

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 28 November 2023  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online  
**Time:** 6.00pm

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## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager

**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/478

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#### **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.

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**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 24 October 2023**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/481

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**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 12/23, held on 24 October 2023 be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 MINUTES - Council Meeting - 24 October 2023

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**



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Council Meeting  
**MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 12/23**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 24 October 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, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 8.20pm and did not return. He was not present for voting on Notice of Motion 5 and Notice of Motion 8.

**Apologies:** Nil.

**Staff Present:** Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, Acting General Manager – Business and Operations, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Acting Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Chief City Designer, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Acting Executive Officer – City Places, Executive Officer – City Resilience, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Executive Officer – City Economy, Acting Manager – Engineering & Project Delivery, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Community Services, Manager – Traffic Services, Manager – Operations, Financial Controller, Senior Coordinator – Community Services, Senior Coordinator – Program Delivery, Senior Sustainability and Environment Coordinator, Media and Communications Officer, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

**PRAYER**

Reverend Tim Kay of the Ryde Baptist Church, Ryde was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Matter of Urgency 1 – Investigating the Feasibility of Upgrades of Netball Courts within Meadowbank for the reason that her daughters play netball.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**CONDOLENCES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF URSULA CARLILE – Councillor Roy Maggio**

**Ursula Carlile 1937-2023** – Australian Swimming has lost a national treasure, with the peaceful passing of Ursula Carlile in Ryde at the age of 86.

Ursula was a pioneer of sports science and forged a career that broke down barriers for women across the globe. While simple stats only scratch the surface of Ursula Carlile's life in swimming, they are remarkable.

- Worked with Forbes in the first specialist sports science laboratory.
- Establishing a backyard business that now provides more 1.3 million swimming lessons a year.
- The first woman to coach Australia's swimmers at the Olympics.
- The first woman to be head coach of the Australian Swimming Team.
- Member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Life Member of Swimming Australia, Life Member of the Australian Swimming Teachers and Coaches Association, Member of the Australian Swim Schools Association Hall of Fame, Member of the United States Swim Schools Hall of Fame. Indeed, to this day, Ursula Carlile remains the only woman to be the head coach of the Australian Swimming team, after leading them at both the 1974 Commonwealth Games and the 1975 World Championships.

She was a pioneer and a leader in her own right. At a time when our sport was dominated by highly conservative thinking and practices, overt officialdom and very limited opportunities for female coaches, she blazed a trail to be the first female coach of an Australian Olympic swimming team. An amazing achievement, despite the obstacles.

An amazing legend of the Ryde community Rest in Peace.

Note: The meeting then observed a one minute silence.

**TABLING OF PETITIONS**

No Petitions were tabled.

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Li and Lane)

That Standing Orders be Suspended for Councillor Li to present Council with a banner from the Eastwood Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, the time being 6.11pm.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Li then presented the banner from the Eastwood Chinatown Chamber of Commerce to Council.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Li and Lane)

That Standing Orders be Resumed, the time being 6.12pm.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Gerry Manderson	<b>Notice of Motion 3</b> – Restoration of Glades Bay Road Reserve
Dr. Jo Anne Rey, Dharug Community Member	<b>Notice of Motion 8</b> – City of Ryde's Housing Affordability Strategy and Affordable Housing Options for Indigenous Rangers seeking to reside in the Local Government Area

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Veronika Bonora	There are a number of staff with jobs/companies/work in addition to their full-time position at City of Ryde. Could the CEO/Governance Manager please explain and provide evidence of the approval of these conflicts and how they are then managed.
Veronika Bonora	As a matter of legislative requirements could the CEO please provide unequivocal assurance that all his delegations to staff are correct and operating correctly. Could the CEO please provide evidence of this (as this is open access information that should be available to the public) in the form of the delegations register and detailed organisational chart. There should be no preparation required for this it should be readily and publicly available otherwise City of Ryde is acting illegally.
Mitchell Day	Please carefully consider funding an upgrade of the netball courts at Meadowbank. This would be a massive investment in continuing to encourage kids to be active and an opportunity to provide other facilities on the courts. Lots of games and recreational activities could then use them. Basketball, pickle ball, junior cycle courses of course on top of a massive use for netball. No other facility in the Council area impacts so many people yet investment has been in other smaller spaces / facilities for far less people. Yes they are functionally, however, barely. Acceptable standard - no. Fully safe - no. Provide an opportunity for rep teams to excel with up to date courts and facilities. It is a massive sport that needs this facility to be upgraded - courts are constantly slippery, covered in wash off from its surroundings and has significant drops that are dangerous and end up with puddles long after rain which then becomes very slippery. An upgrade of these courts needs to be a priority for the local council, along with an application to the state government and any other grants (lottery, etc) that the council can get. Please take the time to discuss this and find a way to positively impact so many people's enjoyment, safety and participation. Ryde has some great facilities but we are falling behind in this area - our rep teams do well but imagine how much better they could do with upgraded facilities.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MATTER OF URGENCY 1**

Councillor Deshpande advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding investigating the feasibility of upgrades of netball courts within Meadowbank.

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

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Brown)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Deshpande, regarding investigating the feasibility of upgrades of netball courts within Meadowbank, the time being 6.17pm.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MATTER OF URGENCY 1 – INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF UPGRADES OF NETBALL COURTS WITHIN MEADOWBANK**

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her daughters play netball.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Brown)

- (a) That Council undertakes a condition audit of the current state of netball courts in Meadowbank, noting the potential for injuries to be sustained by players.
- (b) That Council, based on the outcomes of the audit, investigate options for repairing the existing courts to ensure the facility is fit for purpose.
- (c) That Council provide an update on the status of the new netball courts at the old Marsden High School site.
- (d) That a report be provided back to Council as soon as practicable.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MATTER OF URGENCY 2**

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding fox attacks across Ryde.

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

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

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen, regarding fox attacks across Ryde, the time being 6.24pm.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MATTER OF URGENCY 2 – FOX ATTACKS ACROSS RYDE**

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

- (a) That Council acknowledge the sudden increase in fox sightings and attacks on residents pets and local wildlife over recent months.
- (b) That City of Ryde prepare:
  - i. A report on the current fox numbers and management program in Ryde to be circulated in the Councillor Information Bulletin.
  - ii. A submission for the NSW Invasive Species Management review before 31 October.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Deshpande)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 4, Item 9, Item 10, Precis of Correspondence 1, Precis of Correspondence 2, Precis of Correspondence 3, Notice of Motion 2, Notice of Motion 6, Notice of Motion 7 and Notice of Motion 9 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the reports.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 26 September 2023**

**RESOLUTION:**

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

**4 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES – 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2023**

**RESOLUTION:**

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

**9 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM REVIEW**

**RESOLUTION:**

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

**10 REDUCING ORGANIC AND NON-ORGANIC MATTER IN OUR WATERWAYS**

**RESOLUTION:**

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

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**1 RESPONSE BY OFFICE OF TANYA PLIBERSEK – WASTE SUMMIT**

**RESOLUTION:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**2 NSW STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

**RESOLUTION:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**3 LETTER REGARDING DETERMINATIONS BY VALUER GENERAL**

**RESOLUTION:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**2 EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATION IN RYDE LIBRARIES DURING DAYS OF EXTREME TEMPERATURES – Councillor Justin Li**

**RESOLUTION:**

(a) That Council note the following:-

- i. The increasing cost of energy experienced by Ryde households in recent years;
- ii. Extreme temperatures tend to disproportionately impact households on lower incomes and the disadvantaged;
- iii. According to the Bureau of Meteorology it is anticipated that Sydney will experience a very hot summer ahead.

(b) That in light of the above, Council moves that:

- i. Further to Council's resolution on 26 September 2023 considering extending libraries' hours of operation for students, Council also considers extending hours of operation in some or all local libraries on days of extreme temperatures (eg. 36 degrees plus) so that these facilities may be used by the local community seeking relief;

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- ii. A report be provided back to Council exploring this proposal by December 2023.

**6 WASTE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN – Councillor Bernard Purcell**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That City of Ryde undertake research for a specific education campaign in waste management – being bin stickers that inform users of the appropriate waste for each bin.
- (b) That a report be brought back to Council, at the earliest, with recommendations for this campaign.
- (c) That this campaign be funded out of the City of Ryde Domestic Waste Reserve.

**7 SAFETY FOR CHILDREN PLAYING AT HEATLEY RESERVE IN EAST RYDE – Councillor Penny Pedersen**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council note the following:-
  - i. Local residents and shop owners have brought to the attention of Councillors that very young children playing in Heatley Reserve at East Ryde, have been seen running downhill into traffic on Moncrieff Drive.
  - ii. Moncrieff Drive and Sager Place are part of the 506 bus route, both City bound and Macquarie University bound, arriving and departing regularly and swinging around the corner.
  - iii. There is a 50 km hour speed limit on Moncrieff Drive, but residents complain that traffic is often travelling much faster.
- (b) That staff investigate the provision of a suitable barrier/deterrent (wooden fence or thick native hedge) along Heatley Reserve, East Ryde at Moncrieff Drive and Sager Place, to deter small children running directly into traffic and the bus interchange area.
- (c) That a report be presented to Council detailing the findings of the investigation outlined in part (b) above, including identification of different options and funding sources to provide a visually appealing deterrent that enhances the new design of the Reserve.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**9 SAFETY ON THE STAIRCASE AT 1 POPE STREET BETWEEN COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE AND THE LIBRARY – Councillor Penny Pedersen**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) Council notes the following:-
- i. A very steep staircase links the City of Ryde Customer Service Centre with the Library at 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde.
  - ii. That the balustrades have steel poles protruding from the top.
  - iii. That the staircase winds around quite sharply and that members of the public have contacted Councillors in regard to questions about safety and compliance.
- (b) That staff undertake an investigation regarding the staircase listed at part (a) above and provide a report to Council outlining the safety of the staircase and compliance with building codes.

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**MM20/23 RELOCATION OF RYDE FIRE STATION – Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

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

- (a) That the Mayor write to the Ryde Fire Station Chief and thank him for the dedication and professionalism displayed by all fire service personnel associated with the old Ryde Fire Station in Blaxland Road and that they be wished all the best at the new headquarters in Coxs Road, North Ryde.
- (b) That the Mayor provide a BBQ with assistance from Council staff during business hours at the new fire station with the present and past fire fighters serving at station 42 to be funded from the Mayors budget.
- (c) That the neighbours be invited to the BBQ.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 26 September 2023**

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

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

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

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

**Record of Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

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

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

**5 DRAFT CITY OF RYDE SPONSORSHIP POLICY**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lara-Watson)

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

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of the revised Sponsorship Policy, as attached, for a period of at least 28 days with the below additions/amendments:

Change part 8 - Sponsorships not permitted under this policy to include:

- i. Sponsors who have been found to endorse or publish discriminatory language or opinions (including Racism, gender, religious discrimination)

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- ii. The City of Ryde will not accept sponsorship from entities which derive their principle source of revenue from the following activities:
- Gambling or manufacturing/sales of poker machines.
  - Fossil fuel production, sale, distribution, or mining for fossil fuels.
  - Fossil fuel power generation.
  - Foreign government owned business and foreign governments, unless approval has been given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
  - Developers.

