

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

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COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/189

REPORT SUMMARY

At its meeting of 27 June 2023, Council resolved to adopt no increase for Councillors' fees and the Mayoral fee.

The Mayor currently receives \$121,390. This is made up of:-

	Councillor's fee	\$31,020
plus	Mayoral fee	\$90,370

In accordance with Section 230 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a Mayor elected by the Councillors holds office for a two (2) year term. It should be noted, however, that as the next Local Government Election is scheduled for 14 September 2024, the term of office for the Mayor elected by Councillors at this meeting will automatically expire on 14 September 2024, when their term as a Councillor expires.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council determine the method of voting for the election of Mayor.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate), 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.

Report Prepared By:

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Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

2 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/190

REPORT SUMMARY

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

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

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

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

It is recommended that Council resolve to elect a Councillor to the role of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period up to 14 September 2024, to coincide with the next Local Government Election.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (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.

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Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 2 (continued)

Discussion

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

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

As set out in Section 231(2) above, the person elected as Deputy Mayor may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term. It should be noted, however, that as the next Local Government Election is scheduled for 14 September 2024, it is recommended that Council resolve to elect a Councillor to the role of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period up to 14 September 2024, to coincide with the next Local Government Election.

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

3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/191

REPORT SUMMARY

Should Council resolve not to elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Item 2 on this Meeting Agenda, it is not necessary for Council to proceed with consideration of this Item.

Should Council choose to elect a Deputy Mayor (as set out in Item 2 of this Meeting Agenda), the term of the office for the Deputy Mayor will be in accordance with the Council's resolution of Item 2. That term will therefore be applied to the person elected by resolution of this report.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

4 EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/192

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to confirm Councillor delegates for all external Committees.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-
- The newly elected Mayor
 - One (1) Councillor as a formal delegate
 - Two (2) Councillors as alternate delegates
- (b) That Council appoint four (4) persons (Councillors and/or Council members) as Council's delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.
- (c) That Council appoint one (1) Councillor as a formal delegate and one (1) Councillor as an alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.
- (d) That Council appoint one (1) Councillor as a formal delegate and one (1) Councillor as an alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.

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Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 4 (continued)

Discussion

The appointment of Councillor delegates to external Committees, such as the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), is undertaken annually.

External Committees

NSROC

The City of Ryde is a member of the NSROC, which is a voluntary organisation of local government established to provide strong local government leadership; to work co-operatively for the benefit of the Northern Sydney region; and to effectively advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities. The eight member Councils are Hunters Hill Council, Hornsby Shire Council, Ku-ring-gai Council, Lane Cove Council, Mosman Council, North Sydney Council, City of Ryde and Willoughby City Council.

Each member Council is to appoint the Mayor and one (1) Councillor as formal delegates and two (2) alternate delegates, however, there is no restriction on any other Councillors attending meetings.

Council previously appointed the following two (2) formal delegates and two (2) alternate delegates to NSROC:-

Committee	Previous Council Delegates	Provisions
NSROC	Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM Councillor Lara-Watson Alternates: Councillor Deshpande Councillor Han	2 formal delegates, the Mayor and one other Councillor, and two alternate delegates as nominated

Ryde Traffic Committee

The Ryde Traffic Committee (RTC) is a technical Committee created under the auspices of the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS).

The RTC is to be made up of four formal members. The membership is:

- Council
- the NSW Police through their nominated officer
- the RMS through their nominated officer
- the local State Member of Parliament (MP) or their nominee

The Chairperson of the RTC is the Manager – Traffic Services.

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Council's representative at meetings is a Council officer. The Council representative may be a sub-delegate if Council has formally approved this.

Councillors are able to attend all RTC meetings and contribute to discussion, however, they do not have voting powers.

As the RTC does not have any powers to determine resolutions of Council, its Minutes are referred to Council via the Ordinary meeting. Council then has the power to determine resolutions on matters arising from the RTC meetings.

Sydney Planning Panels

The Sydney Planning Panels have been set up to determine the following range of regional development:-

- Development with a Capital Investment Value (CIV) over \$30 million.
- Development with a CIV over \$5 million which is:
 - Council related
 - Lodged by or on behalf of the Crown (State of NSW)
 - Private infrastructure and community facilities
 - Eco-tourist facilities
 - Extractive industries, waste facilities and marinas that are designated development and
 - Certain coastal subdivisions
- Development with a CIV between \$10 million and \$30 million, which are referred to the Planning Panel by the applicant after 120 days.
- By order of the Minister.

There are six Sydney Planning Panels and the City of Ryde is within the catchment of the Sydney North Planning Panel. Each Panel is chaired by a nominee of the State Government. In addition to the Chairperson, the Minister nominates two further State panel members. The State appointed members must have expertise in one or more of the following fields: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, tourism or government and public administration.

Currently, a chairperson is appointed by the Minister for Planning from one of the three State members. This appointment requires the concurrence of the Local Government and Shires Association.

The current State appointed Chair is Peter Debnam.

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The City of Ryde is permitted four (4) persons (Councillors and/or Council members) who will be rotated with a maximum of two (2) Council members to sit on the Sydney North Planning Panel at any one time. At least one of the Council appointed members must have expertise in one or more of the following fields: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering or tourism.

Panels meet on a 'as needs basis', approximately once every two months in the City of Ryde's case, to determine one or more development applications. Panel meetings are usually held during business hours, via MS Teams. Applications can also be dealt with through an electronic determination, if there are no submissions lodged and it is agreed by panel members that no meeting is required.

Council previously appointed the following two (2) formal delegates and two (2) alternate delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel:-

Committee	Previous Council Delegates	Provisions
Sydney North Planning Panel	Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian Councillor Lara-Watson Alternate: Councillor Deshpande Councillor Han	2 formal delegates, the Mayor and one other Councillor, and as many alternate delegates as nominated

Parramatta River Catchment Group

The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is an alliance of Councils, State Agencies and Community Stakeholders who share the common purpose of making the Parramatta River a healthy waterway and living river for all to enjoy. Its mission is to make the river swimmable again by 2025 with the City of Ryde delivering one of the first new swim sites as nominated under the PRCG Masterplan in 2021.

The City of Ryde has been a member council of the PRCG since 2009 and will be delivering one of the first three new swimming sites as part of the PRCG Masterplan at Putney this coming summer of 2023/2024. A significant part of the River's catchment area and foreshore is located within the Ryde LGA and is proximate to numerous upper catchments, recreational spaces and residential and commercial developments.

The current membership of the PRCG consists of Blacktown Council, Burwood Council, City of Canada Bay Council, City of Canterbury Bankstown, Cumberland City Council, Inner West Council, City of Parramatta and City of Ryde. In addition, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Sydney Water are all financial contributing members.

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Each member Council is to appoint one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate delegate to the PRCG.

Council previously appointed the following one (1) formal delegate and one (1) alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG):-

Committee	Previous Council Delegates	Provisions
Parramatta River Catchment Group	Delegate: Councillor Deshpande Alternate: Councillor Brown	One formal delegate and one alternate as nominated

NSW Public Library Association

City of Ryde Libraries is a member of the NSW Public Library Association (NSWPLA) a peak body for Public Libraries in NSW of which 100% of Councils are members. It was formed by Councillors and includes Councillors in its Executive Committee.

The NSWPLA has a strong working relationship with Local and State Governments in the area of advocacy and application of best practice for Public Libraries. The State Library NSW is also an active participant in the NSWPLA.

Participation provides Councils the opportunity to advocate on behalf of the communities they represent in the areas of Library funding, resourcing, and leading industry practice as well as the sharing of ideas and professional development.

There are usually three meetings held throughout the year of the combined Sydney Metropolitan Councils in addition to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) (which also includes regional Councils). The AGM is held at the NSWPLA annual SWITCH conference, generally in November each year.

The Manager of Libraries and Customer Service also attends the meetings as the nominated Council representative.

Council previously appointed one (1) formal delegate and one (1) alternate delegate to the NSW Public Library Association (NSWPLA):-

Committee	Previous Council Delegates	Provisions
NSW Public Library Association	Delegate: Councillor Deshpande Alternate: Councillor Han	One formal delegate and one alternate as nominated

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

5 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/142

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.

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

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/188

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 9/23, held on 22 August 2023 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Council Meeting - 22 August 2023

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ATTACHMENT 1

Meeting Date: Tuesday 22 August 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Lane, Li and O'Reilly.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Financial Controller, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Manager – Traffic Services, Senior Coordinator – Infrastructure Services, Team Leader – Community Grants and Direct Services, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Senior Minister Fergus Semler of the Macquarie Anglican Church 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 Item 7 – Installation of a Safety Handrail on the Steep Accessway between Melba Drive and Elliott Avenue, East Ryde for the reason that she lives on the block where this site is situated.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding, Small Grants 2023, Round 2 for the reason that he knows the executives of the Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc.

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding, Small Grants 2023, Round 2 for the reason that she works closely with some of the small grants applicants.

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ATTACHMENT 1

CONDOLENCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOY PIOTROWSKI – Councillor Bernard Purcell

Joy Piotrowski was a true Ryde local who lived on Epping Road since it was a single laned, unsurfaced road - hard to imagine Epping Road like that.

She married Jan Piotrowski, which was brave for the era, and they lived a long and happy marriage until Jan's passing in 1996.

Jan, himself, was a Polish refugee who had managed to survive the Nazi occupation in his homeland.

They built their house on Epping Road when surrounding blocks were orchards. She developed a large group of friends in the war services homes that were built in North Ryde post WWII. She selflessly helped many of them in their later years with shopping and cleaning. To my knowledge she outlived them all.

Joy was a long-time member of Labor in the area and in particular Macquarie Branch.

Joy's efforts in that branch were indeed well respected. Joy volunteered tirelessly on numerous Election Campaigns as well as a committed Volunteer for the Hon John Watkins (Gladesville/Ryde) Electorate Office during the 1990's and 2000's.

Joy was a frequent writer to the Local Papers on many subjects.

Joy was a delegate to Ryde SEC and for many years attended State Annual Conference as a valued and respected delegate.

Her devotion to Ryde and The Labor Party is the essence of her work as a volunteer and she should be remembered for her tireless efforts to make our city a better place.

Even in her later years, and suffering help, she still demanded to hand out at elections even if it was from a wheelchair - that is devotion to her beliefs.

Joy is survived by her three children, John, Jimmy and Julie, two grandchildren, Daniel and Alison and a great granddaughter Frankie.

May she rest in peace, which she surely will.

Note: The meeting then observed a one minute silence.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Pedersen tabled a letter dated 24 July 2023 from North West Sydney Football Limited in relation to her Matter of Urgency concerning Christie Park Facilities and a copy is ON FILE.

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ATTACHMENT 1

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Ray Azizi	Notice of Motion 5 – Review into Valuer General determinations
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Deshpande)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 6, Item 8, Item 10, Precis of Correspondence 1, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 6, Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 8, Notice of Motion 9, Notice and Motion 10 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 25 July 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 7/23, held on 25 July 2023 be confirmed.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 8/23, held on 15 August 2023 be confirmed.

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6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, SMALL GRANTS 2023, ROUND 2

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows the executives of the Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she works closely with some of the small grants applicants.

RESOLUTION:

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

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description
1	SM 02	Italo-Australian Senior Citizens Group	\$2,500	\$2,500	Italo-Australian Senior Citizens Group- Social support group for senior citizens from Australian, Italian background.
2	SM 04	Macquarie Anglican Church	\$2,500	\$2,500	Spring Sensation: Community gathering to encourage social connection.
3	SM 05	Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Craft workshop and hanbok wearing.
4	SM 06	SCS Italian Leisure Group	\$2,500	\$2,500	Italian seniors social support program.
5	SM 07	Putney Tennyson Probus Club	\$2,500	\$2,500	Probus activities in 2023/24.
6	SM 09	Hope Holistic Care Ltd.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Healthy Body Healthy Mind pilot program for Chinese seniors with dementia.
7	SM 14	Yabadoo Ltd.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Replace freezer for food relief program.
8	SM 19	Australian Long River Art Group Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Small celebration for mid-moon festival for seniors.
9	SM 22	Indian Ocean Society of Australia	\$2,400	\$2,400	Indian sub-continent festival celebration: Ganesh Chaturthi
10	SM 26	St Vincent de Paul Society of NSW	\$2,500	\$2,500	Vinnies Macquarie Conference- Living Essentials and Starter Kits for people escaping domestic violence or experiencing homelessness.

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11	SM 28	Wheelchair Sports NSW ACT Inc	\$1,788	\$1,788	Keeping Children Safe: Installation of reversing cameras.
12	SM 29	North Ryde Christian Church (auspice Combined Assemblies Trust)	\$2,500	\$2,500	Carols in the Park
13	SM 30	Wesley Community Services Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Circuit Breaker in Ryde: Facilitated training to prevent domestic violence.
			\$31,688	\$31,688	

- (b) That funding of \$31,688 from the Community Grants Program base budget funds the applications outlined in recommendation (a).
- (c) That the successful applicants be advised in writing of the outcomes of their applications.

8 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 2023

RESOLUTION:

(A) ROWE LANE, EASTWOOD – GIVE WAY HOLDING LINE AND PAINTED ISLANDS

The following measures be installed at the intersection of Railway Parade and Rowe Lane, Eastwood:

- a) Painted islands on Railway Parade on either side of Rowe Lane.
- b) "GIVE WAY" sign and holding line approximately 1.7m from the face of the kerb.
- c) The installation of 5m long double barrier lines.

(B) CHARLES STREET, PUTNEY - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The following recommendations be deployed on Charles Street subject to availability of funds:

- a) The roundabout device at the intersection of Charles Street and Parry Street be reconstructed to incorporate a raised central island (subject to swept path analysis for 12.5 metres long heavy rigid vehicle).
- b) The splitter islands be reconstructed into concrete islands, subject to a design incorporating swept paths of vehicles.
- c) Additional roundabout warning signs be installed on the reconstructed islands.
- d) The existing at-grade threshold on Charles Street be reconstructed as a raised threshold.

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- e) Traffic Calming devices be installed on Charles Street, north of Parry Street, and on Parry Street, east of Charles Street.
- f) The abovementioned recommendations be developed subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Technical Directions.

(C) SEE STREET, MEADOWBANK - RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The following changes be made on See Street, Meadowbank:

- a) A raised pedestrian crossing be installed (subject to availability of funds) on See Street to the South of Stone Street, Meadowbank.
- b) The pedestrian crossing be installed in accordance with the TfNSW Technical Directions and other relevant standards.

(D) VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following parking changes be made on Vimiera Road, Marsfield:

- a) 50m long "NO PARKING 08:00 AM-09:30 AM – SCHOOL DAYS" zone be installed on the western side of Vimiera Road approximately 50m north of Epping Road outside of property nos. 213 and 215 Vimiera Road, Marsfield.

10 REPORT ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE (RESPONSE TO MAYORAL MINUTE MM14/23)

RESOLUTION:

That Council note:

- (a) this report, which addresses the matters relating to the Eastwood Town Centre raised in MM14/23.
- (b) that the Eastwood Town Centre Renewal Strategy is being developed and that matters raised in MM14/23 will be considered further as a part of the development of the Strategy.
- (c) that a series of workshops will be held with Councillors over the next 6-12 months to consider the progress of the Eastwood Town Centre Renewal Strategy.

ITEM 6 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 RESPONSE BY JORDAN LANE MP – INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONNECTING VIMIERA ROAD AND ESSEX STREET, EASTWOOD – Councillor Justin Li

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes the receipt of a petition from residents of Ryde and Parramatta Local Government Areas, requesting an upgrade or replacement of the pedestrian bridge that links Vimiera Road and Essex Street in Eastwood.
- (b) That Council staff contact Parramatta Council in relation to part (a), seeking their interest in jointly funding an upgrade or replacement of the pedestrian bridge that links Vimiera Road and Essex Street in Eastwood.
- (c) That Council staff collaborate with Parramatta Council to investigate the feasibility of upgrading or replacing the aforementioned pedestrian bridge and a report be brought back to Council detailing the findings of the investigation.

6 WOMEN'S SPORT IN RYDE – Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Review the Sportsground Amenities Audit presented to Council in June 2022 with consideration given to relevant governing bodies facility guidelines for female sports participation.
- (b) Note the adopted City of Ryde Sports Field Action Plan (2022) which provides a direction to meet the future growth of sporting participation within the Local Government Area, including female participation.

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- (c) When funding is identified for implementation of the Plan, incorporate elements through the design and construction of the facilities that meet the needs of female participants and enhances their sports participation experience within the Ryde Local Government Area.
- (d) Seeks a report from staff regarding part (a) above by the end of 2023.

7 WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL KISS AND RIDE SHELTER MONS AVENUE – Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION:

That Council assist the West Ryde Public School's principal with the installation of a shelter by granting access to the footpath, signposted as the kiss and ride section for the school, on Mons Avenue, West Ryde in an effort to have the project approved before December 2023.

8 BUILDING HEALTHY COST EFFICIENT HOMES – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council:
 - i. Notes that Waverley Council recently implemented new planning rules which require electric stoves, cooktops and heaters to be installed inside new residential development.
 - ii. Notes that Parramatta Council recently implemented new planning rules that require new developments (commercial and residential) in its City Centre to be all-electric.
 - iii. Notes that the City of Sydney Council recently implemented new planning rules that require new developments (commercial and residential) in its City Centre to be all-electric.
 - iv. Notes the success of the Waverley Council, Parramatta Council and City of Sydney planning changes in positively influencing development outcomes to achieve all-electric, gas-free homes and businesses.
- (b) That staff provide a report to Council by the October 2023 Council meeting that explores the opportunity to emulate the Waverley Council, Parramatta Council and City of Sydney planning changes to achieve all-electric new residential and commercial development across the municipality.

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**9 INCREASING ACCESS TO EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE
ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE – Councillor Penny Pedersen**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes:
- i. Many Ryde residents are purchasing electric vehicles (EV) and that many have an appetite to purchase electric vehicles but might be holding off the purchase because they are concerned about the lack of available charging infrastructure.
 - ii. EV owners are requesting information from Councillors on plans for more EV charging in Ryde, particularly in high density residential areas where home charging is problematic.
 - iii. That grants are available from Federal and State Governments to help increase a cross section of EV solutions.
 - iv. That reports were prepared by staff in 2019/20 along with a strategy yet delivery has stalled.
- (b) That staff provide a report to Council by the October 2023 Council meeting that explores:
- i. Council owned and commercial EV charging already available to our ratepayers.
 - ii. The assets in our current Council EV fleet.
 - iii. Council's current plans for providing new Council owned EV chargers and details of any expressions of interest from commercial EV charging providers in building new charging infrastructure in Ryde.
 - iv. Federal and State funding opportunities for Council to increase their provision of public EV charging and growing Councils EV fleet.
 - v. Opportunities for curb side charging.
 - vi. The incentives/assistance that Council offers that might attract commercial operators to install EV fast charging in the Ryde LGA (ie: dedicated spaces in places like Coulter Street, Gladesville; Halifax Street, North Ryde or Network Place.
 - vii. The commercial benefits to local business having chargers available near small business centres.
 - viii. A plan for Council to mandate that EV charging provisions be made in all new multi dwelling developments.

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10 EXPLORING NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO STRATEGISE THE CITY OF RYDE EVENING ECONOMY – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes:
- i. The 'Live and Local' Initiative is designed to support local Councils and their communities in organising and delivering live music micro-festival events. The program is funded by the NSW State Government and managed in partnership by the Live Music Office.
 - ii. The Initiative promotes the Live and Local Event Model, whereby local businesses, both traditional and non-traditional, host local musicians over the course of an afternoon, supported by local Council through marketing and promotional supports, as well as better policy and regulation development to implement long-term strategies that support the growth of the local live music industry.
 - iii. Live and Local has a new pool of funds available to Councils to develop and implement strategies, not only for the development of a live music strategy but also for an expansive evening economy strategy including a review of regulations, planning and liquor licensing.
- (b) That staff prepare a report to Council on the available funding and opportunities for the City of Ryde to attain funding to develop an updated city-wide evening economy strategy.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM18/23 HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT – ARTSAKH – Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

That Council:

- (a) Set up a ' Mayor's Appeal for Artsakh' to provide much needed humanitarian aid to the Armenians of Artsakh and Artsakh refugees, through the Armenian Relief Society of Australia.
- (b) Donate \$1,500 to launch the appeal which will be open for Australians to make a contribution between the 1st of September until the 15th of September 2023.

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- (c) Call on the Federal Government to support an immediate end to the blockade, publicly echoing the decision of the International Court of Justice and for the urgent delivery of Australian humanitarian aid to the region.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding demolition of the former amenity facility at Christie Park and organising a meeting at the site for North West Sydney Football Association (NWSFA).

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen regarding demolition of the former amenity facility at Christie Park and organising a meeting at the site for North West Sydney Football Association (NWSFA), the time being 6.22pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER AMENITY FACILITY AT CHRISTIE PARK AND ORGANISING A MEETING AT THE SITE FOR NORTH WEST SYDNEY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (NWSFA)

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

That consideration of the Matter of Urgency be deferred for discussion in Closed Confidential Session at the conclusion of the meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 July 2023

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

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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2023

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

4 JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT (UNAUDITED) INCLUDING 2022/23 CARRYOVERS - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2026 AND 2022/2023 OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

- (a) That the proposed variations, FY22/23 carryover funds and proposed movements in reserves as detailed in **ATTACHMENTS 1 and 2**, be adopted by Council.
- (b) That the June 2023 Quarterly Review report (Four Year Delivery Plan 2022 - 2026 and One Year 2022/23 Operational Plan) for Quarter Four, *April – June 2023*, be received and adopted by Council. **ATTACHMENT 3 (CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ROSEHILL GARDENS RACECOURSE - 12 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2023

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

- (a) That no Councillors attend the 2023 Local Government NSW Annual Conference from Sunday, 12 November 2023 to Tuesday, 14 November 2023.
- (b) That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will determine which staff will attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council nominate Councillor Pedersen, Councillor Purcell and any other Councillors who are registering to attend the Conference, as voting delegates for City of Ryde at the 2023 Local Government NSW Conference.
- (b) That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will determine which staff will attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

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

Record of Voting:

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

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

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council nominate Councillor Pedersen, Councillor Purcell and any other Councillors who are registering to attend the Conference, as voting delegates for City of Ryde at the 2023 Local Government NSW Conference.
- (b) That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will determine which staff will attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Lara-Watson and Maggio

6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, SMALL GRANTS 2023, ROUND 2

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

7 INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she lives on the block where this site is situated.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council approves the installation of a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Melba Drive footpath.

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- (b) That the project is funded within the 2023/24 footpath construction renewal program.

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

- (1) That Council recognise:

- (a) The following criteria for footpath construction and renewal has assessed the current projects approved within the operational plan.

Criteria 1: Pedestrian usage and connectivity. Priority rating of the location:

- Priority 1 – High pedestrian movement and special needs (train stations, hospitals, shopping centres, educational institutions, major community facilities etc)
- Priority 2 – Connection to major streets
- Priority 3 – Connection to local streets
- Priority 4 – Local street and cul-de-sacs (Only serving a small group of properties/ no through road/dead end)

Criteria 2: Streets with no footpath on either side.

Criteria 3: Special Requests (High Priority given to requests from disabled person/group, signed petition from community and requests that eliminate major safety risks).

- (b) If this project is pulled forward other projects that have already been assessed and budgeted for within the above framework will be delayed or funding removed.
- (2) That Council defers approval of the installation of a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Melba Drive footpath, given it delays other projects already planned with the funds within the 2023/24 footpath construction renewal program.
- (3) That Council staff provide options for Councillors to raise this project through the Councillor bid process or add to the next operational plan through the next CIB.

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

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Record of Voting:

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

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

RESOLUTION:

(1) That Council recognise:

(a) The following criteria for footpath construction and renewal has assessed the current projects approved within the operational plan.

Criteria 1: Pedestrian usage and connectivity. Priority rating of the location:

- Priority 1 – High pedestrian movement and special needs (train stations, hospitals, shopping centres, educational institutions, major community facilities etc)
- Priority 2 – Connection to major streets
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Criteria 2: Streets with no footpath on either side.

Criteria 3: Special Requests (High Priority given to requests from disabled person/group, signed petition from community and requests that eliminate major safety risks).

(b) If this project is pulled forward other projects that have already been assessed and budgeted for within the above framework will be delayed or funding removed.

(2) That Council defers approval of the installation of a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Meiba Drive footpath, given it delays other projects already planned with the funds within the 2023/24 footpath construction renewal program.

(3) That Council staff provide options for Councillors to raise this project through the Councillor bid process or add to the next operational plan through the next CIB.

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On being put to the meeting, Councillor O'Reilly abstained from voting and accordingly her 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, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Motion: Councillor O'Reilly

8 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY 2023

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

INFORMATION REPORT

9 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

LATE COUNCIL REPORT

10 REPORT ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE (RESPONSE TO MAYORAL MINUTE MM14/23)

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

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 RESPONSE BY JORDAN LANE MP - INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONNECTING VIMIERA ROAD AND ESSEX STREET, EASTWOOD - Councillor Justin Li

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

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2 CAR SHARING SCHEME - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio and the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council review the utilisation of all installed car share spaces approved at the Council meetings on 13 December 2022 and 4 April 2023 over a 12 month period in accordance with Council's adopted Car Share Guidelines and Policy.
- (b) That should any installed car share space be found to be underutilised from the review, Council is to consider either removing this space or relocate the space to another location within a 12 month period. The relocation of a car share space to another area is subject to further public consultation.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council review the utilisation of all installed car share spaces approved at the Council meetings on 13 December 2022 and 4 April 2023 over a 12 month period in accordance with Council's adopted Car Share Guidelines and Policy.

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

Record of Voting:

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

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

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

- (a) That Council review the utilisation of all installed car share spaces approved at the Council meetings on 13 December 2022 and 4 April 2023 over a 12 month period in accordance with Council's adopted Car Share Guidelines and Policy.
- (b) That should any installed car share space be found to be underutilised from the review, Council is to consider either removing this space or relocate the space to another location within a 12 month period. The relocation of a car share space to another area is subject to further public consultation.

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Record of Voting:

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

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

3 INSTALLATION OF SEATS AROUND LARDELLI PARK POND - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council investigate the installation of unused seats in good condition around Lardelli Park pond to accommodate visitors from the rehabilitation centre and local residents.
- (b) That a report be presented back to Council in September 2023 outlining the findings of the investigation listed in part (a).
- (c) That subject to the findings of the investigations, that the seats be funded from Councillor Maggio's project bids budget and be installed in October 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 REMOVAL OF RACISM NOT WELCOME SIGNS AND INSTALLATION OF EMBRACE DIVERSITY SIGNS IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio)

That Council arrange to:

- (a) Remove all Racism Not Welcome signs and replace these with "Embrace Diversity" signs in orange, which is the colour of harmony.
- (b) Fund the new street sign blades from the Community Services base budget.

Note: The Motion lapsed due to the lack of a seconder.

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5 REVIEW INTO VALUER GENERAL DETERMINATIONS - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

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

- (a) That Council note:
- i. The Valuer General's land valuations timing has negatively impacted residents across Ryde.
 - ii. A significant increase in rates has occurred for a portion of residents given the valuation despite the Council approving a below inflation increase in rates.
- (b) That the Mayor write a letter on behalf of Council to call upon the NSW Government to:
- i. Review the Valuer General responsibilities and timeliness of valuations.
 - ii. Extend the objection period given the inflationary period and drop in housing prices.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 WOMEN'S SPORT IN RYDE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

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

7 WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL KISS AND RIDE SHELTER MONS AVENUE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

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

8 BUILDING HEALTHY COST EFFICIENT HOMES - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

9 INCREASING ACCESS TO EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

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10 EXPLORING NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO STRATEGISE THE CITY OF RYDE EVENING ECONOMY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Question 1:

How much ratepayers money was spent on advertising the 'save our open space' campaign by City of Ryde printing and lost revenue from bus shelter advertising?

Answer 1:

The costing for the complete TG Millner campaign was \$28,630.91 (inclusive of GST). This included the bus shelter advertisements, smart pole banners (including removal), billboards for private property, fence banner, drone footage and pull-up banners. There was no lost revenue for Council from bus shelter advertising.

Question 2:

Is City of Ryde or Ooh media forgoing revenue while the City of Ryde 'save our open space' posters are being displayed on bus shelters across the City of Ryde?

Answer 2:

No, all sites that had the posters on them were ones that were vacant and not being utilised for the contract moving forward.

