

Meeting Date: Tuesday 23 May 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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MAYORAL MINUTES

MM7/23 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP23/225

Each year, the NSW Government collects payments from Councils and insurers to fund Emergency Services agencies in NSW including the State Emergency Services (SES), Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Rural Fire Service. This contribution from Councils in NSW is approximately 11.7 per cent of the budget required by NSW Emergency Services for that given year.

Council supports career and volunteer firefighters in NSW, as it does all emergency services workers and volunteers. There are many volunteers in the City of Ryde LGA, including our own staff and Councillors.

City of Ryde contribution towards these levies on average over the last 3 years is around \$2.3m. In FY20/21 and FY21/22, the NSW State Government had given contributions to offset the increase in such costs to alleviate the pressure faced on Councils so that this burden would not be placed on ratepayers.

Changing economic and market conditions, increasing inflation, projected increases in wages growth, supply chain issues, labour market shortages, increases in utilities, fuel, cyber security costs and insurance have proven a challenge for Council to produce a balanced budget next Financial Year.

City of Ryde has received an invoice from Revenue NSW for \$3.27m for its Emergency Services Levy contribution for next Financial Year FY23/24. This is \$791k more than what has been provided for in the Draft Budget, which represents an increase of 32%. This means that Council will need to fund the shortfall and find additional funds as the NSW Government has announced that they will no longer provide a contribution to subsidise these costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor write to:-

- (a) The Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, and call upon the NSW Government to fund the additional costs of the emergency services levy by providing an on-going contribution to Council so that this does not place a burden on ratepayers.
- (b) State Member for Ryde, Jordan Lane MP and State Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts MP and ask for their support on behalf of City of Ryde Council.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

**MM8/23 COUNCIL PROPERTIES – PROVISION OF AFTER HOURS CONTACT
DETAILS - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP23/234

I have recently been made aware of issues at Council properties which could not be reported, due to a lack of detail on site regarding who to contact.

When issues arise at Council premises, particularly outside of working hours, it is important that there is a means to report such issues to an appropriate authority.

I recommend that all Council premises including toilet blocks, sporting venues, halls etc have a sign placed on site with a QR code detailing who to contact to report issues such as damage, plumbing issues etc both during working hours and after hours.

The QR code should also identify the Council asset, so that the location of the site is made clear to the receiving authority.

Work to install the signage should be completed by the end of September 2023 with a further report to be brought to Council at the October Council meeting detailing the action taken and providing advice regarding any outstanding locations still in need of signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That all Council premises including toilet blocks, sporting venues, halls etc have signage installed providing a QR code which details who to contact to report issues such as damage, plumbing issues etc both during working hours and after hours.
- (b) That the QR code provided also identify the Council asset, so that the location of the incident is clear.
- (c) That work to install the signage be completed by the end of September 2023 with a report to be brought to the October Council meeting detailing the action taken and providing advice regarding any outstanding locations still in need of signage.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM
Mayor

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/114

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 26 April 2023

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/184

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 4/23, held on 26 April 2023 be confirmed.

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- 1 MINUTES - Council Meeting - 26 April 2023**

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Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 4/23

Meeting Date: Wednesday 26 April 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Deshpande, O'Reilly and Song.

Note: Councillor Han arrived at the meeting at 6.53pm. Councillor Han was not present for consideration or voting on Item 1, Item 2, Item 3, Item 6, Item 7, Item 8, Item 11, Item 12, Precis of Correspondence 1, Notice of Motion 5, Questions with Notice 1, Matter of Urgency 1 and Matter of Urgency 2.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Traffic Services, Manager – Community Services, Executive Officer – City Economy, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Financial Controller, Team Leader – Rates and Revenue, Team Leader - Community Grants And Direct Services, Media and Communications Officer, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Father Avetis Hampardzumyan of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 6/23 – Result of Recent State Election, for the reason that she is one of the candidates referred to in the Mayoral Minute.

Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 6/23 – Result of Recent State Election for the reason that he is named in the motion as a candidate for the election.

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TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following person provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Mark Ames (on behalf of Connect – Macquarie Park Innovation District Macquarie Park)	Item 8 – Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District: 2022-2023 Funding

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following person provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Margarita Paparo	Footpath on Constitution Road, Meadowbank

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

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

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

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 6, Item 7, Item 11, Precis of Correspondence 1, Notice of Motion 5, Questions with Notice 1 and Item 12 listed on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 4 April 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 3/23, held on 4 April 2023 be confirmed.

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6 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS, ROUND 1 2023

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for the City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 1, 2023.

Community Wellbeing- Major- Up to \$15,000 matched contribution

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
1	CWMj03	Parents of Deaf Children Inc.	\$15,000	\$15,000	The Hub Hangout- a supported space for deaf and hard of hearing children	
			\$15,000	\$15,000		

Community Wellbeing- Medium- Up to \$7,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
2	CWMe02	AASHA Australia Foundation	\$7,500	\$5,000	Cancer Screening and Prevention Forum	Funding in budget for NSW Health presenters not supported.
3	CWMe04	The Salvation Army (NSW) Property Trust	\$7,500	\$7,500	Community Meals 2023- Providing meals that facilitate social engagement between neighbours living in Link Wentworth residences	
4	CWMe05	Taldumande Youth Services	\$7,500	\$3,500	Crisis response and community integration for victims and survivors of forced marriage	Funding in budget for cognitive assessment services and counselling not supported as this is funded by NSW Health.
5	CWMe06	Sydney North Health Network	\$7,000	\$7,000	Sharing Indigenous culture and stories in Ryde	

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6	CWMin02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	\$7,500	\$7,500	Information session for people and their guardians before entering multicultural nursing homes (Korean language)	
7	CWMaj12	The Men's Table	\$10,000	\$7,500	Support for the creation of one new Men's Table in Ryde-Social support group for men.	Not eligible in major category because projects can only receive major funding once. This is an expansion of the project and is eligible in the medium category.
8	SP11	Differently Abled People Association Inc.	\$5,000	\$5,000	Treasure hunt activity for the community using the DAPA "MMLink" App	Moved from Sport and Recreation category
			\$52,000	\$43,000		

Community Wellbeing- Small- Up to \$2,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
9	EvMed07	K-Cultural Education-N-Training Centre Inc.	\$5,000	\$2,500	Healing, Harmony & Health Expo in Ryde	Moved from events category. Small wellbeing activity targeting a specific section of the community (up to \$2,500 funding in this category).
10	EvMi02	Hope Holistic Care Ltd	\$2,500	\$2,500	Mid-Autumn Festival and Lunar New Year	Moved from events category as activity

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					Celebration for seniors	targets a specific section of the community
			\$7,500	\$5,000		
Events Major- Up to \$15,000 matched contribution						
	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
11	EvMa02	Riverside Business Chamber	\$15,000	\$15,000	Putney Village Street Festival	
12	EvMa03	Ryde Eisteddfod Committee Inc.	\$10,000	\$10,000	Ryde Eisteddfod Ensemble Events	
13	EvMa05	Rotary Club of Macquarie Park	\$15,000	\$15,000	Rotary Carols on the Common	
14	EvMa12	Ryde Indian Association	\$15,000	\$15,000	Diwali Fair- In the City of Ryde	
			\$55,000	\$55,000		
Events- Medium- Up to \$7,500						
	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
15	EvMa07	Australian South Asia Forum Inc.	\$15,000	\$7,500	SAFAL Fest 23- South Asian Film and Literary Arts Festival	Fits within the medium category- estimates 1,000 attendees
16	EvMa08	Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.	\$15,000	\$7,500	Ryde Rotary Market- community market day with performances and family activities.	Fits within the medium category - No matched funding and estimates 1,000 attendees.
17	EvMe02	Melrose Park Football Club	\$7,500	\$7,500	Street Football World Cup and Intercultural Community Festival	
18	EvMe03	Cozystage Inc.	\$7,500	\$7,500	Iranian Music Festival	
19	EvMe06	Captivate Presbyterian Church	\$7,500	\$7,500	Christmas Carols in West Ryde	

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		(Salvation Army NSW Property Trust-auspice)				
			\$52,500	\$52,500		
Events- Minor- Up to \$2,500						
	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
20	EvMi01	Ryde City Concert Band	\$1,700	\$1,700	Festive season concert band community performances	
21	CWmi06	Korean Harmony Culture Group	\$2,500	\$2,500	Korean Karaoke Senior Festival 2023	
			\$4,200	\$4,200		
Arts and Creativity- Up to \$5,000						
	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
22	Arts06	Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc.	\$4,500	\$4,500	Music video production and exhibition- National Liberation Day of Korea	
23	Arts07	Ample Abilities Inc.	\$4,950	\$4,950	"Creability"- An art creativity project for people with disabilities	
24	CWM08	Sky J Theatre Inc.	\$4,500	\$4,500	Musical training and workshops	Moved from Community Wellbeing category.
			\$13,950	\$13,950		
Facilities and Equipment- Up to \$5,000						
	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
25	FE01	Riding for the Disabled (NSW) Ryde Centre	\$3,850	\$3,850	CCTV installation at Ryde centre	
26	FE02	Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed	\$5,000	\$5,000	Purchase of a new industrial	

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27	FE03	Eastwood Uniting Church Musical Society	\$5,000	\$5,000	Replacement / upgrade of stage lighting console.	
28	FE05	The Northern Centre	\$5,000	\$5,000	Equipment upgrades for supported playgroups.	
29	FE09	Ryde Water Polo Club Inc.	\$4,950	\$4,950	Portable timing clock	
30	CWMe1 2	Ebenezer Mission	\$7,500	\$5,000	Disability employment- purchase of a coffee cart to assist people with a disability to learn employment skills	Moved from Community Wellbeing category as project is primarily for purchase of equipment. Maximum grant for equipment is \$5,000
			\$31,300	\$28,800		

Sport and Recreation- Up to \$5,000

	Ref No.	Organisatio n	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
31	Sp07	Ryde Dragon Boat Club Inc.	\$3,313	\$3,313	Ryder's Youth- Stronger Together- bringing local youth to a new activity	
32	Sp08	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	\$3,800	\$1,050	Come and Try netball for 7-10 years old	Registratio n fees ineligible
33	Sp15	Ryde Saints United Football Club	\$2,500	\$2,500	Ryde Saints United Mini Coaching program	
34	Sp18	North West Sydney Football Club	\$5,000	\$2,400	Dads and Daughters Football program- introducing women and girls to football	Ground hire, equipment and developme nt officer wages are not eligible.
			\$14,613	\$9,263		

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Small Grants- Up to \$2,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
35	Sm06	Armenian Relief Society Araz Chapter	\$2,400	\$2,400	Link local communities- Cultural exchange activities	
36	Sm07	CASS Care	\$2,500	\$2,500	CASS Multicultural Calligraphy Fair	
37	Sm08	Australian Asian Association of Bennelong Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Multicultural soccer tournament and performance.	
38	Sm10	Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizens Club	\$2,500	\$2,500	Always Differently Abled People Concert-performance for seniors group	
			\$9,900	\$9,900		

- (b) That funding of \$221,613 is awarded in this grant round from the Community Grants budget.
- (c) That the unspent funding of \$10,887 is carried forward to the Community Grants, Round 2, 2023.
- (d) That Council note the following application is not recommended for funding:

	Ref No.	Organisation/ Individual	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comment
39	Arts10	Anshu Priya Saxena	\$5,000	\$0	CreativeU- Wellbeing and Sustainability Series	Application did not provide adequate information to support evidence of need, outcomes, or capacity to manage the project.

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7 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY – OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council adopt the amended City of Ryde Urban Forest Strategy, dated 28 March 2023, prepared by Edge Environment, as detailed in this report.
- (b) That staff write to thank all residents who participated in the City of Ryde Urban Forest Strategy public exhibition and inform them of Council's resolution.

INFORMATION REPORT

11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICE OF MOTION

5 SOURCING LOCAL CONTRACTORS – Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION:

That the City of Ryde Council, in consultation with local businesses and stakeholders, reviews its tendering processes, to include:-

- i. A system that provides more information to tenderers to assist in responding to Council's Request for Tenders.
- ii. A positive weighting for locally-based contractors.

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QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – Councillor Penny Pedersen

Question 1:

We have a resolution of Council to install a third flagpole at Kissing Point from meeting dated 22/3/2022. Why has this not been installed in the last 12 months?

Answer 1:

Following the initial Notice of Motion in April 2022, further investigations were required to be undertaken in relation to the positioning of the poles and the feasibility of certain layouts. The works will also involve excavating down 1.5m using machinery and required liaising with Viva due to the proximity of the oil pipeline and formulating a design.

Installation has been confirmed to be carried out by 23 June 2023. The following order of works is provided for your information:

- PO for supply of the pole will be finalised by Monday, 24 April 2023
- PO for electrical supply and lighting components will be finalised by Wednesday, 26 April 2023
- Excavation for footing will commence following receipt of the pole and footing cage
- Slab formwork will be completed by late-May

Commissioning will be finalised by late June 2023.

Question 2:

How many Parramatta River Catchment Group meetings has the official elected Councillor delegate attended this term of Council?

Answer 2:

Council has contacted Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) for a response. However, as of today no response has been received. Staff have been advised that a response is anticipated to be received this week. Upon receipt of a response staff will advise all Councillors accordingly.

Question 3:

Please provide a list of the Regional Planning Committee meetings and NSROC meetings from this term of Council where only one or no City of Ryde Councillor delegates were present and list the items that were being voted on at those meetings.

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Answer 3:

In relation to the Sydney North Planning Panel meetings, please see below:-

Matter	Date	Mayor Clr Lane	Clr Yedelian
PPSSNH-204 Site visit Eden Gardens development	16 March 2022	No	No
PPSSNH-210 Briefing LDA2021/138. 33-25 Lachlan Avenue. Student housing development	23 March 2022	Yes	Yes
PPSSNH-217 Briefing LDA2021/160. 67-75 Epping Road. 2 commercial buildings	23 March 2022	Yes	Yes
PPSSNH-110 Determination LDA2020/218. 45 to 61 Waterloo Road. Part 8 and part 15 storey retail and commercial building	23 March 2022	Yes	Yes
PPSSNH-293 Briefing LDA2022/20. 94 Talavera Road. 14 storey RFB	27 April 2022	Yes	No
PPSSNH-296 Briefing LDA2022/21. 100-108 Talavera Road. 5 storey podium and 3 residential towers	27 April 2022	Yes	No
PPSSNH-306 Briefing LDA2022/133. 384 to 392 Lane Cove Road. Modification to serviced apartment building.	29 June 2022	No	No
PPSSNH-217 Determination LDA2021/160. 67-75 Epping Road. 2 commercial buildings	27 July 2022	Yes	Yes
PPSSNH-178 Determination LDA2020/315. 40-52 Talavera Road. Concept DA comprising 3 commercial buildings and Stage 1 development	27 July 2022	Yes	Yes
PPSSNH-204 Briefing Eden Gardens development	14 September 2022	Yes	Yes
PPSSNH-319 Briefing LDA2022/176. 1-5 Khartoum Road. Concept DA proposing 6 new buildings and roads	30 November 2022	No	Yes
PPSSNH-336 Briefing 22 Winbourne Avenue. Netball complex	30 November 2022	No	Yes
TG Millner 146 Vimeria Road Planning proposal	30 November 2022	No	No
PPSSNH-204 Determination Eden Gardens development	15 December 2022	No	No
PPSSNH-296 Determination LDA2022/21. 100-108 Talavera Road. 5 storey podium and 3 residential towers	22 February 2023	No Council members	
PPSSNH-237 Determination LDA2021/187. 1-3 Lachlan Avenue. 16 storey RFB	27 February 2023	No Council members	
PPSSNH-348 Briefing LDA2022/320. 4-14 Terry Road and 133 Ryedale Road. Seniors housing development	1 March 2023	No Council members	

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<i>New delegates members were appointed 28/2/23. Mayor Yedelian & Cllr Lara-Watson delegates and Cllrs Deshpande and Han as alternatives</i>			
Matter	Date	Mayor Yedelian	Cllr Lara-Watson
PPSSNH-357 Briefing LDA2022/394. 122 Herring Road (Morling College). Amending DA to approved concept plan	12 April 2023	No	Yes
PPSSNH-362 Briefing LDA2022/408. 5-11 Lachlan Avenue & 155-159 Herring Road. 3 RFBs	12 April 2023	No	Yes
PPSSNH-363 Briefing LDA2023/1. 17-21 Lachlan Avenue & 163 Herring Road. Student housing development	12 April 2023	No	Yes
PPSSNH-356 Briefing LDA2022/390. 5 Halifax Street. 2 RFBs	19 April 2023	No	No

In relation to NSROC, please see below:-

Council has contacted NSROC for a response and have been advised that the Minutes from NSROC meetings are not public documents and are therefore not available to the public. NSROC have confirmed that all Committee members receive the Minutes and therefore member Councillors should be able to advise on this matter. NSROC have also advised that Councillors are able to observe the meetings and the Minutes are available to them upon request.

Further, City Resilience participates in the NSROC Environmental Sustainability Professional Officers group by which no Councillors are present as it only for staff of member Councils.

COUNCIL REPORT

12 REQUEST FOR TENDER – ADVERTISING SERVICES PANEL

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council declines to accept all tenders, and pursuant to Clause 178(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, postpone or cancel the proposal for the contract as a decision to progress with appointment to a panel would fail to provide the required value for money services on behalf of the community for the following reasons:
 - (i) a lack of diversity in advertising providers submitted as part of the request for advertising services
 - (ii) exclusivity of providers would restrict Council's ability to provide advertising services to a wide range of the community.
- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

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- (c) That Council maintain existing advertising services provision.
- (d) That Council notes the accompanying report on advertising expenditure from 2020-2022 (**ATTACHED – CONFIDENTIAL**).

MATTER OF URGENCY 1

Councillor Lara-Watson advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding Ryde Central, Project Update, the time being 6.21pm.

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

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

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

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Lara-Watson, regarding Ryde Central, Project Update

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY 1 – RYDE CENTRAL, PROJECT UPDATE

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

As numerous residents are making contact with Councillors requesting an update on the status of the Ryde Central Project, I propose the following recommendation:

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

That Council update the community both through a media release and on our website on the status of the Ryde Central Project.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

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MATTER OF URGENCY 2

Councillor Deshpande advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding bus shelters, seating and rubbish bins, the time being 6.27pm.

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

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

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

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Deshpande, regarding bus shelters, seating and rubbish bins.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY 2 – BUS SHELTERS, SEATING AND RUBBISH BINS

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

West Ryde Station Ryedale Road required a bus shelter, seating and rubbish bins. When there are State rail repairs or upgrades to the track, the community has to catch replacement buses to their destinations from the Bus Stop on Ryedale Road. This bus stop is a regular one and caters to hundreds of people of all ages going to different destinations, 7 days a week.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Brown)

- (a) That Council investigate the opportunity to install bus shelters from the sun, rain and wind, including seating at the West Ryde Station, Ryedale Road.
- (b) That Council install rubbish bins to maintain cleanliness.
- (c) That Council allocate the funding from existing budgets and from State Government grants that can assist in providing the services.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Purcell)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 6.33pm:-

- Item 8 - Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District: 2022-2023 Funding

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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8 CONNECT MACQUARIE PARK INNOVATION DISTRICT: 2022-2023 FUNDING

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

Note: Mark Ames (on behalf of Connect – Macquarie Park Innovation District Macquarie Park) made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

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

That Council:

- (a) In accordance with Section 256 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approve the financial contribution of \$100,000 to Connect MPID from the Macquarie Park Special Levy; and
- (b) Note that Council staff will undertake a formal evaluation of Council's membership with Connect MPID and include this in any future request to Council for a financial contribution to Connect MPID.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

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MAYORAL MINUTE

MM6/23 RESULT OF RECENT STATE ELECTION - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is one of the candidates referred to in the Mayoral Minute. Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 6.36pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is named in the motion as a candidate for the election. Councillor Lane left the meeting at 6.36pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM)

That the Mayor write to:-

- (a) the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP and congratulate the Labor government on the recent election result and offer to work in collaboration with the new government.
- (b) the newly elected State Member for Ryde – Jordan Lane MP and congratulate him on his election.
- (c) the re-elected State Member for Lane Cove – Anthony Roberts MP and congratulate him on his re-election.
- (d) former State Member for Ryde – the Hon. Victor Dominello MP and thank him for his service to the local area since his election in 2008 until his retirement in 2023.
- (e) all candidates for the State seats of Lane Cove and Ryde and thank them for participating in the democratic process and for their work during the campaign.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 4 April 2023

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

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**3 DRAFT 2022 - 2026 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM INCLUDING
DRAFT 2023/2024 ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Note: Councillors Pedersen and Lane returned to the meeting at 6.38pm.

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

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

- (a) That Council, in accordance with legislative requirements, resolve to place the Draft 2022-2026 Four Year Delivery Program, Draft 2023-2033 Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan, Draft 2023-2024 One Year Operational Plan and Draft 2023-2024 Fees and Charges on public exhibition for the period 1 May 2023 to 28 May 2023 (inclusive).
- (b) That Council resolve to adopt all of the recommendations contained in this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**4 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY - OUTCOMES OF
PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Note: Councillor Han arrived at the meeting at 6.53pm during discussion on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lane)

- (a) That Council amend the Policy to remove the component for Councillors to claim an expense allowance for attending the LGNSW conference, and the National General Assembly of Local Government and the 2023 Australian Council of Local Government, in relation to Registration, Accommodation and Travel and all other expenses in relation to these conferences.
- (b) That as the amendments to the Policy are substantial, Council place the updated Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pedersen

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**5 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
2023 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - National
Convention Centre, Canberra - 13 to 16 June 2023**

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

- (a) That no Councillors attend the National General Assembly of Local Government and the Australian Council of Local Government on behalf of the City of Ryde to be held in Canberra from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Friday, 16 June 2023.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer nominate himself or his delegates to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government and the Australian Council of Local Government held in Canberra from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Friday, 16 June 2023.

Record of Voting:

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

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

6 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS, ROUND 1, 2023

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

7 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

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

**8 CONNECT MACQUARIE PARK INNOVATION DISTRICT: 2022-2023
FUNDING**

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

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9 CHANGES TO COUNCIL SERVICES AND OPERATIONS THROUGH COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the changes to Councils services and operations that occurred in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- (b) That Council continue to look to innovate in service delivery to provide flexibility and increase value for the community without compromising standards.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

10 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 2023

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

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held on 23 March 2023:

(A) JARVIS CIRCUIT, MACQUARIE PARK – COUNCIL AUTHORISED VEHICLES EXCEPTED

That the proposed parking restriction at the frontage of 2 Jarvis Circuit, Macquarie Park be reviewed further to minimise impact to the local community.