- (b) That a further report be brought to Council if there are any substantive submissions requiring consideration by Council, otherwise the revised Policy be adopted after the public exhibition period has ended.

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

**Record of Voting:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION:**

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

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**6 RYDE RESOURCE EFFICIENCY POLICY**

Note: Councillor Brown left the meeting at 7.26pm during discussion on this Item and was not present for voting on this Item.

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

- (a) That Council adopt the revised 'Target' (formerly Resource Efficiency Target 2020 within the Renewable Energy Target) as a new Council policy, to be known as the "Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy" (2023).



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

(b) That Council adopts the updated Resource Efficiency Policy (REP) including all amendments.

**Record of Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

Note: Councillor Brown returned to the meeting at 7.32pm.

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

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

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

**Record of Voting:**

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

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

**8 CAPITAL WORKS URGENT PROJECT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

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

That the proposed budget variations be adopted by Council.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**9 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM REVIEW**

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

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**10 REDUCING ORGANIC AND NON-ORGANIC MATTER IN OUR WATERWAYS**

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

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

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

That Council:

- (a) Approve the City of Ryde entering the Memorandum of Understanding at Attachment 1 with the Hsinchu Science Park Bureau.
- (b) Approve the Mayor of the City of Ryde signing the MoU on behalf of the Council, as per Council's *International Relations Policy* and invite any interested Councillors who wish to attend.
- (c) Note the information contained within this report, the Memorandum of Understanding at Attachment 1, and the merit-based assessment at Attachment 2.
- (d) Note that on 26 April 2023, the Council resolved (D23/60046) that it:
  - i) *Pursue the potential benefits that have been identified from this delegation* [identified in the 2023 Evaluation Report of the City of Ryde's international delegation to the Taiwan Smart City Summit and Expo] *and*
  - ii) *Seek opportunities for continued participation in the Taipei Smart City Expo and Net Zero Summit in 2024.*
- (e) That additional information be provided to Councillors in a workshop on implementing this motion.

**Record of Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Pedersen, Purcell and Song

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

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

Note: Councillors Deshpande and Lane left the meeting at 7.50pm during discussion on this Item and were not present for voting on this Item.

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

**(A) ARGYLE AVENUE, RYDE - RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

The following measures be considered on Argyle Avenue, Ryde:

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

**(B) ROBINSON STREET, RYDE - NO STOPPING**

The following changes be made on Robinson Street, Ryde:

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

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

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

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

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

Note: This matter was withdrawn.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

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

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

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

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

The following changes be made on Herring Road, Marsfield:

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

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

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

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

**(H) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS**

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

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

**13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1 RESPONSE BY OFFICE OF TANYA PLIBERSEK - WASTE SUMMIT**

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

**2 NSW STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE - COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

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

**3 LETTER REGARDING DETERMINATIONS BY VALUER GENERAL**

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

Note: Councillors Deshpande and Lane returned to the meeting at 7.53pm.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**1 ESTABLISHING A MODERN EASTWOOD CHINATOWN SHOPPING PRECINCT - Councillor Justin Li**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Li and Lane)

Establishing a "145 CT" shopping precinct in Eastwood.

(a) That City of Ryde notes:

- Approximately 48% of residents in Eastwood identify as having a Chinese ancestry in the 2021 census.
- The Chinese Australian community has contributed significantly to the economic and cultural prosperity of Australia, NSW and the City of Ryde.
- The commercial areas of Rowe Street West and Eastwood Village have long been popular destinations for Chinese groceries, markets and restaurants.

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- The Eastwood Chinatown Chamber of Commerce was recently established to represent local businesses and held a successful launch at Eastwood Plaza on 30 September 2023.
  - As seen from the success of Eastwood Koreatown, destination precincts contribute significantly to the economy of Ryde and help foster greater harmony and cultural exchange of Australians of different heritages.
- (b) That Council partner with the Eastwood business community, local residents and other appropriate stakeholders to establish a working party, chaired by Councillor Li and Councillor Song as a member to:-
- i. Identify appropriate boundaries to demarcate a “145 CT” precinct on the Western side of the shopping area in Eastwood.
  - ii. Upon successful identification of the precinct, develop a masterplan for appropriate and inclusive signage, decorations and other public art to create an identifiable “145 CT” precinct.
  - iii. Consult with the community about the masterplan.
  - iv. Develop a budget to allocate funding to be brought back to Council for consideration as part of the current Delivery Plan process by February 2024.
  - v. Report to Council on the outcomes of the working party deliberations.
  - vi. Upon completion of the project, organise an official launch of 145 CT with invitations sent to all those who participated in the process with the working party.
- (c) That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide all necessary resources to the working party to achieve its goals.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**2 EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATION IN RYDE LIBRARIES DURING DAYS OF EXTREME TEMPERATURES - Councillor Justin Li**

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

**3 RESTORATION OF GLADES BAY ROAD RESERVE - Councillor Roy Maggio**

Note: Gerry Manderson made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That Council note Glades Bay Road Reserve as a peaceful passive reserve enjoyed by Ryde residents who appreciate the expansive water views of Glades Bay.

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- (b) That Council investigate the condition of Glades Bay Road Reserve, including community interest in restoring the Park by undertaking a survey of all neighbouring residents.
- (c) That a report be provided back to the March 2024 Council meeting which details the findings of the investigation, the views from the community consultation and an implementation plan (if required).

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council note Glades Bay Road Reserve as a peaceful passive reserve enjoyed by Ryde residents who appreciate the expansive water views of Glades Bay.
- (b) That Council investigate the condition of Glades Bay Road Reserve, including community interest in restoring the Park by undertaking a survey of all neighbouring residents.
- (c) That a report be provided back to the March 2024 Council meeting which details the findings of the investigation, the views from the community consultation and an implementation plan (if required).
- (d) That Council acknowledge that after many submissions and petitions from the community, Council staff consulted widely and worked with Birdlife Australia/the Powerful Owl project to design and build a refuge for the owls and other wildlife.
- (e) That any proposal to remove the refuge in the Ross Street Road Reserve should be done in consultation with Birdlife Australia, the Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society and The Parramatta River Catchment Group.

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 Deshpande, Han, Li, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

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

**RESOLUTION:**

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**Record of Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

**4 TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN STREETS SURROUNDING PUTNEY VILLAGE - Councillor Roy Maggio**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council investigate opportunities to increase parking through changes to existing parking restrictions (e.g. converting existing "NO STOPPING" zones into time restricted parking) within the following local roads in the immediate vicinity of Putney shops:
  - i. Charles Street between Susan Schardt Way and Phillip Road;
  - ii. Morrison Road between Payten Street and Putney Public School;
  - iii. Delange Road between Morrison Road and Frances Road; and
  - iv. Douglas Street between Morrison Road and Phillip Road.
- (b) That community consultation be undertaken on any proposed parking changes recommended from the parking assessment/investigation within the local roads listed in part (a).
- (c) That the preferred parking option(s) from the community consultation be raised at the Ryde Local Traffic Committee and Council meeting for formal approval, prior to any works being undertaken.

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**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**5 CULTURAL CENTRE - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Daniel Han**

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 8.20pm during discussion on this Item and did not return. He was not present for voting on this Item.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Han and Brown)

- (a) That the Mayor write to Premier Minns to provide the budget and plans to build this Cultural Community Centre during this term of the Labor government.
- (b) That Council prioritise all resources necessary to ensure that within six (6) months of receiving the sufficient funds committed to the planning and development phase:
  - ii) For a planning proposal to be prepared to amend the RLEP to increase the allowable height in this part of Eastwood, as required for the construction of an appropriate Community Cultural Centre; and
  - iii) To allow for the preparation and lodgment of a Development Application to accommodate all the services and inclusions to enable the Community Cultural Centre to be able to function on top of a multi-level car park (such as but not limited to sewerage, air conditioning, mechanical ventilation, fire services, waste services and the like).
- (c) That staff investigate and provide a report back to Council regarding the quantum of funds required from the State Government for them to fulfil their pre-election commitment to build the Cultural Centre.
- (d) That in response to the advice provided by the Premier's office, Council to include the "Korean Cultural Centre" in the master planning of Eastwood Town Centre.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and O'Reilly)

- (a) That should Council not be successful in reinstating the rejected State funding, it commits to funding the planning proposal, development application and associated community consultation.
- (b) Following the planning proposal, and development stage, Council investigates funding required to build a cultural centre and that Council includes the Cultural Centre in the Eastwood Precinct master plan.

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On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was four (4) For and seven (7) Against. The Amendment was LOST. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

**Record of Voting:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION:**

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- (d) That in response to the advice provided by the Premier's office, Council to include the "Korean Cultural Centre" in the master planning of Eastwood Town Centre.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

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

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

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**6 WASTE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN - Councillor Bernard Purcell**

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

**7 SAFETY FOR CHILDREN PLAYING AT HEATLEY RESERVE IN EAST RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

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

**8 CITY OF RYDE'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STRATEGY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR INDIGENOUS RANGERS SEEKING TO RESIDE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

Note: Dr. Jo Anne Rey, Dharug Community Member made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

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

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) Council notes that according to a recent Committee for Sydney report, 'Sydney's housing crisis is "crippling" the NSW economy costing the city an estimated \$10 billion a year in lost productivity. Housing affordability in Sydney is second only to Hong Kong in terms of housing unaffordability, with an average home costing more than 13 times the median salary. Rental availability and affordability are also at crisis levels, with 35.3 per cent of Sydney renter households experiencing the financial stress of paying more than 30 per cent of their monthly incomes on housing costs'. The report recommended the introduction of a zoning target to include affordable housing in new developments.
- (b) Acknowledge the suffering of all Ryde Residents during the housing crisis and more perspective are welcome on how to ease this burden. For a first nation's perspective, council staff should engage with the reconciliation action working group for how the City of Ryde can respectfully ease the pressure for first nations people living in Ryde.
- (c) Invite interested Councillors to read the 2023-2024 Operational Delivery Plan on page 19 where the City of Ryde is reviewing Council's affordable housing policy and this council has called for a workshop on this matter.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**9 SAFETY ON THE STAIRCASE AT 1 POPE STREET BETWEEN COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE AND THE LIBRARY - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

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

**QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY**

**1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Shweta Deshpande**

Question 1:

**What is the current expected timeframe and completion date for the stormwater drainage and road works in Hedgeland Close, Meadowbank?**

Answer 1:

The key activities remaining for project completion are shown in the Table below which shows an anticipated completion date in late December 2023. This anticipated end date accounts for 22 days of unforeseen delays.