Question 3:

What is in the contract that City of Ryde (CoR) negotiated with Ooh media that would allow them to forgo revenue for so many months while accommodating the 'save our open space' posters?

Answer 3:

As the posters were on the bus shelters that were vacant and not being utilised for the contract, Council did not pay for placement or installation of the posters. The sites that the posters were installed on were not being sold to any other providers as advertising space and hence there was no lost revenue to Council.

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CLOSED SESSION

MATTER OF URGENCY – DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER AMENITY FACILITY TO CHRISTIE PARK AND ORGANISING A MEETING AT THE SITE FOR NORTH WEST SYDNEY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (NWSFA) – COUNCILLOR PENNY PEDERSEN

Confidential

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and 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.

MATTER OF URGENCY – DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER AMENITY FACILITY AT CHRISTIE PARK AND ORGANISING A MEETING AT THE SITE FOR NORTH WEST SYDNEY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (NWSFA)

Note: Councillor Pedersen tabled a letter dated 24 July 2023 from North West Sydney Football Limited in relation to this Item a copy is ON FILE.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) Council notes that:
- i. Following the completion of the new amenities block at Christie Park, the CEO of North West Sydney Football Association (NWSFA) have requested that the old amenities block at Christie Park not be demolished so that it can be used for additional meeting rooms, referees office, gymnasium, physiotherapy and sports science area.
 - ii. Council staff have recommended that the old block be demolished on Wednesday, 23 August 2023 based on the following considerations:
 - The existing building's lack of proper fire separation poses a fire safety risk, violating the National Construction Code (NCC).

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- Introducing a gym or physiotherapy service in the building would change the buildings classification under the NCC, requiring costly modifications to comply with the new classification.
- The electrical infrastructure is designed for one building and accommodating two buildings would strain power supply, causing disruptions to the park. As a result, there would be substantial upgrades to the electrical supply to retain two buildings.
- The ongoing implementation of the Christie Park masterplan, developed with input from stakeholders, would be hindered by retaining the existing building.
- Council would incur added maintenance and operational costs for maintaining two structures.
- User groups were engaged in the design review, acknowledging the demolition of the existing building.

- (b) That Council hold a meeting with the Association to discuss storage and extra space requirements and the masterplan for the Park.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (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 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Chairperson

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

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/512

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 12 September 2023

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Extraordinary Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 10/23

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 September 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 7.04pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Deshpande, Lane, Purcell and Song.

Apologies: Councillor Maggio.

Absent: Councillor O'Reilly.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Rescission 1: Item 7 – Installation of a safety handrail on the steep accessway between Melba Drive and Elliott Avenue, East Ryde for the reason that she lives in East Ryde.

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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.

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

- 1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 7 - INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen, Councillor Bernard Purcell, Councillor Charles Song**

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she lives in East Ryde.

Note: Councillor Deshpande arrived at the meeting at 7.17pm during discussion on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 7 – INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 August 2023, namely:-

COUNCIL REPORT

- 7 INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE**

(1) *That Council recognise:*

- (a) *The following criteria for footpath construction and renewal has assessed the current projects approved within the operational plan.*

Criteria 1: Pedestrian usage and connectivity. Priority rating of the location:

- Priority 1 – High pedestrian movement and special needs (train stations, hospitals, shopping centres, educational institutions, major community facilities etc)*

- Priority 2 – Connection to major streets*

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- *Priority 3 – Connection to local streets*
- *Priority 4 – Local street and cul-de-sacs (Only serving a small group of properties/ no through road/dead end)*

Criteria 2: Streets with no footpath on either side.

Criteria 3: Special Requests (High Priority given to requests from disabled person/group, signed petition from community and requests that eliminate major safety risks).

(b) If this project is pulled forward other projects that have already been assessed and budgeted for within the above framework will be delayed or funding removed.

- (2) *That Council defers approval of the installation of a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Melba Drive footpath, given it delays other projects already planned with the funds within the 2023/24 footpath construction renewal program.*
- (3) *That Council staff provide options for Councillors to raise this project through the Councillor bid process or add to the next operational plan through the next CIB.*

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Pedersen, Purcell and Song

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE -
Councillor Penny Pedersen, Councillor Bernard Purcell, Councillor Charles Song**

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM ruled this Motion out of order as the matter had already been dealt with by Council at this meeting.

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2 KOREAN LANTERN FESTIVAL FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR - Councillor Charles Song

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Song and Purcell)

- (a) The City of Ryde Council recognises the cultural significance of the Lunar New Year and acknowledges the positive impact that cultural festivals can have on fostering community cohesion and promoting cultural understanding. The Council resolves to support the organisation and implementation of a culturally appropriate Lantern display leading up to the City of Ryde's Lunar New Year Festival.
- (b) That Council staff invite the following groups to join the existing Ryde Lunar New Year Festival Committee to collaborate and share ideas for organising culturally appropriate lantern displays and banners on the Koreatown precinct on Rowe Street East as a part of the Lunar New Year Festival.
- The Korean Cultural Centre Australia
 - The Korean Chamber of Commerce Ryde
 - The Koreatown Working Party
- (c) That Council staff actively seek funding opportunities to incorporate the Lantern Festival to ensure the successful execution leading up to the Lunar New Year, including investigating available grants, sponsorships and partnerships. Specifically, this includes the upcoming round of funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) initiative and organisations such as but not limited to:
- Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF): Applications close on 22 September 2023.
 - The National Foundation for Australia-China Relations: Applications close on 24 September 2023.
- (d) That a report be brought back to Council outlining the outcomes from those funding grant applications with further recommendations to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Chairperson

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting No. 10/23, dated 12 September 2023.

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

Report prepared by: Financial Controller
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/499

REPORT SUMMARY

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

The Draft 2022-2023 Annual Financial Statements is in accordance with the Act, the Regulations, the Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

A preliminary pre-audit result was presented to the independent members of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) on 24 August 2023. ARIC provided some minor recommendations and the Draft Financial statements were endorsed and forwarded to the external auditors on 25 August 2023.

The external audit commenced on 28 August 2023 and at the time of writing this report is still in progress. Once the audit is finalised, the Financial Statements will be presented to ARIC which are expected to be available for the meeting on 9 October 2023.

It is proposed, following endorsement by ARIC, that the Draft Annual Financial Statements be presented to Council at its meeting on 24 October 2023. At that meeting, it will be proposed that Council resolve for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CEO and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the Financial Statements prior to them being placed on Public Exhibition as required by Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Once endorsed, the signed Financial Statements must be forwarded to the Office of Local Government on or before 31 October 2023. The final audited 2022/23 Financial Statements, together with the Auditor's Reports will then be presented to Council on 28 November 2023 as per Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993. Any public submissions received will be referred to the Auditor in accordance with the Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (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.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 –
CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

Sacha Thirimanne
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Aneesh Zahra
Acting General Manager - Business and Operations

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Discussion

The NSW Audit Office remains responsible for all of NSW Councils' financial audits, their performance and issuing an Independent Auditor's Report. Grant Thornton has been appointed by the Auditor-General as their contract Audit Agent. Kenneth Leung, Audit Leader from the Audit Office have been appointed to oversee the audit. The level of Audit Office involvement will vary depending on the size, nature, complexity, and risk of the audit.

The Attachment, **(Circulated Under Separate Cover)** details the financial position and performance as at 30 June 2023 and is summarised in table below.

Financial Position & Performance Snapshot as at 30 June 2023 (Subject to audit)

Income Statement		
Total Income from Continuing Operations	\$	173.7
Total Expenditure from Continuing Operations	\$	142.6
Net Operating Result for the Year	\$	31.1
Net Operating Result for the Year before Capital Grants and Contributions	\$	8.5
Capital Expenditure		
New Capital Works	\$	22.8
Renewal Capital Works	\$	14.9
Total Capital Expenditure	\$	37.7
Financial Position		
Total Assets	\$	2,235.3
Total Liabilities	\$	67.2
Net Assets	\$	2,168.1
Cash & Investments		
	\$	247.7
Less External Restrictions	\$	130.6
Less Internal Restrictions	\$	108.6
Unrestricted Cash	\$	8.5
Performance Indicators		
Financial Ratios		
Operating Performance Ratio		7.63%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio		82.08%
Unrestricted Current Ratio		6.8
Debt Service Cover Ratio		14.67
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio		3.31%
Cash Expense Cover Ratio		11.63
Infrastructure Asset Performance Ratios		
Buildings and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio		69%
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio		1.92%
Asset Maintenance Ratio		115.94%



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Operating Result

The Operating Result as at 30 June 2023 amounted to a surplus of **\$31.1m** compared to **\$34.1m** in the previous year. This is a decrease of **\$3.0m** and is mainly due to a combination of factors such as fair value on investment properties, capital grants and contributions and depreciation. The Net Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions is **\$8.5m**.

Capital Expenditure

Council delivered **\$37.7m** of capital projects of which **\$14.9m** was for renewal of Council's existing asset base. There were no dedications of assets from developers this Financial Year.

Financial Position

Council's assets grew to **\$2.1bn** from **\$1.9bn** mainly due to revaluation of Council's operational land and this was done by applying index rates from the latest Valuer General land values.

Cash Position

Council's overall cash position increased from **\$219.9m** to **\$247.7m** and this is mainly due to greater than anticipated Developer Contributions received this Financial Year. The increase in externally restricted reserves relating to Developer Contributions and the corresponding decrease in internal reserves, is mainly due to correction of transfers completed in 2020 that were not in accordance with legislation. These transfers do not affect Councils total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments. Council's Unrestricted Cash remains at **\$8.5m**.

In addition, the required amount to be held in ELE Reserve is reviewed each Financial Year and this balance is either increased or decreased depending on the ELE liability at that point in time by analysing age profiles within the organisation. An increase of \$101,586 to the ELE Reserve was required following the analysis of the ELE liability and has been adjusted in the Unaudited Statutory Financial Statements for FY22/23.

Performance Indicators

Council has achieved all the financial ratios within the benchmarks. However, of Council's infrastructure asset performance ratios, the renewal ratio was not met this Financial Year. This is mainly due to large scale projects requiring to be carried over due to protracted negotiations with utility providers, availability of contractors, staff vacancies during the year and price escalations within the construction industry requiring additional funding or a change in project scope.

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Performance Against Original Budget

Original Budget projections on which the assumptions had been based have been affected by several factors. These include the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. State and Federal decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors and decisions made by Council.

During the year as required by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the adopted income and expenditure is reviewed against the actual income and expenditure and any variations are reported against the adopted budget to Council on a quarterly basis. The General Purpose Financial Statements (GPFS) require the original budget adopted by Council to be included to compare to the actual result at the end of the year.

A notable variation from the Original Budget was Capital Grants and Contributions of **\$14.5m**. This is a result of greater than anticipated Developer Contributions received due to increased development during the Financial Year.

Detail of other material budget variations are in **Note B5-1 in the Attachment** which provides further information between the Original Budget and actuals for variances greater than 10%.

Conclusion

It should be noted that the financial information contained in the attachment (Circulated Under Separate Cover) is still subject to external audit and at the 24 October 2023 Council meeting, the Draft Financial Statements together with key findings will be presented to Council for certification.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

9 REVIEW OF VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENTS - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Report prepared by: Acting Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/534

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to detail the findings in relation to the independent review undertaken of Council's Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) and the financial implications arising as a result of these findings.

Nexia Australia was engaged to conduct this review and this was one of the actions listed in the Action Plan which is required by the Office of Local Government (OLG).

A copy of this report and the VPA Financial Implications Review Report - Nexia Australia is **ATTACHED** and will be sent to the Office of Local Government (OLG) and the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) This review commenced in May 2023 and the findings were presented to Councillors at a workshop on 20 August 2023.

As a result of the findings, the financial impact of the future maintenance and renewal of these VPA's will be incorporated in Council's Long-Term Financial Plan which will be implemented during Council's Draft Budget Cycle for FY24/25. In addition, it is proposed to set aside available funds for any operational and capital costs that are the responsibility of Council as a result of these VPAs in particular for the Macquarie Centre VPA.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 VPA Financial Implications Review Report - Nexia Australia

Report Prepared By:

Sacha Thirimanne
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Aneesh Zahra
Acting General Manager - Business and Operations

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Discussion

The review by Nexia Australia of Council's Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) is in relation to VPAs that are either operating and/or executed. As per the VPA Public Register which can be found on Council's website, there are currently 17 VPAs that have either an executed and/or operating status. The initial review by Nexia Australia consisted of Council's policy, processes, procedures and reporting that support the assessment and management of Voluntary Planning Agreements. Following this initial review, the financial implications of the capital and whole of lifecycle costs arising as a result of these VPAs was undertaken.

Purpose & Regulatory Framework

Purpose:

Voluntary Planning Agreements form one part of Council's developer contribution system and are a tool for delivering innovative or complex infrastructure. They are voluntary agreements that allow developer contributions such as the dedication of land at no cost to Council, monetary contributions, any other material public benefit or any combination of these for a public purpose.

They allow councils to negotiate flexible outcomes with developers to deliver sustainable development whilst achieving key economic, social and environmental objectives.

VPAs extend by the scope of normal developer contributions and can require developers to make contributions towards recurrent costs of facilities that primarily serve the development to which the VPA applies or neighbouring development in perpetuity.

Regulatory Framework:

Voluntary Planning agreements are governed by the following legislation, regulations and Policy:

- The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Part 7 Division 7.1 Subdivision 2
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 Part 4 Division 1A
- NSW Department of Planning and Industry and Environment – Planning Agreements Practice Note 2021

ITEM 9 (continued)*VPA Policy:*

Council's VPA Policy was adopted in 2015. This policy aims to establish a fair, transparent and accountable framework for governing planning agreements in City of Ryde, give stakeholders in development greater involvement in the type, standard and location of public facilities and other public benefits, adopt innovative and flexible approaches to the provision of infrastructure and other public benefits in a manner that is consistent with Council's strategic and infrastructure plans.

The policy was reviewed in 2021 with no significant changes. Given that the practice note was updated in 2021 it is recommended to regularly review the policy to ensure it is current and best practice.

One of the key requirements contained in the VPA Policy is the "Acceptability Test". This test outlines the factors to be considered in assessing the desirability of a proposed VPA. The Acceptability Test requires the following questions to be addressed:

1. Is the proposed Planning Agreement directed towards a proper and legitimate planning purpose having regard to the statutory planning controls and other adopted planning policies and infrastructure strategies and the circumstances of the case?
2. Does the proposed Planning Agreement provide for a reasonable means of achieving the relevant planning purpose and securing the relevant public benefit?
3. Will the proposed Planning Agreement produce outcomes that protect the public interest?
4. Are there any relevant circumstances that may operate to preclude Council from entering into the proposed Planning Agreement?
5. Will the proposed Planning Agreement provide benefits that bear a relationship to the delivery of services and infrastructures within the LGA?
6. Is the quantum of the Public Benefit commensurate with the value of the Development Contribution?

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Issues Identified from Review

The following issues have been identified by Nexia Australia and is detailed below:

- There is no formal procedural manual or checklist in place that governs and provides guidance over VPA assessment and management processes.
- Assessment and management processes are restricted to the City Places team with no or limited involvement or consultation from other key stakeholders including Council asset managers and the finance team.
- VPA assessment processes do not include the assessment of any potential future financial commitments or obligations that a VPA may impose on Council and the source of funding for such commitments.
- The VPA assessment process does not sufficiently address all of the Acceptability Criteria contained in Council's VPA policy as there is no consideration of whether the proposed public benefits are aligned with other adopted policies and plans of Council.
- There appears to be no process/work flow established to record key milestones and to track the progress of the VPA or forward planning for budgeting, financial reporting and asset management implications arising from VPAs.

Recommendations Proposed

As a result of the issues that were identified, the following recommendations are proposed below:

- Establishment of a formal process over the entire life of the VPA process from initial assessment, acceptance and ongoing management. This would include setting out detailed guidance to aid the assessment process.
- Establishment of overall responsibility for the assessment of VPAs within Council and establishing a VPA working group involving expertise across Council such as planning, asset managers, finance and legal etc. This would result in a more comprehensive assessment of VPAs that ensure the VPAs are in the best interests of Council and identify any financial and asset management implications before a VPA is executed.
- Assessment of VPAs to include assessing any potential financial commitments including ongoing costs arising from entering VPAs and how those costs will be funded.
- Assessment process should fully cover all aspects of the acceptability test contained in Council's Adopted VPA policy.
- Establishment of workflows to record and track milestones and the progress of all VPAs, including ensuring that all contributions are received.

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Financial Implications

As mentioned previously, Nexia Australia selected all VPAs classified as either executed and/or operating. This resulted in 17 VPAs being selected for review to determine any current and future financial liabilities to Council.

Council's Asset Management team reviewed the details of the selected 17 VPAs and calculated the estimated annual costs for maintenance and renewal of the contributed assets. It has been determined that approximately \$2.6m will be required for maintenance and \$1.5m for renewal, totalling \$4.1m per annum. Estimates of the maintenance and renewal costs were determined by assigning an asset class to the proposed dedicated infrastructure outlined in the VPA. The current unit rates contained in Council's asset management system is then applied to those assets in order to estimate these costs. It is important to note these figures are in today's dollars.

The table below details the estimated maintenance and renewal costs of the 17 VPAs in Council's VPA register. Further details can be found in the **ATTACHMENT**.

#	VPA No.	Title/Address	Other Parties	Maintenance Costs p.a.	Renewal Costs p.a
1	VPA2020/199	1-20 Railway Rd and 50 Constitution Rd, Meadowbank	Shepherds Bay Holdings Pty Ltd and Sasco Developments Pty Limited	\$5,636	\$20,441
2	VPA2015/484	388 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park	By the Bay Investments Pty Ltd	\$307	\$1,113
3	VPA2015/1	North Ryde M2 Site (Lachlan's Line)	Landcom (t/a Urban Growth NSW)	\$1,249,785	\$463,647
4	LEG2013/11	Macquarie University	Macquarie University	\$24,816	\$90,000
5	VPA2013/326	7-9 Khartoum Road, Macquarie Park	Kennards Self Storage Pty Ltd	-	-
6	VPA2016/395	25-27 Epping Road, Macquarie Park	Greenland (Sydney) Lachlan's line Macquarie Park Development Pty Limited	\$28,514	\$9,000
7	VPA2017/2	45-61 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	John Holland Macquarie Park Land Custodian Pty Ltd	\$78,997	\$286,497
8	VPA2017/1	85-97 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	Goodman Australia Industrial and Sydney North Planning Panel	\$13,272	\$48,133
9	VPA2017/312	312 Victoria Road, Gladesville	Buildex Gladesville Pty Ltd	\$754	\$2,735
10	VPA2017/547	11-17 Khartoum Road, Macquarie Park	Stockland Trust Management Limited	\$56,084	\$118,300
11	VPA2015/655	197-223 Herring Road, Macquarie Park	AMP Capital	\$792,058	\$250,000

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#	VPA No.	Title/Address	Other Parties	Maintenance Costs p.a.	Renewal Costs p.a.
12	VPA2016/378	152-190 Rowe Street and 3-5 Rutledge Street, Eastwood	Eastwood Centre Pty Limited	\$271,462	\$155,071
13	LDA2019/117/9	9-13 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	Waterloo Projects Pty Ltd	\$5,834	\$4,579
14	VPA2019/1	45-47 Epping Road, Macquarie Park	Total Forms Pty Ltd Limited and PS1875 property Holdings Pty Limited	-	-
15	VPA2019/2	63-71 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	UT 65 Pty Ltd	\$6,986	\$25,338
16	VPA2020/44	1 Eden Park Drive, Macquarie Park	Kamirice Pty Limited	\$4,503	\$3,534
17	VPA2016/4	2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde	Hurstville Apartments Pty Ltd	\$25,294	\$16,331
				\$2,564,302	\$1,494,719

In addition to maintenance and renewal costs, various VPA's require Council to fund capital costs of the fit-out and operating costs of dedicated assets.

In October 2016, Council resolved to enter into a VPA with AMP Capital for the contribution to Council of a cold shell for a library and creative hub at the Macquarie Centre which was later executed in November 2018. The initial report to Council indicated that Council would be required to fit-out the space at a cost of approximately \$16m. Based on a recent review by an external consultant, the current estimated cost for the fit-out is in the range of \$23m to \$32m. Council currently has no reserves set aside to fund these fit-out costs. The operating costs for the facility per annum were stated to be \$750,000 per annum, however current estimates are now approximately \$1.7m per annum.

In regard to the Landcom VPA at Lachlan's Line, it has been discovered that dedicated "cold shell" facilities are not currently fit for purpose and do not have connectivity to power, water and sewer utilities. Rectification works are required, but at this stage this cost is unknown. Once Council staff determine the cost of these rectification works it will be reported in a future report to Council.

Conclusion

The financial implications arising from these VPAs will need to be built into Council's Long Term Financial Plan according to the estimated timeline of dedication of these assets to Council. This will ensure that Council sets aside sufficient funds that are required to maintain and renew these assets in order to maintain Council's long term financial sustainability.

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Estimated renewal and maintenance costs of contributed infrastructure amounts to \$4.1m. In addition, the operating and resourcing costs of the library and creative hub relating to the AMP Capital VPA of \$1.7m results in total annual costs of \$5.8m (in today's dollars).

Although Council's S7.11 Plan allows for the capital costs for the fit-out of \$30m from S7.11 Community and Cultural Facilities, Council does not have sufficient cash in this externally restricted reserve at this stage. However, Council will aim to progressively set aside any available funds in Council's Long Term Financial Plan for these costs.

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8 September 2023

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Dear Sir,

Voluntary Planning Agreements Financial Implications

Please find enclosed our report in respect to the review of financial implications relating to Council's Voluntary Planning Agreements.

The report covers the scope and approach for the review, and our findings in respect to the financial obligations imposed on Council relating to current Voluntary Planning Agreements.

We wish to thank the management team for their co-operation throughout our review.

Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspects of our report.

Yours faithfully,
Nexia Sydney Audit Pty Limited



Brett Hanger
Director

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Voluntary Planning Agreements Financial Implications

Nexia Australia was engaged to review Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA) to assist the City of Ryde (Council) in assessing the financial implications arising from entering into to such agreements. This report outlines the scope and approach for the review, and our findings in respect to the financial obligations imposed on Council relating to current Voluntary Planning Agreements.

Scope and Approach

Council maintains a Voluntary Planning Agreements Register that is published on Council's website. At the commencement of our review in June 2023, the register identified 43 VPAs classified as either Executed (1), Operating (16) or Concluded (25). For the purposes of this review, we selected all VPAs classified as either Executed or Operating. This resulted in 17 VPAs being selected for review.

For the selected VPAs, we reviewed the agreements, related reports to Council and other documentation as considered necessary, to determine the details of the VPAs and the nature of the contributions to be provided to Council. This information is summarised in *Appendix: VPA Details and Annual Costs*. The contribution figures were obtained from the current figures recorded in Council's planning software, *Novoplan*, and/or planning agreements.

Council's Asset Management team reviewed the details of the selected VPAs and calculated the estimated annual costs (in today's dollars) for maintenance and renewal of the contributed assets once the assets are handed over to Council. This was based on current cost estimates and Council's practices for the management of similar assets and is also summarised in *Appendix: VPA Details and Annual Costs*.

Other matters identified are included in the Findings below.

Findings

Maintenance and Renewal Costs

The maintenance costs for the contributed infrastructure assets in respect to the 17 VPAs selected for review is estimated to be around \$2.6 million annually. Additionally, approximately \$1.5 million per year would be required to fund the renewal of the assets. These cost estimates, totaling \$4.1 million (in today's dollars), have been determined by Council's Asset Management team and are summarised in *Appendix: VPA Details and Annual Costs*.

From our review of VPAs, it was noted that the assessment of VPAs did not include the assessment of future financial commitments or obligations that VPAs may impose on Council, such as the maintenance and renewal costs noted above. As such, the funding source for such commitments was not considered and factored into Council's budget and long term financial plan.

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Other Operating Costs

During our review and through discussions with management, other potential operating costs relating to contributed community facilities were identified.

In October 2016, Council resolved to enter into a VPA with AMP Capital for the contribution to Council of a cold shell for a library and creative hub at the Macquarie Centre. The agreement was executed in November 2018 with the VPA and related development application active until November 2025.

The report to Council indicated that the ongoing cost to operate the facility would be circa \$750,000 per annum. The running costs for the facility are now estimated to be circa \$1.7 million per year. This is in addition to the ongoing renewal and maintenance costs of around \$1 million annually (included in item #3 in *Appendix: VPA Details and Annual Costs*).

Again, the funding source for these costs was not considered when assessing the VPA and have not been factored into Council's budget and long term financial plan.

Other Capital Costs

In respect to the AMP Capital VPA for the contribution of a cold shell for a library and creative hub, the report to Council indicated that Council would be required to fit-out the space at a cost of approximately \$16 million. Based on a recent review by an external consultant, the current estimated cost for the fit-out is in the range of \$23 million to \$32 million.

Council currently have no reserves set aside to fund these fit-out costs. Noting that the VPA and related Development Application are active until 2025, Council may be required to fund a circa \$30 million fit-out to the facility by this time.

In 2016, Council entered into a VPA with Landcom in respect to the Lachlan's Line project, which provided for the contribution of community facilities. Similar to the AMP VPA, there was insufficient consideration of the financial implications to Council including capital costs for fit-out. Further, management have identified that the site is not fit for purpose and rectification costs will be required. The capital and rectification costs have not been determined at this stage.

Conclusion

Our review identified estimated annual costs for the renewal and maintenance of contributed infrastructure of around \$4.1 million for the VPAs selected for review. Including the operating and resourcing costs for the library and creative hub, total annual costs would be around \$5.8 million per year. These costs are in addition to the fit-out costs and/or rectification costs relating to the Macquarie Centre and Lachlan's Line VPAs.

It should be noted that the estimated costs and matters outlined in this report only relate to the current Executed and Operating VPAs selected for this review and has not considered any costs or matters relating to VPAs classified as Concluded.

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Appendix: VPA Details and Annual Costs

#	VPA No.	Title/Address	Other Parties	Infrastructure Provided	Non-Cash Contribution	Cash Contribution	Maintenance Costs p.a.	Renewal Costs p.a
1	VPA2020/199	1-20 Railway Rd and 50 Constitution Rd, Meadowbank	Shepherds Bay Holdings Pty Ltd and Sasco Developments Pty Limited	Road land Road works	\$1,872,048	-	\$5,636	\$20,441
2	VPA2015/484	388 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park	By the Bay Investments Pty Ltd	Land Road and public domain (road footpath)	\$128,398	\$1,659,139	\$307	\$1,113
3	VPA2015/1	North Ryde M2 Site (Lachlan's Line)	Landcom (t/a Urban Growth NSW)	Land Community Facility	\$48,258,128	-	\$1,249,785	\$463,647
4	LEG2013/11	Macquarie University	Macquarie University	University road works	\$4,500,000	\$18,997,536	\$24,816	\$90,000
5	VPA2013/326	7-9 Khartoum Road, Macquarie Park	Kennards Self Storage Pty Ltd	Preservation of road land	-	\$60,000	-	-
6	VPA2016/395	25-27 Epping Road, Macquarie Park	Greenland (Sydney) Lachlan's line Macquarie Park Development Pty Limited	Community facility & fit-out	\$900,000	-	\$28,514	\$9,000

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#	VPA No.	Title/Address	Other Parties	Infrastructure Provided	Non-Cash Contribution	Cash Contribution	Maintenance Costs p.a.	Renewal Costs p.a
7	VPA2017/2	45-61 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	John Holland Macquarie Park Land Custodian Pty Ltd	Road land Road works Pedestrian link works & easement	\$14,324,838	\$2,118,225	\$78,997	\$286,497
8	VPA2017/1	85-97 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	Goodman Australia Industrial and Sydney North Planning Panel	Road land Road works Pedestrian link land & works	\$4,565,698	\$17,132,471	\$13,272	\$48,133
9	VPA2017/312	312 Victoria Road, Gladesville	Buildex Gladesville Pty Ltd	Contribution land Road land and public domain works	\$1,166,747	-	\$754	\$2,735
10	VPA2017/547	11-17 Khartoum Road, Macquarie Park	Stockland Trust Management Limited	Road land Road works Pedestrian link works Public domain works	\$8,360,000	\$5,775,778	\$56,084	\$118,300
11	VPA2015/655	197-223 Herring Road, Macquarie Park	AMP Capital	Library	\$25,000,000	-	\$792,058	\$250,000

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#	VPA No.	Title/Address	Other Parties	Infrastructure Provided	Non-Cash Contribution	Cash Contribution	Maintenance Costs p.a.	Renewal Costs p.a
				Community Facility				
12	VPA2016/378	152-190 Rowe Street and 3-5 Rutledge Street, Eastwood	Eastwood Centre Pty Limited	Affordable housing apartments	\$13,185,678	\$4,432,172	\$271,462	\$155,071
13	LDA2019/117/9	9-13 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	Waterloo Projects Pty Ltd	Paved footpath to be constructed by Council	-	\$366,300	\$5,834	\$4,579
14	VPA2019/1	45-47 Epping Road, Macquarie Park	Total Forms Pty Ltd Limited and PS1875 property Holdings Pty Limited	Land dedication	\$100,000	\$2,148,620	-	-
15	VPA2019/2	63-71 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park	UT 65 Pty Ltd	Road land Road works	\$2,925,890	\$5,770,350	\$6,986	\$25,338
16	VPA2020/44	1 Eden Park Drive, Macquarie Park	Kamirice Pty Limited	Pedestrian link	\$282,710	\$176,547	\$4,503	\$3,534
17	VPA2016/4	2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde	Hurstville Apartments Pty Ltd	Contribution land Affordable housing Road work Public domain works	\$1,238,345	-	\$25,294	\$16,331
TOTAL							\$2,564,302	\$1,494,719

10 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLR/22/109/1 - BP23/432

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 211 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to keep its Ward boundaries under review to ensure that the variance between the Ward with the highest number of electors and the Ward with the lowest number of electors is not in excess of 10%.

