent to major arterial roadway
Top Ryde Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insufficient size• Adjacent to major arterial roadway

Utilising the same site selection assessment from the 2020 Dog Recreation Needs Study, none of the above listed parklands are deemed suitable for consideration as a dog off-leash area.

As such, following assessment against the site selection criteria utilized by Council during the preparation of the adopted 2020 Dog Recreation Needs Study, and the site constraints outlined above, it is feasible to establish a built dog recreation area at the Charity Creek Location. No changes to the park are recommended due to the stormwater issues identified and the potential for any changes to increase flooding to private land. This could make Council liable for any future flood damage to properties should it install infrastructure which consequently propagate flooding. There is no funding available for such works over the next 4 year period, as Council's reserves are fully allocated in the 2022 – 26 Delivery Plan. Funds can only become available if Council reprioritised funding from currently identified projects.

Nearby to the area at Charity Creek Cascades investigated in the preparation of this report, existing Dog Recreation areas at Ryde Park (approx 1.3km), Darvall Park (approx. 1.4km), Meadowbank Park (approx. 1.7km) were identified. Additionally, Council is trialing a dog swimming area at Memorial Park (approx. 1.2km).

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receive and note this report.
- (b) That Council write to thank the residents who advocated for a dog off-leash area at Charity Creek Cascades and inform them of this outcome.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachment for this report.

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Background

At its meeting held 22 February 2022 Council resolved that the General Manager bring back a report to Council:-

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

Charity Creek Cascades is identified by Council in the *Integrated Open Space Plan (2012)* as a Level 4 Park in the Ryde Local Government area (LGA). As a local park Charity Creek Cascades provides the residents of West Ryde opportunities for passive recreation whilst also contributing to the character and identity of the local area. Currently, the only built infrastructure located within the park is a neighbourhood playground located at the Shephard Street frontage designed to cater for children aged 0-12 within walking distance.

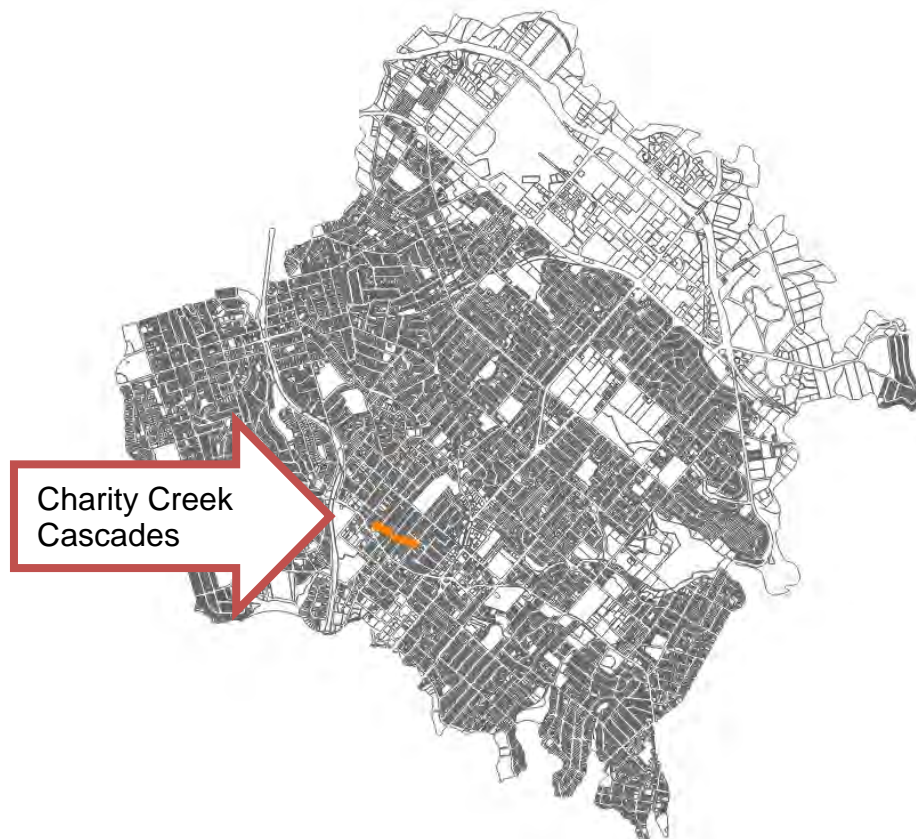


Image 1: Site Location – Charity Creek Cascades

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Image 2: Site Location – Charity Creek Cascades

The parcel of land located at 55A Linton Avenue, Ryde is the westernmost point of Charity Creek Cascades and is bordered by a residential property to the North-East and a commercial property operating as a car dealership to the South-West. A pedestrian footpath connecting Linton Avenue to Linton Lane runs alongside the Northern edge of the park with no other park infrastructure located within this land parcel.

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Image 3: 55A Linton Avenue – Charity Creek Cascades



Image 4: 55A Linton Avenue – Charity Creek Cascades

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Site Constraints – Charity Creek Cascades

Under the City of Ryde 2017 flood risk precinct mapping Charity Creek Cascades is identified as being a high flood risk area. As a high flood risk area, it is imperative that any development or use of the land avoids adverse or cumulative impacts on flood behaviour and the environment to minimise flood risk to life and neighbouring property.

Based on the flood risk, any use of fencing or other park infrastructure which would have the potential to impede flow of water in a flood event should be avoided to minimise the risk of negative impacts on surrounding properties. As a result, only an unenclosed dog off-leash area should be considered for this location.

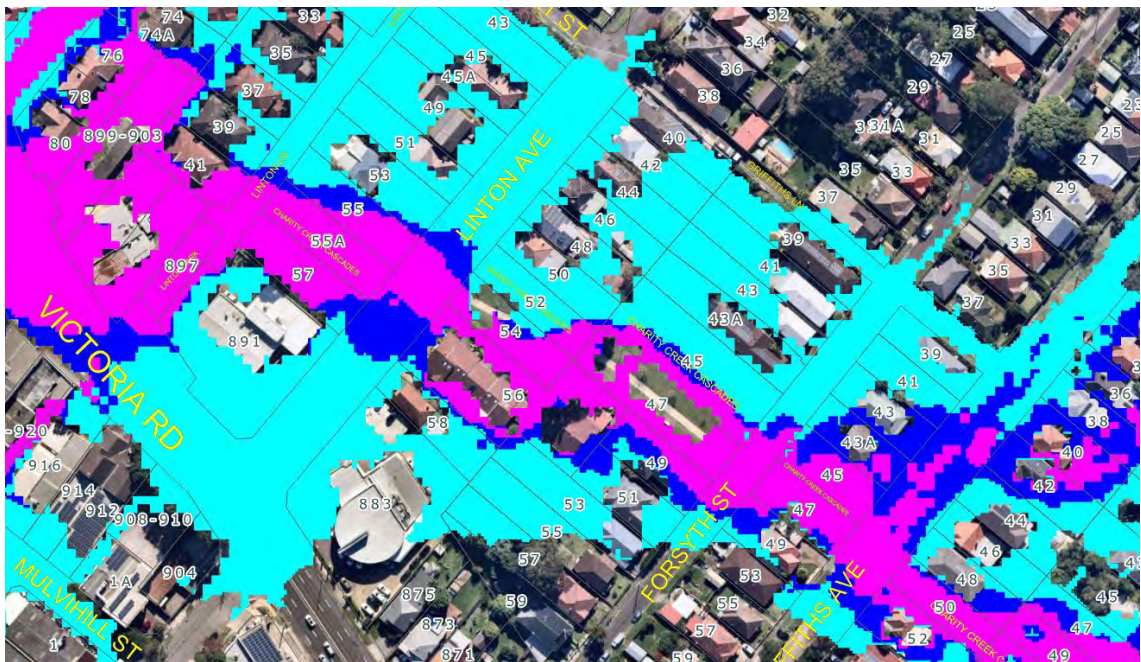


Image 5: Flood Risk Map – Charity Creek Cascades

Site Suitability - Dog Off-Leash Area

The City of Ryde Dog Recreation Needs Study was adopted by Council at its meeting in May 2020. This strategic document reviewed current dog ownership within Ryde and provided recommendations in accordance with 'best practice' in the provision of dog off-leash areas. Within the adopted strategy, a site selection criterion was developed which considers the several factors including but not limited to accessibility, community support, social impacts, dog park size, park boundaries and environmental sustainability.

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Under this site selection criterion, six new dog off-leash sites were identified having scored assessment ratings ranging from 67 to 78 (out of a potential 100). Of the six identified sites, four sites have been established as permanent dog off-leash areas (Bennelong Park, Marsfield Park, Monash Park & Moore Park) with a fifth site at Memorial Park currently undergoing an extended trial with outcomes of this due to be reported back to Council for consideration in late 2022.

Utilising this same assessment criteria, the land parcel at 55A Linton Avenue receives an assessment rating of 42 out of 100 and is therefore considered as unsuitable for use as a dog off-leash area. A summary for this assessment rating can be found in **Table 1**. Criteria highlighted in italics has received detailed commentary in the subheadings below.

Site Suitability – Location

Charity Creek Cascades is a Level 4 Park, the lowest possible ranking in the City of Ryde's *Integrated Open Space Plan*. Under the site-selection criteria, any site smaller than 0.5Ha is recommended for exclusion for consideration for a dog off-leash area. The land parcel of Charity Creek Cascades located at 55A Linton Avenue is approximately 0.2Ha and therefore under this criterion should not be considered for a dog off-leash area.

Surveillance of the site for crime prevention is also a noted concern with this area of Charity Creek Cascades receiving poor passive surveillance having no clear sightlines from a collector (or higher) road nor a clear sightline from an active sports space, playground or regional cycleway route.

Site Suitability – Social Impact

Given the size of the available parcel of land, any feasible dog off-leash area would be required to be located within 25m of the adjacent residents along Linton Avenue and Linton Lane. Locating any potential dog off-leash area within this proximity to a residence may cause concern with respect to noise impacts and privacy. Even when consideration is given to increasing vegetation for noise attenuation, the proximity is likely to cause significant disturbance making the location unsuitable.

Site Suitability – Off-Leash Dog Park Size

Benchmarking during the preparation of the City of Ryde Dog Recreation Needs Study identified that the recommended minimum area for dog off-leash areas as 3,000m² within a minimum host park size of 5,000m² to provide buffers from other activities and land uses. With this area unsuitable for an enclosed dog-off leash area, greater emphasis should be placed on meeting this minimum park size for the safety of both dogs, pedestrians and motorists, however with a total available area of less than 2000m², delivery of a suitable unenclosed off-leash area is not feasible.

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Table 1: Site Suitability Assessment – Charity Creek Cascades

Best Practice	Charity Creek Cascades
	Weighted score*
Prefer sites in areas with high dog populations	2.0
<i>*Prefer sites in larger, high-profile parks</i>	0.0
<i>*Prefer sites with good passive surveillance from activated public areas</i>	0.0
Prefer sites with high legibility and good connectivity with surrounding neighbourhoods	1.0
Prefer sites with high potential for compliance with universal design principles	2.0
Require existing on or off-street parking. Off-street preferred for higher hierarchy parks	0.5
Prefer sites with potential for shared infrastructure (e.g. lighting, toilets, water, fencing, furniture)	0.0
<i>*Prefer sites with minimal impact on surrounding residents</i>	1.0
Prefer sites with no or minimal conflict with other park uses (i.e. playground, food prep areas, BBQ areas, skate parks, cycle trails, sports grounds)	1.0
Most guides and strategies recommend min area of 3,000m ² for a dog parks	1.0
While boundary requirements are flexible, there must be sufficient buffer (space, vegetation) or fencing between off-leash areas and major roads	0.5
Prefer sites with some natural vegetation and mature trees (for amenity and shade)	2.0
Avoid sites with high potential for negative impacts on park landscape/visual qualities or natural values. In particular, avoid impacts on sensitive environmental areas (habitat, biodiversity, steep slopes)	4.0
	15.0** (Max 36)

*Marked against identified criteria possible scores 1 – 4

** Equates to assessment rating of 42/100

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Alternative Locations

An alternative location assessment was conducted to determine any other suitable open space within a 500m radius of Charity Creek Cascades. Only three other areas of parkland exist within this vicinity: -

Location	Comments
ANZAC Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highly activated park with significant conflicts with other parks uses (playground, memorial, BBQ areas)• Limited off-street parking• Conflict with ANZAC Day event• Insufficient size
Linton Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insufficient size• Adjacent to major arterial roadway
Top Ryde Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insufficient size• Adjacent to major arterial roadway

Utilising the same site selection assessment from the 2020 Dog Recreation Needs Study, none of the above listed parklands are deemed suitable for consideration as a dog off-leash area.

