

Meeting Date: Tuesday 24 October 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/477

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 September 2023

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/480

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/23, held on 26 September 2023 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Council Meeting - 26 September 2023

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ATTACHMENT 1

Meeting Date: Tuesday 26 September 2023
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Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Deshpande.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 7.51pm and did not return.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, Acting General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Officer – City Economy, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Manager – Circular Economy, Manager – Community Services, Manager – Traffic Services, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Acting Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Media and Communications Coordinator, IT Applications Support Officer and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Senior Minister John Chappell of St John's Anglican Church, North Ryde was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 5 – Support for the Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic Family Violence Committee 2023 "Make a Stand" walk against abuse on 23 November 2023 for the reason that she attends the Ryde Hunters Hill DFVC but does not have an executive position nor is she an office bearer with the committee.

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TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

MAYORAL MINUTE

**MM19/23 FURTHER ATTACKS ON ARTSAKH – CALL FOR ASSISTANCE -
Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

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

That Council:

- (a) Call on the Federal Government and Foreign Minister of Australia to condemn the actions of Azerbaijan.
- (b) Call on the Federal Government to provide humanitarian assistance to the people who have become refugees as a result of the conflict.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM, thanked his fellow Councillors and staff for their support. He then vacated the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, conducted the election of Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Mayor and requested a motion in respect of this Item.

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

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Mayor be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing period up until the next Local Government Election on 14 September 2024 by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

As a result, THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two (2) nominations for Office of Mayor, namely Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Pedersen.

The Chief Executive Officer invited further nominations. There were no further nominations.

THE ELECTION FOR MAYOR was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Yedelian OAM **7 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Pedersen **4 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Informal Votes **1 vote**

As Councillor Maggio abstained from voting

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR YEDELIAN OAM WAS DULY ELECTED MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD.

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM then assumed the Chair of Mayor, as Chairperson of the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM gave a brief acknowledgement following his re-election.

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ATTACHMENT 1

2 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

- (a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period up to 14 September 2024, to coincide with the next Local Government Election.
- (b) That where the Deputy Mayor is to act in the Office of the Mayor, that this is to be done by way of a Council resolution.
- (c) That where there is a Council resolution in accordance with (b) above, the Deputy Mayor will be paid a fee to undertake the responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor on a pro rata basis, deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Deputy Mayor and requested a motion in respect of this Item.

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

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

As a result, THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS.

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The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two (2) nominations for Office of Deputy Mayor, namely Councillor Han and Councillor O'Reilly.

The Chief Executive Officer invited further nominations. There were no further nominations.

THE ELECTION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Han **7 votes**

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson and Li

Councillor O'Reilly **4 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Informal Votes **1 vote**

As Councillor Maggio abstained from voting

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR HAN WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD.

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Purcell advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding rejection of a grant from State Labor Government for the Eastwood Community Centre.

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

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

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Purcell, regarding rejection of grant from State Labor Government for the Eastwood Community Centre, the time being 6.28pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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MATTER OF URGENCY – REJECTION OF GRANT FROM STATE LABOR GOVERNMENT FOR THE EASTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

That the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Ryde:

- (a) Explores avenues to reinstate the State Labor Government's original grant offer of \$400,000 for the planning and design of a community centre on top of the newly built Rowe Street east car park and report back to the October Ordinary Council meeting.
- (b) Prepare a report to the next Council meeting outlining which staff and Councillors were aware of the decision, and what processes and discussions were had about the decision, before the email was sent to Councillor Purcell.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

4 EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson Brown)

- (a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-
 - The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM
 - Councillor Lara-Watson as a formal delegate
 - Councillors Han and Deshpande as alternate delegates
- (b) That Council appoint The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Lara-Watson as delegates and Councillor Han and Councillor Li as alternate delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.
- (c) That Council appoint Councillor Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor O'Reilly as an alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.
- (d) That Council appoint Councillor Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Lara-Watson as an alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

5 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

That Council adopt Item 6, Item 7, Item 8, Item 10, Item 11, Item 15, Item 16, Item 17, Information Report 18, Precis of Correspondence 1, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 6 and Notice of Motion 7 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 22 August 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 9/23, held on 22 August 2023 be confirmed.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 September 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 10/23, held on 12 September 2023 be confirmed.

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8 REFERRAL OF 2022/23 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO EXTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council releases the Draft 2022/23 Financial Statements (Circulated Under Separate Cover) for external audit purposes, pursuant to section 413 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (b) That Council resolve transfer to ELE Reserve of \$101,586 due to year end adjustments.

10 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW – OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

RESOLUTION:

That Council adopt the Ward boundary change set out in this report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR – AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the recent appointment of Dr Sheridan Dudley to the position of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair.
- (b) That on behalf of Council, the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM write to the former independent member and Chair, Mr Stephen Horne to formally thank him for his valued contribution to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

15 TRAFFIC STUDY (KENT ROAD, LANE COVE ROAD AND EPPING ROAD PRECINCT)

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the information contained within Turnbull Engineering's North Ryde Traffic and Parking Study (Revision C, Date 28/8/2023).
- (b) That further investigations (including community consultation) be undertaken to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of the following upgrades recommended in the Traffic and Parking Study specified in part (a):
 - Traffic signals and lane adjustments at the junction of Kent Road and Herring Road.

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- Traffic calming measures such as a speed hump along Paul Street between Epping Road and Lane Cove Road.
- Lane Cove Road/Trevitt Road Intersection - Extend existing "NO STOPPING" restrictions along both sides of Trevitt Road by another 10m.
- Paul Street/ McGregor Street Intersection - Extend existing "NO STOPPING" restrictions along the southern side of Paul Street to the east of McGregor Street by another 10m.
- A new footpath at the following locations:
 - 1) Northern side of Napier Crescent between Lane Cove Road and David Avenue.
 - 2) Southern side of Adelphi Road between Herring Road and ELS Hall Park.
- A new shared (pedestrian/cyclist path) along the eastern side of Whiteside Street between Epping Road and Parklands Road.

16 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 2023

RESOLUTION:

(A) TWIN ROAD, NORTH RYDE - CHANGING GIVE WAY TO STOP CONTROL

The following measures be installed at the intersection of Twin Road and Goulding Road, North Ryde:

- a) The existing "GIVE WAY" priority control be replaced with "STOP" priority control for eastbound and southbound vehicles on Twin Road at its intersection with Goulding Road, North Ryde.

(B) VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD - AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The following changes be made on Vimiera Road, Marsfield:

- a) Approval in principle for the upgrade of the existing pedestrian refuge on Vimiera Road adjacent to Vimiera Retirement Village to an at-grade pedestrian crossing.
- b) That Council proceeds with the detailed design in accordance with the TfNSW Technical Directions/ relevant standards and further community consultation, subject to availability of funds.

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(C) FONTENOY ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - KEEP CLEAR PAVEMENT MARKINGS

The following changes be made on Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park:

- a) "KEEP CLEAR" pavement markings be installed on the eastbound carriageway on Fontenoy Road where it intersects with Tuckwell Park carpark, Macquarie Park.

It is acknowledged that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) objected to this recommendation. Should Council endorse this recommendation, TfNSW and the NSW Police must be notified immediately. Council must then refrain from taking any action for 14 days so that TfNSW or NSW Police is given an opportunity to appeal to the Chairperson, Regional Traffic Committee should they wish to do so. In the case of an appeal, the decision of the Chairperson, Regional Traffic Committee is binding. This process is a statute requirement in accordance with the "*Delegations to Council for the Regulation of Traffic*" policy.

(D) MORRISON ROAD, GLADESVILLE - COMBINED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST CROSSING

The following changes be made on Morrison Road, Gladesville: -

- a) The existing refuge island be converted to a combined at-grade pedestrians and cyclists crossing (subject to availability of funds) on Morrison Road in the immediate vicinity of Tyagarah Road (Bremner Park), Gladesville.
- b) The pedestrian crossing be designed and installed in accordance with the TfNSW Technical Directions and other relevant standards.

(E) REGIONAL BICYCLE ROUTE (RR04) – CYCLEWAY DESIGN

The following cycleway project be designed and constructed (subject to availability of funds):

- a) The Cycleway Regional Route (RR04) and Cycleway Orbital be approved in principle.
- b) The proposed RR04 and Orbital be designed as per Australian Standards and Transport for NSW Cycleway Design Toolbox.

(F) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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

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17 REVIEW OF LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That future decisions on the sponsorship of business awards, managed by third parties, require a resolution of Council and a report from Council staff.
- (b) That Council staff work with local Chambers of Commerce to develop tools and create opportunities for local businesses to enhance their capability to apply for awards and grants.
- (c) That Council staff prepare a business case on the delivery of its own business awards program, and that staff report back to Council in the first calendar quarter of 2024 to inform planning for the 2024-25 Operational Plan.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 RECYCLING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR LOCAL SHOPFRONT – Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigate the introduction of a recycling awareness and education campaign for local shopfront businesses to reduce the volume of recyclable commercial waste being directed to landfill.
- (b) That a report be presented back to Council outlining the findings of the investigation listed in part (a).

3 SUPPORT FOR THE NEW VINNIES VAN WITHIN RYDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigate the opportunity for the City of Ryde Council to financially support the New Vinnies Van within the Ryde Local Government Area yearly to ensure it operates five nights a week and two-day time services.

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- (b) That a meeting take place within 14 days with Council staff, Josie Charbel, Manager of Vinnies Vans, Volunteers and Regional Operations Metropolitan, St Vincent de Paul Society (NSW) and Father Greg from St Charles Parish to discuss the situation opportunities to support Vinnies Van Services within the Ryde Local Government Area, furthermore, to humanise the lives of people within our community.
- (c) That a report be presented back to Council at the November meeting outlining the finding of the investigation listed in part (a) including all possible options to provide financial assistance.

4 ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS PARKING OF TRAILERS, BOATS AND CARAVANS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigates undertaking a comprehensive and targeted education campaign to tackle illegal parking of trailers, caravans and boats on streets across the City of Ryde, with information to be made available on a prominent page in the City of Ryde newsletter, local media, social media and on the Council website.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council by December 2023 outlining the findings of the investigation listed in part (a) above including the extent of complaints of trailers, caravans and boats and possible solutions.

5 SUPPORT FOR THE RYDE HUNTERS HILL DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE COMMITTEE 2023 ‘MAKE A STAND’ WALK AGAINST ABUSE ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023 – Councill Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she attends the Ryde Hunters Hill DFVC but does not have an executive position nor is she an office bearer with the committee.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note:
 - i. In 2019 Council resolved to partner with the Ryde Police Area Command, the Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic and Family Violence Committee (RHHDFVC) and other community stakeholders to hold a walk against abuse.

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- ii. The event was not held in the years following the inaugural 2019 event, due to health restrictions.
 - iii. The walk is being run again in 2023 by the RHHDFVC as part of a wider outreach campaign that includes printing of information on coasters and takeaway alcohol bags through collaboration with Police and the local Liquor Accord.
 - iv. The walk provides an opportunity for Macquarie Park business and the wider community to come together during the 16 days of activism against gender violence and white ribbon day to discuss a ubiquitous and important social issue, providing information on local services and information for corporates.
- (b) That Council offer support to the Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic and Family Violence Committee's 2023 'Make a Stand' against abuse walk on 23 November at Macquarie Park by posting the event details on City of Ryde social media networks/website/on rate notices and waiving the fees for the use of Elouera Reserve as a BBQ site for the end of the walk.

**6 EXTENSION OF LIBRARY OPENING TIMES FOR STUDENTS –
Councillor Penny Pedersen**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note:
- i. At the last Census 19,683 resident in the City of Ryde were enrolled as students at schools, TAFE, College and University.
 - ii. Approximately 45% of Ryde's dwellings are flats/apartments.
 - iii. That should students confront difficulty studying due to unstable internet or crowded conditions in small dwellings, they may seek reliable technology and quiet space at public libraries.
 - iv. City of Ryde library service closes at:
 - 5pm Friday and Saturday and open for 3 hours on Sunday at Top Ryde.
 - 5pm on Friday and 2pm on Saturday and is closed on Sundays at Eastwood and North Ryde.
 - 5pm Friday and 2pm Saturday and is closed Sunday and Monday at Gladesville.
 - 5pm Friday and Saturday and is open from 12-4pm on Sunday at West Ryde.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council exploring:
- i. An extension of operating hours for Ryde library on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday during the day, to allow students more study time.

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- ii. A trial extension for Friday/Saturday nights and extended Sunday hours at one or more libraries.

7 BOOK/LIBRARY SERVICES FOR LACHLAN'S LINE AND NORTH RYDE METRO STATION PRECINCT – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) Council notes that Lachlan's Line and other residents in North Ryde Metro precinct are a long way from City of Ryde libraries with West Ryde library being up to 56 minutes by public transport, Eastwood library up to 45 minutes, Top Ryde library up to 46 minutes, Gladesville library up to 57 minutes and North Ryde library up to 30 minutes, with no direct bus routes.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council that explores provision of a library service to the residents of Lachlan's Line and residents of the other buildings at the North Ryde Metro precinct, including the consideration of book lockers similar to those at Gladesville library.

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 22 August 2023

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 September 2023

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

8 REFERRAL OF 2022/23 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO EXTERNAL AUDIT

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

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9 REVIEW OF VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENTS - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

- (a) That Council receive the report and resolve to incorporate future maintenance, renewal, and capital costs related to VPAs in Council's Long Term Financial Plan 2024/25.
- (b) That Council recognise the importance of the City of Ryde's Financial Health, given the modification required to the Long Term Plan City of Ryde staff should continue to brief Councillors when VPA's are presented and on a quarterly basis complete workshops on the quarterly Four Year Delivery and Operational Plan.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

10 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

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

11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

12 TABLING OF A PETITION BY COUNCILLOR PEDERSEN

Note: This Item was withdrawn by Councillor Pedersen.

13 SOFT PLASTICS RECYCLING

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

- (a) That Council continues to deliver comprehensive and efficient waste services that improve accessibility of resource recovery and problem waste disposal.

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- (b) That Council fund a one-year trial with RecycleSmart, allocating a project budget of \$100,000.
- (c) That Council redirects \$45,000.00 of funding from two existing projects towards the RecycleSmart trial to optimise resource recovery outcomes (Waste Wise Ryde - Towards Zero Waste and Community Recycling Drop Off Day).
- (d) That Council allocates a further \$55,000.00 in funding from the Domestic Waste Reserve to fund the remaining RecycleSmart program costs.
- (e) That staff report back to Council prior to trial completion to determine whether the service will continue past the initial 12-month period.
- (f) That Council continues to advocate for industry-led solutions in relation to the reduction and recycling of soft plastics with the vision to eliminate all soft plastic.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14 HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT AND E-WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

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

- (a) That the Chief Executive Officer advocate for an additional EPA funded Chemical Cleanout event.
- (b) That Council do not fund an additional Cleanout event and continues to host the EPA funded Cleanout event annually.
- (c) That Council remind residents and businesses of the ability to drop off chemicals at the Artarmon Waste Management Facility through social media and newsletters, including cost and opening times.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

15 TRAFFIC STUDY (KENT ROAD, LANE COVE ROAD AND EPPING ROAD PRECINCT)

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

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16 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - AUGUST 2023

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

17 REVIEW OF LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS

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

INFORMATION REPORT

18 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 RECYCLING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR LOCAL SHOPFRONT BUSINESSES - Councillor Jordan Lane

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

2 ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKRUN IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Daniel Han

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Brown)

- (a) That Council investigate the establishment of a 'Parkrun' site in the Ryde Local Government Area to foster community cohesion and to promote physical and mental wellbeing.
- (b) That the following be included as part of the investigation:-
 - i. Liaising with Parkrun Australia to gain insights and guidance for identifying and setting up a successful Parkrun site for a weekly community running event.

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- ii. Engaging with the local community through online consultations and feedback sessions to identify a safe and suitable 5km running course within the Ryde Local Government Area.
- (c) That a report be presented back to Council by December 2023 outlining the findings of the investigation listed in parts (a) and (b) including funding required and opportunities for potential sponsorships and partnerships with local businesses.
- (d) That subject to the findings of the investigation including costings and a relevant funding source, that Ryde Parkrun be established by early 2024.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 SUPPORT FOR THE NEW VINNIES VAN WITHIN RYDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

4 ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS PARKING OF TRAILERS, BOATS AND CARAVANS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

5 SUPPORT FOR THE RYDE HUNTERS HILL DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE COMMITTEE 2023 'MAKE A STAND' WALK AGAINST ABUSE ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023 - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

6 EXTENSION OF LIBRARY OPENING TIMES FOR STUDENTS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

7 BOOK / LIBRARY SERVICES FOR LACHLAN'S LINE AND NORTH RYDE METRO STATION PRECINCT - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

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CLOSED SESSION

LEGAL PRIVILEGE: VERBAL LEGAL ADVICE UPDATE – SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS NO. 2019/232774 – OWNERS SP 91016 V UPRIGHT BUILDERS & ANOR WITH RESPECT TO ENCROACHING STAIRS IN PUBLIC ROAD (HAMILTON CRESCENT) ADJACENT TO 41-45 BELMORE STREET, MEADOWBANK

Confidential

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Lara-Watson)

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 7.31pm. The public and media left the Chamber and the webcast.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM adjourned the Council Meeting for a five (5) minutes, the time being 7.32pm. The Council Meeting was adjourned to:

Tuesday, 26 September 2023 to reconvene at 7.37pm.

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Deshpande.

Apologies: Nil.

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Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, Acting General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Officer – City Economy, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Manager – Circular Economy, Manager – Community Services, Manager – Traffic Services, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Acting Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Media and Communications Coordinator, IT Applications Support Officer and Civic Support Officer.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM reconvened the Council Meeting at 7.39pm on Tuesday, 26 September 2023.

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Deshpande.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, Acting General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Officer – City Economy, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Manager – Circular Economy, Manager – Community Services, Manager – Traffic Services, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Acting Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Media and Communications Coordinator, IT Applications Support Officer and Civic Support Officer.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting during closed session, the time being 7.51pm.

LEGAL PRIVILEGE: VERBAL LEGAL ADVICE UPDATE

General Counsel provided Council with a verbal legal advice update as to Supreme Court proceedings No. 2019/232774 – Owners SP 91016 v Upright Builders & Anor with respect to encroaching stairs in public road (Hamilton Crescent) adjacent to 41-45 Belmore Street, Meadowbank.

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OPEN SESSION

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

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 7.57pm.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023

Chairperson

**3 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PERIOD
OF 1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023**

Report prepared by: Senior Governance Officer
File No.: CLR/23/17 - BP23/513

REPORT SUMMARY

Under clause 4.21 of the *City of Ryde Code of Conduct – Standards of Conduct*, Councillors and designated persons must lodge a Pecuniary Interest Disclosure with the Chief Executive Officer by 30 September each year.

This report provides a summary of the Pecuniary Interest Disclosures that are required to be lodged for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Register of Pecuniary Interest Disclosures is tabled as required under Clause 4.25 of the *City of Ryde Code of Conduct – Standards of Conduct*.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Greg Johansson
Senior Governance Officer

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 3 (continued)**Discussion**

Clause 4.21 of the *Code of Conduct* requires Councillors and designated persons to lodge an annual Pecuniary Interest Disclosure by 30 September each year.

Clause 4.24 of the *Code of Conduct* requires the Chief Executive Officer to keep a register of Pecuniary Interest Disclosures and to table the Disclosures at the first Council meeting after 30 September.

Council is advised that 12 Councillors, 1 former Councillor, 102 Council staff, 3 independent members of Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee have completed 2022-2023 Pecuniary Interest Disclosures.

The following Council official has not yet submitted an annual Pecuniary Interest Disclosure:

- Environmental Health Officer

Corporate Governance will continue to follow up with the above Council official upon their return from leave and prompt them to submit a Pecuniary Interest Disclosure for FY 2022-2023.

The following Councillors have not yet submitted an annual Pecuniary Interest Disclosure:

- Councillor Charles Song
- Councillor Katie O'Reilly

Corporate Governance will continue to follow up with the above Councillors and prompt them to submit a Pecuniary Interest Disclosure for FY 2022-2023.

Additionally, 17 Ryde Local Planning Panel Members have separately lodged 2022-2023 Pecuniary Interest Disclosures in accordance with the NSW Government's *Code of Conduct for Planning Panel Members*.

The following Panel Members have not yet submitted an annual Pecuniary Interest Disclosure:

- Lindsay Fletcher
- Antonio (Anthony) Panzarino

Corporate Governance will continue to follow up with the above Panel Members and prompt them to submit a Pecuniary Interest Disclosure for FY 2022-2023.

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In accordance with clause 4.25 of the *Code of Conduct*, the 2022-2023 Register of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Returns is tabled.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

4 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES - 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2023

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLR/07/8/9/6 - BP23/490

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, a detailed report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors is required to be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website.

This report covers the period 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 and includes expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and a total for all Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the report and Attachment 1 regarding Councillor expenses and facilities for the period 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Councillor Expenses - 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Report Prepared By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Context

In accordance with the *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy – Better Practice Model Template* released by the Office of Local Government (OLG), Council at its meeting on 22 November 2022 adopted a Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy which includes the following under Part 18:-

18. REPORTING

- (1) *Council will report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors as required in the Act and Regulations.*
- (2) *Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website. These reports will include expenditure summaries by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.*

Discussion

In accordance with Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, a detailed report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors is required to be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website.

This report includes expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.

All expenditure is in accordance with Council's adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy with expenses being reported as provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1** covering the period 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023.

Financial Implications

Expenditure associated with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy is included in Council's budget.

Policy Implications

In accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, Council is complying with the Policy by presenting this report to Council and tabling this information.

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COUNCILLOR EXPENSES 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2023

Total for all Councillors

Account Description	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	\$439.17
Travel outside the LGA	\$234.00
Conferences and Seminars	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,314.00
Communication Expenses	\$11,874.94
Information Technology (IT) Equipment	\$6,453.09
Accommodation	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$270.00

Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors Additional \$2,380 for Mayor	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor Additional \$3,000 for Mayor	\$2,242.93
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$49.00
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$70.00

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$569.50
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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Councillor Trenton Brown

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$41.70
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$462.00
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$2,157.12
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$90.00
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$135.00

Councillor Daniel Han

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$3,500.00
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$1,191.96
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$4,983.14
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Jordan Lane

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$20.00
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$1,632.24
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$484.95
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$352.00
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$120.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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Councillor Justin Li

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$308.31
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$65.00

Councillor Roy Maggio

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$1,396.88
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$58.00
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Katie O'Reilly

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$120.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Penny Pedersen

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$180.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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Councillor Bernard Purcell

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$377.47
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$234.00
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$584.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Charles Song

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$1,372.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$788.00
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Note: Above expenses reflect time of reimbursement noting that Councillor reimbursements can be made up to three (3) months after an expense is incurred in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

5 DRAFT CITY OF RYDE SPONSORSHIP POLICY

Report prepared by: Manager - Business Assurance and Governance
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/571

REPORT SUMMARY

The City of Ryde Sponsorship Policy (the Policy) has recently been reviewed to ensure it provides a framework and guidelines to support productive partnerships between Council and sponsorship alliances. This Policy applies to all financial and in-kind support received by Council from external organisations and individuals.

The Policy outlines how City of Ryde manages sponsorship and sponsorship agreements while minimising the risk of corruption or unacceptable conflicts of interest. The Policy also strengthens accountability and transparency in decision making.

The Policy applies to staff seeking incoming sponsorship for Council, as the recipient of the funding and/or in-kind contributions for the enhancement of existing, or the establishment of new services/activities for the benefit of the community. It does not apply to outgoing sponsorships.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of the revised Sponsorship Policy, as attached, for a period of at least 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be brought to Council if there are any substantiative submissions requiring consideration by Council, otherwise the revised Policy be adopted after the public exhibition period has ended.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Revised Sponsorship Policy - 08.10.23

Report Prepared By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Report Approved By:

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Discussion

Sponsorship must be viewed, as a business relationship between Council and a commercial/corporate organisation, government agency or individual which has been entered into by negotiation for the benefit of both parties. Sponsors may provide Council with financial support or in-kind support for a Council activity or event.

Sponsorship support and the development of partnerships enables Council to deliver a diverse range of events and projects by enhancing the quality deliverable to meet the needs of the City of Ryde community. The community should also see benefits of sponsorship arrangements through enhanced services, activities, and events. Sponsors can benefit through building relationships and gaining exposure.

Council must ensure that all sponsorship arrangements are transparent, comply with Council's Code of Conduct and other relevant policies, and do not limit Council's ability to carry out its functions fully or impartially.

The objective of the Policy is to:

- Promote opportunities for securing sponsorships.
- Assess and manage actual and/or perceived risk of corruption or conflicts of interest.
- Ensure sponsorship opportunities are fairly contested.
- Ensure accountability and transparency in decision making.

The Policy definitions of sponsorship include:

- Sponsorship - A contribution in money or in-kind, generally by the corporate sector or private individuals, in support of a public sector activity.
- Sponsorship Agreement - a "Sponsorship Agreement" is considered to exist where the contribution in cash or in-kind offered to Council exceeds the value of \$1,000 p.a. Sponsorship arrangements are subject to a written agreement based on this Policy including any with a value of less than \$1,000 p.a.

The revised Policy has been strengthened in the following ways:

- Clearer articulation of which Council activities are suitable to be sponsored.
- Clearer articulation of the types of benefits Council will consider offering sponsors.
- Greater clarity relating to what sponsorships are not permitted.
- A clear statement excluding Councillors and members of Council committees being involved in the sponsorship process.
- A requirement for the Policy to be reviewed every 3 years.

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To further support the Policy the Sponsorship Procedure has been revised and enhanced in the following ways:

- Requires an annual sponsorship EOI process to be undertaken.
- Requires reasonable additional information and disclosures from potential sponsors at the beginning of the sponsorship process.
- Strengths the initial screening of potential sponsors to identify perceived or actual conflicts of interest.
- Recognises that some perceived conflicts of interest could be managed with appropriate risk mitigation controls.
- Requires ELT endorsement of potential sponsors above \$50,000p.a. or \$100,000 for multi-year agreements.
- Introduces monitoring of active sponsorship agreements to identify any emerging perceived or actual conflicts of interest.
- Requires regular reporting to ELT of sponsorship agreements that are executed.
- Requires a review of the Sponsorship Procedure every 12 months.

In undertaking the review of the Policy and Procedure the following was considered:

- ICAC Guide - Sponsorship in the Public Sector.
- A range of other Council policies and procedures, in particular City of Sydney and Cumberland City Council.
- Advice from Council's Legal Department.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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Document Version Control

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Owner:	Business Assurance and Governance
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Change History

Version	Review Date	Author	Reason for Change
1.0	17 July 2012	Community Relations	Adopted by Council
1.1	9 April 2021	Communications and Engagement	Updated into new template and amended titles and departments
1.2	xx 2023	Business Assurance and Governance and Community Services	Enhance opportunities for sponsorship and ensure appropriate controls in place.

Sponsorship Policy		
Owner: Business Assurance and Governance	Accountability:	Endorsed:
CM Reference: D12/69022	Last review date: September 2023	Next review date: October 2026

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Sponsorship Policy		
Owner: Business Assurance and Governance	Accountability:	Endorsed:
CM Reference:	Last review date: September 2023	Next review date: April 2022

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Sponsorship Policy

1. Executive Summary

This policy outlines how the City of Ryde manages sponsorship and sponsorship agreements while minimising the risk of corruption or unacceptable conflicts of interest.

2. Scope

This policy applies to staff seeking incoming sponsorship for Council as the recipient of the funding and/or in-kind contributions for the enhancement of existing, or the establishment of new services/activities for the benefit of the community. It does not apply to outgoing sponsorships.

3. Purpose

The objective of this policy is to:

- Promote opportunities for securing sponsorships.
- Assess and manage actual and/or perceived risk of corruption or conflicts of interest.
- Ensure sponsorship opportunities are fairly contested.
- Ensure accountability and transparency in decision making.

4. Definitions

Sponsorship	A contribution in money or kind, generally by the corporate sector or private individuals, in support of a public sector activity.
Sponsorship Agreement	For the purpose of this document, a "Sponsorship Agreement" is considered to exist where the contribution in cash or kind offered to Council exceeds the value of \$1,000 p.a. Sponsorship arrangements are subject to a written agreement based on this policy including any with a value of less than \$1,000 p.a.

5. Criteria for Attracting Sponsors

Any sponsorship arrangement that is offered or sought by the City of Ryde should:

- benefit the City of Ryde and its community;
- not create an actual or perceived conflict of interest; and
- not fetter or interfere with the City's compliance with and/or exercise of its legislative obligations and functions.

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6. Suitable Activities for Sponsorship

The general types of events/activities that the City of Ryde may consider suitable as sponsorship opportunities include activities or events such as:

- public and ticketed events;
- training;
- scholarships;
- awards;
- education;
- industry research;
- publications;
- exhibitions;
- programs; and
- conferences i.e. business forums

7. Benefits for Sponsors

The primary benefit for Sponsors is a competitively-priced strategy for reaching a target audience or to meet corporate social responsibility goals.

Entitlements include, but are not limited to:

- a) licence to use the City of Ryde's intellectual property for the event such as logos, content and imagery;
- b) branding on event marketing communications including print, press, direct marketing, posters and other collateral;
- c) exposure at events through signage, access to floor space for activation and integration into the official event program;
- d) online promotion including banners, splashes and sponsored segments; and
- e) the ability to develop co-branded marketing initiatives.

Entitlements are determined by collaboration and agreement between the City of Ryde and the Sponsor.

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8. Sponsorships not Permitted Under this Policy

- a) The City of Ryde should not undertake sponsorships that:
- (i) require or imply the City of Ryde's endorsement of commercial products, services, companies, political parties or individuals;
 - (ii) limit the City of Ryde's ability to carry out its legislative functions fully and impartially;
 - (iii) personally benefit individual City of Ryde's Councillors, employees, or their friends/family;
 - (iv) pose any actual or perceived conflict with the broader policies and practices of the City of Ryde;
 - (v) pose any actual or perceived conflict between the objectives and values of the City of Ryde and those of the Sponsor; and
 - (vi) provide any actual or perceived interference in Council's operations by a foreign power.
- b) The City of Ryde will not accept sponsorship from entities which derive their principle source of revenue from any of the following activities:
- (i) pornography;
 - (ii) production or the sale of tobacco;
 - (iii) armaments and weapons manufacturing;
 - (iv) sexual services; and
 - (v) any activity that is contrary to law.

The City of Ryde retains the discretion to reject any sponsorship arrangement from any entity for any reason.

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9. Conflicts of Interest

Any sponsorship arrangement the City of Ryde undertakes must not compromise the City of Ryde's reputation, public image, probity or its ability to fulfil its legislative functions. Any sponsorship arrangement should not impose conditions or influence decisions or actions that would limit the City of Ryde's ability to carry out its functions fully and impartially.

There should be no actual or perceived conflict between the objectives and values of the City of Ryde and that of the Sponsor. The City of Ryde will not enter into sponsorship arrangements with a potential Sponsor whose interests, objectives and/or mission are in conflict with those of the City of Ryde.

Where there is an identified perceived conflict of interest with a potential Sponsor, staff will determine if appropriate mitigation measures can be implemented to address the perceived conflict prior to entering any sponsorship agreement in accordance with this policy.

10. Personal Benefits and Councillor Involvement

No Councillor or employee may seek or receive a personal benefit or be perceived to receive a personal benefit from a sponsorship. Any contribution from the Sponsor must be received by the City of Ryde, not directly to an individual, and must be seen to benefit the City of Ryde, not an individual.

Councillors, delegates of Council, and members of Council committees should not be involved in the seeking of sponsorship arrangements or negotiating sponsorship agreements. Councillors, delegates and committee members can suggest potential Sponsors to the CEO for consideration consistent with the Council's Sponsorship Procedure.

Only Council staff with appropriate delegations from the CEO will be involved in sourcing and entering sponsorship agreements.

11. Review Process and Endorsement

- This policy is to be endorsed by the Executive Team and adopted by Council.
- This policy should be reviewed every three years.
- Edits to this policy such as titles, departments or directorate names, updates to legislation or branding updates are considered minor in nature and not required to be formally endorsed.
- Substantial changes to this policy are to be endorsed by the Executive Team and adopted by Council.

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12. Related Documents

The following associated Policies relate to the Sponsorship Policy

ICAC Sponsorship in the Public Sector (May 2006)
The Local Government Act
City of Ryde Code of Conduct
City of Ryde Gifts and Benefits Policy
City of Ryde Conflicts of Interest Policy

13. Associated Procedure

Title	Content Manager Reference
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6 RYDE RESOURCE EFFICIENCY POLICY

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report presents the revised Resource Efficiency Target, as part of the 100% Renewable Energy Target adopted in 2020. In 2022, City of Ryde successfully achieved its 100% Renewable Energy Target, and in the same year adopted a Net Zero Emissions Pathway, committing the city to achieving net zero emissions by 2035 (or sooner) for Council operations, and a Net Zero Emissions target for the Community by 2040 (or sooner).

In achieving the Net Zero Emissions targets and Pathway, Council will need to update the original Resource Efficiency Targets to include priority areas for action identified within the Net Zero Emissions Pathway to reduce emissions. The changes will also seek to move the document identified as 'Targets' to adopt as a standalone Council 'Policy', known as the 'Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy'.