Based on the data regarding elector numbers provided by the NSW Electoral Commission to June 2023, the variance was 10.9% and Council was therefore required to review Ward boundaries and make an adjustment in preparation for the 2024 Local Government Election.

At its meeting held on 25 July 2023, Council considered a proposed Ward boundary adjustment and resolved to place the Ward boundary change on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and allow 42 days for submissions to be received.

Accordingly, the proposed Ward Boundary Plan was placed on public exhibition, with submissions being accepted between Tuesday, 1 August 2023 and Monday, 11 September 2023. It should be noted that a total of one (1) public submission was received during the exhibition period.

This report recommends that Council consider the submissions received and adopt the Ward boundary change as **ATTACHED**.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map of Current Ward Boundaries
- 2 Map of Proposed Ward Boundaries and Boundary Change

Report Prepared By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

Report Approved By:

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 10 (continued)**Report**Confirmation of Ward Boundaries

Section 211 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) requires Council to keep its Ward boundaries under review to ensure that the variance between the Ward with the highest number of electors and the Ward with the lowest number of electors is not in excess of 10%. The Act requires Council to take action and correct the difference if there is more than a 10% variation and that difference remains at the end of the first year of the following term of office of the Council.

Data regarding elector numbers accessed from the NSW Electoral Commission from June 2023 shows that there has been some movement in elector numbers since Council last endorsed Ward boundaries in 2019.

Based on the data to June 2023, the variance was 10.9% and Council was therefore required to review Ward boundaries and make an adjustment in preparation for the 2024 Local Government Election.

Discussion

At its meeting on 25 July 2023, Council resolved as follows:-

- (a) *That Council endorse the Ward boundary change set out in this report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2**, to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and allow 42 days for submissions to be received.*
- (b) *That public exhibition commence following consultation of the Ward boundary change with the NSW Electoral Commission and the Australian Statistician (ABS).*
- (c) *That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting on 26 September 2023 setting out any submissions received and to consider adoption of the Ward boundary change.*

Details of the Ward Boundary Adjustment

The Ward boundary adjustment set out in this report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2** has taken into account large strata developments, currently under construction in Central Ward and incorporates the following:-

- East Ward to remain unchanged.
- Single boundary adjustment to be made between West and Central Wards.
- Proposed to move area bounded by Epping Road, Herring Road, Waterloo Road and Shrimptons Creek from Central Ward to West Ward.

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- Adjustment location to incorporate currently under construction large strata developments, thus using the future additional dwellings to reduce the difference between the two Wards. This also minimises the current electors that will be affected by the change in Wards (approximately 593 current electors).

Based on the elector numbers from June 2023, the proposed Ward boundary adjustment will reduce the difference between the Ward with the highest number of electors and the Ward with the lowest number of electors to 7.0% and it is expected that this would reduce further by the time of the 2024 Local Government Election.

Consultation

As required by Section 210A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council consulted with the NSW Electoral Commission and the Australian Statistician (ABS) as part of the Ward boundary change process. No adjustments were suggested as part of the consultation process.

Public Exhibition and Call for Submissions

In accordance with Section 210A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Ward Boundary Plan was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and allowed 42 days for submissions to be received. Submissions were invited between Tuesday, 1 August 2023 and Monday, 11 September 2023.

A total of one (1) submission was received during the exhibition period. The submission is set out below verbatim:-

I suggest that the ward boundaries be revised so as to better align with what might be called "communities of interest".

For example – West Ryde town centre is currently split between the West Ward and the Central Ward, which – based on my dealings with councillors – has the effect of reducing the extent to which councillors are inclined to take responsibility for addressing matters which affect the town centre area.

Similarly, the Macquarie Park commercial area (north of Epping Road) is split between the Central Ward and East Ward.

The boundaries of wards appear to be arbitrary in their placement.

I suggest that the ward boundaries be revised so that:

1. *West Ryde town centre be located in a single ward; and*
2. *Macquarie Park commercial area (north of Epping Road) be located in a single ward.*

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Also, I suggest that for any future consultation regarding these matters, the supplied mapping include street names and place names – to better enable the local community to understand, and engage with, what is being proposed.

Officer's Comments

1. The public submission suggested that “for any future consultation regarding these matters, the supplied mapping include street names and place names – to better enable the local community to understand, and engage with, what is being proposed”. The previous maps showed road names, but the idea of also including place names is an excellent one and this will be incorporated into future ward boundary maps.
2. It was highlighted that the West Ryde Town Centre covered two wards. Analysis by Council staff confirms that three of the six major centres in the Ryde Local Government Area are covered by two wards (West Ryde, Meadowbank and Macquarie Park). This has been the case for the past 20 years and whilst the submission raises this as a cause of ambiguity about which Councillors are the appropriate representative to raise matters with, others may suggest that this situation provides more Councillor for a constituent to contact. Given this raises a matter of Councillor representation, Councillors may wish to consider holding a future workshop to determine if this situation warrants a possible future change to Ward boundaries.
3. The public submission suggests that “Macquarie Park commercial area (north of Epping Road) be located in a single ward”. Given the size of the Macquarie Park commercial area, this could not be accommodated by a minor adjustment of the current ward boundaries and would involve a major redrawing of the ward boundaries from the current West, Central and East Wards into something like a North, Central and South Ward division of the Ryde Local Government Area. This is a major change to the Ward boundaries and would require significant public consultation, which is not possible within the NSW Electoral Commissions administrative timeframes for the 2024 Local Government election. If Councillors were of the view to hold a future workshop and depending on the results of the Councillor Workshop, this could be considered in the next term of Council, for possible implementation at the 2028 Local Government election.

This report is presented to Council for consideration of the submission received and recommends adoption of the Ward boundary change as provided for in

ATTACHMENT 2.

It should be noted that if Council resolves to make further amendments to the Ward Boundary Plan, it will be required to publicly exhibit the amended Plan in accordance with the Act.

ITEM 10 (continued)**Critical Dates**

Under Section 277A of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Ward boundary and name changes must be made by **5 October 2023** to be in effect for the 14 September 2024 Local Government Election.

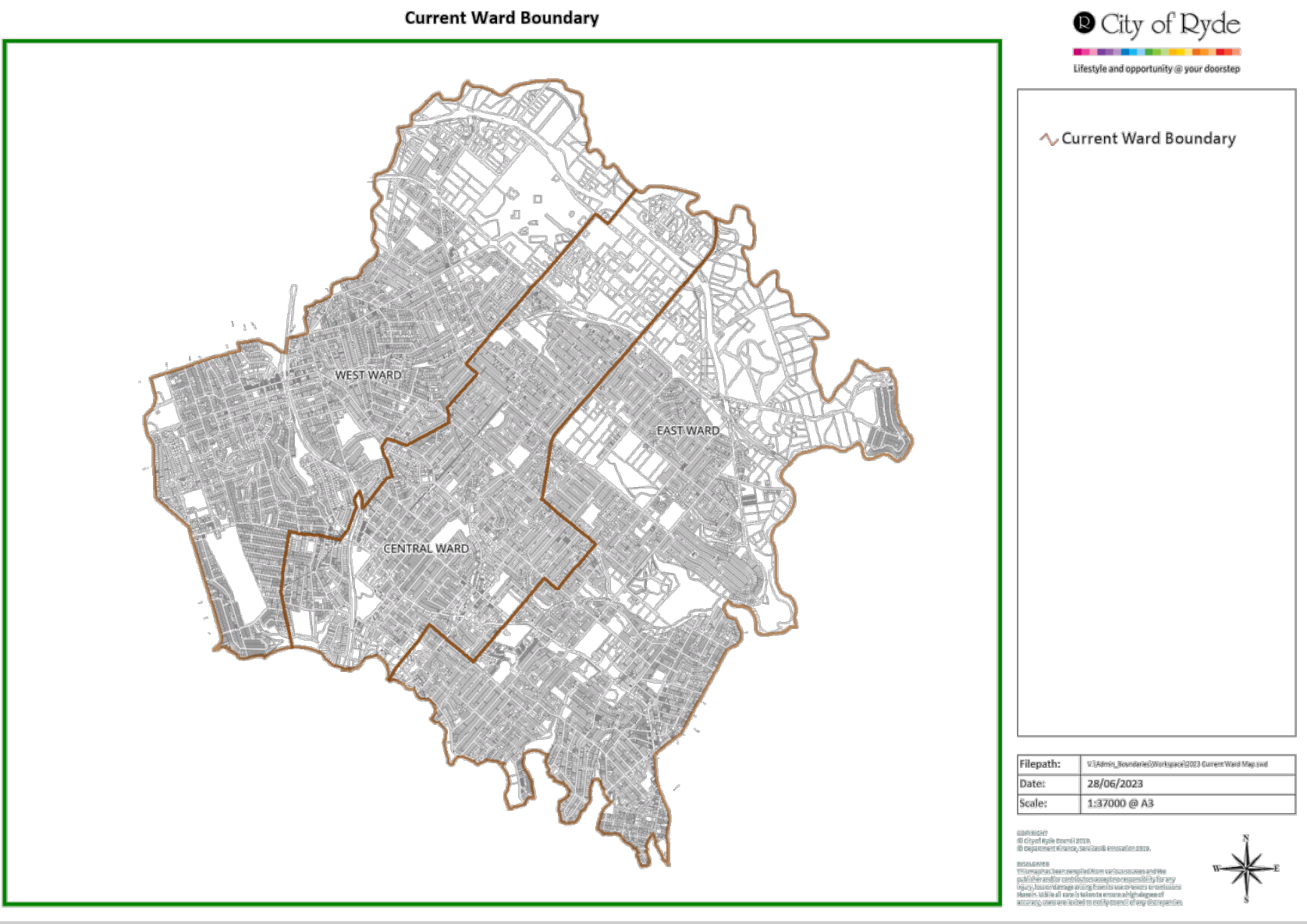
It should be noted that if Council resolves to make further amendments to the Ward Boundary Plan, the deadline of 5 October 2023 will not be able to be achieved.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

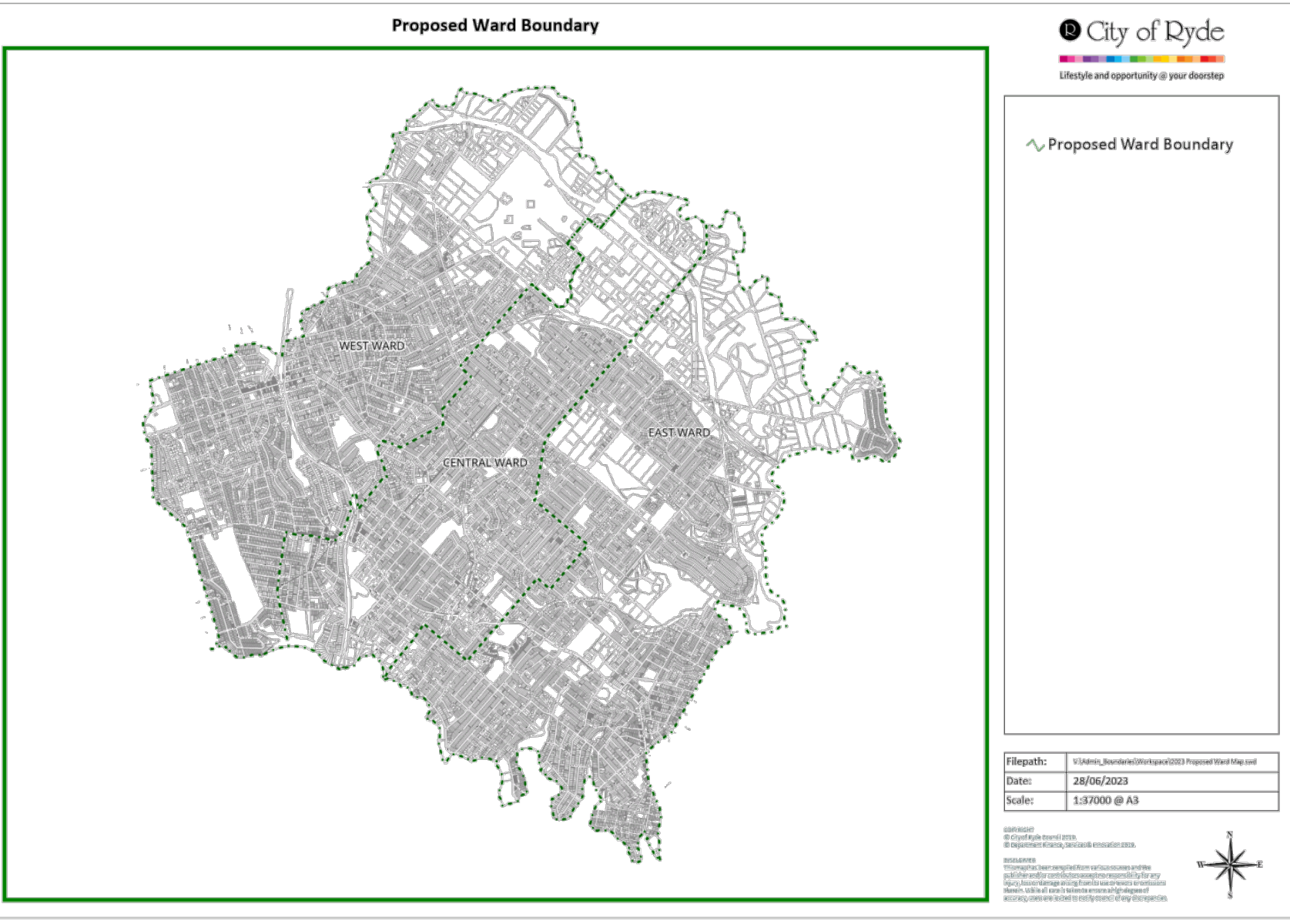
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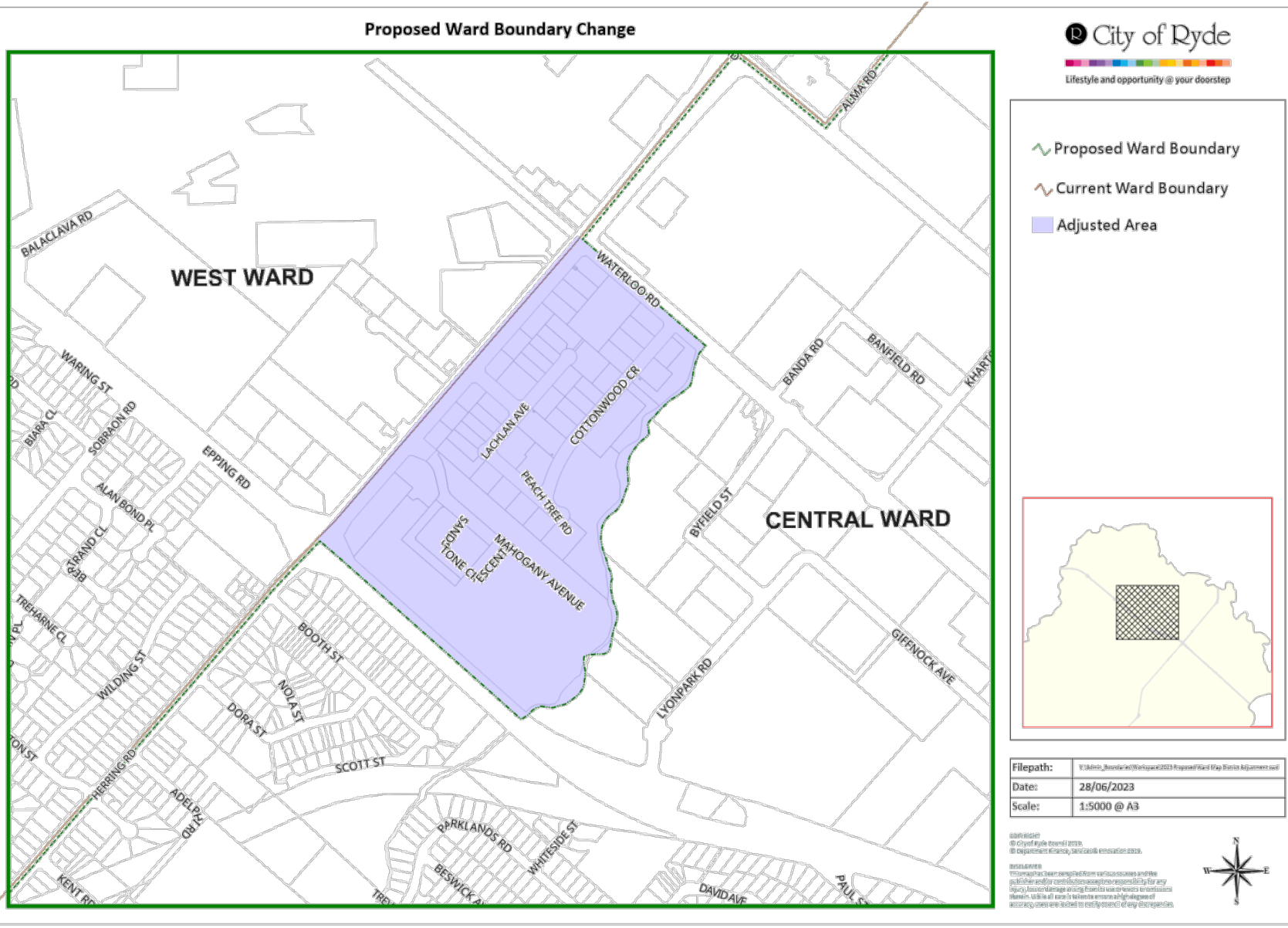
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11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: GRP/23/13 - BP23/538

REPORT SUMMARY

Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) is comprised of three independent members and two Councillors. The term of engagement for the existing independent member and Chair, Mr Stephen Horne recently concluded and Mr Horne advised that he will not be seeking an extension or re-appointment.

This report advises Council of the results of the recent recruitment process undertaken for the position of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair and notes the appointment of Dr Sheridan Dudley to the position of Chair.

The report also seeks that Council formally recognise the valued contribution of the former Chair, Mr Stephen Horne to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (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.

Report Prepared By:

Amanda Janvrin
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Report Approved By:

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Discussion

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, the term of engagement for the existing independent member and Chair, Mr Stephen Horne recently concluded and Mr Horne advised that he will not be seeking an extension or re-appointment.

Accordingly, an Expression of Interest process in relation to the engagement of an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair was recently undertaken and is now finalised.

As a result of this process, it is recommended that Council note the appointment of Dr Sheridan Dudley to the position of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair.

As Dr Dudley is already an independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, a recruitment process will be undertaken shortly to engage a replacement independent member.

Financial Implications

The cost of engaging an independent member is approximately \$5,000 (ex GST) per annum dependent upon the number of meetings. An allowance has been made within the base budget to meet these costs.

12 TABLING OF A PETITION BY COUNCILLOR PEDERSEN

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/536

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council to table a Petition and two submissions in accordance with Council's Petitions Policy.

The documentation is tabled by Councillor Pedersen in relation to the installation of a safety handrail on the steep accessway between Melba Drive and Elliott Avenue, East Ryde.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Petition and submissions be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Petition and submissions regarding installation of a safety handrail on the steep accessway between Melba Drive and Elliott Avenue, East Ryde – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER - CONFIDENTIAL

Report Prepared By:

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Report Approved By:

**Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer**

13 SOFT PLASTICS RECYCLING

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Contracts and Projects**File No.:** BIS/20/191 - BP23/313

REPORT SUMMARY

In November 2022, due to unforeseen challenges, REDcycle were unable to collect and recycle rapidly increasing volumes of soft plastics from collection points such as supermarket premises where residents had been taking the plastic material. In lieu of this service, Council is wanting to demonstrate leadership to provide an interim solution to address the recycling of soft plastic.

It is proposed that a temporary trial of RecycleSmart collection services for a one-year period to meet the growing needs of the community until an industry-led solution is made available to residents again. The service would include controlled collection of soft plastics and a range of other household problem wastes directly from households via a booking service. It is proposed the service be commissioned for a one-year trial period.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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ITEM 13 (continued)**Discussion**

Council supports and advocates the use of product stewardship programs as it increases producer responsibility and encourages end-of-life solutions such as recycling. However, in November 2022, REDcycle announced the suspension of all collection and processing of soft plastics. This is understood to have been due to lack of immediate access to infrastructure, inadequate processing capacity, and/or reduced demand for recycled products. The REDcycle Program was an industry-led initiative that partnered with major retailers including Coles and Woolworths. This suspension left City of Ryde residents with no available options to recycle their soft plastics.

A resolution was passed by Council on 5 December 2022 that:

Council consult with Hornsby Shire Council, NSROC and any suitable soft plastics recycling facilities seeking a partnership or arrangement with the City of Ryde prior to Christmas 2022, to support efforts to minimise the volume of soft plastic entering landfill over the holiday period, and beyond.

Circular Economy (CE) staff contacted several Councils and facilities but were unable to procure options for City of Ryde residents to dispose soft plastics at that time.

A report to Council was provided on 13 December 2022 discussing expanding problem recycling opportunities which recommended against adopting RecycleSmart as they did not provide a soft plastics recycling service at that time. Council resolved to:

Review the RecycleSmart Collection service following the re-introduction of REDcycle soft plastic recycling services.

To date, REDcycle has been unable to resume operations. Coles, Woolworths and ALDI have applied to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) to collaborate to manage the stockpiled plastics and create a Soft Plastics Taskforce. Thus far the taskforce has not implemented any collection or processing services for soft plastics.

On 30 January 2023, RecycleSmart announced that it had partnered with *APR Plastics* recycling facility in Victoria to recycle soft plastics. Access to soft plastics recycling was gradually rolled out to residents in partner Councils. RecycleSmart initially requested that Councils provide a location to stockpile soft plastics and a baler machine, but have subsequently secured these services independently.

The RecycleSmart service has been implemented in several NSROC Councils, including Municipality of Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, and Willoughby City Councils.

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After reviewing numerous options, including several drop off locations and collection services, Council's Circular Economy department is recommending the trial of RecycleSmart, who can now accept soft plastics. To trial RecycleSmart Collection services for one year requires a budget of \$100,000. This service includes 1000 collections from Ryde households per month, with a maximum of 2 bags collected. This budget would also allow for the promotion of this service on social media and other communication channels.

The trial will address the growing demand to recycle soft plastics, and concerns for the environmental impacts of not providing a recycling option. The trial will also meet community expectations of Council as an environmentally conscious and forward-thinking organisation. It will encourage resource recovery and aligns with Council's Waste Management Strategy.

Staff have met with RecycleSmart to undertake due diligence and seek clarifications on the following matters, all of which have been adequately addressed:

- Work Health and Safety including Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) compliance.
- Transportation of materials interstate and relevant legislative compliance.
- Processing methods.
- Formal agreements between RecycleSmart and recyclers/processing facilities.

Implementation of the RecycleSmart collection program will allow residents to dispose of a wide range of household problem wastes directly from their homes, as well as soft plastics. These include:

- Soft plastics and polystyrene
- Paint
- Small e-waste items not accepted through Council's existing Television and Computer collection service
- Textiles
- Books
- Aluminum coffee pods
- Household batteries
- Household light globes
- Printer cartridges
- Smoke detectors
- X-rays

A significant advantage of the program is that residents may also use the service to dispose of many of the problem waste items collected at Household Chemical Cleanout events directly from their homes. Eligible items for collection include paint and batteries, which typically represent approximately 53% and 6% of tonnages collected at Household Cleanout Collection events respectively.

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Community Engagement

The one-year trial offers an excellent opportunity to engage with and educate the local community about the importance of soft plastic recycling. To date 719 City of Ryde residents have already subscribed to RecycleSmart's Newsletter. RecycleSmart has a comprehensive outreach program, a user-friendly booking platform, and includes a public awareness campaign which can be tailored to the needs of the Ryde LGA. By actively involving residents living in SUDs and MUDs, Council can foster a sense of environmental responsibility and encourage sustainable practices beyond the trial period.

As part of the investigations, staff have met with neighbouring Councils that have already engaged the services of RecycleSmart and sought feedback in relation to service quality and customer satisfaction.

Financial Implications

Circular Economy staff have obtained quotations for an at home collection service and determined that the RecycleSmart program was the most efficient and affordable service presented to Council.

Should Council resolve to engage RecycleSmart to undertake this trial, it has been estimated to cost \$100,000 for 12 months of service, and this requires the reallocation of existing funds and additional funds from the Domestic Waste Reserve. Staff resources will also be reallocated to ensure the successful delivery of this project in Single unit dwellings (SUDs) and Multi unit dwellings (MUDs) throughout the LGA.

Funding Source	Funding	New Budget
Waste Wise Ryde - Towards Zero Waste	Reallocate to Recycle Smart \$25,000	0
Community Recycling Drop Off Day	Reallocate to Recycle Smart \$20,000	0
Domestic Waste Reserve	\$55,000	NA
Recycle Smart Trial		\$100,000

14 HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT AND E-WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Contracts and Projects

File No.: BIS/20/191 - BP23/318

REPORT SUMMARY

Council annually co-hosts a Household Chemical Cleanout event in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and a contracted collection company. The event allows safe disposal of problem waste items including paints, oil, batteries, and hazardous chemicals.

In response to a March 2022 Council resolution, a *second* chemical cleanout event was trialed in December to assess the benefit and viability of running two of the Cleanout events per year. Attendance at the second event was down by around 50%. Further, the EPA was not willing to fund the second event, so disposal costs were, and would be in future, borne by Council. Alternative means of problem waste disposal are also available to residents, as detailed in the body of this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (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.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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HISTORY

Council annually co-hosts a Household Chemical Cleanout event (HCC) in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and their contracted collection company, Cleanaway. The event collects and recycles or disposes of problem waste items including paints, oil, batteries, and hazardous chemicals.

This event is typically scheduled for March in the Ryde LGA each year. EPA-funded events are open to residents from any Council area in NSW, and attendees may dispose up to 20kg or 20L of each category of items. The annual EPA-funded event typically attracts around 700-800 attendees, who have historically dropped off an average of 35kg of materials each (averaged 2018-2023 quantities).

The EPA has recently contracted Cleanaway to conduct these events, and funds all costs associated with contractor staffing, collection, on-site traffic management, data collection and disposal. Council provides additional traffic and event management staff to support the event, at an average cost of \$4,500 per event.

On 22 March 2022 Council unanimously resolved:

- a) *To request the EPA support a second Household Chemical Cleanout (HCC) in 2022 and then two per year into the future*
- b) *That if the EPA is not agreeable, that COR's Circular Economy section explores options and reports back to Council via a CIB to have a second annual HCC funded from the Domestic Waste budget*
- c) *To report back to Council with results of a Chemical Cleanout, held in March 2022, to inform future efficiencies.*

A request to the EPA for an additional Cleanout event at their cost was not approved. However, Council secured a second, unfunded event date with the EPA and Cleanaway for Saturday 17 December 2022 to trial community uptake of a second HCC event which was funded through the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.