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
Construct sewer protection bridge	22 days	Wed 6/09/2023	Thu 5/10/2023
Curing time of the sewer protection slab	7 days	Fri 6/10/2023	Mon 16/10/2023
Excavate and Construct retaining wall	7 days	Tue 17/10/2023	Wed 25/10/2023
Shared pathway excavation and disposal of soil	5 days	Thu 26/10/2023	Wed 1/11/2023
Construct shared pathway	5 days	Thu 2/11/2023	Wed 8/11/23
Remove/dispose asphalt for the road construction	7 days	Tue 24/10/2023	Wed 1/11/2023
Repair soft spots	5 days	Thu 2/11/2023	Wed 8/11/2023
Asphalt laying	5 days	Thu 9/11/2023	Wed 15/11/2023
Demobilise/clean the site	5 days	Thu 16/11/2023	Wed 22/11/2023
Allowance for unforeseen delays (contingency)	22 days	Thu 23/11/2023	Wed 22/12/2023

**Table 1 Program to completion**

Question 2:

**What has changed since the original estimated timeframe? What are the causes of the ongoing delay and slow progress in completing the works?**

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Answer 2:

This project was initially proposed to commence in September 2021 and planned to be delivered by March 2022. From the commencement of the project various challenges have impacted the project timeline. These challenges fall under three categories: latent site conditions, the COVID-19 pandemic, and unprecedented wet weather. The latent site conditions encountered included the following:

- Addressing the additional works and approvals required by utility providers such as Sydney Water, Jemena and Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited (Viva Energy) for the protection or augmentation of their assets.
- Revising designs and construction methodology to accommodate the condition of existing utilities and infrastructure, which were impacted by changing subsurface conditions.
- Proper handling of marine sediments onsite.
- Addressing unexpected difficulties associated with working below the tidal range.
- Implementing extra reporting and on-site measures to fulfill environmental obligations regarding groundwater.

These challenges had significant consequences, resulting in substantial delays and significant cost overruns. Details regarding the cost overruns cannot be disclosed at this time due to the project's ongoing status, as this information is commercially confidential. For a more comprehensive overview of these issues and their chronological occurrence, please refer to the Table below.

Date	Description of delay
Sep 2021	Commencement of works
Sep 2021 - Oct 2022	On-site management of marine sediments. This has involved blending the excavated soil with lime on site to neutralise any potential acidification that can occur with these sediments prior to offsite disposal. This has created a total delay of nearly two months across the construction program to date.
Sep 2021 - Aug 2022	Unforeseen challenges of working below the tidal range. This involved daily dewatering of existing stormwater line to provide safe working conditions
Sep 2021 - Dec 2021	Additional reporting and measures on site to meet environmental requirements relating to groundwater

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Oct 2021 - Dec 2022	Revised designs and construction methodology to accommodate the condition of existing utilities and infrastructure impacted by changing subsurface conditions. This had significant impacts on construction of both the upstream and downstream drainage structures which took 5 months and 3 months respectively. Updated approval was also required for Sydney Water protective works which contributed to a 3 week delay.
Jan 2022 - Oct 2022	The La Nina weather pattern resulted in abnormally high rainfall throughout a significant portion of 2022 resulting in frequent delays due to the location of the site at the bottom of the catchment. Key impacts on site were the clayey soils which became unsafe for machinery and people to traverse when wet, as well as the need to dewater excavations which rapidly filled with water from the surrounding catchment. The month of March was a key event which resulted in a total site shut down for several weeks.
Nov 2022 - Mar 2023	Reapplication to Jemena for works around high-pressure gas main due to lapsed approvals and subsequent completion of these works. This created a 3 month delay in obtaining a revised letter of offer from Jemena and then a further 5 weeks to coordinate availability of both Jemena's nominated contractor and Jemena's supervisors into the sequence of works.
Apr 2023 - Sep 2023	Identification of clash with Sydney Water sewer overflow, design, approvals and subsequent construction of a protective bridging structure. This created a total delay of 5 months including three and a half months to obtain design approval followed by one month to obtain construction approval from Sydney Water.

**Table 2 Timeline of Unforeseen Events**

These delays created the perception of minimal on-site progress. However, in reality, specific work couldn't commence until all specialist designs and approvals were obtained.

Question 3:

**Why were there long periods (as observed by local residents) where no works were occurring at all on site?**

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Answer 3:

The long periods during which no construction activities were observed on the site were primarily due to a series of unforeseen events and challenges, as outlined in Table 2 - Timeline of Unforeseen Events. These events had significant consequences and resulted in substantial delays, making it necessary to temporarily halt work until the various issues, such as utility provider approvals, were addressed and resolved.

Question 4:

**It is noted that Councillor Penny Pedersen commented in the Meadowbank Community (NSW 2114) facebook group: "As an environmentalist I am concerned about what gets to our water from sewer overflows, development along the river and I am concerned about disturbing what is buried beneath the water, in the sediment. I support regulation and best practice around the river. There is a long history of industrial mistreatment buried in the sediment that should not be disturbed. There is also the VIVA PIPELINE which carries high pressure fuel from Gore Bay in Greenwich to Clyde (you just cannot mess with that pipe). Caution/regulation that governs safety, environmental protection is paramount and obviously slows work down... I'd be seriously worried if Sydney water, Viva and Jemena didn't scrutinise contractors work at this site!"**

**Have any third parties / authorities been responsible for the ongoing delay and slow progress in completing the works? If so, which ones and how have they caused the delays?**

Answer 4:

As previously outlined, third parties and authorities have substantially contributed to ongoing delays in completing the project. These utility providers were responsible for requiring additional works and approvals to protect or enhance their assets. This included revising designs and construction methods to accommodate changing subsurface conditions and ensuring the proper handling of marine sediments on-site. These requirements, while necessary, contributed to project delays. Please refer to Table 2 for further information.

Question 5:

**What will Council's public works team do differently to prevent similar cost blow outs and significant delays when managing similar civil works projects in the future? Set out all learnings from this project.**

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Answer 5:

Contingency measures are typically incorporated into projects to handle unforeseen challenges, especially when sub-surface work is involved. However, this project has been quite exceptional in terms of the magnitude of issues that needed to be addressed.

Among the setbacks that were identified, the most pressing concern was the high-pressure oil pipeline traversing within Council's stormwater pipe and the location of the high-pressure gas main on the site. This situation necessitated the hiring of specialised contractors to carry out the necessary corrective actions. In this case, there was no viable alternative but to acknowledge the additional time delays and associated costs, as failing to do so would have presented a significant risk of causing major damage to the surrounding sites if the work was not executed correctly.

An invaluable lesson that has emerged from this project pertains to enhancing communication with the community. When dealing with service providers and navigating approval processes, it is imperative to keep the community informed about expected delays throughout the project. Transparency not only fosters trust and cooperation but also manages expectations, reducing any possible frustration or confusion within the community.

Further to this, when dealing with major projects such as 146 Bowden Street, an important lesson learned is the importance of conducting thorough investigative work before initiating any construction activities. This would not have prevented delays or cost overruns but would have enabled Council to efficiently communicate and set realistic expectations about the project's timeline, making it clear that it couldn't be completed within a 12-month period and instead would require a 3-year timeframe for completion.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023

Chairperson



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### 3 RYDE CENTRAL AND OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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**Report prepared by:** Chief Financial Officer  
**File No.:** GRP/23/11 - BP23/725

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#### REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, councils are required to follow principles of sound financial management. Councils must ensure its spending is responsible and sustainable, undertake responsible and sustainable investments in infrastructure for the benefit of the local community, implement effective financial and asset management. Council has legal requirements and continuous regulatory reporting obligations that it must comply with.

As Councillors are aware, Council's financial position has recently been identified to be in a precarious state when it was confirmed by the Office of Local Government (OLG) that restricted reserves had been "illegally" accessed and transferred by staff in the 2020-21 financial year into a newly created Ryde Central Reserve and other Internal Reserves. If these funds held in Ryde Central Reserve had been expended, then Council would have been placed in a position whereby it would have been unable to replenish those restricted reserves whose funds had been illegally transferred from.

As such, Council would likely have been placed in administration or at the least would have become financially unsustainable in relation to meeting our asset renewal ratios and/or Council would have had to significantly reduce other services and programs for our community.

Council has taken appropriate action to place certain projects on hold whilst staff have dealt with serious maladministration issues from the 2020-21 financial year which have been referred to OLG, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the NSW Audit Office (AO) and our own Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). Significant internal reform and enhanced risk and control measures ensure these illegal actions cannot occur in the future.

Notwithstanding these serious issues, Council and staff have a number of important monetary matters to consider relating to existing infrastructure assets and the proposed acquisition of land, construction of future assets and renewal of existing assets. This requires a prudent, responsible plan to ensure our future financial sustainability. The matters in question include:

- (i) A Council resolution for the Chief Executive Officer to take any and all steps necessary to help secure TG Millner as green open space through a compulsory acquisition process;

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- (ii) Replacement of the Glen Street Car Park within the next 5 years at a cost of approximately \$40m, unless at least \$4 million is spent undertaking major repairs to the existing facility (potentially providing the car park with a further 5-10 years life) and Construction of a Stormwater detention tank approximately \$41m;
- (iii) A Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with AMP Capital that commits Council to the fit out of a new Library & Creativity Hub within the Stage 2 of the Macquarie Centre development. This VPA is live until November 2025, and commits Council to a 16-week fit-out that is estimated to cost approximately \$30 million due to the terms of the VPA; and most importantly
- (iv) The Ryde Central project. It should be noted that Council demolished its Town Hall in the early process of this project. This eliminated the use of our most used community facility. Replacement of this component only, in the form developed through the design process was estimated at the beginning of 2023 at \$60 million. It is estimated that this number may have increased since then by at least 20% in line with current industry construction cost escalations. Should Council wish to proceed with the entire project, it is estimated that there is a funding shortfall of at least \$113 million. Council does not have these funds available to complete the project in the foreseeable future.

This report has been prepared to provide Council with options for consideration to help guide the Chief Executive Officer and staff on a clear plan of action to be taken in relation to those existing infrastructure assets, the proposed open space acquisition and the construction of future committed assets. This will then allow staff to provide the community with greater clarity on the Ryde Central project and site, as well as the delivery of those other key major projects outlined above, that Council is currently committed to.

As Council is aware, these projects are of significant monetary value and are required to address some of Council's current and emerging risks and issues. While these projects have been determined to be of high priority, currently there is minimal or no funding available to enable any meaningful progress to be made on these projects.

The magnitude of the funding gap is so significant that if Council determines that all those projects must proceed, Council will not have the funds available in the appropriate Restricted Reserves to fund these projects. In fact, it is highly unlikely that Council will remain "fit for the future" and meet our asset renewal ratios in such a scenario.