(B) WATERVIEW STREET AND OSBORNE AVENUE ROUNDABOUT, PUTNEY - EXTENSION OF SHARED USER PATH ON WATERVIEW STREET

A 2.5m wide by 50m long shared path on the southern side of Waterview Street between Osborne Avenue and Regent Street, Putney be constructed to complete the missing link along the existing shared path. The detailed design of this pedestrian/cyclist facility will be subject to further assessment by Transport for NSW.

(C) LARDELLI DRIVE, RYDE - 2P PARKING

No parking changes be made on Lardelli Drive between Bowes Lane and Bennelong Parkway due the lack of community support.

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(D) PEARSON STREET, GLADESVILLE - DISABLED PARKING AND 1P PARKING

The following parking spaces be installed at the frontage of 3 and 5 Pearson Street, Gladesville:

- Two (2) accessible (disabled) parking spaces.
- One (1) one hour (1P) parking space.

(E) COXS ROAD, NORTH RYDE - PROPOSED MOTORBIKES ONLY PARKING ZONE

A 1.4m wide "Motorbikes Only" parking zone be installed adjacent to the frontage of property no. 199 Coxs Road, North Ryde.

(F) GARDENERS LANE, WEST RYDE - NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Gardeners Lane, West Ryde:

- a) "No Parking" restrictions be installed on the eastern side and at the end of Gardeners Lane between Victoria Road and Hay Street, West Ryde.
- b) "No Stopping" restrictions be installed to formalise the statutory "No Stopping" zones at the intersection of Gardeners Lane and Hay Street, West Ryde.

(G) LEONARD PLACE, NORTH RYDE - PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Leonard Place, North Ryde:

- a) A "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Authorised Permit Holders Excepted - Zone 3" resident parking scheme be installed on the northern side of Leonard Place, North Ryde.
- b) Residents be advised of the number of permits that they will be eligible for and invited to apply for permits.

(H) SUTHERLAND AVENUE AND SQUIRE STREET, RYDE - NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

The following changes be made on Sutherland Avenue and Squire Street, Ryde:

- a) A "NO STOPPING" zone be installed on the eastern side at the property frontage of 6 and 8 Sutherland Avenue and 9A Thistle Street, Ryde.

(I) RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE - PARKING BAYS LINEMARKING

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

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- a) Parking bay linemarking be installed on Ryedale Road, Wattle Street, Herbert Street and Little Victoria Road, West Ryde.

(J) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE – ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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

- (K)** The parking control measures outlined in *Table L1* be installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

(L) HERMITAGE ROAD, WEST RYDE - NO PARKING

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

- a) A 10m length of No Parking be installed across the property frontage of No.62 Hermitage Road, West Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

INFORMATION REPORT

11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

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12 REQUEST FOR TENDER - ADVERTISING SERVICES PANEL

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

LATE INFORMATION REPORT

13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL – EVALUATION REPORT: CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN SMART CITY SUMMIT AND EXPO, MARCH 2023

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM)

That Council:

- (a) receive the delegation report and note the success of the International Delegation Visit to Taiwan Smart City Summit and Expo in March 2023.

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- (b) pursue the potential benefits that have been identified from this delegation.
- (c) develop a Strategy Paper for Smart Cities.
- (d) seek opportunities for continued participation in the Taipei Smart City Expo and Net Zero Summit in 2024.
- (e) express our gratitude to Council staff for organising a successful international delegation to Taiwan.
- (f) write to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) to express our gratitude for their invitation to the City of Ryde for their invitation to attend the Taipei Smart City Expo and their support and assistance in supporting the City of Ryde delegation.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

**1 DONATION OF A PLAQUE IN HONOUR OF MICHAEL CAROZZA -
Councillor Roy Maggio**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

- (a) That Council donate a plaque in honour of Michael Carozza who passed away at the age of 35.
- (b) That the plaque be displayed at Charity Creeks Cascades in May 2023.
- (c) That a ceremony be organised by Council liaising with the Carozza family on the appropriate date and wording of the plaque.
- (d) That funds be allocated from within the existing Community Services Base Budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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2 DONATION OF MEMORIAL PARK BENCH IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANNA TALARICO - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

- (a) That Council donate and install a memorial park bench in remembrance of Anna Talarico.
- (b) That the park bench be installed prior to Mother's Day if practical.
- (c) That funds be allocated from within existing project budget in the Capital Works Programme.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 INSTALLATION OF FENCE AT NORTH RYDE PLAYGROUND - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

- (a) That Council investigates the feasibility and cost to install a fence at the North Ryde playground to ensure safety of the children.
- (b) That a wider consultation process be developed to ensure that the community is satisfied with the proposal.
- (c) That a source of funding be allocated to the achievement of the proposal.
- (d) That a report on the findings of the investigation be presented at the July 2023 Council meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 REVISED RYDE CIVIC CENTRE DESIGNS - Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

The City of Ryde Council recognises the long established practice of modifying a development consent per section 4.55 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act requires consultation and notes Council projects are not exempt from this process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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5 SOURCING LOCAL CONTRACTORS - Councillor Bernard Purcell

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

6 CALL FOR EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION AT REGIONAL EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Councillor Penny Pedersen

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

(a) That Council:-

1. Note that a regional Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) covers the whole of the Hunters Hill, Ryde, Lane Cove, and Parramatta area including private land which includes information about the local area and specifies works to be done to manage bush fire risk in the area.
2. Note elected delegates from each Council are invited to attend the Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) and at present no elected members of City of Ryde (CoR) Council attend the meeting.

(b) That in order to improve CoR representation at external Committees:-

- i. Council nominate two delegates and two alternative delegates to attend the Ryde/Hunters Hill/Lane Cove/Parramatta BFMC.
- ii. Councillors be informed of the date and times of CoR traffic committee meetings and be invited to attend.
- iii. CoR staff supply a list of all required delegations from CoR to external committees and that this be presented to Council via the CIB as soon as possible and that this report include the terms of reference for each committee, specifying whether an external committee requires two elected delegates or one elected delegate.
- iv. CoR staff supply an attendance report on external committees noting where delegates and alternate delegates have attended or not attended external committee meetings during this term of Council.
- v. That all external meetings be attended by at least one elected delegate from Council and if the elected delegate and/or the alternate delegate cannot attend then one of the other Councillors be asked to attend.

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- vi. So that all Councillors remain informed, the official Councillor delegate must provide a short report on the business discussed at each external committee meeting and indicate how CoR delegates voted (in consultation with the alternate if they were not in attendance themselves) and this be circulated via the next Councillor information Bulletin (CIB) after the meeting.

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

- (a) That Council notes qualified and experienced staff attend the Bush Fire Management Committee and invite any interested Councillors to request meeting minutes and discuss the agenda/minutes with relevant staff.
- (b) That to stay abreast of external meetings interested Councillors should send a request to relevant staff and delegates.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was eight (8) For and four (4) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

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

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes qualified and experienced staff attend the Bush Fire Management Committee and invite any interested Councillors to request meeting minutes and discuss the agenda/minutes with relevant staff.
- (b) That to stay abreast of external meetings interested Councillors should send a request to relevant staff and delegates.

Record of Voting:

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

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

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**7 CALL FOR A CULTURE REPORT TO BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL -
Councillor Penny Pedersen**

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That a report on City of Ryde workplace culture be brought back to Council which includes:-

- i. A copy of City of Ryde's resourcing strategy.
- ii. City of Ryde's current vacancy rate.
- iii. The number of staff who have left City of Ryde in the last 12 months, from what positions and how many of those employees were women.
- iv. Appraisal of equal opportunity for staff - outlining opportunities that existed for staff to apply for new positions and existing positions during the recent restructure.
- v. Gender equity - How many women currently hold senior positions at the City of Ryde compared to men and what incentives or opportunities exist to increase representation in senior positions.
- vi. How City of Ryde rates against the performance of other NSROC Councils.
- vii. The number of employees living with disability and the opportunities that currently exist for inclusive employment.
- viii. The number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island employees at City of Ryde.
- ix. Costs incurred by the City of Ryde on redundancies, court costs and expenses related to the recent corporate restructure (costs over the last 12 months).
- x. That a standing culture report be supplied to Council every 6 months.

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

- (a) That Council notes the sensitivity of employee's minority group identification and believe this should not be public information and concerns about individual privacy.
- (b) That Council recognises the 30 June 2023 annual report process is currently being undertaken and should work towards adopting Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting principles. However, the majority of standards are still in draft and to be effective require a clear standard to ensure comparability.

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On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was eight (8) For and four (4) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

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

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes the sensitivity of employee's minority group identification and believe this should not be public information and concerns about individual privacy.
- (b) That Council recognises the 30 June 2023 annual report process is currently being undertaken and should work towards adopting Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting principles. However, the majority of standards are still in draft and to be effective require a clear standard to ensure comparability.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Purcell and Song

8 DIVESTMENT OF FOSSIL FUEL ALIGNED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FROM THE CITY OF RYDE (COR) INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council notes:-
 - 1. City of Ryde staff use the entity 'Market Forces' to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. The figures in the City of Ryde Investment reports are conservative and do not include any financial institutions that have not declared if they are fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned.

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2. As at 28 February 2023, Council had a total amount of \$88.3M invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 37.09% of its total investment portfolio.
 3. That over 40 Councils have managed to divest by 100% including Inner West Council, Newcastle City Council; Randwick City Council; Hobart City Council; City of Ballarat; Moreland City Council or City of Melbourne. Banyule City Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, City of Wodonga, Mt Alexander Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire, City of Fremantle, Shire of Goomalling, City of Armadale, Town of Bassendean, City of Stirling, Town of East Fremantle, City of Vincent, City of Swan, Lismore City Council, Gloucester Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, Albury City Council, Ballina Shire Council, Banyule City Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, City of Wodonga, Mt Alexander Shire Council among other councils, large companies, organisations and universities.
- (b) That staff bring back as part of the next Investment Report:-
- i. Details on how over 40 Councils have managed to divest by 100%, showing examples of how this was achieved from Councils such as Inner west, Newcastle City Council; Randwick City Council and Hobart City Council.
 - ii. Showing the time line of these Councils divestments and the non fossil fuel investments they now have in their portfolio.
 - iii. Outlining why City of Ryde Council moved from 24% - 30% of non fossil fuel aligned investments in 2018 and has now stalled at 37.09% while other councils have achieved 100% and many more than 40 are moving faster toward 100%.
 - iv. Explaining how City of Ryde uses entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. ie: Does City of Ryde contract Market forces consultants.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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9 REPORT TO INVESTIGATE STORAGE OPTIONS FOR KAYAKS - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Lane)

That Council investigate options for kayak storage for Meadowbank residents near Meadowbank wharf. That the report be presented to Council with costs within 3 months.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY 2023

Chairperson

3 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Report prepared by: Acting Chief Financial Officer
File No.: FIM/22/59/1 - BP23/205

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to review the adopted income and expenditure on a quarterly basis and to consider any variations against the Adopted Budget as required by the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, and associated regulations.

Council's financial position is satisfactory, and the March 2023 Quarterly Review shows that actuals are on track to meet the results forecasted in the Revised Budget.

The budget variations proposed in this Review will not change the projected Unrestricted Cash balance of **\$7.9m** as at 30 June 2023. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs plus meet any unknown or unexpected costs.

The progress of delivery on Councils adopted Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2022-23 is provided within this document and ***Operational Plan 2022/23 3rd Quarter Progress Report*** to be published on Council's website.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following are key financial highlights which demonstrates sustainable financial performance:

- ✓ Unrestricted cash is projected to be maintained at **\$7.9m**
- ✓ Budgeted Infrastructure Spend of **\$73.2m** to renew and replace assets
- ✓ Cash & Investments earning above benchmark rates of return
- ✓ Rates and Annual Charges collected on track at **77.9%**
- ✓ Debt service ratio well above benchmark
- ✓ Maintaining current levels of service

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed budget variations as detailed in **ATTACHMENT 1** to this report be endorsed by Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Quarterly Review Budget Review Report
- 2** Operational Plan 2022-23 Third Quarter Progress Report - CIRCULATED
UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

Sacha Thirimanne
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Aneesh Zahra
Acting General Manager - Business and Operations

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Discussion

To ensure Council is informed of key deliverables and the tracking of these deliverables, the progress report '**Operational Plan 2022/23 3rd Quarter Progress Report**' is provided in the **ATTACHMENT 2 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**. This report addresses the delivery of Council's functions and projects as at the end of the quarter for the period January to March 2023 in accordance with the adopted 2022-26 Delivery Program and 2022-23 Operational Plan which includes the following:

- General Manager's Introduction – including financial management and corporate performance overview, providing a 'snapshot' of Council's performance during the quarter.
- Program Summaries – including overview, operational indicators, financial summaries, performance measures and a summarised progress status of all of Council's capital and non-capital projects.

Budget 2022/2023

Council's Operational Plan 2022/2023 was adopted by Council on 28 June 2022.

Since the adoption of the Original Budget, initial forecasts have been affected by various factors. These factors include the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Federal and State Government policy, changes in the industry and economic activity, unexpected grant income, and decisions made by Council since the budget was set.

Budget variations proposed in this Review will not impact on Council's projected Unrestricted Cash balance of **\$7.9m** as at 30 June 2023. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs plus meet any unknown or unexpected costs.

It is expected that Council will spend a total of **\$225.7m** this Financial Year on both recurrent expenditure for the provision of a range of services to the community and for capital expenditure for community assets including loans and leases.

Operating Budget

The adopted Original Budget forecasted an Operating Surplus of **\$11.0m**.

After Council adopted carryover funds from FY21/22 and variations in both September and December Quarterly Review the Operating Surplus increased from **\$11.0m** to **\$21.0m**. Variations proposed in this Review will result in an Operating Surplus of **\$20.8m** which is a reduction of **\$184k** mainly due to the reduction of Parking Fines.

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Capital Budget

The adopted Original Capital Works Budget including loans and leases totalled **\$111.9m**.

With the addition of carryover funds from FY21/22 and variations in the September Quarterly Review and December Quarterly Review, the Capital Works Budget decreased from **\$111.9m** to **\$77.9m**.

Variations proposed in this Review of **\$2.0m** will result in a reduction of the Capital Works Budget to **\$75.9m**, mainly due to the reduction of capital funding for the purchase of plant and fleet due to continued delays of the supply chain.

Cash & Investments

As per the Audited Financial Statements at 30 June 2022, cash and investments totalled **\$219.9m**.

Since Council adopted the original budget for FY22/23, carryover funds from FY21/22, variations in September Quarterly Review and in December Quarterly Review resulted in cash and investments decreasing from **\$219.9m** to **\$191.7m**.

In this Review, it is proposed to decrease funding for Plant and Fleet Purchases of \$2.4m due to continued delays of the supply chain. Unspent funds are proposed to be transferred to the Plant Replacement Reserve and will be utilised next Financial Year when conditions improve. In addition, it is proposed to transfer \$502k from Information Technology Reserve to fund the additional cost to transition from Council's Technology One's On-Premises software to Software as a Service (SaaS)

As a result of these changes in this Review, total cash and investments will increase from **\$191.7m** to **\$193.6m**.

It is anticipated that the Unrestricted Cash will remain at **\$7.9m** as at 30 June 2023. Further details regarding externally and internally Restricted Reserves are provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The table below is a summary of the proposed changes in the March Quarterly Budget Review and details of all movements are in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The following details proposed variations to the budget and have been indexed to the table above:

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Income From Continuing Operations									
Rates and annual charges	104,091	-	-	215	104,306	104,398	-	104,306	
User charges and fees	18,604	-	(774)	(35)	17,795	13,953	(618)	17,177	1
Interest and investment revenue	2,400	-	3,188	-	5,588	5,267	668	6,256	2
Other Revenue	15,917	-	(487)	71	15,501	10,664	(800)	14,701	3
Grants and Contributions - Operating	5,975	303	(2,377)	340	4,241	2,701	(75)	4,166	4
Grants and Contributions - Capital	8,136	8,708	2,534	4,231	23,609	9,496	318	23,927	5
Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	100	-	-	-	100	806	-	100	
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Expenses from Continuing Operations									
Employee benefits and on-costs	59,441	-	123	(874)	58,690	42,343	123	58,813	6
Borrowing costs	164	-	-	-	164	21	-	164	
Material and Contracts	52,486	2,122	1,439	177	56,225	31,536	(446)	55,779	7
Depreciation and Amortisation	25,589	-	-	1,835	27,424	19,502	-	27,424	
Other Expenses	6,539	-	163	920	7,622	5,728	-	7,622	
Total Expenses From Continuing Operations	144,219	2,122	1,725	2,058	150,125	99,130	(323)	149,802	
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	11,003	6,889	359	2,764	21,015	48,155	(184)	20,831	
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Funds Available for Capital Expenditure	36,492	6,889	359	4,599	48,339	66,850	(184)	48,155	
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Development Contributions Reserves	(4,668)	-	(90)	-	(4,758)	(4,758)	-	(4,758)	
Voluntary Planning Agreement	-	112	-	-	112	112	-	112	
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	989	33	(125)	(288)	609	609	-	609	
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserv	(1,456)	-	-	-	(1,456)	(1,456)	-	(1,456)	
Stormwater Management Reserve	(912)	-	-	-	(912)	(912)	-	(912)	
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	(13,000)	92	-	-	(12,907)	(12,907)	-	(12,907)	
Externally Restricted Reserve Net Movement	(19,047)	238	(215)	(288)	(19,312)	(19,312)	-	(19,312)	
Total Movements in Reserves - Transfer (To) / From	(34,368)	1,819	2,688	(368)	(30,230)	(30,230)	502	(29,728)	
Net Operating Funds after Reserve	(2,124)	(8,708)	(3,046)	(4,231)	(18,109)		(318)	(18,427)	
NET FUNDING AND MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES	0	-	-	-	0		-	-	

Operating Budget

Income – Net Decrease \$507k:

1. User Charges and Fees – Net Decrease \$618k:

- \$568k decrease in restoration income as a result of a reduction in major restoration projects compared to prior years. This reduction in income has been offset by a decrease of \$468k in contractor expenditure and \$100k in employment costs as per Note 6 & 7 below.
- \$180k decrease in food inspection income due to continued labour market shortages in the Environmental Health industry. Recruitment is currently in progress and it is projected that this income will be achieved next Financial Year.

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- \$150k decrease in engineering plan assessment income due to a reduction in the to the number of construction certificates (CC) issued for developments as many developers have not yet activated the CC phase for their development.
- \$100k increase due to greater than anticipated building compliance certificate income as a result of increased inspections.
- \$100k increase due to greater than anticipated cooling tower inspection income as result of increased inspections.
- \$40k increase in community buildings hire income due to increased utilisation of community halls.
- \$20k increase in developer contributions quote fee income due to a higher demand of this service than originally expected.
- \$20k increase in design review panel income due to an increased level applications received this Financial Year, it is proposed to offset this income with an increase in expenditure of \$20k for panel member fees as per Note 7 below.

2. Interest and Investment Revenue – Increase \$668k:

- \$668k increase mainly due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates now offered reflective of RBA's recent increases in the Cash Rate.

3. Other Revenue – Net Decrease \$800k:

- \$800k decrease in Parking Fines income as a result of decreased utilisation within the Macquarie Park area due to people continuing to work from home. Recent implementation of parking sensors in Eastwood may offset this impact later this Financial Year. This has been partially offset by a reduction in infringement processing fees of \$50k as per Note 7 below.
- \$30k decrease in street banner income for events due to significantly less demand than originally anticipated. This variation is partially offset by a decrease of \$15k in various community services expenditure projects as per Note 7 below.
- \$15k increase in income due to ticketed sales of rides at the Community Christmas event, this income was not originally budgeted.

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- \$15k increase due to reclassification as per Accounting Standards of SES building income which was originally budgeted as grant and contribution income, as per Note 4 below. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.

4. Grants and Contributions (Operating) Decrease \$75k:

- \$60k decrease in M2 Public Benefit Grant due to change of scope from Operational expenditure to a Capital Works Project. The funding body has approved works for reconstruction of Pram Ramps and Footpath on Anzac Avenue, West Ryde as per Note 5 below.
- \$15k decrease due to reclassification as per Accounting Standards of SES Building grant income which now has to be classified as other revenue, as per Note 3 above.

The above variations are changes in accounting classification and have no impact to overall budgeted income.

5. Grants and Contributions (Capital) Increase \$318k:

- \$258k increase due to Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) grant received from Department of Planning & Environment for design works for the Meadowbank Masterplan Project.
- \$60k increase in M2 Public Benefit Grant due to change of scope from Operational expenditure to a Capital Works Project as per Note 4 above. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.

Expenditure – Net Decrease \$323k:

6. Employee Benefits and On-Costs – Net Increase \$123k:

- \$223k net increase in employment costs which is mainly due to increase in termination payments of \$1.4m due to changes in the organisational structure. This is partially offset by net savings due to vacancies of \$1.1m.
- \$100k decrease in employment costs within the Restoration Program due to reduction in major Restoration Works. This variation partially offsets the reduction in income as per Note 1 above.

7. Material and Contracts – Net Decrease \$446k:

- \$502k increase in IT Software expenditure due to the additional cost to transition from Council's Technology One's On-Premises software to Software as a Service (SaaS). It is proposed to be transferred from Information Technology Reserve.

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- \$468k decrease in contractor expenditure in the Restoration Program due to reduction in major restoration projects compared to prior years. This variation partially offsets a reduction in income as per Note 1 above.
- \$311k decrease in consultancy expenditure as a result of savings to date in various programs.
- \$75k decrease in contractor expenditure due to a lower volume of Development Applications requiring processing than originally anticipated.
- \$60k decrease in M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure Project due to change of scope from Operational expenditure to a Capital Works Project. The funding body has approved works for reconstruction of Pram Ramps and Footpath on Anzac Avenue, West Ryde. This variation will be offset by an increase in the capital expenditure as per Note 9 below.
- \$50k decrease in stationery expenditure, as a result of efficiency savings due to improvements in technology.
- \$50k decrease in Infringement Processing Fees due to reduction in numbers of fines. This variation partially offset the reduction in income as per Note 3 above.
- \$35k increase in expenditure for engagement of Independent Auditor to review current business process as per the Internal Audit Plan.
- \$26k increase due to additional expenditure required for the annual Business Western Sydney membership fee.
- \$20k increase in Design Review Panel member fees due to an increased level applications received this Financial Year. This variation is offset by an increase in income as per Note 1 above.
- \$15k net decrease in expenditure in Community Services for various programs, this variation will partially offset the reduction of street banner income as per Note 3 above.