9 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN CITY OF RYDE

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Community Services
File No.: GRP/21/11 - BP22/529

REPORT SUMMARY

On 28 August 2018, Council resolved to establish Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) in the following locations, which are due to expire on Monday, 10 October 2022:-

- Trim Place and Coulter Street, between Trim Place and Linsley Street, Gladesville
- West Ryde Bus Interchange
- Meadowbank, encompassing Bowden Street and Bay Drive, including Meadowbank Ferry Wharf
- Eastwood Town Centre

A review has been undertaken to determine the need to re-establish the AFZs in these locations. Consultation has been undertaken with the Ryde Police Area Command and Council staff. Crime statistics and trends across the area have been reviewed, in addition to information obtained from the Police on area specific incidents.

Based on the results of the review, it is recommended that AFZs are established for the next four years in the following locations, to minimise the risk of alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour:-

- 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

Council-run events and activations continue to be important to the community and have previously been held in Eastwood Town Centre, Trim Place/Coulter Street, Gladesville and West Ryde Plaza. These events have included the responsible service of alcohol.

There is strong support to continue activation events in the proposed AFZ locations. As a result, it is recommended that there is a suspension of the AFZ in the Eastwood Town Centre for the Granny Smith Festival on the third Saturday of October each year between 9am and 8.30pm.

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It is also recommended that there is a suspension of AFZs in Trim Place and Coulter Street, Gladesville, Eastwood Town Centre and West Ryde Plaza for any Council-run events/place activation initiatives. It is proposed that these suspensions are approved by the General Manager in consultation with the Ryde Police Area Command.

Public consultation to establish the AFZs will be undertaken, as per the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones.

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 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.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Letter from Ryde Police Area Command City of Ryde Alcohol Free Zones - 27 June 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 (AFZs) 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 originally established at the request of the Ryde Police Area Command.

AFZs are a short-term measure put in place to achieve the desired objectives during the operational period. They must be reviewed at least every four years to determine if there is a continuing need to address alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour in the specified area. An AFZ can be re-established if a continuing need is identified.

AFZs enable Council to use signage to prohibit the drinking of alcohol in the designated public place. This provides the enforcement power to tip out or otherwise dispose of alcohol being consumed in the zone. It is one of a number of enforcement options that can aid police to minimise anti-social behaviour and crime related to public alcohol consumption.

Discussion

The City of Ryde does not experience high levels of alcohol-related crime. BOSCAR data (2022), shows offences such as offensive conduct, alcohol related assault, malicious damage to property and liquor offences in the City of Ryde are low when compared to the Greater Sydney area. BOSCAR data also indicates that there is no significant shift in the trends of these type of offences across the Ryde area.

The Ryde Police Area Command (PAC) have been consulted, as part of the AFZ review process. They have requested the re-establishment of all existing AFZs (**ATTACHMENT 1**). They noted that these AFZ locations continue to be areas of concern with incidents of alcohol related offences. The AFZs will assist police to continue to maintain lower crime rates in these higher risk areas. The Ryde PAC also requested the inclusion of West Ryde Plaza between Anthony Road and Market Street, West Ryde. The PAC have observed an increase in anti-social behaviour within the area between Coles and the West Ryde Market Place.

Ryde PAC are supportive of temporary suspensions of AFZs for Council-run events in Eastwood Town Centre, West Ryde Plaza and Trim Place and Coulter Street, Gladesville. The PAC has requested that Council continue to consult with them prior to these events to ensure clear communication and a coordinated response by both parties.

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A review of the current AFZ locations has found the following:-

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 event 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.

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.

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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 General Manager, 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.

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 General Manager, 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 General Manager, following consultation with the Ryde PAC.

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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.

Consultation

To establish an AFZ, Council must consult (allowing at least 30 days for feedback) to decide if an AFZ is appropriate. Consultation must be undertaken with local police, local liquor licensees/registered clubs adjacent to the proposed zone and organisations able to speak on behalf of an Aboriginal or culturally and linguistically diverse group. Council must also publish a notice of suspensions of AFZs, as per the requirement of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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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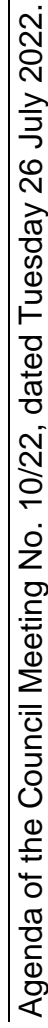
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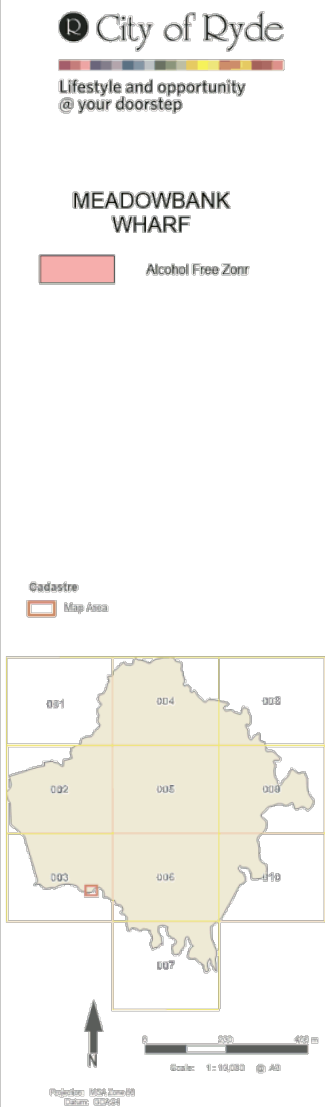
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10 CITY OF RYDE BICYCLE STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 2022-2030

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP22/451

REPORT SUMMARY

The draft City of Ryde's Bicycle Strategy (2022–2030) and associated Action Plan (2022–2030) were presented at the Council meeting on 22 February 2022. It was resolved at this Council meeting:-

- (a) *That the draft Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and the associated Bicycle Action Plan is endorsed to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks, commencing by mid-February 2022.*
- (b) *That following public exhibition, staff report back to Council regarding any submissions received and to have the Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 reconsidered for final adoption.*

The Council report and resolution of the Council meeting on 22 February 2022 is attached as **ATTACHMENTS 1** and **2** respectively.

In addressing part (a) of the Council resolution, the draft City of Ryde Bicycle Strategy (2022–2030) and associated Action Plan (2022–2030) was placed on public exhibition for four (4) weeks between 3 March 2022 to 31 March 2022.

Overall, a total of 16 responses were received during the public exhibition period, with the large majority of respondents (13 out of 16) supportive of the draft strategy and action plan. Specific feedback from the community have been carefully considered and addressed in the updated versions of the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan, where applicable.

The final versions of City of Ryde's Bicycle Strategy (**ATTACHMENT 3**) and associated Action Plan (**ATTACHMENT 4**), which incorporates public feedback, are now tabled for Council's final endorsement and public release in accordance with part (b) of the Council's resolution dated 22 February 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorses the *Bicycle Strategy 2022–2030* and *Ryde Action Plan 2022-2030*.
- (b) That Council thank all parties who participated in the development of the *Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030* and *Ryde Action Plan 2022-2030*, including those people who submitted feedback through the public exhibition.

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- (c) That upon release of the 2021 Census, staff update any affected sections of the *Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and Ryde Action Plan 2022-2030* to cater for any change to demographics or transport modal shifts.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Report to Council meeting of 22 February 2022 - Draft Bicycle Strategy and Associated Action Plan 2022-2030
- 2 Resolution from Council meeting of 22 February 2022 - Draft Bicycle Strategy and Associated Action Plan 2022-2030
- 3 City of Ryde Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 4 City of Ryde Bicycle Action Plan 2022-2030 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 5 Summary Report - Public Exhibition - Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan
- 6 Responses to Community Feedback on Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan

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Discussion

Consultation with relevant internal and external bodies

Public Consultation

The draft Bicycle Strategy and associated Action Plan were placed on public exhibition for four weeks between 3 March 2022 to 31 March 2022, with a “Have Your Say” page published on Council’s website, where the community were able to provide their feedback. Council received a total of 16 submissions, with the majority of responses (13 out of 16) supportive of the draft Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan.

A summary report of the outcomes of the public consultation is provided in **ATTACHMENT 5**. Responses to specific feedback provided by the community is provided in **ATTACHMENT 6**. The majority of feedback received during the public exhibition period was accommodated through amendments to the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan.

Consultation with Internal Stakeholders

The updated Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan were developed in collaboration with other Council departments such as the Assets and Infrastructure Department, Project Development Department, Environment Department, Urban Strategy Department, and Parks Department. Discussions were also held with the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Connect Macquarie Park and North Ryde to gather their input.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact. The delivery of proposed projects in the attached Bicycle Strategy and the Action Plan are subject to the availability of funds and Transport for NSW grant funding allocation. This is outlined in both documents.

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8 DRAFT BICYCLE STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 2022-2030

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP21/787

REPORT SUMMARY

The Transport Department is in the process of updating Council's current Bicycle Strategy that was last updated in 2014. Council adopted the recommendations of the 2014 Bicycle Strategy and staff have since implemented many of the recommended capital works.

The purpose of the updated strategy and associated action plan is to provide a more modern framework and set of principles for the planning, design, improvement, and management of the Council's network of pathways and trails. A further objective is to provide a framework for encouraging greater involvement of residents, community organisations, and government in the development of walking, cycling and other pathway-related activities and opportunities.

Approval is sought by the Council for endorsement of the draft Bicycle Strategy and associated Bicycle Action Plan to be placed on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the draft Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and the associated Bicycle Action Plan is endorsed to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks, commencing by mid-February 2022.
- (b) That following public exhibition, staff report back to Council regarding any submissions received and to have the Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 reconsidered for final adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Draft City of Ryde Bicycle Strategy – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2** Draft City of Ryde Bicycle Action Plan – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Discussion

The Transport Department engaged, Crossley Transport Planning (Crossley TP), to assist in updating Council's Bicycle Strategy 2014. The updated draft Bicycle Strategy and the associated Action Plan reflects the different reasons that people walk and cycle, and to assess and plan for facilities that support these different needs. The updated Bicycle Strategy and the associated Action Plan also provide a comprehensive assessment of existing cycling and walking routes, whilst detailing a guiding strategy in developing a capital works program for the Council to align with the Successful Places outcomes focussed on in Future Transport 2056.

In summary, the contents of the attached draft Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 (**ATTACHMENT 1**) covers:-

1. Promotion of active travel
2. Defining who, where and why people cycle
3. Cycling participation rates
4. How to get more people cycling
5. Barriers to cycling and community concerns
6. The need for interventions
7. The need for more routes and delivering quicker outcomes
8. Wayfinding
9. Healthy Streets
10. Opportunities and implementation of the strategy; and
11. Benefits to the City of Ryde.