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Additionally, based on the amount required, borrowing such a large amount of funds would not be permitted by the State Government. That aside, Council would not have the capacity to make the loan repayments required, including interest payments anticipated to be in the vicinity of \$10.57m per annum (based on borrowing half the funds required) with the current interest rate on a 20-year fixed term TCorp loan, let alone trying to borrow the funds commercially. The remaining funds would have to be obtained by making extensive savings cuts from existing services, programs and projects budgets of a similar amount. **This would result in Council being financially unsustainable, not fit for the future and providing reduced services to our community.**

Staff have therefore explored suitable alternatives to assist to fund and deliver these projects that include a combination of the below options:

- Selling and/or providing a long-term lease for the Ryde Central site with its' existing planning controls (Operational Land, zoned B4, with a maximum height limit of 72m) to fund a large portion, if not the total shortfall, of the high priority projects; and/or
- Selling a number of other properties that are contained within the existing Property Strategy that would equate to a similar expected sale price to Ryde Central; and/or
- Continue with building the Ryde Central Council Administration Offices and community facility at the Devlin Street site (noting the current funding shortfall); and/or
- Exploring alternative options that have become available for relocating Council Administration Offices to other sites in lieu of building its own at Devlin Street.

A “do nothing” option is not recommended as this would mean that delivery of those critical projects listed earlier would not occur (resulting in major risks to Council that are avoidable) and the acquisition of TG Millner could not proceed.

Therefore, this report recommends going to an open Tender for a suitably qualified company to start the process for the future sale and/or long-term lease (potentially 49 years or 99 years) of air space/strata of the site through an Expression of Interest process. The proposed sale/long-term lease of the site would allow Council to generate significant income from the sales proceeds, expected to be in the vicinity of the values provided to Council at the confidential workshop held on Tuesday, 17 October 2023.

The net funds raised through this process can then be allocated for the delivery of Council's immediate project priorities, that were also discussed with Councillors at the confidential workshop held on Tuesday, 17 October 2023. This process will also ensure Council's long-term financial sustainability.

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Exploring alternate options for Council's Administration Offices would also provide Council viable alternatives to building its own administration offices.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council engage a suitably qualified company to seek Expressions of Interest from the market for a shortened period of 10 business days to obtain the best value for money options available for the Ryde Central site at 1 Devlin Street, Ryde that could potentially include the provision of the community facility as per Hames Sharley architectural plan: Project 51360, Dwg CAB-A-2000, dated 28 October 2022.
- (b) That following the Expression of Interest phase, Council staff table a report to Council for consideration regarding the best value for money submissions received, and to enable a decision to be made on how Council's long-term financial sustainability can be maintained.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

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**Chief Financial Officer**

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**Charles Mahfoud**  
**Acting General Manager - Business and Operations**

**Wayne Rylands**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Council currently has several critical projects with major financial implications that have Council resolutions for staff to enact but have had no funds set aside in our reserves for those projects until recently, when the restricted reserves that had been the subject of illegal movements of funds in the 2020-21 financial year were replenished. Due to the nature of the Council resolutions, the condition of some of Council's major infrastructure, assets and the undertakings by Council, the following projects will have to be undertaken within the next few years:

- (i) The acquisition of TG Millner playing fields as per the Council resolution of 28 June 2022; and
- (ii) The need to provide an internal fit out to the Creativity Hub and Library space as part of the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with AMP Capital in the Macquarie Centre Stage 2 development as per the Council resolution of 25 October 2016; and
- (iii) The provision of a 600-space carpark near to Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood and a 27,000m<sup>3</sup> detention basin on the site of, and to replace, the existing Glen Street Car Park in accordance with the Council resolution of 11 December 2018.

**1. Details of Current Funding Issues with Major Projects****1.1 TG Millner:**

Firstly, Councillors should recall that the Council resolution from 28 June 2022 with respect to the potential acquisition of TG Millner was as follows:

That Council:

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

As per Council's resolutions, staff have been pursuing the purchase of TG Millner from the current owners of the site; North Ryde RSL, Eastwood Rugby, and Winston Langley.

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It should be noted that at the Council meeting of 23 May 2023, Council resolved as follows:

That:

1. Council compulsorily acquires the TG Millner Field, being the property at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield, being the land comprised in Lot 7 in DP 1046532 (Property), pursuant to sections 186(1), 187(1) and 377(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) and the relevant provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (JT Act).
2. Council compulsorily acquires the Property for the purpose of exercising its service functions under the LG Act of providing land for public open space.
3. Council makes an application to the Minister for Local Government through the Office of Local Government, pursuant to section 187(2) of the LG Act, for approval to acquire the Property by compulsory process, in accordance with the JT Act, by the issue of proposed acquisition notices (PAN) to the owner of the Property and any other persons with a relevant interest in the Property.
4. Council makes an application to the Governor through the Office of Local Government, under section 19 of the JT Act, for approval to acquire the Property by compulsory process, by the publication of an acquisition notice in the NSW Government Gazette.
5. As soon as the acquisition of the Property becomes imminent, Council gives public notice pursuant to section 34 of the LG Act of a proposed resolution to classify the Property as "Community Land".
6. Council classifies the Property within 3 months after acquisition as community land under section 31 of the LG Act.
7. Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute all relevant documents to give effect to resolutions 1 to 6 (inclusive) above; and
8. After any approval is granted by the Minister to issue PANs, but prior to the issue of the PANs by the Council, a further report be brought to Council for its consideration, with respect to the funding sources and any remaining procedural requirements for the acquisition of the Property.

However, on applying to the Minister for Planning to proceed to the compulsory acquisition phase, Council received the following response from the Minister for Planning's office:

*"I am writing about your application on behalf of Council of the City of Ryde (Council) for the compulsory acquisition of Lot 7 DP 1046532 from North Ryde RSL Community Club Limited, known as TG Millner Field and located at Vimiera Road, Eastwood.*

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*To assist the Minister in considering the application, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is seeking further information on funding and rationale for the acquisition. Specially, it's requested that you provide a further report with information on:*

- 1. Funding source, sustainability and risk, including:
  - a. Council's source(s) of funding for the acquisition.*
  - b. The financial sustainability of the proposal in the context of Council's current financial obligations; and*
  - c. Potential financial risk to Council associated with the acquisition of this land.**
- 2. Further explanation and rationale for this acquisition being a priority for Council."*

Councillors have been made aware of an independent valuation that indicated a particular market value for the TG Millner site. However, as advised by staff, Council should also be aware that the owners are seeking a higher value and if the Valuer General (or the Court) become involved they may determine a compensation amount that is more than Council's valuation. If that was to occur, Council would be obliged to pay the amount so determined as part of issuing the Proposed Acquisition Notice (PAN). For this reason, Council should budget for additional funding if the decision is made to continue with this acquisition. At this point Council does not have sufficient funds available in Restricted Reserves to provide for the acquisition of this property in either scenario, and in the absence of a funding source, Council will need to respond to the Minister accordingly.

Council will not be able to proceed with this acquisition in the terms outlined by the Minister, until such time that Council has at the very least resolved to identify the funding source for the acquisition. The Minister's position as to what constitutes a satisfactory financial commitment has not been determined at this point and will be discussed with the DPE if Council can demonstrate a well-defined and financial sustainable plan. It should also be noted that Council has already resolved to not issue a PAN for the compulsory acquisition of TG Millner until such time as a further report is presented to Council addressing the financial resourcing for such an acquisition. This is that report.

**1.2 Eastwood Central Precinct:**

The key elements of the Eastwood Central Precinct involve the provision of a new multistorey carpark adjoining Glen Reserve to address parking and congestion issues within the Eastwood Town Centre as well as to address the deteriorating condition of the existing Glen Street Carpark, which will require demolition at some stage. Further, this Precinct is subject to frequent flooding even in less severe rainfall events resulting in extensive damage to businesses and properties within the Eastwood Town Centre.

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Flood Risk Management Studies have shown that a detention tank at the location of the Glen Street Carpark would be a viable flood mitigation strategy, which would enable development of areas that would otherwise remain flood prone. Further, a clear and coherent plan is becoming crucial to guide and facilitate the progressive development of the Eastwood Town Centre.

As detailed at the Councillor Workshops held on 20 August 2023 and 17 October 2023, the estimated project budget required for construction of the carpark is **\$40m** plus potential compulsory acquisitions requiring up to **\$15m**, and construction of stormwater detention to address the Eastwood Town Centre flooding issues is estimated at approximately **\$41m**. **Total funding required for this project is \$96m**. The current adopted Section 7.11 plan allows for 19% of the cost of construction of the carpark and the stormwater detention (\$81m), which equates to approximately **\$15m**. There are currently insufficient funds held in the Section 7.11 plan for this project at this point in time, and it is highly likely that if Council depends on the use of Section 7.11 then the project will need proceed for some time. Currently, there are sufficient funds set aside in the Investment Property Reserve for the potential compulsory property acquisitions estimated at **\$15m**, however the balance of **\$81m** still remains a shortfall in funding and Council does not have sufficient funds available in Restricted Reserves.

#### 1.3 Macquarie Centre (AMP) VPA:

As part of the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) associated with the redevelopment of Macquarie Shopping Centre, the Developer (AMP) will be providing Council with a peppercorn lease over 99 years for 5000sqm of space for the purpose of a Library and Creative Hub fronting Herring Road as public benefit in lieu of Section 7.11 Contributions associated with this development. Under this Agreement, Council will be provided a “cold shell” and is responsible for the fit out of the Library and Creative Hub, which is currently estimated by an independent quality estimator to cost between \$23m and \$32m.

This VPA is currently active until November 2025, and the obligation for Council to the Developer is triggered once the Construction Certificate is issued on the part of the Development to begin the Community Facility works. According to the agreement, Council has 16 weeks to fit out the facility and to have it operational on the last day of the fit-out period. An independently verified estimate of the current cost of fit out is between **\$23m** and **\$32m**. In addition, operating costs of running the library of this size will be approximately **\$1.7m** per annum, and funds required for maintenance and Council’s renewal obligations under the proposed lease agreement of this facility will be **\$1m** per annum. Council does not have sufficient funds available in Restricted Reserves for the fit-out costs detailed above. In addition, the operating, maintenance and renewal costs will have to be built into Council’s Long Term Financial Plan once the VPA is enacted and Council is required to occupy this facility. This will affect other services and programs.



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#### 1.4 Ryde Central:

The Ryde Central Project involves the development of the former Council Administrative Building site at Top Ryde to provide a new administrative centre for the City of Ryde including associated community facilities. The proposed development involved the construction of a single seven storey mixed-use building with associated public domain areas and basement parking. However, the Ryde Central Project is currently under review due to the funding issues before Council in this report, and which has necessitated a strategic review of the future of this site.