The objectives of the Resource Efficiency Target (Policy) deliver on outcomes of the Ryde Community Strategic Plan (2028) and are as follows:

- Ensure the efficient and responsible use of resources to reduce impacts on the environment and community long term
- Ensure that the Council continues to improve its efficiency and consumption practices through works delivery and asset management.
- Improve asset performance through design in new buildings and the implementation of energy- and water-efficient appliances.
- Reduce long-term costs to the Council for energy and water utilities across assets by setting out minimum efficiency requirements for appliances.
- Reduce emissions from council-owned and operated assets.

The Resource Efficiency Policy builds upon the existing set of adopted Resource Efficiency Council targets (2020). The previous categories under the Resource Efficiency Target, were originally presented in categories "R1-R5". In the new Resource Efficiency Policy (REP), these have been revised to better align with specific areas of improvement and for ease of identification. These areas are now designated as follows:

- 'E' for Energy,
- 'W' for Water,
- 'EE' for Embodied Emissions.

Table 1 provides an overview of the amendments to the Resource Efficiency Policy and its reference to the adopted targets, (Renewable Energy Target RET 2020 and Net Zero Emissions NZE 2022). Explanations and details for each amendment are provided following the table.

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Table 1 Overview of Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy

Ref	Title	Targets	Reference to adopted Targets
Energy			
E1	Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for new buildings	E1.1) 5.5-star NABERS Energy Commitment Agreement (without GreenPower) for new buildings and fit out over >1000 m ²	Replaced former Green Star certification Reference in R1 (RET 2020)
E2	Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for offices and data centres	E2.1) 5-star NABERS (without GreenPower) for leased or owned offices over >1000 m ² E2.2) 4.5-star NABERS (without GreenPower) for leased or owned data centres over >1000 m ²	R1 (RET 2020)
E3	Minimum standards for new electrical appliances and equipment	E3.1) Refrigerant with lower global warming potential in appliances on replacement or failure E3.2) Minimum Energy Star Rating (see Table 3)	E3.1 adopted from R6_O, R7_O (NZE 2022) E3.2 adopted from R2 (RET 2020)
E4	Electrification	E4.1) Installation of PV on suitable Council-owned sites E4.2) No new gas installation and phase out all gas appliances by 2030. E4.3) Installation of heat pumps in buildings requiring domestic hot water.	E4.1 adopted from R3 (RET 2020) E4.2 adopted from E13_O, E12_O (NZE 2022) E4.3 adopted from R5 (RET 2020)
E5	LED lighting	E5.1) All new and replacement lighting owned, or operated by Council is to be LED Lighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public domain. • streetlighting, • Council lit pathways, • sports fields, • amenities in Parks, • Council's buildings 	E2_O, E3_O, E18_O (NZE 2022)
Water			
W1	Minimum NABERS Water ratings for office buildings	W1.1) 4-star NABERS water rating for leased or owned offices over 1000 m ²	Adopted from Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP)
W2	Minimum standards for new water-using appliances	W2.1) Minimum Water Star Ratings (see Table 4)	R4 (RET 2020)

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Embodied Emissions (Emissions from key materials in Civil works)			
EE1	Report on Embodied Emissions	EE1.1) Contractors to report on embodied emissions for the top five nominated materials when submitting a response to an RFP/ RFQ/ RFT, to the contact Council officer (Emissions can be found at Carbon intensity tool: http://epicdatabase.com.au/), See Table 2	P2_O, P5_O, P6_O, R9_O (NZE 2022)

As part of the updated Resource Efficiency Policy (see Table 1), the below targets have been introduced to further enhance Council's commitment to sustainable practices and reduce environmental impacts towards reaching Net Zero Emissions:

E1) Aiming to achieve a 5.5-star NABERS Commitment Agreement (NABERS Agreement to Rate) for new office buildings over 1000 m².

This amendment is in accordance with the NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy and will replace the existing Greenstar target R1 in RET 2020 of "Achieving minimum a 5-star Green Star rating for buildings over 1000 m²." This reference was removed as Greenstar is a certification that is owned by the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA). They have specific rules and permissions for using this certification trademark. It can only be used for projects that have been evaluated and certified by the GBCA.

E1 Target aligns with the new Sustainable Buildings State Environmental Planning Policy (SB SEPP) requirements, commence operation on 1 October 2023, which requires all Prescribed Large Commercial:

- At Development Approval (DA) enter NABERS Agreements to Rate (NABERS Commitment Agreement) of 5.5 Star for Offices
- At Construction Certificate (CC) report on progress and submit Section J report
- After Occupation Certificate (OC), demonstrate 24 months later that:
 - Energy standards achieved through conducting a post-occupancy verification.
 - Offset purchased for any performance gap.
 - Offsets purchased for any on site fossil fuel use.

This target will also aim to ensure Council meets the energy efficiency requirements outlined in Section J of the National Construction Code (NCC 2019) and to tackle the performance gap after occupancy. By aligning with the NCC and SB SEPP requirements, Council will not only improve the overall efficiency of any future assets but will ensure large assets are not exposed to fluctuating and volatile energy price increases as is currently and forecasted to continue. This policy would only apply to Council's proposed Ryde Central building which was previously aligned to deliver this. Council's North Ryde Office is currently rated as NABERS 5 Star for Base Building Energy in operation.

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E4.2) Stopping new gas installation and phasing out all gas appliances by 2030.

The aim of this target is to address fossil fuel impacts (emissions and cost) derived from the use of gas in Council buildings. To date, gas is the second largest utility cost to Council. By promoting electrification and renewable energy use, through phasing out all gas appliances by 2030, this target will also align with global transition from the fossil fuel source, which is an essential step to achieve net zero emissions.

Recent studies conducted at Harvard University [1] and Stanford University [2] and supported by many health entities including in Australia, are increasingly concerned about the health risks associated with gas appliance use, emitting toxic pollutants exceeding car traffic pollution levels. New research at University of Sydney and other Institutes in US and Australia links one in eight childhood asthma cases to gas stove pollution, leading to inhaler use and asthma attacks [3, 4].

Historically, the business case for using natural gas has been supported due to the efficiency and the cost, being the cheapest source of fuel. However, gas market pricing has risen by an average of 260% from 2020 to 2023, with further increases expected under energy market forecasting and pricing projections which are consistently tracking in this direction. This is largely attributed to domestic market regulation and limitations and demand changes for the international market which are not expected to ease as Australia closes coal mines in the transition to renewables and the impact of European domestic gas reserve and demand issues.

The argument for gas cooking as the most efficient and reliable source is also changing, with the hospitality industry leading advocacy efforts and promoting different ways of cooking which is being seen by the Australian movement led by renowned Chef Neil Perry. The transition away from gas onto new technologies is aimed at reducing health impacts to community and delivering long term savings.

ACT and Victoria Government are echoing global sentiments to move away from fossil fuels, having banned gas installations in new homes and phasing out of all gas appliances as they reach their end of life supporting electric. Peak bodies within Australia such as the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) [5, 6] and the Planning Institute Australia (PIA) [7] have recently published guidelines to achieving Net Zero Emissions and to electrify buildings, using a range of renewable and clean technologies in new and existing buildings. These guidelines show all sectors need to take early action to reduce operational emissions through switching from gas.

In addition to national and global movement, the new Net Zero Statement under SB SEPP requirements, commencing operation on 1 October 2023, requires all Prescribed Large Commercial and SSD (Health, education, culture) demonstrate that the development will not use fossil fuels on site. This is largely aimed at addressing gas removal identified by the State Government.

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In terms of Council perspective, this target will apply to the remaining gas utilising assets located at the North Ryde Community Centre (gas-based air conditioning system), West Ryde Community Centre (gas hot water system and gas cooktop), Eastwood Town Hall (with gas oven) and Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (co-generation and gas hot water system). In developing and testing the new targets, Council staff have worked across the organisation consulting stakeholders in preparation of the transition which has been met with support for the new targets and recognition as a necessary step towards the Net Zero targets.

EE1) Reporting on the embodied emissions from the top five materials (concrete, asphalt, timber, glass, and steel) used in civil works projects.

The aim of this target is to proactively track and measure the impact of Council activities through civil works projects towards reducing the environmental impacts associated with construction activities and ensuring Council can report towards its Net Zero Emissions Target.

Embodied emissions are emissions generated during the production and transportation of goods from the extraction of raw materials through to the manufacturing and final delivery to the consumer. They are a significant greenhouse gas emissions contributor in civil works with their emissions legacy remaining in perpetuity for the life of the product. These emissions are largely represented in the built environment and represent up to 40% of emissions from this sector which if not addressed through design, have significant impact to overall emissions in the atmosphere. At a local level, the impact of emissions in this sector will also have potential to impose substantial costs to Council to offset these emissions in 2035 as once built.

This Policy inclusion aligns with the State Government's Circular Economy policies and Accelerating Net Zero Buildings program, supporting sustainably manufactured building components and considering the life cycle of building design. The policy encourages the prioritised use of low carbon recycled substitute materials or remanufactured substitute materials derived from waste streams generated within NSW. The new Embodied Emissions Disclosure under SB SEPP requirements, commences operation on 1 October 2023, requiring all non-residential development to:

- Describe the use of low-emissions construction technologies in the development (e.g., reuse of materials, recycled content)
- Disclose (at DA and update at CC) quantities of key materials used and associated embodied emissions to be certified by quantity surveyors/ builder/ designer/ and NABERS assessor.

This target also aligns with the SSROC 'Pave the Way' recycled materials in civil works contract and program that Council joined in 2021, requiring contractors to provide recycled options for heavy emitting civil products such as concrete, RAP, asphalt etc. and report on emissions from these materials and their quantities.

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The proposed action in the Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy involves providing project contractors with standards specification of key materials, such as concrete, asphalt, steel, timber and glass and requesting them to fill in a schedule when responding to an RFQ/RFT/RFP, using Table 2 (prefilled example). Carbon emissions intensity can be easily found at <http://epicdatabase.com.au>. This requirement is following current industry trends requesting transparency of the supply chain towards emissions reporting and reduction targets.

Table 2 Schedule to report embodied emissions from materials in civil works.

Type of material	Quantity (tonnes)	Carbon emissions (kg CO _{2eq} / kg material) (calculated at: http://epicdatabase.com.au/)	Total carbon emissions (tonnes CO _{2eq})
Concrete with 30% fly ash	10	450	4,500
Normal Concrete	10	630	6,300

E5) Standardising the use of LED lighting in Council projects and upgrades.

This target aims to create a coordinated and holistic approach for implementing efficient lighting standards for the delivery of City's projects and programs aligned with a low to no, emissions outcome and provide clarification for project managers. Currently, decisions on lighting options for asset upgrades or new installation have been left to individual officers without a uniform standard that considers long-term costs and whole of life assessment.

Although more LED lights are being installed due to their competitive pricing compared to traditional halide lights, the overall approach has been disparate, lacking a unified approach. This target will see LED lighting installed in all new and replacement lighting in public domain, streetlighting, Council lit pathways, sports fields, amenities in parks, and Council's buildings and build upon current efforts to date across Council. Consultation with Council staff have not raised issues to date with this implementation as it is recognised that it should provide clarity across delivery with little to no impact for the change.

E3.2 & W2.1) Expanding appliance efficiency ratings for Community asset users in Council facilities.

The new Policy includes a change that expands the appliance efficiency star rating standard (See Table 3 and Table 4) to cover community assets with user leases of five years or more in Council facilities. This was proposed in response to concerns raised by Council stakeholders about the impact of inefficient appliances on utility costs and the risks associated with using inferior products and potential risks such as fire.

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The Policy requires all new electrical equipment purchased by the City of Ryde or by lessors of CoR-owned buildings, canteens, or clubrooms (with a minimum five-year lease arrangement) to have a star rating at least 0.5 stars above the market average or comply with high efficiency standards specified in Table 3 and Table 4 of the policy. The aim is to encourage investment in energy- and water-efficient equipment, reduce the City's energy and water consumption, and achieve long-term cost savings to Council (or the lessor if paid by them). The efficiency standards align with the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards under the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Act 2012 (GEMS), the legislative national framework for appliance and equipment energy efficiency.

Table 3 Minimum energy standards for new electrical appliances and equipment

Appliance Item	Minimum energy requirement
Refrigerators	2.5 stars
Clothes dryers (up to 10 kg)	3 stars
Washing machines	3.5 stars
Dishwashers	4 stars
Pool pumps	7.5 stars
Fridge/freezers	3.5 stars
Freezers	3 stars
Air-to-air heat pumps and air-conditioners	4 stars if less than 4 kW and 3 stars if greater than 4 kW (applies to both heating and cooling for reverse cycle air-conditioners)
Televisions	5 stars (Tier 2 rating).
Computers (i.e., desktops, notebooks and tablets, workstations, small-scale servers, and thin clients), Printers, Photocopiers, DVD players.	Have an ENERGY STAR® label recognising its high efficiency
Refrigerated commercial display cabinets	AS1731.14
Distribution transformers	AS2374.1.2
Electric motors	AS1359.5
External power supplies	AS4665.2.
Air-cooled liquid chilling packages	IPLV of 5.1
Water-cooled liquid chilling packages	IPLV of 9.6
Closed-control air-conditioners	AEER of 3.3

Table 4 Minimum water standards for new water-using appliances

Appliance Item	Minimum water requirement
Showerheads	3.5 stars
Toilets and urinals	4 stars
Washing machines	4.5 stars
Dishwashers	5 stars
Taps and flow controllers	5 stars

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That council adopt the revised 'Target' (formerly Resource Efficiency Target 2020 within the Renewable Energy Target) as a new Council policy, to be known as the "Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy" (2023).
- (b) That Council adopts the updated Resource Efficiency Policy (REP) including all amendments.

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- 1 Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy 2023 - Draft
- 2 Renewable Energy Target COR Report

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Discussion

The policy has been developed to provide support and guidance to asset managers, project planners, and capital works delivery teams. By clearly assigning the responsibilities and promoting collaboration among stakeholders, the policy aims to optimise resource management, reduce emissions, and drive the council's progress towards achieving its Net Zero Emissions target. The policy outlines different responsibilities for the following stakeholders:

Business managers: Will assist to implement the transition towards getting off gas, reporting embodied emissions, and setting minimum standards for buildings' performance into their business cases. In the respect to new projects, it includes ensuring the scoping of projects for business cases utilises the targets for compliance and consideration. It is important to note that this transition is a gradual process rather than an immediate changeover with a focus on supporting staff and encouraging transition through action.

Building managers: In line with the policy's whole-life cycle approach, building managers are tasked with conducting thorough due diligence associated with installations of lighting and appliances by Council and long-term tenants. This includes considering different factors and options to identify the most beneficial outcome for council, in the long run.

City Resilience: This team plays a supportive role by actively seeking grants and funding opportunities that align with the objectives of relevant stakeholders. This assistance can help facilitate the implementation of sustainable practices and initiatives. The City Resilience (CR) team will work with internal stakeholders in educating, informing, and acting as the technical liaison for questions related to implementing the targets, emissions guidance and for developing a reporting template. It is envisaged that CR will host team workshop sessions or attend team meetings to brief staff, run through the targets and respond to queries for this transition. This has already commenced with the Engineering & Project Development Department to be briefed following the adoption of the Policy by Council.

In terms of community engagement to implement this policy, seasonal hirers and long-term leases play a crucial role as there are several risks to consider with inefficient appliances as outlined in Table 5.

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Table 5 Risks assessments associated with inefficient appliance of seasonal hirers or long-term leases.

Risks	Issues	Mitigation strategies
High energy costs	Continuous operation of inefficient appliances throughout the year leads to increased energy consumption, resulting in higher costs for the Council when seasonal hirers or long-term tenants leave.	Include minimum appliance standards in hiring/lease contracts: This ensures that the Resource Efficiency Policy is implemented, and energy-efficient appliances are purchased and utilised, reducing energy consumption and associated costs. This can be led by the City Resilience team working with the Open Spaces and Community Services teams.
Fire hazard	Appliances left unattended and running for extended periods pose a fire risk, potentially endangering the safety of individuals, council asset and sports field infrastructure.	Mandate appliance shutdown: Incorporate a clause in the hiring agreements that explicitly requires user groups to switch off appliances when not in use or at the end of the hiring period. In addition, a sticker/sign can be placed inside the canteens to remind to switch off the appliances at the end of hiring period. This mitigates the fire hazard and promotes responsible energy consumption. This can be supported by the City Resilience team with Properties.
Lack of monitoring	There is currently no coordinated approach to monitor to ensure the appropriate procurement of new appliances and use and maintenance of existing appliances (and encouraging/turning these off in 'off season')	Establish monitoring protocols: Develop a system for regular inspections or monitoring of sports field facilities to ensure compliance with the contractual requirements and to identify any appliances that do not meet the specified standards. This allows for prompt corrective actions and ensures adherence to energy-efficient practices. This should be led by Business Managers of these respective areas to coordinate inspections to reduce risk to Council.

Financial Implications

By adopting this Policy, the City of Ryde can significantly reduce its operational costs by not being exposed to fluctuating and volatile energy price increases as is currently and forecasted to continue.

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The proposed policy changes will come into effect when the current appliances and assets reach the end of their useful life. For new projects, the changes will be incorporated during the planning phase by individual business managers. There is no immediate need to replace existing assets, but the policy will align with the broader objective of achieving net-zero emissions and will be implemented at an appropriate time. Failure to implement these resource efficiency measures will lead to higher energy and water consumption and increased utility costs for future facilities and equipment. Therefore, implementing these measures is crucial for the City's sustainable and cost-effective growth.

History

To enhance energy and water efficiency and promote the use of renewable energy and circular practices, the following areas are considered in Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy for new developments and Council assets:

- **Energy Efficiency:** New developments and Council assets should incorporate energy-efficient designs, technologies, and appliances to minimize energy consumption.
- **Water Conservation:** Implement measures to reduce water demand and enhance water efficiency in buildings through efficient appliances.
- **Renewable Energy Integration:** Incorporate renewable energy sources like solar panels and heat pumps to meet a portion of the energy needs.
- **Circular Economy Principles:** Promote the use of recycled and renewable materials in civil works.
- **Building Standards and Certifications:** Require adherence to recognized energy and environmental certifications, such as NABERS.
- **Electrification:** prohibit new gas installation in buildings and phasing out all gas appliances by 2030

Context

The Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy aligns with various State Government commitments, including the NSW Government's Climate Change Policy Framework, which aims to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. It also aligns with the Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP) and the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy, which encourages local governments to adopt similar strategies. It also aligns with SB SEPP and following internal strategies and targets:

- City of Ryde - Resource Efficiency Target (2020)
- Net Zero Emissions Pathway 2022 – 'Net Zero emissions by 2035 or sooner for Council Operations' adopted Plan and target (November 2021).
- SSROC 'Paving the Way' recycled materials civil works MoU and contract (existing)
- Council annual IP&R reporting for GHG emissions, water and energy reductions reported to community.

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Consultation with relevant stakeholders

To ensure buy-in and collaboration for mentioned sustainable initiatives, City Resilience team involved stakeholders in developing the Resource Efficiency Policy. This step ensured that the updated policy is transparent and inclusive of key stakeholders and considers the needs of the Council. During the 13 June 2023 workshop, all the proposed amendments were presented to attendees representing the key areas where amendments may/ would impact into the future. These areas included the RALC, Building/ Property Management, Parks/ Open Space, Project Delivery, Libraries and Operations. Overall, all consulted stakeholders did not raise any significant issues with the proposed amendments with queries understanding the broader Council objective towards lowering emissions from the business and operations. The key questions were largely operational impacts such as the commencement of the implementation. Specific feedback raised can be found at attached Executive Leadership Team report.

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1. Scope

In 2020, the council adopted a Resource Efficiency Target (RET) as part of its Renewable Energy Target, which was achieved in 2022. The RET was developed based on the NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP) and has:

- continually improved resource efficiency in the areas of energy and water, with significant opportunities for long-term savings across all premises owned and operated by the Council.
- contributed to Council's adopted Net Zero Emissions (NZE) Operational target by 2035 (or sooner), adopted in 2022.
- assisted to reduce the council's utility cost on energy and water.

As part of an updated policy position, new action items from the NZE Pathway have now been introduced, together with a clear framework and direction for Council Business Managers when delivering projects or enhancements to ensure Council will meet its NZE target.

The new action items include Council reporting on embodied emissions from civil works delivery, the transition from natural gas to electric, the use of LED as a standard

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lighting provision for Council and improving efficiency of buildings and appliances in Council owned buildings under license arrangements.

2. Purpose

The aim of the Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy (REP) is to ensure that the City of Ryde demonstrates sustainable leadership reducing greenhouse gas emissions from three main areas: energy, water, and embodied emissions. By responsibly and efficiently using resources over the long term, the council can reduce the economic cost shift and impact caused by fluctuating utility costs, contribute to mitigating the impacts of climate change long term and delivering effective and responsible resource use.

3. Principles / Responsibilities

The policy is designed to support and assist asset managers, project planners, and capital works delivery, and to help the council achieve its adopted Net Zero Emissions target by 2035 (or sooner) for council operations. The policy outlines different requirements within three main areas: Energy, Water, and Embodied Emissions.

Table 1 Overview of Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy

Ref	Title	Targets
Energy		
E1	Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for new buildings	E1.1) 5.5-star NABERS Energy Commitment Agreement (without GreenPower) for new buildings and fit out over 1000 m ²
E2	Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for offices and data centres	E2.1) 5-star NABERS (without GreenPower) for leased or owned offices over 1000 m ² E2.2) 4.5-star NABERS (without GreenPower) for leased or owned data centres over 1000 m ²
E3	Minimum standards for new electrical appliances and equipment	E3.1) Refrigerant with lower global warming potential in appliances on replacement or failure E3.2) Minimum Energy Star Rating
E4	Electrification	E4.1) Installation of solar PV on suitable Council-owned sites E4.2) No new gas installation and phase out all gas appliances by 2030

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		E4.3) Installation of heat pumps in buildings requiring domestic hot water.
E5	LED lighting	E5.1) All new and replacement lighting owned, or operated by Council is to be LED Lighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public domain; • streetlighting, • council lit pathways, • sports fields, • amenities in Parks, • Council's buildings
Water		
W1	Minimum NABERS Water ratings for office buildings	W1.1) 4-star NABERS water rating for leased or owned offices over 1000 m ²
W2	Minimum standards for new water-using appliances	W2.1) Minimum Water Star Rating
Embodied Emissions (Emissions from key materials in Civil works)		
EE1	Report on embodied emissions	EE1.1) Contractors to report on embodied emissions for the top five nominated materials when submitting a response to RFP/ RFQ/ RFT to the contact Council officer (Emissions can be found at Carbon intensity tool: http://epicdatabase.com.au/)

3.1. Energy

The Energy target aims to ensure that all premises owned and operated by the City of Ryde optimise the efficient use of energy in buildings, appliances, and equipment and make use of renewable energy sources such as solar PV systems and heat pumps. Improving energy efficiency and using onsite renewable energy use contribute to improving the overall resilience of these assets long term and will assist to reduce the cost pressures associated with rising energy costs.

E1) Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for new buildings

E1.1.) Any new or refurbished facilities, including office buildings, fit-outs, and other building types over 1000 m², will be required to sign a 5.5-star NABERS Energy Commitment Agreement or NABERS Agreement to Rate (without GreenPower). Once the first official rating is achieved, subsequent ratings are to be obtained before the expiry of the current rating certificates for the Base Building, Tenancy, or Whole Building, as relevant.

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E2) Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for offices and data centres

E2.1.) Any owned or leased office building over 1000 m² will be required to achieve and maintain a minimum 5-star NABERS Energy rating (without GreenPower) for the Base Building, Tenancy, or Whole Building, as relevant.

E2.2.) Any owned or leased data centres over 1000 m² will be required to achieve and maintain a minimum 4.5-star NABERS Energy rating (without GreenPower) for IT equipment, infrastructure, or the whole facility, as relevant.

Table 2 Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for offices and data centres

Type of building	Type of rating	Star rating
New buildings	NABERS Commitment Agreement or NABERS Agreement to Rate	5.5- star NABERS (without GreenPower)
Owned/ leased office buildings	Base/ Tenancy/ Whole building	5-star NABERS (without GreenPower)
Owned/ leased data centre	IT equipment/ infrastructure/whole facility	4.5-star NABERS (without GreenPower)

E3) Minimum standards for new electrical appliances and equipment

E3.1) Upon failure or recharge, replace refrigerants containing R22, R407c with lower global warming potential refrigerants (such as R448A, R32, or R444B etc) (Table 3). This measure aims to reduce the City of Ryde's contribution to global warming by phasing out refrigerants that have high global warming potential and replacing them with alternatives that have lower global warming potential.

Table 3 Refrigerant with lower global warming potential in appliances on replacement or failure

Existing Refrigerant	Replaced by Refrigerant
R22	R448A
R407c	R32, R444B

E3.2) All new electrical equipment purchased by City of Ryde or purchased by lessors of City of Ryde-owned buildings or canteen or clubrooms with a minimum of five years lease arrangement must be at least 0.5 stars above the market average star rating or comply with high efficiency standards specified by this measure, see Table 4. This measure aims to encourage investment in high-efficiency electrical equipment, to reduce the city's energy consumption and provide savings long term. Appliance efficiency ratings have been

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expanded to include long lease tenancies to ensure utility costs and risks to Council assets are reduced long term.

Table 4: Minimum energy standards for new electrical appliances and equipment

Appliance Item	Minimum energy requirement
Refrigerators	2.5 stars
Clothes dryers (up to 10 kg)	3 stars
Washing machines	3.5 stars
Dishwashers	4 stars
Pool pumps	7.5 stars
Fridge/freezers	3.5 stars
Freezers	3 stars
Air-to-air heat pumps and air-conditioners	4 stars if less than 4 kW and 3 stars if greater than 4 kW (applies to both heating and cooling for reverse cycle air-conditioners)
Televisions	5 stars (Tier 2 rating).
Computers (i.e., desktops, notebooks and tablets, workstations, small-scale servers and thin clients), Printers, Photocopiers, DVD players.	Have an ENERGY STAR® label recognising its high efficiency
Refrigerated commercial display cabinets	AS1731.14
Distribution transformers	AS2374.1.2
Electric motors	AS1359.5
External power supplies	AS4665.2.
Air-cooled liquid chilling packages	IPLV of 5.1
Water-cooled liquid chilling packages	IPLV of 9.6
Closed-control air-conditioners	AEER of 3.3

E4) Electrification

E4.1) Incorporate PV into any new or upgraded buildings where:

- o Site is owned or leased for at least the next five years.
- o Sites with at least 50m² of unshaded, preferably northern aspect roof.
- o Sites with average electricity consumption greater than 10,000 kWh per year
- o Return on investment from the installation does not have a payback longer than 7yrs (this to include installation costs)

Where any new buildings are to have subtenants, suitable metering to be installed to enable billing of tenants by the City of Ryde for mains and solar electricity supply (via an embedded network or other model).

E4.2) The City of Ryde will not install any new gas appliances or infrastructure and will work towards phasing out existing gas appliances by 2030. This measure responds to

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the health and environmental concerns associated with gas appliance use and the volatility of and rising costs of gas prices.

E4.3) Incorporate electric boosted heat pump into any new or upgraded buildings requiring domestic hot water.

E5) LED lighting

E5.1.) The LED lighting target provides an adopted standard for lighting from Council works delivery in public domain, streetlighting, council lit pathways, sports fields, amenities facilities in parks, and Council's buildings. This target will ensure:

- efficient lighting design and installation through a consistent approach to provide minimum lighting standards across the city.
- not incur increased energy costs from lighting projects.
- achieving Council's Net Zero Emissions operational target by 2035

3.2. Water

The water target aims to ensure that all premises owned and operated by the Council are equipped with water-efficient fixtures and appliances. Achieving this target will assist the City of Ryde to lead by example in promoting water efficiency and becoming more resilient to future water shortages or restrictions induced by climate change, whilst minimising cost impacts on tenants and the Council in the long term. The following measures have been put in place to achieve this water target:

W1) Minimum NABERS Water ratings for office buildings

W1.1) All leased office buildings (over 1000 m²) will be required to achieve and maintain a minimum 4-star NABERS Water rating for Base Building/Tenancy/Whole Building as relevant.

W2) Minimum standards for new water-using appliances

W2.1) All new water-using appliances purchased by the City of Ryde or purchased by lessors of City of Ryde-owned buildings, canteen, clubrooms with a minimum of five years lease arrangement must be at least 0.5 stars above the average Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) star rating by product type, except for toilets and urinals, which must be purchased at the average WELS star rating. See Table 5 for more details. Appliance efficiency ratings have been expanded to include long lease tenancies to ensure utility costs and risks to Council assets are reduced long term.

Table 5 Minimum standards for new water-using appliances

Appliance	Minimum requirement
showerheads	3.5 stars

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toilets and urinals	4 stars
washing machines	4.5 stars
dishwashers	5 stars
taps and flow controllers	5 stars

3.3. Embodied Emissions

Embodied carbon emissions generated from civil works projects and infrastructure, have been identified as one of the main sources of greenhouse gas emissions contributing to up to 40% of emissions that will remain in perpetuity from the asset and building footprint, if not addressed in the design phase of projects.

EE1) Report on embodied emissions – Capital works/ Construction

EE1.1) The proposed action involves requiring project contractors to prepare a construction emissions schedule for the top five materials supplied for concrete, asphalt, timber, glass, steel at the completion of construction projects or with each invoice submission, (using Table 6).

Embodied emissions from materials can be calculated through the EPIC Database at <http://epicdatabase.com.au>. The objective of the target is to commence emissions tracking and reporting Council's civil works projects towards the Net Zero Emissions operational target. Benefits include driving continuous improvement for business emissions reporting, accurately calculating environmental (carbon emission) impact from works to further mitigate and to encourage the use of low-emissions and recycled materials and support local manufacturing and work.

Table 6: Schedule embodied emissions from materials in civil works

Type of material	Quantity (kg)	Carbon emissions (kg CO _{2eq} / kg material) (http://epicdatabase.com.au/)	Total carbon emissions (kg CO _{2eq})
Concrete with 30% fly ash	10,000	450	4500000
Normal Concrete	10,000	630	6300000

The 'top 5' areas for (initial) reporting include crushed concrete/ brick/ asphalt used in drainage lines, fly ash in concrete pavements, recycled rubber underlay content in parks rubber softfall, and recycled/lower carbon/carbon neutral steel/ concrete.

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The proposed target areas nominated align with those identified in the SSROC 'Pave the Way' recycled materials civil contract that Council is actively using and has been developed in partnership with the construction industry contractors to improve reporting for carbon emissions, prioritise the use of recycled/reused materials in civil works, encourage the use of low-carbon materials and encourage industry improvement for prioritising the use of recycled material content for reducing landfill impacts long term.

The joint SSROC's procurement specifically incorporates recycled crushed glass into asphalt, pipe bedding, and non-structural concrete. These actions align with the Council's adopted Notice of Motion in June 2020 for prioritising the use of recycled materials in (council) civil works and the (council) Procurement Policy 2020, which aims to promote sustainable practices and establish 2025 "green procurement" operational targets of 50% recyclable material purchases and 70% sustainable service contracts.

4. References and Legislation

All targets and measures in Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy are aligned with global efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change and transition towards a more sustainable future. By implementing these measures, the City of Ryde can significantly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, improve the energy and water efficiency of its operations, and contribute to a healthier and more resilient community.

This policy is in alignment with relevant commitments, such as the NSW Government's Climate Change Policy Framework, which aims to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, the Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP), and the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy, which local governments are encouraged to adopt. It also aligns with Sustainable Buildings State Environmental Planning Policies (SB SEPP) requirements.

It is important to note that achieving these targets requires a concerted effort and cooperation from all stakeholders, including Council staff, tenants, contractors, and the community. The process must commence at the project business case and scoping phase is to be successful and communicated through to the final delivery stage.

Regular monitoring and reporting of progress towards the targets can help identify areas for improvement and ensure that the City of Ryde remains on track to achieve its sustainability goals.

- *SSROC – Memorandum of Understanding: Joint Procurement of Recycled Civil Works Materials (2020) (D21/ 93028)*

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- (City of Ryde) *Procurement Policy 2020* – policy number: CL200623, endorsed 23 June 2020, (D15/16158)
- Notice of Motion, '*Reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill from Ryde and Prioritising recycled materials in further City of Ryde Procurements*' 20 May 2018, (D13/14757)


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1 Executive Summary

Developing a Renewable Energy Target (RET) is one way in which the City of Ryde can demonstrate Environmental Leadership, to assist with reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in alignment with relevant commitments such as the NSW Government's Climate Change Policy Framework target towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

The Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan includes the following relevant priorities for the City of Ryde:

- Being active environment leaders in all that we do and leaders in ecologically sustainable development
- Using planning controls to encourage developments that use less water and energy and maximise recycling

Even under a business as usual scenario without undertaking any further work, Council will already be on track for 61% renewable electricity by 2030 (due to the projected 48% renewable electricity % of the National Energy Grid by 2030, the City of Ryde's existing Renewable Energy Allocation under the Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC) Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) process and the Solar Photovoltaic (PV) projects already installed at a number of sites).

Data analysis undertaken to develop this report demonstrated that the City of Ryde can readily achieve a minimum 60% renewable energy target by 2030 by undertaking only a small number of potential initiatives (given that under a Business as Usual scenario a 61% Renewable Energy contribution by 2030 is expected).