The contents of the attached draft Action Plan (**ATTACHMENT 2**) covers:-

1. Purpose of the action plan
2. Suitable bicycle treatment types for low traffic stress environments
3. Preliminary prioritisation framework for consideration including quick wins
4. Suggested infrastructure works for the prioritised sections of the bicycle network (on-road, off-road and green links)
5. Other street elements which support rider comfort, access, and inclusion such as street lighting and end of trip facilities.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact other than the cost of the public exhibition (post-Council approval) which can be funded under the existing *ITS Implementation* funding bucket. The delivery of proposed projects in the attached Bicycle Strategy and the associated Action Plan are subject to the availability of funds and Transport for NSW grant funding allocation. This is outlined in both documents.

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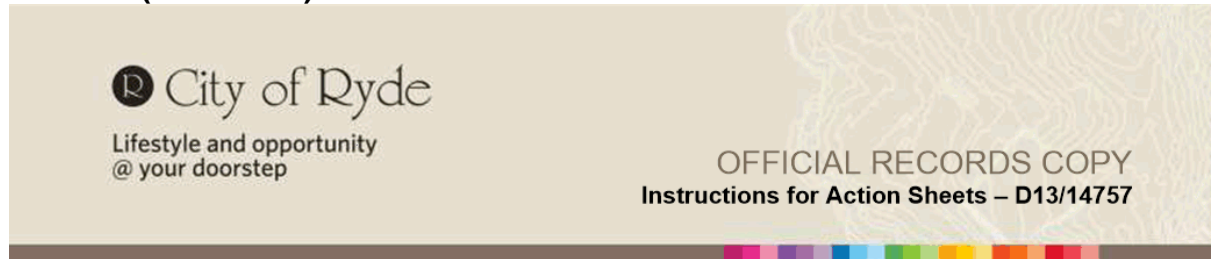
Consultation with relevant internal and external bodies

The draft Bicycle Strategy and associated Action Plan were developed in collaboration with internal departments such as Assets and Infrastructure, Project Development, Environment, Urban Strategy, and Parks. Discussion was also held with the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Connect Macquarie Park and North Ryde to gather their input.

The draft Bicycle Strategy and associated Action Plan will be placed on public exhibition for four weeks, with the community encouraged to provide feedback via a "Have Your Say" page on Council's website.

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**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 3/22 HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2022**

COUNCIL REPORTS

8 DRAFT BICYCLE STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 2022-2030

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

- (a) That the draft Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and the associated Bicycle Action Plan is endorsed to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks, commencing by mid-February 2022.
- (b) That following public exhibition, staff report back to Council regarding any submissions received and to have the Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 reconsidered for final adoption.

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Draft Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2030
Community Consultation Results



The City of Ryde is updating its Bicycle Strategy and Bicycle Action Plan 2022-2030.

As part of the update, Council sought community feedback on the draft documents. The Have Your Say period occurred from Thursday 3 March to Thursday 31 March 2022 during which the community could provide feedback via an online submission form, or a written submission by email or post. This was promoted through City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, via an eNewsletter and included in the open community consultations advertisement in the local newspaper.

In total 16 submissions were received.



10
ONLINE
SUBMISSIONS



6
WRITTEN
SUBMISSIONS

The results within this report were collated by Woolcott Research & Engagement.

Note: results are indicative due to the small sample size, interpret results with caution

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ATTACHMENT 5



Submission Summary: *City of Ryde Draft Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2030*

April 2022



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SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Common Themes

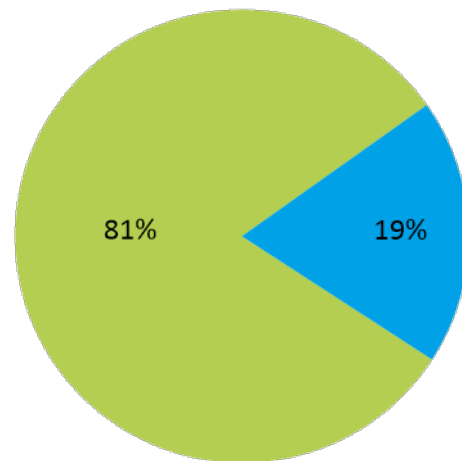
In total 16 different submissions were received.

Thirteen submissions were supportive of the Strategy/Action Plan or had suggestions to enhance the Strategy/Action Plan

Areas of common feedback	# of submissions
Stated the importance of cycling (health, social and climate benefits)	6
Indicated general support for the Strategy and/or Action Plan	5
Provided suggestions for missing links/additional routes/shared path options	5
Want bike parking facilities to be in areas where they will be utilised more (e.g. in centres, not the outskirts, and at train/metro stations and transport interchanges)	3
Stated a need for education and training of cyclists (incl. cycling skills and bike maintenance)	2
Indicated greater maintenance is required for existing cycleways (incl. dividing lines, signage, and keeping debris from cycleways)	2
Want repair hubs/pump and tool stations along cycleways	2

NOTE: An additional 12 comment areas emerged from single submissions only – detailed overleaf

Supportive Not Supportive



Three submissions were not supportive of the Strategy/Action Plan

Areas of common feedback	# of submissions
Objected to a specific section of proposed cycleway/shared path (due to potential environmental impact, or personal disruption)	2

NOTE: An additional 4 comment areas emerged from single submissions only – detailed overleaf

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SUBMISSION SUMMARY – CONTINUED

One-off Themes

Detail of additional feedback received from supportive submissions:

- Suggested that cycleways could improve the amenity of certain areas
- Asked if mountain bike tracks could be incorporated into the Plan
- Indicated that there is a need for improved safety around cyclists (from motorists, walkers and runners)
- Indicated that there is a need for guaranteed funding (incl. from State Government to support regional linkages)
- Wanted to see improvements in high density housing and school areas prioritised
- Suggested use of existing data sources for planning (e.g. the 'Your Move' travel survey and 2022 Census)
- Wanted Council to promote cycling more (including to Council run events)
- Suggested that Council work in conjunction with Local Traffic Committee and Transport for NSW to minimise any conflict between bikes and vehicles
- Suggested the creation of a QR Code to access cycling maps, repair hubs, and report maintenance issues
- Suggested that Council work with local businesses to devise incentive programs for bike users
- Recommended wider support options such as grants for workplaces to encourage cycling to work (through providing end of trip facilities such as showers/bike parking)
- Suggested use best practice design principles (incl. shading of paths, and adequate lighting of cycleways to encourage night-time commuting)

Detail of additional feedback received from non-supportive submissions:

- General opposition to cycleways (incl. a feeling that they promote vandalism and unsavoury loitering, and cycleway lighting would be intrusive for nearby houses)
- Indicated that the Plan is a step backwards from the 2014 Plan
- Concerned over lack of privacy caused by cyclists passing residential properties
- Concerned that Bicycle Boulevards are renamed Mixed Traffic locations (and provided suggested locations where this is not appropriate)

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Ryde Bicycle Strategy & Action Plan Community Consultation Feedback and Actions

Public Consultation Overview

Discussion	Woolcott Research and Engagement have reviewed the submissions and developed a submission summary report containing comments by theme. There was a total of 16 submissions of which 13 submissions were in support of the Strategy and Action Plan.
Conclusions	The strategy and action plan gained 81% support. This is a very good outcome. Thirteen areas of common feedback and identified actions were incorporated within the Bicycle Strategy.

Feedback from supporting submissions

Area of Common Feedback	Response to comments
Stated the importance of Cycling (health, social and climate benefits)	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: Health Crises – this is presented on page 8 “An active and healthy city” Environmental crises – this is touched on page 8 “A natural and sustainable city”
Indicated general support for the strategy / Action Plan	No action required
Provided suggestions for missing links / additional routes / shared paths options	All proposed missing links have been incorporated in the Action Plan (e.g. missing cycle link between Charity Creek Cascades and Ryde Park).
Want Bicycle parking facilities to be in areas where they will be utilised more (e.g., in centres, not the outskirts, and at train / metro stations.)	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: The Strategy advocates for the delivery of bicycle parking facilities at our key local places, community facilities, major transport hubs (e.g. railway stations, ferry wharfs, etc.) and town centres (refer to pages 28, 32 and 49). The Strategy advocates for the provision of complementary infrastructure e.g. public bicycle repair stations with tools/pumps, filtered water etc. along Major Bicycle routes (refer to page 44).
Stated a need for training and education of cyclists	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: The need for training and education of cyclists is stated on page 43 of the Strategy, which states the following “ <i>Giving people the confidence and skills to ride through education and training programs</i> ” Some of the key initiatives outlined in the Strategy outlines to facilitate training and education for cyclists are provided below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with schools, universities, TAFEs, NSW Department of Education, NSW Ministry for Health, and the Heart Foundation to encourage more students and families to walk or ride. • Pro-actively reach out to under-represented sections of the community to consult, engage and encourage them to participate in riding. • Provide opportunities and educational programs for people of all ages and all abilities within the City of Ryde to build skills and confidence in cycling and safe practices.
Indicated greater maintenance is required for existing cycleways	Response:

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	Council has an annual maintenance budget to upkeep bicycle infrastructure. This program is developed in consultation with Council's Bicycle User Groups and Committees.
Want repair hubs, pumps and tools	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: The Strategy advocates for the provision of complementary infrastructure e.g. public bicycle repair stations with tools/pumps, filtered water etc. along Major Bicycle routes (refer to page 44).
Suggest that cycleways could improve the amenity of certain areas.	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: Agree with comment – This was suggested in page 51 of the Action Plan.
Asked if Mountain Bike tracks could be incorporated into the Plan	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: Council will continue to investigate options for establishing bicycle tracks specifically for children within parks, as well as BMX/mountain bike tracks. This will be undertaken as part of future planning activities for major parks and park upgrades, subject to site suitability and environmental assessment (where required). This will enable greater recreational opportunities for these members of our community (refer to page 44).
Indicated there is a need for improved safety around cyclists from runners, motorists, and walkers	Agreed. This is a key principle in Transport for NSW's Bicycle Design Toolbox, which been adopted within the Bicycle Strategy & Action Plan.
Indicated that there is a need for guaranteed funding (inc from State Government to support regional linkages)	Agreed. The proposed improvements within the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan rely predominantly on State and Federal Government funding (refer to Appendix D of the Action Plan on page 81). Council's Transport Department have been generally successful in its application for grant funding from the State and Federal Governments. Council's Transport Department will continue to apply to for grant funding to support future projects nominated in Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan.
Wanted to see improvements in high density housing and school areas prioritised.	A number of missing cycle links identified in the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan traverse through high density residential areas to improve cycling connectivity within these areas. For schools, a key action specified within the Bicycle Strategy is for improvements to local bicycle connections within a 1km school catchment.
Suggested use of existing data sources for planning e.g. Your move travel survey and 2022 census	The Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan has been prepared with existing data available at the time of writing these documents (e.g. surveys on cyclist and pedestrian traffic). It will be recommended at the Council meeting on 26 July 2022 that the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan is to be updated with the release of the latest 2022 Census data.
Suggested that Council work in conjunction with Local Traffic Committee and Transport for NSW to minimise any conflict between bikes and vehicles	This is current Council practice to work with the Local Ryde Traffic Committee and the Technical Bicycle Advisory Committee (now called "Sport, Recreation and Bicycle Working Group") to review cycling infrastructure/measures, with a view to minimise conflict between different road users (e.g. cyclists and vehicles).
Suggested a creation of a QR code to access cycling maps, repair hubs, and report maintenance issues.	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: Subject to the availability of funding, these opportunities will be investigated as part of the "Wayfinding Strategy" outlined on 38 of the Bicycle Strategy.
Suggested that council work with local businesses to	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows:

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device incentive programs for bike users.	The “Ryde More” and “Ryde Ahead” sections of the Bicycle Strategy highlights the importance of reaching out to local businesses to collaborate and work together to encourage more people to ride and overcome current challenges.
Recommended wider support options such as grants for workplaces to encourage cycling to work (through providing end of trip facilities such as showers/bike parking)	Referenced in Bicycle Strategy as follows: The Strategy advocates for wider support options (e.g. end of trip facilities at workplaces) to promote and facilitate greater cycling trips (refer to page 44).
Suggested use best practice design principles (inc. shading of paths and adequate lighting of cycles ways to encourage night-time commuting)	Referenced in Action Plan as follows: The action plan suggests using the Healthy Streets tool to audit existing and proposed design options to encourage designs to consider and incorporate all these elements (refer to page 51).