As per Council Resolution dated 27 June 2023, a correction of **\$35.5m** was adopted as a result of transfers that were completed in 2020 which were a breach of Section 7.3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (Act) Funds obtained from Developer Contributions which are considered externally restricted and should be held and spent for the purpose they were collected. However, it has been confirmed by the Office of Local Government (OLG), that these funds were incorrectly and illegally transferred to Council's internally restricted "Ryde Central" Reserve. The estimated project budget required for Ryde Central was originally **\$125m**. Of this budget, \$62.5m was allocated from Council's reserves. From that budget, approximately \$20m has been expended on demolishing the existing building, site costs and the planning and design for the proposed facilities. Now that a 50% design and documentation has been completed, the project has still been re-estimated to be at least \$120m (potentially substantially higher due to construction industry costs escalations) to complete. The current remaining budget for this project is **\$7m** which was retained with the intention to complete the Sydney Water watermain relocation, road realignment and site safety. As such, the current estimated shortfall in funding is at least **\$113m** and Council does not have sufficient funds available in our current or future planned budgets, nor is it reasonable to expect that this will be the case for many years, without significant cuts to our existing services, programs and projects for at least the next 5-10 years or unless another funding source can be identified.

#### 1.5 Other Potential Projects – Korean Cultural Centre:

Council was nominated funding for a Korean Cultural Centre by the local State Labor candidate, Ms Lyndal Howison, as part of an election commitment made during the 2023 NSW Election campaign. The opportunity for Council to apply for funding of \$400,000 was subsequently offered through the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) Program. The funding has been promised to be utilised for the design and planning of a cultural community centre on top of the Rowe Street Carpark in Eastwood. In accordance with the grant conditions the project must be able to be delivered within 2 years of the execution of the funding agreement. Therefore, unless the State Government provides significant grant funding, Council would be required to commit to fund the construction of the facility. Council estimates that the costs associated with the construction of the Cultural Community Centre would exceed \$15m, based on the original size proposed. This estimate is based on an appraisal provided by a Council engaged quantity surveyor, including fit-out expenses. The

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construction of this facility has not been envisaged or allowed for within Council's Four-Year Delivery Plan 2022-2026 or Council' One Year Operational Plan 2023-2024. Council also does not have any funds available in Restricted or Unrestricted Reserves for the construction of this facility.

## 2. Planned Projects vs Available Funding

As mentioned in the overview of the report and detailed in the table below, there is an estimated funding shortfall for the four major projects listed in this report of **\$254m**. Council does not have sufficient funds available in Restricted Reserves for these projects should they proceed, and proceeding without having sufficient funding set aside poses a significant risk to Council's long-term financial sustainability.

Project	Estimated Project Cost	Available Funding	Funding Shortfall	Annual TCORP Repayment for Shortfall
Ryde Central	\$120m	\$7m	\$113m	\$9.4m
Eastwood Central	\$96m	\$15m	\$81m	\$6.7m
TG Millner	\$30m	-	\$30m	\$2.5m
Macquarie Centre (AMP) VPA	\$30m	-	\$30m	\$2.5m
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$276M</b>	<b>\$22M</b>	<b>\$254M</b>	<b>\$21.1m</b>

To assist Council in determining the best way forward, staff have prepared the following four (4) options for consideration, with a recommended option.

### **Option 1: Loan/Borrowings**

TCORP provides loan facilities to local Council's seeking funding for infrastructure projects. Seeking a loan facility from TCORP is a strict and rigorous process where Council must demonstrate they are financially sustainable, meet all ratios, and various requirements surrounding Council's Asset Management Plan and Delivery Program. Most importantly Council must demonstrate that they have sufficient funds and cashflow to service the loan. As detailed in the table above, the annual repayment amounts are significant, and Council does not have the available funds set aside or cashflow available to meet these repayments. As Council will not be able to meet these repayments or meet the requirements of the conditions of the loan, TCORP **will not** approve a loan application for these projects.

This option is not feasible and therefore not recommended.

### **Option 2: Cancelling Council's existing services/projects.**

As Council does not have sufficient funds available for this funding shortfall of **\$254m**, nor has the capacity to borrow funds through a loan facility, Council will need to dramatically cut its existing services and projects.

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Council's Capital Works program ensures that Council's existing asset base condition is maintained in line with depreciation of these assets. Depreciation of these infrastructure assets as of 30 June 2023 was **\$21.6m**. Council is required to spend an equivalent amount on asset renewal projects to ensure that Council achieves the benchmark for its Buildings and Infrastructure Renewal Ratio (Benchmark 100%). Council will not meet this ratio if funding is reduced from the annual Capital Works program and will undoubtedly increase Council's infrastructure backlog. Council will not be "fit for the future" and will become financially unsustainable as it will not be possible to fund the growing cost and liability to bring these assets back to satisfactory standard.

As the capital program funding reduction is not recommended, staff have reviewed other alternatives to reducing Council's Operating and Maintenance budgets. However, to save a sum of the shortfall (\$254m), it would require a cut to Councils operating and maintenance budget of approximately \$50m over the next 5 years at a minimum. This would be approximately 50% of Councils total operating expenditure per year. A cut to the operating and maintenance budget would mean a significant reduction in services to the community, which would increase the required renewal for Councils assets with reduced maintenance of Councils Building and Infrastructure portfolio, therefore increasing the amount required for renewal funding each year.

This option is not recommended for reasons highlighted above.

***Option 3a: Recommended Funding and Delivery Option – Sale/Long Term Lease of Ryde Central Site***

To explore other funding options that would not require Council to increase rates or to introduce drastic cuts to operations and services, Council commissioned an independent valuation of the Ryde Central Development site. The funding option being explored relates to assessing the viability of selling the Ryde Central site with the view to using income generated to fund the remaining priority projects identified above. A reputable land valuation company was accordingly appointed in August 2023 with the valuation completed in September 2023. The outcome of the valuations were shared with Councillors at the confidential workshop of 17 October 2023.

The valuation results seem to suggest that selling or a long-term lease of the Ryde Central site may be the best financial prudent option to provide the funding necessary to deliver other high priority projects. Internal valuation undertaken earlier this year, based on sales of similar nearby properties, indicated that a significantly higher valuation outcome can be achieved.

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As Councillors are aware from the recently held workshop, the land valuation company provided a conservative valuation for the Ryde Central site if it was sold with its' existing zoning controls. An internal valuation that was undertaken earlier in the year based on recent sales amounted to a higher valuation, as it explored a number of Floor Space Ratio (FSR) options. Council staff will continue to explore what will be required to ensure the site has the "highest and best use" to result in the best market price possible for Council and the community. It is important to note that Council may have the opportunity to offset some of the costs for the Eastwood Central project, through the redevelopment of the current Glen Street carpark site, but significant planning and community consultation is still required on this project and may take a couple of years to properly plan.

#### ***Option 3b: Recommended Funding and Delivery Option – Sale of Property Strategy Sites***

The Property Strategy identifies a number of Council owned operational properties that could be offered as an alternative funding source to cover the Major Project financial liabilities identified in this report. The following table identifies these properties:

130 Talavera Rd, Macquarie Park	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
2 Dickson Avenue, West Ryde	R2 Low Density Residential	Operational
8 Chatham Road, West Ryde	R2 Low Density Residential	Operational
1A Station Street, West Ryde	SP2 Infrastructure (Community Facility)	Operational
*Glen Street Carpark, Eastwood  This property forms part of the proposed funding strategy for the Eastwood Central project.	B4 Mixed Uses  4 lots are B4 and operational, however car park encroaches to the south onto part of the Glen Street Reserve.	Operational
*Coulter Street Carpark, Gladesville	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
*John Wilson Carpark, Gladesville (2 & 2a Pittwater Rd)	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
*Church Street Carpark, Ryde plus Devlin St site	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
226 Victoria Road, Ryde	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
Putney Tennyson Bowling and Community Club	RE1 Public Recreation	Community
330 Pittwater Road, East Ryde	RE1 Public Recreation	Community
31 Henry St, Ryde	R2 Low Density Residential	Operational
202 Rowe Street, Eastwood	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
Gladesville Library (6 Pittwater Rd)	B4 Mixed	Operational

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West Ryde Library (Marketplace)	MU1 Mixed Use	Community
Blaxland Road Carpark (aka Parkes)	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
Parkes St/ Devlin St (adjacent to Masonic Centre)	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
Lachlan's Line (15 Halifax St)	MU Mixed Use	Operational
West Ryde Community Centre	B4 Mixed Use	Operational
24 Argyle Ave, Ryde	R2 Low Density Residential	Operational
1A Pope Street, North Ryde (Top Ryde)	MU1 Mixed Use	Operational
55A Pellisier Rd, Putney	RE1 Public Rec R2 Low Density Residential	Operational

\*In 2013, Council resolved to confirm its commitment not to sell or redevelop any of the car parking sites in the portfolio, “without substantially increasing the number of car parking spaces, together with community benefit, and undertaking comprehensive community consultation”.

Although this list of properties is extensive and provides great opportunity for capital raising, it does not include any singular sites that could generate the revenue required for the CEO to respond within the next few weeks to the Minister for Planning with a financially sustainable plan to proceed with the compulsory acquisition for TG Millner. In fact, it is estimated that Council may need to dispose of up to six (6) of the properties from the table above to generate the same type of funds as the Ryde Central site could, due to restricted zoning and other planning controls on all of those sites. It should also be noted that some sites, such as the Operations Centre could not be utilized in any short-term plan due to the necessity for their continued use, and others are clearly not in the strategy for divestment, but rather have been acquired for community purposes (i.e. community centres and libraries).

**As such, Option 3a is recommended to Council as the preferred option and most advantageous source of financially funding the TG Millner acquisition.**

However, if Council determine to proceed with Option 3b, it should be noted that this would likely result in reduced returns on a number of those properties as we would be “saturating” the market with numerous like properties in a very short space of time. In addition, there is a risk that delays in settlements can occur, or one or more of the sales may fall through. The timing of these sales could have significant implications for Council’s cashflow and Council would be unable to commit to any of the projects detailed above until all sales have reached settlement and funds have been received. Further, the Department of Planning and Environment has been back in contact with staff to understand whether we have identified our “source(s) of funding for the acquisition” of TG Millner in response to their letter. Staff have advised the Department that we expect to respond to them shortly after this Council meeting of 28 November 2023.

**ITEM 3 (continued)*****Option 4: Consider alternative options for relocation of Council Administration Office***

Council has recently been presented the following three additional opportunities for the provision of Council Administration Offices (in the form of unsolicited proposals). Exploring these options further for their financial feasibility and fitness for purpose may provide Council viable alternatives to building and funding its' own administrative offices:

- a) An unsolicited proposal from Thiess John Holland (TJH) for 5000-6000m<sup>2</sup> of space in the proposed Building D at the northern end of Catherine Hamlin Park.
- b) An unsolicited proposal from Quintessential to stay at the existing North Ryde Office
- c) A VPA alteration to the 'Library and Creativity Hub' (LCH) proposal with AMP Capital for the Macquarie Centre Stage 2 development. Staff are discussing a variation that potentially involves an additional 3000-4000m<sup>2</sup> for office space, whilst utilizing some of the existing 5000m<sup>2</sup> space from the LCH for a customer service area with AMP Capital.

**Option 4 is also recommended for further investigation by staff**, as all would result in Council saving on the cost of reconstructing the Administration Offices at 1 Devlin Street, Ryde (the Ryde Central site).