Given the State Government target to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050 and to demonstrate compliance with the Science Based Targets Initiative requirements for Scope 2 emissions, this report therefore responds to the Council NOM by instead presenting a number of potential pathways that enable the City of Ryde to potentially achieve a 100% renewable energy target by 2030. The specific pathway to be adopted by Council may need to be adjusted over time subject to changes in Large Scale Generation Certificate (LGC) and other offset pricing, Solar PV pricing, and prices secured for additional Renewable Electricity allocation under a further SSROC Renewable Energy PPA contract.

It should be noted that some potential actions included in the scenarios below may have other business reasons why they may be adopted apart from achieving environmental efficiency related objectives.

For example, by procuring a further percentage of Renewable Energy under a subsequent PPA, Council may be able to hedge its exposure to fluctuating electricity prices and may also be able to lock in a price lower than projected grid electricity pricing whilst also providing renewable energy investment. This was the case for the last round of PPA contract procurement enabling Council to increase its renewable energy investment further.

By including Resource Efficiency Targets in the delivery of these scenarios as per Appendix A, Council will be showing compliance with certain relevant elements of the NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (which Local Governments are encouraged to adopt) and can utilise this as a key tool in ensuring a strong and resilient building stock for the future. In addition, improving Resource Efficiency Targets will reduce Council's ongoing operational costs long term. Implementing these at the build stage is shown to be generally much cheaper to incorporate energy efficiency into new buildings or at the time of purchasing new equipment rather than undertaking costly retrofitting later.

2 Introduction

This report is prepared in response to a Notice of Motion tabled at the Council meeting on 27 November 2018, where Council resolved "That Council seek a report by the end of June 2019 to demonstrate how a Renewable Energy Target (RET) can be mandated by 30 June 2030, to achieve at least 60% (sixty per cent) of all electricity usage for which Ryde Council is financially responsible, (that is, electricity consumed by the operations and services of Ryde Council and for which it is invoiced and legally obliged to pay). This electricity shall be derived from a recognised renewable energy source including but not limited to solar power, wind power, hydro power and wave power and specifically not be sourced from any electricity that is generated by utilizing coal in any means or methods in the production cycle of such electricity."

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2.1 Addressing Climate Change through Renewable Energy

At an international level, to address climate change, signatory countries adopted the Paris Agreement at the Conference of Parties 21 (COP21) in Paris on 12 December 2015. The Agreement entered into force less than a year later. In the agreement, signatory countries agreed to work to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C Celsius, and given the grave risks, to strive for 1.5°C Celsius.

Targets adopted by organisations to reduce carbon emissions are considered “science-based” if they are in line with what the latest climate science says is necessary to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement—to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

It is worth noting that “Under the Science-Based Target initiative, as an alternative to setting percentage-reduction targets on scope 2 emissions, companies can instead set targets on the procurement of renewable energy. Such procurement targets are acceptable if they are in line with procuring 80% of electricity from renewable sources by 2025 and 100% by 2030” (100% Renewables, 2019). To ensure Ryde plays its part in limiting global temperatures, a strong target is required to minimise this impact.

At a national level, Australia’s response to the Paris Agreement has been to set a goal for carbon emissions of 5% below 2000 levels by 2020 and GHG emissions that are 26% to 28% below 2005 levels by 2030. A major policy that currently underpins this is the Renewable Energy Target (RET). This commits Australia to source 20% of its electricity (33,000 GWh p.a., estimated to equate to a real 23% of electricity) from eligible renewable energy sources by 2020. The scheme runs to 2030.

The NSW State Government has committed to achieving net zero GHG emissions by 2050. This goal has been translated into the 2050 Greater Sydney Regional Plan / District Plans for all councils which include an objective for “A low-carbon city contributes to net-zero emissions by 2050 and mitigates climate change.”

Increasing the City of Ryde’s % of renewable electricity consumption aligns with Action 11 under the “Resilient Sydney- A strategy for city resilience 2018” plan developed as part of the 100 Resilient Cities Program which the City of Ryde participates in. Action 11 aims to “Enable affordable access to renewable and resilient energy future.”

It is important to note that Ryde is an active member under this Sydney wide program since its inception. Council is also presently working to develop carbon reduction programs to align with mitigating against temperature rise associated with ‘business as usual’ operational activities within our community. This is supported by the Office of Environment and Heritage’s through the Net Zero Program and the Department of Planning who recognize that Renewable Energy Targets will play a major role in mitigating against further temperature rise and associated climate impacts on community.

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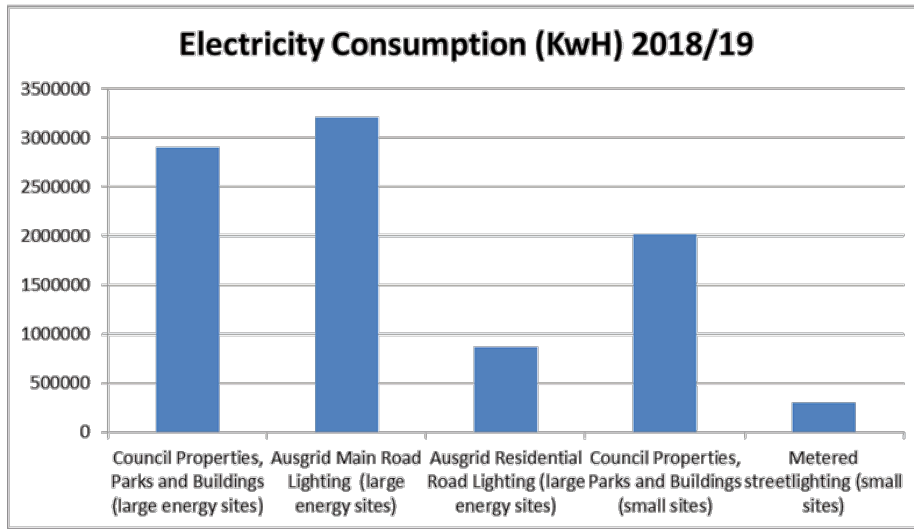
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3 Business as usual projection

3.1 Mains Electricity Usage

2018/19

The amount of current grid electricity demand consumed by different areas of Council is shown below.



For 2018/19 the annual electricity consumption is around 9,297,055 KWh (based on invoices available at the time of preparing this report).

3.2 Energy Efficiency measures

Already undertaken

Since 2003/04, numerous Energy Efficiency Measures have been undertaken at Council buildings and operations as identified in Council's Energy Saving Action Plan and other programs. Key energy efficiency measures already undertaken include:

- Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting and other energy efficient lighting retrofits
- Variable Speed Drives for Air Handling units
- Cogeneration plant installation at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC)
- Solar Hot Water/Heat Pump Hot Water Systems at RALC and parks
- Upgraded Building Management Systems
- Installing UltraViolet (UV) Water Treatment System at RALC to replace Ozone system

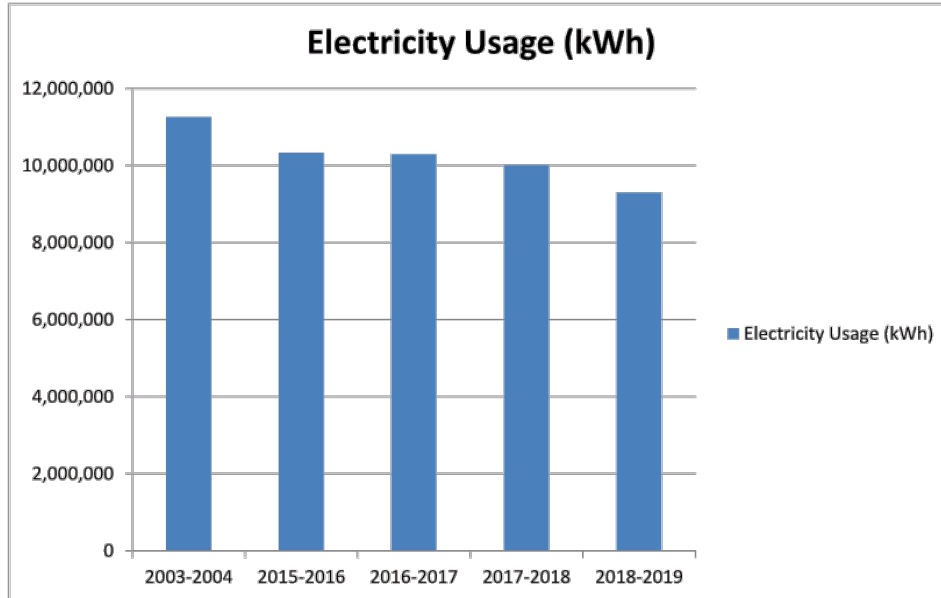
In addition, a range of older Council facilities (such as Argyle Centre) have shut down since 2003/04 and staff moved to more efficient facilities thereby further reducing electricity consumption.

Collectively energy efficiency measures and facility closures are estimated to have saved around 1,547,260 KWh of electricity usage per annum or 13.7% of Council's electricity usage from 2003/04 to 2018/19.

Energy Efficiency measures and facility closures already undertaken are effectively incorporated into the 2018/19 Business as Usual grid electricity usage.

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Already Committed

No specific future energy efficiency measures have been incorporated into the business as usual scenario.

3.3 Technology Upgrades

Already Committed

Sportsfield Floodlighting Renewal

As Sportsfield floodlighting is being renewed it is being replaced with more energy efficient LED lighting as standard. This updates previous practice where less efficient Metal Halide lamps were used.

Streetlighting and Park Lighting (Council owned)

Around 200 Council owned streetlighting luminaires remain to be replaced over the next four years with more efficient LED lighting. Around 100 lighting luminaires within parks remain to be replaced upon failure over the next four years with more energy efficient LED lighting. These works are being undertaken under a Business as Usual scenario using Operational funds.

Lighting The Way Proposal to Replace Residential Street Lights with LED's (Ausgrid owned)

As part of SSROC's Streetlighting Improvement Program, 2443 Ausgrid owned Category P residential streetlights will be replaced with LEDs. This is expected to save 666,200 KWh annually from Council's unmetered electricity usage under its large sites electricity contract. Lighting upgrades are expected to be completed by 2020/21

3.4 New Council Facilities/Operations

Already Committed

New buildings and Sportsfield Lighting

The following new buildings and assets are assumed to be built before 2030 under a Business as Usual scenario:

- Ryde Central (this is currently committed to be built to an equivalent 5 star Greenstar standard)

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- Eastwood Community Centre Hub
- Macquarie Park Library and Creative Hub (shell to be delivered under a VPA, fitout by City of Ryde)
- Rowe St carpark
- New Eastwood District Library (dependent on delivery model)
- Sportsfield Floodlighting Expansion- Tuckwell Park
- Sportsfield Floodlighting Expansion- Gannan Park
- Sportsfield Floodlighting Expansion- Meadowbank Park LH Waud

Under a Business as Usual Scenario, these new Council buildings and assets (when netted out with replaced/disposed assets) are projected to increase the City of Ryde's annual electrical demand by 1,220,050 KWh by 2030 (equivalent to the annual electricity usage of 87773 houses, an increase of 25% on the projected electrical demand of building/property assets in 2030) if not adequately planned to ensure efficiency measures are included at the build or upgrade stage.

3.5 Renewable Energy Generation

Already undertaken

Solar Hot Water

In 2014, electric-boosted Solar Hot Water systems were installed in amenity buildings in Magdala, Christie, Morrison Bay, Eastwood, ELS Hall Park, Meadowbank, Ryde and Marsfield Parks.

In 2014, 5 Gas boosted Solar Hot Water systems were installed at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Solar PV

In June 2016, a 32.76KW Solar PV system was installed at North Ryde Library and Community Centre.

In March 2018, a 7.5 KW Solar PV system was installed at Eastwood Community Hall.

In May 2018, a 300.33KW Solar PV system was installed at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre.

In June 2019, a 26.15Kw Solar PV system was installed at West Ryde Community Centre.

For the 2018/19 financial year Solar PV already installed will have generated enough renewable energy to offset around 404,587 kWh of electricity per year.

3.6 Purchases of Renewables Offsets

Purchase RECs/Offsets

Historically, Council had purchased 10% GreenPower for its large electricity contracts however due to a previous Council resolution this initiative was discontinued despite large greenhouse gas emissions savings. As such, at this stage Council had not elected to purchase GreenPower as part of Council's current electricity contract. There is however an option to add this in for specified sites under the City of Ryde's existing electricity contracts and this will assist to further reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and towards the RET.

Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is a long-term agreement for an energy buyer to purchase an agreed amount of electricity generated by an off-site renewable energy project, such as a solar or wind farm. There are a number of different models for PPAs including a sleeved PPA, Direct PPA, Large Scale Generation Certificates (LGC) Only PPA and Virtual PPA.

- A sleeved PPA is an agreement with a retailer for both renewable and standard grid power.
- A direct PPA is an agreement made directly with a renewable energy project developer.
- An LGC only PPA is an agreement to purchase only the Large Scale Generation Certificates associated with a renewable project.

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- A Virtual PPA is a standalone financial derivative with no physical delivery of electricity (100% Renewables, 2018).

In 2018, Council engaged in its first PPA and joined the Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC) as part of a 19 council bulk power purchasing contract. The contract enables the 19 council's purchasing power to negotiate reduced energy market pricing whilst include renewable energy power purchasing (currently set at 20% of Council's total energy procured for large energy sites).

Under the terms of the SSROC Renewable Energy PPA for Council's large electricity sites (as a sleeved PPA model), Council are sourcing renewable energy from the Moree Solar Farm project until the end of 2030, with the balance of their retail electricity needs being supplied as regular grid electricity by Origin Energy for at least the next three years (2018/19-2020/21).

Under the agreement, The City of Ryde is procuring a firm renewable energy allocation at a fixed price while having access to a competitive market rate for the balance of their retail electricity needs, for the life of the agreement (to 2030). Councils will have the opportunity to approach the market again in three years (for July 2022 onwards) should they wish to increase their offtake of renewable energy and this can further aid in achieving a higher renewable target.

LGCs generated under the PPA will be surrendered to the retailer in order to meet Renewable Energy Target requirements (according to the legislated LRET% which is currently 18.6%). If LGCs surplus to retailer surrender requirements are obtained by City of Ryde under the PPA, Ryde is able to either voluntarily surrender or sell these LGCs. However to ensure additionality of Greenhouse Gas emission reductions, it is suggested that the City of Ryde surrenders any excess LGCs generated.

3.7 Assumptions

Population Growth

Population growth has been accounted for in the electricity usage projections by adding in known new planned facilities to service this anticipated demand.

Based on Ryde's Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (2019), the City of Ryde's population is projected to grow from 116,302 Residents in 2016 to 160,000 Residents in 2031 (Source: ABS 2016 Census data and 2016 NSW and Local Government Area population and Household projections and implied dwelling requirements).

Grid Renewable Electricity projection

The National Energy Market (NEM) Grid Renewable Electricity projection was obtained from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)'s Integrated System Plan 2018 modelling workbook using the Neutral Scenario.

Using values obtained from AEMO's Neutral Scenario to calculate the projected proportion of renewable energy in the NEM shows that the % of renewable electricity in the NEM is expected to grow to double its value to 48% by 2029/30. Given this projection, higher targets for renewable investment would be easily integrated to be achieved.

Table 2: Renewable Electricity projection for National Energy Market Grid

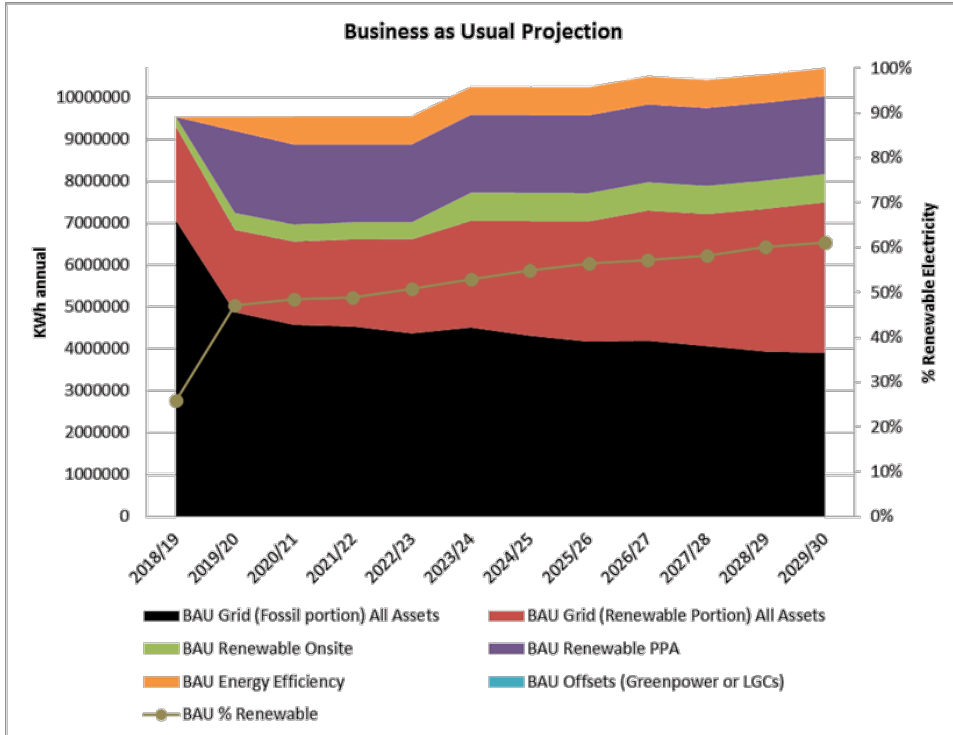
2018/ 19	2019/ 20	2020/ 21	2021/ 22	2022/ 23	2023/ 24	2024/ 25	2025/ 26	2026/ 27	2027/ 28	2028/ 29	2029/ 30
24%	29%	30%	31%	34%	36%	39%	41%	43%	44%	46%	48%

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3.8 Business as Usual (BAU) Electricity Projection to 2030

Based on the assumptions discussed above, the following BAU Electricity Projection for 2018/19 to 2029/30 has been prepared. It should be pointed out that this is an estimate only and is subject to variation based on future changes in Federal or State Government Policy as well as changes in how the City of Ryde delivers services to meet the needs of a growing population.



Under a business as usual projection, by 2030 the City of Ryde's proportion of renewable electricity will be 61%. . This is largely due to the proportion of renewable electricity in the National Electricity Grid which is expected to be 48% in 2029/30 together with the existing renewable energy PPA which the City of Ryde has committed to under its large electricity contract and the solar PV installations already installed on key buildings.



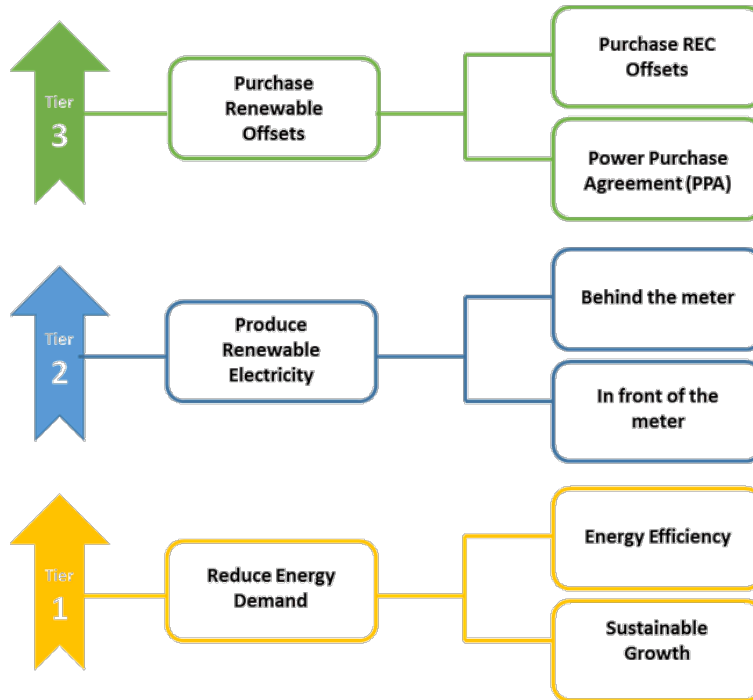
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4 Building a Renewable Energy Pathway

There are a number of potential pathways to achieving a particular Renewable Energy Target as detailed in the following figure.

FIGURE 1: POTENTIAL PATHWAYS TO A 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET



(Shown are Tiers 1 – 3 for Pathway delivery)

5 Analysis of specific opportunities

5.1 Tier 1) Reducing Energy Demand

Energy Efficiency

Council Buildings and other properties

In order to further reduce energy demand, Council's Energy Saving Action Plan will be updated in 2019/20 to include additional site opportunities and any energy saving measures with a payback period of less than 7 years (for assets with an annual electricity usage of over 5000 kWh where Council will continue to own and use the asset for at least 7 years). These energy efficiency actions will then be incorporated in Council's business planning and operational plan processes and funding sourced through any available grants or through Council's Project Bidding/ Outcomes Workshop process.

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Main Road Streetlighting (Ausgrid owned)

Through Council's participation in SSROC's Streetlighting Improvement Program, discussions are being held with Ausgrid about options for accelerated replacement of more energy efficient LED lighting on Ausgrid owned poles on main roads. For these assets, Council pays for electricity usage via an unmetered electricity account on the large site contract. Whilst specific retrofit options, timing and costs have not been finalised it is expected that in 2021/2022 at least 45-50% electricity savings will be realised for Category V main roads Ausgrid streetlighting electricity usage equating to a saving of around 1,427,400 KWh per annum (based on discussions with SSROC consultant).

Sustainable Growth

In order to reduce the City of Ryde's electricity demand, it is key to ensure that new developments and assets are built to a high environmental standard. Ensuring sustainable growth is incorporated in the scenario pathways ensures Council will continue to proactively act towards net zero objectives whilst forecasting growth in the city and managing asset demands.

The following requirements could potentially be specified for new developments and Council assets in order to reduce electrical demand and increase the proportion of renewable energy.

New Buildings

- Any new buildings or fitouts (over 1000m²) will be required to comply with Target R1 (see Appendix A)

Sportsfield Lighting New

- Maintaining the current practice for all new sportsfield floodlighting to be LED.

Equipment replacements

As the following equipment fails or requires replacing it shall meet the following performance standards: It is suggested that equipment replacements comply with the NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (2019 or as updated), including:

- Target R2: Minimum standards for new electrical appliances and equipment (as adapted from Target E3 of NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (2019) See Appendix A for details)
- Target R4: Minimum standards for new water-using appliances (as adapted from Target W3 of NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (2019) See Appendix A for details)

(Water efficiency targets are included because the use of hot water increases site electrical demand.)

5.2 Tier 2) Producing Renewable Energy

Behind the Meter

Behind the Meter energy generation refers to energy being produced by sites generating power onsite on the other side to the grid. The following options for additional behind the meter renewable energy were considered at Council facilities and operations:

- Solar PV
- Solar Hot Water
- Wind Power
- Biomass
- Wave Power
- Hydro Power

Solar PV

An initial desktop analysis of potential solar PV sites for Council was undertaken in 2014. Of the sites included in this analysis, most feasible sites have had Solar PV installed, with the exception of Eastwood Library and Gladesville Library which have not been implemented pending future possible actions before they can be considered.

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A further desktop analysis of other Council sites was undertaken by City of Ryde staff analysing site energy usage patterns and using the SunSpot solar PV potential software however these sites will have to be further confirmed via detailed feasibility and structural assessments. (<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Sustainable-Living/SunSPot>). If successful these sites could total a size of 198KW and Solar system output of 237,145 KWh. At present, some of these sites would slightly exceed the required 7 year payback period, however are expected to become financially viable in a few years time as Solar PV system prices decrease further.

A large number of council asset sites were not viable for solar PV under current technology, asset limitations and returns on investment as they had very low daytime electricity demand or were not suitable due to heritage restrictions.

Council has investigated additional solar PV technologies available from the market for possible future consideration. These include:

- Frameless solar panels
- Clear solar panels
- Tesla solar tiles
- Solar skin
- Double sided panels, or bi-facial panels
- Perovskite solar panels
- Hybrid solar panels

Solar Hot Water

There are a range of Solar Hot Water technologies as outlined below and discussed in further detail in the Solar Power in The City of Ryde Report (Attachment 1 of covering Council report):

- Thermosiphon solar hot water
- Split system solar hot water
- Heat pump hot water

Solar Hot Water has already been installed where possible in Council buildings as part of a previous grant funded program and will be considered on a case by case basis as assets may require in the future.

Wind Power

Wind Power is generally only suitable for sites with high average wind speeds (over 4.5 m/s) and minimal turbulence from buildings and other obstructions. As such, the City of Ryde does not have any suitable sites for wind power.

Biomass

Using landfill gas to produce electricity is not considered feasible for City of Ryde former landfill sites as these have generally been closed for some time and as such do not generate sufficient quantities of methane gas.

Waste to Energy was historically considered for Council's Porters Creek site. However with current waste contractual arrangements, Council's greenwaste is sent offsite for processing by a contractor. As a result, there are not currently opportunities to utilise biomass for renewable energy generation for the City of Ryde.

Wave power

Council does not have coastal sites suitable for the generation of wave power.

Hydro power

Council does not have creek or river sites suitable for the generation of hydro power.

In front of the Meter and other innovative models

This type of model refers to sites which cannot generate renewable energy onsite and use it within the same site. In front of the meter options for installing renewable energy are currently limited due to regulatory limitations under Australian energy legislation.



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Peer to Peer (P2P) Energy Trading

Peer to Peer (P2P) energy trading enables energy users to trade electricity directly without involving the retail networks. For example if Site A had excess solar power being generated during the day it could sell it to Site B. However P2P trading is not currently an option for local governments or businesses in NSW. The current trials on offer are suited to residential customers only. It is worth keeping track of developments in this area however to see if new models or offerings become available in the future that the City of Ryde could participate in.

Microgrids

True micro grids are small scale autonomous power grids which can operate off-grid. Another form of microgrid which is still connected to existing large scale grids is considered as an embedded network by the Australian Energy Market Commission. Microgrids are an option for sites where numerous buildings and users can share excess renewable energy and stored power as needed. This can be for totally off grid situations or in an urban context a more common example would be behind an embedded network behind a main meter for a campus style or precinct development.

Micro-grids are complex systems from a regulatory perspective. There is currently a review being undertaken by the Australian Energy Market Commission with the objective to develop a package of national energy laws and rules. This review will incorporate new laws and rules for micro-grids and embedded networks. Current regulatory frameworks inhibit the development of micro-grids and do not provide the consumer protections afforded those on standard grid connections.

5.3 Tier 3) Purchasing Renewables Offsets

Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is a long-term agreement for an energy buyer to purchase an agreed amount of electricity generated by an off-site renewable energy project, such as a solar or wind farm.

Council in 2017/2018 joined the 19 council partnership as led by SSROC to negotiate a PPA to drive renewable energy uptake in energy procurement whilst deliver at market competitive pricing. Under the terms of the SSROC Renewable Energy PPA for Council's large electricity sites, Council is sourcing a firm renewable energy allocation (currently set at 20% of Council's total energy procured) from the Moree Solar Farm project until the end of 2030, with the balance of their retail electricity needs being supplied as regular grid electricity by Origin Energy for at least the next three years (2018/19-2020/21). Under the agreement, The City of Ryde is procuring a firm renewable energy allocation at a fixed price while having access to a competitive market rate for the balance of their retail electricity needs, for the life of the agreement (to 2030). Councils will have the opportunity to approach the market again in 2021/22 to increase their offtake of renewable energy further for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2030. Dialogue for this next round has already commenced showing strong interest by other councils to do this.

Large Scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) generated under the PPA will be surrendered to the retailer in order to meet Renewable Energy Target requirements and greenhouse gas emissions (according to the legislated LRET% which is currently 18.6%). To ensure additionality of emission reductions, it is suggested that the City of Ryde surrenders any excess LGCs generated which has been determined for the initial three year phase of the SSROC PPA contract. For the next round of future PPA contracts, other councils participating in the SSROC PPA contract have already indicated they are considering increasing their % of renewable energy from 1 July 2022 in order to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and deliver on their own respective renewable targets.



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Purchase Offsets (RECs/GreenPower)

Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

RECs are Environmental Products which are required to be acquired by participants (typically retailers) in the Renewable Energy Target at a certain Environmental Percentage which is set via legislation each year in order to ensure that the Federal Renewable Energy Target is met. The current Renewable Energy Target is designed to ensure that at least 33,000 Gigawatt Hours (GWh) of Australia's Renewable Energy comes from Renewable Sources by 2020.

The RET consists of a Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (LRET) and a small scale Renewable Energy scheme (SRES). The Clean Energy Regulator expects the LRET to be met before the 2020 deadline however high energy users will continue to need to meet obligations under the policy until 2030. Without an updated RET post 2020, as more renewable energy is produced the number of LGCS will increase leading to an oversupply that will significantly reduce their value.

There are two types of RECS; Large Scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) and Small Scale Technology Certificates (SRECs) SRECs.

SRECs can be purchased either through the Clean Energy Regulator (CER) at the current regulated price of \$40, or in the secondary market at prices lower than \$40 (Demand Manager, 2018). LRECs or LGCs can be purchased on the open market and prices are not set by the Clean Energy Regulator.

Table 3: LGC and SREC price projections

	LGC (\$/LGC= \$/MWH)	SREC (\$/SREC= \$/MWH)
CY 2019	\$41.91 (spot)	\$36.90 (spot)
CY 2020	\$42.66	\$37.20
CY 2021	\$23.07	\$36.99
CY 2022	\$14.75	-

(Source: Demand Manager, 20 June 2019 and 1 July 2019)

GreenPower

GreenPower is a way of purchasing accredited renewable electricity. By purchasing accredited GreenPower, Council is effectively buying LGCs however with more stringent environmental conditions around their creation (e.g. no native forests can be burnt for accredited LGCs however this is allowable for LGCs.) Under Council's current electricity contracts, GreenPower can be purchased at an additional cost to grid power and Council can choose what percentage of GreenPower to purchase.

6 Scenarios for achieving at least 60% Renewable Energy by 2030

Data analysis undertaken to develop this report demonstrated that the City of Ryde can readily achieve a minimum 60% renewable energy target by 2030 by undertaking only a small number of potential initiatives beyond the Business as Usual scenario (for which a 61% Renewable Energy contribution by 2030 is expected). Specific pathways to a 60% RET are not presented in this report as instead scenarios for achieving a 100% RET by 2030 have been prepared below in alignment with strategic objectives such as the State Government target of Net Zero Emissions by 2050 and the Science Based Targets Initiative.



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7 Scenarios for achieving 100% Renewable Energy by 2030

The following table presents a number of potential scenarios or pathways for achieving a 100% RET by 2030 using the specific opportunities outlined above.

	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D	Scenario E
TIER 1) Energy Efficiency	BAU + 10% energy efficiency properties	BAU + 10% energy efficiency properties	BAU + 10% energy efficiency properties	BAU +New Main Roads Streetlighting Upgrade + 10% energy efficiency properties	BAU + Main Roads Streetlighting Upgrade + 10% energy efficiency properties
TIER 1) Sustainable Growth	Resource Efficiency Targets per Appendix A	Resource Efficiency Targets per Appendix A	Resource Efficiency Targets per Appendix A	Resource Efficiency Targets per Appendix A	Resource Efficiency Targets per Appendix A
TIER 2) Onsite Renewable Energy	BAU + New onsite solar	BAU + New onsite solar	BAU + New onsite solar	BAU	BAU + New onsite solar
TIER 3) Renewable PPA	BAU (eg current 20% allocation) + new 50% PPA	BAU (eg current 20% allocation)	BAU (eg current 20% allocation) + new 30% PPA	BAU (eg current 20% allocation) + new 50% PPA	BAU (eg current 20% allocation) + new 30% PPA
Tier 3) Offsets	Balance Offsets 2028/29	Balance Offsets 2028/29	Balance Offsets 2028/29	Balance Offsets 2028/29	Balance Offsets 2028/29

These scenarios demonstrate that there are a number of potential pathways which can achieve a 100% RET by 2030.

Council Notice of Motion 2 proposed the delivery of a renewable energy pathway to achieve at least 60% Renewable Energy target by 2030. Evidence is now providing that to limit the impact of a 2c temperature rise from atmospheric carbon, that targets should investigate feasibility for adopting even higher options towards a 100% target by 2030. These higher targets will also align with the State Government’s target and Greater Sydney Commission’s objective of achieving Net Zero Emissions by 2050 and is being adopted by councils and agencies both locally and globally recognising this.