Internal & External Restrictions (Operating):

It is proposed to transfer from Reserves an amount of **\$502k** for the following:

8. Transfer from Internally Restricted Reserves – Increase \$502k:

- \$502k transfer from Information Technology Reserve to additional cost to transition from Council's Technology One's On-Premises software to Software as a Service (SaaS) as per Note 7 above.

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Capital Budget

Variations proposed to Capital Works Budget will result in a reduction of capital expenditure by **\$2.0m**, with the main areas being as follows:

Key Outcome Areas	Original Budget (\$'000)	Approved Changes 2022/23			Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)	#
		Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	December Review (\$'000)					
Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability									
Capital - Expansion	84,577	22,262	5,414	(70,525)	41,729	13,482	920	42,648	9
Capital - Renewal	24,674	5,917	(392)	3,319	33,518	14,980	(2,917)	30,601	9
Loan Repayment	348	-	-	-	348	301	-	348	
Lease Payment	2,301	-	-	-	2,301	1,616	-	2,301	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND REPAYMENTS TO LIABILITY	111,900	28,179	5,022	(67,206)	77,895	30,379	(1,997)	75,898	
Capital Funding									
Net Operating Funds after Reserve Movements available for Capital	2,124	8,708	3,046	4,231	18,109	-	318	18,427	
Reserves Funding									
Internally Restricted Reserves used for Capital	60,158	12,104	2,092	(44,957)	29,398	29,398	(2,317)	27,081	
Income transferred to Internally Restricted Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Externally Restricted Reserves used for Capital									
Development Contributions Reserves	4,754	1,587	-	700	7,041	7,041	53	7,094	
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	1,717	664	(116)	-	2,264	2,264	-	2,264	
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Rese	400	680	-	-	1,080	1,080	-	1,080	
Stormwater Management Reserve	1,150	95	-	100	1,345	1,345	-	1,345	
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	12,714	4,342	-	203	17,259	17,259	(51)	17,207	
Total - Net Reserves Funding	80,892	19,471	1,976	(43,953)	58,386	58,386	(2,315)	56,071	
Borrowings & Receipts From Sales of Assets									
Borrowings	27,484	-	-	(27,484)	-	-	-	-	
Sales of Plant & Equipment	1,400	-	-	-	1,400	1,409	-	1,400	
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDING	111,900	28,179	5,022	(67,206)	77,895	59,795	(1,997)	75,898	

9. Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability – Net decrease \$2.0m

New Projects – \$358k:

- \$258k additional funding required for Meadowbank Park Masterplan Delivery project due to additional Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) grant funding received from Department of Planning & Environment for execution of deed for design works as per Note 5 above.
- \$60k additional funding for M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure Project due to change of scope from Operational expenditure to a Capital Works Project, funded from Capital Grant as per Note 5 above.
- \$40k increase due to studies and due diligence costs associated with potential investment property purchase. It is proposed to be funded by Investment Property Reserve.

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Increased Funds for Existing Jobs – \$1.8m:

- \$700k additional funding for 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project due to changes in scope of works around unknown underground utilities and poor site ground conditions. It is proposed to be funded by savings from the Waterloo Rd Culvert Remediation Works, Glenn St Car Park Defect Remediation Works, CCTV Investigations and Pits Investigations projects as detailed below.
- \$268k additional funding for Darvall Road (Rowe Street - Rutledge Street) project due to works identified in the detailed design phase, which includes additional drainage works to replace pipes in poor condition. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$223k additional funding for pavement testing and design for various road and kerb renewal projects in FY23/24. This increase is due to scope changes to undertake further Road Condition Assessment. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$160k additional funding for Darvall Road (Sybil Street - Rowe Street) project due to changes in the scope of works following the completion of the detailed design and greater than anticipated costs. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$160k additional funding for Acacia Lane (Acacia Street - Banksia Street) project due to changes in the scope of works following completion of the detailed design phase which comprises of additional drainage works and replacement of a weak subgrade. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$53k additional funding for Christie Park Masterplan Stage 2 Project due to changes in scope and design to ensure an optimal product is delivered for the community. It is proposed to be funded by the S7.11 Open Space and Recreation Facilities Reserve.
- \$48k additional funding for Payten Street (Morrison Road - Phillip Road) Project for remaining road resurfacing and inclusion of drainage works that were identified during the detailed design, plus additional contingency to allow for the increases construction costs. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$46k additional funding for Gardener Avenue (Bidgee Road - Jones Street) project due to changes in the scope of works following the completion of the detailed design phase, which includes additional pavement works and contingency for anticipated increases in construction costs for the remaining road resurfacing works. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.

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- \$43k additional funding for 28 Argyle Ave demolition project due to contaminated soil and asbestos that was discovered beneath the building which was originally not anticipated. It is proposed to be funded by Investment Property Reserve.
- \$34k additional funding for Miriam Park Project due to changes in the scope of works and greater than anticipated increases in the cost of labour and materials in the construction industry. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
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- \$16k additional funding due to post project closure works in Malvina Street, Ryde for utility cover adjustments following modified road surface levels. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
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Decreased Funds for Existing Jobs – \$4.1m:

- \$2.4m decrease in plant and fleet capital purchases due to continued delays of the supply chain. Unspent funds are proposed to be transferred to the Plant Replacement Reserve and will be utilised next Financial Year when conditions improve.
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- \$247k decrease due to savings in Waterloo Road Culvert Remediation project. It is proposed unspent funding to be transferred to 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project as detailed above.

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- \$140k decrease due to savings identified from cancelled project for Stormwater CCTV Investigations. It is proposed unspent funding to be transferred to 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project as detailed above.
- \$13k decrease due to savings identified from cancelled project for Stormwater Pits Investigations. It is proposed unspent funding to be transferred to 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project as detailed above.

Financial Implications

As a result of the Quarterly Review as at 31 March 2023, Council's available Unrestricted Cash balance is projected to remain at **\$7.9m** as at 30 June 2023.

Conclusion

The following statement is made in accordance with the Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021:

"It is in my opinion that the Budget Review Statement for City of Ryde for the period ended 31 March 2023 indicates that the Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2023 is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure".

Aneesh Zahra

Chief Financial Officer
Responsible Accounting Officer

5 May 2023

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**Quarterly Review Report January - March 2023
Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - March 2023**

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Quarterly Review Report January - March 2023
Financial Management Capital Summary Report for the Period Ended - March 2023

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Sales of Plant & Equipment	1,400	-	-	-	1,400	1,409	-	1,400
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDING	111,900	28,179	5,022	(67,206)	77,895	59,795	(1,997)	75,898
TOTAL FUNDING - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**Quarterly Review Report January - March 2023
Cash and Investment Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - March 2023**

Key Outcome Areas	Opening Balances (\$'000)	Original Budget (\$'000)	Approved Changes 2022/23			Approved Budget Balance (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget Balance (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)
			Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	December Review (\$'000)				
Internally Restricted Reserves									
Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve	5,541	-	-	-	-	5,541	-	5,541	5,541
Refundable Deposits Reserves	18,623	-	-	-	-	18,623	-	18,623	18,623
Interest on Refundable Deposits Reserve	377	-	-	-	-	377	-	377	377
Asset Replacement	3,155	(1,315)	(740)	(75)	(298)	727	-	727	727
Plant Replacement	6,670	(766)	(2,065)	1	60	3,899	2,400	6,299	3,899
Council Election	631	260	(135)	-	-	756	-	756	756
Investment Property	24,023	(600)	(1,715)	(2,400)	1,580	20,888	(83)	20,804	20,888
Ryde Central	50,093	(43,182)	(4,435)	-	43,675	46,151	-	46,151	46,151
Carryover Works	881	-	(881)	-	-	(0)	-	(0)	(0)
Accommodation	20,850	1,362	-	-	-	22,212	-	22,212	22,212
Public Art	18	-	-	-	-	18	-	18	18
Community Grants	128	-	-	-	-	128	-	128	128
Synthetic Sports Surface	714	74	-	-	-	789	-	789	789
Transport & Pedestrian Initiatives MP	1	200	-	-	-	201	-	201	201
Insurance Fluctuation	291	-	-	-	-	291	-	291	291
Risk Management, WHS & Injury Management	465	35	-	-	(80)	420	-	420	420
Planning Proposal	228	(8)	-	-	-	220	-	220	220
Affordable Housing	1,061	302	-	-	100	1,464	-	1,464	1,464
Workers Compensation	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Heritage	482	-	-	(31)	-	451	-	451	451
Asset Expansion Reserve	6,950	(1,200)	(3,714)	206	-	2,243	-	2,243	2,243
Financial Assistance Grant	2,988	-	-	(2,988)	-	(0)	-	(0)	(0)
Revolving Energy Fund	55	-	-	-	-	55	-	55	55
Information Technology Reserve	2,270	-	-	-	-	2,270	(502)	1,768	2,270
Legal	-	-	-	292	-	292	-	292	292
Total - Internally Restricted Reserves	149,493	(44,837)	(13,685)	(4,995)	45,037	131,013	1,815	132,828	131,013
Externally Restricted Reserves									
S7.12 Plan 2020 Fixed Development Consent	2,194	(673)	-	-	-	1,521	-	1,521	1,521
S7.11 Plan 2020 Plan Administration Reserve	404	5	-	-	-	408	-	408	408
S7.11 Plan 2020 Roads & Traffic Management Reserve	929	(32)	(79)	-	-	818	-	818	818
S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space & Recreation Facility Reserve	2,802	265	(970)	90	(700)	1,486	(53)	1,433	1,486
S7.11 Plan 2020 Community & Cultural Facility Reserve	3,708	350	(538)	-	-	3,520	-	3,520	3,520
Voluntary Planning Agreement	10,761	-	(112)	-	-	10,649	-	10,649	10,649
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	19,696	(2,705)	(697)	241	288	16,823	-	16,823	16,823
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserve	2,293	1,056	(680)	-	-	2,669	-	2,669	2,669
Stormwater Management Reserve	1,143	(238)	(95)	-	(100)	710	-	710	710
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	9,037	286	(4,434)	-	(203)	4,685	51	4,737	4,685
Consolidated Grant Reserve	9,583	-	-	-	-	9,583	-	9,583	9,583
Total - Externally Restricted Reserves	62,550	(1,687)	(7,605)	331	(716)	52,874	(2)	52,872	52,874
Unrestricted Cash (ie. available after the above Restrictions) ⁽¹⁾	7,862					7,862		7,862	49,116
Total Cash & Investments	219,905	(46,524)	(21,290)	(4,663)	44,321	191,749	1,813	193,562	233,003

(1) Council's unrestricted actual cash position is currently higher than the year end projected balance. The unrestricted balance will continue to fluctuate as Council expends on operational costs and capital projects during the financial year. It is anticipated that all budgeted income and expenditure will be realised so that the projected unrestricted cash balance will remain at \$7.86m. These funds have been invested in accordance with Council's investment policy.

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Summary by Programs/Functions Report for the Period Ended - March 2023**

Programs Financial Summary	Original Budget (\$'000)	Approved Changes 2022/23				YTD Actual (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)
		Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	December Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)			
Income From Continuing Operations								
City Development	7,226	-	(50)	-	7,176	5,420	40	7,216
Community Safety and Amenity	9,012	-	(1,500)	(65)	7,447	4,581	(780)	6,667
City Sports and Recreation	9,069	6,508	2,020	93	17,690	8,191	258	17,948
Library	509	-	42	4	555	485	-	555
City Economy	45	-	189	99	333	103	-	333
Resilience and Sustainability	120	233	50	848	1,251	694	-	1,251
Catchment Waterway	20	350	479	-	849	48	-	849
Waste and Recycling	25,210	296	260	244	26,010	24,660	-	26,010
Traffic and Transport	6,260	1,576	(60)	(800)	6,976	4,184	(150)	6,826
Roads	4,473	48	(714)	3,951	7,758	5,851	(568)	7,190
Paths and Cycleways	250	-	25	140	415	202	-	415
Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	1,539	-	(40)	30	1,529	1,126	40	1,569
Community Connectedness and Engagement	199	-	86	209	493	558	(15)	478
Strategic Property	3,215	-	15	70	3,300	2,229	-	3,300
Service Delivery Support	985	-	14	1	1,000	1,483	-	1,000
Governance & Corporate Services	87,090	-	1,268	-	88,358	87,470	668	89,026
Total Income From Continuing Operations	155,222	9,011	2,084	4,822	171,139	147,285	(507)	170,633
Expenses from Continuing Operations								
City Development	7,322	100	(11)	(238)	7,173	4,762	(205)	6,968
Community Safety and Amenity	6,388	-	(9)	18	6,397	4,546	(130)	6,267
City Sports and Recreation	19,377	220	(170)	536	19,962	15,125	333	20,295
Library	7,373	-	20	(1)	7,391	5,159	(69)	7,322
City Economy	1,481	-	689	186	2,356	1,706	-	2,356
Resilience and Sustainability	4,006	-	44	(57)	3,993	2,520	(291)	3,702
Catchment Waterway	5,863	636	99	594	7,192	4,749	140	7,332
Waste and Recycling	24,140	212	275	154	24,781	12,795	-	24,781
Traffic and Transport	4,900	-	15	169	5,084	3,036	(374)	4,710
Roads	13,599	522	(283)	259	14,098	8,031	(707)	13,391
Paths and Cycleways	4,097	-	(280)	275	4,092	2,637	(328)	3,764
Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	5,414	269	(212)	136	5,607	3,654	57	5,665
Community Connectedness and Engagement	5,784	35	234	(10)	6,043	4,346	(98)	5,945
Strategic Property	7,719	-	(49)	(79)	7,592	3,271	(61)	7,531
Service Delivery Support	5,160	-	120	(390)	4,890	2,458	(145)	4,745
Governance & Corporate Services	21,597	127	1,242	507	23,473	20,336	1,555	25,029
Total Expenses From Continuing Operations	144,219	2,122	1,725	2,058	150,125	99,130	(323)	149,802

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Proposed Budget Changes

	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2023 Comments
Grand Total	0	0	0	
User charges and fees (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-548,000	-70,000	-618,000	
Building Compliance - Construction Income		100,000	100,000	Increase due to greater than anticipated building compliance certificate income as a result of increased inspections.
Cooling Tower Inspection Income		100,000	100,000	Increase in the Cooling Tower Inspection income due to greater than anticipated as result of increased inspections.
Food Premises Inspection Income		-180,000	-180,000	Decrease in Food Premises Inspection income due to continued labour market shortages in the Environmental Health industry. Recruitment is currently in progress and it is projected that this income will be achieved next Financial Year.
Work Zone Income	-5,130	0	-5,130	Transfer Work Zone income to Parking Meters income
Parking Meters Income	5,130	0	5,130	Increase Parking meters income which previously its income has been grouped with Work Zone.
Urban Design Review Panel - Building and Advisory Income	20,000	0	20,000	Increase in Design Review Panel income due to an increased level applications received this Financial Year, it is proposed to offset this income with an increase in expenditure of \$20k for panel member fees.
Restoration Income	-568,000	0	-568,000	Decrease in restoration income as a result of a reduction in major restoration projects compared to prior years. This reduction in income has been partially offset by a decrease of \$468k in contractor expenditure and \$100k in employment costs.
Kerb and Gutter Income	45,000	0	45,000	Increase Kerb and Gutter Crossings income which has previously been included in Rock & Anchors.
Rock Anchors Income	-45,000	0	-45,000	Decrease Rock & Anchors income by splitting to Kerb and Gutter income.
Engineering Plan Assessment Income		-150,000	-150,000	Decrease in engineering plan assessment income due to a reduction in the to the number of construction certificates (CC) issued for developments as many developers have not yet activated the CC phase for their development.
Developer Contributions - Quote Fee		20,000	20,000	Increase in Developer Contributions Quote Fee income due to a higher demand of this service than originally expected.
Community Buildings - Hire Income		40,000	40,000	Increase in Community Building Income due to increased utilisation of community halls.
Interest and Investment revenue (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	0	668,242	668,242	
Investment Income		668,242	668,242	Increase mainly due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates now offered reflective of RBA's recent increases in the Cash Rate.
Other revenues (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	15,000	-815,000	-800,000	
Parking Fines Revenue		-800,000	-800,000	Decrease in Parking Fines income as a result of decreased utilisation within the Macquarie Park area due to people continuing to work from home. Recent implementation of Parking Sensors in Eastwood may offset this impact later this Financial Year. This has been partially offset by a reduction in infringement processing fees of \$50k.
SES Building Revenues	15,000	0	15,000	Increase due to reclassification as per Accounting Standards of SES building income which was originally budgeted as grant and contribution income. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.
Street Banners Sundry Income		-30,000	-30,000	Decrease in Street Banners income for events due to significantly less demand than originally anticipated.
Community Christmas Celebration Sundry Income		15,000	15,000	Increase in income due to ticketed sales of rides at the Community Christmas event, this income was not originally budgeted.

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2023 Comments
Grants and Contributions - Operating (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-74,589	0	-74,589	
M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure	-59,589	0	-59,589	Decrease in M2 Public Benefit Grant due to change of scope from Operational to Capital. Funding body has approved works for reconstruction of Pram Ramps and Footpath on Anzac Avenue, West Ryde. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.
SES Building	-15,000	0	-15,000	Decrease due to reclassification as per Accounting Standards in SES Building grant income which now has to be classified as other revenue. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.
Grants and Contributions - Capital (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	59,589	258,000	317,589	
M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure	59,589	0	59,589	Increase in M2 Public Benefit Grant due to change of scope from Operational to Capital. Funding body has approved works for reconstruction of Pram Ramps and Footpath on Anzac Avenue, West Ryde. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.
Meadowbank Park Masterplan Delivery AIF	0	258,000	258,000	Increase due to Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Grant received from Dept of Planning & Environment for execution of deed for design works in Meadowbank.
Employee benefits and on-costs (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	-100,000	222,992	122,992	
Salary savings in various programs		-1,264,384	-1,264,384	Reduction in Salaries and Wages budget predominantly due to vacant positions
Overtime		176,084	176,084	Additional funding for overtime due to vacant positions, offset by salaries savings
Casual & Relief Salaries		8,300	8,300	Additional funding for Casual Staff Salaries and Wages due to vacant positions, offset by salaries savings
Terminations and Redundancy		1,352,992	1,352,992	Additional funding required for termination payment as result of organisation structure changes
Restoration salary savings	-100,000	0	-100,000	Savings in Salaries and Wages due to reduction in major Restoration Works. This variation is offset by reduction in Restoration Income.
Human Resources - Training		-50,000	-50,000	Decrease in Training costs due to less training than previously expected
Materials and contracts (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	-507,589	61,950	-445,639	
Internal Audit		35,000	35,000	Increase in expenditure for engagement of Independent Auditor to review current business process as per the Internal Audit Plan.
Stationery expenditure		-50,000	-50,000	Decrease in stationery expenditure, as a result of staff continuing to work from home.
IT Infrastructure Software License Fees		501,700	501,700	Increase in IT expenditure due to the additional cost to transition from Council's Technology One's on premise software to Software as a Service (SaaS). It is proposed to be transferred from Information Technology Reserve.
Consultancy savings in various programs		-311,000	-311,000	Decrease in consultancy expenditure as a result of savings to date in various programs.
Building Compliance - Bid Certification	7,000	0	7,000	Increase due to additional expenses in Building Surveyor Certification for employees offset by savings in Publications and Subscriptions in Building and Land Used Administration.
Building and Land Use Administration	-7,000	0	-7,000	Decrease expenditure in Building and Land Use Administration to cover additional expenses in Building Surveyor Certification for employees.
Ranger Management & Administration		-50,000	-50,000	Decrease in Infringement Processing Fees due to reduction in numbers of fines. This variation partially offset the reduction in income.
Development Assessments		-75,000	-75,000	Decrease in contractor expenditure due to a lower volume of Development Applications requiring processing than originally anticipated.
Urban Design Review Panel - Building and Advisory	20,000	0	20,000	Increase in Design Review Panel member fees due to an increased level applications received this Financial Year. This variation is offset by an increase in income.
Restoration Management	-468,000	0	-468,000	Decrease in contractor expenditure in the Restoration Program due to reduction in major restoration projects compared to prior years. This variation is partially offsets a reduction in income.
Roads - Operating	-50,000	0	-50,000	Decrease expenditure to redirect resources to Pit Maintenance Program to address Priority Pit Maintenance Works.