Feedback from non-supporting submissions

Comments opposing the strategy	Response to comments
Objected to a specific section of the proposed cycleway / shared path due to potential environmental impact or personal disruption	The bicycle routes nominated in the Action Plan are strategic in nature. The feasibility of these routes with respect to various considerations such as the environmental impact of the route will be subject to a more detailed assessment that is separate to the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan.
General opposition to cycleways, including feeling that they promote vandalism and unsavoury loitering, and cycleway lighting would be intrusive for nearby houses.	There is no conclusive evidence to suggest cycleways promote vandalism or unsavoury loitering. The principles of the design are to improve liveability meaning designs will consider security and safety for both the user and people accessing the adjacent land uses. Measures such as the provision of street lighting, CCTV cameras and other technology along cycle routes can deter anti-social behaviour such as vandalism and littering. These measures are to be considered during the detailed design of future cycle routes nominated in the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan.
Concerned over lack of privacy caused by cyclists passing residential properties	These measures are to be considered during the detailed design of future cycle routes nominated in the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan.
Concerned that bicycle boulevards are named mixed traffic locations and suggest locations where this is not appropriate.	Bicycle boulevards are applied to ‘narrow’ roads which acts as a narrow deterrence for vehicles speeding along these routes. Additional traffic calming measures can be introduced to further reduce vehicle speeds to improve safety for cyclists along these routes. The bicycle routes nominated in the Action Plan are strategic in nature. The feasibility of these routes with respect to factors such as safety will be subject to a more detailed assessment that is separate to the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan.

11 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - JUNE 2022

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP22/463

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on each traffic/ parking matter separately and details on how Council may proceed with the proposed measures. The June 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 (2 item) The Hon. A Roberts MP

The June 2022 Traffic Committee agenda consisted of Eight (8) traffic and parking proposals. No objections were received from the voting members regarding all items A to H. 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 June 2022:

(A) MORRISON ROAD, RYDE - CENTRAL MEDIAN ISLAND AND BLISTER ISLAND

The following changes be made on Morrison Road, Ryde:

- a) The western approach of the roundabout at the intersection of Morrison Road and Princes Street, Putney be adjusted to provide a kerb blister and central median extension from the splitter island.
- b) The minimum width of the central median island be maintained as per the Austroads Guide to Road Design.

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(B) DELMAR PARADE, GLADESVILLE - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, TUE - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED

The following changes be made on Delmar Parade, Gladesville:

- a) The 'No Parking 5AM to 11AM - Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted' be installed at the cul-de-sac on Delmar Parade, Gladesville.

(C) RHODES STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, WEST RYDE - LINEMARKING & PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES

The following changes be made on Rhodes Street and Macpherson Street, West Ryde:

- a) A dividing barrier (BB) centreline be installed along Rhodes Street between Hermitage Road and Mellor Street, West Ryde.
- b) The existing "1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM" and "Bus Zone, 9:30AM-2:30PM, School Days" be converted to "Kiss & Ride - No Parking, 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM, School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- c) The existing "No Parking 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM School Days" be converted to "1/4P, 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) The existing "Bus Zone 8:00AM-6:00PM School Days" and "2P Permit Holders Excepted" be converted to "Bus Zone School Days" on Macpherson Street, West Ryde.

(D) EILEEN STREET, RYDE - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, TUE - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED

The following changes be made on Eileen Street, Ryde:

- a) The "No Parking 5AM to 11AM – Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" be installed at the cu-de-sac between the property frontages of 7 and 17 Eileen Street, Ryde.

(E) MIRIAM ROAD, WEST RYDE - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, WED - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED

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

- a) A 12 metre long "No Parking, 5AM to 11AM - Wednesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" zone be installed at the property frontage of 6-8 Miriam Road, West Ryde

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(F) 155 CHURCH STREET, RYDE - TRAFFIC FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT SITE

The following changes be made on Loop Road and Parsonage Street, Ryde:

- a) The existing splitter island on the eastern leg of the roundabout at the intersection of Loop Road and Parsonage Street be altered as per **Figure 2**.
- b) The existing splitter island on the western leg of the roundabout at the intersection of Well Street and Parsonage Street be altered as per **Figure 2**.
- c) The central median island on Parsonage Street between the proposed splitter islands be installed as per **Figure 2**.
- d) That all works outlined above (points a, b and c) be installed by the developer at no cost to Council.

(G) 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*.

(H) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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

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- 1 Ryde Traffic Committee Agenda - June 2022

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Ryde Traffic Committee

ITEM (A): MORRISON ROAD, RYDE
SUBJECT: CENTRAL MEDIAN ISLAND AND BLISTER ISLAND

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL AND EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install the following treatments at the intersection of Morrison Road and Princes Street, Putney as recommended by a Road Safety Review (RSR), conducted by an independent auditor.

- a) The western approach of the roundabout at the intersection of Morrison Road and Princes Street, Putney be adjusted to provide a kerb blister and central median extension from the splitter island.

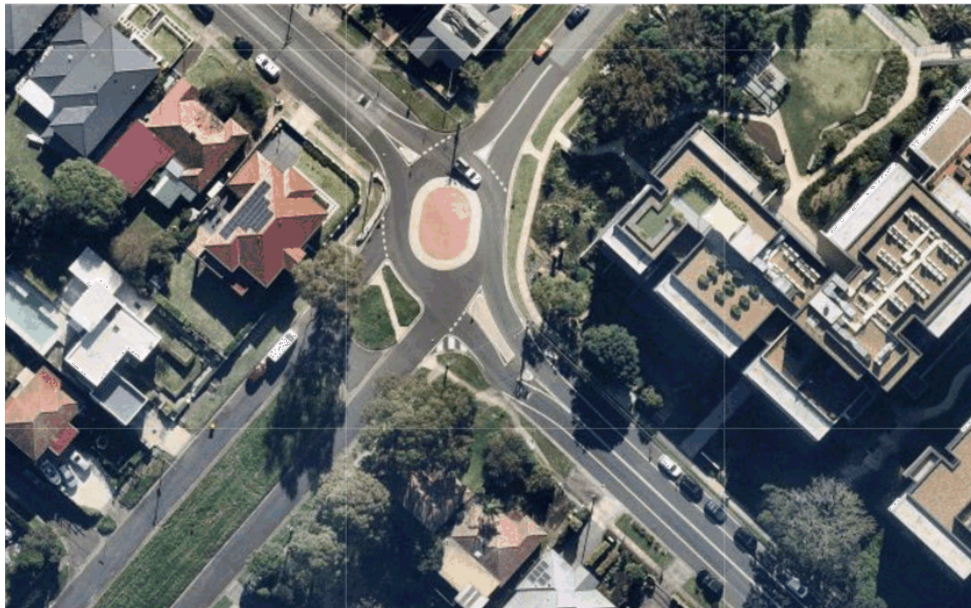


Figure 1: Location Plan

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Ryde Traffic Committee

DISCUSSION

At the Council meeting held on 23 November 2021, it was resolved:

That due to safety concerns and the occurrences of near misses that Council staff investigate the following at the roundabout at Morrison Road and Princes Street, Putney:

- *The Installation of a barrier on the peak apartments side of the roundabout preventing vehicles mounting the nature strip, footpath and potentially injuring pedestrians and damaging buildings.*
- *Extending the length of the speed hump immediately east bound of the carriageway preventing rat runners bypassing it without slowing down and increasing the potential for losing control on the roundabout.*

Council engaged an independent road safety consultant to undertake a comprehensive Road Safety Review (RSR) of the intersection. The RSR recommended the following:

- To slow eastbound traffic on the approach to the roundabout, install speed cushions either side of the traffic lane, or concrete islands, so that motorists cannot bypass the existing speed cushion.
- Carry out before and after speed surveys to determine whether the above treatments are effective in reducing speeds of eastbound vehicles as they enter the roundabout.
- Only re-visit the need for a safety barrier if the site still requires these despite the initial road safety improvements.

Council has elected to proceed with the option to install a traffic island at this location, and to extend the existing splitter island on the western side of the roundabout.

The existing rubberised speed cushion at this location will also be replaced with a formed concrete cushion with a maximum width of 1600mm to allow buses to straddle the device.

CONSULTATION

No community consultation was required because this is a road safety issue that does not affect existing traffic flow or parking arrangements in the area.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The western approach of the roundabout at the intersection of Morrison Road and Princes Street, Putney be adjusted to provide a kerb blister and central median extension from the splitter island.
- b) The minimum width of the central median island be maintained as per the Austroads Guide to Road Design.

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Figure 2: Proposed alteration to traffic island, median island and speed cushion

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ITEM (B)	DELMAR PARADE, GLADESVILLE
SUBJECT:	NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, TUE - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED
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 install "No Parking 5AM to 11AM - Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" at the cul-de-sac on Delmar Parade, Gladesville.

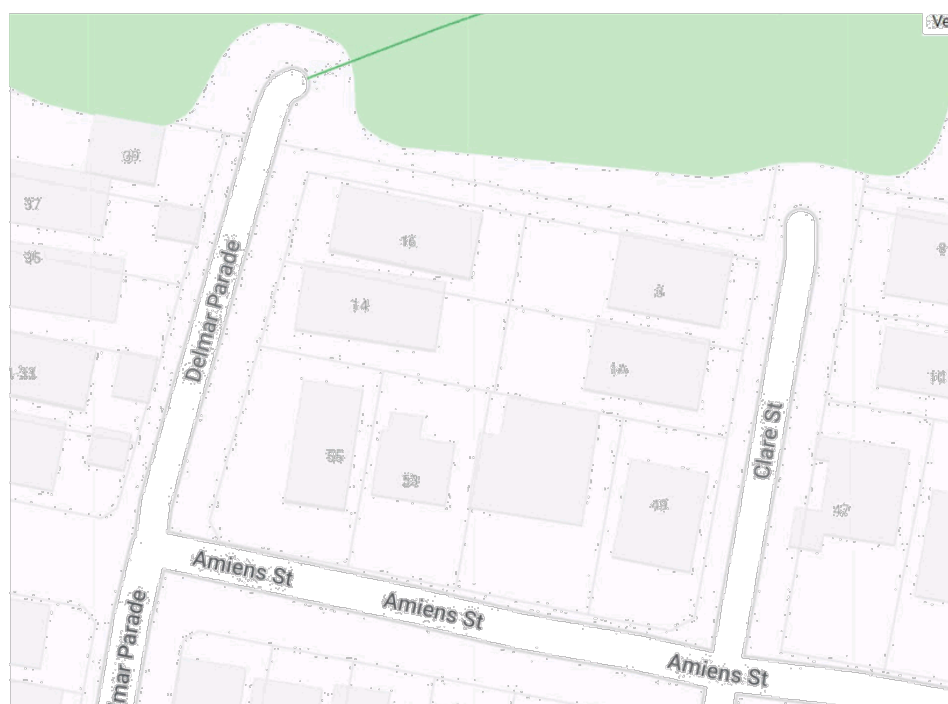


Figure 1: Location map

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DISCUSSION

Council received a request from Council's Waste Team to improve vehicle manoeuvrability at the cul-de-sac on Delmar Parade, Gladesville on waste-collection days.

The Delmar Parade cul-de-sac is 16-metre-wide and allows for both heavy and light vehicles to undertake U-turns on the narrow 9-metre-wide road with unrestricted parking on both sides.

When vehicles are parked at the cul-de-sac, waste-collection vehicles cannot turn around and as a result bins have been missed on several occasions.