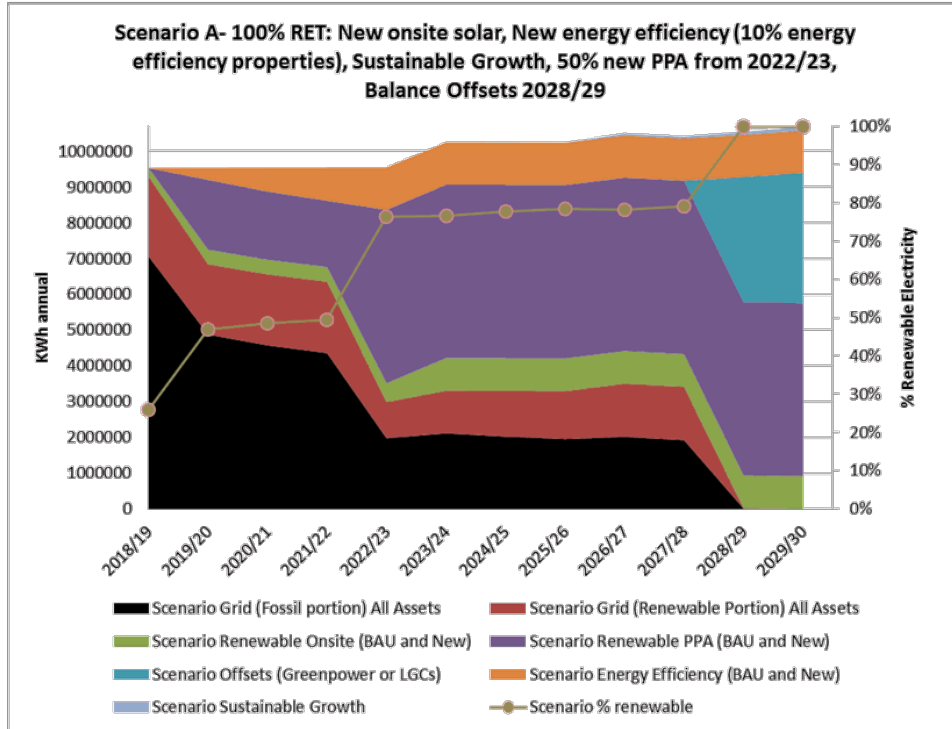
Additional options are available to ensure that Ryde contributes further towards minimising global temperature rises by reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to electricity used in Council operations. A pathway of this nature largely would see an increase of renewable energy PPA and procurement of offsets to achieve this. Given market forecasts for the pricing of these options, it is likely that by 2028 the costs for these options would be significantly less than today’s pricing with Council looking to consider these options closer to the end of the target life.

Both of these solutions would be planned to be realised in latter phase of the 2030 pathway and would be dependent upon target trajectory to date through the delivery of additional scenarios, market options and feasibility.



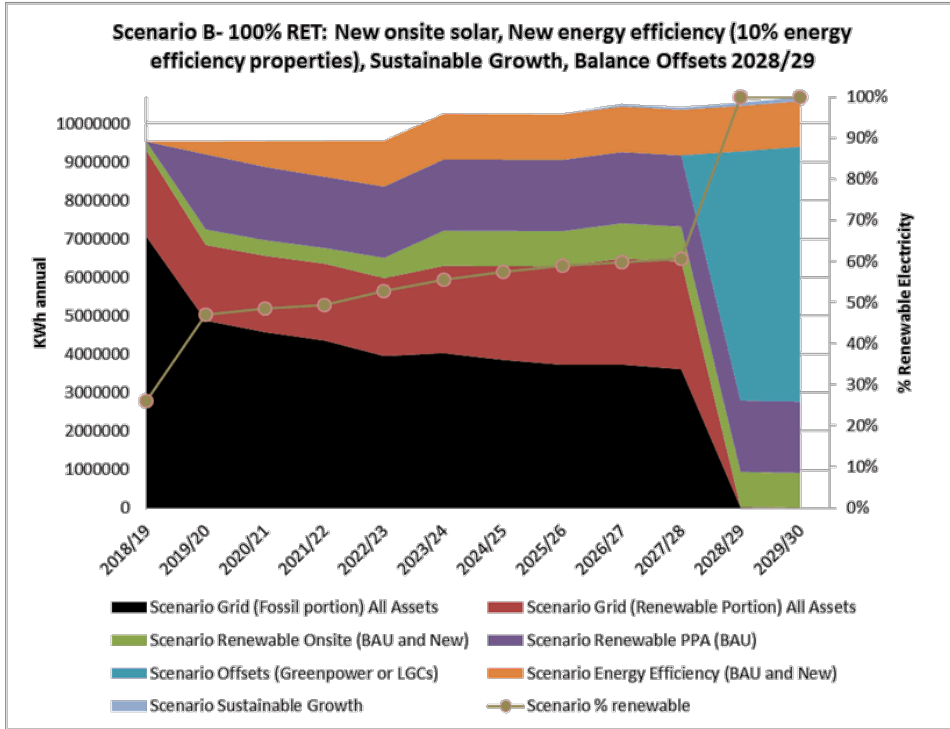
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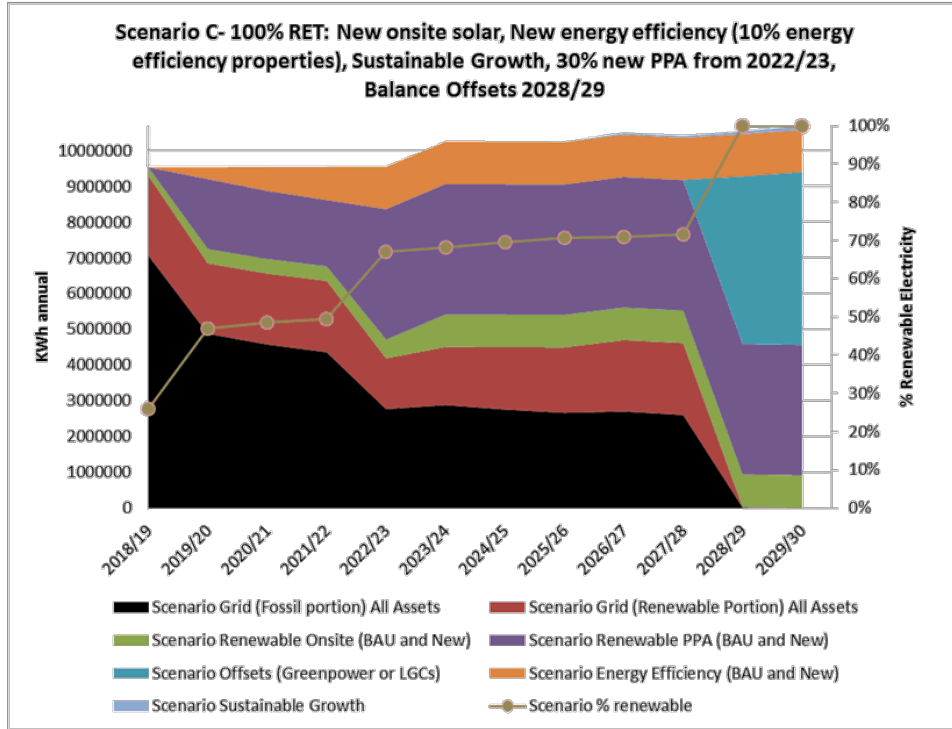
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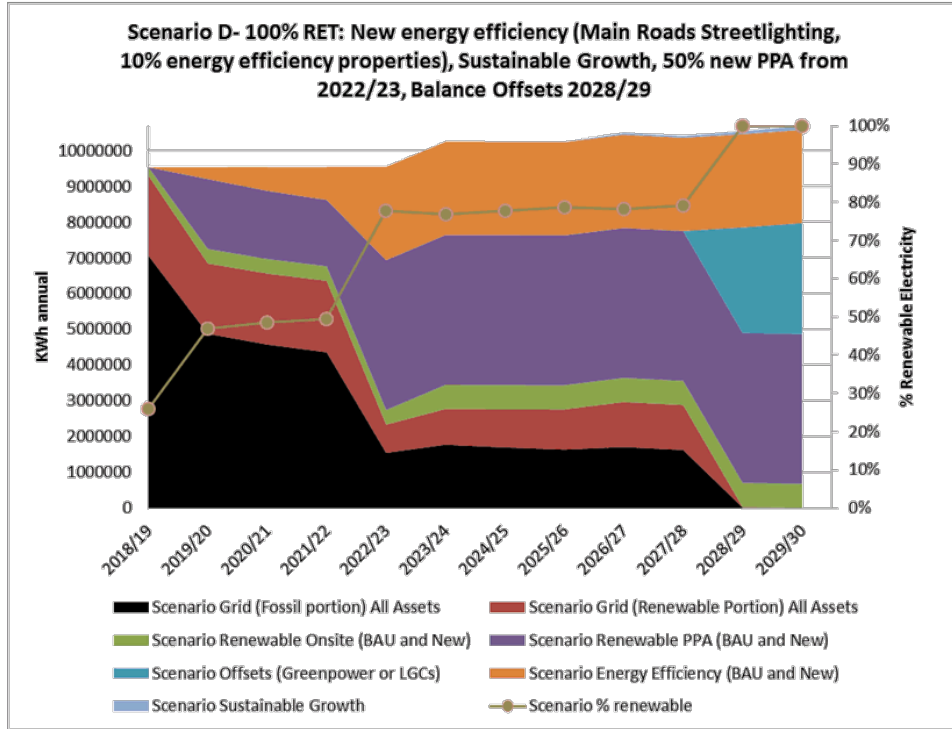
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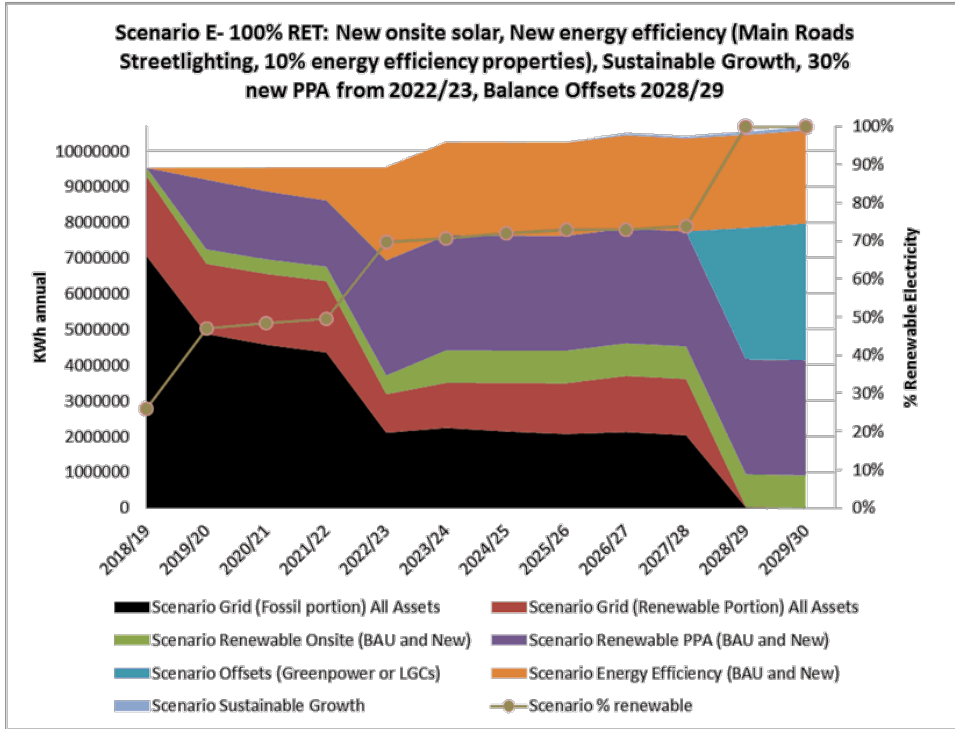
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8 Financial Analysis/Funding Opportunities

Financial Analysis

A Renewable Energy Target (RET) of 100% does not in itself have any financial implications. However the potential range of actions under scenarios listed in the report will have financial implications to be considered separately and dependent upon feasibility as explored on a case by case basis.

For currently unfunded new facility energy efficiency upgrades and Solar PV installations, Council will develop business cases and will not seek to undertake projects which do not demonstrate at least a 7 year payback period.

For additional Renewable Energy PPA procurement, Council will again explore to participate in the future rounds of the SSROC Renewable PPA process and then consider the financial case for increasing the Renewable PPA % once pricing has been obtained in 2021/22 for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2030. Priority for Council for participation in the previous contract focused on increasing council's investment in non-fossil fuel based energy sourcing whilst ensuring renewable energy pricing to be less than standard grid only power prices.

For purchasing offsets (LGCs/GreenPower), as a 'Tier 3' option, this is only proposed to be utilized in 2028 as a final alternative for Council to utilise should RET not be met using other key opportunities outline in 'Tier 1 and Tier 2'. The pricing of these offsets will be determined by market pricing in 2028, however it is expected by the market that the price of these offsets will reduce to close to zero by 2030 given current policy settings and high investment of renewable energy projects within Australia.

Adopting Resource Efficiency Targets for Ryde as per Appendix A of this pathway analysis would result in the following financial impacts to Council:

- TARGET R1: Minimum standards for new buildings and fit-outs. (Adapted from Target E4 of NSW GREP 2019). This target only applies for new buildings and fit-outs over 1000m². Based on the following buildings anticipated to be constructed to 2030 this result in the following financial impacts:
 - Ryde Central - A 5 Star Green Star (Design and as Built) / (Interiors) equivalent target is already being considered for this development. Therefore adopting this target would not result in an additional financial impact outside of this commitment by Council.
 - The New Eastwood District Library if potentially delivered by 2030 would cost an additional 2.4% higher capital cost to achieve a 5 Green Star (Design and As Built) and (Interiors) target for the base building construction and interior fitout.
 - Macquarie Park Library and Creative Hub. The construction of the shell of the building will be delivered under a VPA therefore any additional shell construction costs will be levied on the developer. However, the interior fit-out of the building will be at Council costs and achieving a 5 Star Green Star (Interiors) target may add up to 2.4% to the capital cost of the interior fitout.
 - Eastwood Community Hub is assumed to be constructed and fitted out by Council. The additional cost to achieve 5 Green Star (Design and As Built) and (Interiors) target would be an additional 2.4% higher capital cost for the base building construction and interior fitout.

It should be noted that the additional capital cost of achieving GreenStar is generally recovered through lower operational costs within a 7 year payback period based on research undertaken by the Green Building Council of Australia (Green Building Council of Australia, 2020). Additional capital costs of 2.4% for achieving a 5 star rating are based on additional implementation costs from (Green Building Council of Australia, 2016). It should be noted that updated research is forthcoming which is expected to show that the additional implementation cost has reduced even further.

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- TARGET R2: Minimum standards for new electrical appliances and equipment. (Adapted from Target E3 of NSW GREP 2019)

It is not possible to estimate the financial impact of this target in total, however it is expected that capital costs per appliance would only be fractionally higher and would be offset by lower operational costs, therefore could easily be incorporated into existing capital and operational budgets.

- TARGET R3: Solar target for new buildings (adapted from Target E5 of NSW GREP 2019).

If systems are sized appropriately for energy demand, higher capital costs would be paid for within 7 years by lower operational costs.

- TARGET R4: Minimum standards for new water-using appliances (Adapted from Target W3 of NSW GREP 2019).

It is not possible to estimate the financial impact of this target in total however it is expected that capital costs per appliance would only be fractionally higher and would be offset by lower operational costs, therefore could easily be incorporated into existing capital and operational budgets.

- TARGET R5: Hot Water System design criteria for new or upgraded buildings.

It is not possible to estimate the financial impact of this target in total, however it is expected that capital costs per appliance would only be fractionally higher and would be offset by lower operational costs, therefore could easily be incorporated into existing capital and operational budgets.

Funding Opportunities

There are specific funding opportunities for energy efficiency upgrades, including funding available under the NSW Energy Saving Scheme.

For building new construction to a higher than Green Star 5 star standard, low interest loan funding is available from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation to encourage entities like councils to deliver high quality environmentally positive building projects. These opportunities are to form part of any business case for future projects pending availability and conditions.

9 Monitoring and Revision of Renewable Energy Pathway

Council actively monitors all utility usage across all council assets to track performance, current greenhouse gas monitoring and to identify opportunities for future efficiency improvements. Tracking against an adopted RET target would be monitored together with implementation of interventions to assist with delivery of the target (as determined on a case by case basis).

To inform Council and the community of Ryde's increases within the renewable energy space towards the target, Council will provide updates through its annual reporting frameworks.

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APPENDIX A- RESOURCE EFFICIENCY TARGETS

TARGET R1: Minimum standards for new buildings and fitouts (Adapted from Target E4 and Target E2 of NSW GREP 2019)

- Any new buildings or fitouts (over 1000m²) will be required to achieve a minimum 5 star Green Star rating (Design and As Built) or (Interiors) as relevant
- Any newly constructed or leased office buildings (over 1000m²) will be required to achieve and maintain a minimum 5 star NABERS Energy Rating (without GreenPower) for Base Building/Tenancy/Whole Building as relevant
- Any newly constructed or leased data centres (over 1000m²) will be required to achieve and maintain a minimum 4.5 star NABERS Energy Rating (without GreenPower) for Data Centres (for IT equipment/infrastructure/whole facility as relevant)

TARGET R2: Minimum standards for new electrical appliances and equipment (Adapted from Target E3 of NSW GREP 2019)

Target

All new electrical equipment purchased by government must be at least 0.5 stars above the market average star rating or comply with high efficiency standards specified by this measure.

Implementation

Appliances and equipment purchased in the following categories with star ratings under the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) will be at least the following:

- refrigerators – 2.5 stars
- clothes dryers (up to 10 kg) – 3 stars
- washing machines – 3.5 stars
- dishwashers – 4 stars
- pool pumps – 7.5 stars
- fridge/freezers – 3.5 stars
- freezers – 3 stars
- air-to-air heat pumps and air-conditioners – 4 stars if less than 4 kW and 3 stars if greater than 4 kW (applies to both heating and cooling for reverse cycle air-conditioners)
- televisions – 5 stars (Tier 2 rating).

Commercial and industrial-sized clothes dryers (above 10 kg capacity) should aim for high efficiency but will be excluded from this benchmark if there are insufficient models available above the market average.

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Equipment purchased in the following categories will have an ENERGY STAR® label recognising its high efficiency:

- computers (i.e. desktops, notebooks and tablets, workstations, small-scale servers and thin clients)
- printers
- photocopiers
- DVD players.

Equipment purchased in the following categories will meet the definition of 'high efficiency' under GEMS:

- refrigerated commercial display cabinets – AS1731.14
- distribution transformers – AS2374.1.2
- electric motors – AS1359.51
- external power supplies – AS4665.2.

1 To be replaced by new standard, likely to be effective by mid-2019.

Equipment purchased in the following categories will meet the following performance benchmarks:

- air-cooled liquid chilling packages – IPLV of 5.1
- water-cooled liquid chilling packages – IPLV of 9.6
- closed-control air-conditioners – AEER of 3.3.

This list may be updated annually.

TARGET R3: Solar target for new buildings (adapted from Target E5 of NSW GREP 2019)

Incorporate Solar PV into any new or upgraded buildings where:

- Site to be owned or leased for at least the next five years
- Sites with daylight operations for at least 40 weeks per year and daylight average electricity consumption of over 5,000KWh per year
- Sites with at least 50m² of unshaded, preferably northern aspect roof.
- Sites with average electricity consumption greater than 10,000 KWh per year

Solar systems to be sized according to site energy demand and achieve better than 7 year payback.

Where any new buildings are to have subtenants, suitable metering shall be installed to enable the City of Ryde to enable billing of tenants for mains and solar electricity supply (via an embedded network or other model).

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**TARGET R4: Minimum standards for new water-using appliances
(Adapted from Target W3 of NSW GREP 2019)**

All new water-using appliances purchased by agencies must be at least 0.5 stars above the average Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) star rating by product type, except toilets and urinals, which must be purchased at the average WELS star rating.

Implementation

Appliances and equipment purchased in the following categories with star ratings under the WELS scheme will be at least:

- showerheads – 3.5 stars
- toilets and urinals – 4 stars
- washing machines – 4.5 stars
- dishwashers – 5 stars
- taps and flow controllers – 5 stars.

This list may be updated annually.

TARGET R5: Hot Water System design criteria for new or upgraded buildings

New or upgraded buildings requiring domestic hot water shall incorporate electric or gas boosted Solar Hot Water systems, with the exception of where insufficient roof space is available in which case a Heat Pump hot water system shall be installed.

**7 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - REVIEW OF SOCIAL MEDIA
ADVERTISING**

Report prepared by: Manager - Communications and Engagement
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/523

REPORT SUMMARY

This report has been prepared in response to Council's Notice of Motion dated 27 June 2023. The NOM requests:

- (a) *That in order to demonstrate best practice of community related advertising on social media, Council staff review the expenditure on and the effectiveness of the current practice and provide a report back to Council in August 2023.*
- (b) *That the report include the identification of any opportunities to achieve a savings from the current level of expenditure on this practice whilst maintaining effective communication to our community.*

This report responds to the resolution to provide further information on the delivery of social media advertising and spend and provides evidence to maintain the current practice.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the current practice of prudent use of social media channels to supplement traditional media channels.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Council's Communications and Engagement Team advertises across a comprehensive range of traditional media channels, such as Council-owned newsletters, posters and flyers as well as paid external channels, such as newspapers. Social media is used to amplify Council's message as a low-cost method to complement its well-established print mediums.

In the previous financial year \$342,780 was spent on advertising across various publications and the printing and distribution of hard copy materials, accounting for 97% of the total advertising spend from Council's Communications budget. By comparison Council spent \$11,246 in 2022-23, which was 3% of its total spend, on social media advertising primarily through Facebook advertising promoting a wide range of events, such as the Safer Driving for Seniors workshop, EVERYbody Disco, SWAP and the Volunteer Recognition Awards, as well as major events, community consultations and a range of services.

Key external advertising or communications channels include:

1. Council's Live.Work.Play quarterly publication
2. TWT column and advertising
3. CALD newspaper advertising
4. Regular e-newsletters
5. Updates to the City of Ryde website
6. External website advertising
7. Social media

Social media advertising can be a cost-effective, immediate and direct way to reach the community as part of a broader suite of print and digital options. Councils typically use social media and associated advertising to promote events and activities, communicate with hard-to-reach groups, connect with businesses and residents and implement consultation processes and feedback.

Social media advertising, which includes advertising on Council-owned and other social media channels, offers a sustainable, relatively low-cost digital pathway to inform and engage with a wider audience than might otherwise be accessible through traditional channels alone, such as printed materials.

It provides opportunities to connect with a range of demographic sectors, including CALD communities and young people, which is relevant for the LGA which has more than double the national average of households speaking a language other than English at home (55.3%, Census, 2021).

The use of social media and digital technology for advertising also enables Council to reach new users, such as new residents, to provide inclusive opportunity for people with a disability and those who might not otherwise engage with Council, as well as promoting key Council consultations for awareness and community engagement.

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Further, in the post COVID-19 period, many users are increasingly engaging with social media channels as their primary or sole source of information and connection and to plan their activities, with some surveys identifying social media as a key driver for event attendance.

Effectiveness of current practice

In a constantly evolving social media landscape, Council's social media channels continue to grow in popularity and enable Council to effectively engage with a range of residents, businesses and other users. Last financial year City of Ryde's Facebook page attracted more than 1000 new followers while its Instagram account grew by nearly 1,300 new followers. Social media engagement is typically measured by reach, which identifies the distribution of Council content across users' social media profiles. Council Facebook posts, including paid and organic content, reached more than 430,000 user profiles last financial year.

A range of options is available to ensure posts reach the desired target audience. Where appropriate, Council utilises geotargeting to ensure posts reach users in postcodes within Ryde and its surrounds. For other content, such as posts for the Granny Smith Festival, Cork & Fork and other major events and programs, geotargeting may be set to reach a wider audience.

Savings opportunities

Council maintains a low-cost presence across a range of social media channels, using paid advertising for priority events and programs and to ensure continuing user engagement which typically requires regular and engaging posts.

Staff will continue to look for opportunities to ensure material is effectively cross purposed over a range of channels, including from print to social media, complementing existing print and digital channels, such as Council's social channels. Usage of X (formerly Twitter) is also being monitored, given the recent decline in its popularity and staff will continue to seek to utilise the most effective and engaging social media channels.

Conclusion

Councils advertising strategy remains focused on the traditional print media channels that the community have relied upon for information on community news and events. Whilst the use of social media remains a low cost advertising addition it will be used to amplify Council's communication for key events and activities given the advantages it presents.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

8 CAPITAL WORKS URGENT PROJECT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Program Delivery
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/575

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider proposed variations to the Capital Works Budgets as required by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed budget variations be adopted by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

This Council report pertains to the urgent budget variations required for Capital Works projects. Typically, the Council reviews income and expenditure against the Adopted Budget on a quarterly basis. However, to mitigate risks that could potentially hinder the timely completion of these projects, the Council is proposing immediate budget adjustments. This report outlines the specific project budget variations under consideration.

PROJECTS

Kissing Point Park – Foreshore Protection Works

Project Background

The Kissing Point Park Foreshore Protection Works aims to safeguard the shoreline against erosion, which could potentially compromise foreshore stability and public safety. This project is located at the end of Yaralla Road, Putney, and involve the construction of a rock revetment wall and groyne.

Funding Source and Amount Required

Council has been awarded a grant of \$224,664 for this project through the Department of Planning and Environment's Coastal and Estuary grant program. The conditions of the grant require Council to provide matching funds from its own reserves.

The current approved budget for this project is \$391,863, which has been funded from Council's Asset Replacement Reserve. Due to the grant funding received of \$224,664, the total revised budget for the project will be \$616,527.

Reason for Budget Adjustment and Urgency

The grant endorsement enables Council to commence procurement of a suitably qualified contractor to carry out the necessary works before the end of the 2023 calendar year. This action is essential to prevent the eroded embankment from posing environmental and public safety concerns. Moreover, the proximity of an Aboriginal Heritage Site underscores the need for swift project commencement to preserve its heritage significance.

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New Project – Morrison Road – Construction of Speed Cushions

Project Background

On the 25 September 2023, Council secured grant funding from the Federal Government as part of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 1), to deliver traffic calming works on Morrison Road, Putney. The project's objective is to enhance traffic safety along Morrison Road, Putney, by repairing or replacing damaged or missing speed cushions at Delange Road, Parry Street, and Peel Park. These speed cushions are strategically placed to reduce vehicle speeds in crucial areas, particularly near Putney Primary School.

Funding Source and Amount Required

Council will receive \$57,471 for this project through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Funding Stage 1 program.

Reason for Budget Adjustment and Urgency

The endorsement of the grant funding through this budget adjustment enables the procurement and installation of speed cushions as prior to end of calendar year 2023.

Morrison Bay Field Works (Field #6)

Project Background

Morrison Bay Park is a heavily used facility used by both sports groups and patrons. Previously in the 2021/2022 financial year, Stage 1 of the upgrade works were completed which contained fields 4 and 5. Stage 2 which forms part of this project and specifically relates to field 6, was deferred from the 2021/2022 capital works program due to insufficient funding and is now listed to be delivered this financial year.

Funding Source and Amount Required

The original project budget of \$100,000 is inadequate to cover the entire scope of work. After obtaining quotes, it has become evident that the lowest received quote significantly exceeds the allocated budget, particularly when considering the required asbestos removal from the site. Costs for drainage works have risen due to industry demand stemming from previous wet summers, with many councils also seeking services for the upcoming drier season.

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A significant portion of the required funds, totaling \$120,000, is designated for asbestos removal. Unfortunately, this amount was not factored into the original budget and is essential for the project to proceed and reach completion. As asbestos was discovered on neighboring fields during Stage 1 (fields 4 & 5) within the precinct, it is likely to be encountered during construction on this site. The \$120,000 estimate for asbestos removal is based on rates provided during Stage 1 and the conditions encountered during that phase.

Based on cost projections, an additional \$170,000 is required to fund the project's anticipated shortfall. The required funds are as follows:

- \$120,000 from reserves allocated for Infrastructure Special Levy for asbestos remediation.
- \$50,000 to be reallocated from ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement project, deferred to the next financial year, to cover the shortfall in the original scope of works, which includes constructing of a new sand slit drainage system.

The project's current approved budget is \$100,000, and the requested variation of \$170,000 will result in a revised budget of \$270,000. This additional funding will ensure the full project scope is delivered, along with a contingency to ensure completion.

Reason for Variation and Urgency

A decision is required as a matter of urgency and prior to Council's Quarterly Budget Review for a number of reasons including the following:

- High demand for drainage works in the industry and limited availability of specialised trades have led to extended wait times for bookings and project execution.
- Time constraints dictate that the works must be completed during the summer season to allow for a subsequent 10-week turf re-establishment. Failure to meet this deadline would impact the availability of fields for sporting and user groups at the onset of the winter season, a critical project requirement.
- The submitted quotes for the works has a limited validity period, and failure to commit to it within the next month may lead to additional cost increases.

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Conservation Management Plan Program (The Parsonage)

Project Background

The Parsonage is a heritage-listed building in need of a roof replacement and associated restoration works, as outlined in condition reports and conservation management plans for the structure. Currently occupied by Macquarie Community College, the proposed restoration aims to renew the building and ensure it remains functional while preserving its heritage significance. This project, initially deferred from

the 2022/2023 capital works program, is now scheduled for completion as part of the 2023/2024 program.

Funding Source and Amount Required

A Request for Quotations (RFQ) aligned with procurement guidelines has been released to the market, revealing that all received quotes substantially exceed the original budget of \$156,000. This higher cost can be attributed to two primary factors: escalating construction expenses and the limited availability of the specified slate tiles, which are essential to meet heritage requirements. The additional funds requested not only cover the quoted construction costs but also includes a contingency for any unforeseen expenses that may arise during the construction phase.

The current approved budget for this project is \$156,000, and an additional \$100,000 is required, resulting in a revised budget of \$256,000. This additional funding is proposed to be allocated from the Community Facilities Lifecycle Replacement Program budget, ensuring no overall budgetary impact.

Reason for Variation and Urgency

The urgent need for a budget review arises from the extended lead times necessary for sourcing and procuring the specified slate tiles, as mandated by heritage requirements. Failure to complete this review by the end of October could jeopardise the project's ability to meet the end-of-financial-year deadline, as the tiles have a minimum lead time of six months.

Financial Implications

Should Council adopt the variations detailed above, this will result in an increase to the Capital Works Budget of \$402,135. Of this \$282,135 is due to additional grant funding received, and \$120,000 is proposed to be transferred from Infrastructure Special Levy Reserve. The remaining increases in projects have been reallocated from existing projects.

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Project	Current Budget	Proposed Variation	Revised Budget	Source of funds
Project	\$	\$	\$	
Kissing Point Park – Foreshore Protection Works	\$391,863	\$224,664	\$616,527	Grant Funded - \$224,664 from Department of Planning and Environment's Coastal and Estuary grant program
Morrison Road – Construction of Speed Cushions	New Project	\$57,471	\$57,471	Grant Funded - Australian Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Funding Stage 1 program.
Morrison Bay Field Works (Field #6)	\$100,000	\$170,000	\$270,000	Infrastructure Special Levy - \$50,000 to be sourced from ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement - \$120,000 to be funded from Infrastructure Special Levy Reserve
ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement	\$100,000	-\$50,000	\$50,000	Infrastructure Special Levy
Conservation Management Plan Program (The Parsonage)	\$156,000	\$100,000	\$256,000	Infrastructure Special Levy - \$100,000 to be funded from Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program
Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program	\$116,000	-\$100,000	\$16,000	Infrastructure Special Levy
TOTAL	\$863,863	\$402,135	\$1,265,998	

9 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM REVIEW

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Community Services
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/578

REPORT SUMMARY

The City of Ryde Community Grants Program (the Program) provides opportunities for not-for-profit community organisations and groups, sporting clubs and in some instances individuals, to receive funding for projects, which benefit the community. Annual funding for the Community Grants Program is \$415,000.

A review of the Program has recently been undertaken to ensure that it continues to meet community need, is equitable, accountable, and has transparent grant management processes. The review included an assessment of the following functions of the Program:

- The Community Grants Policy 2020 (the Policy)
- The Community Grants Guidelines 2023 (the Guidelines)
- Grant categories and apportionment of funds
- Minor Donations and Awards Guidelines
- Grant assessment process
- Grant administration process

In summary, the following changes to the Program are recommended based on the findings of the review:

Current Community Grant Program	Proposed Community Grant Program
Total annual funding is \$415,000.	Total annual funding is \$415,000.
3 grant rounds per year including: 2 Large Grant Rounds 1 Small Grant Round	2 grant rounds per year including: 2 Large Grant Rounds
Seven grant categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Wellbeing (minor, medium, major) - Events (minor, medium, and major) - Facilities and Equipment - Arts and Creativity - Sport and Recreation - Venue Hire - Small Grants 	Five grant categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Wellbeing (minor, medium, major) - Events (minor, medium, and major) - Facilities and Equipment - Arts and Creativity - Sport and Recreation

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Current Community Grant Program	Proposed Community Grant Program
1 Small Grant Round per year	Incorporate small grants category into Community Wellbeing and General Donations categories.
Venue Hire Category	Incorporate venue hire into Community Wellbeing, Events and Arts and Creativity categories.
Total funding pool per category per year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Wellbeing (minor, medium, major)- \$200,000 - Events (minor, medium, and major)- \$100,000 - Facilities and Equipment- \$20,000 - Arts and Creativity- \$20,000 - Sport and Recreation- \$20,000 - Venue Hire- \$20,000 - Small Grants- \$20,000 	Total funding pool per category per year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Wellbeing (minor, medium, major) - \$160,000 - Events (minor, medium, and major)- \$130,000 - Arts and Creativity- \$55,000 - Facilities and Equipment- \$25,000 - Sport and Recreation- \$25,000
Funding available per applicant for major events category - up to \$15,000	Funding available per applicant for major events category - up to \$20,000
All grant recipients that receive funding of \$15,000 are not required to submit audited financial statements.	All grant recipients that receive funding of \$15,000 and above must submit audited financial statements.
Donations total funding pool- \$10,000	Donations total funding pool - \$20,000
General Donations- Amount of funding per applicant up to \$500.	General Donations- Amount of funding per applicant up to \$1,000.
	Introduce a Meet your Neighbour donation of \$250 per applicant for community-based projects that support residents in high density living.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council supports the proposed changes to the Community Grants Program.
- (b) That Council adopt the updated Community Grants and Donations Policy, as attached.