The results of the March 2022 Cleanout were provided in a Councilor Information Bulletin on 27 September 2022 along with the estimated cost breakdown of funding an additional Household Chemical Cleanout event.

Additional Household Chemical Cleanout Event in December 2022

This event was held at the Meadowbank Netball Courts carpark to assess community uptake of an additional service. As the EPA was not willing to fund an additional collection in 2022, the event was fully funded by Council. As such, eligibility for this collection event was limited to residents of City of Ryde.

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400 City of Ryde residents attended the event with 11.18 tonnes of household chemical waste collected, equating to 28kg of materials disposed per participant.

Annual Household Chemical Cleanout Event with Additional E-waste Collection Trial

On 20 March 2023, the annual EPA-funded HCC event was held at Meadowbank Netball Courts Carpark. After consulting with Cleanaway, the event organiser, Council was permitted to include an additional e-waste collection service run by Ace Recycling as part of the Community Recycling Drop-off Days project (City of Ryde 2022-23 Operational Plan project).

A total of 784 people attended the event with over 25.54 tonnes of materials collected. The event also collected 2.91 tonnes of e-waste, of which 1.83 tonnes was eligible for free disposal under the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS).

DISCUSSION

Merit of Running Two Cleanout Events Each Year

Attendance at the additional Cleanout event in December 2022 was approximately 50% of that typically observed at the annual EPA funded Cleanout events. This can be attributed to:

- Exclusion of non-residents. Participants from outside the Ryde LGA are typically 30-35% of attendees.
- Strong history of Cleanout events occurring in March.
- Timing the event immediately prior to Christmas, when many residents were already away from home on holiday.

Due to the popularity of the Meadowbank Netball Courts carpark for sporting events and Cleanaway's limited availability, the only date available in the latter part of 2022 to hold an additional Cleanout event was December 17. Although other locations were considered, Meadowbank Netball Courts carpark is considered the only location in the LGA suitable to host the event due to the traffic impacts and space required. Limited availability of this location is likely to be an ongoing issue annually.

Of the items collected at the Cleanout event, 86% can be disposed of year-round at the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) in Artarmon. Council funds the Artarmon CRC in partnership with North Sydney, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Mosman and Hunters Hill Councils.

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In addition to the Council annual EPA-funded HCC and the CRC in Artarmon, residents have access to the following:

- Nine Council-managed problem waste stations located in community spaces and shopping centres to drop off smaller problem waste items (including household batteries, light globes, ink cartridges and mobile phones);
- EPA Cleanout events in other Council areas free of charge, including City of Canada Bay's event on 21 October 2023. A link to the published locations and dates of collections is permanently posted on Council's website.

E-Waste collection

Of the items collected in the e-waste collection service at the March event, 63% of items were eligible for Council's free kerbside Television and Computer Collection Service. The remaining items may be disposed of free of charge at the Artarmon CRC.

Soft plastics collection and disposal service

Should Council elect to commence a soft plastics recycling service with RecycleSmart, residents may also use the service to dispose of certain problem waste materials. Many of the items collected at cleanout events are also eligible for a free RecycleSmart collection. Eligible items for collection include paint and batteries, which typically represent 53% and 6% respectively of tonnages collected at cleanout events. Other collected items include:

- Small e-waste items
- Lightbulbs
- Smoke detectors
- X-rays
- Printer cartridges.

Attendance rates at Household Chemical Cleanout events would likely decrease significantly if a collection service with RecycleSmart is implemented.

Financial Implications

The cost to Council to host the additional Household Chemical Cleanout event and disposal of collected items was \$36,915. Council also provided additional event management activities. This included traffic control, promotional activities, and a letter box drop to adjacent residents at a cost of \$4,500. The total event cost was \$41,415, which equates to a cost of \$103.54 per participant.

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On 5 June 2023, the EPA notified Councils that due to the existing HCC schedule being at capacity, Councils would no longer be able to use the EPA's contract pricing with Cleanaway to procure additional Cleanout events and would have to conduct an independent request for quotation (RFQ) process. This is likely to further increase the costs of providing Council-funded Cleanout events. It is anticipated that the total cost to Council to provide this event would be approximately \$60,000.00.

With an increasing number of additional services available to dispose problem waste, and higher costs associated with hosting the event, providing additional Household Chemical Cleanout events provides limited efficiency improvements for the City of Ryde community.

Options

Following Council's investigations as detailed in the report, the following options are presented for Council's consideration:

1. That Council do not fund an additional Cleanout event and continues to host the EPA funded Cleanout event annually. The Chief Executive Officer would advocate for an additional EPA funded Chemical Cleanout event.
2. That Council resolve to host an additional one-day Household Chemical Cleanout event at a cost of approximately \$60,000. A budget would be required for this option, allocated from the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.

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

Report prepared by: Manager - Traffic Services
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP23/520

REPORT SUMMARY

Council resolved at its meetings on 26 July 2022 and 23 August 2022 for traffic and parking investigations to be undertaken within the primarily residential precinct bound by Epping Road to the north, Lane Cove Road to the east, Kent Road to the south and Herring Road to the west. Extracts of these Council Notices of Motion are shown in **Figure 1**.

**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 10/22 HELD ON 26 JULY 2022**

NOTICES OF MOTION

7	<p>TRAFFIC STUDY INTO THE KENT ROAD, LANE COVE ROAD AND EPPING ROAD PRECINCT – Councillor Bernard Purcell RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Deshpande)</p> <p>(a) That the Acting General Manager, undertake a traffic study in the Kent Road, Lane Cove Road and Epping Road precinct, that includes relevant community consultation to help inform the study.</p> <p>(b) That staff report back to Council on the outcomes of the traffic study and community consultation within the next 6 months.</p> <p>Record of Voting: <u>For the Motion:</u> Unanimous</p>
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**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 11/22 HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2022**

NOTICE OF MOTION

12	<p>REVIEW OF PARKING ZONES - Councillor Shweta Deshpande</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Councillor Purcell was not present for consideration or voting on this item.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Han)</p> <p>That Council:-</p> <p>(a) Review 2-hour parking zones in streets located within Lane Cove, Kent and Epping Road boundaries including but not limited to Milroy, Trevitt, Michael Street in North Ryde to assess whether these restrictions are still required.</p> <p>(b) If changes are recommended, these changes are reviewed after 12 months.</p> <p>Record of Voting: <u>For the Motion:</u> Unanimous</p>
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Figure 1 – Extracts of Notices of Motion from the Council Meetings on 26 July 2022 and 23 August 2023.

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Figure 2 shows the study area.



Figure 2 – Study Area

In response to these Council resolutions, an external traffic engineering/transport planning consultant ('Turnbull Engineering') was engaged to complete this assessment. Community consultation was undertaken for a period of approximately four (4) weeks, between 14 November 2022 to 11 December 2022, through a 'Have Your Say' process. Feedback from respondents to the consultation was provided to the external consultant to inform the scope of works/objectives of the traffic and parking study, in accordance with the July 2022 Council resolution.

The key conclusions reached in the study are summarised below:

- The existing operational performance of the local road network within the study area during weekday peak periods has been assessed to be generally good/acceptable.

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- The future (2033) operational performance of the local road network within the study area during weekday peak periods is projected to be good/acceptable, except for the roundabout junction of Kent Road and Herring Road, which is anticipated to operate with a level of service (LoS) 'E' during the weekday PM peak period. It is noted that no performance issues are envisaged at this intersection for the future (2033) weekday AM peak period.

A LoS 'E' indicates that the intersection is at capacity and may require an alternative intersection control such as traffic signals to improve the efficiency of the traffic flow at this location. The traffic and parking study recommends further monitoring and investigations at this intersection to determine an appropriate future treatment/upgrade at this intersection.

- The local roads forming the study area combine to provide a total on-street parking provision of 765 parking spaces. The total peak on-street parking demand identified from recent weekday and weekend parking surveys was 339 occupied spaces. This results in a minimum parking vacancy of 426 parking spaces available for use by the general public.

Based on these survey outcomes, the traffic and parking study considers the current 2-hour parking restrictions (signposted "2P 8:00AM – 6:00PM MONDAY – FRIDAY PERMIT HOLDERS EXCEPTED ZONE 3) within the local roads forming the study area to be appropriate in accommodating the parking needs of the local community. The study further notes that the current parking restrictions results in an appropriate level of parking turnover, which assists with the safety and efficiency of traffic movements within these local roads, particularly on streets with a narrow carriageway width.

- The traffic and parking study recommends the following multi-modal transport improvements to address the most prevalent issues identified from the community consultation (i.e. issues identified from multiple community responses):
 - Traffic calming measures such as a speed hump along Paul Street to deter 'rat-running'.
 - Lane Cove Road/Trevitt Road Intersection - Extend existing "NO STOPPING" restrictions along both sides of Trevitt Road by another 10m to assist with improving driver sightline and the efficiency of vehicles turning at this intersection.
 - 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 to assist with improving driver sightline and the efficiency of vehicles turning at this intersection.

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- A new footpath along the northern side of Napier Crescent between Lane Cove Road and David Avenue, to improve pedestrian connectivity with the existing footpath on Lane Cove Road.
- A new shared (pedestrian/cyclist path) along the eastern side of Whiteside Street between Epping Road and Parklands Road, to improve pedestrian and cyclist connectivity with the existing shared path on Epping Road.
- A new footpath along the southern side of Adelphi Road between Herring Road and ELS Hall Park.

It should be noted that the traffic and parking study advises further investigations (e.g. civil constraints, feedback from affected residents/community, availability of funds, approval from relevant authorities, etc.) to be conducted to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of the recommended improvements suggested above.

The potential measures/upgrades suggested from the traffic and parking study are illustrated in **Figure 3** over page.

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LEGEND (POTENTIAL MEASURES/UPGRADES)

1. Traffic signals and lane adjustments at the junction of Kent Road and Herring Road.
2. Traffic calming measures along Paul Street between Epping Road and Lane Cove Road.
3. Extend existing "NO STOPPING" restrictions along both sides of Trevitt Road by another 10m.
4. Extend existing "NO STOPPING" restrictions along the southern side of Paul Street to the east of McGregor Street by another 10m.
5. New footpath on northern side of Napier Crescent
6. New footpath on southern side of Adelphi Road.
7. New shared path along the eastern side of Whiteside Street

Figure 3 – Potential Measures/Upgrades

ITEM 15 (continued)**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the information contained within Turnbull Engineering's North Ryde Traffic and Parking Study (Revision C, Date 28/8/2023) be noted.
- (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.
 - 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.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 North Ryde Traffic and Parking Study (Final) – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Discussion

The traffic and parking study assessed the following scenarios:

- 1) Existing traffic conditions based on recent 2023 traffic volume data.
- 2) Future traffic conditions based on projected traffic demands for the year 2033. The future (2033) traffic volumes have been estimated by applying an annual background growth factor of 2%, which is based on the traffic growth on Lane Cove Road, immediately adjacent to the study area in recent years.

The existing (2023) and future (2033) operational performance of nine (9) key intersections (shown over page in **Figure 4**) were analysed.

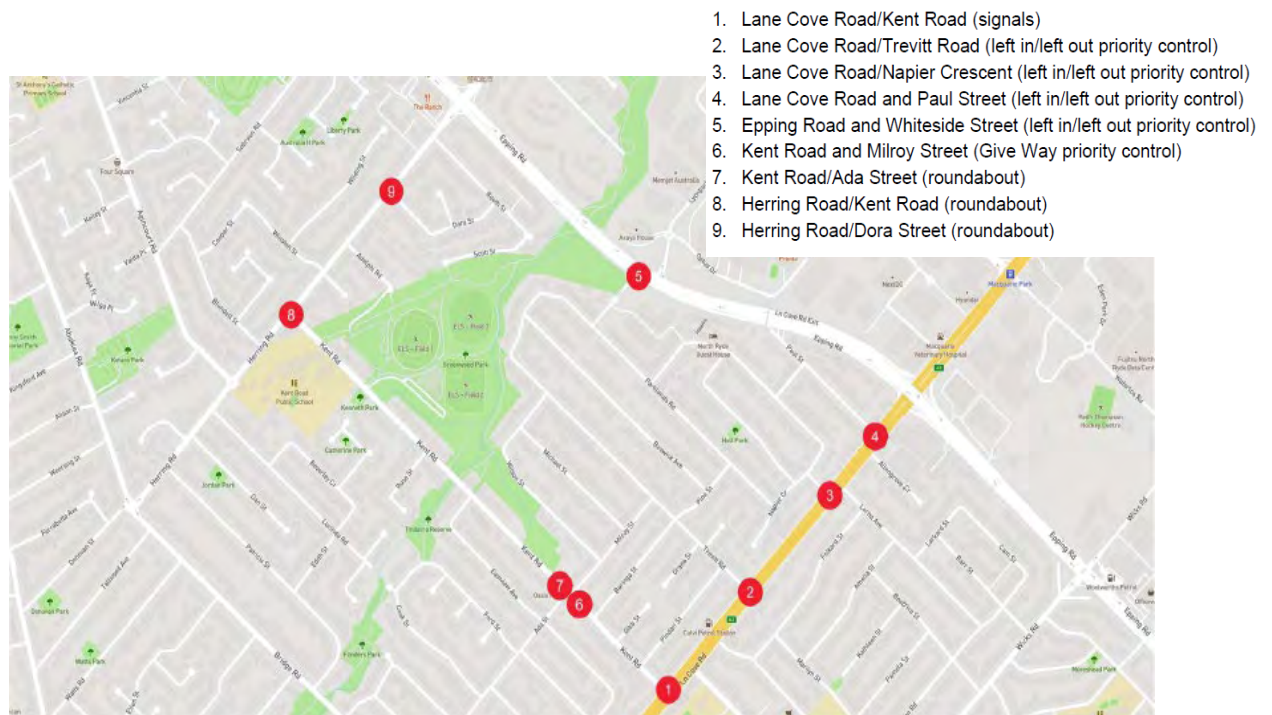


Figure 4 – Intersection Locations

Further, the existing (2023) and future (2033) mid-block capacity was analysed for the following local streets shown in **Figure 5** over page.

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Figure 5 – Local Roads

The existing (2023) and future (2033) intersection level of service (LoS) and mid-block capacities are summarised in **Table 1** and **Figure 6** over page.

TABLE 1 – WEEKDAY PEAK HOUR LEVEL OF SERVICE (LoS)				
Intersection	Existing (2023)		Future (2033)	
	Average Vehicle Delay (LoS)		Average Vehicle Delay (LoS)	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Lane Cove Road/Kent Road	18.1 Seconds (B)	13.9 Seconds (A)	13.9 Seconds (A)	15.5 Seconds (B)
Lane Cove Road/Trevitt Road	8.3 Seconds (A)	7.2 Seconds (A)	10.2 Seconds (A)	8.6 Seconds (A)
Lane Cove Road/Napier Crescent	8.2 Seconds (A)	7.3 Seconds (A)	10.3 Seconds (A)	8.6 Seconds (A)
Lane Cove Road/Paul Street	8.4 Seconds (A)	7.5 Seconds (A)	10.5 Seconds (A)	8.8 Seconds (A)
Epping Road/Whiteside Street	6.5 Seconds (A)	6.5 Seconds (A)	6.5 Seconds (A)	6.5 Seconds (A)
Kent Road/Milroy Road	6.6 Seconds (A)	6.8 Seconds (A)	7.2 Seconds (A)	7.5 Seconds (A)
Kent Road/Ada Street	9.0 Seconds (A)	7.6 Seconds (A)	10.0 Seconds (A)	7.9 Seconds (A)
Kent Road/Herring Road	8.3 Seconds (A)	17.4 Seconds (B)	10.1 Seconds (A)	67.8 Seconds (E)
Herring Road/Dora Street	8.5 Seconds (A)	17.1 Seconds (B)	8.9 Seconds (A)	26.5 (B)

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Street	Direction	Volume (v/h)	Heavy vehicle %	Volume (pcu/h)	Capacity (pcu/h)	% of Capacity
Whiteside Street						
Northbound	AM peak	205	2.4%	215	600	36%
	PM peak	105	2.4%	110	600	18%
Southbound	AM peak	71	2.9%	75	600	13%
	PM peak	53	2.9%	56	600	9%
Paul Street						
Eastbound	AM peak	98	3.0%	104	600	17%
	PM peak	99	3.0%	105	600	17%
Westbound	AM peak	57	2.8%	60	600	10%
	PM peak	86	2.8%	91	600	15%
Napier Crescent						
Northbound	AM peak	39	5.5%	44	600	7%
	PM peak	66	5.5%	73	600	12%
Southbound	AM peak	108	4.1%	117	600	19%
	PM peak	76	4.1%	82	600	14%
Trevitt Road						
Northbound	AM peak	47	3.1%	50	600	8%
	PM peak	91	3.1%	97	600	16%
Southbound	AM peak	112	2.9%	118	600	20%
	PM peak	70	2.9%	74	600	12%

Street	Direction	Volume (v/h)	Heavy vehicle %	Volume (pcu/h)	Capacity (pcu/h)	% of Capacity
Pindari Road						
Northbound	AM peak	49	3.6%	53	600	9%
	PM peak	42	3.6%	45	600	7%
Southbound	AM peak	36	4.3%	39	600	6%
	PM peak	38	4.3%	41	600	7%
Gibb Street						
Northbound	AM peak	56	1.9%	58	600	10%
	PM peak	70	1.9%	72	600	12%
Southbound	AM peak	56	10.4%	67	600	11%
	PM peak	68	10.4%	83	600	14%
Baringa Street						
Northbound	AM peak	145	2.1%	151	600	25%
	PM peak	142	2.1%	148	600	25%
Southbound	AM peak	60	3.2%	63	600	11%
	PM peak	86	3.2%	92	600	15%
Milroy Street						
Northbound	AM peak	205	2.4%	215	600	36%
	PM peak	105	2.4%	110	600	18%
Southbound	AM peak	71	2.9%	75	600	13%
	PM peak	53	2.9%	56	600	9%
Booth Street						
Eastbound	AM peak	37	2.7%	39	600	6%
	PM peak	44	2.7%	46	600	8%
Westbound	AM peak	26	6.6%	29	600	5%
	PM peak	35	6.6%	40	600	7%
Dora Street						
Eastbound	AM peak	38	1.7%	39	600	7%
	PM peak	33	1.7%	34	600	6%
Westbound	AM peak	45	3.1%	48	600	8%
	PM peak	48	3.1%	50	600	8%
Adelphi Road						
Eastbound	AM peak	50	1.1%	51	600	9%
	PM peak	77	1.1%	78	600	13%
Westbound	AM peak	66	2.7%	69	600	12%
	PM peak	51	2.7%	54	600	9%
Leonard Place						
Eastbound	AM peak	21	0.9%	21	600	4%
	PM peak	11	0.9%	11	600	2%
Westbound	AM peak	20	5.5%	22	600	4%
	PM peak	11	5.5%	12	600	2%

Figure 6 – Future (2033) Midblock Capacity

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Table 1 and **Figure 6** indicates the following:

- The key public road intersections facilitating access to and from the study area currently performs with a LoS 'A/B' during peak periods. This represents good/acceptable operating conditions with spare capacity to accommodate additional traffic demands.
- The future (2033) LoS at these intersections is projected to remain at 'A/B', except for the junction of Kent Road/Herring Road during the weekday PM peak period. This intersection is anticipated to reduce in performance (operate at a LoS 'E'), which may require an upgrade to ease congestion at this location in the future. However, the traffic and parking study recommends further monitoring and investigations at this intersection to determine an appropriate future treatment/upgrade at this intersection.
- The local road network servicing the study is projected to have adequate capacity to support traffic demands over the next 10 years.

Parking Implications

The Austroads *Guide to Traffic Management (Part 11)* specify that when the parking occupancy rate exceeds 85%, consideration should be given to a change to the existing parking policy/restrictions. The parking occupancy is derived from the number of occupied spaces divided by the total number of available parking spaces:

$$\text{Parking Occupancy (\%)} = \frac{\text{Total number of Occupied Spaces}}{\text{Total Number of Available Spaces}} \times 100$$

Recent (2023) weekday and weekend parking surveys were undertaken for all local roads within the study area, which are currently governed under 2-hour parking restrictions (resident permit holders exempted). These surveys were undertaken to determine the peak occupancy rates within these local roads. **Figure 7** provides a summary of the parking survey outcomes.

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Parking location	Peak day and time	Total parking spaces	Peak number of occupied Spaces	Peak parking occupancy (%)
David Avenue	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 6:00pm	139	69	50%
Holt Street	Saturday 18/03/23 at 11:00am	98	29	30%
Parklands Road	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am	183	119	65%
Paul Street	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am	72	60	83%
Beswick Street	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am	144	40	28%
Trevitt Road	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am	134	32	24%
Michael Street	Saturday 18/03/23 at 12:00pm and 1:00pm	70	12	17%
Parking location	Peak day and time	Total parking spaces	Peak number of occupied Spaces	Peak parking occupancy (%)
Milroy Street	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 6:00pm	49	8	16%
Pindari Street	Saturday 18/03/23 at 1:00pm	61	15	25%
Orana Street	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am, 8:00am and 6:00pm	30	7	23%
Baringa Street	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 6:00pm	53	18	34%
Gibb Street	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 6:00pm	24	13	54%
Wilson Street	Saturday 18/03/23 at 11:00am and 12:00pm Tuesday 21/03/23 at 6:00pm	77	21	27%
Kent Road	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am	165	58	35%
Booth Street	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 8:00am	61	34	56%
Dora Street	Saturday 18/03/23 at 1:00pm	66	25	38%
Adelphi Road	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am and 8:00am	20	12	60%
Leonard Place	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am, 8:00am and 9:00am	17	11	65%
Leslie Street	Saturday 18/03/23 at 11:00am and 12:00pm, Tuesday 21/03/23 at 5:00pm	30	8	27%
Napier Crescent	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 5:00pm and 6:00pm	19	17	89%
All surveyed locations	Tuesday 21/03/23 at 7:00am	765	339	44%

Figure 7 – Parking Occupancy

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It is evident from **Figure 7** that all surveyed local roads have a peak parking occupancy below 85%, except for Napier Crescent, which was identified to have a peak parking occupancy of 89%. It is further noted that more than half of the local roads were surveyed to have a peak parking occupancy that is 50% or lower, which include streets such as David Avenue and Holt Street, which are within close walking distance to Napier Crescent.

Based on the parking assessment, the traffic and parking study concludes that the existing 2-hour parking restrictions (signposted “2P 8:00AM – 6:00PM MONDAY – FRIDAY PERMIT HOLDERS EXCEPTED ZONE 3) is appropriate (i.e. no changes required) for the local road network within the study area. The study further notes that the current parking restrictions assist with the safety and efficiency of traffic movements within these local roads, particularly streets with a narrow carriageway width.

Consultation

Community consultation was undertaken to gain a better appreciation of traffic and parking issues affecting the community. This was undertaken via Council’s ‘Have your Say’ process and occurred from Monday, 14 November 2022 to Sunday, 11 December 2022 during which time, the community could provide feedback via an online interactive map (see **Figure 8** for reference) or written submission.

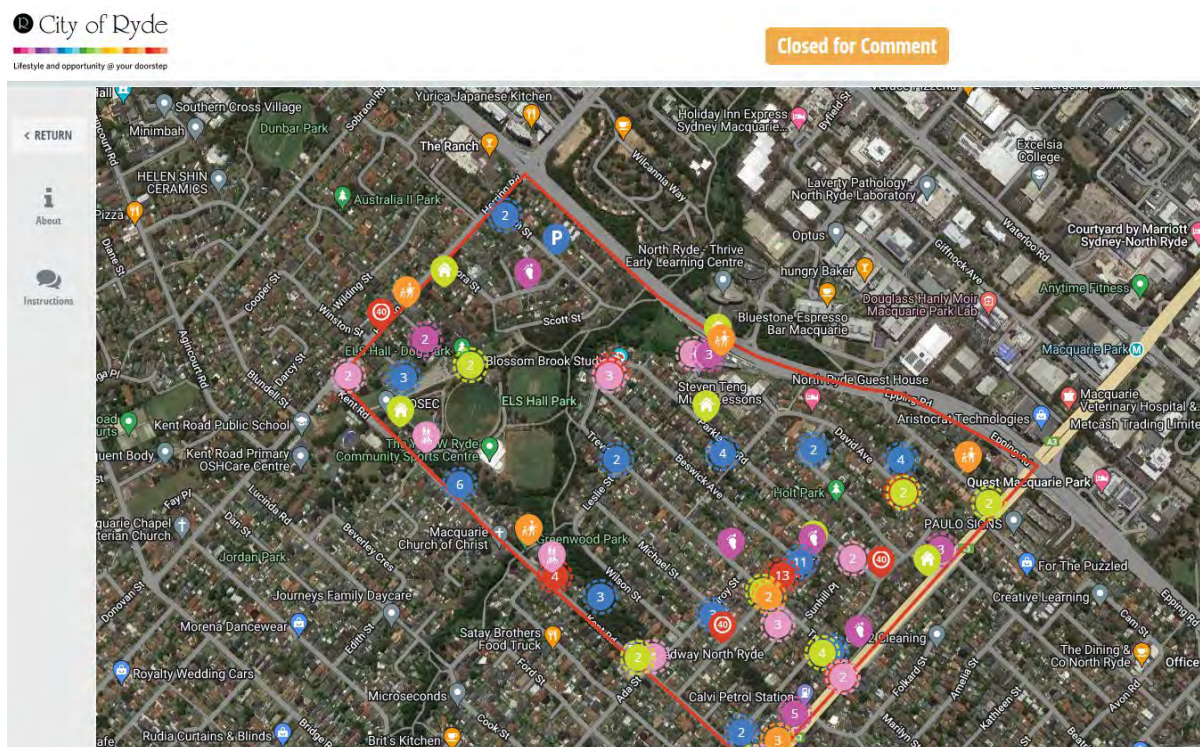


Figure 8 – Online Interactive Map

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The consultation was promoted on the City of Ryde ‘Have Your Say’ website, flyers to surrounding residents, signage on streets, Council’s eNewsletters and the local newspaper.

A total of 173 submissions were received, which was provided to the external consultant for their review and assessment as part of the traffic and parking study. This is in accordance with the Council resolution endorsed at the Council meeting on 26 July 2022. Broadly, the feedback provided by respondents can be categorised into the following areas shown **Figure 9**.

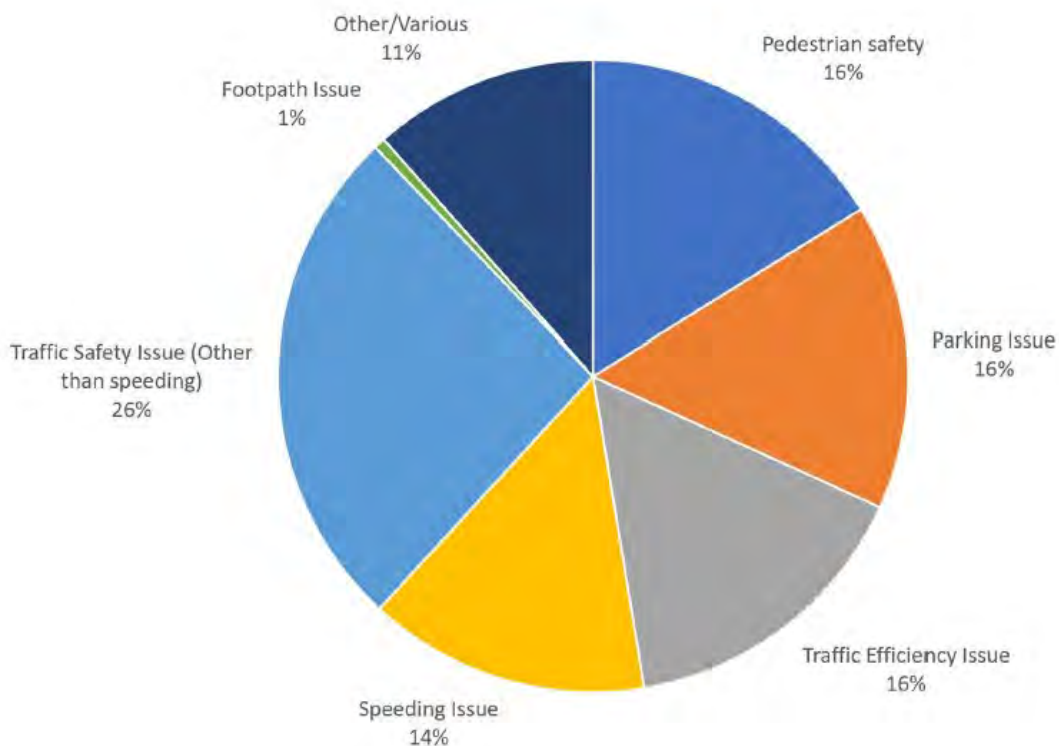


Figure 9 – Community Feedback by Category

Options

Responses/recommendations to specific traffic and parking issues that were identified in multiple community responses are summarised in **Figure 10** over page.