To improve manoeuvrability and safety, it is proposed to install 'No Parking 5AM to 11AM - Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted' at the cul-de-sac on Delmar Parade, Gladesville.

CONSULTATION

Notification letters were distributed to the surrounding properties and allowed two weeks for feedback and enquiries. No comments were received.



Figure 2: Distribution map

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The 'No Parking 5AM to 11AM - Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted' be installed at the cul-de-sac on Delmar Parade, Gladesville.



Figure 3: Proposed parking restrictions at the cul-de-sac on Delmar Parade.

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ITEM (C): RHODES STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT: LINEMARKING & PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

Following the recent opening of the new Meadowbank schools, located at 2 Rhodes Street Meadowbank (See **Figure 1** overpage for site location) on 26 April 2022, Council have been monitoring the traffic and parking situation in the vicinity of the schools in recent weeks in consultation with the school community, NSW Police, School Infrastructure NSW, Transport for NSW and Busways. Based on the feedback received from these stakeholders (particularly the school community) and observations of Council staff, the following measures are proposed to improve the safety and efficiency of the student pick-up/drop-off activity within Rhodes Street and Macpherson Street during school start and finish periods:

- a) A dividing barrier (BB) centreline be installed along Rhodes Street between Hermitage Road and Mellor Street, West Ryde.
- b) The existing "1/4P 7AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM" and "Bus Zone, 9:30AM-2:30PM, School Days" be converted to "No Parking 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM, School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- c) The existing "No Parking 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM School Days" be converted to "1/4P, 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) The existing "Bus Zone 8:00AM-4:00PM School Days" and "2P Permit Holders Excepted" be converted to "Bus Zone School Days" on Macpherson Street, West Ryde.

Figures 2 and 3 on the last page provide a visual depiction of the abovementioned proposed changes.

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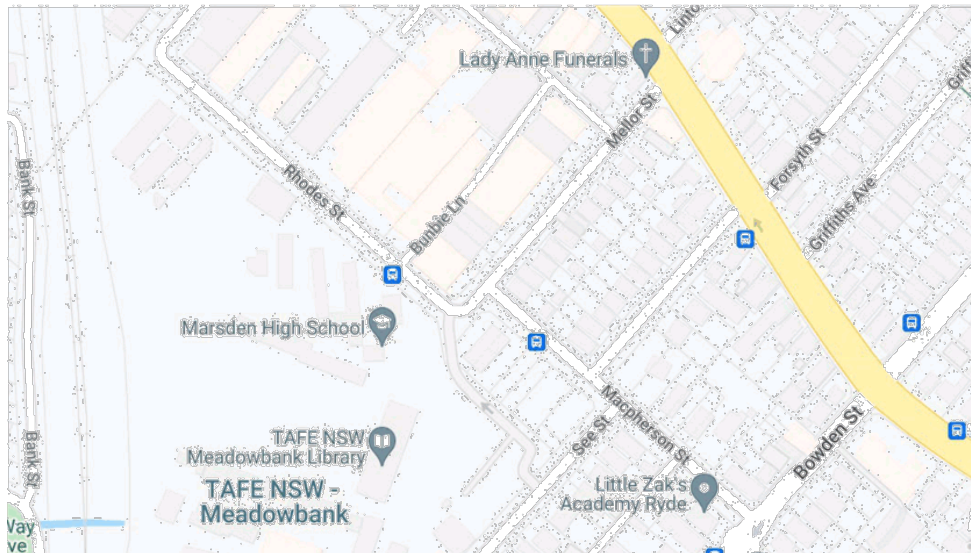


Figure 1: Location map.

DISCUSSION

It has been observed that parents are doing U-turns on Rhodes Street causing safety issues. It was strongly recommended by police that a dividing barrier (BB) centreline be installed at this location to help prevent U-turns at this location to address this concern. (Refer to Item a)

The removal of the Rhodes Street bus zone and relocation of the 1/4P allows the school frontage to be rearranged to better accommodate parent needs by relocating the 'No Parking' zone closer to the school entrance and maximising the amount of 1/4P parking for parents of students in Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2, who are required to drop-off and pick-up children from inside the school gates. (Refer to Items b & c).

The bus zone on Rhodes Street was originally installed to accommodate school excursion buses. The Macpherson Street bus zone was designated to accommodate modified public bus routes and school buses. The modified public bus routes only operate during school zone times. Following discussions with both the primary and secondary schools it was determined that the Macpherson Street bus zone could be extended to full time on school days only to accommodate excursion buses which operate outside of school pick-up and drop-off times (Refer to Item d). To minimise parking impacts on surrounding residents and businesses, the bus zone on Macpherson Street is proposed to operate on school days only.

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CONSULTATION/NOTIFICATION

Council met with the principals from both the primary and secondary schools, representatives from Transport for NSW, School Infrastructure NSW, Busways and Stantec on-site after a two week observation period to discuss various issues and the options available. Feedback and recommendations were provided by the Police who were on-site during the first two weeks of operation. The proposed changes mentioned in the previous section of the report were discussed and agreed with all the abovementioned stakeholders.

Council's Road Safety Officer then attended a Meadowbank Primary School P&C meeting to discuss the proposed changes and seek input from parents on the rearrangement of parking zones on Rhodes Street. The Principal then distributed the proposed changes for Rhodes Street to all parents for feedback. There was no objection received to the proposed changes.

Surrounding businesses will be notified prior to changes being implemented.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A dividing barrier (BB) centreline be installed along Rhodes Street between Hermitage Road and Mellor Street, West Ryde.
- b) The existing "1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM" and "Bus Zone, 9:30AM-2:30PM, School Days" be converted to "Kiss & Ride - No Parking, 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM, School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- c) The existing "No Parking 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM School Days" be converted to "1/4P, 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) The existing "Bus Zone 8:00AM-6:00PM School Days" and "2P Permit Holders Excepted" be converted to "Bus Zone School Days" on Macpherson Street, West Ryde.

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Figure 2: Proposed changes on Rhodes Street.



Figure 3: Proposed changes on Macpherson Street.

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ITEM (D): EILEEN STREET, RYDE
SUBJECT: NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, TUE - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest about the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install "No Parking 5AM to 11AM – Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" at the cu-de-sac between the property frontages of 7 and 17 Eileen Street, Ryde.

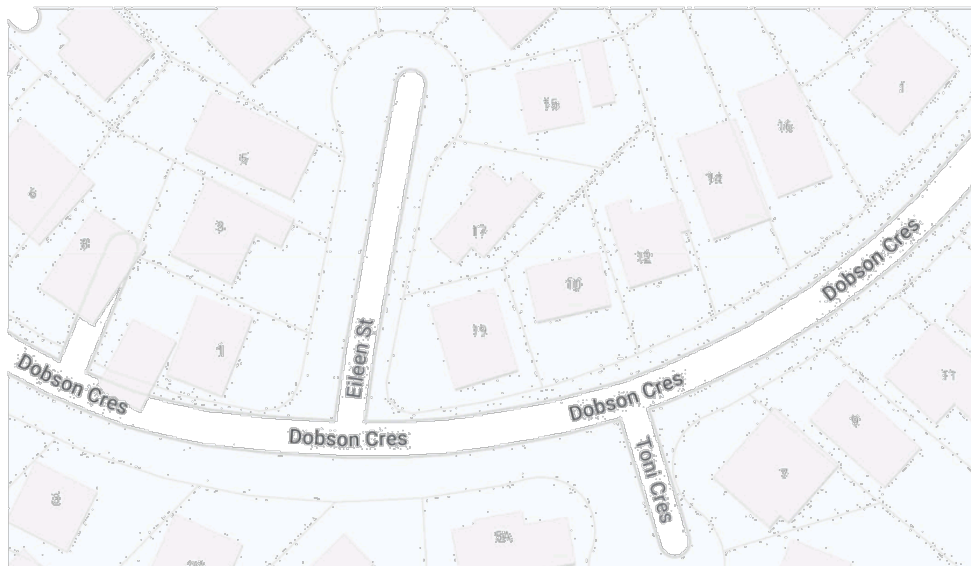


Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

Council has received a request from Council's Waste Team to improve vehicle manoeuvrability at the cul-de-sac on Eileen Street, Ryde on waste-collection days.

The Eileen Street cul-de-sac is 17 metre wide and allows for both heavy and light vehicles to undertake U-turns on the narrow 7.5-metre-wide road with unrestricted parking on both sides.

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When vehicles are parked at the cul-de-sac, waste-collection vehicles cannot turn around and as a result bins have been missed on several occasions.

To improve manoeuvrability and safety, it is proposed to install "No Parking 5AM to 11AM – Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" at the cu-de-sac between the property frontages of 7 and 17 Eileen Street, Ryde.

CONSULTATION

Notification letters were distributed to the surrounding properties and allowed two weeks for feedback and enquiries. No comments were received.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The "No Parking 5AM to 11AM – Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" be installed at the cu-de-sac between the property frontages of 7 and 17 Eileen Street, Ryde.



Figure 2: Proposed changes

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ITEM (E)	MIRIAM ROAD, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT:	NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, WED - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED
ELECTORATE:	RYDE
WARD:	WEST
ROAD CLASS:	NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install 12 metre long "No Parking, 5AM to 11AM - Wednesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" zone at the property frontage of 6-8 Miriam Road, West Ryde.

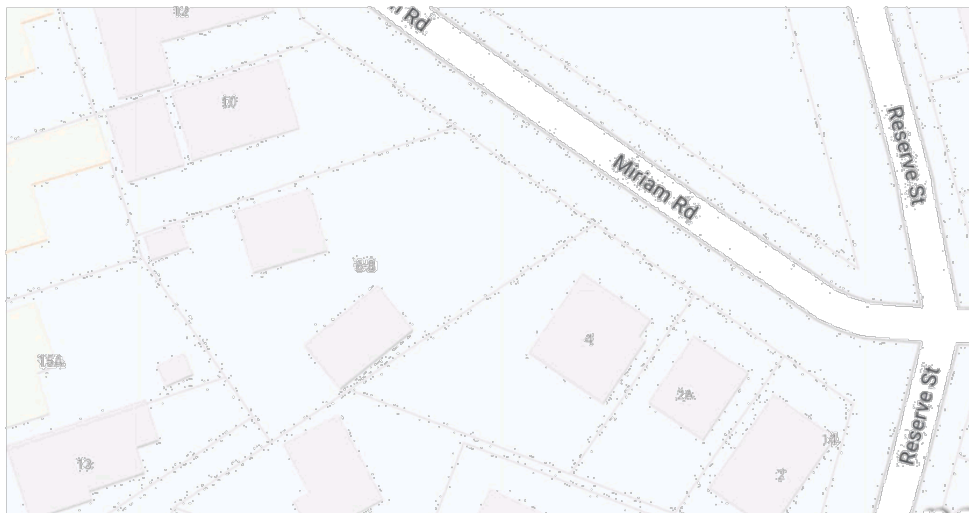


Figure 1: Location plan

DISCUSSION

Council received a request from Council's Waste Team to improve waste-vehicle manoeuvrability at the property frontage of the villa complex at 6-8 Miriam Road, Ryde, during waste-collection days. A site investigation indicated that the parking occupancy rate along Miriam Road is high, and a dedicated space for waste vehicles is required to facilitate the waste-collection at the property frontage. As part of this development, the waste-collection at the development was not possible because of on-site constraints and the nature of the driveway.

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To facilitate waste-collection and improve safety, it is proposed that two parking spaces be kept clear on Wednesdays from 5am to 11am along the property frontage of 6-8 Miriam Road, West Ryde.

CONSULTATION

No consultation was required because the proposed location is property frontage of a construction site.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 12 metre long "No Parking, 5AM to 11AM - Wednesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" zone be installed at the property frontage of 6-8 Miriam Road, West Ryde.