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2023 Comments
Footpaths & Nature Strips - Operating	-100,000	0	-100,000	Decrease expenditure to redirect resources to Pit Maintenance Program to address Priority Pit Maintenance Works.
Footpaths & Nature Strips - Maintenance	-126,650	0	-126,650	Decrease expenditure to redirect resources to Pit Maintenance Program to address Priority Pit Maintenance Works.
Pits - Maintenance	276,650	0	276,650	Increase expenditure from resources redirected from other Civil Maintenance Programs to address Priority Pit Maintenance Works.
Natural Areas	-86,980	0	-86,980	Decrease in expenses in Natural areas to apply to Contractors expenses in Passive Parks.
Creeks and Waterways	-27,120	0	-27,120	Decrease in expenses in Creeks and Waterways to apply to Contractors expenses in Passive Parks.
Passive Park Management - Operating	221,242	0	221,242	Increase in expenditure to cover higher Contractors expenses in Passive Parks. It will be offset by savings in Natural Areas, Creeks & Waterways and Street Trees.
Passive Park Management - Maintenance	5,789	0	5,789	Increase in expenditure to cover higher Contractors expenses in Passive Parks. It will be offset by savings in Street Trees - Maintenance.
Sportsgrounds, Parks & Gardens - Maintenance	60,000	0	60,000	Increase due to higher Materials costs in Sportsgrounds, Parks & Gardens - Maintenance. This is offset by savings in Street Trees Maintenance.
Street Trees - Maintenance	-172,931	0	-172,931	Decrease in Materials and External Plant expenses in Street Trees to apply to Contractors in Street Trees, Passive Parks and Materials in Sportsgrounds.
M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure	-59,589	0	-59,589	Decrease due to M2 Public Benefit Grant Funded Project change of scope from Operational to Capital. Funding body has approved works for reconstruction of Pram Ramps and Footpath on Anzac Avenue, West Ryde. This variation will be offset by increase in the Capital Expenditure.
City Economy - Membership Fees		26,250	26,250	Increase due to additional funding required for the Business Western Sydney membership fee
Community Facilities Administration		-10,000	-10,000	Decrease in expenditure due to savings identified in this program
Community Services Administration		-10,000	-10,000	Decrease in expenditure due to savings identified in this program
Social Policy & Planning		-9,000	-9,000	Decrease in expenditure due to savings identified in this program
Public Domain Events		-25,000	-25,000	Decrease in expenditure due to savings identified in this program
Cinema in the Park		-17,000	-17,000	Decrease in expenditure due to savings identified in this program
Citizenship Ceremonies		16,000	16,000	Increase in expenditure due to additional ceremonies required to meet demand
Granny Smith Festival		7,000	7,000	Increase in expenditure due to higher costs associated with infrastructure provision
Street Banners		7,000	7,000	Increase in expenditure due to higher costs associated with infrastructure provision
Lunar New Year		20,000	20,000	Increase in expenditure due to higher costs associated with infrastructure provision
Community Christmas Celebration		-4,000	-4,000	Decrease in expenditure due to savings identified in promotional activities
Cork and Fork		10,000	10,000	Increase in expenditure due to higher costs associated with infrastructure provision
Reserves Drawdown for Operating (-ve is an increase in Reserve Drawdown)	0	-501,700	-501,700	
Internally Restricted Reserve				

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IT Infrastructure Software License Fees		-501,700	-501,700	Transfer from Information Technology Reserve to fund additional cost for SaaS (Software as a Service) compared to On-premises support & maintenance and cost for Unified Support.
Capital Expenditure (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	59,589	-2,056,879	-1,997,290	
Plant and Fleet Purchases		-2,400,000	-2,400,000	Decrease in plant and fleet capital purchases due to continued delays of the supply chain. Unspent funds are proposed to be transferred to the Plant Replacement Reserve and will be utilised next Financial Year when conditions improve.
Acquisition and Demolition of property at 28 Argyle Ave		43,440	43,440	Additional funding for 28 Argyle Ave demolition project due to contaminated soil and asbestos that was discovered beneath the building which was originally not anticipated. It is proposed to be funded by Investment Property Reserve.
Acquisition of Investment Property		40,000	40,000	Increase due to studies and due diligence costs associated with potential investment property purchase. It is proposed to be funded by Investment Property Reserve.
Christie Park Masterplan Stage 2		53,000	53,000	Additional funding for Christie Park Masterplan Stage 2 Project due to changes in scope and design to ensure an optimal product is delivered for the community. It is proposed to be funded by the \$7.11 Open Space and Recreation Facilities Reserve.
Miriam Park		33,549	33,549	Additional funding for Miriam Park Project due to changes in the scope of works and greater than anticipated increases in the cost of labour and materials in the construction industry. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Meadowbank Park Masterplan Delivery AIF		258,000	258,000	Additional funding required for Meadowbank Park Masterplan Delivery project due to additional Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) grant funding received from Department of Planning & Environment for execution of deed for design works.
Denistone Park - Neighbourhood		9,274	9,274	Additional funding for Denistone Park - Neighbourhood project due to the inclusion of a provisional scope that was included in the contract but was not anticipated to be activated. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Future Design and Planning		16,055	16,055	Additional funding due to post project closure works in Malvina Street, Ryde for utility cover adjustments following modified road surface levels. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Payten Street (Morrison Road - Phillip Road)		47,949	47,949	Additional funding for Payten Street (Morrison Road - Phillip Road) Project for remaining road resurfacing and inclusion of drainage works that were identified during the detailed design, plus additional contingency to allow for the increases construction costs. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park)		-1,033,000	-1,033,000	Decrease in the Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park) Project deferred due to development within the project vicinity that would impact the planned works. It is proposed that funds be transferred to the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Darvall Road (Sybil Street - Rowe Street)		160,041	160,041	Additional funding for Darvall Road (Sybil Street - Rowe Street) project due to changes in the scope of works following the completion of the detailed design and greater than anticipated costs. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Darvall Road (Rowe Street - Rutledge Street)		267,655	267,655	Additional funding for Darvall Road (Rowe Street - Rutledge Street) project due to works identified in the detailed design phase, which includes additional drainage works to replace pipes in poor condition. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Gardener Avenue (Bidgee Road - Jones Street)		45,579	45,579	Additional funding for Gardener Avenue (Bidgee Road - Jones Street) project due to changes in the scope of works following the completion of the detailed design phase, which includes additional pavement works and contingency for anticipated increases in construction costs for the remaining road resurfacing works. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Acacia Lane (Acacia Street - Banksia Street)		160,010	160,010	Additional funding for Acacia Lane (Acacia Street - Banksia Street) project due to changes in the scope of works following completion of the detailed design phase which comprises of additional drainage works and replacement of a weak subgrade. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Pavement testing and design for 2023/24		223,495	223,495	Additional funding for pavement testing and design for various road and kerb renewal projects in FY23/24. This increase is due to scope changes to undertake further Road Condition Assessment. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - McGowan Street (Pelliser Road - Putney Parade)		18,074	18,074	Additional funding for McGowan Street (Pelliser Road - Putney Parade) project. This increase is due to scope changes to undertake construction of additional retaining wall and street tree removal which was not anticipated. It is proposed to be funded by the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.

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Footpath Construction Expansion - M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure	59,589	0	59,589	Additional funding for M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure Project due to change of scope from Operational expenditure to a Capital Works Project, funded from Capital Grant.
146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	700,000	0	700,000	Additional funding for 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project due to changes in scope of works around unknown underground utilities and poor site ground conditions. It is proposed to be funded by savings from the Waterloo Rd Culvert Remediation Works, Glenn St Car Park Defect Remediation Works, CCTV Investigations and Pits Investigations project.
Waterloo Road Culvert Remediation Works	-247,000	0	-247,000	Decrease due to savings in Waterloo Road Culvert Remediation project. It is proposed unspent funding to be transferred to 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project.
Glenn Street Car Park Defect Remediation Works	-300,000	0	-300,000	Decrease due to savings identified from completed project in Glenn St Car Park Defect Remediation Works. It is proposed unspent funding to be transferred to 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project.
CCTV Investigations	-140,000	0	-140,000	Decrease due to savings identified from cancelled project for Stormwater CCTV Investigations. It is proposed unspent funding to be transferred to 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project.
Pits Investigations	-13,000	0	-13,000	Decrease due to savings identified from cancelled project for Stormwater Pits Investigations. It is proposed unspent funding to be transferred to 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project.
Traffic Calming Devices	23,530	0	23,530	Increase due to additional costs to facilitate the delivery of traffic and parking improvements endorsed by the Ryde Local Traffic Committee for the remainder of the 2022/2023 financial year. It is proposed to be funded by the savings from the Traffic Facilities Renewal (Forward Planning Program).
Traffic Facilities Renewal (Forward Planning Program)	-23,530	0	-23,530	Decrease due to savings from completed Traffic Facilities Renewal projects. It is proposed to transfer the savings to fund the Traffic Calming Devices project.
Road Safety Upgrades and Improvement	45,000	0	45,000	Increase due to additional costs to facilitate the delivery of disabled parking spaces and associated civil works on Pearson Street, Gladesville to support local businesses/community organisations (e.g. Estia Foundation) in the area. It is proposed to be funded by the savings from the Traffic Facilities Signs and Lines Renewal.
Traffic Facilities Signs and Lines Renewal	-45,000	0	-45,000	Decrease due to savings from completed Traffic Facilities Signs and Lines Renewal projects. It is proposed to transfer the savings to fund the Road Safety Upgrades and Improvement project.
Traffic Facilities Renewal -Traffic Calming Devices	-23,530	0	-23,530	Decrease due to savings from completed Traffic Calming Devices projects. It is proposed to transfer the savings to fund the Minor Works for Cycleways to facilitate linemarking works for the Shrimptons Creek cycleway.
Cycleways Construction Expansion - Minor works for Cycleways	23,530	0	23,530	Increase due to additional costs to facilitate the linemarking works for the Shrimptons Creek cycleway. It is proposed to be funded by the savings from Traffic Facilities Renewal - Traffic Calming Devices project.
Cycleways Construction Expansion - Cycleways Forward Planning Program	-25,000	0	-25,000	Decrease due to savings from completed Cycleways Forward Planning project. It is proposed to transfer the savings to fund the Chatswood to Burwood (RR-04) - Stage 1 project.
Cycleways Construction Expansion - Chatswood to Burwood (RR-04) - Stage 1	25,000	0	25,000	Increase due to additional costs to complete the detailed design for the cycle route between North Ryde and Putney identified in the City of Ryde 2022 - 2030 Bicycle Strategy & Action Plan. It is proposed to be funded by the savings from the Cycleways Forward Planning project.
Reserves Drawdown for Capital (-ve is an increase in Reserve Drawdown)	0	2,314,879	2,314,879	
Externally Restricted Reserve				
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve				
Miriam Park		-33,549	-33,549	Transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund greater than anticipated increases in the cost of labour and material in the construction industry and changes in the scope of work
Denistone Park - Neighbourhood		-9,274	-9,274	Transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for the Denistone Park Playground Renewal project due to the inclusion of a provisional scope that was included in the contract, but was not anticipated to be activated.
Road Kerb Renewal - Future Design and Planning		-16,055	-16,055	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for post project closure works in Malvina Street, Ryde from the previous financial year comprising utility cover adjustments following modified road surface levels.
Road Kerb Renewal - Payten Street (Morrison Road - Phillip Road)		-47,949	-47,949	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for inclusion of drainage works that was identified during the detailed design, plus additional contingency to allow for industry rate increases for remaining road resurfacing.
Road Kerb Renewal - Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park)		1,033,000	1,033,000	This project is deferred to 2023/24 financial year due to development in the project vicinity that would impact the works. Transfer funding back to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve
Road Kerb Renewal - Darvall Road (Sybil Street - Rowe Street)		-160,041	-160,041	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for the changes in the scope of works following the completion of the detailed design and for the recovery of internal costs due to rate increases that were not incorporated in the previous quarters and years

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2023 Comments
Road Kerb Renewal - Darvall Road (Rowe Street - Rutledge Street)		-267,655	-267,655	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for works identified during the detailed design, including additional drainage works to replace poor condition pipes near Rutledge Street. Also includes rate increase allowance for internal cost recovery increases
Road Kerb Renewal - Gardener Avenue (Bidgee Road - Jones Street)		-45,579	-45,579	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for changes in the scope of works following the completion of the detailed design, which included additional pavement works and contingency for anticipated increases in the cost of labour and materials in the construction industry for the remaining road resurfacing works
Road Kerb Renewal - Acacia Lane (Acacia Street - Banksia Street)		-160,010	-160,010	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for changes in the scope of works following completion of the detailed design comprising additional drainage works and for replacement of weak subgrade
Road Kerb Renewal - Pavement testing and design for 2023/24		-223,495	-223,495	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for scope increase to undertake further Road Condition Assessment.
Road Kerb Renewal - McGowan Street (Pelliser Road - Putney Parade)		-18,074	-18,074	Transfer from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund additional costs due to scope changes to undertake construction of additional retaining wall and street tree removal which was not anticipated
146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	-547,000	0	-547,000	Transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the changes in scope of works around unknown underground utilities and poor site ground conditions.
Waterloo Road Culvert Remediation Works	247,000	0	247,000	Transfer to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve due to savings from completed project in Waterloo Road Culvert Remediation Works
Glenn Street Car Park Defect Remediation Works	300,000	0	300,000	Transfer to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve due to savings from completed project in Glenn St Car Park Defect Remediation Works
S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space and Recreation				
Christie Park Masterplan Stage 2		-53,000	-53,000	Transfer from S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space and Recreation Reserve to fund additional works required to reduce the on-going maintenance costs and improve the life cycle of the new building.
Cycleways Construction Expansion - Cycleways Forward Planning Program	25,000	0	25,000	Transfer to S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space and Recreation Reserve due to savings in the Cycleways Construction Expansion - Cycleways Forward Planning Program
Cycleways Construction Expansion - Chatswood to Burwood (RR-04) - Stage 1	-25,000	0	-25,000	Transfer from S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space and Recreation Reserve to complete the detailed design for the cycle route between North Ryde and Putney identified in the City of Ryde 2022 - 2030 Bicycle Strategy & Action Plan.
Stormwater Management Reserve				
146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	-153,000	0	-153,000	Transfer from Stormwater Management Reserve to fund the changes in scope of works around unknown underground utilities and poor site ground conditions.
CCTV Investigations	140,000	0	140,000	Transfer to Stormwater Management Reserve due to savings from cancelled project in CCTV Investigations.
Pits Investigations	13,000	0	13,000	Transfer to Stormwater Management Reserve due to savings from cancelled project in Pits Investigations.
Internally Restricted Reserve				
Plant and Fleet Purchases		2,400,000	2,400,000	Transfer back to Plant Replacement Reserve due to delayed delivery from manufacturers has delayed replacement program.
Acquisition and Demolition of property at 28 Argyle Ave		-43,440	-43,440	Transfer from Investment Property Reserve to fund additional costs due to contaminated soils hidden beneath the building which were not originally allowed for as part of the demolition scope of works
Acquisition of Investment Property		-40,000	-40,000	Transfer from Investment Property Reserve to fund due diligence costs associated with the investment property purchase.
Traffic Calming Devices	-23,530	0	-23,530	Transfer from the Asset Replacement Reserve to fund the Traffic Calming Devices to facilitate the delivery of traffic and parking improvements endorsed by the Ryde Local Traffic Committee for the remainder of the 2022/2023 financial year.

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2023 Comments
Traffic Facilities Renewal (Forward Planning Program)	23,530	0	23,530	Transfer to the Asset Replacement Reserve due to savings in the Traffic Facilities (Forward Planning Program)
Road Safety Upgrades and Improvement	-45,000	0	-45,000	Transfer from the Asset Replacement Reserve to fund the Road Safety Upgrades and Improvements to facilitate the delivery of disabled parking spaces and associated civil works on Pearson Street, Gladesville to support local businesses/community organisations (e.g. Estia Foundation) in the area.
Traffic Facilities Renewal -Traffic Facilities Signs and Lines Renewal	45,000	0	45,000	Transfer to the Asset Replacement Reserve due to savings in the Traffic Facilities Renewal -Traffic Facilities Signs and Lines Renewal
Traffic Facilities Renewal -Traffic Calming Devices	23,530	0	23,530	Transfer to the Asset Replacement Reserve due to savings in the Traffic Facilities Renewal -Traffic Calming Devices
Cycleways Construction Expansion - Minor works for Cycleways	-23,530	0	-23,530	Transfer from the Asset Replacement Reserve to facilitate linemarking works for the Shrimptons Creek cycleway.

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Financial Performance Indicators

	Revised Budget	Benchmark
Operating Performance Ratio ⁽¹⁾	-2.18%	>0.00%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	83.48%	>60.00%
Debt Service Cover Ratio	8.67x	>1.5x
Asset Renewals Ratio	127%	>=100%

(1) The Operating Performance Ratio has not met the benchmark. It has reduced from -1.83% (as per December Quarterly Budget Review) to -2.19% after March Quarterly Budget Review. This is mainly due to the reduction of Parking Fine Income.

It is anticipated that the Operating Performance Ratio will improve this financial year as there may be additional savings that may materialise or additional income generated. This will continue to be monitored and reported to Council in June Quarterly Budget Review. This has a NIL impact to Council's unrestricted cash position.

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Contracts Awarded for Quarterly Review Report January - March 2023

Contract Name	Purpose of Contract	Contract Form	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Contract Options	Duration of the Contract	End Date	Included in Budget?	Is this a lease under AASB 16
Graffiti Clean Pty Ltd	Graffiti Management	CoR Major Services	\$194,412.00	02-Jan-23	1+1	2 years	01-Jan-25	Yes	N
JT Turf Pty Ltd	Supply and Delivery of Two 13 Ton Wheel Loaders	Other	\$994,270.00	01-Feb-23	None	6 months	30-Jul-23	Yes	N
Boylson Pty Ltd	Gannon Park Amenities	Other	\$1,670,354.00	15-Mar-23	None	6 months	19-Sep-23	Yes	N
ANC Pty Ltd	Couriers	Other	\$238,978.53	15-Feb-23	2 years	3 years	14-Feb-26	Yes	N
Durkin Construction Pty Ltd	Geotechnical Investigation for Road Pavement	CoR General Consultancy	\$158,299.00	10-Feb-23		12 weeks	10-May-23	Yes	N

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**Legal & Consultancy Expenses
January - March 2023**

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Legal Fees	\$ 762,546.29	Y
Consultancy Fees	\$ 1,211,732.32	Y

4 LOCAL HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND ROUND 3 - PROPOSED GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Report prepared by: Heritage Advisor
File No.: URB/23/14 - BP23/181

REPORT SUMMARY

The City of Ryde's Heritage Fund is aimed at supporting the owners of residential heritage properties who protect and maintain their properties as custodians of our community's valued built heritage.

Council at its meeting of 25 February 2020, resolved in part to endorse a one-off allocation \$500,000 for the Local Heritage Assistance Fund (Heritage Fund). Since Council's resolution, two rounds of the Heritage Fund have been undertaken with 16 applications being funded with a total value of \$124,139 dollars. Details of Round 1 and Round 2 of the Heritage Fund is provided in Appendix 1.

The purpose of the report is to advise Council on the current applications for funding assistance in Round 3 of the Heritage Fund. Five (5) applications were received and have been assessed by Council's Heritage Officer and reviewed by the Heritage Working Group at its meeting on 1 March 2023. It is recommended that the five (5) eligible applications receive funding assistance to a value of \$65,785.90 in Round 3 of the Heritage Fund.

The Heritage Grants Reserve currently has \$451,000. Should the recommended five (5) eligible applications in Round 3 of the Heritage Fund receive funding assistance (\$65,785.90), there would be \$385,214.10 remaining in the Heritage Grants Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the five (5) applications to Round 3 of the Local Heritage Assistance Fund be supported and receive funding assistance pursuant to Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993, being:
- 44 Simla Road, Denistone, \$15,000.00
 - 23 Bellevue Avenue, Denistone, \$13,600.00
 - 57 Meriton Street, Gladesville, \$13,915.90
 - 39a Anthony Street, Denistone, \$9,000.00
 - 7 Regent Street, Putney, \$14,270
- (b) That Council allocate the amount of \$65,785.90 from the Heritage Grants Reserve for the purpose of (a) above and that it be reflected in the next Quarterly Budget Adjustment.

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- (c) That the successful and unsuccessful applicants to Round 3 of the Local Heritage Assistance Fund be advised in writing of the outcomes of their applications.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Local Heritage Assistance Fund Guidelines
- 2 Local Heritage Assistance Fund - Round 1 and Round 2

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Discussion

The purpose of the report is to advise Council on the current applications for funding assistance in Round 3 of the Heritage Fund and seek Council's endorsement of the proposed applications to receive financial assistance for undertaking a range minor maintenance and conservation works to City of Ryde residential heritage properties.

Background

Council has operated its Heritage Fund for several years, providing support funding to assist residential heritage properties owners to undertake a range of minor work in accordance with relevant land use approvals and the fund's eligibility criteria (see Guideline for Applicant's at **ATTACHMENT 1**).

The Heritage Fund recognises that the owners of residential heritage properties, who protect and maintain their properties, are custodians of our built heritage.

The Heritage Fund is also consistent with the *Ryde Community Strategic Plan* (valuing and celebrating our cultural heritage) and Council's adopted *Planning Ryde: Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020* (LSPS). An Action of the LSPS (HE1.6) states that owners of heritage-listed properties are to be supported through financial assistance, incentives and heritage advisory services to promote and facilitate effective conservation outcomes. Target 3.3.4 of the LSPS states that heritage assistance grant funding will continue to be distributed by Council every year.

Council at its meeting of 25 February 2020, endorsed its resolution on the Planning Proposal for the Heritage Review 2019 (Council Meeting agenda 19 December 2019) and in regard to the Heritage Fund, resolved:

- (f) *That Council endorses a one-off budget allocation of \$500,000 and explores a subsequent annual allocation of \$500,000 for Heritage Assistance Fund grants of up to \$15,000. The eligibility criteria for Heritage Assistance grants are:*
 - i. *All works must involve the conservation or restoration of a residential heritage item, listed on Schedule 5 of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 and/or identified as a Contributory Item in a Heritage Conservation Area.*
 - ii. *All works must demonstrate compliance with the provisions of Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014, specifically, clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation.*
 - iii. *The works are undertaken in accordance with a development consent or heritage exemption; or involve minor maintenance works or repairs that do not require any formal approval or exemption from Council.*

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- iv. *All works must be completed (and paid) and tax invoices submitted with the grant application.*
- v. *The works must have been completed within the past 12 months by qualified tradesmen who have demonstrated skills / experience in dealing with heritage fabric.*
- vi. *The invoices for the completed works must be submitted. Grants will be paid to the owner of the heritage item – not to the contractor.*
- vii. *All works must be undertaken in accordance with good heritage conservation practices and methodology (refer to the guidelines and publications available from the Heritage Division – Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) [www.environment.nsw.gov.au].*
- viii. *The Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund can also contribute to the preparation of:*
 - *A Conservation Management Plan (CMP) prepared prior to lodging a Development Application (DA) in accordance with NSW Heritage Council guidelines.*
 - *Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared prior to lodging a Development Application (DA) in accordance with NSW Heritage Council guidelines.*

Round 3 of the Heritage Fund is being considered under the operation of the allocation of the \$500,000 to the fund.

Round 1 and Round 2 of the Heritage Fund were considered under the operation of the allocation of \$500,000 to the fund, were undertaken in 2021 and 2021-22 and 16 applications received funding assistance to a total value of \$124,139. The \$500,000 is held in a Heritage Grants Reserve for its resolved purpose. Details of Round 1 and Round 2 of the Heritage Fund are provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

Making an application for funding

To improve the Heritage Fund application process, we accept applications at any time during the year, rather than in a designated window (open and closed dates), to improve the experience of applicants and respond to the realities of sourcing skilled tradespersons and suitable materials and providing a reasonable timeframe for works to be completed.

Received applications are assessed in four (4) application periods, which aligns with the four (4) meetings per year of the Heritage working Group, who a review the applications received, in addition to the assessment undertaken by Council's Heritage Advisor. Once this has occurred the recommended applications for funding assistance are then reported to Council for endorsement (and this maybe up to four (4) times per year, subject to applications received in an application period).

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Round 3 applications for funding

In total, five (5) applications were received for funding assistance under Round 3 of the Heritage Fund. The applications have been assessed by Council's Heritage Advisor having regard to the application form and the eligibility criteria and is documented in an assessment matrix for each application. The applications were reviewed by the Heritage Working Group at its meeting on 1 March 2023, who supported the Heritage Advisor's assessments.

Table 1 below summaries the five (5) applications received for Round 3 of the Heritage Fund and the funding assistance requested. All applications are eligible and it is recommended that the five (5) applications receiving funding assistance to a total value of \$65,785.90, based on the summary provided in Table 1.