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Issue	No.	Location	Recommendation
Additional traffic on the local road network due to "rat-running" during peak periods	1	McGregor Street / Paul Street	Council to continue monitoring traffic volumes on Paul Street and consider installing Watts profile speed hump or other form of approved raised threshold on the Paul Street east approach to slow down traffic approaching the intersection, improving safety and amenity, and acting as a deterrent for rat running traffic. A scheme may be needed depending on the success of the individual implementation and would be subject to relevant approvals, public consultation, and availability of funding.
Missing pedestrian and cycle links	2	Whiteside Street between Epping Road and current footpath	Council to consider the opportunity to complete the missing link by providing a shared use path along the eastern side of Whiteside Street to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle access to the shared use path on the southern of Epping Road. Given that Whiteside Street is a one-way southbound street from Epping Road, bicycle access is not permitted. The proposed upgrade would be subject to relevant approvals, public consultation and availability of funding.
	3	Adelphi Street between Herring Road and ELS Park	Council to consider the opportunity to complete the missing link by providing a footpath on the southern side of the street. The location of existing trees would make it more difficult to implement a footpath on the northern side. The proposed upgrade would be subject to relevant approvals, public consultation and availability of funding.
	4	Napier Crescent connecting to Lane Cove Road	Council to consider the opportunity to complete the missing link by providing a footpath on the northern side of Napier Crescent to accommodate pedestrian movements towards Lane Cove Road. The proposed upgrade would be subject to relevant approvals, public consultation and availability of funding.
Poor visibility at intersections due to parked vehicles	5	Trevitt Road / Lane Cove Road	Council to consider removing one or two on-street parking spaces by relocating the existing 'No Stopping' sign on both sides of Trevitt Road 10m west of its current location to improve visibility and road safety at the intersection.
	6	Paul Street / McGregor Street	Council to consider removing one or two on-street parking spaces by relocating the existing 'No Stopping' sign on the southern side of Paul Street on the east approach, 10m east of its current location to improve sight distance and road safety at the intersection.
Future intersection capacity	7	Lane Cove Road / Kent Road	No upgrades warranted as the intersection has been assessed to operate with an overall good/acceptable Level of Service.
	8	Herring Road / Kent Road	Council to monitor efficiency at this intersection and consider need for signalisation should operational performance deteriorate in the future. A potential signalised intersection layout that would operate at LOS C is shown in Figure 5-6, with separate left turn short lanes on Herring Road southbound and Kent Road east and a right turn bay for Herring Road northbound. Further investigations would need to be undertaken to determine the feasibility of this option.

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Figure 5-6: Potential future signalised intersection layout at Herring Road / Kent Road

Figure 10 – Recommendations from the Traffic and Parking Study to key issues identified from the community consultation.

It is noted that the traffic and parking study advises further investigations (e.g. civil constraints, feedback from affected residents/community, availability of funds, approval from relevant authorities, etc.) to be undertaken to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of the recommended improvements suggested in **Figure 10**.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications, as the works recommended in Turnbull Engineering’s Traffic and Parking Study are subject to further investigation.

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

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Traffic Operations
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP23/501

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on traffic, transport and/or parking matters/proposals deliberated at the Ryde Local Traffic Committee held on 24 August 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 (3 item)The Hon. A Roberts MP

The agenda for the August 2023 Ryde Local Traffic Committee (RTC) meeting consisted of six (6) traffic and parking proposals (referred to as Items A – F). 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, except for Item (C) relating to the installation of 'KEEP CLEAR' pavement markings on Fontenoy Road adjacent to the driveways servicing Tuckwell Park. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) objected to this item and requested Council to defer it as TfNSW believes that the proposed measure has negligible benefits to the operations of the traffic lights at the intersection of Lane Cove Road and Fontenoy Road.

Council staff considers the proposed 'KEEP CLEAR' pavement markings to be important in improving the efficiency of traffic movements to and from the public car park servicing Tuckwell Park as well as entry/exit vehicle movements via the residential complex directly opposite Tuckwell Park, during weekday peak periods, where queuing on Fontenoy Road has been observed and assessed to extend past the driveways of both sites. Further, this proposed measure is expected to assist with improving access by emergency vehicles (e.g. fire trucks, ambulances) to Tuckwell Park car park.

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

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RECOMMENDATION:

(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.

(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.

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(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.

ATTACHMENTS

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

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ATTACHMENT 1



Ryde Traffic Committee

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are advised of the following meeting:

Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting

Thursday, 24 August 2023

**Meeting Room Landmark, Level 1, North Ryde Office
&
MS Teams**

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Ryde Traffic Committee

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

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

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

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

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

ITEM (F) - ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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Ryde Traffic Committee

ITEM (A) TWIN ROAD, NORTH RYDE
SUBJECT: CHANGING GIVE WAY TO STOP CONTROL
ELECTORATE: RYDE
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 replace the existing "GIVE WAY" priority control with a "STOP" priority control for eastbound and southbound vehicles on Twin Road at its intersection with Goulding Road, North Ryde. **Figure 1** shows the location of the proposed changes.



Figure 1: Location Map

DISCUSSION

Council has received multiple reports of near misses at the intersection of Twin Road and Goulding Road. Currently this intersection is governed under "GIVE WAY" signage control with Goulding Road forming the priority route.

Council's traffic engineers have undertaken an investigation at this intersection and propose to replace the existing "GIVE WAY" signs with "STOP" signs at this intersection. **Figures 2 and 3** show the existing and proposed intersection arrangement respectively. This measure is expected to encourage drivers on Twin Road to slow down on approach to its intersection with Goulding Road which will improve traffic safety at this location during weekday peak periods.

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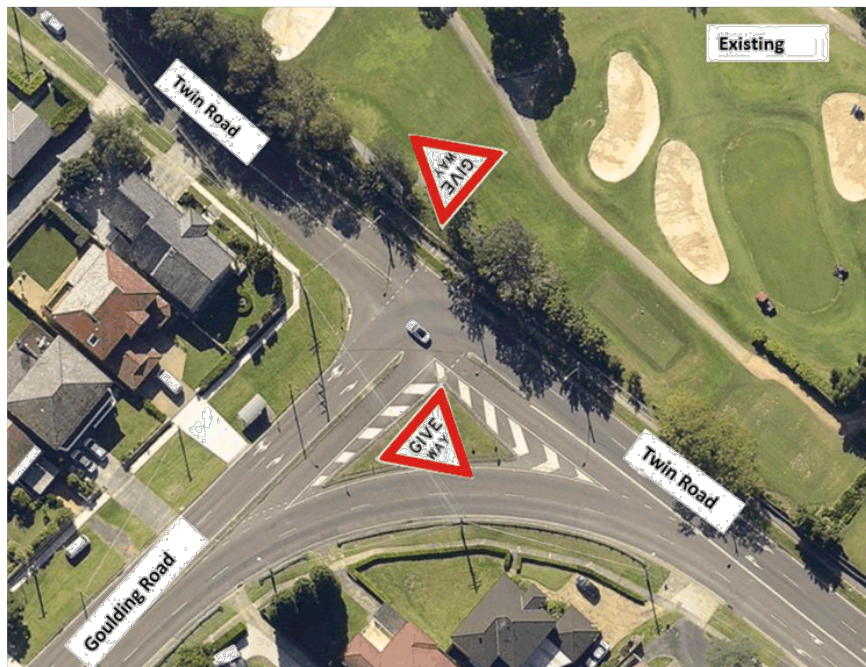


Figure 2: Existing intersection arrangement

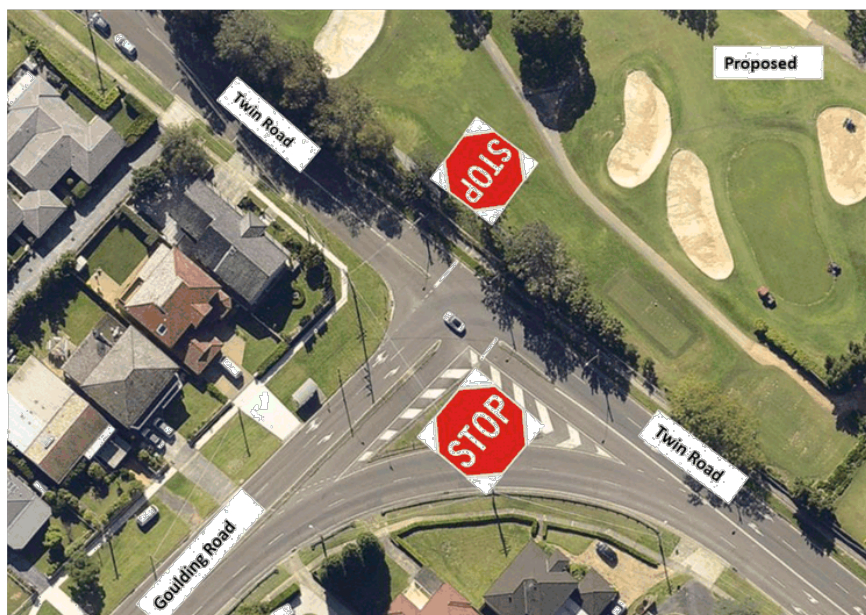


Figure 3: Proposed intersection arrangement

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The proposed changes will have no impact on surrounding businesses or residents. As such, community consultation was not considered to be required.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- 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.

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ITEM (B) VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD

SUBJECT: AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: I SHAIK

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to convert an existing pedestrian refuge into an at-grade pedestrian crossing on Vimiera Road, Marsfield near Vimiera Retirement Village. **Figure 1** shows the location for the proposed pedestrian crossing.



Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

The proposed pedestrian crossing location is in the immediate vicinity of Epping Boys High School and Vimiera Retirement Village. Recent observations undertaken by Council's traffic engineers have identified a number of students are not using existing crossing facilities (e.g. pedestrian signals at Epping Road/Vimiera Road intersection, mid-block pedestrian refuge) to cross Vimiera Road. This is a safety concern considering the moderately high traffic volumes along Vimiera Road during weekday peak periods (including school zone periods), which is commensurate with the collector function of the road within Council's Road hierarchy.

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During school pick-up/drop-off periods, it has been observed that there is a lack of frequent gaps in the traffic flow on Vimiera Road, which affects the safety of students crossing this public road. Students have also been observed to jaywalk due to their preference to not wait to cross at the traffic signals at the intersection of Epping Road and Vimiera Road.

Council has also received feedback from representatives of Epping Boys High School, parents and the NSW Police, concerning pedestrian safety on Vimiera Road.

Based on investigations by Council's Traffic Engineers, it is proposed that consideration be given to upgrading the existing pedestrian refuge on Vimiera Road adjacent to Vimiera Retirement Village to an at-grade pedestrian crossing. This measure will provide priority for pedestrians over vehicular traffic. Further, it will encourage drivers to slow down on approach to the pedestrian crossing. These outcomes are expected to improve safety for vulnerable road users such as school students and the elderly, when crossing Vimiera Road. **Figure 2** illustrates the extent of the works.

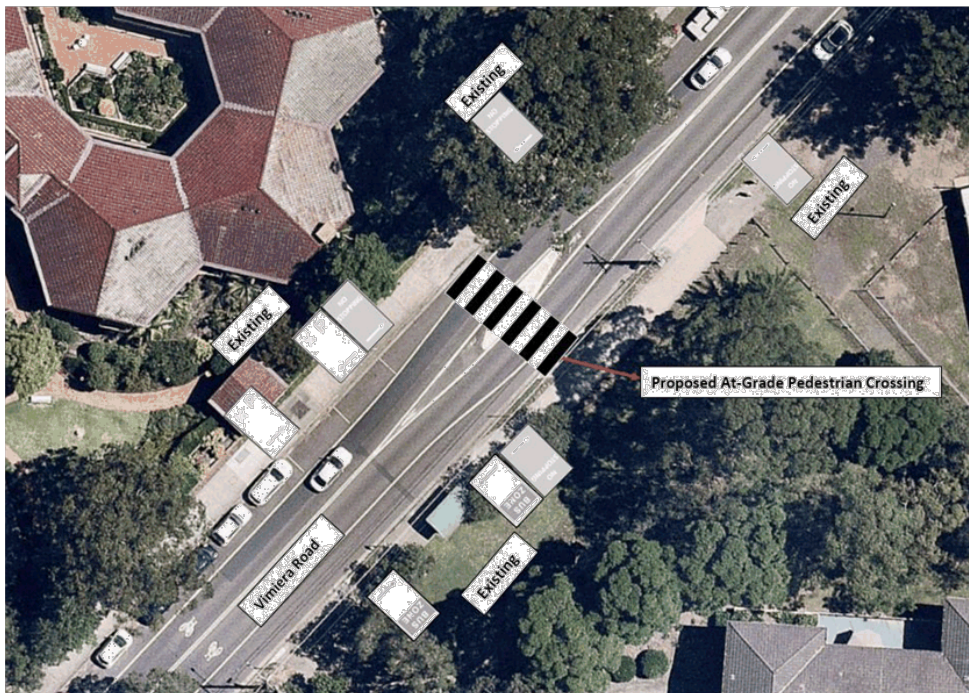


Figure 2 – Proposed pedestrian crossing at the existing pedestrian refuge.

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CONSULTATION

Community consultation was not considered at this stage because the current proposal is seeking in principle approval for upgrading the existing crossing facility. Should there be a loss of any on-street parking, residents will be consulted during the detailed design stage.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends:

- 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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ITEM (C) FONTENOY ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK

SUBJECT: KEEP CLEAR PAVEMENT MARKINGS

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
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 “KEEP CLEAR” pavement markings on the eastbound carriageway on Fontenoy Road where it intersects with Tuckwell Park carpark, Macquarie Park. **Figure 1** shows the location of the proposed markings.



Figure 1: Location plan

DISCUSSION

Site observations have found the eastbound queuing on Fontenoy Road, during peak periods, extend past the driveways servicing Tuckwell Park carpark. This has led to these driveways being blocked which affects the efficiency in which vehicles enter or exit from the carpark servicing Tuckwell Park. Further, vehicular accessibility to and from the residential complex directly opposite Tuckwell Park is affected by queuing within Fontenoy Road during peak periods.

In order to improve safety and efficiency in which vehicles can enter/egress Tuckwell Park carpark and nearby major developments, it is proposed that “KEEP CLEAR” markings be installed on the eastbound through travel lane (including shoulder) on Fontenoy Road as

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shown in **Figure 2**. It is noted that Transport for NSW's Delineation Guidelines (Section 9 Messages on Pavement (Including Bus Lane Markings) permits 'KEEP CLEAR' pavement markings to be installed at "Carpark entrances which are frequently blocked by traffic queues."

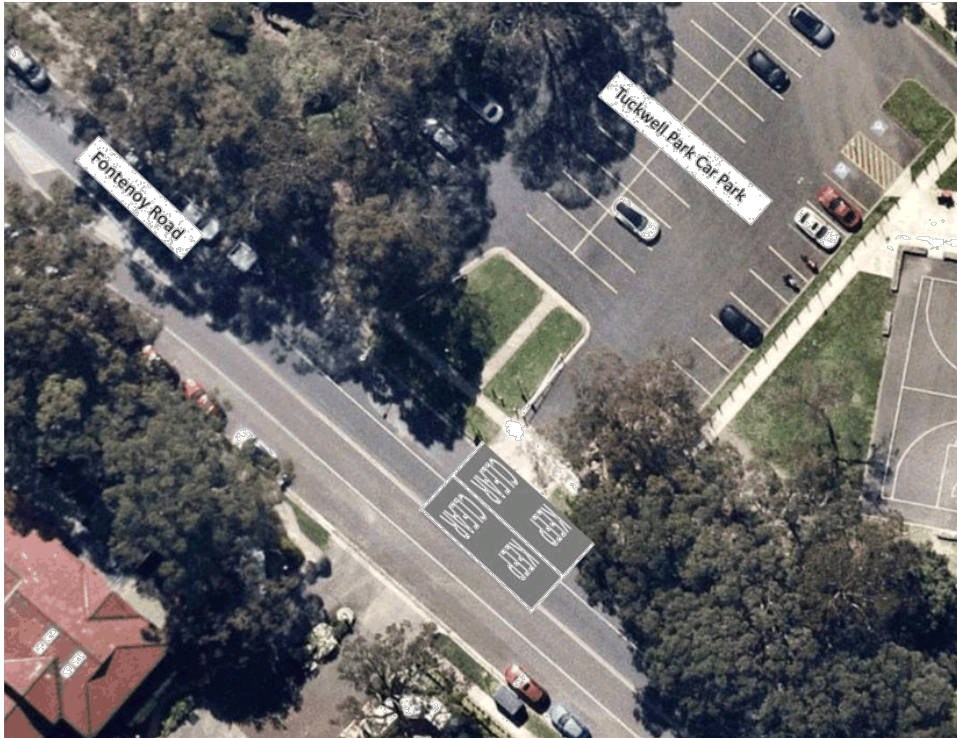


Figure 2: Proposed keep clear markings

CONSULTATION

Council has received requests from local residents for "KEEP CLEAR" markings to be provided at the location depicted in **Figure 2**.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

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

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ITEM (D)	MORRISON ROAD, GLADESVILLE
SUBJECT:	COMBINED AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST CROSSING
ELECTORATE:	LANE COVE
WARD:	CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS:	NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER:	S ALI

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to convert the existing refuge island to a combined pedestrian and cyclist crossing on Morrison Road in the immediate vicinity of Tyagarah Road, Gladesville. **Figure 1** shows the location of the pedestrian crossing.



Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

There is an existing refuge island on Morrison Road that facilitates pedestrians and cyclists crossing to and from the Bremner Park. During peak hours and when there are sporting events in the park, pedestrians cannot find appropriate gaps to safely cross at this location. To improve the pedestrians and cyclists' safety and connectivity in the area, Council is proposing to convert the existing refuge island to a combined at-grade pedestrians and cyclists crossing. The proposed crossing facility also forms part of the

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proposed cycleway route (Regional Route 04) and connects to the existing shared path through Bremner Park.

Transport for NSW Technical Directions requires statutory No Stopping parking restrictions on the approach and departure sides of the crossing. In this regard, the proposed pedestrian crossing will result in the loss of one (1) on-street parking space on the southern side of Morrison Road.

Please refer to concept design in **Figure 2**. The detailed design and construction of the facility is subject to the funding allocation.

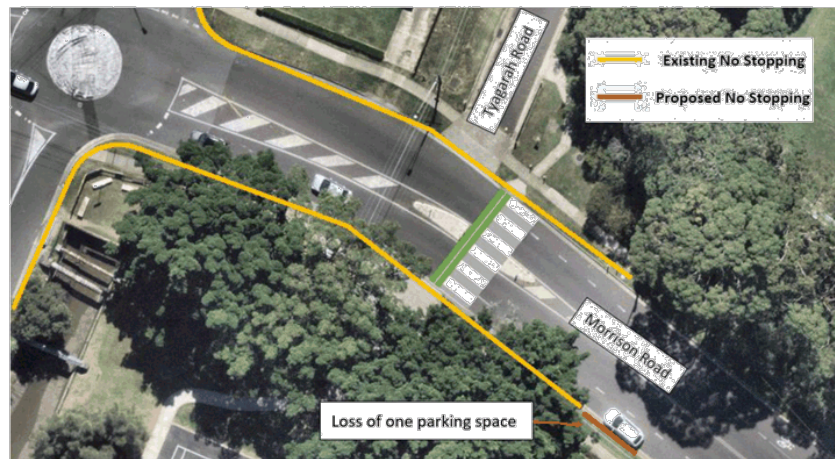


Figure 2 – Concept design of combined at-grade pedestrian crossing on Morrison Road, Gladesville.

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to the following properties shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. A total of fifteen (5) letters were distributed and one (1) objection was received. The objection raised by the resident was concerned about the loss of on-street parking at their property frontage. However, the resident agreed that a pedestrian crossing is required on Morrison Road to improve the safety for cyclists and pedestrians crossing this road. The resident's feedback above will be considered in the detailed design stage.

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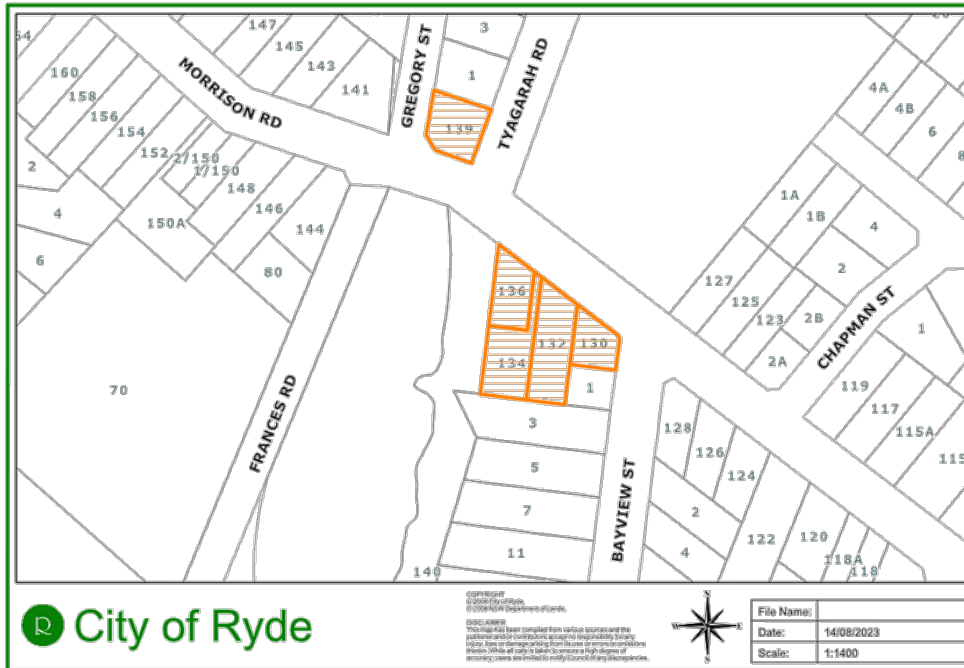


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- 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.

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ITEM (E): REGIONAL BICYCLE ROUTE (RR04) (NORTH RYDE TO PUTNEY)

SUBJECT: CYCLEWAY DESIGN

ELECTORATE: RYDE AND LANE COVE
WARD: CENTRAL AND EAST
ROAD CLASS: CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED
OFFICER: S ALI

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 deliver the cycleway route connecting Chatswood and Burwood which forms regional route 04 of the adopted City of Ryde 2022-2030 Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan. **Figure 1** shows the location of the proposed routes.

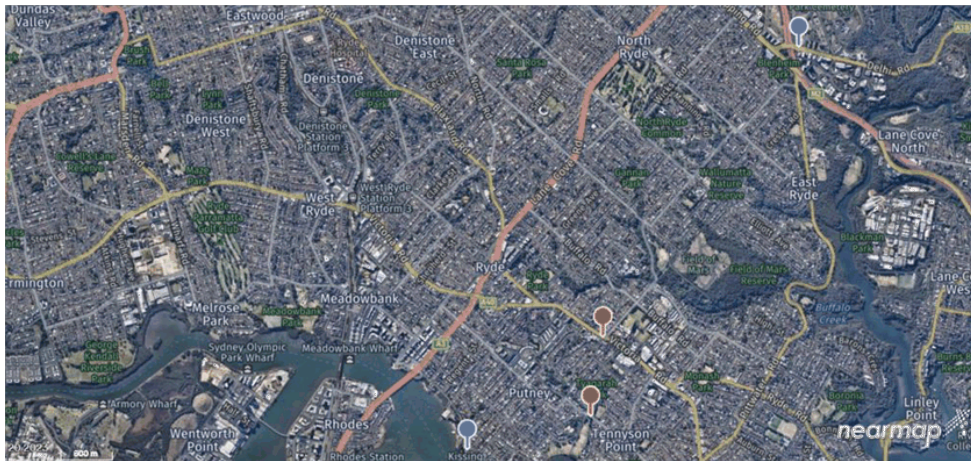


Figure 1: Location Map

DISCUSSION

The 2022-2030 Ryde Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan proposes a progressive upgrade of bicycle facilities to meet the active transport and recreational needs of Ryde community. In order to develop this network and meet the objectives of the NSW Government's Active Transport Strategy, Council is prioritising the development of RR04 and Orbital cycleway links to create a core network of high-quality cycling facilities.

The proposed cycleway routes encompass the following local, regional and State Roads: -

Regional Route 04 connects North Ryde to Putney via Delhi Road, Epping Road, Blenheim Road, Coss Road, Badajoz Road, Twin Road, Pidding Road, Robinson Street, Providence Road, Charles Street and Delange Street.

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The Orbital connects Victoria Road to Parry Street via Cressy Road, Potts Street, Tyagarah Street and Tyagarah Road. A copy of the detailed concept designs are provided for reference.

The purpose of these routes is to improve the cycleway connectivity and provide safer active transport infrastructure for all users. Once completed, these routes will achieve the following goals:

1. Upgrade the existing infrastructure and complete the missing links.
2. Connect with any existing facilities, and the adjustments to any temporary measures implemented for the connection of the previous paths.
3. Provide most direct routes to the town centres.
4. Provide separated cycleways for cyclists where possible.
5. RR04 cycleway route serves the southern and northern parts of the LGA.
6. RR04 Orbital further improves north-south cycleway connectivity.

Figures 2 and 3 show the details of the proposed infrastructure treatments.

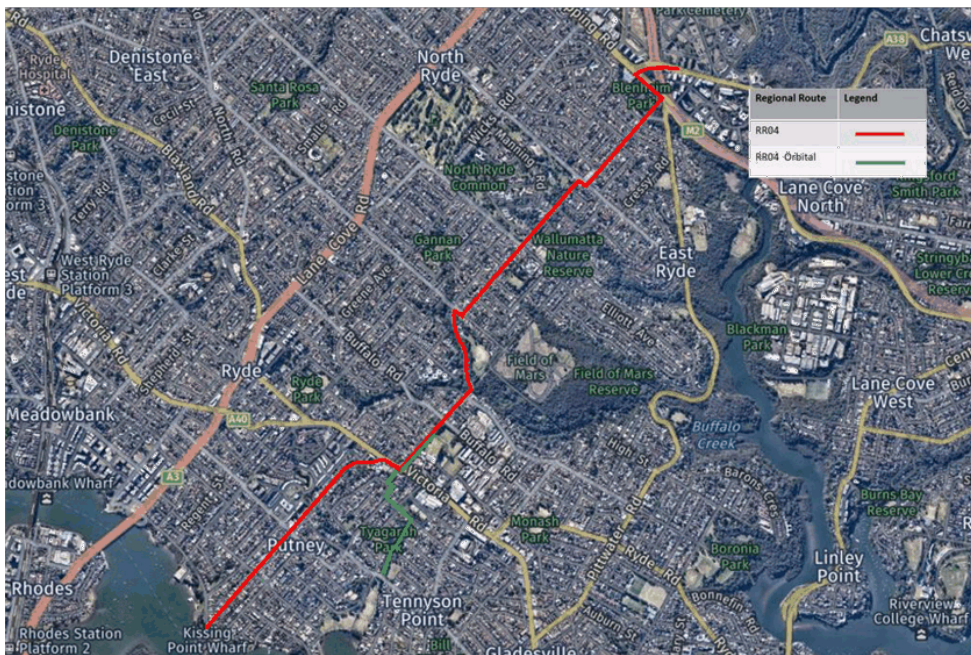


Figure 2 – Concept plan - RR04 and RR04 Orbital

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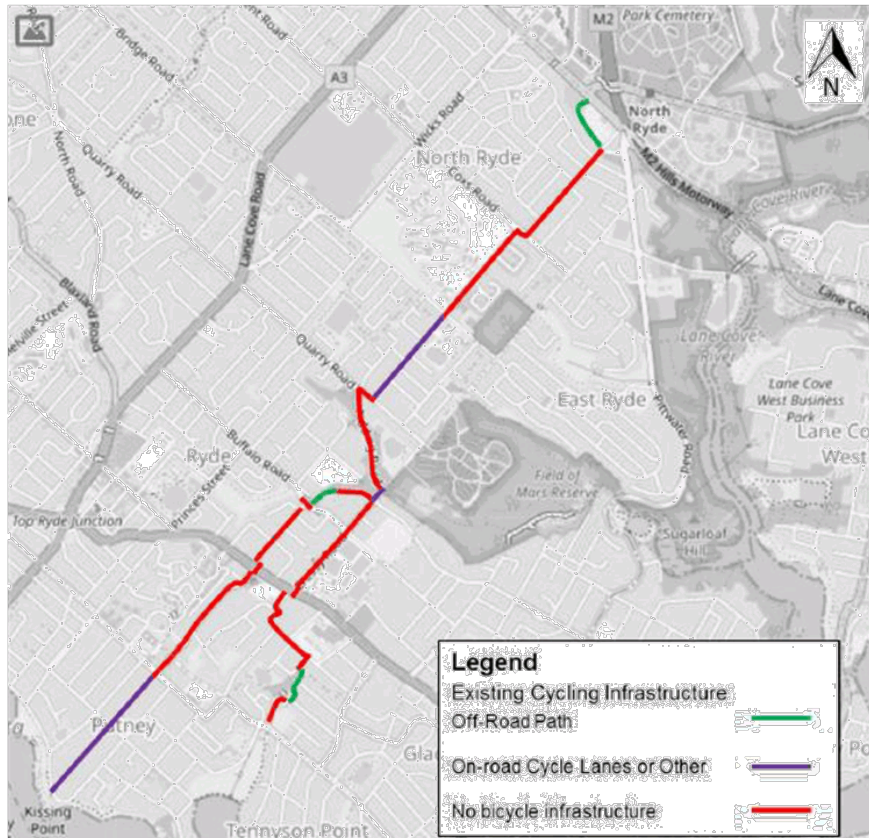


Figure 3 - Missing links

FUNDING

No funding is available for this project at this stage. Council will seek funding opportunities through external grant programs such as the Australian Government funding Programs.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was carried out as part of the Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2030 update. All the affected residents, businesses and other stakeholders were consulted by Council. No adverse objections were received. As part of the construction process, residents will be notified again for their feedback.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- 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.