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- 1 Draft Community Grants and Donations Policy

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Currently there are three grant rounds per year including two large rounds and one small grant round. The large grant rounds comprise of seven categories, as follows:

- Community Wellbeing- sub-categories of minor, medium, and major
- Events- sub-categories of minor, medium, and major
- Facilities and Equipment
- Arts and Creativity
- Sport and Recreation
- Venue Hire
- Small Grants

The small grant round is designed to respond to projects that are of community benefit that do not meet the criteria of the large grant round categories or for projects where the timing means that projects cannot be funded in the large grant rounds.

Review of the Grant Categories and Allocation of Funds:

When reviewing the grant categories and the allocation of funding per category the following was considered:

- The demand in each grant category over the last three years
- Consultation with internal stakeholders including Events, Parks and Open Spaces and Community Services
- Benchmarking against other community grants programs including local government and state government.
- Review of strategic plans including the CSP, Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, and the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.
- Feedback from grant applicants over the past three years.

The key findings from the review of the grant categories and associated funds includes:

- The categories of Community Wellbeing Major, Venue Hire and General Donations categories are consistently undersubscribed.
- The Facilities and Equipment category is consistently over-subscribed.
- The Small Grants category is not meeting the demand for time sensitive requests and all current grant projects could be funded under the large grant rounds in the Community Wellbeing small category or from a general donation.
- There has been a significant increase in the cost of hosting large outdoor events, especially for infrastructure, resulting in the need to increase the amount of funding per application for the large events category.

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It is proposed that the allocation of funds from some of the grant categories are increased and that the Venue Hire category and Small Grants are discontinued. Regarding venue hire applicants can include venue hire for their project, as part of their application under the categories of Community Wellbeing, Events, Arts and Creativity and General Donations.

Furthermore, Section 610E of the Local Government Act 1993 allows Council to waive payment of or reduce a fee in a particular case if it is satisfied that the case falls within a category of hardship. Council also provides subsidised rates for venue hire for not-for-profit community organisations and groups, as outlined in Council's Fees and Charges 2023/24,

The following table provides a summary of the proposed changes to the categories and associated funding:

Proposed Grant Rounds:

Round	Categories	Change from Current
Grant Round 1- Jan/Feb Grant Round 2- Aug/Sep	5 grant categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Wellbeing • Events • Facilities and Equipment • Arts and Creativity • Sport and Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate Small Grants into Community Wellbeing category and general donations. • Incorporate venue hire into Community Wellbeing, Events and Arts and Creativity categories.
Donations Open all year	4 Categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Donations • Representative Donations • School Excellence Awards • Meet your Neighbour Donation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase general donations from up to \$500 to up to \$1,000 per applicant. • Introduce a Meet your Neighbour donation of \$250 for projects that support residents in high density living.

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Proposed Changes to the Grants Program:

Grant Category	Max. amount per grant	Recommended Pool pa.	No. Grants pa.	Change from current
Community Wellbeing- Major, Medium and Small	Up to \$15,000	\$60,000 (Major) \$60,000 (Medium) \$40,000 (Small)	4 (Major) 8 (Medium) 16 (Small)	Reduce funding pool for major category. Increase funding pool for small category.
Events- Major, Medium and Small	Up to \$20,000	\$80,000 (Major) \$37,500 (Medium) \$12,500 (Small)	4 (Major) 5 (Medium) 5 (Small)	Increase funding amount per application for Major Events. Increase funding pool for Medium Events. Increase funding pool for Small Events.
Arts and Creativity	Up to \$5,000	\$55,000	10	Increase total funding pool from \$20,000 to \$55,000 to meet demand and the implementation of the Live Music Plan.
Sport and Recreation	Up to \$5,000	\$25,000	5	Increase total funding pool from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to meet demand.
Facilities and Equipment	Up to \$5,000	\$25,000	5	Increase total funding pool from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to meet demand.

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To ensure more accountability from the grant recipients for the funding they receive it is suggested that for grants of \$15,000 or above audited financial reports will need to be submitted with their grant acquittal. This will bring the acquittal process in line with that of other Councils.

Grant Assessment Process:

Once the grant round has closed an initial assessment of the applications is undertaken by the Manager Community Services and Senior Coordinator and the Grants Coordinator to determine whether the applications meet the eligibility criteria. Ineligible applications do not proceed to the assessment phase with the applicants notified once Council has considered the eligible applications and staff recommendations at a Council meeting. These ineligible applicants are provided with feedback, as to why their application was ineligible and offered assistance for future submissions.

The eligible applications are reviewed by members of the grants assessment panel comprising of internal staff with technical expertise aligned to the grant categories including Community Services, Events and Parks and Open Spaces. Other departments are involved in the assessment process if they possess expertise relevant to a grant application. Once the panel has assessed the grants their recommendations are reviewed by the Manager Community Services and the Senior Coordinator. As part of the agenda review process the Executive Leadership Team and the Executive Manager City Life also review the recommendations. A Council report is then presented for endorsement.

In 2022 Council requested a review of the successful grant applicants from 2018-2022 to determine the effectiveness of the Program and to ensure the same applicants and projects were not continually receiving the funding. The main findings of this review were that there was a diverse mix of projects, which have been funded over the period with 445 grants awarded to 198 organisations for over 300 separate projects.

Repeat funding to grant recipients was primarily provided under the Events category, as many festivals and celebrations are held annually. The small grants and small community wellbeing categories, which supports small mostly volunteer-based organisations also at times receives repeat funding.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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1.0	2020	Community Services	Policy updated to align with a review of the Community Grants Program.
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COMMUNITY GRANTS

1. Scope

The City of Ryde Community Grants are designed to provide financial funding to an applicant for a specified project or purpose, which results in a defined community benefit.

The City of Ryde Donations are an arrangement where a financial contribution is provided to support a specified activity.

This policy provides a framework for the City of Ryde Community Grants and Donations. Guidelines are available (in separate documents) to provide applicants with detailed information on the criteria for each grant and donation category.

2. Purpose

This Policy aims to align with Council's vision and goals and establish best-practice grant-making. The following principles provide a framework for the design of the City of Ryde Community Grants and Donations:

- **Capacity building-** We aim to provide an opportunity to build the skills, networks and competency among individuals and organisations within the City of Ryde. This includes the development of partnerships and collaborations which will ultimately provide sustainable projects and activities within the City of Ryde.
- **Access and equity-** We aim to support projects and programs representing a broad range of interests and needs within the community.
- **Outcomes focused-** We aim to support projects that provide outcomes which align with City of Ryde's Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, Reconciliation Action Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan and other relevant Council plans. The projects must clearly demonstrate how they will address these outcomes and how the projects will be evaluated.
- **Governance and accountability-** We aim to have effective and efficient grant making processes where decisions are made in the public interest. Application and acquittal requirements are relative to the size of the grant provided.
- **Probity and transparency-** We follow a clearly outlined process to assess applications within each round according to set criteria listed in the guidelines. Conflicts of interest are declared and addressed throughout the assessment process.
- **Value for money-** We seek to support grants that demonstrate good value for the level of money that has been requested. Projects should not duplicate already existing services. We aim to minimise administrative costs for Council, grant applicants and recipients through efficient grant management processes.

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3. Guidelines / Procedures

Separate guidelines are available which outline the specific eligibility criteria for each grant and donation category.

Assessment-

o Grants-

- Each eligible grant application is assessed by a minimum of two council officers.
- Recommendations are provided to Council for final approval of grants.

o Donations and Awards-

- Applications for donations are assessed by a council officer.
- Recommendations are provided to the CEO or delegate for final approval within the allocated budget.
- Approved donations are reported to Council with the next grant round report.

Funding agreements must be signed by all successful grant applicants prior to receiving funding.

Recipients must meet acquittal requirements to be eligible for future grants.

Grant Rounds-

- Two grant rounds will be available each year. Applications can only be submitted when the grant rounds are open. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Applicants are eligible to submit one grant application per round (auspice arrangements are excluded).
- Applicants are eligible to receive funding for the same project only once per year.
- Applications for donations can be made at any time throughout the year and approval will be subject to the availability of remaining funds.
- One round of School Excellence Awards is available each year.

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Grant Categories-

Category	Summary	Funding Amount	Recommended Funding Pool pa.
Community Wellbeing	Projects that increase the capacity of organisations to improve community wellbeing (<i>Align with Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan & Disability Inclusion Action Plan</i>) Major category requires matched funding/contribution).	Major- Up to \$15,000 (matched contribution) Medium- Up to \$7,500 Small- Up to \$2,500	\$160,000
Events	Events that are open to the public and encourage increased activation and connection within the community. Major category requires matched funding/ contribution).	Major- Up to \$20,000 (matched contribution) Medium- Up to \$7,500 Minor- Up to \$2,500	\$130,000
Sport and Recreation	Projects that increase participation in sport and recreational activities in the Ryde LGA.	Up to \$5,000	\$25,000
Arts and Creativity	Projects that create a more culturally engaged and vibrant community (<i>Align with Community Strategic Plan & Creativity Strategy</i>)	Up to \$5,000	\$50,000
Community Facilities and Equipment	Projects that require minor capital building works or equipment to improve access and benefit to the community.	Up to \$5,000	\$25,000

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Minor Donations and Awards Categories

Category	Summary	Funding Amount	Total Funding Pool	No. of Rounds per Year
General	One-off requests for financial assistance where the Council grants are not available.	Up to \$1,000	\$10,000	Open all year
Representative	One-off funding for individuals who are representing a nationally recognised sport, academic or cultural activity at a national or international level.	Up to \$250	\$2,500	Open all year
School Excellence Awards	Annual awards to recognise the achievements of school students in the Ryde LGA.	\$100 primary school \$200 high school	\$5,000	1
Meet Your Neighbour	One-off requests for projects that facilitate neighbourhood activities.	\$250	\$2,500	Open all year

4. References and Legislation

Local Government Act (1993)- Section 356, 377 and 378.

The following City of Ryde Plans: Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan and Creativity Strategy.

5. Review and Endorsement

This Policy should be reviewed every three years and endorsed by Council.

Community Grants and Donations Policy		
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10 REDUCING ORGANIC AND NON-ORGANIC MATTER IN OUR WATERWAYS

Report prepared by: Manager - Operations

File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/624

REPORT SUMMARY

On 27 June 2023, Council resolved:

7 (c) *That staff identify sites that produce more loose organic matter during increasing adverse weather events and increase the current cleaning frequency of street gutters, stormwater pits and GPTs at these sites, ensuring optimal performance in all other areas and report back to Council exploring opportunities to gain efficiencies where practicable.*

This Council report details Council's waste collection methods and equipment used to prevent waste from entering the waterways. It also discusses the analysis of cleaning frequencies for street sweeping, stormwater pit maintenance, and GPT servicing. It also offers the results of an analysis of material tonnages and recommends adjustments to servicing frequencies for optimised outcomes.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the proposed amendments to the servicing frequencies of waste from Council's GPT network be noted as at optimal frequency.
- (b) That the current street sweeping, and stormwater pit servicing frequencies are noted to be at optimal frequency, and for this servicing to continue in accordance with current practice.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 GPT Configurations
- 2 2020, 2021 and August 2022 to August 2023 Ryde GPT Tonnage Report

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Discussion

GPT Configurations

The City of Ryde (CoR) operates 46 Gross Pollutant Traps (GPT) of varying configurations, as detailed in Attachment 1. These configurations have been introduced gradually to effectively serve specific catchment areas and the adjacent natural waterways into which treated stormwater is discharged. These GPT types include trash racks, “ski-jumps”, and CDS units, each tailored to capture waste matter and estimated volume for their respective catchment area.

Smaller units are typically known as the NetTech units. They are commonly positioned adjacent to streams, and creeks and allow treated water to flow into the nearby waterways despite their lower capacity and simple service requirements. However, access is required to ensure that the minimal volume of material can be safely transported to a vehicle. Whilst low in tonnage capacity (up to one (1) tonne), they serve to collect leaf debris and larger waste matter such as drink containers.

Conversely, the larger "CDS" units typically capture larger volumes of silt, tree leaf debris, and general waste. These units are configured with large structural baskets and can capture more tonnage than their specified basket capacity due to material accumulating on top of the basket. Therefore, in cases where tonnage data, as referenced in Attachment 2, exceeds the stated capacity, it does not necessarily indicate waste bypassing the GPT but rather being captured above the basket.

An audit conducted in 2019 by Optimal Stormwater recommended a range of maintenance and performance improvements to the GPT network. These recommendations are being implemented in line with available funding from the approved OPEX budget. However, a review of progress is warranted and will be used as the basis for further improvements.

GPT Data Analysis and Outcome

The recorded tonnages are approximations, relying on the experience of operators and referencing eventual weighbridge measurements back to the GPTs serviced on that day, considering the known capacities of each GPT. An analysis of the data provided by CoR’s GPT Servicing contractor has been undertaken, covering the years 2020, 2021, and the period from August 2022 to August 2023. The analysis has revealed the following:

- i. Council is currently following the cleaning frequencies recommended by Optimal Stormwater.
- ii. Over a 12-month period from August 2022 to August 2023, the tonnage data indicates the need to adjust cleaning frequencies to achieve better results.

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- iii. Smaller NetTECH units (with a capacity of less than one [1] tonne) consistently have low tonnages with the current cleaning frequencies. However, the use of a "sock" necessitates more frequent servicing to prevent damage to the sock and to enable material transfer to a vehicle.
- iv. Larger CDS units have consistently operated at or above their capacity. More frequent servicing could reduce basket wear and enhance GPT efficiency, as material won't compact beyond capacity.

This analysis has formed the basis of amending the cleaning frequencies to now enable the following:

- a) Cleaning frequencies for smaller units, currently scheduled every two months, will be extended to every four (4) months. This reduced servicing frequency will be replaced with more frequent inspections to determine the optimal intervention points.
- b) Larger capacity CDS units, presently serviced every four (4) months, will be increased to every three (3) months. The aim is to service them before they reach full capacity. These units will also undergo evaluation for modifications to facilitate easier inspections before engaging the GPT Servicing contractor.

It should be noted that the suggested frequencies serve as a guide and may vary due to inclement weather, impacting the volume of material washed into the stormwater network. Conversely, extended periods of dry weather may justify a reduction in service frequency as less debris is washed into the stormwater system.

Street Sweeping and Stormwater Pits

Council's street sweeping and stormwater pit maintenance operations are supported by a fleet of three (3) truck-mounted sweepers. Council's Local Government Area (LGA) has been divided into three (3) zones, each serviced by a dedicated sweeper. In 2018-19, a review of these operations led to the implementation of a proactive, scheduled maintenance approach, replacing the previously reactive mode of operation.

This shift has resulted in street maintenance cycles lasting between 5-6 weeks, though variations occur due to factors such as parked vehicles, one-off service requests, the pit cleaning program, and emergency situations necessitating immediate attention. Whilst these services have been optimised, their effectiveness may be influenced by seasonal conditions and the types of trees in the area, which affect the amount of debris in the gutters.

A similar approach has been applied to Council's stormwater pit network. Pits known for accumulating higher volumes of waste have been identified and included in a "hotspots" register. These pits are regularly inspected on at least a six (6) monthly basis, with more frequent checks scheduled in anticipation of adverse weather conditions. These inspections lead to a targeted cleaning schedule, which is conducted with Council's in-house equipment and staff.

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Action Plan

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, an audit of all GPT's will be conducted to determine the logistical issues and quantify costs associated with introducing a pre-servicing inspection regime. The objective of this is to adopt a targeted approach that optimises servicing frequencies while adhering to a cap on servicing costs.

This audit will also draw upon insights from a previous audit carried out by Optimal Stormwater in June 2019, allowing Council to build on those recommendations.

This audit is proposed to be completed by June 2024, with the following key focus:

- a) Budgetary implications due to changes in servicing frequencies.
- b) Low-value equipment and / or modifications to GPT's to permit pre-servicing inspections.
- c) An implementation timeframe.

Financial Implications

The proposed adjustments to the servicing frequencies as outlined in Attachment 2, are anticipated to be cost neutral. However, and as previously stated, scheduled servicing may require changes to address increases in waste matter due to adverse weather events. In such cases, these adjustments will initially be managed within the existing Operations Expenditure (OPEX) budget or through quarterly budget adjustment.

It is also noted that a forecasted dry season in the upcoming summer may result in reduced servicing requirements. Cost savings derived from these modifications will be allocated towards affordable improvements to enhance the GPT network.

As a result of this analysis, the adoption of these recommendations is not expected to have any financial implications at this stage.

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ATTACHMENT 1

ATTACHMENT 1 - GPT CONFIGURATIONS

NetTech – Cottonwood Cr, Macquarie Park

Address	Wilga Park, 12-12A Cottonwood Cr, Macquarie Park
Device	COR1 NetTech
Site Details	Access from Cottonwood Crescent across from Cottonwood Reserve.
Estimated catchment area	3 hectares
Catchment Analysis	The catchment is 100% medium-density residential and accordingly approximately 3 tonnes of pollutants are anticipated per year and the device stores 0.3m ³ . The GPT is located at the end of the catchment.
Pipe Diameter	525mm
Outlet	Headwall into Shrimptons Creek
Device Status at Feb 2019	Non-operational, 5% full



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COR 7 – Booth Street Ski Jump

Address	36 Booth St, Booth Reserve, Shrimptons Creek Bank, Marsfield
Device	COR7 Nicholas Ski Jump
Site Details	The GPT is accessed via bollard at 36 Booth Street, or via 32 Scott Street and driving directly into the reserve and parking nearby and then walking through the reserve to the site.
Estimated catchment area	5.5 ha
Catchment Analysis	The catchment is a medium density residential area and accordingly approximately 6 tonnes of pollutants are anticipated per year and the device stores 0.3m ³ . The GPT is located at the outlet of the catchment.
Pipe Diameter	750 mm
Outlet	Headwall into Creek
Device Status at Feb 2019	Non-Operational, 100% full, 20% efficient.
Device Value	\$30,000



The access is via the pedestrian path from Booth Street, seen in the background.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Trashrack – Bowden St, Meadowbank

Address	Bowden St, Meadowbank opp Bay Drive
Asset ID	COR14
Device	Underground tidal Trashrack
Site Details	Access from the intersection of Bay Dr and Bowden St, Meadowbank and pull up near the device opposite of No.147 Bowden St, Meadowbank.
Estimated catchment area	10 hectares
Catchment Analysis	The catchment is a high-density residential area and accordingly approximately 10 tonnes of pollutants are anticipated per year and the GPT stores 1.5 tonnes. The device is located at the outlet of the catchment
Pipe Diameter	900mm pipe (from south catchment of 3.2 hectares) and culvert (from north catchment of 6.7 hectares)
Outlet	Tidal River (Parramatta River)
Device Status at Feb 2019	Non-operational, 5% Full, 5% efficient
Device Value	\$15,000



The GPT during high tide. It had captured and retained 1 PET bottle

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ATTACHMENT 1

CDS P2018 – Brush Rd, West Ryde

Address	Maze Park, Brush Rd, opposite Ermington School West Ryde
Asset ID	COR17
Device	CDS P2018R
Site Details	Access from the chain gate on Brush Rd opposite of Ermington Public School between 98 and 110 Brush Road. The device is located in the bushland between the creek and the roadway.
Estimated catchment area	81 ha
Catchment Analysis	The catchment area comprises medium density residential and parkland at a ratio of approximately 60/40 and accordingly around 40-60 tonnes of pollutants are anticipated per year and the GPT stores 11m ³ . The device is well located at the outlet capturing 100% of the catchment with close access available from Brush Road.
Pipe Diameter	1800mm main drainage line is diverted into a 600mm inlet pipe
Outlet	Archers Creek, 600mm outlet pipe from CDS
Device Status at Feb 2019	Operational, 20% full, 25% effective
Device Value	\$250,000



Looking inside the device. Note this photo was taken in May 2018 and shows the former damaged screen that Optimal Stormwater repaired for TDC for Ryde Council in 2018.

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CDS P2018 – Bill Mitchell Park

Address	80 Morrison Road, Gladesville – Bill Mitchell Park
Asset ID	COR39
Device	Rocla CDS P2018
Site Details	Access from Morrison Road, park near the device on the bitumen carpark inside Bill Mitchell Park
Estimated catchment area	47 ha
Catchment Analysis	The catchment contains 47 hectares of residential and commercial catchment and accordingly approximately 47 tonnes of pollutants are expected per year. The device is located towards the end of the catchment upstream of the tidal zone. Another two catchments enter the culvert further downstream inside the park but at this point the culvert is heavily tidally impacted and would reduce the effectiveness of the GPT and it would not be able to harvest the stormwater.
Pipe Diameter	1.5m x 1m Culvert
Outlet	1.5m x 1m Culvert
Device Status at Feb 2019	Operational, 50% Full, 90% effective
Device Value	\$320,000



Sediments behind the screen were removed in the cleaning on 30 April 2019.



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ATTACHMENT 2

ATTACHMENT 2 - 2020, Tonnage Data

ID No.	Asset Type	Location	Capacity (tons)	Cycle	Jan-20	Feb-20	% Full	Mar-20	Apr-20	% Full	May-20	Jun-20	% Full	Jul-20	Aug-20	% Full	Sep-20	% Full	Oct-20	% Full	Nov-20	Dec-20	Estimate		
COR - 1	NetTECH	#12-12A Cottonwood Cr, Macquarie Park - Wilga Park	0.3	6 Weekly		0.25	83%		0.89	297%		0.01	3%		0.10	33%			0.09	30%			1.33		
COR - 2	NetTECH	#91-93 Parklands Rd, North Ryde - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.2	6 Weekly		0.41	206%		0.63	315%		0.22	110%		0.25	125%			0.07	35%			1.59		
COR - 3	NetTECH	#109 Parklands Rd, North Ryde - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.7	6 Weekly		0.25	36%		0.25	36%		0.18	21%		0.10	14%			0.09	13%			0.84		
COR - 4	NetTECH (A)	Narramine Way, Macquarie Park - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.3	6 Weekly		0.41	137%			0%			0%		0.41	137%			0.09	30%			0.90		
COR - 5	NetTECH (B)	Narramine Way, Macquarie Park - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.2	6 Weekly		0.41	205%			0%			0%		0.71	355%			0.09	45%			1.21		
COR - 6	Storm Trap	#158 Marsden Rd, Eastwood - Bush Farm Park	0.3	6 Weekly		0.41	137%		1.14	380%		0.37	123%		0.30	100%			0.12	40%			2.34		
COR - 7	Nicholas Ski Jump	#36 Booth St, Marsfield - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.3	6 Weekly		0.25	83%		0.89	297%		1.47	490%		0.30	100%			0.10	33%			3.02		
COR - 8	Nicholas Ski Jump	Cobar Way, Macquarie Park - Shrimptons Creek Bank	3	6 Weekly		0.25	8%		1.65	55%			0%		0.30	10%			0.10	3%			2.30		
COR - 9	Nicholas Ski Jump	#2 Lyonpark Rd, Macquarie Park - Shrimptons Creek Bank	2.5	6 Weekly		0.25	10%			0%			0%		0.15	6%			0.12	5%			0.52		
COR - 10	Nicholas Ski Jump	#2 Cottonwood Cr, Macquarie Park - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.3	6 Weekly		0.25	83%		1.52	507%		0.29	97%		0.30	100%			0.10	33%			2.47		
COR - 11	Nicholas Ski Jump	Ivanhoe Pl, Macquarie Park - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.2	6 Weekly		0.25	125%			0%			0%		0.30	150%			0.09	45%			0.64		
COR - 12	Nicholas Ski Jump	#109 Parklands Rd, Marsfield - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.4	6 Weekly		0.41	103%		1.01	253%		0.52	130%		0.41	103%			0.10	25%			2.45		
COR - 13	Nicholas Ski Jump	Peach Tree Rd, Macquarie Park - Wilga Park - Shrimptons Creek Bank	0.2	6 Weekly		0.33	165%		1.77	885%		1.09	515%		0.25	125%			0.09	45%			3.47		
COR - 14	Trash Rack	Bowden St (Opp Bay Dr), Meadowbank	1.5	6 Weekly		0.33	22%		1.39	92%		0.88	59%		0.71	47%			0.16	11%			3.47		
COR - 16	Trash Rack	Cressy Rd, North Ryde - Strangers Creek	1.9	6 Weekly		0.67	30%		1.62	80%		0.44	23%		0.46	24%			0.10	5%			3.10		
COR - 17	CDS - P2018	#140 Bush Rd (Opp 5chaal), West Ryde - Maze Park	11.4	3 Monthly			0%				11.28	99%					2.88	25%					14.11		
COR - 18	CDS - P2018	Opp #138 Darvall Rd, West Ryde - Maze Park	5.2	3 Monthly		3.20	62%				2.36	45%					1.83	35%					7.38		
COR - 19	CDS - P2018	#37 Railway Parade, Eastwood	4.1	3 Monthly		0.90	22%				3.91	95%					6.20	151%					11.00		
COR - 20	CDS - P3018	#51 Argyle Ave, Ryde - Ryde Park	5.7	3 Monthly		5.00	88%				4.57	80%					4.65	82%					14.21		
COR - 21	CDS - P4530	Constitution Rd, Meadowbank - Meadowbank Park	21.9	3 Monthly		10.57	48%				2.95	13%					8.59	39%					22.11		
COR - 22	CDS - P1512	Belmore Street, Meadowbank - Anderson Park	4.2	3 Monthly		2.54	60%						0%				6.34	161%					8.88		
COR - 23	CDS - P1012	#1 Lucknow, North Ryde	2.3	3 Monthly			0%				0.15	7%					2.25	98%					2.40		
COR - 24	CDS - P3018	Constitution Rd (tennis Crt side), East Ryde - Meadowbank Park	5.7	3 Monthly	173%	9.84	173%				4.79	84%					8.59	151%					23.22		
COR - 25	CDS - P3018	#11 Parry Street, Ryde - Parry Park	4.2	3 Monthly		0.66	16%				6.26	149%					2.82	67%					9.74		
COR - 26	CDS - P3018	#14 Ashburn Pl, Gladesville	2.3	3 Monthly		1.39	60%				1.47	64%					2.82	123%					5.68		
COR - 27	HG18	#50 Higglnbotham Rd, Gladesville	1.6	3 Monthly		0.41	26%				0.42	26%					1.27	79%					2.10		
COR - 28	CDS - P1015L	#40 Peits St, Ryde	2.3	3 Monthly		0.90	39%				0.52	23%					1.69	73%					3.11		
COR - 29	CDS - P1009R	Fox Rd, East Ryde - Parfus Park	2.3	3 Monthly		1.88	82%				0.44	19%					2.11	92%					4.44		
COR - 30	CDS - P1512	Shaffsbury Rd, West Ryde - Urans Park	2.3	3 Monthly		2.62					1.62						2.96						7.20		
COR - 31	CDS P0708 Maxi	Pittwater Rd, East Ryde	1.49	3 Monthly		1.39	93%				0.15	10%					2.53	170%					4.07		
COR - 32	Ecosal Unit	Fawcett St, Ryde - Santa Rose Park	2.9	3 Monthly		1.72	59%				1.62	56%					0.99	34%					4.33		
COR - 33	Humeceptor - STC3	Glen St/Lakeside Rd (Up Stream), Eastwood	2.2	3 Monthly		0.33	15%					0%					0.42	19%					0.75		
COR - 34	Humeceptor - STC2	Glen St/Lakeside Rd. (Down Stream), Eastwood	0.3	3 Monthly		0.33	110%				0.22	73%					0.14	47%					0.69		
COR - 35	Humeceptor - STC2	Hillview Lane (Car Park), Eastwood	0.3	3 Monthly		0.25	83%				0.15	35%					0.42	140%					0.82		
COR - 36	Humeceptor - STC2	#53-71 Rowe St (Car Park), Eastwood	0.3	3 Monthly		0.41	137%				0.29	97%					0.42	140%					1.13		
COR - 37	Humeceptor - STC9	#158 Marsden Rd, Eastwood - Bush Farm Park	0.8	3 Monthly		0.49	61%										0.49	61%					0.98		
COR - 38	Ecosal Unit	Deakin St, West Ryde (In the Golf Course)	6.62	3 Monthly		2.70	41%				0.52	8%					3.66	55%					6.88		
COR - 39	CDS - P2018	Monison Rd, Gladesville (Bill Mitchell Park)	11.3	3 Monthly		3.52	31%				2.95	26%					4.22	37%					10.70		
COR-41	CDS	Opp #18 Bennelong Way, Ryde	2.3	6 Monthly			0%						0%				0.00	0%							
COR-42	CDS	Opp #28 Bennelong Way, Ryde	2.3	6 Monthly			0%						0%				0.56	24%							
COR-43	CDS	#2 Bennelong Way, Ryde	2.3	6 Monthly			0%						0%				0.56	24%							
COR-44	CDS	#5 Susan Scharaf Way, Ryde	2.3	6 Monthly			0%						0%				0.56	24%							
TOTAL TONNAGE REMOVED:						120.91		0.00	54.06		0.00	12.66		0.00	52.02		0.00	5.08		69.92		1.52	0.00	0.00	195.57

11 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RYDE AND THE HSINCHU SCIENCE PARK BUREAU, TAIWAN

Report prepared by: Executive Officer - City Economy

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REPORT SUMMARY

In March 2023, delegates from the City of Ryde attended the Taipei Smart City Summit and Expo. The delegation also visited the Hsinchu Science Park, meeting officials from Hsinchu County and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau.

Following the delegation, staff from Council's City Economy team commenced negotiations with the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau, via the National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan), to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that would contribute benefits to both the City of Ryde and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau (HSPB). Negotiations included hosting delegates from the National Science and Technology Council on a tour of the Macquarie Park Innovation District alongside collaborative discussions with representatives from Macquarie University and Macquarie Park businesses. This work has been undertaken in accordance with Council's International Relations Policy (adopted by Council on 28 February 2023).

Council staff and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau have settled on the wording of the proposed MoU, available at [Attachment 1](#) to this report, which has been prepared in English and traditional Mandarin. At the heart of the MoU is the following agreement:

“Both parties [the City of Ryde and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau] agree that cooperation will focus on the advancement of the semiconductor industry, the biomedical industry, and the incubation of start-up companies...”

In accordance with Council's International Relations Policy, this Council report includes a merit-based assessment of the MoU and seeks a resolution of the Council to endorse the MoU and the Mayor signing the MoU on behalf of the Council.

If endorsed, Council staff will plan for the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer, and once member of staff to participate in a formal signing ceremony at the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau's offices in March 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- (a) Approve the City of Ryde entering the Memorandum of Understanding at [Attachment 1](#) with the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau.
- (b) Approve the Mayor of the City of Ryde signing the MoU on behalf of the Council, as per Council's *International Relations Policy*.

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- (c) Approve staff planning for the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer (or delegate), and one member of staff visiting the Hsinchu Science Park in March 2024 to participate in a formal signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding.
- (d) Note the information contained within this report, the Memorandum of Understanding at Attachment 1, and the merit-based assessment at Attachment 2.
- (e) Note that on 26 April 2023, the Council resolved that it:
 - i) *Pursue the potential benefits that have been identified from this delegation [identified in the 2023 Evaluation Report of the City of Ryde's international delegation to the Taiwan Smart City Summit and Expo] and*
 - ii) *Seek opportunities for continued participation in the Taipei Smart City Expo and Net Zero Summit in 2024.*

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MoU - City of Ryde and Hsinchu Science Park Bureau
- 2 Merit assessment - MoU - City of Ryde and Hsinchu Science Park Bureau
- 3 International Relations Policy

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Discussion

International Relations Policy

On 28 February 2023, the Council approved Council's *International Relations Policy* (the Policy), included at Attachment 3, which covers all matter relating to international relations between the City of Ryde and international organisations, governments, and institutions (for example, Universities).

The Policy establishes clear principles for the City of Ryde's approach to international relations, specifically that the work contributes to:

- 1) Investment attraction
- 2) Strategic outcomes
- 3) Transparency
- 4) Cooperation and collaboration, and
- 5) the Delivery of Benefits.

International Relations Activities

Since the introduction of the Policy, Council has been interacting with international representatives from different countries, such as Taiwan, Republic of Korea, China, Japan, Austria, Thailand, and India.

Focused on building effective working relationships to inform future activities, international relations activities have included hosting delegations, participating in events, participating in an international delegation, and engaging with State Government agencies (e.g., Investment NSW).

Hsinchu Science Park

Established in 1985, the Hsinchu Science Park is divided into six satellite parks, namely Hsinchu, Zhunan, Tonglu, Longtan, Yilan, and Hsinchu Biomedical parks. Covering approximately 1,342 hectares and employing 150,000 people, its main sector is the integrated circuit industry (i.e., semiconductors), which accounts for 70% of the park's total output value, as well as the computer and peripheral industries, communications, optoelectronics, precision machinery and biotechnology.