Subject to Council's endorsement of the funding of the Round 3 recommended applications, all applicants will be advised in writing on the assessment of their application. Cheques will be raised with Financial Services to allocate the funding assistance to successful applicants.

Table 1. Local Heritage Assistance Fund Round 3. Applications Summary

Local Heritage Assistance Fund - Round 3. Applications Summary					
	Residential address & Heritage property	Works proposed	Funding requested	Heritage Officer assessment	Funding proposed
	Round 3 (6 applications received and eligible)				
1	44 Simla Road, Denistone Contributory item, Chatham Road, Denistone HCA	Reinstatement of timber window and leadlight glass window hood.	\$16,174.15	Works replace a metal window frame and plain glass and puts back the window hood removed previously to the main opening of the front façade of the house. Installing original features of the front façade is a positive contribution to the conservation of the house and the streetscape of the HCA. Works of a high quality and contribute to good conservation practice and maintenance. Works approved in a heritage Minor Works Exemption (section 5.10 of RLEP).	\$15,000 (max.)
2	23 Bellevue Avenue, Denistone	Repaint exterior of house	\$13,600	Works use a colour scheme that is typical of the period of the house when built (2 contrast, 1 feature), which	\$13,600

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	Contributory item, Chatham Road, Denistone HCA			compliments the house. The colours positively contribute to the aesthetic appearance of the house and the streetscape of the HAC. The works safeguard the house from water penetration. Works were approved in a heritage Minor Works Exemption (section 5.10 of RLEP).	
3	57 Meriton Street, Gladesville Local heritage item	Repairs to leadlight window	\$13,915.90	Works involved the restoration and reconstruction of eight (8) windowpanes (timber frames, lead glass panels) on the front façade, which were failing. Works positively contribute to the aesthetic appeal and significance of the house by conserving its original fabric. Works are of a high quality and contribute to good conservation practice. Works were approved in a heritage Minor Works Exemption (section 5.10 of RLEP).	\$13,915.90
4	39a Anthony Street, Denistone Contributory item, Chatham Road, Denistone HCA	Repainting of timber window	\$15,000	Works repainted the timber windows and eaves to all openings on the exterior of house, with a mono-chrome colour scheme typical of the architectural period of the house. Work of an acceptable quality. Funding assistance priority should be directed to the windows at the front of the house, which are visible in the streetscape, to reinforce the contributory values of the building in the HCA. Pro-rata funding rate (60%) applied for works to visible part of house. Works were approved in a heritage Minor Works Exemption (section 5.10 of RLEP)	\$9,000
5	7 Regent Street, Putney Local heritage item, Woolbrook.	Repair of slate roof and chimneys	\$15,000	Works address water leaks into the house from failed slate tiles and lead flashing and incorrect use of modern techniques and materials (silicone, nails). Recycled	\$14,270

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				<p>slate tiles, lead and copper flashing, clouts, and straps reinstalled by experienced roofer. Works is high quality and cautious approach taken to investigate repairs prior to works. Use of recycled tiles is a sustainable approach. Works safeguard the house from water penetration. Funding rate applied based on invoices supplied.</p> <p>Works were approved in a heritage Minor Works Exemption (section 5.10 of RLEP).</p>	
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Financial Implications

The Heritage Grants Reserve currently has \$451,000. Should the recommended five (5) eligible applications in Round 3 of the Heritage Fund receive funding assistance (\$65,785.90), there would be \$385,214.10 remaining in the Heritage Grants Reserve.

The \$65,785.90 can be transferred from Heritage Grants Reserve to the budget to enable the financial assistance to be provided to the five (5) applicants. This would be undertaken via a Quarterly Budget Adjustment.

Conclusion

Having considered the assessment of the applications to Round 3 of the Local Heritage Assistance it is recommended that Council support and endorse the successful applicants having regard to Table 1 in the report and in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Background

The City of Ryde recognises that regular and proactive maintenance of heritage items and places is not only key to protecting the significance of the item, but also a key intervention in deterioration, stabilising and prolonging the longevity of the item.

The aim of the Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund is to encourage the conservation of items and places of heritage significance in the City of Ryde.

The funding program provides support to owners of listed items of local heritage significance and properties identified as Contributory Items in Heritage Conservation Areas (HCAs) by offering a financial grant to offset costs associated with undertaking repairs, maintenance and conservation works.

Who can apply?

The funding program is available to residential properties which are either items of local heritage significance or identified as 'contributory items' in Heritage Conservation Areas that are listed on Schedule 5 of the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (Ryde LEP 2014)*.

Preference is given to applicants who have not received funding through the Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund within the last 3 years.

How do I know if my property is eligible?

Check that your property is a listed heritage item or situated within a HCA. [See Schedule 5 of the *Ryde LEP 2014*, available at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au].

Council's Heritage Advisor can be contacted for assistance to identify whether your property is considered a contributory item to a HCA.

What is the amount of funding available?

The maximum funding available to successful Applicants for any one application / property is \$15,000.

Application deadline

Apply anytime.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for funding, applicants must demonstrate consistency with the following eligibility criteria:

- All works must involve the conservation or restoration of a residential heritage item, listed on Schedule 5 of the *Ryde LEP 2014* and/or identified as a contributory item in a HCA.
- All works must demonstrate compliance with the provisions of *Ryde LEP 2014*, specifically, clause 5.10 *Heritage Conservation*.
- The works must be undertaken in accordance with a valid development consent (DA) or a Minor Works Heritage Exemption.
- All works must have been completed within the past 12 months and by qualified trades who have demonstrated skills and experience in dealing with heritage fabric.
- All works must be completed and tax invoices submitted with the application (including a copy of any heritage management document).
- All works must be undertaken in accordance with good heritage conservation practices and methodology (refer to the guidelines and publications available from Heritage NSW).
- The Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund can also contribute to the preparation of a heritage management document, including:
 - A Conservation Management Plan (CMP).
 - An Archaeological Management Plan (AMP).
 - A Heritage Impact Statement (HIS).

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What projects / works are eligible for funding?

Projects / works eligible for funding include:

- Repair or reinstatement of original or missing elements, fabric or detailing, e.g. bargeboards, windows, verandahs, roofs, decorative details, fences.
- Repainting by reinstating traditional colour schemes or a colour scheme appropriate to the building.
- Preparation of a heritage management document (i.e. a CMP, AMP or HIS), prepared by a qualified heritage consultant / specialist (in accordance with the relevant NSW Heritage Council guidelines).
- Remedial works to rectify structural defects.
- Repair of an original fence, construction of a new fence to match the original, or the construction of a new fence that is appropriate to the period and style of the heritage item or HCA.
- Landscape works that involve reinstating or repairing original landscape features or layout.
- Preventative maintenance to ensure the longevity of the item, such as repainting, roof / guttering repairs, repointing brickwork, tuckpointing, paint removal, repairs to leadlight windows.

What projects / works are not eligible for funding?

Funding will generally not be provided for the following:

- Construction of a new dwelling, shed, garage or carport.
- Alterations and additions to a heritage item including renovations to kitchens and bathrooms, unless it involves the reconstruction or reinstatement of a missing element that will enhance the significance of the heritage item.
- Demolition works (unless demolition involves the removal of non-original and non-significant fabric which enhances the significance of the heritage item or contributory building to the HCA).
- Routine / cyclical maintenance (e.g. general garden maintenance, gutter cleaning, carpet cleaning).
- Where financial assistance is reasonably available from another source or has previously been provided from this funding program.
- Works that have not been completed.
- Works that have been completed without first obtaining development consent or a Minor Works Exemption (whichever is relevant).
- Works on non-contributory houses within HCAs or within Character Areas.
- Relocation of a heritage item.

Do you require approval?

In most cases, development consent is required for works to a heritage item or a property within a HCA.

Clause 5.10(3) of the *Ryde LEP 2014* provides Council with the ability to issue a 'Minor Works Heritage Exemption' for certain works that involve no more than a minor impact to the heritage item or HCA concerned.

Applicants must demonstrate that the appropriate approval or exemption has first been obtained **prior to undertaking any works**. Unauthorised works will not be eligible for funding.

Council's Heritage Advisor can be contacted to discuss your project and to determine whether development consent is required for the works.

How are applications considered?

Applications will be assessed by Council's Heritage Advisor and the Ryde Heritage Advisory Committee using the following evaluation criteria:

- The eligibility of:
 - The property
 - The project / works
 - The applicant for funding.
- The appropriateness of the project / works to the conservation of the heritage item or contributory item in a HCA.
- The degree in which the project / works enhances the significance of the heritage item or contributory item in a HCA.
- The degree in which the project / works accord with acceptable heritage methodology and practice.
- Projects / works which are highly visible to the public.
- The quality of the project / works.
- The general condition of the heritage item or contributory item in a HCA.
- The completeness of the application and supporting documentation.

Applicants will be notified of Council's decision, which will be final. Successful applicants will receive a cheque for the awarded grant amount. Payments are made pursuant to s356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

How can I apply?

It is recommended that you discuss your project with Council's Heritage Advisor before applying.

Applications can be made by completing the application form available via Council's website.

Council will only accept correctly completed applications supported by all necessary documentation.

Applications can be submitted electronically to Council by email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

What supporting documentation is required?

Applications must be submitted electronically before the closing date and must be accompanied by all supporting documentation, including:

- A completed application form.
- A legible copy of invoices / reports.
- 'Before and after' photographs showing the completed project / works.

Supporting documentation shall be provided in PDF format. Photographs are to be submitted in JPG format. PDF images are not acceptable.

Further information

Further information about the Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund can be obtained by contacting Council's Heritage Advisor on (02) 9952 8321 or email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

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Appendix 1. Local Heritage Assistance Fund, from February 2020 onwards

Local Heritage Assistance Fund - -Round 1 and Round 2. Endorsed applications for funding				
	Residential address	Heritage property	Works	Financial assistance granted
Round 1, February - April 2021 (29 applications received, 13 eligible, 10 funded)				
1	34A Miriam Road, Denistone	Heritage item & Chatham Road HCA	Repairs to slate roof to correct slipped slates	\$1,036
2	30 Miriam Road, Denistone	Listed heritage item & within Chatham Road HCA	Repairs to windows, timber posts, soffits and roof valleys. Repainting to exterior	\$10,000
3	15 Simla Road, Denistone	Contributory item, Chatham Road HCA	Remedial works to internal plaster walls to repair cracks	\$2,000
4	293 Pittwater Road, North Ryde	Heritage item	Repairs to box guttering, external repainting and sash window repairs	\$13,124
5	76 Anthony Road, Denistone	Contributory item, Darvall Estate HCA	Structural remedial works to foundations with chemical injection of damp proof course and stitching of wall cracks	\$5,000
6	69 Marsden Road, West Ryde	Heritage item	Verandah restoration, sandblasting and repainting of iron lace, repainting exterior	\$15,000
7	50 Simla Road, Denistone	Contributory item, Chatham Road HCA	Roof repairs including gutter replacement, repairs to fascia and repainting	\$5,000
8	18 Clive Road, Eastwood	Contributory item, Eastwood House HCA	Localised repointing of brickwork and tuckpointing, repainting of timber	\$9,299
9	64 West Parade, West Ryde	Contributory item, Darvall Estate HCA	Select removal of existing piers & installation of new masonry piers to subfloor area, injection of chemical DPC.	\$4,000
10	8 Oates Avenue, Gladesville	Heritage item	Repairs to leadlight window to front door and re-application of stucco render to complete original design integrity,	\$3,650
	Total			\$68,109
Round 2, November 2021 - March 2022 (12 applications received, 6 eligible, 6 funded)				
1	35 Maxim Street, West Ryde	Contributory item, Maxim Street HCA	Construction of a replacement front and side boundary fence	\$15,000
2	20 Reserve Street, Denistone	Contributory item, Darvall Estate HCA	Repairs to roof tiles, repointing and waterproofing	\$5,000

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3	126 Twin Road, North Ryde	Heritage Item, 'Bensonville'	Repairs / surface rejuvenation to verandah deckin.	\$3,600
4	38 Simla Road, Denistone	Contributory item, Chatham Road HCA	Remedial works to masonry, repointing and tuckpointing	\$12,430
5	62 Wicks Road, North Ryde	Heritage item	Site perimeter drainage works	\$5,000
6	330 Rowe Street, Eastwood	Heritage item, 'Berillee'	Repairs to slate roof, including new sarking and battens	\$15,000
	Total			\$56,030

**5 REZONE LAND AT 2 THISTLE STREET, RYDE FROM SP2
INFRASTRUCTURE (EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT) TO RE1 PUBLIC
RECREATION**

Report prepared by: Senior Strategic Planner
File No.: LEP2022/8/5 - BP23/162

REPORT SUMMARY

The subject site, 2 Thistle Street, Ryde, is the location of the former Meadowbank Public School, which has been relocated to the new Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct, and a child care facility. The intent of the proposal is to ensure the land is used for Public Recreation and to facilitate future delivery of public open space on the land. The proposal also allows the continued provision of child care facilities on the site.

Consideration is being given to retaining the existing school hall for uses supporting the public open space (consistent with RE1 public recreation zoning); this will be subject to the cost of repurposing the building and the relative benefit compared to demolition and provision of a larger open space.

The proposal is to rezone the site from the existing SP2 (Educational Establishment) to RE1 Public Recreation, and include “*centre based child care facility*” as an additional permitted use on Lot 1 DP437180 under the provisions of Clause 2.5, Schedule 1 of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (LEP).

The open space is proposed to be an informal recreation area serving the locality. The change of use is unlikely to produce an intensification of impacts on the surrounding land, though the pattern of impacts will shift, from the school operation profile to a profile consistent with informal community leisure. Impacts are anticipated to be manageable with the future embellishment of the site.

The Planning Assessment contained within this report provides an assessment against relevant elements of the strategic framework and an assessment of the key potential impacts being traffic, parking, site contamination, natural environment including flooding, heritage, and school capacity.

The planning proposal was considered by the Ryde Local Planning Panel at its meeting of 11 May 2023. The Panel has recommended to Council that the planning proposal be submitted for Gateway Determination under 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse planning proposal, attached to this report **(ATTACHMENT 1)**, to rezone the land, being Lot 1 DP120850, Lot 1 DP437180 & Lot 1 DP135062, at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde, from SP2 Infrastructure (Educational Establishment) to RE1 Public Recreation, including a Schedule 1 additional use on Lot 1 DP437180 for a “Centre Based Child Care Centre”, for submission 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 following public exhibition, the planning proposal and any submissions received be reported back to Council to finalise the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1** Planning Proposal - 2 Thistle Street, Ryde
- 2** Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence (Artefact)
- 3** Report on Detailed Site investigation (Contamination) (Douglas Partners, February 2021)
- 4** Civil Concept Design Report (Robert Bird Group, 25 November 2022)
- 5** Existing Survey Plan (3336-DA00_011 A)
- 6** Open Space Assessment (Otium, September 2022)
- 7** Meadowbank Open Space - Traffic and Parking Assessment (Stantec, 3 November 2022)

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History

The NSW Department of Education (the Department) initially discussed the concept of a planning proposal for the site with Council on 16 March 2021. A formal pre-lodgment meeting was held between the Department, their consultants, and Council staff on 29 November 2022. The Council staff advice from that meeting advised that the planning proposal, in addition to the requirements of the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) guidelines, must address the following:

- future ownership of the Site
- school capacity in the locality
- confirmation of existing structure to remain on the Site
- demand for additional open space
- findings of the traffic and parking report
- details of any public consultation.

The submitted planning proposal and accompanying specialist reports (see **ATTACHMENTS 1-7**) have adequately addressed these matters.

Context

The site is known as 2 Thistle Street, Ryde and consists of three allotments, being Lot 1 DP120850, Lot 1 DP437180 and Lot 1 DP135062. (See Figure 1).

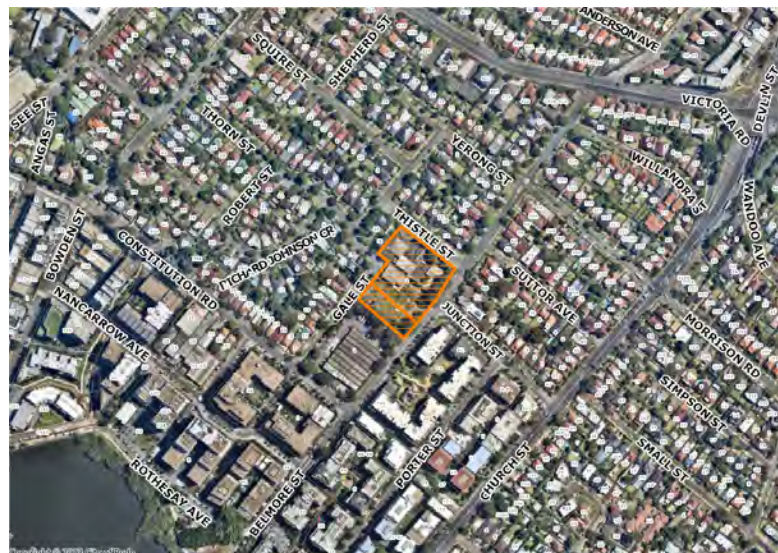


Figure 1. Site and Locality

The Site is irregular in shape and has a combined approximate area of 1 hectare. The Site has a northeastern frontage of approximately 94m to Thistle Street, a southeastern frontage of 113m to Belmore Street and a western frontage of 81m to Gale Street.

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The land falls generally from east (Thistle Street/Belmore Street) to west (Gale Street) with the low point of the land between Belmore and Gale Streets (in the vicinity of the boundary between Lot 1 DP12085 and Lot 1 DP437180) having a low to moderate flooding risk. (See Figure 2)

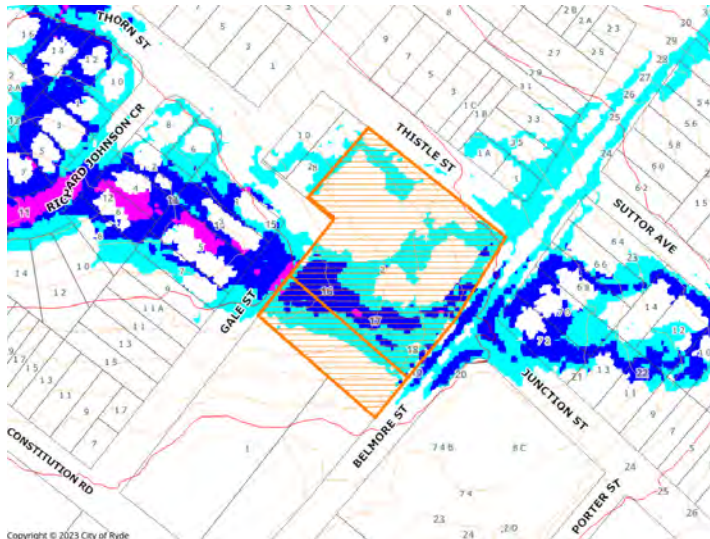


Figure 2. 1m Contours and Flood Risk Precincts

Low Risk (Light Blue), Medium Risk (Dark Blue), High Risk (Red)

The Site was formerly used as the Meadowbank Public School with a range of buildings, including demountable buildings, classrooms, staff facilities, a school hall and outdoor recreational areas. The Site also contains an operating centre based child care facility in the northeast corner of Lot 1 DP 437180.

The site has some vegetation cover around the west, south and eastern property boundaries. The vegetation is classified as 'Urban exotic/native' in Council's mapping and does not have any retention requirements. However, much of this vegetation is capable of retention with the proposed future use of the site as public recreation.

The surrounding land is predominately residential in use with the area to the north and west being zoned R2 Low Density residential and the area to the south/southeast being zoned B4 Mixed Use (See Figure 3). The land immediately adjoining the site to the south is Council owned and is currently used for operations staff and small-medium plant maintenance and storage. There are no building height or floor space ratio planning controls currently applicable to the site; however, it is of modest scale and minimally impacts the site, with surface parking at the boundary buffered by fencing and planting (See Figures 4 and 5).

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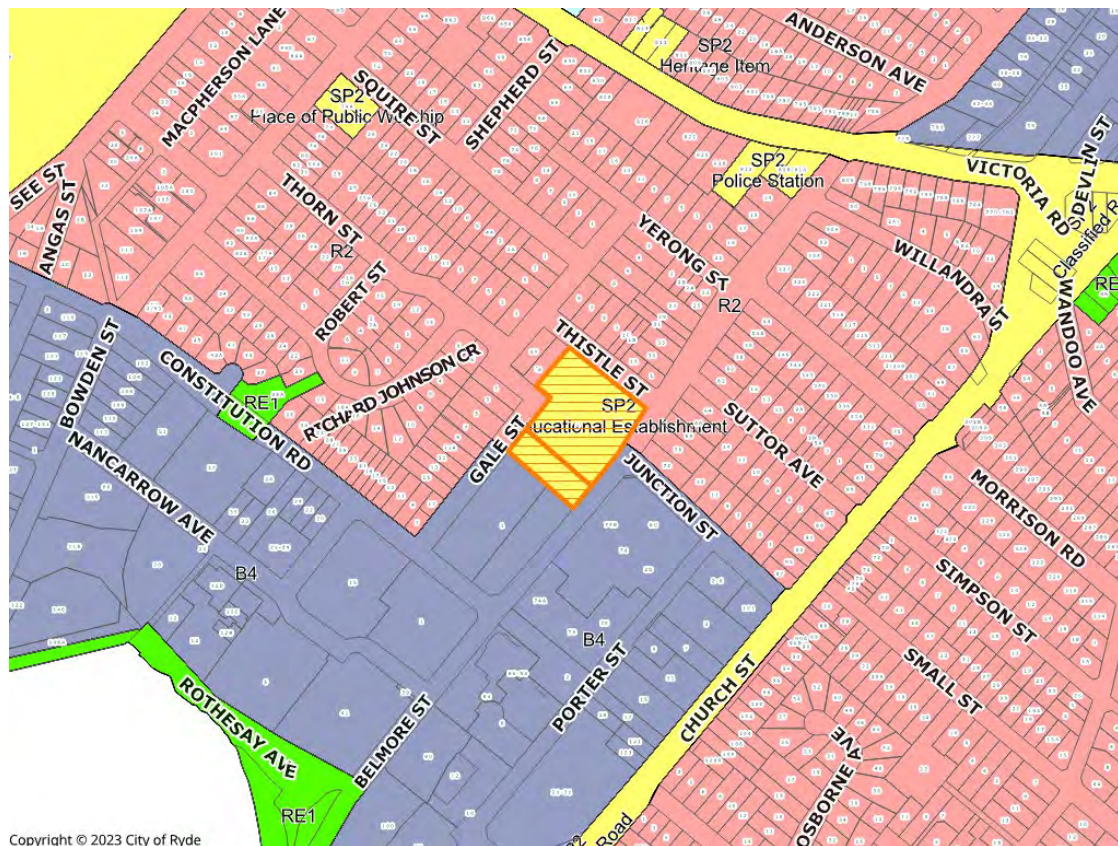


Figure 3. Land Use Zoning

There are two local heritage items listed in the Ryde LEP 2014 that are within proximity of the Site:

- local heritage item 57 'Crowie home', located on 74 and 78 Belmore Street, within 100m of the Site
- local heritage item 330 'House' located at 11 Constitution Road, within 200m on the Site.