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ITEM (F) 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's Road Safety Officer is participating in the *bstreetsmart* event this month. The event, held at Qudos Stadium, is an initiative of the Westmead Trauma Unit which aims to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers. The event is offered to high schools for students in years 10, 11 and 12.



COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

Police/Council Road Safety Awareness Program



Council and Police held a road safety information stall at the Macquarie University Kickstart week 17-25 July (mid-year student orientation) targeting young drivers and international students. A key focus was on the new rules for overseas licence holders and distributing associated licencing and road rule information.

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

Road Rules Awareness Week

Council is supporting Road Rules Awareness Week with a social media campaign reminding people of often misunderstood road rules.

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Upcoming workshops

The next Safer Driving for Seniors workshop will be held on 12 September.

A pedestrian safety presentation for seniors will be delivered at a Falls Prevention Group on 24 August.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

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

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Subject:	RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 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:	24 August 2023
Time:	11.00am
Chair:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
Staff Convenor:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
Meeting Length	25 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	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 July 2023 traffic committee meeting were confirmed at the meeting.

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NSW Police strongly supported the proposed alteration of the intersection control from GIVE WAY to STOP control at this intersection. NSW Police advised that this treatment would address the safety issues at this intersection.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (B) VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD - AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**RTC COMMENTS:**

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 (C) FONTENOY ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - KEEP CLEAR PAVEMENT MARKINGS**RTC COMMENTS:**

TfNSW's Comment: Transport for NSW objected to the proposal because they think it is a convenience matter and will not address any efficiency and safety issues associated with the traffic lights at the intersection of Lane Cove Road and Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park. TfNSW also stated vehicles turning right out of the unit complex trying to join the eastbound queue will result in obstructing the westbound traffic on Fontenoy Road.

Council's Comment: The recent assessment of queue length on Fontenoy Road at the intersection with Lane Cove Road indicates that the existing PM queue length is 176m that passes two driveways servicing the Tuckwell Park car park. By installing "KEEP CLEAR" pavement markings, the issue of driveway blockage will be addressed and the vehicles from Tuckwell Park car park will safely exit/ turn right onto Fontenoy Road.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Objected by TfNSW and requested to defer the proposal.**

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

RTC COMMENTS:

Transport for NSW commented that the crossing be packaged with the Regional Route (RR04) cycleway and should not be constructed before completing the proposed cycleway on both sides of the crossing. TfNSW also requested to share the detailed design of the proposed pedestrian crossing for their review.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

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

RTC COMMENTS:

All traffic calming devices to be packaged together with this route.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (F) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

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, 21 September 2023.

The Meeting closed at 11:25am.

17 REVIEW OF LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS

Report prepared by: Executive Officer – City Economy
File No.: GRP/23/12 - BP23/542

REPORT SUMMARY

The City of Ryde was the major sponsor of the 2023 Northern District Local Business Awards and has been a sponsor since 2016.

On 25 July 2023, Council (unanimously) made the following resolution:

- (a) *That Council review the Northern District Local Business Awards.*
- (b) *That Council investigates the establishment of its own City of Ryde Business Awards in conjunction with local businesses and all the Chambers of Commerce in the Local Government Area.*
- (c) *That a workshop be conducted with Councillors to provide feedback and a report be presented to Council in September 2023.*

This report responds to the above resolution and includes content from a preliminary review undertaken by staff, recommendations for enhancing the opportunity for local businesses to participate in a wider variety of award programs, and consideration of a Council-run local business award program.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (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.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Daniel Hughes
Executive Officer - City Economy

Report Approved By:

Michael Galderisi
General Manager - City Shaping

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Discussion

Background - Northern District Local Business Awards

The City of Ryde has been the major sponsor of the Northern District Local Business Awards (the Awards) since 2016. Council's participation in the 2023 Awards included being the major sponsor and purchasing an additional five tickets for Councillors and staff (11 representatives in total). The Awards were held at the Epping Club, which resides within the City of Parramatta LGA.

Council's sponsorship of the Awards does not impact the eligibility of businesses within the Ryde LGA applying for business awards. Additionally, sponsorship does not influence judging or the development of award categories. In summary, sponsorship covers marketing for Council, specifically:

- Council's logo is included in advertisements, e-newsletters, finalist certificates, information sheets, invitations, and winners' posters. On the presentation evening, Council's logo is also on a big screen.
- During the presentation evening, Council representatives are provided with speaking opportunities, and Council presents three award categories.
 - Council does not choose which award categories it presents.
For the 2023 Awards:
 - Mayor Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM presented the Youth Award, Specialised Retail Business Award, and Dental Services Award.
 - Councillor Jordan Lane MP presented the Service and Trade Award, New Business Award, Sole Operator Award, and Performing Arts Award.
 - Mayor Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM and Deputy Mayor Shweta Deshpande closed off the Awards by presenting the Businessperson of the Year Award and the Business of the Year Award.

Council's sponsorship includes six complimentary tickets to the award ceremony. An additional five tickets were purchased for staff and Councillors in 2023 (who RSVP'd yes to the invitation from Council staff).

The total cost of Council's participation in the 2023 Awards was **\$8,250** (inc. GST), with the cost paid by the City Economy team's budget. Prior to the 2022 organisational restructure, the cost of participation was paid by the City Activation Team's budget. The City Activation team no longer exists within Council.

Review of Northern District Local Business Awards

A private company, Precedent Productions, delivers the Awards. Precedent Productions is an established company that delivers Local Business Award programs across Australia. The following evaluation does not assess the design and delivery of the Awards, which offer a meaningful opportunity for local businesses to connect with others and celebrate success. Instead, the evaluation considers whether Council's sponsorship reflects value for money for our community and ratepayers.

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Table 1 - Evaluation of Council's Sponsorship of the 2023 Northern District Local Business Awards

Question	Response	Commentary
1. Does sponsorship impact the ability of local businesses within the Ryde LGA to apply for business awards?	No	Sponsorship is not linked to the eligibility of local businesses, nor the judgement of the awards.
2. Can any local business within the Ryde LGA apply for a business Award?	Yes	According to Precedent Productions, any business located within the catchment (which covers the Ryde LGA) are eligible, provided they are nominated for an award. The nomination process relies on businesses or their customers nominating them through the completion of a nomination form. Most of the awards work on a voting system, whereby the business with the most votes will receive the award.
3. Could Council deliver the same award program at the same or lower cost of participation?	No	The cost of delivering Council's Volunteer Awards is approximately \$25,000. Using this as a base case (and not considering cost recovery models), the cost of delivering Council's own business awards would be higher than the cost of sponsorship.
4. Can local businesses within the Ryde LGA apply for any other business award program?	Yes	Council staff identified opportunities for local businesses to apply for awards in programs, such as: The Australian Business Awards; The Australian Small Business Champion Awards; The Australian Small Business Awards; and the Sydney Metro category of awards administered by Business NSW.
5. Does Council sponsor any other business awards?	No	Council staff have not been able to identify any historic examples of Council sponsoring other business award programs.
6. Could the cost of participating in the 2023 Awards be readily repurposed into a business support activity?	Yes	The costs could be repurposed and invested into helping local Chambers of Commerce provide training to local businesses. In this instance, it would cost less for Council staff to collaborate with Service NSW, Business NSW, and local Chambers of Commerce to design a Grant Writing program designed for the Chambers of Commerce to deliver to local business in Ryde. A training program would have a longer-lasting impact on local businesses through the enhancement of local skills.

Based on the above evaluation, Council staff believe that sponsorship of the Awards does not reflect the best value for money. The costs of sponsorship and participation could deliver greater outcomes for the City of Ryde if they were repurposed and invested in helping local Chambers of Commerce develop tools and provide training opportunities for local businesses applying for awards. This type of training would have the additional benefit of helping local businesses enhance their capabilities for grant and sponsorship applications.

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Delivery of a City of Ryde Business Awards

In reviewing the Awards, Council staff identified several other opportunities for local businesses to apply for business awards, identifying:

- Business NSW Awards (Sydney Metro), managed by Business NSW.
- Australian Small Business Champion Awards, managed by Precedent Productions
- Australian Business Awards, managed by AwardBase.
- The Australian Small Business Awards, managed by AwardBase.

Except for the Business NSW awards, all other award programs offer broad eligibility criteria where most local small businesses would be eligible. Business NSW restricts some categories of awards to members of Business NSW, and others rely on nominations by customers. Like the Awards, Council's involvement in the abovementioned award programs is independent of the eligibility of local businesses.

Due to the variety of opportunities available to local businesses, Council staff undertook a workshop with Councillors seeking their feedback on the value of sponsorship and their views on the following question: *Is the City of Ryde celebrating success in a meaningful manner?*

The workshop was conducted on 12 September 2023, and involved the Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM, and Councillors Brown, Li, Han, Lane, Pederson, Lara-Watson, Maggio, and Purcell.

Councillor feedback included concerns that there may be negative consequences for the withdrawal of funding for the Awards. Councillors also expressed the view that the cost of participation was relatively low, and that Council should not try to replicate the Awards as it would not be able to deliver them for such a low cost.

Notwithstanding the above, Councillors also suggested that the City of Ryde could be missing an opportunity to celebrate local businesses in a manner that reflects and aligns with the objectives of various Council policies and strategies. Councillors requested that Council staff prepare a business case on the delivery of an awards program by Council, noting the delivery of such an awards program be:

- 1) Complimentary to existing business award programs.
- 2) Create opportunities to engage with and reward local Chambers of Commerce and the broader business community (e.g., workers, start-ups, multi-nationals).
- 3) Hosted in the City of Ryde LGA, incorporating local industry participation requirements (e.g., local venue and performers).
- 4) Supported by services to assist local businesses in applying for awards and grants (particularly businesses that may be culturally and linguistically diverse).

Council staff believe that delivering a City of Ryde Business Award program is feasible and several options could be pursued. Therefore, a business case is required to aid decision-making by Council.

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What will the business case address?

In addition to typical business case activities (e.g., an analysis of costs and benefits, risk assessments, operational planning, and Key Performance Indicators), the business case will:

- Define the purpose and goals of the awards program.
- Specify the scope of the awards program, including the types of awards and eligible businesses.
- Include a market analysis demonstrating the need for an awards program.
- Define the target audience and brand narrative for the awards program.
- Describe a structure for the awards program (e.g., describe the awards categories, nomination and selection processes, judging criteria, and timeline).
- Detail a budget for launching and running the awards program.
- Include a marketing and promotion strategy for the awards.

Council staff will seek submissions from Councillors, local Chambers of Commerce and other key stakeholders to support the development of the business case. The following is an outline of the proposed approach to engagement:

- Engagement with local Chambers of Commerce
 - When: October-November 2023
 - How: Survey of members, and meetings with leadership teams of each local Chamber of Commerce.
- Local business community
 - When: November 2023
 - How: Survey (distributed via Council's Business e-newsletter)
- Engagement with Councillors
 - When: December 2023-January 2024
 - How: Invitations to make a submission to discussion paper.
 - The discussion paper will present the results of engagement with local Chambers of Commerce and the local business community. The discussion paper will also include draft options.

In addition to assessing options, the delivery of a business case will inform financial planning activities for the 2024-25 financial year. As such, Council staff will prepare a business case and report to Council in the first calendar quarter of 2024.

Why have staff recommended Council be responsible for future decisions on sponsoring business awards run by third parties?

Council staff acknowledge there may be a perception that withdrawing sponsorship of the Awards could be perceived as Council not supporting local businesses. Council staff also acknowledge that new award programs may be created in the future and that these award programs may have closer alignment with Council's objectives.

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In light of the above, and although Council staff do not think the likelihood of such an outcome is probable, Council staff are not recommending a blanket decision on the sponsorship of future business awards. Instead, staff are recommending that future decisions on the sponsorship of awards require a resolution of Council in accordance with Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

Section 356(1) of the Act states:

A council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

Public notice will likely be required in accordance with Section 356(2) of the Act:

A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days' public notice of the council's proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given.

This arrangement would remove the decision from staff while allowing both staff and Councillors to raise future sponsorship opportunities for the consideration of Council.

Financial Implications

The recommendations outlined in this report do not have any financial implications. The delivery of a business case and report back to Council in the first calendar quarter of 2024 will be undertaken utilising existing resources.

The delivery of Council's own business awards will have a financial impact; however, these impacts will be assessed as part of the development of a business case.

The financial impact of any future sponsorship arrangement will be reported on in the relevant report to Council.

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

Report prepared by: Acting Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/506

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 August 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 4.26%, which is 0.13% below the benchmark figure of 4.39%. Council's return will 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 31 August 2023 funds of \$1,751K have been earned.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Sacha Thirimanne
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Aneesh Zahra
Acting General Manager - Business and Operations

ITEM 18 (continued)

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.

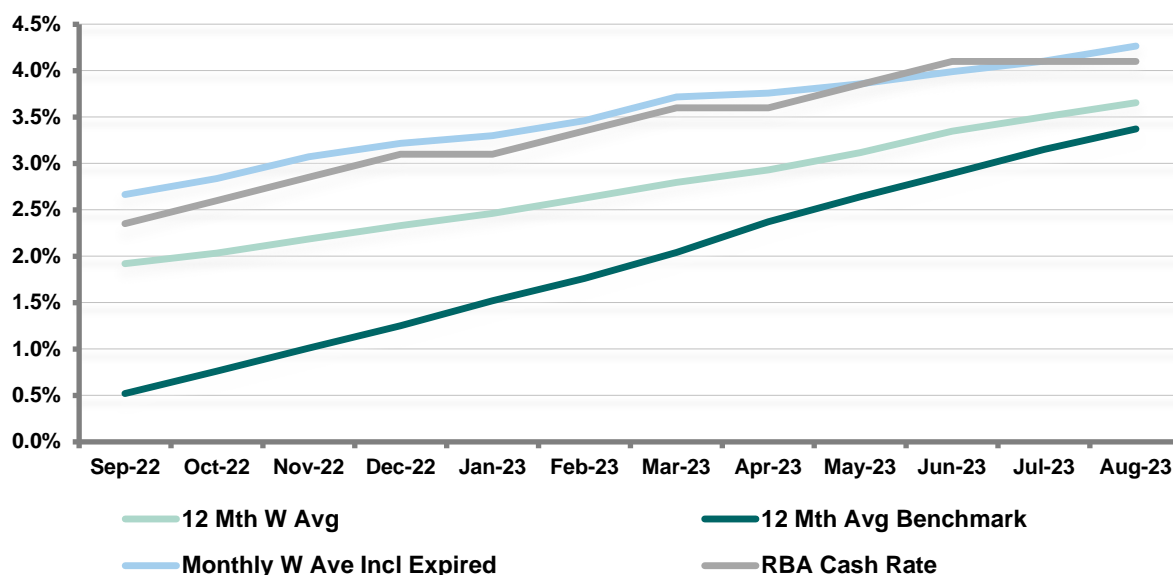
Standard & Poor (S&P) Rating Scale:

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 August 2023 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	August	12 Month	FYTD
Council Return	4.26	3.65	4.20
Benchmark	4.39	3.37	4.44
Variance	-0.13	0.28	-0.24

Performance - All Investments


Council's investment portfolio as at 31 August 2023 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$130.98M	49.47%
Floating Rate Notes	\$61.20M	23.11%
Fixed Bonds	\$72.60M	27.42%
Total Investments	\$264.78M	

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.

ITEM 18 (continued)**Loan Liability**

Council's loan liability as at 31 August 2023 is \$322K, 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.

ITEM 18 (continued)
INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Aug-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	5.22	4.41	5.14	0.45	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	N	2,000	5.22	4.41	5.14	0.76	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	3. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	5.12	4.54	5.02	1.51	11/11/2025	1096
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,970	3.73	3.56	3.65	1.50	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,195	3.94	3.92	3.94	1.21	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	3.29	3.13	3.21	1.13	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.58	1.56	1.57	0.76	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,998	1.69	1.67	1.68	0.75	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,999	1.69	1.70	1.70	0.75	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,993	1.82	1.80	1.81	1.13	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.09	0.76	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	5.53	5.13	5.53	0.45	31/03/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	13. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	35,960	4.22	3.56	4.22	13.58		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	14. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,498	3.23	3.23	3.30	1.32	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	15. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,998	4.78	4.29	4.54	1.13	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	16. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,885	5.91	5.38	5.65	1.47	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	5.55	4.89	5.42	0.91	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA	AA-	N	2,500	5.21	5.21	5.21	0.94	17/08/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	4.36	4.36	4.36	0.76	1/12/2023	361
National Australia Bank	20. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	3.00	2.93	2.98	1.13	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	21. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,494	3.31	2.98	3.15	1.32	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	5.34	4.38	5.34	0.76	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	23. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.15	5.03	5.07	1.13	12/05/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	4.52	4.52	1.51	26/10/2023	182
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	3.29	5.00	1.51	26/02/2024	367
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	4.95	4.95	4.95	0.76	27/09/2023	111
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	3,000	5.03	5.03	5.03	1.13	4/10/2023	119
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	3.23	4.52	1.51	11/01/2024	365
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.51	18/09/2023	1827
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.24	5.24	5.24	1.51	9/04/2024	249
Westpac Banking Corporation	31. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,497	3.25	3.27	3.25	0.94	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	32. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,598	2.76	2.76	2.76	0.98	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	33. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	2,600	5.01	5.01	5.01	0.98	10/08/2026	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	34. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.14	4.03	4.54	1.51	9/08/2024	366
Westpac Banking Corporation	35. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	5.18	4.04	4.56	0.76	19/08/2024	367
Westpac Banking Corporation	36. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.51	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	37. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	4,000	1.74	1.70	1.73	1.51	12/02/2025	1827
Suncorp-Metway	38. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,593	2.58	2.58	2.64	1.36	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	39. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,876	3.60	3.60	3.67	1.46	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	40. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,381	5.49	5.49	5.56	0.52	25/01/2027	1683
Suncorp-Metway	41. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	5.59	4.47	5.33	0.45	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	42. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,569	5.67	4.53	5.40	0.97	25/02/2027	1711
Suncorp-Metway	43. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,200	5.59	4.99	5.59	0.83	14/12/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	44. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	3,000	5.17	5.09	5.12	1.13	18/05/2026	1096
Australian Unity Bank	45. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.75	4.41	5.75	0.76	17/07/2024	364
Australian Unity Bank	46. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.76	1/02/2024	365
Australian Unity Bank	47. Australian Unity Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.56	5.56	5.56	1.51	16/01/2024	210
Auswide Bank	48. Auswide FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	5.94	5.57	5.94	1.13	17/03/2026	1096
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	49. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	0.76	18/10/2023	132

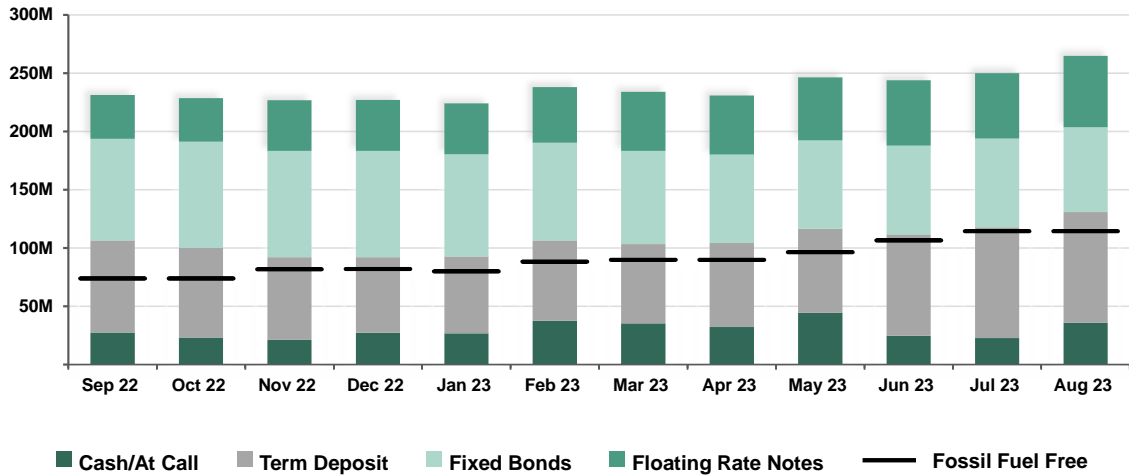
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Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Aug-23 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2023	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	50. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.29	3.96	4.80	0.76	5/02/2024	181
Bank of Queensland	51. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	5	1.36	1.24	1.36	0.00		
Bank of Queensland	52. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	3,796	2.14	2.14	2.14	1.43	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	53. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	1,880	4.06	4.05	4.06	0.71	6/05/2026	1496
Bank of Queensland	54. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	736	5.26	5.25	5.26	0.28	27/10/2026	1498
Bank of Queensland	55. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	469	5.22	5.21	5.22	0.18	27/10/2026	1495
Bank of Queensland	56. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	2,475	5.14	5.12	5.14	0.93	6/05/2026	1321
Bank of Queensland	57. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	3,000	5.51	4.76	5.51	1.13	16/04/2024	264
Bank of Queensland	58. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.76	13/06/2024	1827
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	59. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,746	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.41	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	60. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	994	3.44	3.44	3.44	0.38	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	61. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,533	3.26	3.26	3.26	0.96	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	62. Bendigo Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	3,500	5.40	5.29	5.33	1.32	15/05/2026	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	63. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	4.45	4.45	4.45	1.13	30/01/2024	365
Heritage and People's Choice	64. Heritage Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.75	5.75	5.75	1.51	12/07/2024	365
Heritage and People's Choice	65. Heritage Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.68	5.68	5.68	1.51	7/05/2024	295
Hume Bank	66. Hume Bank TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.60	4.60	4.60	0.76	1/02/2024	365
IMB Bank	67. IMB Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	1.51	19/12/2023	196
Members Banking Group	68. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.33	4.59	5.30	0.76	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	69. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	5.59	5.34	5.57	1.17	24/02/2026	1096
MyState Bank	70. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	5.05	4.10	5.05	0.57	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	71. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.76	11/11/2023	730
MyState Bank	72. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.76	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	73. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	3.87	4.50	0.76	23/11/2023	359
MyState Bank	74. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	3.87	4.50	0.76	1/11/2023	362
AMP	75. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	11	2.68	1.00	2.53	0.00		
AMP	76. AMP FRN	BBB	N	2,000	6.08	6.08	6.08	0.76	29/06/2026	1096
AMP	77. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	5.25	3.65	4.38	0.38	2/08/2024	366
Auswide Bank	78. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.24	1.24	0.76	5/02/2024	720
Beyond Bank	79. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.91	4.61	4.91	0.76	8/11/2023	180
Credit Union Australia	80. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	5.59	4.47	5.33	0.38	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	81. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,200	5.87	5.48	5.76	0.45	9/02/2027	1461
Defence Bank	82. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.76	8/02/2024	730
Defence Bank	83. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.05	4.05	4.05	0.76	5/09/2023	365
G&C Mutual Bank	84. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.02	4.02	4.02	0.76	7/09/2023	365
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	85. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	4.78	3.98	4.78	0.76	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	86. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,240	4.94	4.13	4.94	1.22	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	87. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,705	5.64	4.79	5.53	1.40	10/02/2027	1720
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	88. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	984	5.76	5.31	5.65	0.37	10/02/2027	1482
Police & Nurses Limited	89. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.38	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	90. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.76	31/01/2024	730
Police Bank	91. Police Bank FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.61	5.11	5.57	0.76	21/11/2025	1096
Police Financial Services	92. BankVic Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.80	4.40	4.80	0.76	24/03/2024	369
Teachers Mutual Bank	93. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	5.07	4.13	5.07	0.42	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	94. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	5.14	4.19	5.14	0.38	22/03/2024	1096
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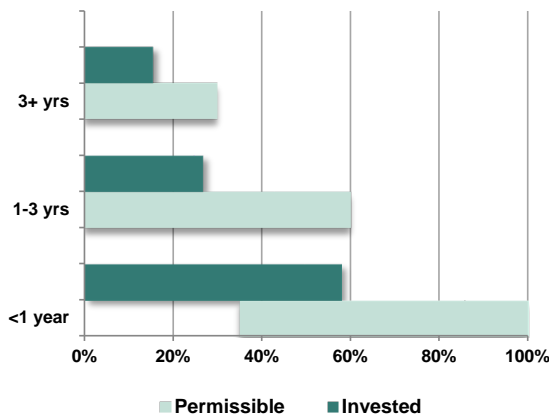
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Cash/TDs	\$131.0M	\$0.0M
FRNs	\$3.0M	\$58.2M
Fixed Bonds	\$19.0M	\$53.6M
	\$153.0M	\$111.8M

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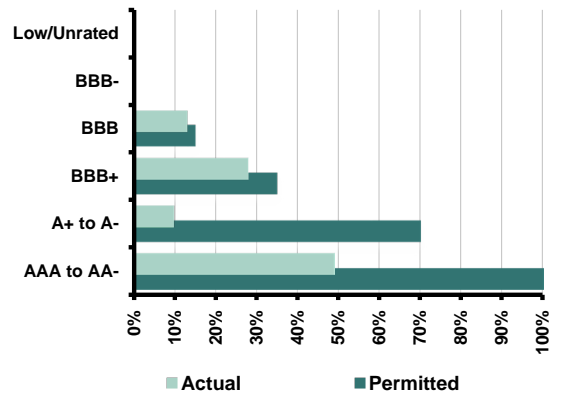
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Policy Limits on Maturities



Investment Summary by Rating



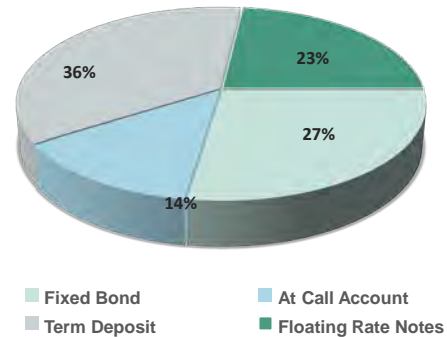
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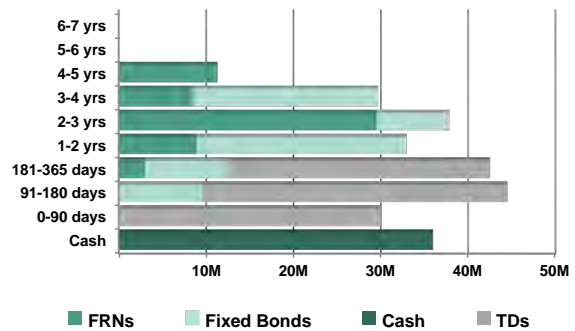
Active Investment by Institution



Summary by Investment Type



Summary by Duration



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 31 August 2023, Council had a total amount of \$114.39M invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 43.20% of its total investment portfolio.