Similar to how Macquarie Park was established to be Australia's version of Silicon Valley, Hsinchu Science Park is referred to as the Silicon Valley of Taiwan.

Located in the northwestern part of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Hsinchu Science Park is surrounded by academic research institutions and national institutes with a growing biomedical sector. Constructed as a 'smart ecological' science park, it works to promote entrepreneurship and sustainable economic development, to strengthen integration of industry, government, and research, and to accelerate regional innovation.

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Hsinchu Science Park Bureau

The HSPB was established by the National Science and Technology Council to manage the affairs of the Hsinchu Science Park. HSPB's responsibilities include¹:

- Matters relating to research and development, integrated planning, administrative regulation, and performance review within the Park.
- Coordination for personnel training, R&D subsidies, industry-academia cooperation, and experimental high/elementary schools.
- Financial planning, allocation, audit, and management of operating funds.
- Securing investment, overseeing business operations within the Park, foreign exchange and trade, as well as the oversight of investment by foreign entities and overseas compatriot.
- Issuing industrial / commercial certificates and tax-exemption certificates, overseeing the hiring and employment of foreign specialists and technicians, introduction, and supervision of companies in the service industry, and security-related matters.
- Coordination and communication with the industrial / commercial entities within the Park, labor administration, occupational safety and health management, labor inspection, as well as matters relating to gender equality and environmental protection.
- Supervision of the land, factories, and residences within the Park, control of land utilization, construction regulation, and landscape planning and management.
- Land development and building construction / maintenance within the Park, planning and management of water and power resources, and transportation management.

Merit Assessment

As per Council's International Relations Policy, Council staff have prepared a merit assessment of the MoU, available at Attachment 1. The assessment considers three key elements:

- 1) Strategic alignment – how well does the MoU align with Council plans and strategies?
- 2) Obligations and stewardship – are the commitments made in the MoU relevant to the roles and responsibilities of Council? Furthermore, are they realistic?
- 3) Foundations for collaboration – what is the likelihood of the MoU delivering benefits to the City of Ryde?

In summary, the MoU has very strong alignment with Council plans and strategies as well as key strategies of the NSW Government and directions by the NSW Premier. Implementing the MoU is achievable, and there are mechanisms for revising the MoU in the future.

¹ <https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=H0000140>

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Lastly, securing the MoU could help unlock significant benefit. Scenario modelling indicates that the MoU can lead to nothing but benefit, with an example of a new company employing 20 workers in the biomedical industry in Macquarie Park leading to an estimated \$15.48m in benefits in year one of the new company.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact on Council.

Consultation with relevant external bodies

Council staff have consulted with representatives from Macquarie University in the development of the MoU.

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ATTACHMENT 1

*Memorandum of Understanding
on Bilateral Collaboration
between
Hsinchu Science Park Bureau
And
The City of Ryde (Macquarie Park Innovation District)*

By virtue of this Memorandum of Understanding, signed on Month/ Date /Year, the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Hsinchu, Taiwan, R.O.C. and the City of Ryde's Macquarie Park Innovation District, Sydney, Australia jointly agree to promote and encourage mutually beneficial relations.

The Hsinchu Science Park Bureau, the administration authority of Hsinchu Science Park, is devoted to high-tech research and development in Taiwan.

The City of Ryde, is devoted to fostering technology transfer acceleration, innovation and entrepreneurship in the Macquarie Park Innovation District in Australia.

The interests of the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau and the City of Ryde in nurturing knowledge-based corporations solidify the basis of mutual collaboration and business partnerships.

Both parties agree that cooperation will focus on the advancement of the semiconductor industry, the biomedical industry, and the incubation of start-up companies through the following initiatives:

1. Information sharing and technology collaboration through

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- technology transfer, venture incubation, and investment.
2. Bilateral contacts and partnership development between corporations resident in both regions.
 3. Encouragement of knowledge-based industries in both regions through joint ventures or technology cooperation.
 4. Assistance and collaboration in expanding other knowledge-based related industry clusters in both regions.
 5. Encouragement of the exchange of faculty/staff or science park employees from the respective institutions.

In the spirit of cooperation and friendship, the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau and the City of Ryde, share the common desire to expand and deepen their friendly ties of economic cooperation. This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to a periodical evaluation by representatives of both parties biennially.

Hsinchu Science Park Bureau,
National Science and Technology
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City of Ryde
Sydney, Australia

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新竹科學園區管理局
和
萊德市麥覺理園區新創區

雙邊合作
合作備忘錄

中華民國國家科學及技術委員會新竹科學園區管理局與澳大利亞雪梨萊德市麥覺理園區新創區，同意共同促進和鼓勵互利關係，於月/日/年簽署本合作備忘錄。

新竹科學園區管理局為新竹科學園區主管機關，致力於臺灣的高科技研發。

萊德市致力於促進澳大利亞麥覺理園區新創區的技术轉讓加速、創新和創業。

新竹科學園區管理局和萊德市麥覺理園區基於培育知識型產業方面的共同利益，鞏固雙方相互合作和商業夥伴關係。

雙方同意合作重點應關注於半導體產業、生醫產業及新創育成面向，合作領域應包括：

1. 通過技術轉讓、創業孵化、投資等方式進行資訊共享和技術合作。
2. 雙方企業之間的雙邊聯繫和夥伴關係發展。
3. 鼓勵兩地通過合資或技術合作發展知識型產業。
4. 協助和合作擴大雙邊區域其他知識型相關產業集群。

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5.鼓勵雙方機構或科學園區之雇員或員工的互換交流。

本著合作與友誼的精神，新竹科學園區局與萊德市麥覺理園區有著擴大和深化友好經濟合作關係的共同願望。本瞭解備忘錄每兩年由雙方代表進行定期評估。

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Merit Assessment:

**Memorandum of Understanding between
the City of Ryde and the Hsinchu Science
Park**

Prepared by the Executive Officer City Economy
5 October 2023

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The City of Ryde and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau (**HSPB**) have been working together since March 2023 to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to support investment, research and development in both the Macquarie Park Innovation District and the Hsinchu Science Park.

The Macquarie Park Innovation District is Australia's original innovation district, established to be Australia's version of Silicon Valley. It has many comparative advantages, including biotechnologies, life sciences, optoelectronics, telecommunications, the incubation of startups, and Australia's only hospital wholly owned by a university.

The Hsinchu Science Park (in Hsinchu, Republic of China (Taiwan)) is divided into six satellite parks. It has comparative advantages in biotechnologies, communications, optoelectronics, precision machinery and, critically, integrated circuits (i.e., semiconductors), which account for 70% of the Hsinchu Science Park's total output.

1.2 Purpose of the Report

The Report provides a merit assessment (the **Assessment**) of the proposed MoU between the City of Ryde and the HSPB.

The Report has been prepared to support consideration of the MoU by the Council at its meeting on 24 October 2023.

1.3 Method

The Assessment evaluates the merits of the MoU using the following methodology:

1. Strategic alignment – how well does the MoU align with Council plans and strategies?
2. Obligations and stewardship – are the commitments made in the MoU relevant to the roles and responsibilities of the City of Ryde? Furthermore, are they realistic?
3. Foundations for collaboration – what is the likelihood of the MoU delivering benefits to the City of Ryde?

Please note that the Assessment evaluates the merits of the MoU. The development of the MoU has considered factors such as signatories, termination clauses, and compliance.

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2 Merit Assessment

The following is an extract of the MoU, which is relevant to the Assessment:

Both parties [the City of Ryde and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau] agree that cooperation will focus on the advancement of the semiconductor industry, the biomedical industry, and the incubation of startup companies through the following initiatives:

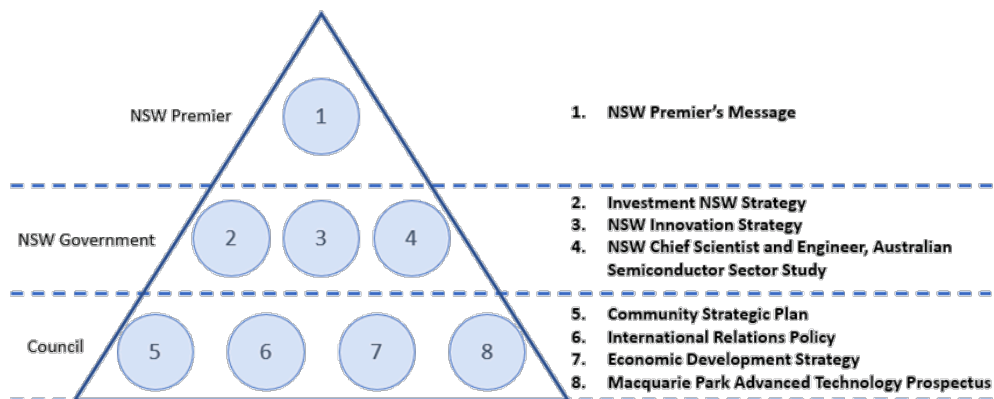
1. *Information sharing and technology collaboration through technology transfer, venture incubation, and investment.*
2. *Bilateral contacts and partnership development between corporations resident in both regions.*
3. *Encouragement of knowledge-based industries in both regions through joint ventures or technology cooperation.*
4. *Assistance and collaboration in expanding other knowledge-based related industry clusters in both regions.*
5. *Encouragement of the exchange of faculty/staff or science park employees from the respective institutions.*

2.1 Assessment: Strategic Alignment

In assessing the strategic alignment of the MoU, Council staff were able to identify strategic links in Council documents, NSW Government documents, and the NSW Premier’s message.

Figure 1 below provides a snapshot of the MoU’s strategic alignment, with Table 1 providing details on the strategic alignment. In summary, the MoU strongly aligns with the strategic directions of both the City of Ryde and the NSW Government.

Figure 1 - Strategic alignment of MoU between the City of Ryde and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau



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Table 1 - Strategic alignment of MoU between the City of Ryde and the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau

Document	Details of alignment
NSW Premier's Message ⁱ	<p>In his message of 11 April 2023, the NSW Premier, Chris Minns, describes his vision for building a better future for everyone. In his message, the Premier identifies manufacturing and innovation as key elements of his vision.</p> <p>The MoU could support collaboration between two globally competitive innovation districts, creating new opportunities for innovation and advanced manufacturing in the fields of biotechnologies and semiconductors. Furthermore, the MoU supports the fostering of startup companies, which is a key element of the innovation ecosystem.</p>
Investment NSW Strategy ⁱⁱ	<p>Investment NSW's August 2022 strategy identifies a vision for NSW to be a prosperous, inclusive and thriving global hub for business, innovation, talent, students and residents.</p> <p>Some of the Strategy's target sectors include technology, medtech and life science, defence and aerospace, and international education. The Strategy seeks to target these sectors by focussing on the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boosting research and development - Fostering startups and innovation - Attracting global investment and talent, and - Growing priority sectors and precincts. <p>The MoU aligns well with the Strategy and could unlock collaborative opportunities between businesses, academia, and governments operating in both the Macquarie Park Innovation District and the Hsinchu Science Park.</p>
NSW Innovation Strategy ⁱⁱⁱ	<p>The NSW Government's Innovation Strategy (currently under review) presents a vision to boost innovation in NSW, in the government and non-government sectors, for the betterment of the State.</p> <p>The Strategy aims to help increase NSW's productivity and position NSW as a leader for the future. The Strategy has a strong focus on developing skills for the future, fostering entrepreneurialism, and leveraging research and development.</p> <p>The MoU aligns well with the Strategy, targeting collaboration on research and development and the incubation of startup companies.</p>
NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer's Australian Semiconductor Sector Study ^{iv}	<p>Produced in December 2020, the Study focussed on answering two streams of questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The first set of questions and analysis focused on ascertaining NSW and Australia's current participation in the semiconductor sector across the whole value chain and where inhibitors to semiconductor-related business addition and growth arise, including barriers to entry. 2) The second set of questions and analysis sought to evaluate, place, and project NSW and Australia's existing and potential participation in the semiconductor sector in terms of global competitiveness. This includes assessing capability and assets, global market dynamics across a range of value chain positions and end markets, and prospective global market discontinuities where Australia may be well positioned to carve out a niche or leading position. <p>The Study recognised that Australia has a relatively low standing within the global semiconductor sector; however, Australia has specific strengths and strategic significance across the semiconductor value chain and in specific markets. The Study is supportive of NSW and</p>

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	<p>Australia increasing its participation in the global semiconductor value chain.</p> <p>The MoU aligns well with the Study's findings, which acknowledge the importance of the Hsinchu Science Park in the global supply chain of semiconductors. Aligning the Macquarie Park Innovation District with Hsinchu Science Park also unlocks opportunities to localise the delivery of several initiatives proposed by the Study, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced manufacturing - 5G and 6G equipment supply - Composite fabrication - A material future (leveraging natural endowments with research capabilities to match future opportunities) - Solar to silicon - Dual use design centres, and - Defence contracts.
City of Ryde Community Strategy Plan ^v	<p>Council's 2018 Community Strategic Plan identifies seven key focus areas, one of which is "Our smart and innovative city". There are three main components of this key focus area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Business opportunity and investment 2) Strengthening business networks, and 3) Macquarie Park <p>The MoU aligns well with the Community Strategic Plan. Specifically, the MoU contributes to Council's approach to expanding Macquarie Park's role as a leading commercial centre and innovation district.</p>
International Relations Policy ^{vi}	<p>Approved by Council in February 2023, the International Relations Policy governs the processes for all international relations activities undertaken by the City of Ryde.</p> <p>The Policy's principles (investment attraction, strategic outcomes, transparency, cooperation and collaboration, and deliver benefits) have guided the efforts of Council staff to pursue an MoU with the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau.</p> <p>The MoU has a strong alignment with the Policy's intended outcomes, namely outcomes relating to encouraging cooperation with the City of Ryde on matters of economics and trade, research and development, tertiary and vocational education, and immigration and settlement.</p>
Economic Development Strategy ^{vii}	<p>Adopted in December 2020, Council's Economic Development Strategy sets a vision for a resilient economy that fosters innovation, attracts investment and celebrates diversity. Its three pillars of economic development have a strong local focus that underpins how Council is seeking to make Macquarie Park a globally competitive innovation district.</p> <p>The MoU aligns with the Strategy, seeking to act as a catalyst for investment in research and development and the innovation ecosystem in sectors of comparative advantage for the Macquarie Park Innovation District.</p>
Macquarie Park Advanced Technology Prospectus ^{viii}	<p>Developed in March 2023, the Prospectus identifies the importance of investing in the advanced technology sector due to its ability to deliver new jobs for the wider community in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.</p> <p>The MoU aligns with the strategic focus of the Prospectus, which seeks to attract new investment into the City of Ryde, particularly Macquarie Park. The MoU will help remove barriers to investment in biomedical and semiconductor industries, reducing the risks and costs of doing business in this space.</p>

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2.2 Assessment: Obligations and Stewardship

The MoU does not place any onerous obligations on the City of Ryde or the HSPB. The MoU seeks a commitment to cooperate on the advancement of the semiconductor industry, the biomedical industry, and the incubation of startup companies.

The initiatives outlined to support this cooperation align with Council’s refreshed approach to economic development activities, which incorporate a culture of stewardship into investment attraction and retention (referred to by Council staff as an Economic Concierge).

Importantly, the initiatives are a two-way exchange. Meaning that our efforts to fulfil the MoU will be met with efforts by the HSPB. This is a unique opportunity for both NSW and Australia, with the MoU being the first of its kind between an Australian government body and the HSPB.

The MoU will be subject to periodic evaluation every two years, giving the City of Ryde and Hsinchu Science Park the opportunity to continue, terminate, or enhance the commitments made in the MoU.

A review of the Foreign Arrangements Scheme did not identify any foreign arrangements (e.g., MoUs and Sister Cities) between the HSPB and any entity in Australia. In January 2023, the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer was given Federal approval to enter an MoU on Research Cooperation and Collaboration.

The City of Ryde does not need permission to enter a MoU under the Foreign Arrangements Scheme (administered by the Australian Government). However, Council must register the arrangement once the MoU comes into effect. This is consistent with Council’s previous international relations activities where it entered Friendship Agreements / Sister City arrangements.

2.3 Assessment: Foundations for Collaboration

The MoU’s purpose is to support cooperation and collaboration between the City of Ryde and HSPB. The economic benefits of the MoU can only be hypothesised at this stage, with greater certainty linked to specific investment and benefits realisation.

Council’s City Economy team have prepared four hypothetical scenarios, all of which could be enabled through the execution of the MoU. It is the view of Council staff that these opportunities could be attained over a term of 1-7 years.

Table 2 – Economic modelling: Scenarios

#	Scenario description
1	An existing company within the Macquarie Park Innovation District employs an additional person working in the semiconductor industry
2	Existing companies within the Macquarie Park Innovation District employ an additional ten people working in the semiconductor industry
3	A new company is created in the Macquarie Park Innovation District, employing 20 people working in the biomedical industry
4	Foreign investment (an existing multinational company) establishes a presence in the Macquarie Park Innovation District, focusing on the export of biomedical products to Taiwan, employing 50 people working in the biomedical industry.

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Economic benefits were calculated across the categories of:

1. Job creation – the payroll value for new jobs.
2. Tax revenue – the tax collected from new jobs.
3. Multiplier effect – the stimulation effect new jobs have on the local economy (e.g., impact on suppliers, transportation, and other services).
4. Capital investment – capital invested into new facilities, plant and equipment.
5. Production output – the value of economic output achieved by the worker.

Table 3 presents a calculation of potential benefits for year one of each scenario across the abovementioned benefit categories.

Table 3 – Economic modelling: Value of benefits in Year 1

#	No. new jobs	Job Creation	Tax revenue	Multiplier effect	Capital investment	Production output	Export value	Cumulative benefits
1	1	\$80,000	\$18,067	\$120,000	\$0	\$160,000	-	\$378,067
2	10	\$800,000	\$180,670	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,600,000	-	\$4,780,670
3	20	\$2,100,000	\$533,840	\$3,150,000	\$5,500,000	\$4,200,000	-	\$15,483,840
4	50	\$3,500,000	\$730,850	\$5,250,000	\$10,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$26,480,850

The above calculations are conservative in their nature. For example, they model the average wage of a worker in the semiconductor industry as AUD 80,000 per annum^{ix}, and a worker in the biomedical industry at AUD 105,000 per annum^x.

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1. Scope

The policy applies to all Council representatives (Councillors, staff, and contractors). This policy covers all matters relating to international relations between the City of Ryde and international organisations, governments, and institutions (for example, Universities).

For clarity, the policy does not negate or circumvent any State or National policy and legislation governing international relations.

2. Purpose

Australia, New South Wales, and the City of Ryde attract international investment across various sectors. Macquarie Park, for example, is a Nationally significant place of innovation and investment attraction. Macquarie Park's major economic functions include the following:

- Education
- Research and development
- Health services, and
- Knowledge-intensive sectors (pharmaceutical, technological, and telecommunications).

These economic functions are global in their outlook.

The City of Ryde is also home to the economically diverse and growing centres of Eastwood, West Ryde/Meadowbank, Gladesville, and North Ryde.

To deliver economic outcomes and contribute to the outcomes aspired within Council's Community Strategic Plan, the City of Ryde will need to take a more strategic approach to international relations. A strategic approach relies on clear principles and objectives.

The policy seeks to establish clear principles and objectives for Council's approach to international relations. Supporting policy instruments (for example, guidelines, procedures, and templates) will be designed to operationalise the strategic direction outlined by this policy.

3. Policy principles

The following policy principles will guide Council's approach to international relations:

1. Investment attraction – Council's international relations activities will be guided by the desire to attract and retain international investment, in particular investment into businesses and education, into the City of Ryde.
2. Strategic outcomes – Council will take a proactive and strategic approach to international relations, seeking to build relationships that lead to social and economic opportunities for the City of Ryde.
3. Transparency – Underpinned by best-practice governance protocols, Council will be transparent in its approach to international relations. Best practice includes

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monitoring, reporting, and evaluating Council's work and keeping the community informed of the efficacy of international relations activities.

4. Cooperation and collaboration – Council will seek out international partners who want to cooperate and collaborate in delivering positive outcomes for the City of Ryde. Cooperation and collaboration will be underpinned by a jurisdictional understanding of the roles and responsibilities (and thus limitations) between Council and its partners.
5. Deliver benefits – All international relations activities must deliver social, environmental, or economic benefits to the City of Ryde. These benefits need to be considered and evaluated as a part of Council's international relations activities.

General Responsibilities

Stewardship

Within the City Shaping Group, Council's City Economy team will be the stewards of this policy and take functional responsibility for Council's approach to international relations.

The policy does not prescribe delegations for individuals; however, a risk-based approach will underpin the strategic work of the City Economy Department. This approach may escalate different operational matters to the attention of the Council for consideration.

Memorandums of Understanding

The City of Ryde will use a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to document a formal relationship with an international party. For an MoU to take effect, Council and the international party must agree to the MoU's content. Agreement for the City of Ryde will require a resolution from Council endorsing the MoU and the Mayor signing the MoU on behalf of Council.

Council can only consider an MoU following an objective assessment of the merits of the MoU against this policy and any other applicable procedures or guidelines from Council staff.

For clarity, an MoU will be the only mechanism used by Council to formalise a relationship with an international party.

Existing sister cities, friendship agreements, and partnership agreements are not impacted by this policy.

4. Policy outcomes

Council's international relations activities and projects will include the identification of objectives that align with the principles and outcomes of this policy. The International Relations Policy has been designed to support the following outcomes:

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Theme	Desired outcomes
Encouraging international economic cooperation	1. In line with Council's Community Strategic Plan, Council's policies and strategies should seek to encourage international economic cooperation with the City of Ryde, specifically cooperation on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> economics and trade research and development tertiary and vocational education, and immigration and settlement
Fostering cultural exchange and understanding	2. In line with Council's Community Strategic Plan, Council's policies and strategies should seek to foster cultural exchange and understanding through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> symbolic relationships with international cities and countries celebration of multiculturalism and diversity through social infrastructure, events, and experiences within the City of Ryde, and hosting and participating in international delegations
Advancing human rights and democracy	3. In line with Council's Community Strategic Plan, Council's policies and strategies should seek to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> promote international peace and security address global challenges, and promote international peace and security
Addressing global challenges	
Promoting international peace and security	

5. References and Legislation

International relations as a function of local government are not governed by specific State or National legislation. However, international relations activities may be subject to State and National legislative requirements. Council must adhere to this legislation alongside applicable State and National policies, such as the *Foreign Arrangements Scheme*.

In addition to State and National legislation and policies, international relations activities must consider the impacts and implications of international laws. Timely risk assessments will be required for certain international relations activities and projects where international laws may need to be considered.

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12 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2023

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Traffic Operations

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on traffic, transport and/or parking matters/proposals deliberated at the Ryde Local Traffic Committee held on 21 September 2023. The meeting took place at Council's office in North Ryde. Attendees also had the option to join the meeting via MS Teams. The voting members of the Ryde Local Traffic Committee are listed below:

City of Ryde Senior Coordinator Traffic Operations (for Mgr. Traffic Services)
Transport for New South Wales.....Network & Safety Officer, Central River City
NSW Police ForceRyde Local Area Command
Member for Ryde (5 items)The Hon. Jordan Lane MP
Member for Lane Cove (4 items)The Hon. A Roberts MP

The agenda for the September 2023 Ryde Local Traffic Committee (RTC) meeting consisted of eight (8) traffic and parking proposals (referred to as Items A – H). Each proposal has been comprehensively assessed, with the findings (e.g. rationale, consultation/ notification, etc.) documented in a report, which forms the meeting agenda. Please refer to **ATTACHMENT 1** for the meeting agenda. There was unanimous support for all items by all voting members of the Committee,

The draft minutes of the September 2023 RTC meeting can be found in **ATTACHMENT 2**. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

RECOMMENDATION:

(A) ARGYLE AVENUE, RYDE - RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The following measures be considered on Argyle Avenue, Ryde:

- a) A raised pedestrian crossing be installed (subject to availability of funds) on Argyle Avenue, Ryde, as per Transport for NSW Technical Directions.
- b) The existing children's crossing be removed.

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(B) ROBINSON STREET, RYDE - NO STOPPING

The following changes be made on Robinson Street, Ryde:

- a) The “NO STOPPING” zone be installed along the southern side of the bend at the property frontage of 1-2 Robinson Street, Ryde.

(C) SEE STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, MEADOWBANK - REPOSITIONING OF GIVE WAY HOLDING LINE

The following changes be made at the intersection of See Street and MacPherson Street, Meadowbank:

- a) The “GIVE WAY” holding line on See Street be repositioned by 2.5m to increase space for vehicles waiting to exit onto MacPherson Street.
- b) 2.5m wide painted islands be installed on MacPherson Street at its intersection with See Street.

(D) FRANCES ROAD, PUTNEY - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Frances Road, Putney:

- a) A 30m long “P10 MINUTE 7:00AM – 9:00AM AND 4:00PM-6:00PM MONDAY-FRIDAY” zone be installed at the property frontage of 2-6 Frances Road, Putney.

(E) 33-35 EDGAR STREET, EASTWOOD - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM THU - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED

The following parking changes be made on Edgar Street, Eastwood:

- a) A 13m long “NO PARKING 5AM - 11AM THU - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED” zone be installed at the property frontage of 33-35 Edgar Street, Eastwood.

(F) 92 HERRING ROAD, MARSFIELD - RAISED MEDIAN ISLAND

The following changes be made on Herring Road, Marsfield:

- a) A further concrete central median to be constructed 8.5 metres to extend existing splitter island on the north-eastern leg of Herring Road/Dora Street roundabout.
- b) A “KEEP LEFT” sign and to be installed at the beginning of the extended central median (north-eastern end).

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- c) An “ALL TRAFFIC LEFT” sign to be installed at the middle of the central median.
- d) NO STOPPING signs to be installed on both sides of driveway servicing 92 Herring Road.

(G) ARRAS PARADE, RYDE - REMOVAL OF DISABLED PARKING

The following parking changes be made on Arras Parade, Ryde:

- a) The 5.5m long disabled parking be removed and converted to unrestricted parking at the property frontage of 3 Arras Parade, Ryde.

(H) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ryde Traffic Committee Agenda - September 2023
- 2 Draft - Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes - September 2023

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NOTICE OF MEETING

You are advised of the following meeting:

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ITEM (A) ARGYLE AVENUE, RYDE
SUBJECT: RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: L PEARS

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to remove an existing children's crossing and install a new raised pedestrian crossing on Argyle Avenue, at the rear of Ryde Public School, Ryde.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed raised pedestrian crossing.



Figure 1: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

The existing children’s crossing on Argyle Avenue is situated at the driveway servicing Ryde Public School car park and an access path to Ryde Park. See **Figure 2** below for reference. Increasing concerns have been raised by the school, parents, the Police and Council’s Enforcement Officers regarding safety at this crossing due to the conflict point at the school driveway and visibility on approach to the crossing from Blaxland Road.

Following site inspections, Council is proposing to remove the existing children’s crossing and install a raised pedestrian crossing to the south of the school driveway to minimise conflict between different road users and to improve the safety of students crossing Argyle Avenue. Please refer to concept design in **Figure 2**. The proposed location of the pedestrian crossing is approximate and may slightly vary subject to the detailed design. The detail design and construction of the facility is subjected to funding being allocated.

Transport for NSW Technical Directions require statutory “No Stopping” parking restrictions on the approach and departure sides of a crossing. In this regard, the proposed pedestrian crossing will result in the loss of three (3) on-street parking spaces on the eastern side and two (2) on the western side of Argyle Avenue. Please refer to **Figure 2** for more details.

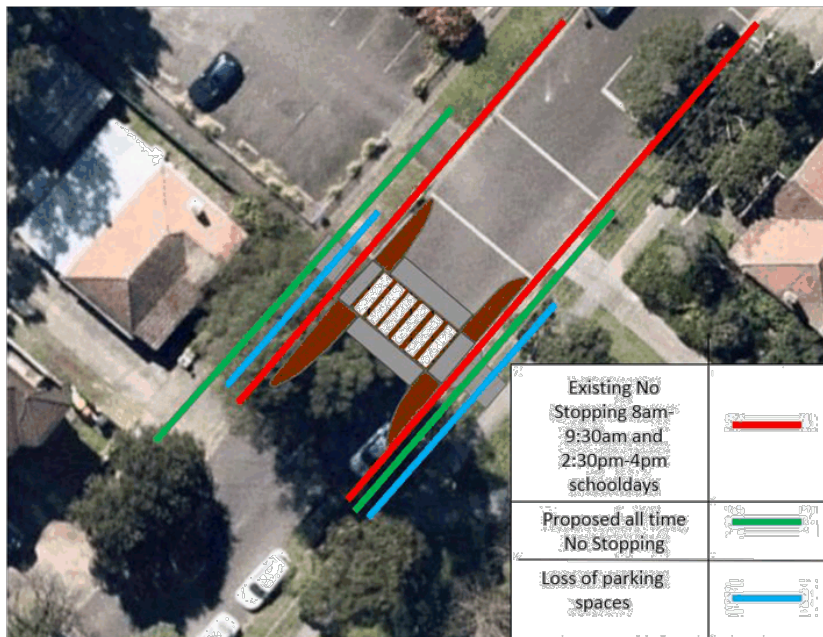


Figure 2 – Concept design of a raised pedestrian crossing on Argyle Avenue, Ryde.

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FUNDING

No funding is currently available for this project. Council will seek funding opportunities through the future external grant programs such as Federal Government funding programs.

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to the following properties shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the residents consulted.

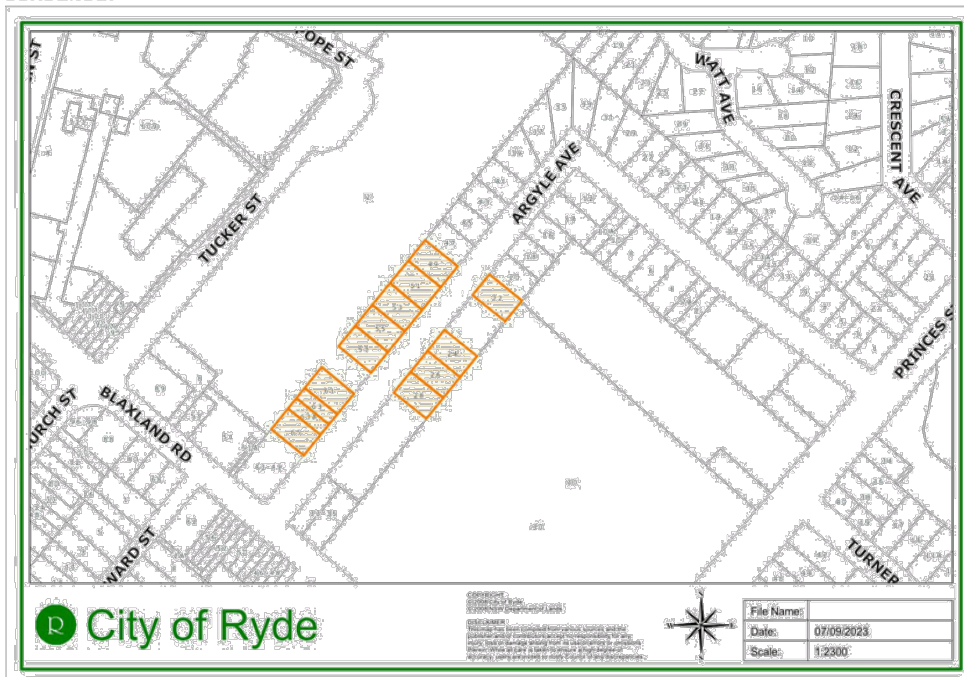


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) A raised pedestrian crossing be installed (subject to availability of funds) on Argyle Avenue, Ryde, as per Transport for NSW Technical Directions.
- b) The existing children's crossing be removed.

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ITEM (B) ROBINSON STREET, RYDE

SUBJECT: NO STOPPING

ELECTORATE: LANE COVE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: L KUNG

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install a “NO STOPPING” zone along the southern side of the bend at the property frontage of 1-2 Robinson Street, Ryde to prohibit vehicles from parking at this location.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed “NO STOPPING” zone.

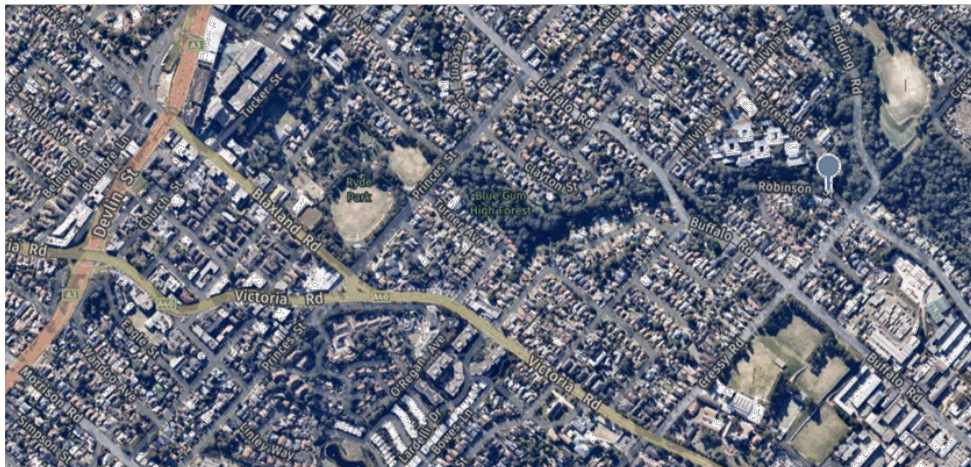


Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

When vehicles are parked on both sides of the bend in Robinson Street, they restrict the safety and efficiency of two-way traffic flow, particularly for larger vehicles such as waste-collection trucks and emergency vehicles.