However, the planning proposal will not have any impact on these heritage items.



Figure 4. Adjoining Council Building to the south of the site.

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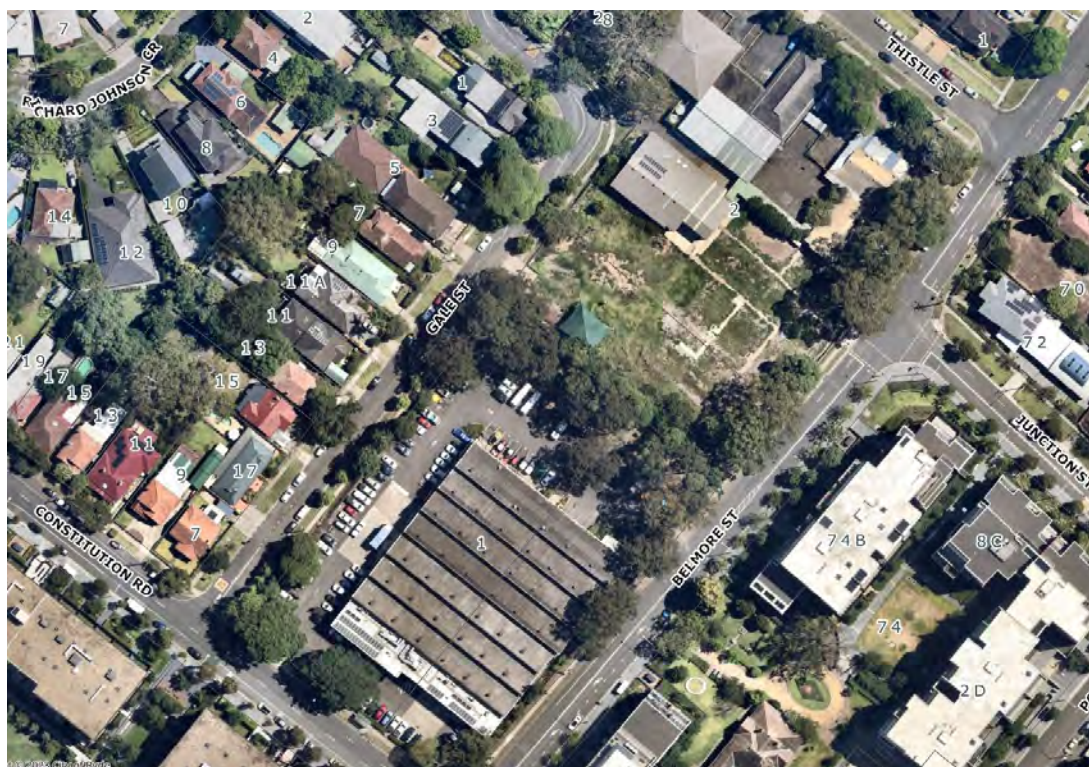


Figure 5. Aerial of Site and adjacent site to the south.

Planning Proposal

The subject site is the location of the former Meadowbank Public School, which has been relocated to the new Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct, and a child care facility. The intent of the proposal is to ensure the land is used for Public Recreation and to facilitate future delivery of public open space on the land. The proposal also allows the continued provision of child care facilities on the site.

Consideration is being given to retaining the existing school hall for uses supporting the public open space (consistent with RE1 public recreation zoning); this will be subject to the cost of repurposing the building and the relative benefit compared to demolition and provision of a larger open space.

The proposal is to rezone the site from the existing SP2 (Educational Establishment) to RE1 Public Recreation, and include “*centre based child care facility*” as an additional permitted use on Lot 1 DP437180 under the provisions of Clause 2.5, Schedule 1 of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (LEP).

The proposed zone change is necessary as the current SP2 Infrastructure (Educational Establishment) zone does not reflect the intended use of the Site as a recreation area. The best means of achieving this outcome is to rezone the Site to RE1 Public Recreation. The objectives of the RE1 Public Recreation zone best reflects the intended use of the Site as public recreation space.

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In terms of the centre-based child care facility, listing the use in Schedule 1 as an additional permitted use would enable the use of the facility on the Site without the consequence of permitting the use more broadly across the RE1 Public Recreation zone. Reliance on existing use rights for the centre-based child centre is not recommended and a Schedule 1 use is preferred as this provides the clearest framework for managing the land into the future. In particular, reliance on existing use rights without listing the use in Schedule 1 would potentially allow other incompatible uses as part of applications utilizing the existing use rights. The permissibility of the centre-based child care facility was also considered under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*. However, it is noted that the SEPP only permits the use within the boundaries of an existing or approved school and as such it cannot be relied on once the site has been rezoned and the schools has been demolished to make way for public recreation space.

Discussion

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act), requires a planning proposal to provide justification and to consider the strategic merit of the proposal against State and Local strategies and Policies. The planning proposal has provided adequate justification for the proposal, as summarized below:

Strategic Merit Issue	Comment
State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Directions	The planning proposal is generally consistent with the relevant State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Planning Directions under Section 9.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. An analysis of compliance with these policies is provided in the attached planning proposal. (Refer to ATTACHMENT 1)
Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities	The planning proposal is generally consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities. In particular, the rezoning will facilitate delivery of a new school on a more suitable alternative site and provision of public open space to assist in meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective 3 – Infrastructure adapts to meet future needs; • Objective 6 – Services and infrastructure meet communities' changing needs; • Objective 7 – Communities are healthy, resilient, and socially connected; and • Objective 31 - Public open space is accessible, protected and enhanced.
North District Plan	The planning proposal is generally consistent with the North District Plan; in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Priority N1 – Planning for a city supported by infrastructure;

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Strategic Merit Issue	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Priority N3 – Providing services and social infrastructure to meet people’s changing needs; • Planning Priority N4 – Fostering healthy, creative, culturally rich, and socially connected communities; and • Planning Priority N20 – Delivering high quality open space.
Ryde Local Strategic Planning Statement	<p>The planning proposal is generally consistent with the Ryde Local Strategic Planning Statement. The proposal will increase the proportion of the population within 400 metres of public open space greater than 1,500sqm, and will increase the amount of public open space in the City of Ryde, both targets identified in the LSPS (ATTACHMENT 6).</p> <p>The proposal is the product of LSPS Priority IN3 – collaborate with relevant stakeholders to achieve appropriate outcomes from existing renewal projects, ensuring delivery of new open space to support the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct and surrounding locality. The site was identified in the LSPS as an opportunity for public recreation space (Figure 21 of LSPS). By increasing access to open space, it will contribute to LSPS priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H5, to provide high levels of residential amenity, and, • OS1, to provide accessible open space to service population needs. <p>There are no identified inconsistencies with targets or priorities of the LSPS.</p>

Planning Assessment

An assessment of the key issues relevant to the planning proposal is provided in the following table.

Site Specific Issues	Assessment
Traffic	<p>Changing the land use from a school to open space will change the traffic patterns in the locality, reducing traffic generation from the site in the weekday peak, and likely generating some limited increase on weekends. As the site is proposed to be used for informal recreation serving the locality it is likely this will be a reduction in traffic movements overall, adequately provided for by the local network (ATTACHMENT 7). It is noted that future uses under the proposed zoning could include small active recreation facilities. The traffic and parking impacts would need to be modeled and assessed as part of any future development application.</p>

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Site Specific Issues	Assessment
Parking	Similar impacts as per traffic above. The proposed zoning can be accommodated by existing parking supply. Any future changes that propose to intensify requirements would be addressed in future development applications if required.
Site contamination	A site contamination assessment has been undertaken by Douglas Partners (ATTACHMENT 3). The assessment indicates that the land is suitable for the proposed future use as open space. Another assessment will be required following demolition of the existing structures on the site to identify any matters arising post-demolition. This requirement can be included as a condition in any future demolition development consent.
Natural environment	Part of the site is subject to low and medium flood risk as shown in Figure 2 of this report. The planning proposal indicates the intention to demolish the structures and regrade the site to make it more suitable for open space use (ATTACHMENTS 3 & 4). Whilst the change of use to open space is likely to result in improvements to the flood affectation (increasing impervious area), this work will require a separate consent. Given the level of affectation and the land uses proposed, flood risk can be addressed as part of future approvals and assessments under the proposed zoning.
Heritage	The site is not affected by any heritage listing and the nearby heritage items are located 100m to 200m from the site. No items of aboriginal heritage were found on the site (ATTACHMENT 2) There is no impact on heritage items.
School capacity	The relocation of the school has been completed and the new school facility approved and delivered as part of a separate approval and assessment process. The former Meadowbank Public School has been relocated and is operating on its new expanded site in the Meadowbank Employment and Education Precinct, which has capacity for the current and projected school needs of the locality. The ownership of the Thistle St site is proposed to be retained by the State Government and the proposed land use promotes the ongoing public use of the land.

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Ryde Local Planning Panel

The planning proposal was submitted for consideration to the Ryde Local Planning Panel (Panel) at its meeting of 11 May 2023, satisfying the Ministerial Direction, dated 27 September 2018, made under s9.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

According to Panel's Advice & Statement of Reasons, the Panel recommended to Council that the planning proposal to rezone land at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde, being Lot 1 DP120850, Lot 1 DP437180 & Lot 1 DP135062, from SP2 Infrastructure (Educational Establishment) to RE1 Public Recreation, including a Schedule 1 additional use on Lot 1 DP437180 for a Centre Based Child Care Centre, be submitted for Gateway Determination under 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The advice was unanimous.

Public Exhibition of Planning Proposal

The Planning Proposal cannot be placed on public exhibition until the proposal has been endorsed by Council and a Gateway determination has been issued by the Department of Planning and Environment (if the Gateway determination is to not proceed then the application is refused).

The Gateway Determination provides for a range of public exhibition timeframes depending on the complexity of the proposal. These maximum periods range from:

Basic – 10 working days
Standard – 20 working days
Complex – 30 working days
Principle LEP – 20 working days

The public exhibition timeframe and referral requirements will be specified in the Gateway determination.

However, given the level of public interest in the site and the change in the profile of impacts that would occur should the proposal proceed, public exhibition will include:

- Written notification to surrounding and potentially impacted residents,
- All submitted information will be available on Council's website for review by stakeholders, and
- Council staff will be available for queries on impacts of and processes for the planning proposal.

The above exhibition activities are intended to make the proposal readily available to all interested stakeholders and will be delivered above and beyond the standard minimum requirements of the Gateway Determination requirements.

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Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

Local Plan-Making Authority

The Local Plan-Making Authority in respect of a Planning Proposal is the party delegated to make or reject the proposed amendments to the LEP following the public exhibition and consideration of the submissions.

The Gateway Determination needs to provide Council with the delegation to act as the Local Plan-Making authority, otherwise the State Government will retain the authority to make the decision as to whether or not to proceed following the public exhibition.

When submitting a Planning Proposal, councils are required to identify whether they wish to be authorised to be the Local Plan-Making Authority for the proposal. If Council does not want to be the authority, or the State declines to delegate authority to Council, the Minister for Planning (usually via a delegate at the Department of Planning and Environment) undertakes the role.

It is recommended, that Council request to be the Local Plan Making Authority in this instance.

Options

Option 1 (recommended) – That Council forward the Planning Proposal (as attached) to the Department of Planning and Environment seeking a Gateway Determination to allow the proposal to proceed to Public Exhibition.

Option 2 (not recommended) – That Council resolve that the proposed rezoning is not supported. Council would need to specify the concerns; it is noted that the applicant would have the option to seek a rezoning review, which would consider the specified concerns against the relevant legislated assessment considerations.

6 HIRING OF APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES BY COUNCIL

Report prepared by: Manager - People and Culture
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/4

REPORT SUMMARY

In response to Council's resolution of 28 August 2022, this report outlines the current practices of hiring apprentices and trainees at the City of Ryde.

Developing a pipeline of talent for key roles through an active traineeship and work experience program assists not only the City of Ryde but the wider local government sector.

Council currently has eight (8) trainees and one (1) apprentice.

The commitment to local employment opportunities and opportunities for diversity groups continue to be explored by all business units for the benefit of the Council of City of Ryde, the community and also the broader local government sector.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council notes the current program for trainees and apprentices at the City of Ryde.
- (b) That Council continues to look at ways to promote and engage with local business including Macquarie University to explore opportunities to promote the local government sector.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

Developing a pipeline of talent for key roles through an active traineeship and work experience program assists not only the City of Ryde but the wider local government sector.

At its meeting of the 23 August 2022, Council resolved to have report presented that:

- (a) *Identify any existing formal strategies, informal practices, or targets already in place promoting hiring of apprentices and trainees by Council.*
- (b) *If such targets or strategies exist, whether they are currently being met, and if not, reasons why.*
- (c) *Are there any teams/operations within Council that currently has staff with appropriate trade skills able to train an apprentice in that trade?*
- (d) *Are there any teams/operations within Council that are currently outsourced, but if brought in house, would then have staff with appropriate trade skills able to train an apprentice in that trade?*
- (e) *What are the barriers to Council hiring more apprentices/trainees, and how might those barriers be overcome?*
- (f) *If no targets exist, what would be an achievable target for apprentices hired by Council each year.*
- (g) *Does Council impose any KPIs on its trade contractors relating to whether those contractors hire apprentices? Would it be feasible for Council to impose such a KPI? What would a reasonable KPI be?*
- (h) *When requesting tenders from contractors for trade work, does Council ask tenderers to provide any information about whether they hire apprentices? If so, what weight is given to this information? If not, would it be feasible to require this information to be provided by tenderers moving forward.*
- (i) *Identify any state or federal incentives or grants which Council could apply for to offset the costs of hiring apprentices.*

Council currently has an active program facilitating internship, traineeship, and apprenticeship placements across the organisation. The opportunities enable students to gain an overview in areas of career interest, to meet higher education requirements that form part of their degree program, and to gain valuable skills and experience that increase their employability both in the local government sector and broader business community.

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Some of our key strategies target EEO and diversity groups as follows:

- Development and implementation of a Business Administration Traineeship for a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Development and implementation of a Business Administration traineeship for a person with disability.
- Development and implementation of business administration traineeships to provide opportunities for youth and older persons looking to re-enter the workforce.

Whilst not specifically a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) they provide the commitment to building an equitable opportunity for people to commence working in the local government sector, specifically at the City of Ryde. The traineeship programs provide employability skills through on-the-job experience and a nationally subsidised qualification.

The subsidised progress on actioning these commitments is outlined as follows:

- Following the success of the targeted Business Administration Traineeship program for one (1) x person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background and one (1) x person with Disability; in 2019, Council has an ongoing biannual program for these traineeships.
- As a new initiative in 2022, Council embarked on recruiting five (5) civil construction trainees who will complete a Certificate III in Civil Construction over the next two (2) years. This qualification is partially subsidised by Smart and Skilled Funding.
- Another new initiative implemented this year was for two (2) Information Technology trainees who have commenced a two-year traineeship. These trainees have been engaged through a program offered by the Department of Education whereby a significant portion of their wages are paid for whilst they undertake a Certificate IV level qualification in IT or cyber security. This cross-government sector initiative seeks to address skills shortages in the IT profession.

Council also has one Apprentice employed within the Sports Grounds, Parks and Gardens Team (Grounds Keeper).

There are several factors that have to be taken into consideration when looking to provide employment opportunities such as traineeships and apprenticeships. The overarching one is the financial component given that the budget is required to ensure that an adequate workforce is available to deliver on the commitment to the community.

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The other key constraint is the availability of the work and necessary training support to offer the opportunity. Council does employ a range of trades staff within its operational teams; however, consideration needs to be provided to the required amount of allocated work to gainfully employ an apprentice (both in terms of volume and technical capacity to meet the requirements of the qualification of a trade certificate) and the need to convert an existing FTE to a dedicated apprentice role.

To overcome some of the constraints Council's management staff and People & Culture department monitor grant and program funded opportunities to offset the need for Council to provide all the necessary funding to secure an opportunity. An example is the two IT Traineeship opportunities previously outlined in this report.

Professional specialist areas of skill shortage are another area in which Council actively provides opportunities for students. Council currently has three (3) Engineering Assistants undertaking internships, one (1) Student Town Planner and a casual student Surveyor.

Through the ongoing relationship with Macquarie University opportunities are being looked at to engage with research students at low or no cost from the various programs offered that will enable key studies to be completed that will inform the design of Council's work programs.

Council will continue to monitor both State and Federal bodies for funded opportunities to further expand the number of traineeships or apprenticeships that we can offer.

Council does maintain external delivery of some of its work program, the majority being with the Operations department, where there is not a consistent workload to maintain a team or there exists a specialist skill need that is not cost efficient to maintain in-house. Council's current contractor procurement process does not provide for KPIs to be imposed on contractors, and in this regard, it is not recommended for that to be included due to the challenge that it would present in potentially excluding contractors who provide the best value for expenditure of community money. However, Council is aware that a number of our trade contractors do currently employ apprentices.

Conclusion

Council's current employment practices do include the provision for apprenticeships and traineeships, and Council is always looking for opportunities to engage with funded programs to expand those opportunities.

The commitment to local employment opportunities and opportunities for diversity groups continue to be explored by all business units for the benefit of the Council of City of Ryde, the community and also the broader local government sector.

7 RYDE SWIMMING ACADEMY - CSIRO SPORTS FACILITY AT NORTH RYDE

Report prepared by: Manager - Property Management
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP23/226

REPORT SUMMARY

CSIRO is the landowner of the sporting facility at Newbigin Close (off Julius Avenue), North Ryde, which comprises a pool, gym, and sports court.

The Gym, Pool & Court were together leased to a company - Sydney Sports Management Group (SSMG). The lease to SSMG was due to expire in March 2023. CSIRO was keen to have SSMG continue operating from this site and entered into negotiations, but SSMG withdrew from negotiations

CSIRO was not aware that Ryde Swimming Academy was operating the pool as a sub-tenant of SSMG as CSIRO had no contractual relationship with the Academy. Ryde Swimming Academy was displaced from the site as a result of SSMG closing and relocating to new premises in Chatswood. After SSMG had relocated from the site, Ryde Swimming Academy contacted CSIRO to explore options to enable it to continue with its operations.

CSIRO made an offer to Ryde Swimming Academy to take up a lease for the pool and gym or the pool only, but never received a response to this offer.

Very recent discussions with CSIRO have confirmed that it is currently in early negotiations with a potential tenant. In parallel, should the current negotiations not lead to a successful commercial outcome, then it will again approach the market to identify interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained within this report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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The CSIRO is Australia's national science agency. It operates under a Board and Chief Executive and is constituted by the Science and Industry Research Act, 1949.

Its defined purpose and functions are:

- To carry out scientific research for:
 - Assisting Australian Industry
 - Furthering the interests of the Australian community
 - Contributing to the achievement of Australian national objectives or the performance of the national and international responsibilities of the Commonwealth
- To encourage or facilitate the application or utilisation of the results of such research.

CSIRO had a major presence in North Ryde, developing the Riverview Precinct as the base for several of its different research activities. It has recently embarked upon the consolidation of its Sydney operations (which covered many different locations) and has progressively shifted its focus from its North Ryde facilities. In conjunction with the NSW Government, the CSIRO will relocate to a new, purpose built facility at the new Western Sydney Aerotropolis from 2026. Many of its North Ryde sites have been sold for future re-development by private interests.

CSIRO has retained ownership of some sites in North Ryde, including the sporting facility (comprising a pool, gym and sports court) at Newbigin Close (off Julius Avenue), North Ryde.

The Gym, Pool & Court were together leased to a company - Sydney Sports Management Group (SSMG). The lease to SSMG was due to expire in March, 2023. In order to retain SSMG as operator of the sporting facility, CSIRO offered a new lease to SSMG, but this offer was rejected. CSIRO was keen to have SSMG continue operating from this site and entered into negotiations, but SSMG withdrew from negotiations .

CSIRO was not aware that SSMG was not actually operating the pool itself as required under the lease – CSIRO only discovered that Ryde Swimming Academy was operating the pool as a sub-tenant of SSMG as a result of SSMG closing down and relocating to new premises in Chatswood (which took place around 14 March 2023). After SSMG had relocated from the site, Ryde Swimming Academy contacted CSIRO to explore options to enable it to continue with its operations. SSMG had sub-leased the pool to Ryde Swimming Academy without any knowledge or approval from CSIRO.

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Upon knowledge of Ryde Swimming Academy being present on-site as pool operator, CSIRO made an offer on 21 March 2023 to Ryde Swimming Academy to take up a lease for the pool and gym or the pool only (note that the gym cannot be operationally separated from the pool as they share facilities, including change rooms and toilets).

CSIRO offered commercial terms to Ryde Swimming Academy but never received a response to this offer. CSIRO also offered ongoing engagement with the Academy but has received no response to this offer.

A further offer was made to Ryde Swimming Academy to take up an interim lease over the pool (pending future action to find a new operator for the entire sporting facility) – CSIRO has received no response to this suggestion.

CSIRO's Future Plans

CSIRO remains keen and committed to retaining an operating sporting facility on the site.

CSIRO is looking to find another operator and has initiated a process to seek proposals from the market to obtain a new tenant for the facility.

Very recent discussions with CSIRO have confirmed that it is currently in early negotiations with a potential tenant. In parallel, should the current negotiations not lead to a successful commercial outcome, then it will again approach the market to identify interest.

It will only entertain tenancies for the facility which come through its established process and will not consider informal proposals.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

Consultation with relevant external bodies

Consultation has been undertaken with the CSIRO in Canberra as the owner of these sporting facilities.

Options

As this matter is a purely commercial subject between CSIRO (as landowner) and prospective tenants to operate its sporting facility, then this process will determine the outcome for the facility with positive indications that CSIRO will secure a new operator.

**8 EXCEPTING PROCUREMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 S.55
 REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDERING - BOOKABLE FACILITIES BOOKINGS
 SOFTWARE**

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - IT Applications
File No.: ITS/21/60 - BP23/237

REPORT SUMMARY

City of Ryde has utilised the Facilities Bookings software (Bookable) for the online booking of Council's community facilities such as halls and parks since October 2021.