Whilst 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.

ITEM 18 (continued)**Financial Implications**

Council's return for the reporting period is 4.26%, which is 0.13% below the benchmark figure of 4.39%.

Council's return will 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 31 August 2023 funds of \$1,751K 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 2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant
File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP23/524

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from The Local Government Grants Commission, dated 5 September 2023, regarding 2023 – 24 Financial Assistance Grants.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants - Letter only
- 2 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants - Appendix A - Ryde (C) Council
- 3 Financial Grants - Appendix B - Schedule of Payments
- 4 Appendix C - Guidelines for Special Submission
- 5 Appendix D - State Allocation Methodology
- 6 Financial Assistance Grants - Fact Sheet 2023-24

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PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



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Council of the City of Ryde

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cc: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

5 September 2023

Dear Mr Rylands

In accordance with the NSW Local Government Grants Commission's (Commission) policy of providing information to councils about the way the Commission calculates financial assistance grants (FA Grants), please find attached a summary of Council's 2023-24 estimated FA Grants entitlement (**Appendix A**).

2023-24 ESTIMATED ENTITLEMENTS

The national FA Grants total estimated entitlement for 2023-24 is \$3.11 billion and is made up of \$2.15 billion for the general purpose component (GPC) and \$0.96 billion for the local roads component (LRC). The national estimated entitlement for 2023-24 increased by \$161 million to account for final adjustments to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and population shares for the year.

The Commonwealth Treasury's estimate of the CPI for 2022-23 was adjusted up in July 2023. When compared to the 2022-23 final adjusted amount, the total national estimated FA Grants for 2023-24 increased by 5.5%. Accordingly, the State's FA Grants allocation for 2023-24 is slightly higher than last year, however the ongoing economic impact of the pandemic and other external factors are difficult to predict.

The national GPC was distributed across the states and territories on a population basis. NSW received 31.34% or \$675.7 million in the GPC, which represents a 4.05% increase on last year's final figure. The LRC is based on a historical formula. NSW's share of the total national road funding is a fixed 29% share, or \$277.5 million, which represents a 5.5% increase. The total 2023-24 FA Grants estimated entitlement for NSW is \$953.2 million.

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EXTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING THE GPC POOL OF FUNDS IN NSW

The Commonwealth decided to pause indexation for three years from 2014-15 to 2016-17 due to budget constraints. In 2021, the impact of the global economic downturn (GED) was closely followed by the Covid-19 Pandemic. NSW also experienced devastating natural disasters, including bushfires and floods. During recent years, the Commission has been faced with these challenges, including a substantially reduced CPI in 2021. In 2023-24, the CPI has continued to trend towards previously average levels of about 3.5% to 4%. But further fluctuations cannot be ruled out.

Change of Annual Grant Entitlements	CPI % Change GPC	# of LGAs on 0% or <0%
2012-13 Final and 2013-14 Estimated	3.4	22
2013-14 Final and 2014-15 Estimated no CPI	-0.2	72
2014-15 Final and 2015-16 Estimated no CPI	-0.2	75
2015-16 Final and 2016-17 Estimated no CPI	0.1	56
2016-17 Final and 2017-18 Estimated	3.6	10
2017-18 Final and 2018-19 Estimated	3.6	12
2018-19 Final and 2019-20 Estimated	4.0	10
2019-20 Final and 2020-21 Estimated GED	0.9	33
2020-21 Final and 2021-22 Estimated Covid	1.7	29
2021-22 Final and 2022-23 Estimated Covid	3.3	9
2022-23 Final and 2023-24 Estimated Covid	4.0	*18

KEY
<i>Three years of paused CPI (only change applied was national movements in jurisdictional population shares)</i>
<i>Transition entered: # of LGAs on 0% or less had the -5% floor been retained</i>
<i>*8 metropolitan councils moved to the negative floor due to population decline as applying the per capita minimum produced a lower result than the negative floor</i>

A notable by-product of the pandemic flowing through the 2022-23 and 2023-24 grant calculations has been population decline in some metropolitan areas. This has resulted in eight metropolitan councils moving off the per capita minimum grant and instead, benefiting from the 0% floor, as councils cannot breach below 0% floor until the negative floor is resumed. This further demonstrates the need to expedite the pathway out of transition.

Council's 2023-24 FA Grants estimated entitlement, compared to the 2022-23 final entitlement is as follows:

Council of the City of Ryde				
Year	General Purpose	Local Roads	Total	Change
2022-23 final	\$3,159,948	\$1,124,637	\$4,284,585	
2023-24 est.	\$3,254,487	\$1,171,644	\$4,426,131	3.3%

To assist councils with budgets and bank reconciliations, a breakdown of the 2023-24 quarterly instalments is attached (**Appendix A**). The NSW Schedule of Payments is also attached (**Appendix B**).

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IMPACT OF THE ADVANCE PAYMENTS

The Commonwealth Government decided to make an early payment of the 2023-24 estimated FA Grant entitlement to help manage the cumulative impacts of the floods and the pandemic. In June 2023, all councils were paid 100% of the estimated entitlement in advance, as calculated at that point in time (plus councils received 25% of the 2022-23 entitlement in the same year). This has resulted in the adjusted quarterly instalments for 2023-24 being significantly less than in recent years. The remainder of the grant entitlements (totalling \$45,227,839 for the state) will be paid in quarterly instalments in August 2023, November 2023, February 2024 and May 2024.

The Council of the City of Sydney and Randwick City Council's population decreases flowed through the grant calculations in the 2023-24 financial year, with both councils due to receive a reduction in the LRC. However, as the Commonwealth advance of 100% was based on the prior year's grant recommendations, both Councils received an overpayment in the LRC advance (Sydney \$35,538 and Randwick \$25,555, totalling \$62,083).

As a temporary measure to address the overpayment, the Commission made an accounting adjustment to the 2023-24 recommendations, spreading the overpayment proportionately over the other 126 councils' LRCs. This process will be reversed in 2024-25 to ensure the over and under payments reconcile with actual entitlements.

However, the Commission is concerned about the unpredictability the practice of advance payments creates. Long-term and annual budgeting forecasts are subject to changes, and annual financial statement results can often be skewed. The latest development of overpayments is beginning to impede the Commission's ability to make annual recommendations.

CHALLENGES IN FAIRLY DISTRIBUTING THE GPC FUNDS

As councils will be aware, the Commission is required to adhere to the National Principles which mandate a per capita payment based on population growth/decline. This inhibits the full application of the Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (HFE) Principle, to distribute the grants on the basis of greatest relative need. It is also the policy of the NSW Government to explore opportunities to direct grants to communities with the greatest relative need. The Commission has had regard to these policies in allocating the grants. The map contained in **Appendix D** identifies the rate of population change in NSW from 2002 to 2022.

Appendix D lists the revised expenditure categories, disadvantage factors, data sources used in calculating the expenditure allowance and the relative disadvantage allowance.

The Commission has been investigating ways to direct funds to councils with greatest relative need. Information about the methodology review and subsequent transition has been provided to councils, including about the recommendations for model refinements. The Commission is currently considering options for a pathway out of transition and resuming the negative floor, which is likely to commence in 2024-25. Further information about the transition and general information about the FA Grants can be found on the Commission's webpage at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/#lggc>.

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SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS 2023-24

Special submissions from councils for 2023-24 will be considered by the Commission. The purpose of a submission is to give councils the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disadvantages beyond councils' control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. Please refer to the expenditure functions and Council's disadvantage factors listed in **Appendix A**. This process allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect councils' capacity to deliver services.

Appendix C, titled *Guidelines for Special Submissions*, contains guidance for preparing submissions – please read the guidelines carefully.

Submissions should be e-mailed to the Commission at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au by **30 November 2023**.

A MESSAGE OF CAUTION

There is no guarantee that a council will receive an increased FA Grant each year. There are a number of changing variables, including a council's changing measure of relative disadvantage compared to the state average measure and the size of the total FA Grant pool. Last year, the Commission advised of a possible decision to return to the GPC to a negative floor in 2024-25, which would result in some councils receiving less in the 2024-25 than they will in 2023-24. Councils have been consulted and have now been given six years to prepare. It is no longer sustainable to protect those councils with greatest relative advantage. The pathway out of transition is essential to distribute the GPC more fairly, allowing greater application of the HFE, consistent with the National Principles and NSW policy.

I would ask that this letter please be tabled at the next Council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact me on (02) 4428 4131.

Yours sincerely



Helen Pearce
Executive Officer

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APPENDIX A
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION 2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Ryde (C) Council
Appendix A

General Purpose Component

Expenditure Allowance

Expenditure Functions	State ave cost per capita
Recreation and cultural	\$237.99
Admin and governance	\$279.03
Education and community	\$66.63
Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes	\$216.11
Public order, safety, health and other	\$205.84
Housing amenity	\$77.49

Recreation and cultural			Pop <SS = relative disadvantage Pop >SS = 0 ATSI <SS = 0 ATSI >SS = relative disadvantage
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std (SS)	Weighted DF%
Population	130,953	63,714	0.0%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	0.5%	3.4%	0.0%

Admin and governance			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	130,953	63,714	0.0%

Education and community			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	130,953	63,714	0.0%

Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	130,953	63,714	0.0%
Road Length	310	1,159	0.0%

Public order, safety, health and other			RTD <SS = 0 RTD >SS = relative disadvantage Env <SS = 0 Env >SS = relative disadvantage
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	130,953	63,714	0.0%
Rainfall, topography and drainage index	182%	161%	7.4%
Environment (Ha of environmental lands)	269	55,494	0.0%

Housing amenity			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA Std	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	130,953	63,714	0.0%

Isolation Allowance

Outside the Greater Statistical Area	N/A
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION 2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Pensioner Rebate Allowance

PR <SS = relative disadvantage (+ allowance)	
PR >SS = relative advantage (- allowance)	
LGA % Pensioner Rebates (PR) Res Props:	8.8%
State Standard (SS) % PR	14.6%

Revenue Allowance

Revenue Allowance	
CV <SS = relative disadvantage (+ allowance)	
CV >SS = relative advantage (- allowance)	
No. of Urban Properties:	53,225
Standard Value Per Property:	\$483,497
Council Value (CV):	\$635,009

No. of Non-urban Properties:	-
Standard Value Per Property:	\$887,956
Council Value (CV):	\$0

Relative Disadvantage Allowance

Unsealed roads; Isolation; Population Decline	\$0
Special Submission/other adjustments	\$0
Total General Purpose Grant	\$3,254,487

Local Roads Component

Population:	130,953
Local Road Length (km):	310
Length of Bridges on Local Roads (m):	158

Road/Population Allowance:	\$1,149,070
Bridge Length Allowance:	\$22,574
Local Roads Total:	\$1,171,644

Total Grant	\$4,426,131
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Quarterly Instalments Payable in 2023-24 for 2023-24 FA Grants

	August 2023	
GPC	\$31,454.00	
LRC	\$9,761.00	\$41,215.00
	November 2023	
GPC	\$31,454.00	
LRC	\$9,761.00	\$41,215.00
	February 2024	
GPC	\$31,454.00	
LRC	\$9,761.00	\$41,215.00
	May 2024	
GPC	\$31,454.00	
LRC	\$9,761.00	\$41,215.00
	TOTAL	
GPC	\$125,816.00	
LRC	\$39,044.00	\$164,860.00

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PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 (continued)

2023-24 FA GRANTS Schedule of Payments Totals													
		2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
Councils	Population 30/6/2021	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	Recommended Total Entitlement	General Purpose CPI/Pop Adjustment	Local Roads CPI/Pop Adjustment	Total CPI/Pop Adjustment	General Purpose Advance Payment	Local Roads Advance Payment	Total Advance Payment	General Purpose Payments	Local Roads Payments	Total Payments
Albury (C)	56,598	5,811,127	1,844,500	7,655,627	272,614	79,187	351,801	5,848,388	1,831,030	7,679,418	235,353	92,657	328,010
Armidale Regional	29,317	5,377,354	2,890,409	8,267,763	247,184	125,604	372,788	5,302,762	2,904,304	8,207,066	321,776	111,709	433,485
Ballina (S)	46,760	3,879,204	1,834,605	5,713,809	179,208	78,940	258,148	3,844,494	1,825,302	5,669,796	213,918	88,243	302,161
Bairnald (S)	2,198	3,967,686	1,654,530	5,622,216	178,810	71,855	250,665	3,835,963	1,661,490	5,497,453	310,533	64,895	375,428
Bathurst Regional	44,074	5,228,922	2,505,234	7,734,156	241,702	111,073	352,775	5,185,158	2,568,312	7,753,470	285,466	47,995	333,461
Bayside	177,629	4,414,494	1,455,341	5,869,835	210,034	63,495	273,529	4,505,806	1,468,189	5,973,995	118,722	50,647	169,369
Bega Valley (S)	35,972	6,397,024	2,610,892	9,007,916	294,270	110,176	404,446	6,312,895	2,547,566	8,860,461	378,399	173,502	551,901
Bellingen (S)	13,219	3,777,386	1,191,567	4,968,953	172,654	51,280	223,934	3,703,908	1,185,729	4,889,637	246,132	57,118	303,250
Berrigan (S)	8,657	4,361,348	1,748,015	6,109,363	200,703	76,154	276,857	4,305,626	1,760,916	6,066,542	256,425	63,253	319,678
Blacktown (C)	410,419	14,617,567	4,604,324	19,221,891	707,626	192,475	900,101	15,180,508	4,450,545	19,631,053	144,685	346,254	490,939
Bland (S)	5,487	6,076,001	3,766,133	9,842,134	278,371	163,771	442,142	5,971,810	3,786,847	9,758,657	382,562	143,057	525,619
Blayney (S)	7,588	2,427,939	1,077,133	3,505,072	111,175	46,528	157,703	2,385,016	1,075,838	3,460,854	154,098	47,823	201,921
Blue Mountains (C)	77,905	8,658,535	1,658,519	10,317,054	406,396	72,068	478,464	8,718,304	1,666,423	10,384,727	346,627	64,164	410,791
Bogan (S)	2,455	3,888,525	1,809,477	5,698,002	174,738	78,500	253,238	3,748,602	1,815,164	5,563,766	314,061	72,813	387,474
Bourke (S)	2,350	5,883,153	2,404,695	8,287,848	263,893	104,519	368,412	5,661,218	2,416,761	8,077,979	485,828	92,453	578,281
Brewarrina (S)	1,438	4,493,402	1,634,059	6,127,461	197,798	70,947	268,745	4,243,302	1,640,466	5,883,768	447,898	64,540	512,438
Broken Hill (C)	17,567	5,932,680	603,645	6,536,325	268,768	25,984	294,752	5,765,815	600,856	6,366,671	435,633	28,773	464,406
Burwood	40,747	1,076,865	340,983	1,417,848	49,648	14,695	64,343	1,065,083	339,805	1,404,888	61,430	15,873	77,303
Byron (S)	36,398	2,557,792	1,522,885	4,080,677	119,476	65,978	185,454	2,563,081	1,525,591	4,088,672	114,187	63,272	177,459
Cabonne	13,825	3,783,167	2,570,269	6,353,436	173,400	111,440	284,840	3,719,895	2,576,816	6,296,711	236,672	104,893	341,565
Camden	127,637	3,172,078	2,174,391	5,346,469	131,888	90,232	222,120	2,829,357	2,086,428	4,915,785	474,609	178,195	652,804
Campbelltown (C)	180,231	8,961,733	2,319,550	11,281,283	433,831	99,030	532,861	9,306,863	2,289,881	11,596,744	88,701	128,699	217,400
Canada Bay (C)	89,139	2,281,995	759,029	3,041,024	110,470	34,117	144,587	2,369,878	788,859	3,158,737	22,587	4,287	26,874
Canterbury-Bankstown	371,726	9,238,256	3,267,955	12,506,211	435,832	142,064	577,896	9,349,776	3,284,932	12,634,708	324,312	125,087	449,399
Carrathool (S)	2,824	5,090,148	2,917,424	8,007,572	230,698	126,515	357,213	4,949,093	2,925,404	7,874,497	371,753	118,535	490,288
Central Coast	348,930	24,806,634	5,481,946	30,288,580	1,164,335	237,687	1,402,022	24,978,156	5,495,982	30,474,138	992,813	223,651	1,216,464
Central Darling (S)	1,745	5,803,838	1,994,345	7,798,183	260,591	86,599	347,190	5,590,378	2,002,427	7,592,805	474,051	78,517	552,568
Cessnock (C)	65,780	6,448,245	2,315,426	8,763,671	302,387	96,429	398,816	6,487,030	2,229,684	8,716,714	263,602	182,171	445,773
Clarence Valley	54,580	8,987,974	4,107,857	13,095,831	420,826	176,940	597,766	9,027,861	4,091,350	13,119,211	380,939	193,447	574,386
Cobar (S)	4,052	5,474,888	2,147,663	7,622,551	249,346	93,454	342,800	5,349,151	2,160,911	7,510,062	375,083	80,206	455,289
Coffs Harbour (C)	79,598	6,181,259	2,808,634	8,989,893	288,825	121,071	409,896	6,196,092	2,799,502	8,995,594	273,992	130,203	404,195
Coolamon (S)	4,463	3,187,054	1,612,516	4,799,570	146,735	69,841	216,576	3,147,873	1,614,915	4,762,788	185,916	67,442	253,358
Coonamble (S)	3,823	3,701,748	2,047,522	5,749,270	167,591	80,060	247,651	3,595,274	1,851,212	5,446,486	274,065	276,370	550,435
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional	11,394	4,682,696	1,957,740	6,640,436	216,190	84,667	300,857	4,637,867	1,957,728	6,595,595	261,019	84,679	345,698
Cowra (S)	12,690	4,198,641	1,812,677	6,011,318	192,183	78,745	270,928	4,122,858	1,820,799	5,943,657	267,966	70,623	338,589
Cumberland	237,129	6,972,737	2,195,743	9,168,480	337,545	92,619	430,164	7,241,720	2,141,608	9,383,328	69,012	146,754	215,766
Dubbo Regional	55,843	9,434,508	4,277,347	13,711,855	442,055	184,719	626,774	9,483,291	4,258,723	13,742,014	393,272	202,803	596,075
Dungog (S)	9,707	2,279,224	1,159,439	3,438,663	104,376	50,088	154,464	2,239,141	1,158,154	3,397,295	144,459	51,373	195,832
Edward River	8,454	5,092,560	1,894,834	6,987,394	235,754	82,832	318,586	5,057,577	1,915,324	6,972,901	270,737	62,342	333,079
Eurobodalla (S)	40,732	6,518,101	2,106,658	8,624,759	301,362	90,207	391,569	6,465,048	2,085,846	8,550,894	354,415	111,019	465,434
Fairfield (C)	206,644	8,082,320	2,090,125	10,172,445	391,259	90,461	481,720	8,393,584	2,091,679	10,485,263	79,995	88,907	168,902
Federation	12,852	5,695,862	2,802,861	8,498,723	265,653	121,176	386,829	5,698,990	2,801,926	8,500,916	262,525	122,111	384,636
Forbes (S)	9,342	4,543,145	2,418,878	6,962,023	208,983	105,447	314,430	4,483,248	2,438,224	6,921,472	268,880	86,101	354,981
Georges River	153,055	3,803,773	1,356,062	5,159,835	183,426	59,439	242,865	3,934,997	1,374,991	5,309,988	52,202	41,110	93,312
Gilgandra (S)	4,300	3,463,185	1,679,732	5,142,917	158,378	72,780	231,158	3,397,640	1,682,863	5,080,503	223,923	69,649	293,572
Glen Innes Severn	8,935	3,738,839	1,716,610	5,455,449	170,541	73,996	244,537	3,658,571	1,710,993	5,369,564	250,809	79,613	330,422
Goulburn Mulwaree	32,394	4,276,636	2,253,608	6,530,244	197,006	97,755	294,761	4,226,307	2,260,364	6,486,671	247,335	90,999	338,334
Greater Hume (S)	11,238	4,239,663	2,626,032	6,865,695	194,851	113,610	308,461	4,180,085	2,626,974	6,807,059	254,429	112,668	367,097
Griffith (C)	26,994	5,125,940	1,948,186	7,074,126	234,378	87,673	322,051	5,028,046	2,027,259	7,055,305	332,272	8,600	340,872
Gunnedah (S)	13,125	3,908,859	2,013,850	5,922,709	178,868	87,046	265,914	3,837,200	2,012,744	5,849,944	250,527	88,152	338,679
Gwydir (S)	4,915	3,810,578	2,724,219	6,534,797	172,983	101,221	274,204	3,710,963	2,340,477	6,051,440	272,598	484,963	757,561

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2023-24 FA GRANTS Schedule of Payments Totals													
		2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
Hawkesbury (C)	67,815	2,950,542	2,094,603	5,045,145	142,794	91,389	234,183	3,063,318	2,113,174	5,176,492	90,018	72,818	102,836
Hay (S)	2,828	3,219,970	1,010,007	4,229,977	145,321	43,901	189,222	3,117,532	1,015,100	4,132,632	247,759	38,808	286,567
Hills (S)	19,228	4,947,019	2,636,616	7,583,635	217,162	111,084	328,246	4,658,710	2,568,551	7,227,261	505,471	179,149	684,620
Hilltops	199,056	6,553,927	3,506,473	10,060,400	304,963	152,250	457,213	6,542,285	3,520,450	10,062,735	316,605	138,273	454,878
Hornsby (S)	151,713	3,770,459	1,748,297	5,518,756	173,561	75,540	249,101	3,723,350	1,746,699	5,470,049	220,670	77,138	297,808
Hunters Hill (M)	13,416	418,056	148,804	566,860	19,274	6,722	25,996	413,483	155,516	568,999	23,847	10	23,857
Inner West	182,886	4,752,436	1,600,449	6,352,885	230,062	72,129	302,191	4,935,461	1,667,807	6,603,268	47,037	4,771	51,808
Inverell (S)	17,943	5,152,810	2,773,021	7,925,831	235,806	120,076	355,882	5,058,688	2,776,495	7,835,183	329,928	116,602	446,530
Junee (S)	6,453	2,570,285	1,145,899	3,716,184	117,694	50,594	168,288	2,524,850	1,169,895	3,694,745	163,129	26,598	189,727
Kempsey (S)	31,118	5,407,819	2,369,306	7,777,125	248,698	101,540	350,238	5,335,258	2,347,874	7,683,132	321,259	122,972	444,231
Kiama (M)	22,925	1,555,812	612,434	2,168,246	71,480	27,060	98,540	1,533,437	625,681	2,159,118	93,855	13,813	107,668
Ku-ring-gai	124,108	3,084,373	1,382,598	4,466,971	145,752	60,320	206,072	3,126,779	1,394,771	4,521,550	103,346	48,147	151,493
Kyogle	9,418	3,802,159	1,998,010	5,800,169	172,707	86,049	258,756	3,705,042	1,989,700	5,694,742	269,824	94,359	364,183
Lachlan (S)	6,131	7,596,226	4,237,613	11,833,839	348,164	183,758	531,922	7,469,061	4,249,000	11,718,061	475,329	172,371	647,700
Lake Macquarie (C)	216,428	15,671,325	3,499,103	19,170,428	735,521	149,962	885,483	15,778,927	3,467,547	19,246,474	627,919	181,518	809,437
Lane Cove (M)	40,028	1,059,187	353,096	1,412,283	49,089	15,306	64,395	1,053,098	353,936	1,407,034	55,178	14,466	69,644
Leeton (S)	11,434	4,454,842	1,307,417	5,762,259	202,794	56,605	259,399	4,350,475	1,308,883	5,659,358	307,161	55,139	362,300
Lismore (C)	44,202	5,281,644	2,439,566	7,721,210	243,388	105,616	349,004	5,221,327	2,442,124	7,663,451	303,705	103,058	406,763
Lithgow (C)	20,810	4,485,790	1,568,617	6,054,407	206,168	68,760	274,928	4,422,871	1,589,908	6,012,779	269,087	47,469	316,556
Liverpool (C)	239,430	7,098,560	2,958,642	10,057,202	343,636	127,005	470,641	7,371,931	2,936,692	10,308,623	70,265	148,955	219,220
Liverpool Plains (S)	7,655	3,229,373	1,715,498	4,944,871	147,233	74,586	221,819	3,158,556	1,724,618	4,883,174	218,050	65,466	283,516
Lockhart (S)	3,365	2,946,888	1,086,139	4,633,027	135,585	72,994	208,579	2,908,659	1,687,840	4,596,499	173,814	71,293	245,107
Lord Howe Island (Bd)	445	330,750	-	330,750	15,388	-	15,388	330,121	-	330,121	16,017	-	16,017
Maitland (C)	93,497	6,547,063	1,826,481	8,373,544	307,252	77,485	384,737	6,591,402	1,791,686	8,383,088	262,913	112,280	375,193
Mid-Coast	97,090	14,978,476	6,785,682	21,764,158	691,843	293,607	985,450	14,841,931	6,789,010	21,630,941	828,388	290,279	1,118,667
Mid-Western Regional	25,760	5,319,549	3,077,415	8,396,964	243,692	133,439	377,131	5,227,865	3,085,479	8,313,344	335,376	125,375	460,751
Moree Plains (S)	12,850	6,361,591	3,605,467	9,967,058	293,003	156,372	449,375	6,285,722	3,615,724	9,901,446	368,872	146,115	514,987
Mosman (M)	28,100	822,046	278,657	1,100,703	39,795	12,435	52,230	853,704	287,547	1,141,251	8,137	3,545	11,682
Murray River	13,007	6,779,601	3,681,486	10,461,087	313,583	158,568	472,151	6,727,205	3,666,532	10,393,737	365,979	173,522	539,501
Murrumbidgee	3,559	3,876,280	2,040,076	5,916,356	176,832	88,774	265,606	3,793,521	2,052,704	5,846,225	259,591	76,146	335,737
Muswellbrook (S)	16,516	3,419,346	1,126,109	4,545,455	156,904	49,318	206,222	3,366,013	1,140,363	4,506,376	210,237	35,064	245,301
Nambucca Valley	20,571	3,639,089	1,549,927	5,189,016	167,112	66,055	233,167	3,585,008	1,527,377	5,112,385	221,193	88,605	309,798
Narrabri (S)	12,692	6,153,145	2,930,399	9,083,544	285,259	127,379	412,638	6,119,586	2,945,364	9,064,950	318,818	112,414	431,232
Narrandera (S)	5,702	4,171,676	1,978,356	6,150,032	192,581	85,942	278,523	4,131,389	1,987,231	6,118,620	232,868	77,067	309,935
Narrromine (S)	6,425	3,791,647	1,809,156	5,600,803	175,571	78,378	253,949	3,766,483	1,812,320	5,578,803	200,735	75,214	275,949
Newcastle (C)	171,316	12,040,279	2,217,202	14,257,481	565,126	95,707	660,833	12,123,497	2,213,023	14,336,520	481,908	99,886	581,794
North Sydney	69,256	1,753,671	571,125	2,324,796	84,894	25,513	110,407	1,821,208	589,917	2,411,125	17,357	6,721	24,078
Northern Beaches	263,090	6,538,410	2,676,103	9,214,513	313,474	117,461	430,935	6,724,883	2,716,024	9,440,907	127,001	77,540	204,541
Oberon	5,569	2,414,600	1,206,507	3,621,107	110,124	52,129	162,253	2,362,466	1,205,329	3,567,795	162,258	53,307	215,565
Orange (C)	43,906	4,329,149	1,497,912	5,827,061	199,510	64,245	263,755	4,280,031	1,485,530	5,765,561	248,628	76,627	325,255
Parkes (S)	14,342	5,404,450	2,655,471	8,059,921	249,021	115,450	364,471	5,342,172	2,669,541	8,011,713	311,299	101,380	412,679
Parramatta (C)	259,878	7,980,620	2,451,007	10,431,627	386,336	106,015	492,351	8,287,968	2,451,360	10,739,328	78,988	105,662	184,650
Penrith (C)	220,786	9,270,381	3,211,415	12,481,796	448,772	138,905	587,677	9,627,392	3,211,874	12,839,266	91,761	138,446	230,207
Port Macquarie-Hastings	88,145	7,393,735	3,755,135	11,148,870	346,893	162,126	509,019	7,441,799	3,748,792	11,190,591	298,829	168,469	467,298
Port Stephens	76,540	6,324,208	1,560,547	7,884,755	296,629	67,713	363,802	6,363,493	1,553,213	7,916,706	257,344	74,507	331,851
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional	64,189	4,279,177	3,207,060	7,486,237	200,443	136,308	336,751	4,300,056	3,151,829	7,451,885	179,564	191,539	371,103
Randwick (C)	135,742	3,651,848	1,145,110	4,796,958	176,783	51,761	228,544	3,792,488	1,196,867	4,989,355	36,143	4	36,147
Richmond Valley	23,671	4,488,062	1,967,270	6,455,332	206,320	85,224	291,544	4,426,120	1,970,601	6,396,721	268,262	81,893	350,155
Ryde (C)	130,953	3,254,478	1,171,379	4,425,866	152,971	51,195	204,166	3,281,643	1,183,797	4,465,440	125,815	38,777	164,592
Shellharbour (C)	78,256	4,986,478	1,288,581	6,275,059	234,024	52,059	286,083	5,020,455	1,203,772	6,224,227	200,047	136,868	336,915
Shoalhaven (C)	109,418	10,373,915	4,421,462	14,795,377	486,844	191,911	678,755	10,444,135	4,437,477	14,881,612	416,624	175,896	592,520
Silverton (VC)	35	41,700	-	41,700	1,940	-	1,940	41,621	-	41,621	2,019	-	2,019
Singleton	25,075	3,183,769	1,690,544	4,874,313	146,373	71,900	218,273	3,140,097	1,662,548	4,802,645	190,045	99,896	289,941
Snowy Monaro Regional	21,791	8,311,330	3,482,991	11,794,321	385,469	148,854	534,323	8,269,369	3,441,947	11,711,316	427,430	189,898	617,328