Figure 2: Proposed parking restrictions at the property frontage of 6-8 Miriam Road, West Ryde.

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ITEM (F): 155 CHURCH STREET, RYDE
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT SITE
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

PROPOSAL

The developer for the approved mixed-use development at 155 Church Street is proposing to construct traffic facilities on Parsonage Street, Ryde as required by DA 2019/149 Consent Condition 78A. The location for the proposed works is illustrated in **Figure 1** below.

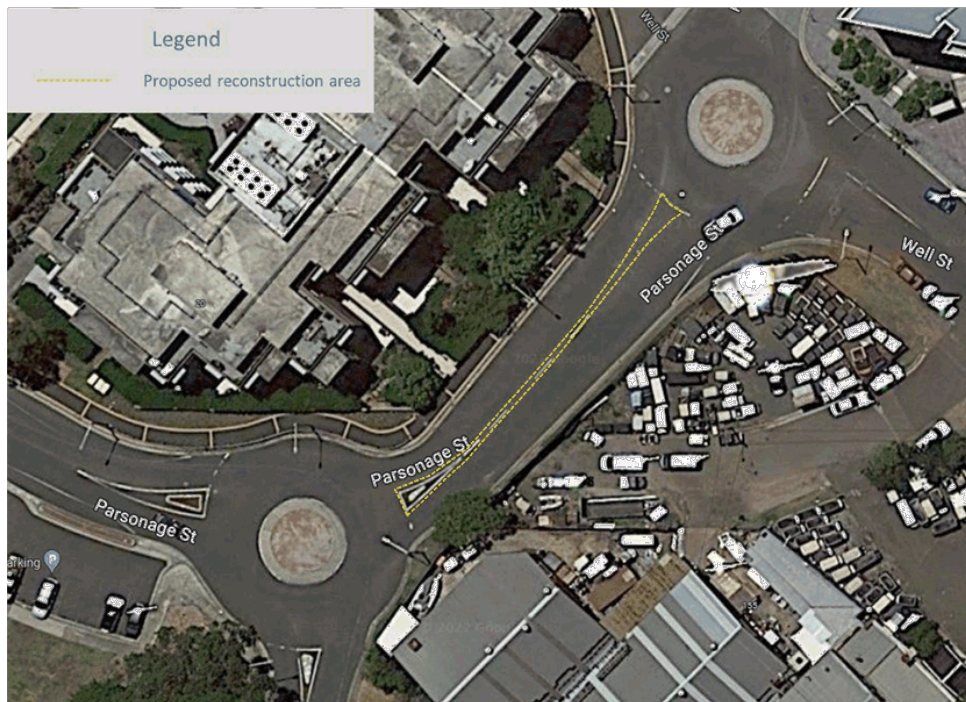


Figure 1: Location map and proposed construction scope.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the central median is to physically restrict right turns into the proposed carpark entry at 155 Church Street. As this will regulate traffic movements, consideration by

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the Traffic Committee is stipulated as a condition of consent, prior to the issue of a construction certificate.

The existing northern splitter island at the roundabout of Parsonage Street and Loop Road will be extended from the roundabout to the position of central splitter island of the site driveway off Parsonage Street. A southern splitter island at the roundabout of Parsonage Street and Well Street will also be reconstructed.

The two splitter islands will be connected by a 0.6-metre-wide median island. The total length of the constructed road section on Parsonage Street between two roundabouts is 46 metre.

The proposed design is shown in **Figure 2** overleaf.

This section of Parsonage Street will not have a constructed footpath on the southern side and no pedestrian access to the site will be provided at this frontage. Dedicated pedestrian pathways are provided elsewhere for this development. As such this median island is not intended to provide pedestrian amenity but vehicle separation at an identical width to the existing dividing barrier (BB) centreline, whilst physically preventing right turn movements.

A dedicated left-turn lane provided on the eastern side of Parsonage Street directly connects the site entry off Parsonage Street, accessible by private vehicles (99% design vehicle) vehicles only. Line markings associated with the dedicated left-turn lane are also shown in **Figure 2**.

The proposed changes occur on the road section of Parsonage Street between two adjacent roundabouts. The circulation pattern of the two connected roundabouts will not be altered. The splitter islands and median island construction will not affect the existing traffic flow pattern. No other vehicle access points to this property exist on this section of Parsonage Street.

CONSULTATION

The proposed changes of two splitter islands and median island are associated with the approved development application at 155 Church Street, Ryde which has undertaken public consultation. Therefore, community consultation for the proposed changes is not required. Affected residents will be notified prior to implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing splitter island on the eastern leg of the roundabout at the intersection of Loop Road and Parsonage Street be altered as per **Figure 2**.
- b) The existing splitter island on the western leg of the roundabout at the intersection of Well Street and Parsonage Street be altered as per **Figure 2**.

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- c) The central median island on Parsonage Street between the proposed splitter islands be installed as per **Figure 2**.
- d) That all works outlined above (points a, b and c) be installed by the developer at no cost to Council.

The proposed treatments shown in **Figure 2** be approved in principle subject to the detailed design.

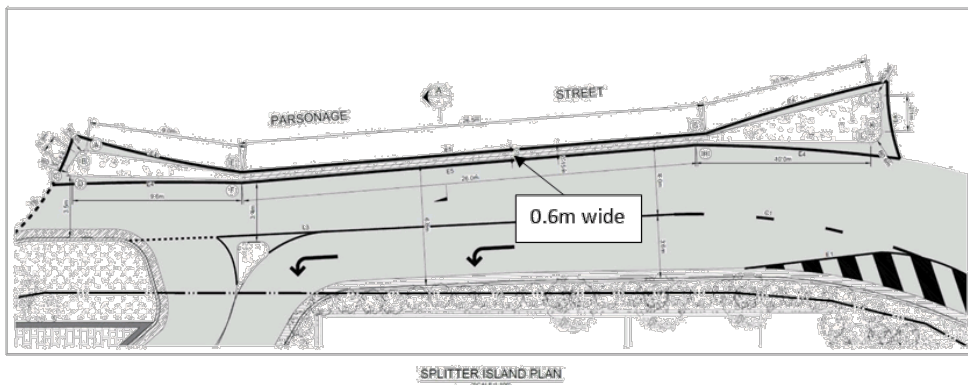


Figure 2: Proposed plan for the splitter Islands.

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ITEM (G) 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 Road Rules 2014 Control	Installation Date
Intersection of Payten Street and Phillip Road, Putney	1. 10 m of statutory 'NO STOPPING' on both sides of Payten Street and both sides of Phillip Road at the intersection of Payton Street and Phillip Road, Putney.	Rule 170 Stopping at or near an intersection	July 2022
Concord Place and Harvard Street, Gladesville	2. 10 m of 'NO STOPPING' on both sides of Concord Pl, at intersection of Harvard Street. 3. 10m of 'No Stopping' on western side of Harvard Street, at intersection of Concord Place.	Rule 170 Stopping at or near an intersection	July 2022
Bridge Road and Olive Street, Ryde	4. 15 m of NO STOPPING' on both sides of Olive Street, at intersection of Bridge Road 5. 10 m of 'NO STOPPING' on the southern side Bridge Road, at intersection of Olive Street	Rule 170 Stopping at or near an intersection *15m on Olive Street due to adverse geometry/grade	July 2022
Intersection of George Street and Meriton Street Gladesville.	6. 10 m of 'No Stopping' on south western side of intersection to match the opposite side	Rule 170 Stopping at or near an intersection	July 2022

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

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ITEM (H): 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

City of Ryde's 2022-2023 Statistical Analysis Report for the Local Government Road Safety Program has been finalise and approved by Transport for NSW. The report identified five priority areas based on crash data to target funded road safety programs in the 2022-2023 financial year. These areas are:

- Drink driving
- Pedestrian safety
- Speeding
- Restraint use
- Motorcycles

Funding applications are currently being completed for targeted programs to address these main concerns. The full report will be available on the City of Ryde website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

School Zone Safety Program

Stakeholders met following a two-week observation period of the new Meadowbank Employment and Education Precinct to discuss issues and potential changes to improve safety and traffic congestion. Council's Road Safety Officer also attended the Meadowbank Public School P & C meeting to discuss proposed changes and get feedback from parents.

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National Road Safety Week 15-22 May

- Council promoted messages via social media during National Road Safety Week reminding people to share the road, watch for pedestrians and be bus aware.
- A Child Car Seat Checking Day was hosted by City of Ryde at Blenheim Park sponsored by Transurban and Kidsafe. 35 vehicles with 57 child car seats were checked and correctly fitted for residents by TfNSW Authorised Fitters, who took time to explain how to ensure their car seats remained safe and secure.



'What If?' Young driver safety program

City of Ryde joined members of the Ryde Police Area Command, Highway Patrol, Fire and Rescue and Wheelchair Sports year to deliver a morning of presentations on alcohol awareness and road safety to Year 10 students at Ryde Secondary College.

Activities included wheelchair basketball, driving simulators, distraction games and displays by Highway Patrol, Crash Investigation Unit, and Fire + Rescue NSW.



Based on evaluation forms collected from students, the key messages students took away from the event were to make responsible and safe decisions, evaluate risk and don't drink if you are going to drive.

Upcoming events

- Sustainability Festival, 5 June – providing free bike checks, bike maintenance workshops, safe cycling and shared path information.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

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

12 REPORTS DUE TO COUNCIL

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: GRP/22/48 - BP22/561

REPORT SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 24 April 2022, Council resolved as follows:-

- (a) *That the report on the Outstanding Council Reports be endorsed.*
- (b) *That the General Manager review all the outstanding reports and report back to Council to seek endorsement for the removal of outstanding reports that can no longer be progressed.*
- (c) *That the Outstanding Council report to now be provided to Councillors via a CIB quarterly with a revised template to more easily monitor progress.*

In accordance with part (b) above, this report is presented to Council to seek endorsement for the removal of the outstanding Council reports highlighted in **ATTACHMENT 1** that can no longer be progressed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the removal of the outstanding Council reports highlighted in **ATTACHMENT 1** that can no longer be progressed.

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- 1 Outstanding Reports to Council - as at 19 July 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

At its meeting held on 24 April 2022, Council resolved as follows:-

- (a) That the report on Outstanding Council Reports be endorsed.*
- (b) That the General Manager review all the outstanding reports and report back to Council to seek endorsement for the removal of outstanding reports that can no longer be progressed.*
- (c) That the Outstanding Council report to now be provided to Councillors via a CIB quarterly with a revised template to more easily monitor progress.*

In accordance with part (b) above, a review of all the outstanding Council reports has been undertaken and the reports that can no longer be progressed are highlighted in the report provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**.

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the removal of those highlighted reports from the Outstanding Council reports listing.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

INFORMATION REPORT

**13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP22/542

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 30 June 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 2.03%, which is 1.42% above the benchmark figure of 0.61%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$2,893K and as at 30 June 2022 funds of \$3,314K have been earned (subject to year-end audit).