To address this safety issue, Council is proposing to install a “NO STOPPING” zone on the southern side of the bend at the property frontage of 1-2 Robinson Street, Ryde. Please refer to **Figure 2** below for more details.

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Figure 2: Proposed "NO STOPPING" zone on Robinson Street, Ryde.

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to the following six (6) properties shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the residents consulted.

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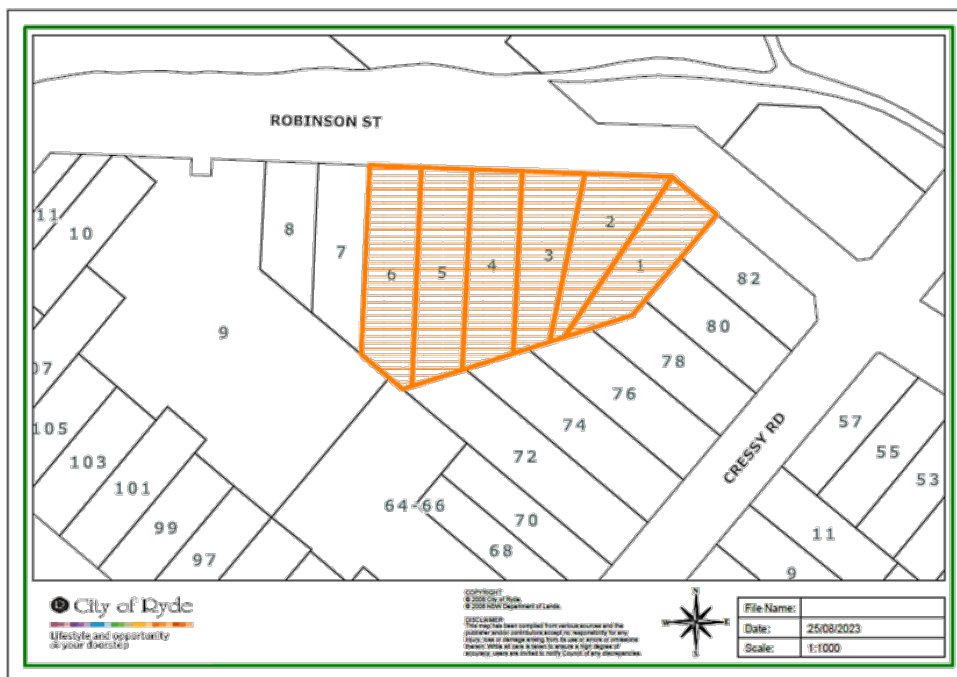


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) The “NO STOPPING” zone be installed along the southern side of the bend at the property frontage of 1-2 Robinson Street, Ryde.

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ITEM (C) SEE STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, MEADOWBANK

SUBJECT: REPOSITIONING OF GIVE WAY HOLDING LINE

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: L KUNG

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install painted islands and repositioning the existing "GIVE WAY" holding line on See Street by 2.5m to improve sight distance and minimise extent of encroachment over the existing painted (zebra) pedestrian crossing on See Street, Meadowbank. **Figure 1** shows the location of the proposal.

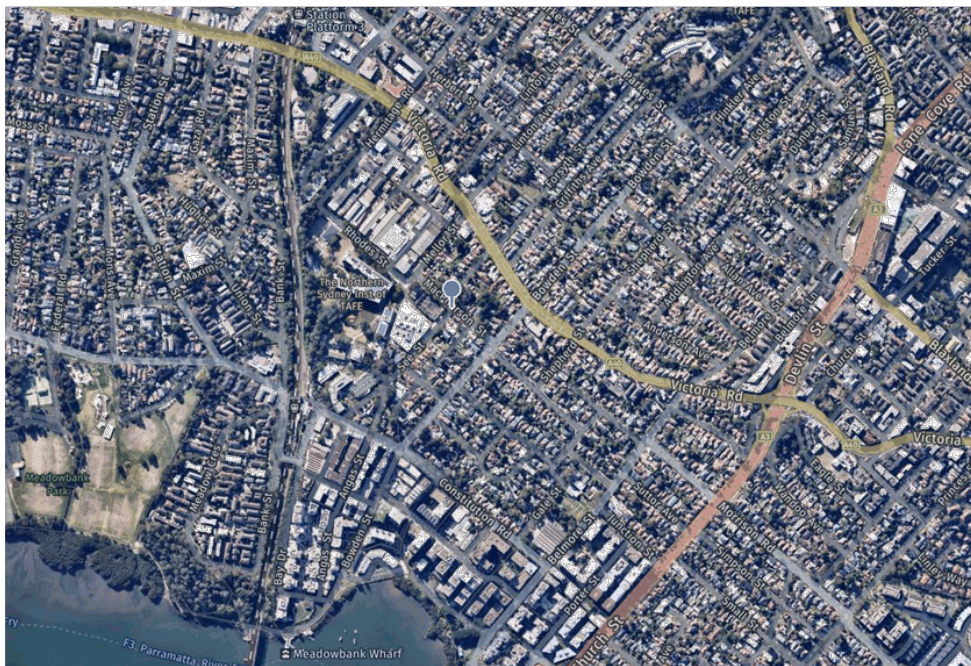


Figure 1: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

Council received requests from residents and representatives from Meadowbank Schools, Tafe, and NSW Police, concerning the safety of pedestrians at the pedestrian crossing on See Street near its intersection with MacPherson Street.

Council is proposing to install painted islands on MacPherson Street and repositioning the existing "GIVE WAY" holding line on See Street by 2.5m, which is expected to have the following benefits:

- Improve sightlines for drivers exiting See Street
- Improve safety of pedestrians crossing See Street at the designated painted zebra crossing; and
- Minimise risk of vehicle/pedestrian conflict at the junction of MacPherson Street and See Street.

Please refer to **Figure 2** below for extent of the proposed work.



Figure 2 – Proposed changes at the intersection of See Street and MacPherson Street.

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to the following properties shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the residents consulted.

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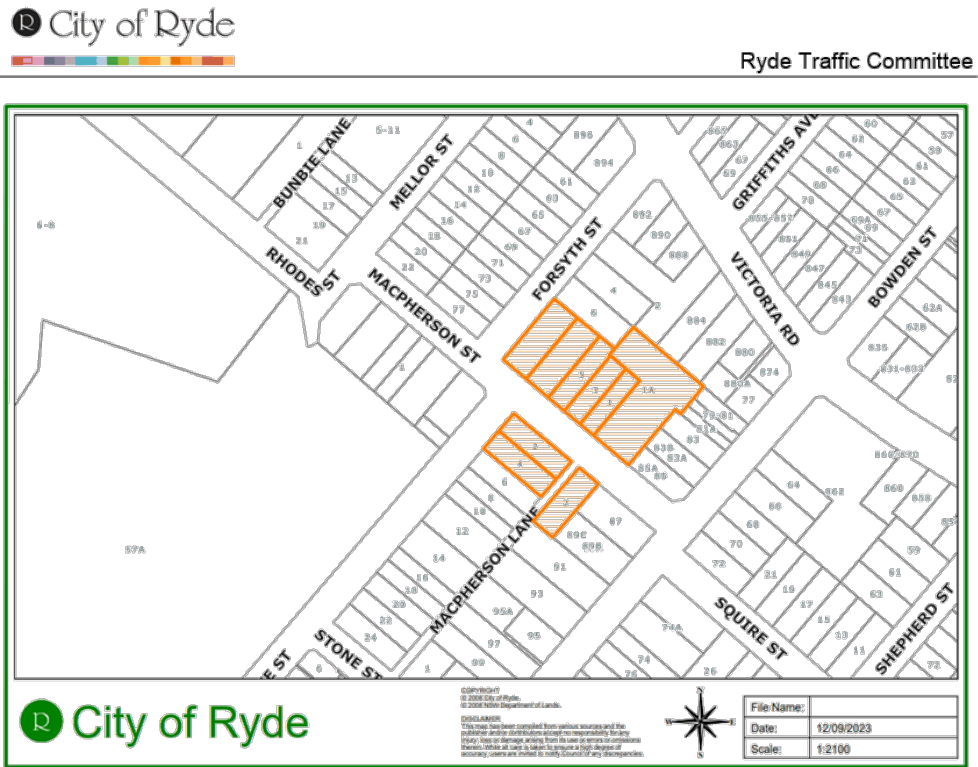


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) The "GIVE WAY" holding line on See Street be repositioned by 2.5m to increase space for vehicles waiting to exit onto MacPherson Street.
- b) 2.5m wide painted islands be installed on MacPherson Street at its intersection with See Street.

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ITEM (D)	FRANCES ROAD, PUTNEY
SUBJECT:	PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ELECTORATE:	LANE COVE
WARD:	EAST
ROAD CLASS:	NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER:	I SHAIK

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install a 30m long "P10 MINUTE 7AM-9AM AND 4PM-6PM MONDAY-FRIDAY" zone at the property frontage of 2-6 Frances Road, Putney.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed works.

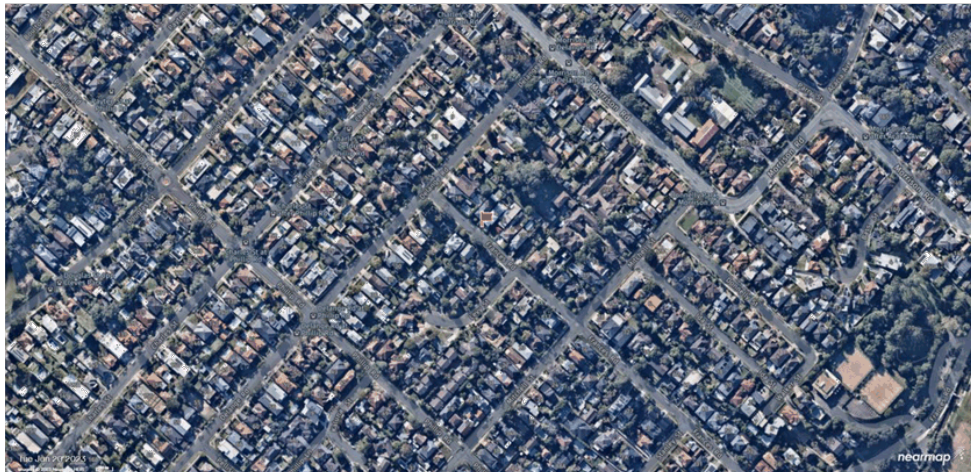


Figure 1: Location Map

DISCUSSION

Council has received requests from residents concerning the lack of short-term parking for drop off and pick up of children at the Putney Playground Kindergarten between 7:00AM - 9:00AM and 4:00PM - 6:00PM on weekdays.

This has caused parents and caregivers to perform illegal parking manoeuvres such as double parking and blocking through traffic which results in congestion and safety issues along Frances Road during the morning and afternoon peak periods.

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To facilitate safe and efficient drop off and pick up of children, Council is proposing to introduce 30m long “P10 MINUTE 7AM-9AM AND 4PM-6PM MONDAY-FRIDAY” zone at the location shown in **Figure 2**. This time-limited parking restriction aims to allow parents and guardians sufficient time for drop-off and pick-up.



Figure 2: Proposed “P 10 Minute 7AM-9AM AND 4PM-6PM MON-FRI” parking restriction on FrANCES Road.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to the following properties shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the residents consulted.

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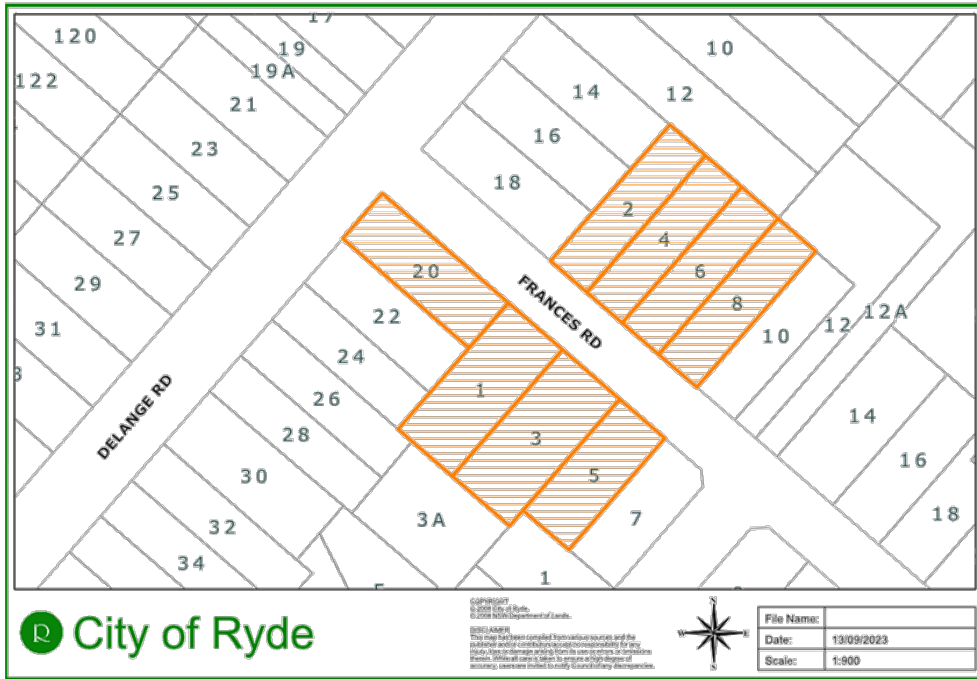


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) A 30m long "P10 MINUTE 7:00AM – 9:00AM AND 4:00PM-6:00PM MONDAY-FRIDAY" zone be installed at the property frontage of 2-6 Frances Road, Putney.

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ITEM (E)	33-35 EDGAR STREET, EASTWOOD
SUBJECT:	NO PARKING 5AM-11AM THU - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED
ELECTORATE:	RYDE
WARD:	WEST
ROAD CLASS:	NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER:	J HUANG

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install 13m long “NO PARKING 5AM - 11AM THU - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED” parking restrictions along the property frontage of 33-35 Edgar Street, Eastwood.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed works.

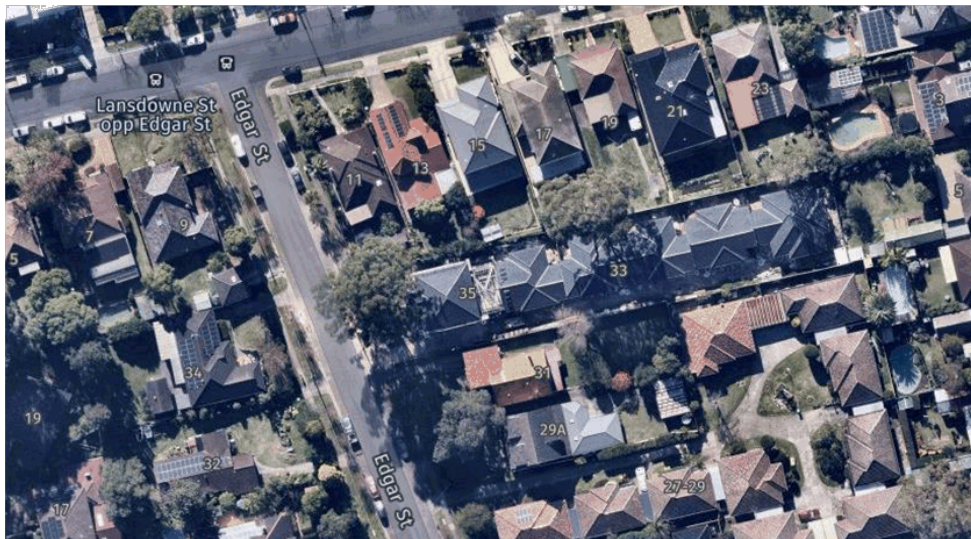


Figure 1: Location map

DISCUSSION

Council received a request from the applicant to install waste vehicle parking signs to facilitate waste vehicles to collect waste on Edgar Street, Eastwood on waste-collection days. This proposal is in relation to satisfying Consent Condition 93 of the approved residential development (Council Reference No.: LDA2018/0241).

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Edgar Street is a 11-metre-wide road and currently allows for unrestricted parking on both sides. When vehicles are parked at the frontage of 33-35 Edgar Street, a waste-collection vehicle cannot manoeuvre into the kerbside to perform waste collection. Further, there is inadequate room within the site to enable a waste vehicle to enter, turnaround and exit the site.

In order to assist with the waste collection of the residential multi-housing development at 33-35 Edgar Street, it is proposed that "NO PARKING 5AM - 11AM THU - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED" be installed at the eastern side of Edgar Street adjacent to the site frontage.

Figure 2 shows the details of the proposed signage arrangements.

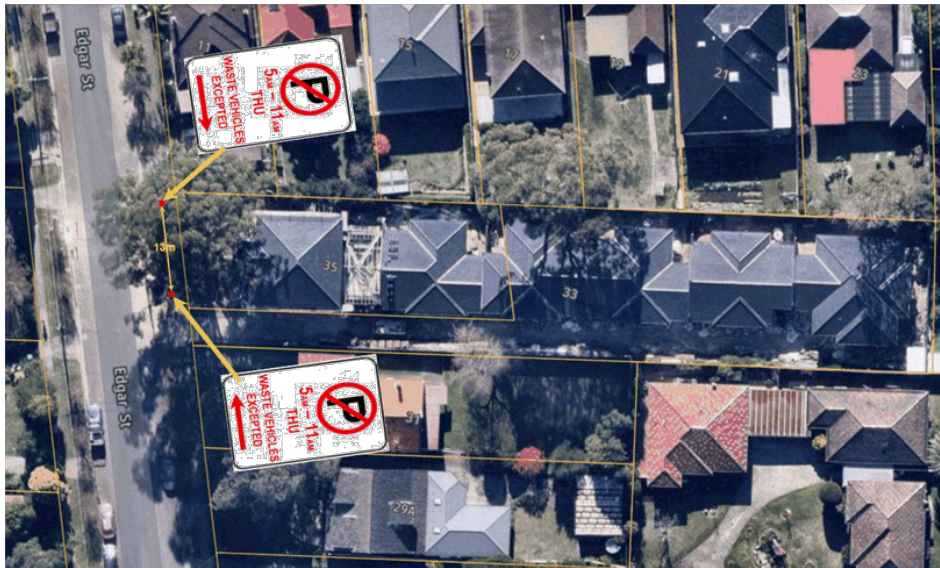


Figure 2: Proposed parking restrictions along the property frontage on 33-35 Edgar Street, Eastwood.

CONSULTATION

This proposal is in relation to addressing Consent Condition 93 of an approved residential development (Council Reference No.: LDA2018/0241). Public consultation has been previously undertaken as part of the approved development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 13m long "NO PARKING 5AM - 11AM THU - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED" zone be installed at the property frontage of 33-35 Edgar Street, Eastwood.

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ITEM (F) 92 HERRING ROAD, MARSFIELD

SUBJECT: RAISED MEDIAN ISLAND

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: J HUANG

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

PROPOSAL

The developer of an approved residential development at 92 Herring Road, Marsfield (Council Reference No.: LDA2018/262) is required to construct a raised median island on Herring Road to physically regulate traffic movements at the site's access driveway, as part of the development consent.

The proposal includes extending the existing median splitter island by 8.5m to the north, thereby restricting site access movements to left in/left out. Further, a "KEEP LEFT" sign and an "ALL TRAFFIC (LEFT) ONLY" sign will be placed on the median island to reinforce the permitted turning manoeuvres. In addition, "NO STOPPING" parking restrictions will be introduced across the driveway to assist with the sightline of drivers entering and exiting the development at 92 Herring Road, Marsfield. **Figure 1** shows the location of the proposed works.



Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

The section of Herring Road adjacent to the frontage of 92 Herring Road has a steep gradient. Extensive queuing on Herring Road at its roundabout junction with Dora Street has also been observed during peak periods due to the congestion of Epping Rd/Herring Rd intersection and the school traffic associated with Kent Road Public School. Right-turning movements to/from the site via Herring Road would affect the efficiency and safety of traffic flow at this location.

The proposed installation of a central median island (including supplementary signage) on Herring Road and the "NO STOPPING" zone across the site's driveway is expected to minimise impedance to the through traffic flow on Herring Road during peak periods, whilst also assisting with the safety of traffic movements into and out of the site.

The details of the proposed changes are shown in **Figures 2 and 3**.



Figure 2: Proposed raised median island along the property frontage on 92 Herring Road, Marsfield.

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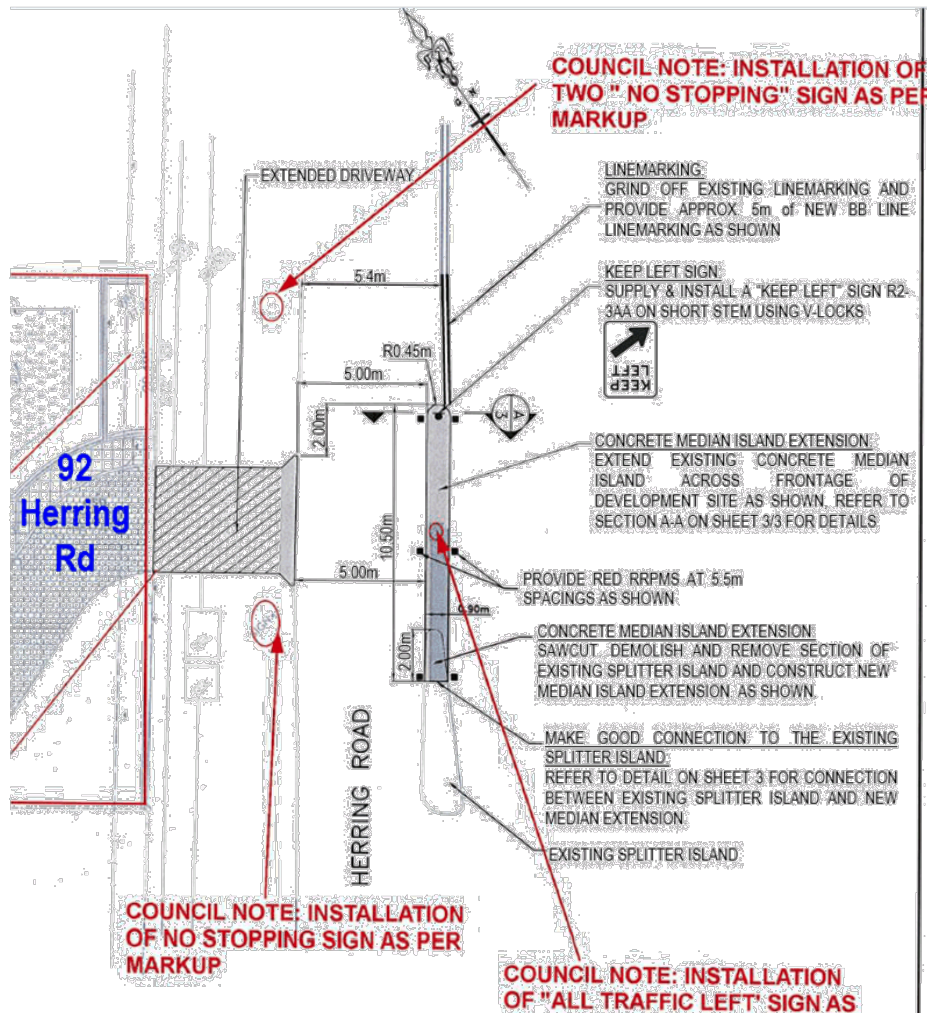


Figure 3: Proposed Plan

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

This proposal is in relation to addressing Consent Condition 21 of an approved residential development (Council Reference No.: LDA2018/0262). Public consultation has been previously undertaken as part of the approved development.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) A further concrete central median to be constructed 8.5 metres to extend existing splitter island on the north-eastern leg of Herring Road/Dora Street roundabout.
- b) A "KEEP LEFT" sign and to be installed at the beginning of the extended central median (north-eastern end).
- c) An "ALL TRAFFIC LEFT" sign to be installed at the middle of the central median.
- d) NO STOPPING signs to be installed on both sides of driveway servicing 92 Herring Road.

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ITEM (G) ARRAS PARADE, RYDE
SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF DISABLED PARKING
 ELECTORATE: LANE COVE
 WARD: EAST
 ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
 OFFICER: K WELLS

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to remove a disabled parking space along the eastern side of Arras Parade at the property frontage of 3 Arras Parade, Ryde and replace it with unrestricted parking.

Figure 1 shows the location of the existing disabled parking space to be removed.



Figure 1: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

In December 2016, Council approved the installation of a 5.5m long disabled parking space to provide improved access to parking for the resident of 3 Arras Parade.

The current owners of 3 Arras Parade have recently contacted Council to request the removal of this zone as it is no longer required by the resident.

As the parking adjacent to the residential property no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended, Council proposes to remove the user limitation and reinstate the unrestricted parking to match the surrounding area.



Figure 2: Removal of "DISABLED PARKING" zone on Arras Parade, Ryde.

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to the following four (4) properties shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the residents consulted.

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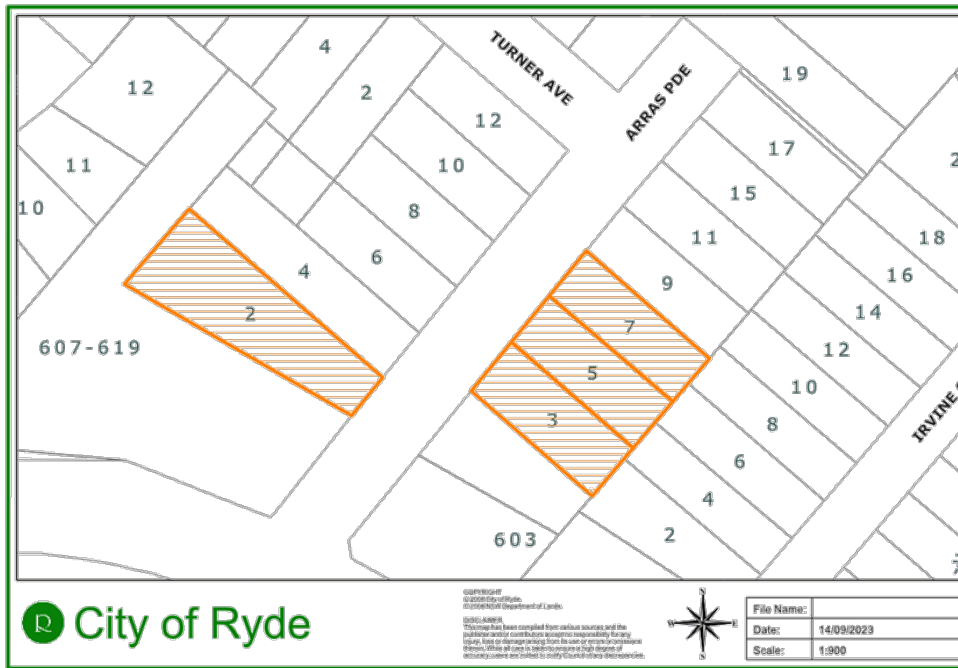


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) The 5.5m long disabled parking be removed and converted to unrestricted parking at the property frontage of 3 Arras Parade, Ryde.

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ITEM (H) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE
SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

ELECTORATE: RYDE / LANE COVE
WARD: ALL
OFFICER: L PEARS

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

TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES (TfNSW) FUNDED PROGRAMS

Council is still waiting for confirmation of funding and programs for the 2023-2024 financial year.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

Police/Council Road Safety Awareness Program

The next joint event will be at Top Ryde City shopping centre on Thursday 28 September with Highway Patrol and members of the Ryde Police Area Command. This event will focus on engaging families and providing general road safety information.

Safer Driving for Seniors

A Safer Driving for Seniors workshop was held on 12 September with 40 participants. The session covered low risk driving, road rules refresher, new vehicle technology and preparation for the Aged Driving Test.



Cycling made E-asy

City of Ryde is partnering with Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on an e-bike trial program to encourage more commuting by bicycle in and around Macquarie Park. Council will support the trial by providing cycle resources and skills and safety training for participants of the program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

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

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ATTACHMENT 2

MINUTES

Subject:	RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2023
Venue:	MS Teams and North Ryde Office, Level 1, Building 0, Riverview Business Park, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde, 2113 – Meeting Room Landmark
Date:	21 September 2023
Time:	11.00am
Chair:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
Staff Convenor:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
Meeting Length	10 minute(s)

Representatives

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Mr Muddasir Ilyas - representing Manager Traffic Services	Senior Coordinator – Traffic Operations	City of Ryde
x		Ms Tanmila Islam	Network & Safety Officer	TfNSW
	x	Ms Leonie Abberfield	Sergeant	NSW Police Force
x		Ms Kathy Tracy – representing The Hon. Jordan Lane, MP	Member for Ryde	Member of Parliament
	x	Zorica Cai – representing The Hon. A Roberts, MP	Member for Lane Cove	Member of Parliament

Attendees

x	x	Mr Ben Cantor	Acting Western Region Traffic & Service Manager	Busways
x		Mr Muddasir Ilyas	Senior Coordinator – Traffic Operations	City of Ryde
x		Mr Shahzor Ali	Traffic Engineering Officer - Traffic Services	City of Ryde

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the August 2023 traffic committee meeting were confirmed at the meeting.

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED BY RTC MEMBERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING

Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x	Ms Leonie Abberfield	Sergeant	NSW Police Force
x	Zorica Cai – representing The Hon. A Roberts, MP	Member for Lane Cove	Member of Parliament

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ITEM (A) ARGYLE AVENUE, RYDE - RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

RTC COMMENTS:

TfNSW's Comment: TfNSW requested to share the final detailed design of the proposed crossing once available.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (B) ROBINSON STREET, RYDE - NO STOPPING

RTC COMMENTS:

No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (C) SEE STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, MEADOWBANK -
REPOSITIONING OF GIVE WAY HOLDING LINE**

RTC COMMENTS:

No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (D) FRANCES ROAD, PUTNEY - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING
RESTRICTIONS**

RTC COMMENTS:

No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (E) 33-35 EDGAR STREET, EASTWOOD - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM THU
WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED**

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The Ryde Traffic Committee is a Technical Committee and, as such, does not have any formal power to make decisions on behalf of Council. Therefore, the Recommendations of the Ryde Traffic Committee contained herein will be referred to Council.

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RTC COMMENTS:

No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (F) 92 HERRING ROAD, MARSFIELD - RAISED MEDIAN ISLAND

RTC COMMENTS:

No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (G) ARRAS PARADE, RYDE - REMOVAL OF DISABLED PARING

RTC COMMENTS:

No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (H) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

RTC COMMENTS:

No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Ryde Traffic Committee will be held on Thursday, 19 October 2023.

The Meeting closed at 11:10am.

INFORMATION REPORT

13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Report prepared by: Acting Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/566

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 30 September 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 4.33%, which is 0.15% above the benchmark figure of 4.18%. Council's return will continue to improve against the benchmark during the year. It is important to note that the returns currently achieved from these investments lag behind interest rate rises. Once those investments that were tied into lower interest rates mature, they will be re-invested with higher rates available in the market.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$5,387K and as at 30 September 2023 funds of \$2,715K have been earned.

Report Prepared By:

Sacha Thirimanne
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Aneesh Zahra
Acting General Manager - Business and Operations

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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.

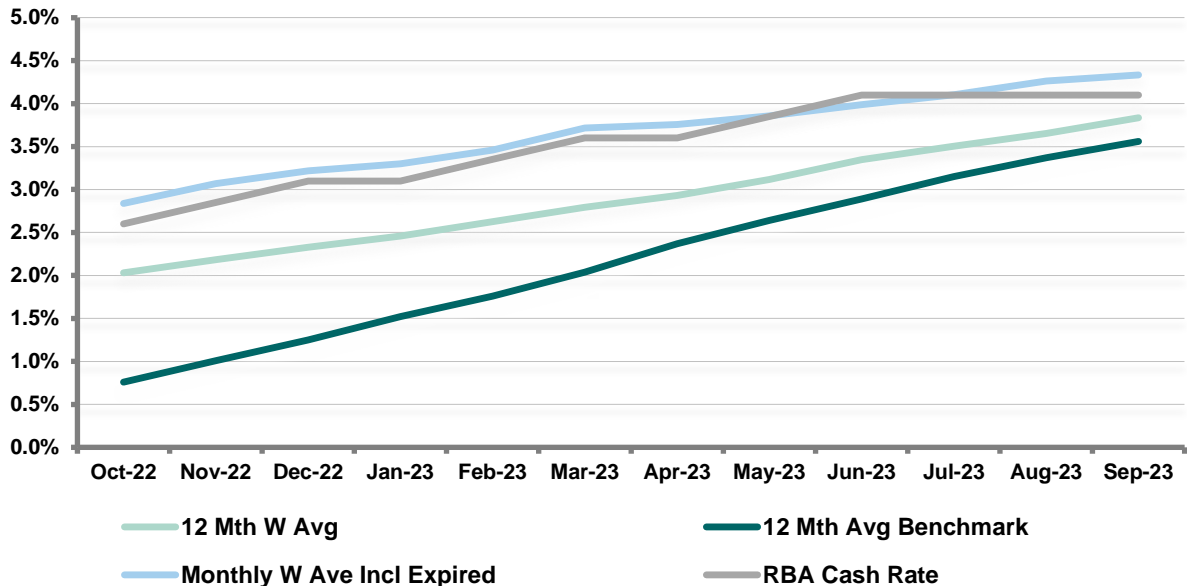
Standard & Poor (S&P) Rating Scale:

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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Investment Performance Commentary

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

	Sept	12 Month	FYTD
Council Return	4.33	3.83	4.27
Benchmark	4.18	3.56	4.35
Variance	0.15	0.27	-0.08

Performance - All Investments


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

Cash/Term Deposits	\$138.10M	49.07%
Floating Rate Notes	\$70.70M	25.12%
Fixed Bonds	\$72.63M	25.81%
Total Investments	\$281.43M	

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

Council's income from investments continues to exceed original budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions.