**Process to Engage a Suitably Qualified Company**

To ensure expediency required in this process, especially if Council still wishes to pursue the compulsory acquisition of the TG Millner site, it is recommended that a shortened Expression of Interest process be adopted then what would normally be adopted. In this case, it is recommended that Council seek the services of a suitably qualified company within a period of 10 business days with the following criteria used for evaluation.

Following the engagement of this company, they will be required to undertake an Expression on Interest (EOI) process for the potential sale and/or long-term lease of the Ryde Central site with the options below to be investigated and evaluated:

- i). The highest value and best use of the Ryde Central site property
- ii). The highest value and best use of the Ryde Central site with the Community Facility still to be provided on site as per the 50% design package prepared by Hames Sharley Architects, architectural plan: Project 51360, Dwg CAB-A-2000, dated 28 October 2022.

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Alternatively, if Council determines to proceed with the potential of other sites from Council's Property Strategy, the company will be requested to identify what they deem to be the most appropriate properties that could be released to the market. This will require significant investigation and evaluation of the identified sites to ensure that Council obtains highest value and best use of those sites. It is anticipated that this process will require significantly more time to undertake the investigation and evaluation required and could result in the Department of Planning not approving Council's request to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of TG Millner.

The outcome of the Expression of Interest process will be reported back to Council as quickly as possible, with a view to then commission a suitable real estate agent that will act on Council's behalf to obtain the best price available for either the Ryde Central site at 1 Devlin Street, Ryde or for those properties identified for 'disposal', as determined by Council.

**Conclusion**

Based on the abovementioned discussions, it is concluded that undertaking an Expression of Interest for the sale or long-term lease of the Ryde Central site provides the best overall financial outcome, making funds available within a short period of time for Council's high priority projects that have been identified in this report, while still maintaining the City of Ryde as financially fit for the future. It is also concluded that exploring the alternate options identified in this report for new Council Administration Offices would provide Council viable opportunities, de-risking the building its own administration offices, and potentially save considerable cost to the Council and the community.

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## 4 SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

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**Report prepared by:** Financial Controller  
**File No.:** FIM/23/46/1 - BP23/521

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### REPORT SUMMARY

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

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

The budget variations proposed in this Review will not change the projected Unrestricted Cash balance of **\$8.7m** as at 30 June 2024. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs and is considered Council's working capital. In addition, these funds are required to meet any unknown or unexpected costs and should not to be reallocated for other purposes.

The progress of delivery on Councils adopted Delivery Program 2023-27 and Operational Plan 2023-24 is provided within this document and ***Operational Plan 2023/24 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Progress Report*** to be published on Council's website.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- ✓ Unrestricted cash is projected to be maintained at **\$8.7m**
- ✓ Budgeted Infrastructure Spend of **\$84.6m** to renew and replace assets
- ✓ Cash & Investments earning above benchmark rates of return
- ✓ Rates and Annual Charges collected on track at **36.2%**
- ✓ Debt service ratio well above benchmark
- ✓ Maintaining current levels of service

### RECOMMENDATION:

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



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**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 QBR1 Review Reports\_1
- 2 Operational Plan 2023/24 - 1st Quarter Progress Report - CIRCULATED  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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### Discussion

To ensure Council is informed of key deliverables and the tracking of these deliverables, the progress report '**Operational Plan 2023/24 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Progress Report**' is provided in the **ATTACHMENT 2 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**. This report addresses the delivery of Council's functions and projects as at the end of the quarter for the period July to September 2023 in accordance with the adopted 2023-27 Delivery Program and 2023-24 Operational Plan which includes the following:

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

### Budget 2023/2024

Council's Operational Plan 2023/2024 was adopted by Council on 27 June 2023.

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

Budget variations proposed in this Review will not impact on Council's projected Unrestricted Cash balance of **\$8.7m** as at 30 June 2024. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs and is considered Council's working capital. In addition, these funds are required to meet any unknown or unexpected costs and should not to be reallocated for other purposes.

It is expected that Council will spend a total of **\$241.3m** this Financial Year on both recurrent expenditure for the provision of a range of services to the community and for capital expenditure for community assets including loans and leases.

### Operating Budget

The adopted Original Budget forecasted an Operating Surplus of **\$25.1m** (Statutory Format). The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting requires the inclusion of all income received as income for the year, even though the associated expenditure may be incurred in future periods. As the Statutory Format reflects a somewhat misleading result, the Management Reporting Format which takes into consideration the matching principles is used on a regular basis to monitor Council's financial performance. The adopted Original Budget forecasts an Operating Surplus of **\$161k** (Management Format).

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### Capital Budget

The adopted Original Capital Works Budget including loans and leases totalled **\$48.0m**.

With the addition of carryover funds from FY22/23, the Capital Works Budget increased from **\$48.0m** to **\$81.9m**.

Variations proposed in this Review of **\$2.7m** will result in an increase in the Capital Works Budget to **\$84.6m**, this is mainly due to an increase in funding for new projects which have brought forward from next Financial Year and new projects where Council has received grant funding.

### Cash & Investments

As per the unaudited Financial Statements at 30 June 2023, cash and investments totalled **\$247.7m**.

Due to movements as a result of the original budget for FY23/24 and carryover funds from FY22/23 cash and investments have decreased from **\$247.7m** to **\$220.7m**.

It is projected that following this review, cash & investments will increase to **\$236.3m** and this is mainly due to **\$20.7m** additional developer contributions received and offset by the financial assistance grant received of **\$4.5m** in FY2022/23 which relates to FY23/24.

It is anticipated that the Unrestricted Cash will remain at **\$8.7m** as at 30 June 2024. Further details regarding Externally and Internally Restricted Reserves are provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** and are in accordance with Council's Adopted Cash Reserve Policy.

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

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

Statutory Format	Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)								Ref
		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)	
<b>Income From Continuing Operations</b>										
109,718	Rates and annual charges	109,718	-	109,718	109,663			-	109,718	
18,410	User charges and fees	18,410	-	18,410	7,160	(33)	-	(33)	18,377	
5,477	Interest and investment revenue	5,477	-	5,477	2,879				5,477	
12,535	Other Revenue	12,535	-	12,535	2,566	44	168	212	12,747	3,6
6,090	Grants and Contributions - Operating	6,040	50	6,090	380	(11)	(3,503)	(3,514)	2,576	1,2,4,5
26,587	Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-			-	-	
1,226	Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	-	-	-	-			-	-	
	- Trf From Internal Restrictions	1,332	1,183	2,516	2,516		5,161	5,161	7,677	19
	- Trf From External Restrictions	26,586	497	27,083	27,083		(60)	(60)	27,023	19
<b>180,044</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>180,099</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>181,829</b>	<b>152,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>183,596</b>	
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>										
64,275	Employee benefits and on-costs	64,275	-	64,275	16,748	(1)	(338)	(339)	63,936	10,12,15
108	Borrowing costs	108	-	108	5				108	
54,894	Materials and contracts	53,163	1,730	54,894	10,789	1	1,314	1,315	56,208	8,9, 11-18
28,820	Depreciation and Amortisation	28,820	-	28,820	2,086				28,820	
6,864	Other expenses	6,864	-	6,864	1,271		791	791	7,655	7
<b>154,960</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>153,230</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>154,960</b>	<b>30,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>156,727</b>	
<b>25,084</b>	<b>Operating Result (Surplus/Deficit)</b>	<b>26,869</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,869</b>	<b>121,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,869</b>	
Add back Non Cash Items:										
	- Depreciation and Amortisation	28,820	-	28,820	2,086				28,820	
	<b>Budget Surplus before Transfer to Reserves</b>	<b>55,689</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,689</b>	<b>123,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,689</b>	
	Transfer to Assets Related Reserves	(29,591)	-	(29,591)	(29,591)				(29,591)	
	Transfer to Other Reserves	(25,937)	-	(25,937)	(25,937)				(25,937)	
<b>25,084</b>	<b>Budget Result Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>67,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161</b>	

### Operating Income – Net Decrease \$3.3m:

#### 1. Financial Assistance Grant Prepayment – Decrease \$3.8m

FY23/24 Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) allocated to the City of Ryde amounts to \$4.6m, this compared the Original Budget of \$4.0m represents an increase of \$655k. However last Financial Year, \$4.5m was received as a prepayment and as a result the Accounting Standards require that this be recognised in the year it was received and these funds were transferred to FAG Reserve.

#### 2. Street Tree Master Plan Grant – Increase \$158k

\$158k increase in Greening our City Grant received for Implementation of Street Tree Master Plan. Of this, \$70k is due to additional grant funding received and \$88k grant funding has been re-allocated from an existing Capital project. The \$88k transfer will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

#### 3. Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference Income – Increase \$140k

\$140k increase in ticket sale and sponsorship income for hosting Australian Local Government (LG) Women's Association Conference as per Council Resolution dated 25 May 2021. This income is offset by an increase in expenditure of \$160k as per Note 12 below.

**ITEM 4 (continued)****4. Public Library Infrastructure Grant - Increase \$100k**

\$100k increase in Public Library Infrastructure grant funding from NSW State Library. These funds are proposed to be utilised for purchase of library shelving and furniture for Council's North Ryde Library.

**5. Unsung Heroes Grant – Increase \$50k**

\$50k increase in NSW Social Cohesion Grant received from Department of Premier and Cabinet for Unsung Heroes - Innovation in Volunteering project. This project is a Council initiative to support volunteers with a disabilities in the local community.

**6. Various Community Event Income – Net Increase \$28k**

- \$43k increase in income received for Council's Cork and Fork event as per Council Resolution dated 21 May 2023. The increase in income will be offset by additional expenditure of \$86k as per Note 15.
- \$15k decrease in income as a result of reducing the Community Christmas Celebration scope to accommodate increased costs to re-run Council's Cork and Fork event. The decrease in income will be offset by a decrease in expenditure of \$34k as per Note 15.

**Operating Expenditure – Net Increase \$1.8m:****7. Emergency Services Levy – Increase \$791k**

\$791k increase in expenditure required for Council's contribution to the Emergency Services Levy. This increase is mainly due to a provision for workers compensation liability for emergency service workers to have cover for a range of cancers.

**8. Techone SAAS Implementation – Increase \$355k**

\$355k increase in expenditure required for the Techone SAAS Implementation project. It is proposed to reallocate these funds from the ICT Strategy Implementation capital project which was originally funded from Asset Replacement Reserve. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

**9. North Ryde Office Fitout – Increase \$341k**

\$341k increase in expenditure required for fitout of office equipment at the North Ryde Office. It is proposed to be funded from Accommodation Reserve.

**10. Employment Costs – Decrease \$376k**

\$376k decrease in employment costs to date in various programs as a result salary savings to date due to vacancies as at the end of Quarter One.

**11. General Insurance Premium – Increase \$168k**

\$168k increase in expenditure due to greater than anticipated insurance premiums received this Financial Year. This is mainly due to insurance premiums that relate to Council's property and buildings due to increased valuations.