Report Prepared By:

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

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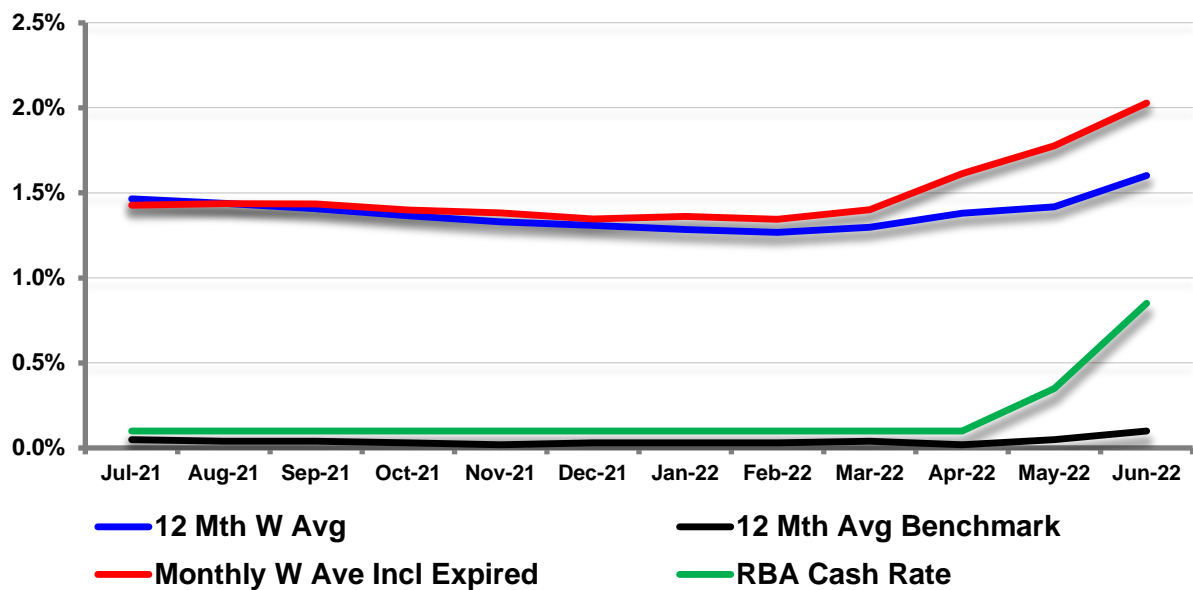
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio as per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 212 and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the *Local Government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

Investment Performance Commentary

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

	Jun	12 Mth	FYTD
Council Return	2.03	1.60	1.60
Benchmark	0.61	0.10	0.10
Variance	1.42	1.50	1.50

Performance - All Investments



Council's investment portfolio as at 30 June 2022 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$100.19M	45.29%
Floating Rate Notes	\$40.48M	18.30%
Fixed Bonds	\$80.55M	36.41%
Total Investments	\$221.22M	

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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 30 June 2022 was \$762K 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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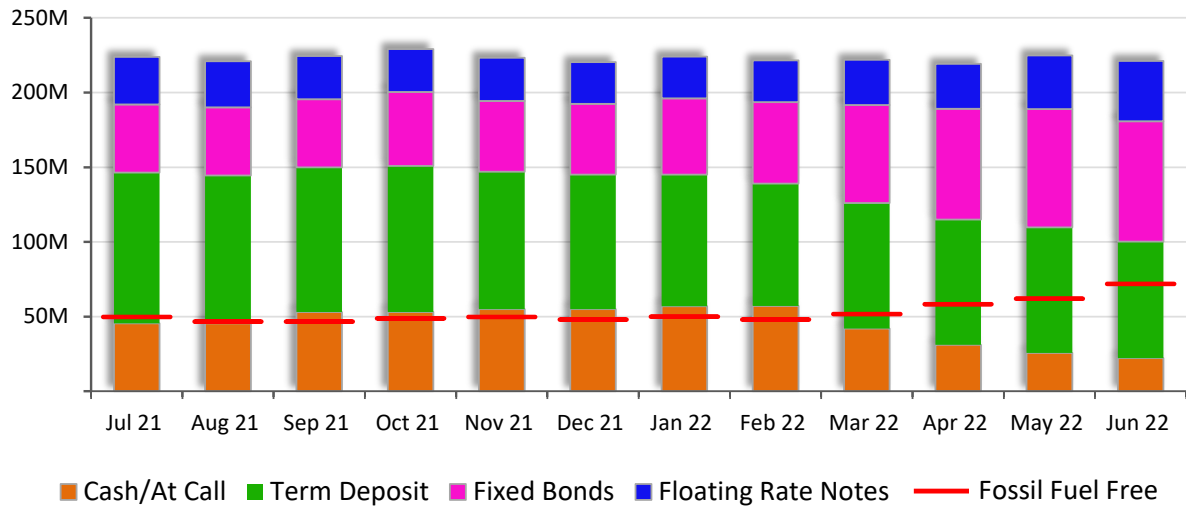
Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 30-Jun-22 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2022	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenc
Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	N	1,200	2.08	1.24	1.24	0.54	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	N	2,000	2.08	2.08	2.08	0.90	14/05/2025	1051
National Australia Bank	3. NAB Fixed Bond (Covered)	AAA	N	3,748	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.69	16/03/2023	1826
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,959	3.57	3.56	3.56	1.79	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,192	3.93	3.93	3.93	1.44	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,500	3.15	3.16	3.16	0.68	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	3.14	3.14	3.14	1.36	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.56	1.57	1.57	0.90	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,996	1.67	1.67	1.67	0.90	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,998	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.90	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,986	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.35	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.09	0.90	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	1,500	1.14	0.80	0.80	0.68	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	14. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	1.86	1.08	1.08	0.90	9/05/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	15. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	2.46	1.68	1.68	1.81	10/11/2022	2557
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	16. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	2.46	1.60	1.60	1.81	15/12/2022	2557
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	21,192	0.83	0.25	0.25	9.58		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,996	3.41	3.41	3.41	1.81	25/04/2023	1916
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,498	3.27	3.27	3.27	1.58	16/08/2023	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,491	3.23	3.23	3.23	1.58	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	21. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.80	0.58	0.58	1.81	22/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,999	3.08	3.08	3.08	1.81	10/02/2023	1918
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	2.95	2.93	2.93	1.36	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,492	2.98	2.98	2.98	1.58	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	4,000	1.91	1.07	1.07	1.81	16/05/2023	1826
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	1.71	1.05	1.05	0.90	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.90	0.58	0.58	1.81	24/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	1.83	1.83	1.83	0.90	12/10/2022	146
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.52	0.45	0.45	1.81	11/11/2022	365
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.65	0.55	0.55	1.81	11/01/2023	365
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.81	18/09/2023	1827
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	0.55	0.53	0.53	0.90	2/12/2022	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	33. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,491	3.25	3.25	3.25	1.13	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	34. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,597	2.76	2.76	2.76	1.17	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	35. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.32	3.32	3.32	1.81	9/08/2022	1813
Westpac Banking Corporation	36. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	3.38	3.38	3.38	0.90	18/08/2022	1815
Westpac Banking Corporation	37. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.81	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	38. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	3,999	1.71	1.70	1.70	1.81	12/02/2025	1827
Suncorp-Metway	39. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,591	2.58	2.58	2.58	1.62	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	40. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,833	3.60	3.59	3.59	1.73	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	41. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,340	5.24	5.24	5.24	0.61	25/01/2027	1683
Suncorp-Metway	42. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note (Covered)	A+	Y	1,000	1.99	1.14	1.14	0.45	16/08/2022	1826
Suncorp-Metway	43. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	1.65	1.26	1.26	0.54	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	44. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,559	2.20	2.20	2.20	1.16	25/02/2027	1711
Australian Unity Bank	45. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.14	4.14	4.14	0.90	19/07/2023	398
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	46. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.43	1.43	1.43	0.90	9/08/2022	61
Bank of Queensland	47. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	595	0.46	0.51	0.51	0.27		
Bank of Queensland	48. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	3,795	2.15	2.15	2.15	1.72	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	49. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	1,827	4.06	4.02	4.02	0.83	6/05/2026	1496

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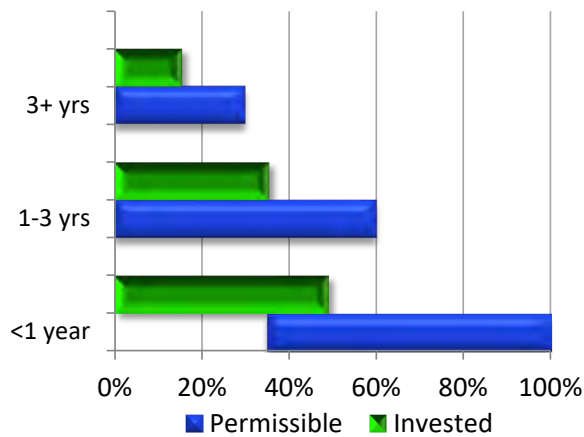
Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 30-Jun-22 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2022	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	50. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.90	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	51. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	0.43	0.44	0.44	1.81	16/09/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	52. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	0.70	1.97	1.97	0.90	9/12/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	53. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.81	15/11/2022	1804
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	54. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.53	3.54	3.54	0.90	25/01/2023	1826
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	55. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,743	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.69	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	56. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	990	3.45	3.44	3.44	0.45	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	57. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,490	3.26	3.24	3.24	1.13	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	58. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	1,999	1.64	1.24	1.24	0.90	25/01/2023	1532
Heritage Bank	59. Heritage Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.80	0.98	0.98	0.90	12/08/2022	1085
Members Banking Group	60. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.32	2.32	2.32	0.90	23/05/2025	1096
MyState Bank	61. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	1.60	0.79	0.79	0.68	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	62. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.90	11/10/2023	730
MyState Bank	63. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.90	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	64. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.90	29/11/2022	365
MyState Bank	65. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.90	4/11/2022	365
AMP	66. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	398	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.18		
AMP	67. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.45	2/08/2022	368
Auswide Bank	68. Auswide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,500	1.99	1.19	1.19	0.68	17/03/2023	1095
Auswide Bank	69. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.50	1.50	0.90	5/02/2024	720
Bank Australia	70. Bank Australia Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	2,000	2.05	1.05	1.05	0.90	2/12/2022	1096
Credit Union Australia	71. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	1.65	1.26	1.26	0.45	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	72. Great Southern Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.90	31/01/2023	365
Defence Bank	73. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.61	0.61	0.90	8/02/2024	730
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	74. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	1.64	0.77	0.77	0.90	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	75. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,235	2.17	1.13	1.13	1.46	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	76. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,689	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.67	10/02/2027	1720
Police & Nurses Limited	77. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.45	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	78. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.90	31/01/2024	730
Teachers Mutual Bank	79. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	1.64	0.82	0.82	0.50	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	80. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	1.42	0.87	0.87	0.45	22/03/2024	1096
QPCU	81. QBank Term Deposit	BBB-	Y	1,000	0.65	0.90	0.90	0.45	30/09/2022	364
Warwick Credit Union	82. Warwick CU Term Deposit	NR	NA	1,000	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.45	9/03/2023	728
				221,216	2.07	1.71	1.71	100		