A subscription for the software was procured following a procurement exemption approved on the basis that no alternative solution in the market met Council's needs.

The contract will expire on 30 June 2023 and an extension will exceed the tender threshold.

This report recommends that Council grant an exception from tender to facilitate extensions of the existing software subscription contract for each of the next three (3) years.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, pursuant to Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and having regard to the information put before it:

- i. Council is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances and that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.
- ii. Council does not invite tenders for the procurement of Facilities Booking Software.
- iii. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer or their representative to enter into extensions of the current contract for the Bookable software for twelve (12) month terms for each of the next three (3) years for a value not exceeding \$210,000 excl. GST and a total contract value not exceeding \$390,000 excl GST.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

City of Ryde utilises the Facilities Bookings software (Bookable) for the community's online booking of Council's community facilities such as halls and parks and Council's management of such bookings. The contract for Bookable was executed in March 2021 and the software has been in use from October 2021. Council is currently trialling the use of the Events Ticketing module of Bookable (already licensed) which will expand Bookable's usage and benefits to an increased community population (event goers) and additional Council departments.

The subscription for the Bookable software was procured following a procurement exemption, approved by the (Acting) Director Customer & Community Service. The exemption was approved on the basis that *"a comprehensive assessment of the market has been undertaken to identify a smart booking system for Council's community halls and meeting rooms. Bookable has been identified as the only system in the market that provides the capability and functionality to address the current needs of City of Ryde and the community hirers"*.

Specifically the Bookable software was the only solution available in the market which uniquely suited Council's needs of a demonstrated seamless interface with Council's financial system (TechnologyOne) for invoicing and payments and demonstrated integration with a keyless access solution (allowing hirers to access facilities via a pin-pad code at the venue rather than a physical key).

In addition to Bookable, two other solutions (EventPro and Priava) were reviewed via market research with both being assessed as not having demonstrated experience:

- Integrating with TechOne (Finance) within local government
- Integrating with SecCloud (keyless access provider) within local government

Since adoption by Council, the Bookable solution has become a leading Facilities Bookings solution within local government customers with 60 councils (34 in NSW) now using it, including both NSROC and neighbouring councils.

The initial term of the current software subscription contract term was 15 months (to align with the end of the 2021/22 financial year). The contract provides for extensions of 12 months each, with one extension to 30 June 2023 having been executed. A further extension of the contract is required to enable Council to continue to use the software beyond June 2023.

The fees paid to date total \$177,625 excl GST, comprising:

- Initial Term \$123,000 (Implementation Services plus 15 months subscription)
- Extension #1 \$54,625

As the contract was executed via procurement exemption, the required extension (Extension #2 totalling \$64,000 ex GST) will mean that the total fees payable under the contract will exceed the tender threshold limit of \$227,000 excl GST.

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Council officers are satisfied that Bookable is meeting its current needs and therefore intend to use the Bookable software for another three (3) years. Council officers also view that changing a software solution after 21 months of operational usage is not warranted, nor is the cost of such change (Implementation Costs of \$64,000 excl. GST were invested for Bookable so similar costs are anticipated for a replacement solution).

This report requests an exception by resolution under Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 based on extenuating circumstances. In summary this is an extension to the contract for an existing fit-for-purpose solution and approval is sought for the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to extend the existing Bookable contract for twelve (12) month terms for each of the next three (3) years in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Financial Implications

Should Council resolve to grant the tender exception, funding will be provided from the existing budget allocation in each financial year.

The extension costs (excl. GST) are as follows:

July 2023 to June 2024	\$64,000	
July 2024 to June 2025	\$69,120	Estimated, assuming 8% annual CPI increase
July 2025 to June 2026	\$74,650	Estimated, assuming 8% annual CPI increase
Total extension costs for 3 years	\$207,770	Estimated, assuming 8% annual CPI increases
Total contract value	\$385,395	Estimated, assuming 8% annual CPI increases

9 EXCEPTING A PROCUREMENT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 S.55 REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDERING

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Procurement
File No.: PCM2019/36 - BP23/256

REPORT SUMMARY

Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd and LCI Consulting services were procured through an Exemption from the Procurement Policy and were engaged by Council to provide consultancy services on the Ryde Central project. The expenditure with both companies will exceed the \$250,000 inc GST tender threshold.

This report recommends that Council grant an exception from procurement from the Local Government Act 1993 S.55 requirements for tendering for continuation of the services provided by Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd and LCI Consulting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, pursuant to Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and having regard to the information put before it:

- i. Council is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances and that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.
- ii. Council does not invite tenders for Consultancy Services related to Ryde Central project.
- iii. Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter into a contract with Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd and LCI Consulting for Consultancy Services related to Ryde Central project on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer for a value not exceeding \$60,000.00 excl. GST.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

At the Council meeting on 24 March 2020 Council resolved to accept the tender from Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd for the construction of Ryde Central. The engagement of Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd and LCI Consulting by Taylor Construction Group was endorsed by Council as part of the tender submission and award.

Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd

After the contract with Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd was terminated, a request for quotation was released under 'competitive tension' by the Ryde Central Project Management Team for electrical, communication, security, and audio-visual engineering. An assessment of Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd proposal and Returnable Schedules had been conducted, resulting in a recommendation to engage Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd.

The services provided by Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd were procured following an Exemption from the Procurement Policy approved by Director City Works. A Letter of Award was issued to Haron Robson Australia Pty Ltd on 18 May 2022.

To date, Haron Robson has been engaged in the delivery of the ECI services from 20 to 50% documentation and a draft S.455 Modification Application. An assessment of their proposal and Returnable Schedules had been conducted, resulting in a recommendation to engage Haron Robson.

Council requires the services of a subject matter expert to provide 'back-to-back' qualification of scope and budget of the ICT fit out requiring in depth knowledge of the base build design and scope to achieve the best outcome for Council's fit out and budget assignment. This is a risk mitigation activity enacted by the consultant in favour of Council.

The fees paid to date total \$188,461.62 ex GST.

Accordingly, to aid with the finalisation of the current design phase (50% documentation) of the Ryde Central project in as efficient a manner as possible, it is recommended that Haron Robson continue to be engaged for the Ryde Central project.

LCI Consulting

After the contract with Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd was terminated a request for quotation was released under 'competitive tension' by the Ryde Central Project Management Team fire (wet and dry), hydraulic, mechanical, and vertical transportation engineering services. An assessment of LCI Consulting proposal and Returnable Schedules had been conducted, resulting in a recommendation to engage LCI Consulting.

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The services provided by LCI Consulting were procured following an Exemption from the Procurement Policy approved by Director City Works. A Letter of Award was issued to LCI Consulting on 18 May 2022.

To date, LCI Consulting has been engaged in the delivery of the ECI services from 20 to 50% documentation and a draft S.455 Modification Application.

The fees paid to date total \$165,478.50 ex GST.

Accordingly, to aid with the finalisation of the current design phase (50% documentation) of the Ryde Central project in as efficient a manner as possible, it is recommended that LCI continue to be engaged for the Ryde Central project.

Financial Implications

Funding will be provided from the existing budget allocation.

INFORMATION REPORT

10 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

Report prepared by: Acting Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/223

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 30 April 2023, 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 3.76%, which is 0.01% below the benchmark figure of 3.77%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$5,500K and as at 30 April 2023, funds of \$5,577K have been earned.

In addition, this report responds to Council Resolution dated 26 April 2023 regarding Divestment of Fossil Fuel aligned institutions from the City of Ryde Investment Portfolio.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Background

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.

The **preservation of capital is the principal objective** of Council's Cash Investment Policy. Investments are to be placed in a manner that safeguards the investment portfolio and risk tolerances are prescribed to ensure the best financial outcome for residents.

Funds are to be invested at the most favorable interest rate available at the time, whilst having due consideration of the following parameters to mitigate risk:

- **Liquidity:** Investment terms should be sufficient to meet cash flow requirements of Council operations.
- **Legislative Compliance:** Council is guided by both the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government Regulations 2021 and to the most current Ministerial Investment Order that has been issued by the NSW Minister for Local Government.
- **Institutional Limitations:** Council is not permitted to invest in Authorised Deposit taking Institutions (ADI) that is an Australian subsidiary of a foreign bank, all ADI's Council invests with must comply to ratios monitored by Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).
- **Overall Portfolio Limits:** In order to diversify risk of Council's Investment Portfolio, maximum limits apply based on Standard & Poor (S&P) credit rating. Council is not permitted to invest in any ADI which is BBB- or less.
- **Term to Maturity:** maximum limits apply to term deposit terms that are between 1 - 3 years and greater than 3 years.

Standard & Poor (S&P) Rating Scale:

AAA	An obligor has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments
AA+	An obligor has very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. It differs from the highest rated obligors only to a small degree
AA	
AA-	
A+	An obligor has strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher rated categories
A	
A-	
BBB+	An obligor has adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity for the obligor to meet its financial commitments
BBB	
BBB-	

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Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Institutions from the City of Ryde Investment Portfolio.

The table below, details the Councils mentioned in Council Resolution dated 26 April 2023 and their actual divestment in non-fossil fuel aligned institutions as per their most recent investment reports or available information on their websites:

Council	State	Invested in Fossil Free (%)	Total Portfolio \$	Invested in Fossil Free (\$)
Inner West	NSW	100%	\$222.4m	\$222.4m
Newcastle	NSW	31%	\$407.1m	\$142.0m
Gloucester (Mid Coast)	NSW	44%	\$294.9m	\$129.6m
City Of Ryde	NSW	39%	\$230.9m	\$89.8m
Albury	NSW	36%	\$219.0m	\$78.4m
Randwick	NSW	40%	\$161.2m	\$63.9m
Ballina	NSW	35%	\$109.3m	\$38.3m
Lismore	NSW	30%	\$117.2m	\$33.0m
Byron Shire	NSW	9%	\$76.7m	\$7.0m
Hobart	TAS	100%	\$42.0m	\$42.0m
City of Swan	WA	29%	\$314.5m	\$91.7m
Stirling	WA	35%	\$223.1m	\$77.5m
City of Fremantle	WA	39%	\$48.3m	\$19.0m
City of Vincent	WA	37%	\$45.8m	\$16.8m
Bassendean	WA	65%	\$16.7m	\$10.9m
East Fremantle	WA	48%	\$21.8m	\$10.5m
Ballarat	VIC	62%	\$139.5m	\$80.0m
Wodonga	VIC	55%	\$45.8m	\$20.8m
Melbourne City	VIC	Information not readily available		
Banyule	VIC	Information not readily available		
Macedon Ranges	VIC	Information not readily available		
Moreland	VIC	Information not readily available		
Bass Coast Shire	VIC	Information not readily available		
Goomalling Shire	VIC	Information not readily available		
Armadale	VIC	Information not readily available		
Mt Alexander	VIC	Information not readily available		

*Data for City of Ryde is at 30 April 2023, however data for other Councils is at 28 February 2023 based on available information at the time of writing this report.

This Resolution stated that over 40 Councils have managed to divest 100% of its portfolio in non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. Although it was stated 40 Councils divest in fossil free institutions, only 25 Councils were provided in the Resolution. Of these 25 Councils, only 8 Councils are in New South Wales. The other 17 Councils are in Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania and these are not comparable to NSW Councils as they are governed by their own State Legislation.

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100% Divestment:

City of Hobart was the only Council that have divested 100%. However it is important to note that City of Hobart's total investment portfolio amounts to \$42m which is around 20% the size of City of Ryde's portfolio and are subject to legislation of their own state.

Inner West Council still invests with the major banks, all of which fund fossil fuel projects. Whilst they claim to have divested 100% in non-fossil fuels, this also comprises of Socially Responsible Investments (SRI) which are not necessarily non-fossil fuels. SRI's could include investments in social justice initiatives and merely not investing in controversial industries. The quantum of these SRI investments is 49% of their portfolio, \$109.5M of a total of \$222.0M. Divestments in "Green Bonds" are linked to projects/loans that will purportedly bring positive environmental benefit. However the purchaser of these bonds pays a substantial premium for the "green stamp" which can often be a 10% premium over non-green bonds. These projects/loans go through the same risk assessment within the issuing institution as non-green projects/loans and it can be assumed that these projects would meet the lending criteria of the issuing institution regardless of their "Green" status. As per Inner West Council's Investment Report as at February 2023 that went to Council on 14 March 2023, it would appear they are not investing in accordance with the adopted Council Policy. Breaches of their Council Policy are by credit rating limit, individual institutional limit, and maturity term limit. City of Ryde should not benchmark against Councils who breach Policy.

Determination of Non-Fossil Fuel Aligned institutions:

Council determines the difference between non-fossil fuel and fossil fuel aligned institutions with the use of the publicly available website called "Market Forces." Market Forces is not a contractor that Council has engaged for this information.

Global Financial Crisis:

In 2008 as a result of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), a third of NSW Councils had lost a total of \$300m due to bad investments on the basis of ratings provided by Standard & Poor (S&P) These Councils invested in Collateralised Debt Obligations which aimed to gather income from a collection of mortgage backed securities however once original holders of these debts defaulted, investors in these products made significant losses. City of Ryde was also affected during the GFC and experienced an initial loss of \$6.65m as at 30 June 2008 as per Audited Financial Statements. In response Council resolved at its meeting on 7 October 2008 to create a Financial Security Reserve to protect Council against any future losses as a result of the GFC.

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Whist Council has a preference for non-fossil fuel aligned institutions, these institutions are often rated at the lower end of the (S&P) rating scale and in order to manage risk, Council's Investment Policy places limits on BBB+ (35%) BBB (15%) and Council cannot risk divesting 100% in these institutions as adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity for the obligor to meet its financial commitments. The Investment Policy ensures that the divestment in these categories are restricted to minimise risk and ensure preservation of capital. Council cannot breach its Policy, and any losses of income experienced as a result of poor investment decisions is ultimately Council's responsibility.

Summary:

The City of Ryde currently has \$89.8m invested in non-fossil fuel aligned institutions, although some Councils may have a higher percentage allocated to non-fossil fuel institutions, the amount actually invested due to the size of their portfolio is significantly less than the City of Ryde. It is important to note the adopted Investment Policy of each Council will differ depending on each Councils tolerance for risk.

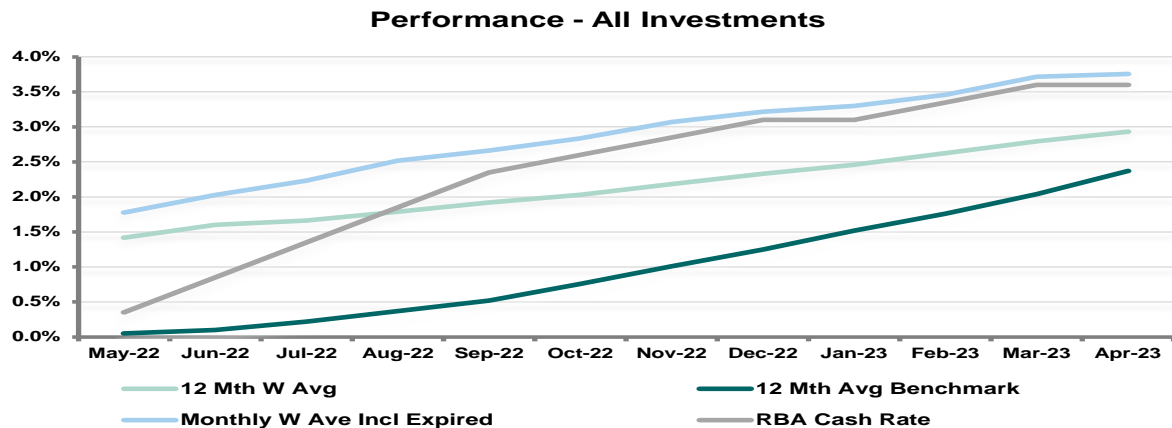
Council is the custodian of ratepayers' money, and therefore preservation of capital and placing investments in a manner to safeguard this money is paramount. Council have a fiduciary responsibility when investing, and Council should exercise care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons. The Investment Policy has been formulated to coincide with both legislative requirements and requirements outlined in the Ministerial Investment Order by the NSW Minister for Local Government.

Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for April 2023 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	Apr	12 Month	FYTD
Council Return	3.76	2.93	3.14
Benchmark	3.77	2.37	2.75
Variance	-0.01	0.56	0.39

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Council's investment portfolio as at 30 April 2023 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$104.29M	45.17%
Floating Rate Notes	\$50.59M	21.91%
Fixed Bonds	\$75.99M	32.91%
Total Investments	\$230.86M	

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 and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions.

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 30 April 2023 was \$456K, which represents the balance of two loans which were established under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). Council receives a 3% interest subsidy payment from the OLG twice a year.

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

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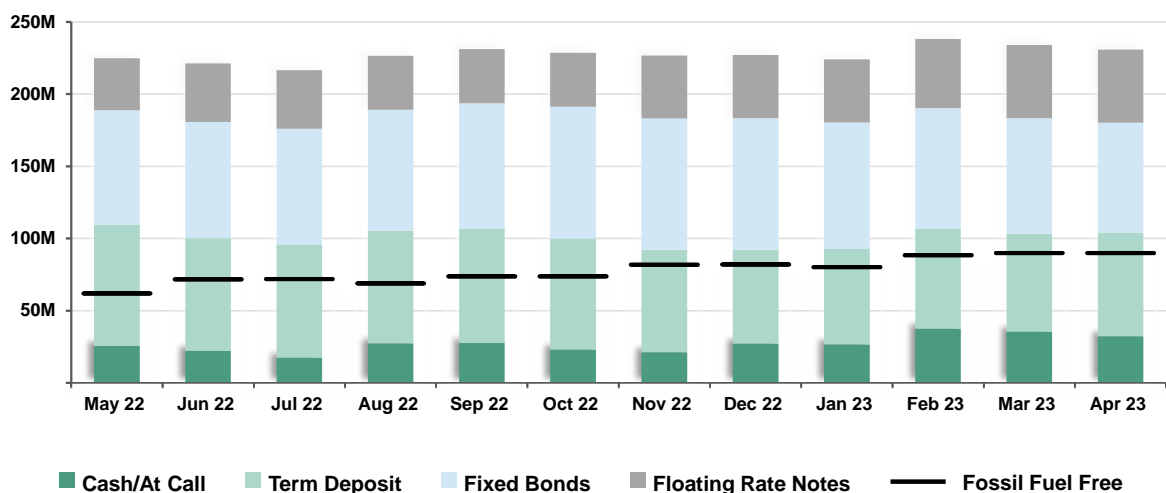
INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 30-Apr-23 \$'000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2022	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	N	1,200	4.64	3.45	3.76	0.52	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	N	2,000	4.63	3.74	3.76	0.87	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	3. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	4.53	4.26	4.26	1.73	11/11/2025	1096
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,967	3.57	3.56	3.56	1.72	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,195	3.93	3.91	3.91	1.38	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	3.14	3.13	3.13	1.30	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.56	1.56	1.56	0.87	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,997	1.67	1.67	1.67	0.87	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,999	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.87	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,991	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.30	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.05	4.04	0.87	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	4.43	3.30	3.61	0.87	9/05/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	4.86	4.86	4.86	0.52	31/03/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	14. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	32,227	3.76	2.60	3.00	13.96		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	15. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,500	3.27	3.27	3.27	1.52	16/08/2023	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	16. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,496	3.23	3.23	3.23	1.51	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,997	4.29	4.23	4.23	1.30	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,875	5.39	5.30	5.30	1.68	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	4.74	4.59	4.59	1.04	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	4.36	4.36	4.36	0.87	1/12/2023	361
National Australia Bank	21. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	2.95	2.96	2.96	1.30	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,493	2.98	2.96	2.96	1.51	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	4,000	4.44	3.26	3.57	1.73	16/05/2023	1826
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	4.69	3.38	3.78	0.87	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	4.52	4.52	1.73	26/10/2023	182
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	1.93	2.13	1.73	26/02/2024	367
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	1.94	2.20	1.73	11/01/2024	365
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.73	18/09/2023	1827
Westpac Banking Corporation	29. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,495	3.30	3.27	3.27	1.08	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	30. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,598	2.76	2.76	2.76	1.13	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	31. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.93	3.78	3.87	1.73	9/08/2023	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	32. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	3.94	3.80	3.88	0.87	18/08/2023	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	33. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.73	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	34. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	3,999	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.73	12/02/2025	1827
Suncorp-Metway	35. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,592	2.58	2.58	2.58	1.56	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	36. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,863	3.60	3.60	3.60	1.67	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	37. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,369	5.49	5.47	5.48	0.59	25/01/2027	1683
Suncorp-Metway	38. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	4.58	3.50	3.87	0.52	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	39. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,566	4.55	3.83	3.89	1.11	25/02/2027	1711
Suncorp-Metway	40. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,200	4.98	4.65	4.65	0.95	14/12/2027	1826
Australian Unity Bank	41. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.14	4.14	4.14	0.87	19/07/2023	398
Australian Unity Bank	42. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.87	1/02/2024	365
Auswide Bank	43. Auswide FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	5.28	5.28	5.28	1.30	17/03/2026	1096
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	44. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.30	3.27	3.40	0.87	8/08/2023	180
Bank of Queensland	45. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	49	1.36	0.95	1.10	0.02		
Bank of Queensland	46. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	3,796	2.15	2.14	2.14	1.64	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	47. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	1,864	4.06	4.05	4.05	0.81	6/05/2026	1496
Bank of Queensland	48. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	729	5.26	5.24	5.24	0.32	27/10/2026	1498
Bank of Queensland	49. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	465	5.23	5.21	5.21	0.20	27/10/2026	1495