**ITEM 4 (continued)****12. Australian LG Women's Association Conference – Increase \$160k**

\$160k increase in expenditure required for hosting ALGWA NSW Conference as per Council Resolution dated 25 May 2021. This expenditure is partially offset by ticket sale and sponsorship income as per Note 3 above.

**13. Street Tree Master Plan Project – Increase \$158k**

\$158k increase in expenditure for the Street Tree Master Plan implementation project. This variation has been funded from the Greening our City Grant received as per Note 2 above.

**14. Library Shelving and Furniture project – Increase \$100k**

\$100k increase in expenditure required for library shelving and furniture project at Council's North Ryde Library. This variation has been funded by the Library Infrastructure grant received from State Library NSW as per Note 4 above.

**15. Various Community Events – Increase \$62k**

- \$86k increase in funding for Council's Cork and Fork event as per Council Resolution dated 21 May 2023. This has been partially offset by additional income as per Note 6 above.
- \$34k decrease in expenditure due to a reduction in scope of the Community Christmas Celebration to accommodate increased costs to re-run the Cork and Fork event. This has been partially offset by a decrease in income as per Note 6 above.
- \$10k increase in expenditure required for Council to hold a Diwali Lights Competition as per Council Resolution dated 27 June 2023.

**16. Parks Master Plan Project Decrease \$60k**

\$60k decrease in funding for the Parks Master Plan Project due to a change in scope after a review of the funding source. The total project has a current budget of \$416k and is funded from Section 7.11 Open Space & Recreation Facilities. However after review, Pidding Park was not identified in the Section 7.11 plan, therefore it is proposed to return these funds back to Reserve. The project is planned to be delivered next Financial Year with an alternative funding source.

**17. Unsung Heroes - Innovation in Volunteering project – Increase \$50k**

\$50k increase in expenditure as a result of Council receiving the NSW Social Cohesion Grant received from Department of Premier and Cabinet as per Note 5 above.

**18. Valuation fees – Increase \$18k**

\$18k increase expenditure required for an external valuer to conduct valuations for various scenarios for Council's subject site.

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### 19. Internally & Externally Restricted Reserves (Operating):

It is proposed to/from Internal and External Reserves an amount of **\$5.1m** for the following:

- \$4.5m Transfer from Financial Assistance Grant Reserve due to prepayment received in FY22/23 as Note 1 above.
- \$355k Transfer from Asset Replacement Reserve due to reallocation of funds from ICT Strategy Implementation capital project as per Note 8 above.
- \$341k Transfer from Accommodation Reserve due to fitout of office equipment at the North Ryde Office as per Note 9 above.
- \$60k Transfer to Section 7.11 Open Space & Recreation Facilities due to a review of funding sources for the Parks Master Plan Project as per Note 16 above.

## Capital Budget

### Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability

Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)					
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>48,022</b>	<b>33,891</b>	<b>81,914</b>	<b>3,990</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>84,582</b>
<b>Capital Funding</b>						
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<b>Transfer from Externally Restricted Reserves</b>						
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Other Contribution (Externally Restricted)	-	(825)	(825)	(825)	-	(825)
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	-	(1,448)	(1,448)	(1,448)	-	(1,448)
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserve	(47)	(786)	(833)	(833)	-	(833)
Stormwater Management Reserve	(1,191)	(462)	(1,653)	(1,653)	-	(1,653)
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	(14,319)	(4,236)	(18,555)	(18,555)	(139)	(18,694)
<b>Proceeds from Disposal - Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	(2,250)	-	(2,250)	(418)	-	(2,250)
<b>Grants and Contributions (new)</b>	(9,101)	(13,301)	(22,402)	(11,836)	(2,557)	(24,958)
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>(48,022)</b>	<b>(33,891)</b>	<b>(81,914)</b>	<b>(71,348)</b>	<b>(2,669)</b>	<b>(84,582)</b>

Variations proposed to Capital Works Budget will result in a net increase of capital expenditure by **\$2.7m**, of which \$2.6m is due to grant funding received. These variations are detailed below:

**ITEM 4 (continued)****New projects – Net Increase \$3.4m**

- \$850k increase for Brush Road (Lawson St - Terry Rd) Roads and Kerbs Renewal project proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25 due to deferral of the Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park) Road Kerb Renewal project which is detailed below. This project is proposed to be brought forward to enable Council's ability to achieve the Infrastructure Renewal Ratio this Financial Year. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$461k increase in the following Road Resurfacing Renewal Projects proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25, it is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
  - \$209k Corunna Road (Balaclava Road - Bellamy Street)
  - \$107k Laura Street (The Strand - Cul De Sac (E))
  - \$75k Lyle Street (Cul De Sac (W) - Ellen Street)
  - \$70k Lyle Street (Ellen Street - Cul De Sac (N))

These projects above have been brought forward due to the deferral of the Victoria Lane (Regent Street - End) Road Kerb Renewal project which is detailed below. These projects are proposed to be brought forward to enable Council's ability to achieve the Infrastructure Renewal Ratio this Financial Year.

- \$592k increase for Constitution Road, Meadowbank Footpath, funded from Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 4 grant. Works will involve the cut back of rock face abutment of the Angas Street bridge and construction of a new footpath on the southern side of Constitution Road, which will facilitate a continuous pedestrian link to Meadowbank railway station.
- \$656k increase in the following Stormwater Asset Renewal projects proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25, it is proposed to be funded by Stormwater Management Reserve.
  - \$406k Melba Drive, East Ryde
  - \$250k Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde

These projects above have been brought forward due to the deferral of the Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade project which is detailed below. These projects are proposed to be brought forward to enable Council's ability to achieve the Infrastructure Renewal Ratio this Financial Year.



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- \$346k increase for Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street) Footpath Construction project due to Get NSW Active 2023/24 grant received from Transport for NSW.
- \$282k increase for Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing project to provide a raised pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Meadowbank Skate Park to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians. Of this \$81k is proposed to be funded from Get NSW Active 2023/24 grant received from Transport of NSW, and \$201k proposed to be funded by Asset Replacement Reserve.
- \$120k increase for Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park as per Council Resolution dated on 25 July 2023. It is proposed to be funded by Asset Replacement Reserve.
- \$80k increase for ePlanning Portal project due to grant funding received from Department of Planning & Environment. This project ensures Integration with Council's system and processes.
- \$57k additional funding for Morrison Rd, Putney - Construction of Speed Cushions, funded by Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 1 grant as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.

**Increased funds for Existing Projects – Increase \$2.3m**

- \$1.2m increase for Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation Work project due to additional Coastal and Estuary Grant received from Department of Planning and Environment. This funding will allow upgrade of the seawall to enhance coastal resilience in response to climate change.
- \$245k increase for Defects List - Condition 4 & 5 under Footpath Construction Renewal project to increase footpath renewal works at more locations within the LGA. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$225k increase for Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works project due to additional Coastal and Estuary Grant received from Department of Planning and Environment as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.
- \$208k increase for Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery due to greater than anticipated consultancy costs to complete design of the project. It is proposed to be funded by S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space & Recreation Facility Reserve.

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- \$170k increase for Morrison Bay Field Works project due to greater than anticipated costs as a result of contractor availability to complete drainage works, as well as the unexpected discovery of asbestos. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve as per Council Resolution dated on 24 October 2023.
- \$110k increase for 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project due to changes in scope of ongoing utilities service requirements and repair of redundant pipe penetrations due to developer works. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$100k increase for Conservation Management Plan Program for the Parsonage as quotes are higher than anticipated due to rising construction costs and due to the lack of availability of the slate tiles that have been specified to be used for heritage requirements. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve as per Council Resolution date on 24 October 2023.
- \$45k increase for Marsfield Community Centre Renewal project due to greater than anticipated contractor costs. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$16k increase for Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program at the Station Street Community Hall at West Ryde to facilitate renewal works and minor asbestos removal. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$13k increase for North Ryde School of Arts Renewal project due to Create NSW grant received. The grant received is \$55k, as this project was originally funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve it is proposed to reimburse \$42k to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. The Current Budget is \$121k, variations proposed in this review will result in a Revised Budget of \$134k.

**Decreased funds for Existing Projects – Decrease \$3.1m**

- \$900k decrease for Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park) Road Kerb Renewal project. This project is proposed to be deferred to FY24/25, due to continuing developer works in the proximity of these proposed works. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$656k decrease for Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade. This project is proposed to be deferred to FY24/25, as project is currently still in investigation stage and unlikely to start construction until the new Financial year. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.

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- \$425k decrease for Victoria Lane (Regent St - End) Road Kerb Renewal project. This project is proposed to be deferred to FY24/25, due to continuing developer works in the proximity of these proposed works. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$355k decrease for ICT Strategy Implementation project as it is proposed to reallocate these funds to the Techone SAAS Implementation project which is in the operating budget. This was originally funded from Asset Replacement Reserve. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget as per Note 8 above.
- \$231k decrease for Church Street Carpark Renewal project as carpark retaining wall remains in a serviceable condition and further assessment is required to undertake the scheduled work. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$201k decrease for Traffic Facility Renewal – Traffic Calming Devices due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Asset Replacement Reserve.
- \$100k decrease for Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program, as project is proposed to be deferred as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$88k decrease for Greening Our City - Street Tree Planting Program. Funds received from the Greening our City Grant for this project is proposed to be allocated to a separate Street Tree Master Plan operating project as per Note 13 above.
- \$60k decrease for Pipe Lining Treatments Stormwater Renewal project due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the 146 Bowden Street Tunk Drainage project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$50k decrease for Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the 146 Bowden Street Tunk Drainage project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$50k decrease for ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement project, as project is proposed to be deferred until after the ELS Hall field upgrade works take place in FY24/25. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.