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2023-24 FA GRANTS Schedule of Payments Totals													
		2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
Snowy Valleys	14,884	5,532,284	1,738,628	7,270,912	253,995	74,974	328,969	5,448,879	1,733,610	7,182,489	337,400	79,992	417,392
Strathfield (M)	46,129	1,183,222	369,607	1,552,829	57,729	16,260	73,539	1,228,790	375,949	1,604,739	11,711	9,918	21,629
Sutherland (S)	231,723	5,758,856	2,505,027	8,263,883	269,814	108,665	378,479	5,788,250	2,512,606	8,300,856	240,420	101,086	941,506
Sydney (C)	217,748	5,763,024	1,629,904	7,392,928	278,984	73,676	352,660	5,984,968	1,703,576	7,688,544	57,040	4	57,044
Tamworth Regional	64,459	7,539,184	5,354,096	12,893,280	347,143	230,694	577,837	7,447,167	5,334,265	12,781,432	439,160	250,525	689,685
Temora (S)	5,993	3,111,530	1,636,425	4,747,955	141,457	71,601	213,058	3,034,635	1,655,618	4,690,253	218,352	52,408	270,760
Tenterfield (S)	6,877	4,250,359	2,077,575	6,327,934	193,960	89,798	283,758	4,160,974	2,076,415	6,237,389	283,345	90,958	374,303
Tibooburra (VC)	95	93,642	-	93,642	4,357	-	4,357	93,464	-	93,464	4,535	-	4,535
Tweed (S)	97,718	9,079,084	3,601,882	12,680,966	425,733	158,488	584,221	9,133,133	3,664,694	12,797,827	371,684	95,676	467,360
Upper Hunter (S)	14,292	4,085,900	2,440,371	6,526,271	186,686	105,738	292,424	4,004,933	2,444,943	6,449,876	267,653	101,166	368,819
Upper Lachlan (S)	8,539	3,755,923	2,385,306	6,141,229	171,479	103,316	274,795	3,678,698	2,388,970	6,067,668	248,704	99,652	348,356
Uralla (S)	5,980	2,208,497	1,163,909	3,372,406	100,815	50,405	151,220	2,162,764	1,165,513	3,328,277	146,548	48,801	195,349
Wagga Wagga (C)	68,227	8,208,147	4,118,260	12,326,407	384,992	177,413	562,405	8,259,136	4,102,306	12,361,442	334,003	193,367	527,370
Walcha	2,999	2,109,590	1,179,574	3,289,164	94,669	51,233	145,902	2,030,911	1,184,675	3,215,586	173,348	46,132	219,480
Walgett (S)	5,513	6,015,041	2,442,648	8,457,689	273,811	106,181	379,992	5,873,988	2,455,222	8,329,210	414,864	93,607	508,471
Warren (S)	2,577	2,580,822	1,299,191	3,880,013	117,511	56,460	173,971	2,520,924	1,305,507	3,826,431	177,409	50,144	227,553
Warrumbungle (S)	9,244	5,976,921	3,070,377	9,047,298	275,646	133,088	408,734	5,913,365	3,077,355	8,990,720	339,202	126,110	465,312
Waverley	69,218	1,730,618	518,767	2,249,385	83,778	23,049	106,827	1,797,267	532,958	2,330,225	17,129	8,858	25,987
Weddin (S)	3,604	2,462,580	1,267,405	3,729,985	110,895	54,967	165,862	2,379,005	1,270,972	3,649,977	194,470	51,400	245,870
Wentworth (S)	7,555	5,208,794	2,184,290	7,393,084	241,934	94,856	336,790	5,190,145	2,193,340	7,383,485	260,583	85,806	346,389
Willoughby (C)	75,409	1,892,705	705,200	2,597,905	91,625	31,279	122,904	1,965,596	723,273	2,688,869	18,734	13,206	31,940
Wingecarribee (S)	52,779	3,786,752	2,426,368	6,213,120	177,079	104,987	282,066	3,798,828	2,427,619	6,226,447	165,003	103,736	268,739
Wollondilly (S)	55,811	2,790,317	1,726,386	4,516,703	130,955	73,877	204,832	2,809,332	1,708,207	4,517,539	111,940	92,056	203,996
Wollongong (C)	216,290	18,809,215	3,066,739	21,875,954	882,822	132,568	1,015,390	18,938,937	3,065,330	22,004,267	753,100	133,977	887,077
Woolahra (M)	53,487	1,391,289	505,216	1,896,505	67,351	22,835	90,186	1,444,870	527,996	1,972,866	13,770	55	13,825
Yass Valley	17,377	2,291,263	1,747,227	4,038,490	104,850	75,839	180,689	2,249,306	1,753,631	4,002,937	146,807	69,435	216,242
TOTALS	8,155,963	675,648,877	277,534,692	953,183,569	31,434,847	11,979,830	43,414,677	674,363,305	277,007,102	951,370,407	32,720,419	12,507,420	45,227,839

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION
GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS**

1. GENERAL

All submissions **must** be consistent with the principles which have been adopted by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission (Commission). The principles are attached in **Table 1**.

Information in the submissions must relate to the year ended 30 June 2023, in order to be compatible with the Commission's **Roads, Bridges and General Information Return** for that year (for the 2024-25 grant calculations).

Only operational costs should be included; **capital costs are to be excluded**.

Submissions should be based only on *inherent* disadvantages and problems, which are outside a council's control. **Additional costs that result from deliberate policy decisions made by councils to provide a higher than average standard of service are not considered disadvantages.**

Information provided on disadvantages should be brief and the costing estimates of the disadvantages should be as accurate as is practicable.

If you have further questions, please contact the Executive Officer on (02) 4428 4100 or by email, olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions should be emailed to the Commission at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au as soon as possible and no later than **30 November 2023**.

2. EXPENDITURE DISADVANTAGES

(a) Content

The details of the Commission's expenditure calculations for Council's area are enclosed (see **Appendix A**). This information should be used in assessing whether to make a submission on expenditure disadvantages; that is, in assessing whether the particular disadvantages of Council's area are **already recognised** in the formula. If council believes that disadvantages **other than those currently identified by the formula** have an impact on the cost of providing services, then this should be substantiated in the submission.

Similarly, if council believes that the impact of any disadvantage already identified by the Commission is greater than indicated, then the case should be argued in the submission. Please refer to **Table 2** for the basic format for a special submission. Details of the expenditure items considered, the council functions and disadvantage measures can be found in **Appendix D**.

(b) Required Format

Table 2 shows the **REQUIRED FORMAT** for submissions on expenditure disadvantages. Submissions should be **brief** and include:

- (1) the function affected (using the Commission's functional heading);
- (2) a **brief** description of the disadvantage;
- (3) a **brief** account of the action taken to deal with that disadvantage; and,
- (4) the **estimated additional cost** impact of that action.

Where a disadvantage factor affects costs across multiple council functions, separate details should be used showing the cost impact in each function area.

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(c) Outcome

Where the Commission recognises an additional disadvantage raised in a submission beyond the measures recognised, an adjustment will be made as an "other" category.

Where an additional disadvantage is recognised which has an impact on a number of councils, the methodology will be adjusted, and *all councils* will be affected according to the extent of the relevant disadvantage.

3. REVENUE DISADVANTAGES

While the approved principles generally bind the Commission's operation in this area, councils may wish to comment on the current methodology if it is considered that these unfairly disadvantage them.

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TABLE 1

APPROVED PRINCIPLES

1. General purpose grants to local governing bodies will be allocated as far as practicable on a full equalisation basis as defined in the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*; that is a basis which attempts to compensate local governing bodies for differences in expenditure required in the performance of their functions and in their capacity to raise revenue.
2. The assessment of revenue and expenditure allowances of local governing bodies will, as far as is practicable, be independent of the policy or practices of those bodies in raising revenue and the provision of services.
3. Revenue raising capacity will primarily be determined on the basis of property values; positive and negative allowances relative to average standards may be calculated.
4. Revenue allowances may be discounted to achieve equilibrium with expenditure allowances.
5. Generally, for each expenditure function an allowance will be determined using operational cost; both positive and negative allowances relative to average standards may be calculated.
6. Expenditure allowances will be discounted to take account of specific purpose grants.
7. Additional costs associated with non-resident use of services and facilities will be recognised in determining expenditure allowances.

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TABLE 2

REQUIRED FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS ON EXPENDITURE DISADVANTAGES

Function:

Disadvantage:

Description and Response:

Cost Impact:

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2023-24**

Expenditure Functions with Expenditure Items Listed Below					
(Expenditure Items Source – Financial Data Return/Net Cost of Services – 5 year average gross operational costs)					
Recreation & cultural	Administration & governance	Community amenity	Community services & education	Roads, bridges & footpaths	Public order, safety, health & other
Museums	Administration	Public Cemeteries	Admin & Education	Aerodromes	Animal Containment
Art Galleries	Governance	Public Toilets	Children’s Services	Urban Roads Local	Fire Service Levy
Communities Centres & Halls		Town Planning	Aged and Disabled	Sealed Rural Roads Local	Noxious Plants & Insects
Performing Arts Venues		Street Lighting	Social Protection	Unsealed Rural Roads Local	Environment Protection
Other Sport & Recreation				Bridges on Urban Roads Local	Stormwater Management
Other Performing Arts				Bridges on Sealed Rural Roads Local	Urban Storm Drainage
Public Libraries				Bridges on Unsealed Rural Roads Local	Other
Swimming Pools				Footpaths	Health
Sporting Grounds				Parking Areas	Enforcement of Regulations
Parks and Gardens					Beach Control
					Building Control
					Street Cleaning

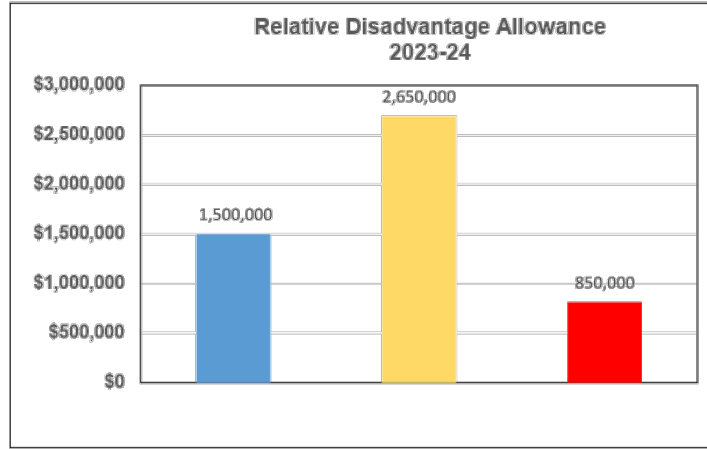
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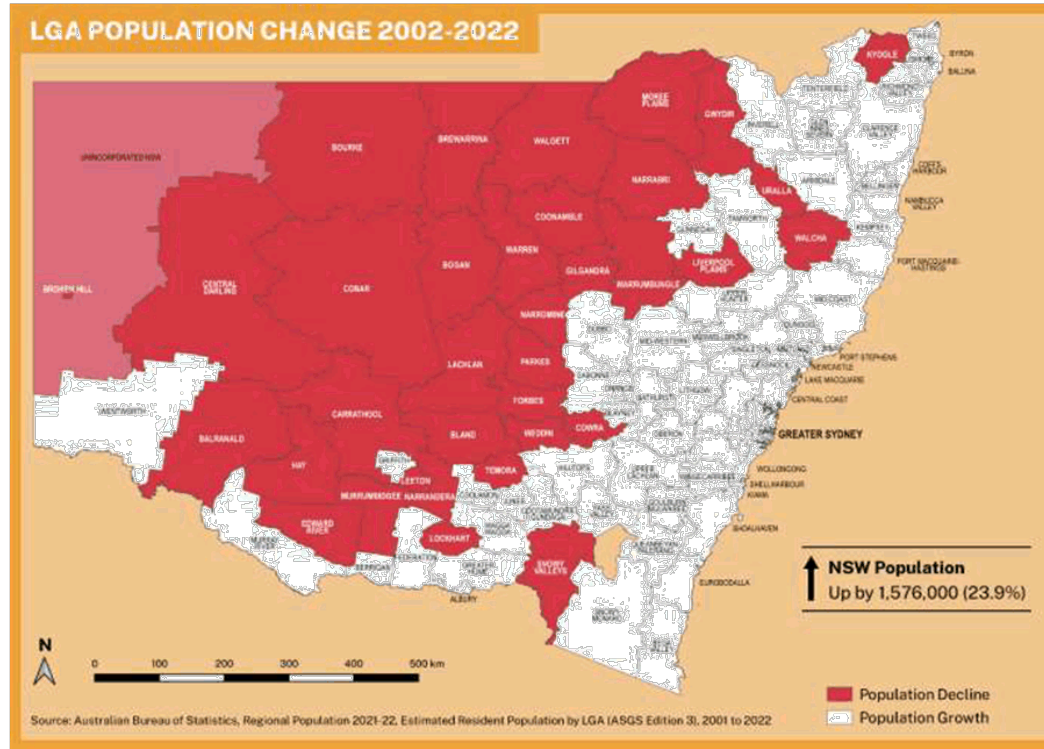
Expenditure Disability Factors		
Disability Factor	Description	Data Source
Population Size	Number of people residing in local government area. The more people in a community, the cheaper it is to provide resources per person. This suggests compensation for councils with smaller populations	ABS Regional population 2021-22, Estimated Resident Population (released 20 April 2023).
ATSI	Proportion of residents identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.	ABS 2021 Census of Population and Housing - Counts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, (released 31 August 2022).
Local Road Length	Kilometres of road within a local government area being the responsibility of councils.	Data provided by OLG, based on data supplied by each local council for the 2021-22 financial year.
Environment	Hectares of environmental land (hectares of conservation and natural environment, water and inland water bodies).	ABS 1410.0 - LAND AND ENVIRONMENT, Local Government Area, 2015-2020 (released .8 April 2022).
Rainfall, topography and drainage index	An index that measures variation in the cost of construction and maintenance of stormwater drainage based on a number of considerations.	Data provided by OLG, Independent Consultants, 1987, Stormwater Drainage Return.

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Within the GPC, \$5.0 million of the \$20.0 million CPI increase was apportioned to councils with greatest relative disadvantage on the basis of unsealed local road lengths (reported by local councils), isolation (ABS population data, 5 years averaged isolation expenditure reported by local councils, distance from Sydney and the nearest major regional centre, Western Zone Allowance), and population decline (ABS Estimated Population 2001-2022).

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Red indicates population decline in NSW from 2002-2022.

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Financial Assistance Grants 2023-24
Fact Sheet 2023



Local Government Financial Assistance Grants are paid to local councils to help them deliver services to their communities. The funds are paid annually by the Australian Government. Councils are free to use these funds at their discretion and are accountable to their communities. The Australian Government paid approximately 100% of the 2023-24 grants in advance. The remainder of the grant allocation will be paid in quarterly instalments.

2023 Update

In 2013 the Independent Local Government Review Panel recommended, "Subject to any legal constraints, seek to redistribute Federal Financial Assistance Grants and some State grants in order to channel additional support to councils and communities with the greatest needs." Following an extensive review of the financial assistance grant model 2013 to 2016, recommendations were made to refine and improve parts of the expenditure allowance under the General Purpose Component (GPC). In 2018 the Commission (Commission) began transitioning to refinements consistent with the National Principles and the NSW Government policy to allocate grants, as far as possible, to councils with the greatest relative disadvantage.

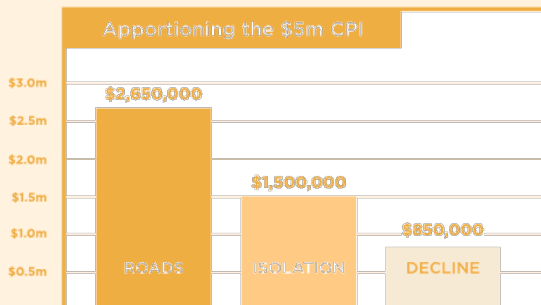
Since 2018-19, the transition arrangements have been limiting the percentage which an individual council's annual GPC can vary as follows:

- Upper limit (cap) of +5%
- Lower limit (collar) of 0%

Historically, the Commission set a range between +5% and -5%. The Commission is looking to restore caps and collars within a range of +6% to -4%. Retaining a 0% collar is resulting in more funds continuing to shift from councils with greater relative disadvantage to councils with more relative advantage. The Commission will keep the transitional arrangements for the 2023 recommendations, giving councils a sixth year to prepare. Consultation continues with the sector about the recommendations for 2024-25 and beyond and the most appropriate approach to resume the original lower limit, which may include a staged option.

Relative Disadvantage Allowance

The Commission quarantined \$5m of the CPI increase and apportioned it as an allowance for relative disadvantage.



Roads = unsealed local roads. Isolation = increased weighting for isolation allowance. Decline = councils with population decline between 2002-2022 (see negative population growth 2002-22 map page 1).



Councils with greatest relative disadvantage:

Councils with greatest relative disadvantage are generally rural and remote councils with:

- Small and declining populations
- Limited capacity to raise revenue
- Financial responsibility for sizeable networks of local roads/infrastructure & diminishing financial resources
- Relative isolation

The ongoing challenge for the Commission has been how to allocate a fairer share of the GPC to such councils when a fixed 30% of the GPC grant must be allocated based on population increases/decreases. This can result in minimum councils receiving significant increases such as occurred this year for Camden (+16.4%) and The Hills (+10.3%).

Where the Federal Government allocates a CPI increase, as occurred this year (4%), the Commission quarantines a proportion of the increase to allocate to councils with greatest relative disadvantage based on returns against 'unsealed local roads,' 'isolation' and 'population decline' (see box to the left).

In this way, some of these councils are able to achieve slightly greater than the 5% cap, consistent with the Commission's mandate from the Government.

Isolation Allowance Review

As part of its ongoing scrutiny of the currency and effectiveness of the Isolation Allowance, during 2022-23 the Commission has been engaged in testing and analysing various indicators of real cost impacts of isolation on councils.

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Why refine the model?

It's important to note that the Commission is not implementing a new model. Over time, the model had become very complex with an increasing number of functions and disadvantage factors. The model had 20 expenditure functions and 47 disadvantage factors applied across 128 councils plus more than 100 individual occurrences of discretionary disadvantage factors.

The Commission has taken advice, tested the competing propositions and decided to implement the recommended refinements and improvements.

The refined model:

- Allocates a higher proportion of grant funding to councils with greatest relative disadvantage
- Is consistent with the National Principles
- Is consistent with NSW policy of grant allocation
- Is transparent and publishable
- Is robust, statistically verifiable and auditable
- Uses best practice financial and modelling principles
- Is modern, simplified and more flexible

General information

Funds are allocated to NSW on the basis of the National Principles under the Federal legislation - the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. It comprises two pools of funds - the GPC and the Local Roads Component (LRC). For 2023-24 the estimated entitlement for the GPC is \$675,648,877, and the LRC is \$277,534,692 but the funds are untied. The GPC incorporates:

- Expenditure Allowance
- Revenue Allowance
- Isolation Allowance
- Pensioner Rebate Allowance
- Relative Disadvantage Allowance

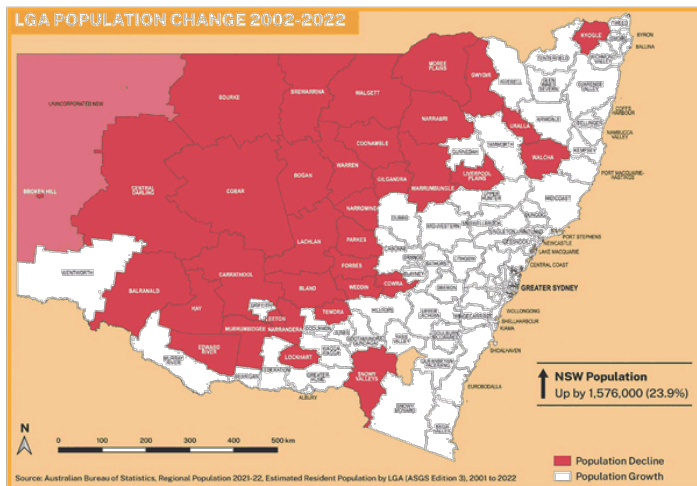
Per capita minimum grant

The legislation provides for a per capita minimum grant. The per capita minimum for 2023-24 is \$24.85. Councils on the minimum grant generally:

- Have economies of scale
- Are geographically smaller
- Are not relatively disadvantaged
- Have greater revenue raising capacity
- Experience year on year growth

There are 10 councils on the minimum grant, all located in the Sydney area. Almost 24% of the State's population live in those council areas.

Three minimum grant councils received a higher than state average increase of 4.0%, including Camden with 16.4%, The Hills with 10.3% and Hornsby on 5.2%.

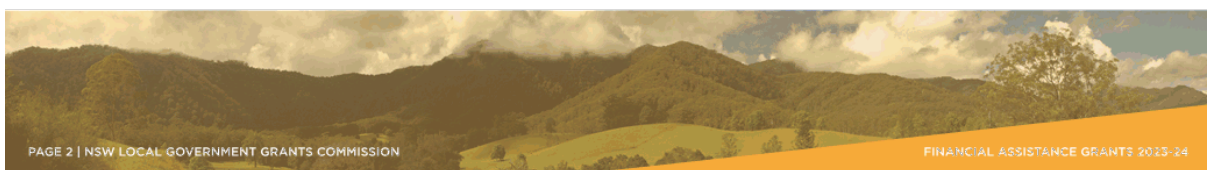


General Purpose Component (GPC)

The GPC expenditure allowance remains based on council expenditure reported against the Financial Data Return grouped as follows:

- Administration & Governance
- Recreation & Culture
- Community Amenity
- Community Services & Education
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths & Aerodromes
- Public Order, Health, Safety & Other

The 20 council functions are being retained but consolidated to six. The state average per capita cost for each function is still calculated by aggregating expenses (reported by all councils in their Financial Data Returns) for each function and divided by NSW's population.



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ATTACHMENT 6

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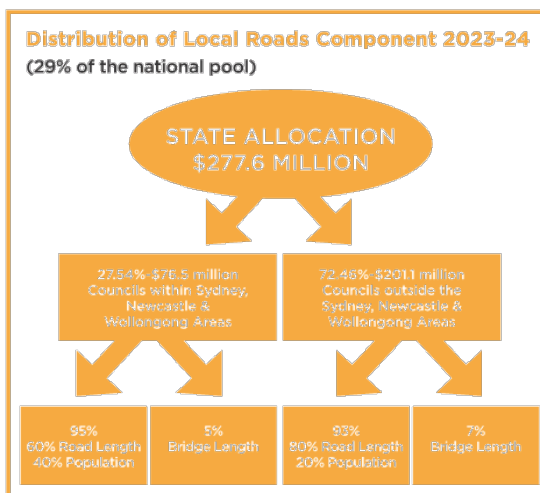


The **GPC expenditure allowance** includes five Cost Adjusters (or Disadvantage Factors/Measures) to enable the Commission to compare councils' relative disadvantage/advantage:

- Population (ABS - Total for LGA)
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders (ABS - %)
- Local road length (council - km)
- Environment (ABS - ha environmental land)
- Rainfall, topography and drainage (Consultants Willing & Partners - index)

The expenditure allowance formula is also retained:

No. of Units (LGA Population) x State Ave \$Cost/capita for the function x council's disadvantage factor = \$ expenditure allowance.



Submissions

The Commission invites council submissions annually. The purpose of a submission is to give a council the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disadvantages beyond its control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. This allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect councils' capacity to deliver services.

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<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/grants-commission>
Includes information such as prior fact sheets, Grants Commission Circulars, reports and grant schedules.

Background and call for the review

The Independent Local Government Review Panel recommendation (Fact Sheet page 1) was supported by a number of other reviews and reports including:

2008 Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity, Productivity Commission Research Report:

"A number of councils, particularly in capital city and urban developed areas, have the means to recover additional revenue from their communities sufficient to cover their expenditures without relying on grants. However, a significant number of councils, particularly in rural (87%) and remote (95%) areas would remain dependent on grants from other spheres of government to meet their current expenditure. Given the differences in the scope to raise additional revenue across different classes of councils, there is a case to review the provision of Australian Government general purpose grants to local governments."

2010 Australia's Future Taxation System Report:

"The current requirement that each council receives 30% of its per capita share of untied financial assistance grants may prevent state grants commissions from redistributing to councils that require greater assistance."

2013 The NSW Local Government Grants Commission submission to the Commonwealth Grants Commission Review:

... "we have seen an increase in concerns being raised about:

- the widening gap in revenue raising capacity for larger metropolitan councils versus smaller rural councils;
- increasing infrastructure needs;
- declining population."

2014 The NSW Government's Response to the Local Government Review Panel:

"The Government supports targeting Financial Assistance Grants to communities with the greatest need. It will ask the NSW Grants Commission to continue to identify opportunities to achieve this over time, within the constraints imposed by the national funding principles. It will also ask the Commission to ensure transitional protection for those councils with lower levels of need, to minimise the impact of any redistribution."

2017 Shifting the Dial: 5 year Productivity Commission Review:

"The Commission's study into transitioning regional economies noted that where populations have declined in Local Government areas, related declines in revenue are hampering efforts to maintain infrastructure designed to service (and be funded) by larger populations."

NOTICES OF MOTION**1 RECYCLING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR LOCAL SHOPFRONT BUSINESSES - Councillor Jordan Lane****File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/525**

MOTION:

- (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).

2 ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKRUN IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Daniel Han**File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/527**

BACKGROUND:

'Parkrun' is a free, weekly community event where you can walk, jog, run, or volunteer for a 5km running course. There are parkrun events each Saturday and Sunday in 20 countries all around the world. All events are organised by a group of dedicated, local community volunteers. There are currently 479 parkrun events around Australia.

Parkrun is about inclusiveness and wellbeing regardless of one's ability. It is an effective community fitness initiative where everyone is welcome and feel part of a local community as well as being part of a global fitness community.

Currently, there are weekly Parkrun events at near Rhodes (Canada Bay LGA), Parramatta, Wentworth Common (Parramatta LGA) and Willoughby (Willoughby LGA) but none in Ryde LGA.

MOTION:

- (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.
 - 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.

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

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/526

MOTION:

- (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.
- (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

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/529

MOTION:

- (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 - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/530

MOTION:

- (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.
 - 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**File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/531**

MOTION:

- (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.
 - 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**File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/532**

MOTION:

- (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.