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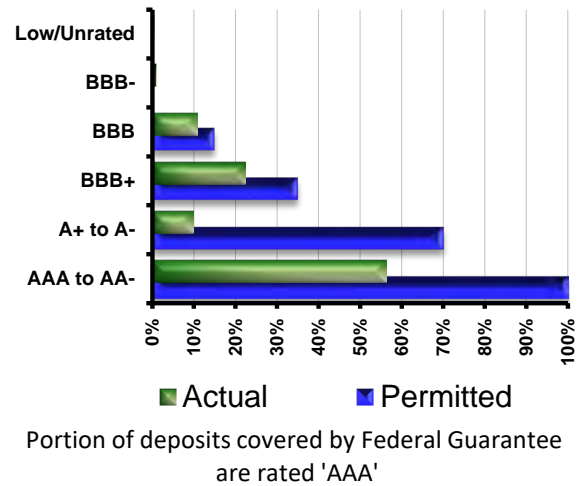
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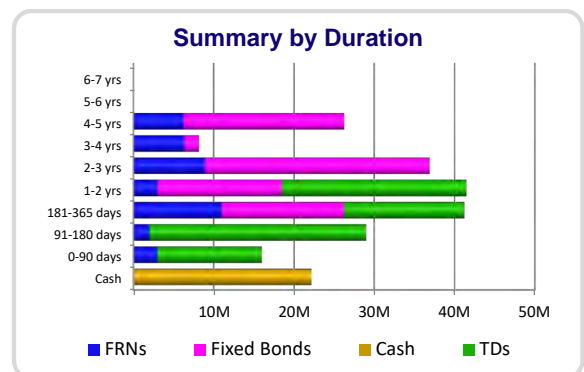
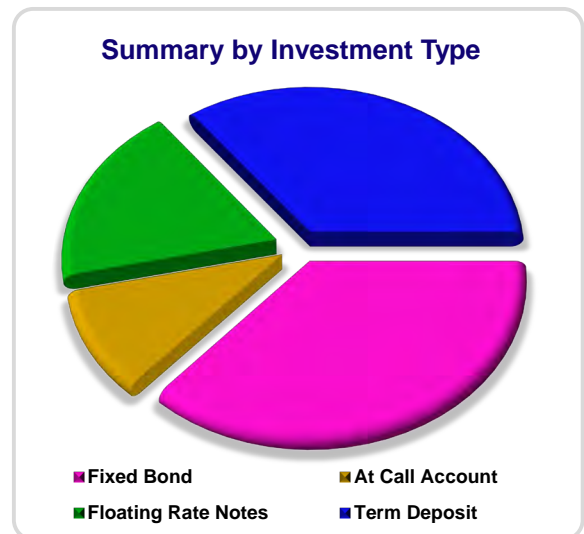
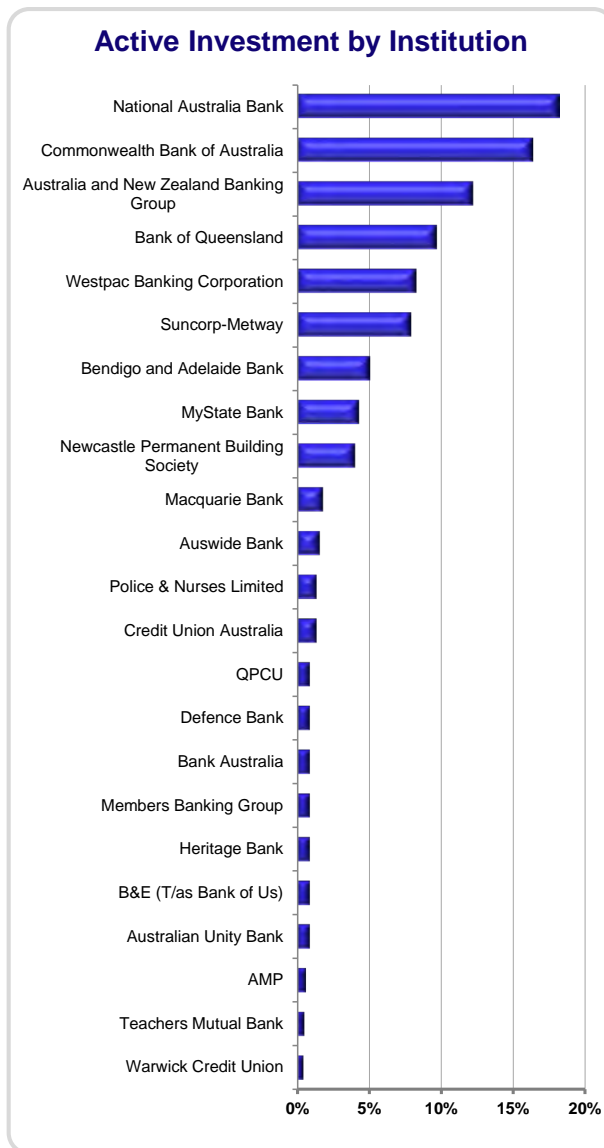
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Investment Summary by Rating



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	<365 days	>365 days
Cash/TDs	\$77.2M	\$23.0M
FRNs	\$16.0M	\$24.5M
Fixed Bonds	\$15.2M	\$65.3M
	\$108.4M	\$112.8M

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 30 June 2022, Council had a total amount of \$71.73M million invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 32.4% of its total investment portfolio. This is an increased proportion on previous months, as non-fossil fuel investments have recently offered higher returns that are more in keeping with the broader market.

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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 credit rating requirements. This is because non-fossil fuel investment opportunities are in the main provided by smaller institutions that have lower credit ratings. If more of these were taken up, our overall percentage of lower credit rating institutions would result in a breach of percentages set out in the adopted policy and elsewhere in this report.

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 2.03%, which is 1.42% above the benchmark figure of 0.61%. Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$2,893K and as at 30 June 2022 funds of \$3,314K have been earned (subject to year-end audit).

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 INSTALLATION OF RAMP IN ARTHUR STREET, RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/583

MOTION:

- (a) That Council identified when doing the new footpath in Arthur Street, Ryde to install a ramp at the end of the street to improve the accessibility for the wheelchair residents from Arthur to Lane Cove Road.
- (b) That a pram ramp be installed immediately next to the new steps on Arthur Street, at Lane Cove Road.
- (c) That this work be funded from Council's asset replacement reserve.

2 PASSING OF PASTOR ROBYN PEEBLES - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/584

MOTION:

- (a) That Council acknowledges the contributions of Pastor Robyn Peebles for the betterment of the community.
- (b) That Council donate a seat and plaque at Miriam Park, West Ryde in honour and memory of Pastor Peebles, to be unveiled at a ceremony on 25 September 2022.
- (c) That Council consult with the senior leaders of the Church of the Good Shepherd to discuss any arrangements required for the unveiling event.
- (d) That the seat, plaque and unveiling event be funded from the Mayor's event budget.
- (e) That Council resolve to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

3 DOG OFF-LEASH AREA - PIDDING PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/585

MOTION:

- (a) That Council undertake a consultation process as soon as possible to relocate the dog off leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area.
- (b) That a new design be developed to include dog exercise equipment, seating, shade, fencing, drinking water and waste disposal bags and bins in the consultation process.
- (c) That the report be presented to Council in September 2022 on the outcomes of the consultation and include the funding implications.

4 RESIDENT SAFETY AT SAGAR PLACE, EAST RYDE - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/586

MOTION:

- (a) That Council notes the possible trip hazard for evening users at the Sagar Place small business centre in East Ryde and the increase of graffiti vandalism across Ryde.
- (b) That Council resolve to consult with local business and residents in the vicinity of Sagar Place, East Ryde in relation to the installation of additional lighting.
- (c) That following the consultation, Council staff to bring back a report to Council outlining the findings of the consultation as well as recommending a source of funding for the additional lighting if required.
- (d) That City of Ryde Council Staff bring back a report on the funding and appropriate placement of CCTV cameras within 2 months of this notice of motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

**5 LIVE SITES IN RYDE - FIFA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WORLD CUP
2022/2023 - Councillor Bernard Purcell**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/587

MOTION:

- (a) That noting the success of the 2018 World Cup Live Sites, that the 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.

6 WINTER SPORT FEE REIMBURSEMENT - Councillor Bernard Purcell

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/588

MOTION:

- (a) That the Acting General Manager prepare a report for Council, in consultation with the Parks Department, to calculate the training and playing time lost to inclement weather in the 2022 winter sports season.
- (b) That the resulting monetary percentage in loss of training and playing time, experienced by all clubs, be returned to those clubs either in a dollar value or credited for next season.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

**7 TRAFFIC STUDY INTO THE KENT ROAD, LANE COVE ROAD AND
 EPPING ROAD PRECINCT - Councillor Bernard Purcell**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/589

MOTION:

- (a) That the Acting General Manager, undertake a traffic study in the Kent Road, Lane Cove Road and Epping Road precinct, that includes relevant community consultation to help inform the study.
- (b) That staff report back to Council on the outcomes of the traffic study and community consultation within the next 6 months.

**8 WEST RYDE COMMUNITY GROUPS ENGAGEMENT - Councillor Trenton
 Brown**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/590

MOTION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde Mayor organise a meeting of select Directors of Council with the Presidents of three resident groups in West Ryde being the Neighbourhood Watch, Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association, and the West Ryde Chamber of Commerce to discuss the submissions made over the past four years concerning a range of community issues such as car parking and civil works in the West Ryde business district.
- (b) The first meeting should be held in September 2022.
- (c) A regular report should be brought back to Councillors via the Councillor Information Bulletin about progressing the projects proposed by these three community groups.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

9 DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS IN RYDE - Councillor Trenton Brown

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/591

MOTION:

That the City of Ryde support the increasing demand for dog off-leash areas in our community by committing to the following actions:-

- (a) Conduct an analysis of the existing dog off-leash areas in the City of Ryde and identify the potential for new areas to be identified as potential sites for a trial of an expanded number of dog off-leash areas in Ryde.
- (b) Bring a report back to Council in 2022 with a proposal for an additional three new off-leash areas being developed in each of the next three years.

10 RELOCATION OF THE DISABLED PARKING AT MIDWAY SHOPS - Councillor Katie O'Reilly

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/592

MOTION:

- (a) That the Acting General Manager, in consultation with the Traffic Committee, look to consider the relocation of the 2 x disabled parking spots to the top end of the Quarry Road carpark.
- (b) That there be relevant community consultation with the Midway Shops business owners and disability parking community members.
- (c) That painting the loading zone parking spot be considered, at the Quarry Road entrance of the carpark, so that it is better identified as a loading zone.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

- 11 CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH ON BIDGEE ROAD, RYDE - Councillor Katie O'Reilly**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/593

MOTION:

That Council at a future quarterly review, allocate savings to the value of \$40K to construct the missing footpath for safe pedestrian access on Bidgee Road, between Bidgee Park and Gardener Avenue, Ryde.

- 12 NO NEW GAS IN CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL BUILDINGS - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/594

MOTION:

- (a) That Council notes its commitments resolved on 23 November 2021 to developing the Net Zero Emissions Pathway to reduce Corporate emissions in City of Ryde Net Zero by 2030 and Community emissions to meet Net Zero no later than 2040 or sooner if possible. This is in accordance with the NSW Government's goal for Net Zero Emissions by 2050, the Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan, City of Ryde's Local Strategic Planning Statement and Council's climate emergency declaration.
- (b) That Council resolves that moving forward no new gas services will be installed in any City of Ryde Council buildings.

NOTICES OF MOTION (CONTINUED)

13 KEEPING CATS OUT OF NATURAL AREAS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/595

MOTION:

- (a) That Council notes that cats are instinctive killers and incredibly efficient predators who will hunt even when they are well-fed at home. Each roaming pet cat in Australia is estimated to kill on average 115 native prey animals each year, including mammals, birds and reptiles.
- (b) That council staff:-
 - i. Explore the opportunity to join the RSPCA Keeping Cats Safe at Home program.
 - ii. If this program is no longer open, that staff contact the RSPCA for guidance and develop a 'City of Ryde keeping cats at home' campaign - liaising with local veterinarians, companion animal groups, cat owners, the general community and wildlife groups in Ryde.
 - iii. That Council develop school curriculum-linked resources on this issue for our website.
 - iv. That this be funded through a state or federal government grant such as the Environmental Trust grants.

14 COMPLETION OF HEATLY RESERVE UPGRADE AT EAST RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/596

MOTION:

- (a) That Council note the excellent work of staff in completing community consultation and works to upgrade Heatly reserve at East Ryde, noting that the most common feedback was the need for shade in summer and more lighting to prevent tripping at night (since several of the businesses operate into the evening).
- (b) That staff identify a funding source and delivery of:-
 - i. Permanent or temporary shade over the metal tables at Heatly Reserve, in Sager Place, East Ryde until the trees grow; that the tables be made level and a chess plate be made accessible for wheelchairs.
 - ii. Lighting be improved at Sager Place shops and across Heatly Reserve.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

14 REQUEST FOR TENDER - TENDER FOR BUSH REGENERATION SERVICES (COR-RFT-01/22)

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Natural Areas

Report approved by: Manager - Environment; Director - City Planning and Environment

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15 EASTWOOD CENTRAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY - EXEMPTION FROM TENDER

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Report prepared by: Manager - Project Development

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