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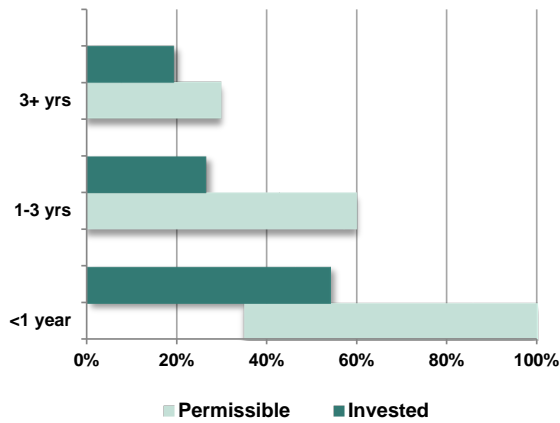
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Bank of Queensland	51. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	3,000	4.54	4.54	4.54	1.30	27/07/2023	150
Bank of Queensland	52. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.87	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	53. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	4.22	3.86	3.93	1.73	23/08/2023	281
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	54. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,745	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.62	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	55. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	993	3.45	3.44	3.44	0.43	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	56. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,520	3.26	3.26	3.27	1.09	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	57. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	4.45	4.45	4.45	1.30	30/01/2024	365
Hume Bank	58. Hume Bank TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.60	4.60	4.60	0.87	1/02/2024	365
Members Banking Group	59. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.84	3.74	3.93	0.87	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	60. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	5.11	5.11	5.11	1.34	24/02/2026	1096
MyState Bank	61. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	4.38	3.10	3.48	0.65	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	62. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.87	11/10/2023	730
MyState Bank	63. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.87	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	64. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	2.60	2.98	0.87	23/11/2023	359
MyState Bank	65. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	2.60	2.98	0.87	1/11/2023	362
Police Financial Services	66. BankVic Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.80	4.17	4.17	0.87	24/03/2024	369
AMP	67. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	11	1.51	0.80	0.87	0.00		
AMP	68. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	3.50	2.81	3.23	0.43	2/08/2023	365
Auswide Bank	69. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.24	1.24	0.87	5/02/2024	720
Beyond Bank	70. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.40	4.40	4.40	0.87	12/05/2023	182
Credit Union Australia	71. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	4.58	3.50	3.87	0.43	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	72. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,200	5.21	5.21	5.21	0.52	9/02/2027	1461
Defence Bank	73. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.87	8/02/2024	730
Defence Bank	74. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.05	4.05	4.05	0.87	5/09/2023	365
G&C Mutual Bank	75. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.02	4.02	4.02	0.87	7/09/2023	365
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	76. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	4.33	2.95	3.30	0.87	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	77. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,239	4.48	3.11	3.44	1.40	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	78. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,700	4.99	3.95	4.25	1.60	10/02/2027	1720
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	79. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	983	5.15	5.04	5.04	0.43	10/02/2027	1482
Police & Nurses Limited	80. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.43	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	81. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.87	31/01/2024	730
Police Bank	82. Police Bank FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.10	4.84	4.84	0.87	21/11/2025	1096
Teachers Mutual Bank	83. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	4.41	3.13	3.51	0.48	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	84. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	4.52	3.19	3.60	0.43	22/03/2024	1096
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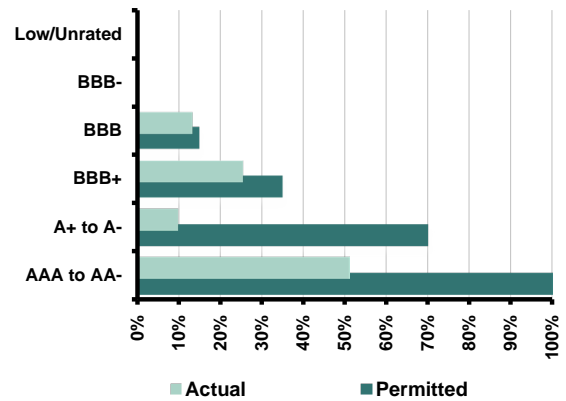


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Policy Limits on Maturities

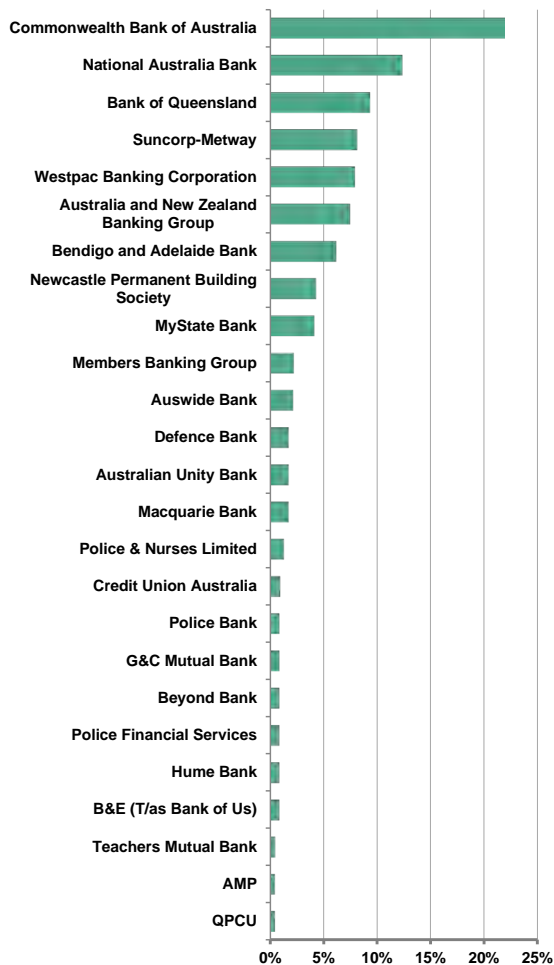


Investment Summary by Rating

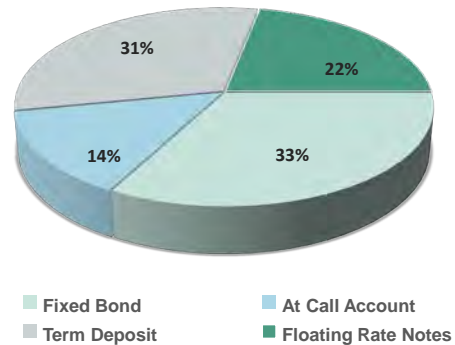


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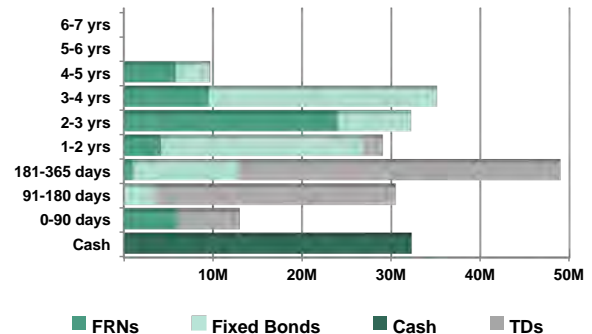
Active Investment by Institution



Summary by Investment Type



Summary by Duration



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	<365 days	>365 days
Cash/TDs	\$102.3M	\$2.0M
FRNs	\$7.0M	\$43.6M
Fixed Bonds	\$15.5M	\$60.5M
	\$124.8M	\$106.1M

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 April 2023, Council had a total amount of \$89.8M invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 38.91% of its total investment portfolio.

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

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 3.76%, which is 0.01% below the benchmark figure of 3.77%. The revised budget for interest income from investments is \$5,500K and as at 30 April 2023 funds of \$5,577K have been earned.

Summary

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well 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 ENVIRONMENTAL SEDIMENT PROBLEM AROUND MORRISON BAY - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/245

BACKGROUND:

That the community has notified me of an emerging environmental sediment problem affecting the marine life and habitat around Morrison Bay.

Residents have advised me that the amount of sludge building up at the mouth of the canal and into the bay is now reaching a critical level. Based on this, Council should consider the following Motion.

MOTION:

- (a) That Council arrange an on-site meeting at low tide to discuss the environmental problem occurring in Morrison Bay with the following parties invited:
 - 1. Federal Member for Bennelong – The Hon. Jerome Laxale MP
 - 2. State Member for Lane Cove – Anthony Roberts MP
 - 3. EPA & Maritime
 - 4. Parramatta River Catchment Group
 - 5. City of Ryde Mayor & Councillors
 - 6. City of Ryde staff
 - 7. Civile Consultancy – Mr Andrew McMillan
 - 8. Macquarie University - Environment Faculty
- (b) That dependent on the outcomes of the on-site meeting, Council request the State Government to undertake a detailed study examining the factors causing this environmental problem and possible options to ameliorate the sediment from polluting Morrison Bay and reaching Sydney Harbour.

2 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/246

MOTION:

- (a) That Council recognises that volunteering can provide significant benefits to the community and encourages social cohesion and community wellbeing.
- (b) That volunteering opportunities are available in many different forms such as giving of time for a charity or local community group, assisting at a fundraising activity or event or even giving blood.
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer investigates the opportunity to provide staff with one (1) day of leave per year to undertake volunteering within the City of Ryde.
- (d) That the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer prepare a media release and encourages the wider community to be involved in local volunteering to benefit the community.

**3 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS ON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
- Councillor Roy Maggio**

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/247

MOTION:

- (a) That Council immediately adopt the meeting practice that all questions by Councillors to be asked at the Council briefing prior to the Council meeting on any agenda item.
- (b) That staff take on board the questions and concerns and reply to them through direct email via the HelpDesk within three (3) days.
- (c) That this practice be trialed for 6 months with a review coming back to Council in February 2024.

4 COST OF LIVING RELIEF - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/239

MOTION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde Council note all Ryde residents are being impacted by the rising cost of living.
- (b) That City of Ryde staff be instructed to provide a report of current savings opportunities offered by the City of Ryde by life stage:-
 - i. Young people and students
 - ii. Singles
 - iii. Families without Dependants
 - iv. Families with Dependants
 - v. Senior Citizens
 - vi. Small Business
- (c) That these saving opportunities easily accessible (clear links, maximum benefit obtainable, application forms and other relevant information to support the application) on the City of Ryde website and through social channels.
- (d) That City of Ryde staff should investigate opportunities for further savings to be offered for each of these life stages in line with FY23/24 financial year budget process.

**5 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR SEE STREET, MEADOWBANK -
Councillor Bernard Purcell**

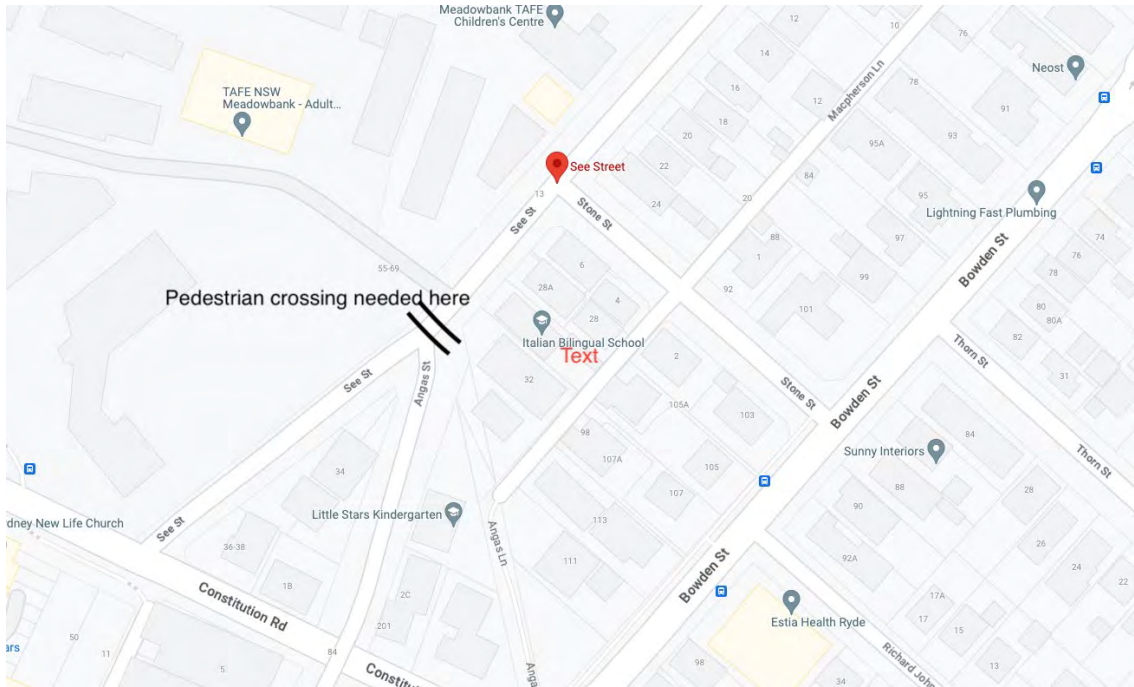
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BACKGROUND:

The corner of See Street and Angus Street, Meadowbank, is a road used by Marsden High School, Meadowbank Public School, TAFE, The Italian Bilingual School, a day care centre and a Scout Hall.

This means high levels of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area for school drop off and pick up as well as other busy times of the day. There is also a large amount of through traffic not associated with these institutions.

As it stands (see images) – parents, and students are not safe while crossing See Street and we must have a formalised pedestrian crossing at the earliest.



Existing pedestrian access on See Street.



See Street, Meadowbank, Friday 5th May 2023 around 0830.

MOTION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde investigate the delivery of a formalised pedestrian crossing at the corner of See and Angas Streets, Meadowbank as a matter of urgency.
- (b) That the City of Ryde make immediate requests to the RMS to fast-track this pedestrian crossing.
- (c) That the City of Ryde investigate the funding sources for this pedestrian crossing.

6 REPORT ON RISKS TO ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, AMENITY AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE SUPPORT SITE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/241

MOTION:

Council notes that:-

1. City of Ryde (CoR) Council values open space, bushland and biodiversity in the local government area and understands the cultural, environmental, public health and economic benefits of protecting the Lane Cove National Park and Lane Cove River.
2. CoR has a zero emissions target and understands that Methane is at least 72 times more potent in terms of its global warming effect than CO2.
3. Transport for NSW (T4NSW) during the last term of government made a modification request to the Department of Planning in regards to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade, requesting to build a Construction Support Site (SSI 8863 Mod 1) at Wicks Road in Macquarie Park on leased land from the CoR (which borders the Lane Cove National Park and Lane Cove River). The Proposed works at the site include: excavation and earthmoving, materials stockpiling of spoil from the Cammeray tunnel dive site, segregating and testing area; establishment of a parking area for 250 vehicles for construction staff who will be bussed to and the tunnel site from Wicks road; a precast concrete construction facility; a truck marshalling area for 24/7 truck drop off; a new access road from Wicks Road; among other associated support buildings and infrastructure.
4. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) supplied advice on the T4NSW Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel modification application request. Noting:
 - Concerns over existing quality of surface water runoff from the CoR Porters Creek Construction Materials Recycling Facility.
 - Concerns with the proposed use of Council land by transport for NSW as a spoil transfer, construction and stockpile site at 1 Wicks Road Macquarie Park regarding: noise; air quality; methane release; contamination of Lane Cove national park, and water flowing to Lane Cove River.
 - 1 Wicks Road is a former landfill site that was licensed under EPL 4533 which was surrendered in July 2004. The surrender was approved subject to ongoing conditions including management monitoring conditions, most of which remain in place and are the responsibility of the CoR.
 - Previous assessments have confirmed subsurface methane is present.

5. Department of Planning and Environment - Biodiversity and Conservation, supplied advice on the T4NSW, Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel modification application request. Noting concern over:
 - Significant impacts on the National Park regarding threatened fauna due to acoustic, vibration impacts, light pollution and the 24-hour nature of the works.
 - Dust and other airborne particulates, erosion and sediment entering the park damaging vegetation.
 - No clear mapping of land use near the Park boundary.
 - Impacts on local traffic due to significant additional truck movements and overuse of the local road network.
 - Risk of stormwater, erosion, runoff to cause downstream impacts.
 - Noise and vibration will impact on park users as the proposal would be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 5 years.
 - Concrete manufacture facilities have potential to cause air quality impacts on fauna and park users.
 - No details regarding the age or size of the Eucalyptus sp. tree that is proposed to be removed for the construction; re-use of the tree or the local native provenance plant species that should replace this tree 2:1 or evidence of consult with local community restoration/rehabilitation groups, Landcare groups, surrounding reserve managers (NPWS) and Council who's responses must be documented.
6. Complaints have been made by customers visiting a business at 150 Wicks Road, North Ryde regarding odourous, dark coloured water seepage from the ground and that this land sits on a hill beside Porters Creek, a tributary of the Lane Cove River.
 - (a) That staff bring back a report on the management of the former landfill site 1 Wicks Road Macquarie Park and the Transport for NSW (T4NSW) proposal to lease the land from City of Ryde (CoR) and build a transfer station there, outlining:
 - i. The 'management monitoring' conditions that were set out by the EPA when CoR surrendered the landfill site licence in 2004 and a record of maintenance that proves council has consistently met the EPA conditions since then - including any infrastructure failures.
 - ii. Detail of the strategy used to monitor and mitigate methane leakage at 1 Wicks Road and a description of what is done when methane is detected.

- iii. What level - if any - that CoR City works (and the EPA) consider an acceptable level of methane seepage from any former land fill site.
 - iv. Details of former correspondence from the EPA, in regards to the quality of surface water runoff from 1 Wicks Road and what was done in response by staff to mitigate pollutant runoff and how this is monitored.
 - v. Details on the proposed operation that have been shared with Council dates and environmental protections included in the proposed (or current) lease agreement between CoR and T4NSW (or the developer) proposing the spoil transfer station.
 - vi. Details of the program of community consultation regarding the development (from T4NSW or developer). Including details of newspaper ads, drop in sessions, identification of streets in the LGA where letter boxing was carried out, social media, direct mail or sites where signage was erected.
 - vii. The size and age of the Eucalyptus sp. tree that is growing on the site and marked to be removed in this proposal; the local native provenance plant species that should replace this tree 2:1 and details of consultation regarding the tree removal with Council.
 - viii. A historical account of the ownership of the land at 150 Wicks Road North Ryde.
 - ix. Detail that may have been shared to Council regarding EPA inspections of subsoil and groundwater at 150 Wicks Road North Ryde and if there is none that staff liaise with the EPA to identify if the groundwater is contaminated and if it is reaching Porters creek or CoR stormwater (perhaps evident during periods of heavy rain).
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer write to transport for NSW requesting:
- i. A copy of the leaflet that was produced by transport for NSW (or the contracted developer) and distributed to select neighbourhoods in early to mid 2022 which was the subject of a News Ltd press report and allegedly gave details of proposed truck size, volume of traffic, times, frequency of movements, the route of truck movements over 24 hours and the period of time they propose to use the support site.
 - ii. If not available then a request for the size and number of trucks that are proposed to be entering and exiting the Wicks Road site; the proposed route the trucks will take to access the site; what hours of the day the trucks will be accessing the site and using roads in the CoR LGA.
 - iii. A workshop/briefing by the developer with Councillors to discuss the environmental impact of the proposal on the health of local residents, waterways, parkland, biodiversity and traffic.

- iv. The applicant's proposed consultation program for our ratepayers, Council staff and Councillors; including results of any consultation already undertaken; with details of newspaper ads, drop in sessions, social media, direct mail or sites where signage was erected and identification of streets in the LGA where the applicant carried out letter boxing.

7 SUPPORTING A CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BUILD AWARENESS OF THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART AND THE REFERENDUM ON THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER VOICE TO PARLIAMENT - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/242

MOTION:

(a) Council notes that:

- i. The Uluru Statement from the Heart was delivered at the First Nations National Constitutional Convention in May 2017 in which more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders from around Australia met to discuss constitutional reform - the statement calls for a constitutionally enshrined "First Nations Voice".
- ii. City of Ryde's local government area (LGA) has 130,953 residents (2021 Census) of which 610 people identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- iii. Ryde LGA has over 62 Aboriginal heritage sites.
- iv. In August 2018 the City of Ryde Council resolved to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which calls for the establishment of a "First Nations Voice" to be enshrined in the Constitution of Australia.
- v. Thirty-eight Mayors from across Australia have signed a declaration to endorse the Uluru Statement, build awareness in the community around the referendum, inform the community about what it means for indigenous people to have a voice to parliament; acknowledging that local government must play an important role in holding civic forums; giving indigenous people a platform to be heard in the debate and that a successful referendum can be a unifying achievement for Australia.

- (b) That the Mayor sign the declaration below, along with the other 38 Mayors stating:

"We the undersigned endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart and support constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a Voice to Parliament.

As local leaders we are committed to building awareness in our communities about the upcoming referendum.

Our citizens should be informed about what constitutional recognition through a Voice to Parliament will mean for Indigenous people and Australian society as a whole.

Local government must play an important role in holding civic forums, promoting dialogue, and providing a platform for Indigenous voices to be heard in the debate.

We believe that a successful referendum can be a unifying achievement for Australia.

We are ready to work with all levels of government to educate and inform our communities about why this referendum is such an important moment for our nation."

- (c) That staff prepare a report for the July Ordinary meeting of Council about the costs and logistics for undertaking a program that includes:
- i. Supporting a civic education program to build awareness of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the upcoming Referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. This is to include the aim to train 1000 local citizens to assist in civic education about the referendum within the City of Ryde and in other communities.
 - ii. Seeking the advice and endorsement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and neighbouring councils in the development of the program.
 - iii. Seeking the collaboration of civic society organisations and that have been undertaking similar education already.
 - iv. Making Council's halls and facilities available free of charge for all categories of hirers who run education about the yes campaign.
 - v. On endorsement of the program in July, immediately commencing recruitment of local citizens for the civic education program with an initial allocation of funds for community engagement and outreach needed to get local citizens involved. Funding for this is to be identified in the report.

- vi. Seek to adopt a new protocol for flags raised on Council infrastructure so that the Aboriginal flag flies whenever the Australian flag is flying and takes precedence over the NSW Flag.
- vii. Consult with the City of Ryde reconciliation action plan working group, reconciliation Australia, the Australian Human rights commission, The Office of Local Government, Local Government NSW; The Australian Local Government Association and the department of indigenous studies at Macquarie university, for recommendations on to how to best incorporate the Uluru Statement from the Heart into Council's Community Strategic Plan.

**8 SHRIMPTONS CREEK WILDLIFE CORRIDOR, SANTA ROSA PARK -
Councillor Katie O'Reilly**

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/243

MOTION:

That the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Acknowledge the importance of Shrimpton's Creek and what it offers wildlife as well as community members. That there is interruption of vegetation and wildlife due to sporting activities and off leash dog activity in Santa Rosa Park causing disruption and damage to the flora and fauna along the banks of the creek.
- (b) Implement signage along the path on the South/East side of the creek stating that the pathway is an "on leash" path area. That these signs be located at either end of the path at Bridge Road and Quarry Road, at both side street access paths at Zola Avenue and Neville Street, as well as at the two informal creek crossings.
- (c) Staff to investigate the opportunity to implement interpretive signage at suitable locations on the paths on both sides of the creek for creating an awareness of the small bird habitat corridor and acknowledging the work of the Habitat Network and their efforts in protecting this natural area. The report back to Council to include an appropriate funding source.
- (d) Staff to investigate the opportunity for installation of additional water bubblers within the park with features like a dog bowl to reduce the need for dogs to seek water from the creek. The report back to Council to include an appropriate funding source.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

11 PROPERTY MATTER

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Report prepared by: Executive Officer - City Spaces; Eastwood Central
Commercial Manager

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