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 30 September 2023 is \$276K, 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 SEPTEMBER 2023

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 30-Sep-23 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2023	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	N	1,200	5.35	4.57	5.21	0.43	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	N	2,000	5.34	4.57	5.21	0.71	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	3. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	5.22	4.60	5.09	1.42	11/11/2025	1096
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,971	3.57	3.56	3.62	1.41	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,196	3.93	3.92	3.94	1.14	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	3.14	3.13	3.19	1.07	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.56	1.56	1.57	0.71	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,998	1.67	1.67	1.68	0.71	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,999	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.71	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,994	1.80	1.80	1.81	1.06	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.09	0.71	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	5.51	5.19	5.52	0.43	31/03/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.16	5.16	5.16	0.99	11/09/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	14. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	36,082	4.20	3.71	4.21	12.82		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	15. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,498	3.23	3.23	3.28	1.24	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	16. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,998	4.29	4.29	4.46	1.07	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,887	5.39	5.38	5.56	1.38	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	5.55	4.96	5.46	0.85	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA	AA-	N	2,500	5.21	5.21	5.21	0.89	17/08/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	4.36	4.36	4.36	0.71	11/12/2023	361
National Australia Bank	21. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	2.95	2.93	2.97	1.07	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,494	2.98	2.98	3.09	1.24	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	5.26	4.55	5.31	0.71	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	24. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.27	5.08	5.13	1.07	10/12/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	4.52	4.52	1.42	26/10/2023	182
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	3.63	5.00	1.42	26/02/2024	367
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	5.27	5.03	5.06	0.71	26/09/2024	365
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	3,000	5.03	5.03	5.03	1.07	4/10/2023	119
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.18	5.18	5.18	1.42	19/06/2024	288
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	3.55	4.52	1.42	11/01/2024	365
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.18	3.50	3.96	1.42	17/09/2024	365
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.24	5.24	5.24	1.42	9/04/2024	249
Westpac Banking Corporation	33. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,497	3.25	3.27	3.25	0.89	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	34. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,598	2.53	2.77	2.68	0.92	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	35. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	2,600	5.01	5.01	5.01	0.92	10/08/2026	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	36. WBC FRN	AA-	N	3,500	5.16	5.16	5.16	1.24	19/09/2028	1827
Westpac Banking Corporation	37. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.14	4.13	4.74	1.42	9/08/2024	366
Westpac Banking Corporation	38. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	5.18	4.15	4.77	0.71	19/08/2024	367
Westpac Banking Corporation	39. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.42	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	40. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	4,000	1.71	1.70	1.72	1.42	12/02/2025	1827
Macquarie Bank	41. Macquarie Bank FRN	A+	N	3,200	5.07	5.07	5.07	1.14	14/09/2026	1096
Suncorp-Metway	42. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,593	2.58	2.58	2.62	1.28	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	43. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,879	3.60	3.60	3.64	1.38	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	44. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,384	5.49	5.49	5.53	0.49	25/01/2027	1683
Suncorp-Metway	45. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	5.59	4.66	5.42	0.43	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	46. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,570	5.68	4.72	5.49	0.91	25/02/2027	1711
Suncorp-Metway	47. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,200	5.53	5.04	5.57	0.78	14/12/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	48. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	3,000	5.30	5.14	5.18	1.07	18/05/2026	1096
Australian Unity Bank	49. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.75	4.54	5.75	0.71	17/07/2024	364

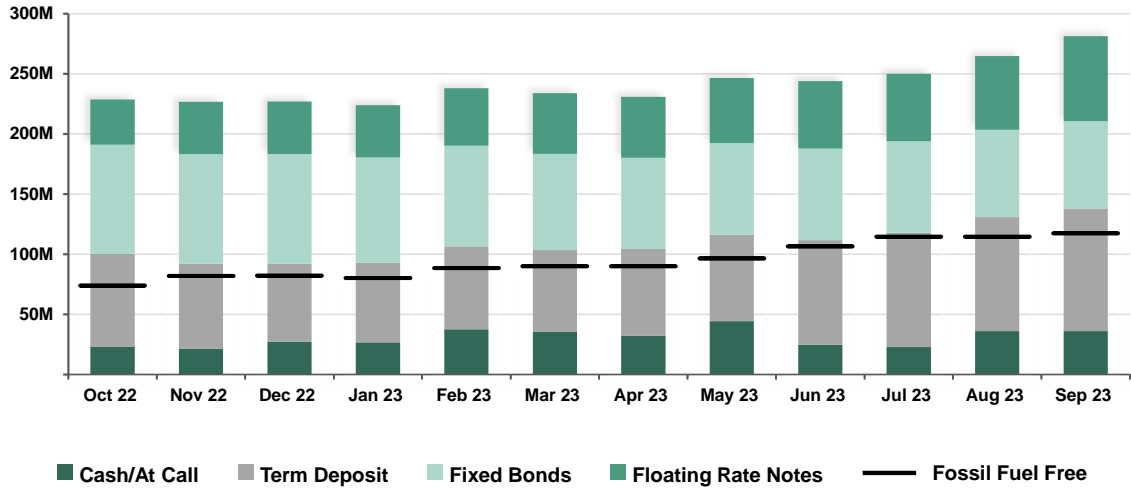
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Australian Unity Bank	50. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.71	1/02/2024	365
Australian Unity Bank	51. Australian Unity Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.56	5.56	5.56	1.42	16/01/2024	210
Auswide Bank	52. Auswide FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	5.85	5.61	5.91	1.07	17/03/2026	1096
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	53. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	0.71	18/10/2023	132
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	54. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.29	4.13	4.96	0.71	5/02/2024	181
Bank of Queensland	55. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	5	0.00	1.27	1.02	0.00		
Bank of Queensland	56. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	3,796	2.15	2.14	2.14	1.35	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	57. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	1,883	4.06	4.05	4.06	0.67	6/05/2026	1496
Bank of Queensland	58. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	737	5.26	5.26	5.26	0.26	27/10/2026	1498
Bank of Queensland	59. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	470	5.23	5.23	5.22	0.17	27/10/2026	1495
Bank of Queensland	60. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	2,482	5.14	5.14	5.14	0.88	6/05/2026	1321
Bank of Queensland	61. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	3,000	5.51	4.88	5.51	1.07	16/04/2024	264
Bank of Queensland	62. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.71	13/06/2024	1827
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	63. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,746	2.84	3.11	3.01	1.33	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	64. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	994	3.19	3.45	3.36	0.35	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	65. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,536	3.18	3.26	3.23	0.90	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	66. Bendigo Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	3,500	5.54	5.35	5.40	1.24	15/05/2026	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	67. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	4.45	4.45	4.45	1.07	30/01/2024	365
Heritage and People's Choice	68. Heritage Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.75	5.75	5.75	1.42	12/07/2024	365
Heritage and People's Choice	69. Heritage Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.68	5.68	5.68	1.42	7/05/2024	295
Hume Bank	70. Hume Bank TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.60	4.60	4.60	0.71	1/02/2024	365
IMB Bank	71. IMB Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	1.42	19/12/2023	196
Members Banking Group	72. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.50	4.74	5.37	0.71	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	73. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	5.75	5.40	5.63	1.10	24/02/2026	1096
MyState Bank	74. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	4.97	4.26	5.02	0.53	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	75. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.71	11/10/2023	730
MyState Bank	76. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.71	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	77. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.18	4.50	0.71	23/11/2023	359
MyState Bank	78. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.18	4.50	0.71	1/11/2023	362
AMP	79. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	11	0.00	1.08	1.68	0.00		
AMP	80. AMP FRN	BBB	N	2,000	6.07	6.08	6.08	0.71	29/06/2026	1096
AMP	81. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	5.25	3.79	4.67	0.36	2/08/2024	366
Auswide Bank	82. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.24	1.24	0.71	5/02/2024	720
Beyond Bank	83. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	5.04	5.04	5.04	0.71	12/12/2023	98
Beyond Bank	84. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.91	4.64	4.91	0.71	8/11/2023	180
Credit Union Australia	85. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	5.59	4.66	5.42	0.36	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	86. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,200	5.96	5.55	5.82	0.43	9/02/2027	1461
Defence Bank	87. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.71	8/02/2024	730
G&C Mutual Bank	88. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	5.11	4.11	4.38	0.71	12/03/2024	187
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	89. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	4.83	4.13	4.80	0.71	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	90. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,240	4.99	4.28	4.96	1.15	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	91. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,706	5.73	4.95	5.60	1.32	10/02/2027	1720
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	92. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	985	5.84	5.38	5.71	0.35	10/02/2027	1482
Police & Nurses Limited	93. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.36	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	94. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.71	31/01/2024	730
Police Bank	95. Police Bank FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.77	5.18	5.64	0.71	21/11/2025	1096
Police Financial Services	96. BankVic Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.80	4.44	4.80	0.71	24/03/2024	369
Police Financial Services	97. BankVic TD	BBB	Y	3,000	5.21	5.21	5.21	1.07	10/09/2024	371
Teachers Mutual Bank	98. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	4.99	4.29	5.04	0.39	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	99. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	5.08	4.38	5.12	0.36	22/03/2024	1096
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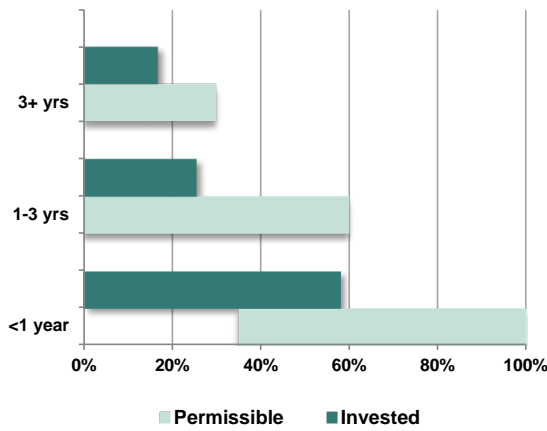
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Cash/TDs	\$138.1M	\$0.0M
FRNs	\$3.0M	\$67.7M
Fixed Bonds	\$21.5M	\$51.1M
	\$162.6M	\$118.8M

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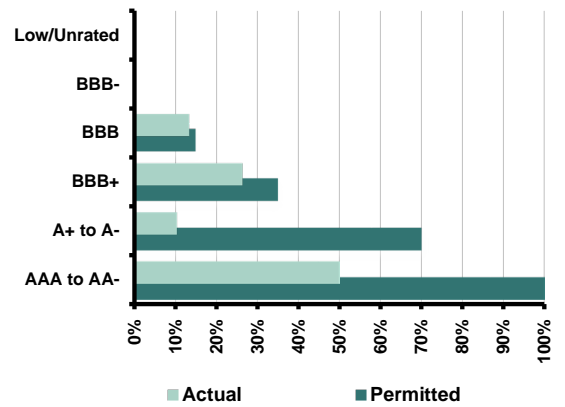
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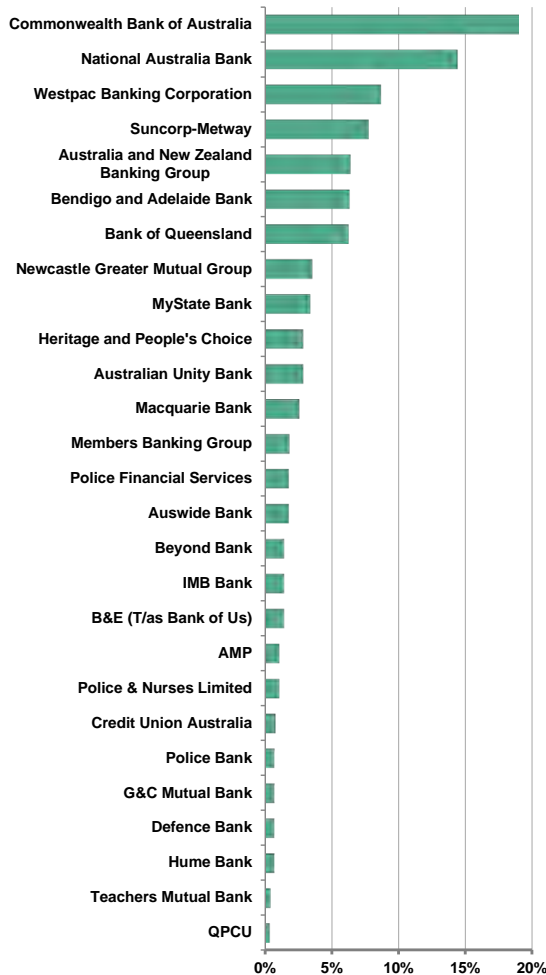
Investment Summary by Rating



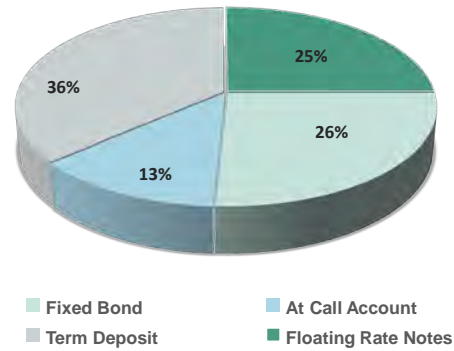
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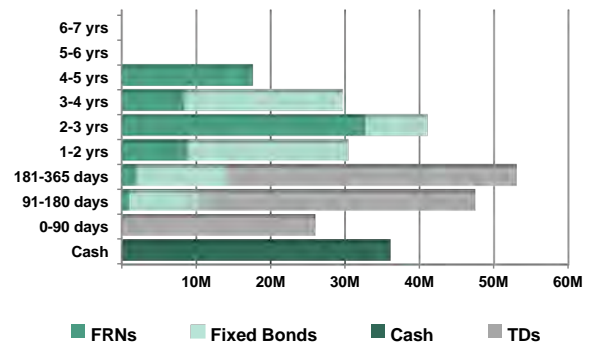
Active Investment by Institution



Summary by Investment Type



Summary by Duration



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. Market Forces is a publicly available website and is not a contractor that Council has engaged for this information.

As at 30 September 2023, Council had a total amount of \$117.4M invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 41.72% of its total investment portfolio.

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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.

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 4.33%, which is 0.15% above the benchmark figure of 4.18%.

Council's return will continue to improve against the benchmark during the year. It is important to note that the returns currently achieved from these investments lag behind interest rate rises. Once those investments that were tied into lower interest rates mature, they will be re-invested with higher rates available in the market.

The budget for interest income from investments is \$5,387K and as at 30 September 2023 funds of \$2,715K 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

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 RESPONSE BY OFFICE OF TANYA PLIBERSEK - WASTE SUMMIT

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant
File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP23/544

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from the Office of Tanya Plibersek, dated 19 September 2023, regarding response to Council's letter following waste summit.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from office of Tanya Plibersek - Action on waste following Waste Summit

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant

Report Approved By:

Carmelina Loughland
Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



MC23-029271

Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM
Mayor for the City of Ryde
mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mayor Yedelian

Thank you for your letters to the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, regarding your council's resolutions to take action on waste. I have been asked to reply on the Ministers' behalf.

Despite significant joint efforts by governments and industry across Australia to increase recycling and recovery infrastructure over the past few years, there remain challenges including capacity shortfalls, and low demand for recycled products.

The Australian Government (the government) is increasing efforts further up the supply chain – by working with state and territory governments to phase out or ban products that are non-recyclable, and to regulate packaging so that all packaging placed on the market in Australia is designed for circularity and can be recycled in the future.

The Circular Economy Division within the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department) is responsible for delivering policies and programs to support Australia's transition to a safe circular economy. This work supports all Australian environment ministers' commitment to work with the private sector to design out waste and pollution, keep materials in use and foster markets to achieve a circular economy.

Taking action on problematic materials, including through extended producer responsibility and product stewardship, is a core part of the Circular Economy Division's work.

Several councils have contacted ministers or the department to discuss their resolution on waste following the Sydney Mayoral Summit and Council meeting. The department is interested in discussing these concerns in more detail and will reach out to you and other interested councils through Ms Monica Barone, CEO of the City of Sydney.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the government's attention.

Yours sincerely



Chloë Bird
Branch Head, Supply Chain Initiatives
Circular Economy Division
19 September 2023

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2 NSW STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE - COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant

File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP23/567

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from NSW State Government, dated 7 September 2023 regarding Council's request that the NSW government consider NSW hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter by John Graham MLC regarding NSW hosting 2026 Commonwealth Games

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant

Report Approved By:

Carmelina Loughland
Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

OFFICIAL

The Hon John Graham MLC

Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts,
Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, Minister for Jobs and Tourism,
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council



Ref: D23/1145
7 September 2023

Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM
Mayor, City of Ryde
Level 1A, 1 Pope Street
RYDE NSW 2112

Re: 2026 Commonwealth Games

Dear Clr Yedelian,

Thank you for your letter of 14 August 2023, regarding NSW stepping in to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

I have noted your feedback regarding the Victorian Government's decision to withdraw from hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Destination NSW, the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency has not been approached about hosting the 2026 event at this time.

I can advise that the previous NSW Government considered submitting a bid to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games. That opportunity was fully assessed but ultimately declined as it was determined that the event did not meet the NSW Government's requirements in terms of economic and social benefits generated for NSW and therefore did not align with its priorities.

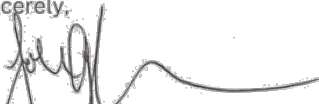
The NSW Government is committed to bringing the best events to our state, if those events are prudent investments and deliver benefits for citizens. NSW has secured many large-scale sporting events that are expected to deliver more than \$1 billion to the state's economy. These events include the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, which was enjoyed by record crowds at venues in Sydney. Looking ahead, we also have the Men's Rugby Union World Cup and Netball World Cup in 2027 and the Women's Rugby Union World Cup in 2029.

I understand your disappointment that this event may not remain in Australia. However, as part of its expenditure review and against the backdrop of a strained budget, the NSW Government is seeking to ensure funds are used in the most efficient and effective way possible to provide value for public money.

Destination NSW will continue to target major events that will fulfil our ambition of making NSW the events capital of the Asia Pacific and contribute to our goal of \$65 billion in total visitor expenditure by 2030.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



John Graham MLC
Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts,
Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, Minister for Jobs and Tourism,
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

27/9/23

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3 LETTER REGARDING DETERMINATIONS BY VALUER GENERAL

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant
File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP23/569

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from Valuation NSW, dated 25 September 2023, regarding Determinations by the Valuer General.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Valuation NSW to Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian regarding valuations

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant

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Valuation NSW

Our ref: 23/00363

Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM
Mayor
City of Ryde

Via email: lsmith@ryde.nsw.gov.au

25 September 2023

Subject: Valuer General Determinations

Dear Mayor

I refer to a representation of 30 August 2023 to the Hon Stephen Kamper MP, Minister for Lands and Property, regarding Valuer General determinations. I have been asked to respond.

Land values are determined by Valuation NSW (VNSW) on behalf of the Valuer General (VG) at 1 July each year in line with the *Valuation of Land Act 1916 (Act)*. The VG is an independent statutory officer appointed to oversee the State's land valuation system. The independence of the VG provides a clear separation between the determination of land values and their respective use by NSW Government and councils to raise taxes and rates. NSW uses a system of mass valuation, similar to many jurisdictions around the world. Land values do not include the value of a home or other structures. The most important factor considered in determining land values is property sales. Further information on how land is valued can be found on the VG website (www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au) by searching 'valuation method'.

As part of the July 2022 land value delivery, VNSW wrote to all Councils across NSW, offering information sessions in early 2023. The sessions provided Councils with information relating to the 1 July 2022 land values, the valuation process, and an opportunity for Councils to address any concerns or associated queries. I understand City of Ryde Council was given a virtual presentation on 3 February 2023 and was also issued an information pack.

Whilst notices are issued to landholders every 3 years, as per Sec 48 (2b) of The Act, I can confirm that all land values as at 1 July each year are publicly available via the VG's website by searching 'land values online'. The VG website also includes information on:

- land value trends
- median land values and sales prices for residential properties
- typical land values for all council areas
- valuation reports and added value of improvement tables for residential properties – with the information broadly broken down by local government area.

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As per Section 51 of the Act, councils can request the VG to furnish a new valuation list for the whole or any part of its area brought up to a specified date and, on the commencement of the next rating year this list shall supersede all previous valuation lists.

It is important however to balance the frequency of valuations and the issue of notices with the associated costs and implementation requirements for councils. The 3-yearly valuation cycle is considered to provide an appropriate balance of these considerations and offer stability for residents.

I note Council's request to extend the objection period, however as per Sec 35A of the Act an objection must be lodged with the VG no later than 60 days after the date of service of the notice of valuation. The VG may accept late objections in limited circumstances as outlined in the VG's 'Out of Date Objection Policy'. The policy can be found on the VG's website. It is important to note that the VG cannot accept an objection based on the impact a valuation has on a landholder's rates liability.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Tracy Walsh, Director, Customer Experience and Land Data via email at tracy.walsh@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Valuation NSW

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 ESTABLISHING A MODERN EASTWOOD CHINATOWN SHOPPING PRECINCT - Councillor Justin Li

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/573

MOTION:

- (a) That City of Ryde notes:
- Approximately 48% of residents in Eastwood identify as having a Chinese ancestry in the 2021 census.
 - The Chinese Australian community has contributed significantly to the economic and cultural prosperity of Australia, NSW and the City of Ryde.
 - The commercial areas of Rowe Street West and Eastwood Village have long been popular destinations for Chinese groceries, markets and restaurants.
 - The Eastwood Chinatown Chamber of Commerce was recently established to represent local businesses and held a successful launch at Eastwood Plaza on 30 September 2023.
 - As seen from the success of Eastwood Koreatown, destination precincts contribute significantly to the economy of Ryde and help foster greater harmony and cultural exchange of Australians of different heritages.
- (b) That Council partner with the Eastwood business community, local residents and other appropriate stakeholders to establish a working party, chaired by Councillor Li to:-
- i. Identify appropriate boundaries to demarcate a modern “Eastwood Chinatown” precinct on the Western side of the shopping area in Eastwood.
 - ii. Upon successful identification of the precinct, develop a masterplan for appropriate and inclusive signage, decorations and other public art to create an identifiable modern “Eastwood Chinatown” precinct.
 - iii. Consult with the community about the masterplan.
 - iv. Develop a budget to allocate funding to be brought back to Council for consideration as part of the current Delivery Plan process by February 2024.
 - v. Report to Council on the outcomes of the working party deliberations.
 - vi. Upon completion of the project, organise an official launch of Eastwood Chinatown with invitations sent to all those who participated in the process with the working party.
- (c) That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide all necessary resources to the working party to achieve its goals.

2 EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATION IN RYDE LIBRARIES DURING DAYS OF EXTREME TEMPERATURES - Councillor Justin Li**File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/601**

MOTION:

- (a) That Council notes the following:-
- i. The increasing cost of energy experienced by Ryde households in recent years;
 - ii. Extreme temperatures tend to disproportionately impact households on lower incomes and the disadvantaged;
 - iii. According to the Bureau of Meteorology it is anticipated that Sydney will experience a very hot summer ahead.
- (b) That in light of the above, Council moves that:
- i. Further to Council's resolution on 26 September 2023 considering extending libraries' hours of operation for students, Council also considers extending hours of operation in some or all local libraries on days of extreme temperatures (eg. 36 degrees plus) so that these facilities may be used by the local community seeking relief;
 - ii. A report be provided back to Council exploring this proposal by December 2023.

3 RESTORATION OF GLADES BAY PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio**File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/602**

MOTION:

- (a) That Council note Glades Bay Park as a peaceful passive reserve enjoyed by Ryde residents who appreciate the expansive water views of Glades Bay.
- (b) That Council investigate the condition of Glades Bay Park, including community interest in restoring the Park by undertaking a survey of all neighbouring residents.
- (c) That a report be provided back to the March 2024 Council meeting which details the findings of the investigation, the views from the community consultation and an implementation plan (if required).

**4 TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN STREETS SURROUNDING PUTNEY VILLAGE
- Councillor Roy Maggio**

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/612

MOTION:

- (a) That Council investigate opportunities to increase parking through changes to existing parking restrictions (e.g. converting existing “NO STOPPING” zones into time restricted parking) within the following local roads in the immediate vicinity of Putney shops:
- i. Charles Street between Susan Schardt Way and Phillip Road;
 - ii. Morrison Road between Payten Street and Putney Public School;
 - iii. Delange Road between Morrison Road and Frances Road; and
 - iv. Douglas Street between Morrison Road and Phillip Road.
- (b) That community consultation be undertaken on any proposed parking changes recommended from the parking assessment/investigation within the local roads listed in part (a).
- (c) That the preferred parking option(s) from the community consultation be raised at the Ryde Local Traffic Committee and Council meeting for formal approval, prior to any works being undertaken.

5 CULTURAL CENTRE - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Daniel Han

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/611

BACKGROUND:

In October 2019, Council resolved unanimously to take the following scenario when agreeing to the construction of the Rowe Street East Carpark:

“Stand-alone multi-level car park with provisions for essential built-in building services to accommodate a potential future community centre”

“A notional Community Centre floor space of approximately 400 sqm, representing approximately one quarter of a single floor plate of the current car park design which is to be accessible by lifts.”

“The Community Centre may include multifunctional rooms; separated by operable walls, a shared semi-commercial kitchen facility, shared breakout and tea preparation, storage and toilet facilities.”

“The preliminary cost estimate of this scenario is \$11.9 million for the provision of design and structural modifications, together with additional building services. Preliminary cost estimate for the construction of an additional level and a community centre facility is in the order of \$3.8m, resulting in a total development cost estimate of approximately \$15.7m.”

In March 2023, during the state election campaign, Labor candidate for Ryde announced that *“Minns Labor Government will build a cultural community centre in Eastwood”*, and later specified the location to be on top of the Eastwood Koreatown Car Park, Rowe Street East.



As seen in this post by the Labor candidate, Ms Lyndal Howison, the Labor government has allocated a \$400,000 grant to begin the planning and development phase for the build of a new cultural centre in Eastwood. Many people in the community have expressed concerns to me on when and how the rest of the funds to build the centre will be provided.

MOTION:

- (a) That the Mayor write to Premier Minns to provide the budget and plans to build this cultural community centre during this term of the Labor government.
- (b) That Council prioritise all resources necessary to ensure that within six (6) months of receiving the sufficient funds committed to the planning and development phase:
 - ii) For a planning proposal to be prepared to amend the RLEP to increase the allowable height in this part of Eastwood, as required for the construction of an appropriate community cultural centre; and

- iii) To allow for the preparation and lodgement of a Development Application to accommodate all the services and inclusions to enable the community cultural centre to be able to function on top of a multi-level car park (such as but not limited to sewerage, air conditioning, mechanical ventilation, fire services, waste services and the like).
- (c) That staff investigate and provide a report back to Council regarding the quantum of funds required from the State Government for them to fulfil their pre-election commitment to build the cultural centre.
- (d) That Council include the Korean Cultural Centre in the master planning of the Eastwood precinct.

6 WASTE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN - Councillor Bernard Purcell

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/613

BACKGROUND:

While the City of Ryde staff have been working to educate the residents and businesses of Ryde, in waste management, there is still an ongoing trend where bins are being filled with inappropriate waste matter.

It is important to continue, and update where necessary, our waste management education campaigns as we move forward to other streams of waste separation.

MOTION:

- (a) That City of Ryde undertake research for a specific education campaign in waste management – being bin stickers that inform users of the appropriate waste for each bin.
- (b) That a report be brought back to Council, at the earliest, with recommendations for this campaign.
- (c) That this campaign be funded out of the City of Ryde Domestic Waste Reserve.

7 SAFETY FOR CHILDREN PLAYING AT HEATLEY RESERVE IN EAST RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen**File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/614**

MOTION:

- (a) That Council note the following:-
- i. Local residents and shop owners have brought to the attention of Councillors that very young children playing in Heatley Reserve at East Ryde, have been seen running downhill into traffic on Moncrieff Drive.
 - ii. Moncrieff Drive and Sager Place are part of the 506 bus route, both City bound and Macquarie University bound, arriving and departing regularly and swinging around the corner.
 - iii. There is a 50 km hour speed limit on Moncrieff Drive, but residents complain that traffic is often travelling much faster.
- (b) That staff investigate the provision of a suitable barrier/deterrent (wooden fence or thick native hedge) along Heatley Reserve, East Ryde at Moncrieff Drive and Sager Place, to deter small children running directly into traffic and the bus interchange area.
- (c) That a report be presented to Council detailing the findings of the investigation outlined in part (b) above, including identification of different options and funding sources to provide a visually appealing deterrent that enhances the new design of the Reserve.

8 CITY OF RYDE'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STRATEGY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR INDIGENOUS RANGERS SEEKING TO RESIDE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA - Councillor Penny Pedersen**File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/615**

MOTION:

- (a) Council notes that according to a recent Committee for Sydney report, 'Sydney's housing crisis is "crippling" the NSW economy costing the city an estimated \$10 billion a year in lost productivity. Housing affordability in Sydney is second only to Hong Kong in terms of housing unaffordability, with an average home costing more than 13 times the median salary. Rental availability and affordability are also at crisis levels, with 35.3 per cent of Sydney renter households experiencing the financial stress of paying more than 30 per cent of their monthly incomes on housing costs'. The report recommended the introduction of a zoning target to include affordable housing in new developments.

- (b) That a report be prepared and presented to Council regarding the availability of affordable housing which includes the following:-
- i. The current percentage of affordable housing in City of Ryde.
 - ii. The number of affordable dwellings currently owned by City of Ryde.
 - iii. The proposed percentage of affordable housing that will be delivered in approved new development in the City of Ryde.
 - iv. Outlines the City of Ryde housing strategy since its inception and whether Council have been meeting the objectives of the strategy and any set targets.
 - v. The steps City of Ryde might take to improve Council's affordable housing target, given the housing crisis.
 - vi. The number of known affordable dwellings within the City of Ryde, specifically for indigenous rangers who may be relocating from regional areas to share indigenous land management practices and/or cultural education.
 - vii. The number of indigenous rangers working within the City of Ryde LGA either for City of Ryde, National Parks and Wildlife or as land management contractors.
 - viii. The number of City of Ryde rangers currently employed by Council for managing/consulting on Crown Land Management.
- (c) That Council review the City of Ryde Affordable Housing Strategy.

9 SAFETY ON THE STAIRCASE AT 1 POPE STREET BETWEEN COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE AND THE LIBRARY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/616

MOTION:

- (a) Council notes the following:-
- i. A very steep staircase links the City of Ryde Customer Service Centre with the Library at 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde.
 - ii. That the balustrades have steel poles protruding from the top.
 - iii. That the staircase winds around quite sharply and that members of the public have contacted Councillors in regard to questions about safety and compliance.
- (b) That staff undertake an investigation regarding the staircase listed at part (a) above and provide a report to Council outlining the safety of the staircase and compliance with building codes.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – Councillor Shweta Deshpande

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/10 - BP23/637

Question 1:

What is the current expected timeframe and completion date for the stormwater drainage and road works in Hedgeland Close, Meadowbank?

Question 2:

What has changed since the original estimated timeframe? What are the causes of the ongoing delay and slow progress in completing the works?

Question 3:

Why were there long periods (as observed by local residents) where no works were occurring at all on site?

Question 4:

It is noted that Councillor Penny Pedersen commented in the Meadowbank Community (NSW 2114) facebook group: "As an environmentalist I am concerned about what gets to our water from sewer overflows, development along the river and I am concerned about disturbing what is buried beneath the water, in the sediment. I support regulation and best practice around the river. There is a long history of industrial mistreatment buried in the sediment that should not be disturbed. There is also the VIVA PIPELINE which carries high pressure fuel from Gore Bay in Greenwich to Clyde (you just can not mess with that pipe). Caution/regulation that governs safety, environmental protection is paramount and obviously slows work down... I'd be seriously worried if Sydney water, Viva and Jemena didn't scrutinise contractors work at this site!"

Have any third parties / authorities been responsible for the ongoing delay and slow progress in completing the works? If so, which ones and how have they caused the delays?

Question 5:

What will Council's public works team do differently to prevent similar cost blow outs and significant delays when managing similar civil works projects in the future? Set out all learnings from this project.