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### Source Funding for Capital Projects:

The table below details the movement in both Externally Restricted Reserves and Internally Restricted Reserves by Capital Project. Further detail of Reserve movements can be found in **ATTACHMENT 1**:

	EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED			INTERNALLY RESTRICTED	Grants
	Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	Stormwater Management Reserve	S7.11 Open Space and Rec	Asset Replacement Reserve	
<b>+ is Transfer to Reserve / - is Transfer from Reserve</b>					
<b>New Projects</b>					
Brush Road (Lawson St - Terry Rd) Roads and Kerbs Renewal	(850)				
Corunna Road (Balaclava Road - Bellamy Street) Road Resurfacing Renewal	(209)				
Laura Street (The Strand - Cul De Sac (E)) Road Resurfacing Renewal	(107)				
Lyle Street (Cul De Sac (W) - Ellen Street) Road Resurfacing Renewal	(75)				
Lyle Street (Ellen Street - Cul De Sac (N)) Road Resurfacing Renewal	(70)				
Constitution Road, Meadowbank Footpath					(592)
Melba Drive, East Ryde Stormwater Renewal		(406)			
Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street) Footpath Construction					(346)
Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing				(201)	(81)
Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde, Stormwater Renewal		(250)			
Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park				(120)	
ePlanning Portal					(81)
Morrison Rd, Putney - Construction of Speed Cushions					(57)
<b>Increased funds for Existing Projects</b>					
Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation Work					(1,208)
Defects List - Condition 4 & 5 under Footpath Construction	(245)				
Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works					(225)
Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery			(208)		
Morrison Bay Field Works	(170)				
146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	(110)				
Conservation Management Plan Program	(100)				
Marsfield Community Centre Renewal	(45)				
Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program	(16)				
North Ryde School of Arts Renewal	42				(55)
	(1,955)	(656)	(208)	(321)	(2,645)
<b>Decreased funds for Existing Projects</b>					
Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park) Road Kerb Renewal project	900				
Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade		656			
Victoria Lane (Regent St - End) Road Kerb Renewal	425				
ICT Strategy Implementation project				355	
Church Street Carpark Renewal	231				
Traffic Facility Renewal – Traffic Calming Devices				201	
Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program	100				
Greening Our City - Street Tree Planting Program					88
Pipe Lining Treatments Stormwater Renewal	60				
Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions	50				
ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement	50				
	1,816	656	0	556	88
<b>NET MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES</b>	<b>(139)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(208)</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>(2,557)</b>

### Other Externally Restricted Reserve Movements – Increase \$20.8m

- \$20.8m increase in Developer Contributions due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves. These movements can be found in **ATTACHMENT 1 (Cash and Investments)**

**ITEM 4 (continued)****Financial Implications**

As a result of the Quarterly Review as at 30 September 2023, Council's available Unrestricted Cash balance is projected to remain at **\$8.7m** as at 30 June 2024. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs and is considered Council's working capital. In addition, these funds are required to meet any unknown or unexpected costs and should not to be reallocated for other purposes.

**Conclusion**

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

"It is in my opinion that the Budget Review Statement for City of Ryde for the period ended 30 September 2023 indicates that the Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2024 is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure".

Aneesh Zahra

Chief Financial Officer  
Responsible Accounting Officer

9 November 2023

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Quarterly Review Report July - September 2023**  
**Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - September 2023**

Statutory Format	Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)								Ref
		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)	
	<b>Income From Continuing Operations</b>									
109,718	Rates and annual charges	109,718	-	109,718	109,663			-	109,718	
18,410	User charges and fees	18,410	-	18,410	7,160	(33)	-	(33)	18,377	
5,477	Interest and investment revenue	5,477	-	5,477	2,879			-	5,477	
12,535	Other Revenue	12,535	-	12,535	2,566	44	168	212	12,747	3,6
6,090	Grants and Contributions - Operating	6,040	50	6,090	380	(11)	(3,503)	(3,514)	2,576	1,2,4,5
26,587	Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-			-	-	
1,226	Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	-	-	-	-			-	-	
	- Trf From Internal Restrictions	1,332	1,183	2,516	2,516		5,161	5,161	7,677	19
	- Trf From External Restrictions	26,586	497	27,083	27,083		(60)	(60)	27,023	19
<b>180,044</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>180,099</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>181,829</b>	<b>152,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>183,596</b>	
	<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>									
64,275	Employee benefits and on-costs	64,275	-	64,275	16,748	(1)	(338)	(339)	63,936	10,12,15
108	Borrowing costs	108	-	108	5			-	108	
54,894	Materials and contracts	53,163	1,730	54,894	10,789	1	1,314	1,315	56,208	8,9, 11-18
28,820	Depreciation and Amortisation	28,820	-	28,820	2,086			-	28,820	
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<b>Proceeds from Disposal - Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>(2,250)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,250)</b>	<b>(418)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,250)</b>
<b>Grants and Contributions (new)</b>	<b>(9,101)</b>	<b>(13,301)</b>	<b>(22,402)</b>	<b>(11,836)</b>	<b>(2,557)</b>	<b>(24,958)</b>
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>(48,022)</b>	<b>(33,891)</b>	<b>(81,914)</b>	<b>(71,348)</b>	<b>(2,669)</b>	<b>(84,582)</b>

Quarterly Review Report July - September 2023  
Cash and Investment Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - September 2023

Description	Opening Balances (\$'000)	Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	Approved Budget Balance (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget Balance (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)
<b>Internally Restricted Reserves</b>							
Employee Leave Entitlements	4,556	-	-	4,556	-	4,556	4,556
Refundable Deposits	17,652	-	-	17,652	-	17,652	17,652
Interest on Refundable Deposits	224	-	-	224	-	224	224
Asset Replacement	10,588	(55)	(6,238)	4,295	(120)	4,175	4,295
Plant Replacement	7,440	281	-	7,722	-	7,722	7,722
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre	-	500	-	500	-	500	500
Council Election	845	360	-	1,205	-	1,205	1,205
Investment Property	21,632	135	-	21,767	-	21,767	21,767
Ryde Central	9,375	(6,375)	(524)	2,476	-	2,476	2,476
Carryover Works	601	-	(601)	0	-	0	0
Accommodation	16,488	(1,726)	-	14,761	(341)	14,420	14,761
Public Art	18	-	-	18	-	18	18
Community Grants	128	-	-	128	-	128	128
Synthetic Sports Surface	908	239	-	1,147	-	1,147	1,147
Transport & Pedestrian Initiatives MP	241	-	-	241	-	241	241
Insurance Fluctuation	291	200	-	491	-	491	491
Risk Management, WHS & Injury Management	588	123	(168)	543	-	543	543
Planning Proposal	267	(3)	-	263	-	263	263
Affordable Housing	1,521	602	-	2,124	-	2,124	2,124
Workers Compensation	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Heritage	385	-	-	385	-	385	385
Asset Expansion	4,779	(385)	(3,300)	1,093	-	1,093	1,093
Financial Assistance Grant	4,465	-	-	4,465	(4,465)	-	4,465
Revolving Energy Fund	122	-	-	122	-	122	122
Information Technology	2,195	200	-	2,395	-	2,395	2,395
Legal	292	100	-	392	-	392	392
<b>Total - Internally Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>108,600</b>	<b>(5,805)</b>	<b>(10,831)</b>	<b>91,964</b>	<b>(4,926)</b>	<b>87,038</b>	<b>91,964</b>
<b>Externally Restricted Reserves</b>							
S7.11 Stormwater Management Facilities	477	-	-	477	-	477	477
S7.12 Plan 2020 Fixed Development Consent	2,566	65	-	2,631	-	2,631	2,631
S7.11 Plan 2020 Plan Administration	541	(189)	-	351	454	805	351
S7.11 Plan 2020 Roads & Traffic Management	2,355	650	-	3,005	984	3,989	3,005
S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space & Recreation Facilities	39,655	(1,511)	(3,284)	34,860	12,367	47,227	34,860
S7.11 Plan 2020 Community & Cultural Facilities	18,654	1,125	(23)	19,756	6,862	26,618	19,756
Voluntary Planning Agreement	14,525	-	-	14,525	-	14,525	14,525
Other Contribution	825	-	(825)	-	-	-	-
Domestic Waste Management	22,207	-	(1,514)	20,693	-	20,693	20,693
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate	3,706	1,783	(786)	4,704	-	4,704	4,704
Stormwater Management	1,009	(274)	(712)	23	-	23	23
Infrastructure Special Rate	9,818	(720)	(4,296)	4,802	(139)	4,663	4,802
Consolidated Grant	14,261	-	-	14,261	-	14,261	14,261
<b>Total - Externally Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>130,599</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>(11,440)</b>	<b>120,088</b>	<b>20,528</b>	<b>140,616</b>	<b>120,088</b>
<b>Unrestricted Cash</b> (ie. available after the above Restrictions) <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>8,499</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,660</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,660</b>	<b>75,497</b>
<b>Total - Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>247,698</b>	<b>(4,716)</b>	<b>(22,271)</b>	<b>220,712</b>	<b>15,602</b>	<b>236,313</b>	<b>287,548</b>

(1) Council's unrestricted actual cash position is currently higher than the year end projected balance. The unrestricted balance will continue to fluctuate as Council expends on operational costs and capital projects during the financial year. It is anticipated that all budgeted income and expenditure will be realised so that the projected unrestricted cash balance will remain at \$8.7m. These funds have been invested in accordance with Council's investment policy.



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Financial Management Summary by Programs/Functions Report for the Period Ended - September 2023

Statutory Format	Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)					
		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)
Approved Budget (\$'000)							
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>							
6,472	City Development	2,550	-	2,550	826	-	2,550
8,000	Community Safety and Amenity	8,000	-	8,000	1,431	-	8,000
18,196	City Sports and Recreation	9,085	217	9,302	2,914	(60)	9,242
467	Library	467	-	467	16	100	567
-	City Economy	206	-	206	206	-	206
1,067	Resilience and Sustainability	484	136	620	515	158	778
981	Catchment Waterway	261	686	946	936	-	946
27,545	Waste and Recycling	52,055	40	52,095	50,205	-	52,095
6,146	Traffic and Transport	2,155	100	2,255	508	-	2,255
7,549	Roads	3,363	-	3,363	3,291	143	3,506
2,799	Paths and Cycleways	458	214	672	387	-	672
1,610	Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	1,392	50	1,442	569	190	1,632
375	Community Connectedness and Engagement	375	120	495	307	28	523
3,268	Strategic Property	4,217	-	4,217	1,814	341	4,558
2,170	Service Delivery Support	1,632	-	1,632	923	-	1,632
93,399	Governance & Corporate Services	93,399	168	93,567	87,401	867	94,434
<b>180,044</b>		<b>180,099</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>181,829</b>	<b>152,247</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>183,596</b>
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>							
6,514	City Development	6,514	-	6,514	1,565	(20)	6,494
6,675	Community Safety and Amenity	6,675	-	6,675	1,510	-	6,675
21,823	City Sports and Recreation	21,606	217	21,823	4,489	(207)	21,616
7,963	Library	7,963	-	7,963	1,702	80	8,043
2,263	City Economy	2,263	-	2,263	376	(255)	2,008
3,790	Resilience and Sustainability	3,654	136	3,790	816	203	3,992
7,768	Catchment Waterway	7,082	686	7,768	1,142	(265)	7,503
26,072	Waste and Recycling	26,033	40	26,072	3,710	-	26,072
5,829	Traffic and Transport	5,729	100	5,829	1,055	225	6,053
12,120	Roads	12,120	-	12,120	1,394	(28)	12,092
4,240	Paths and Cycleways	4,026	214	4,240	725	(74)	4,166
5,854	Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	5,804	50	5,854	1,080	210	6,064
6,223	Community Connectedness and Engagement	6,103	120	6,223	1,283	97	6,321
7,393	Strategic Property	7,393	-	7,393	888	304	7,697
4,687	Service Delivery Support	4,687	-	4,687	1,943	68	4,755
25,746	Governance & Corporate Services	25,578	168	25,746	7,221	1,429	27,175
<b>154,960</b>		<b>153,230</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>154,960</b>	<b>30,899</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>156,727</b>

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**Quarterly Review Report July - September 2023**  
**Proposed Budget Changes**

	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Grand Total	0	0	0	
User charges and fees (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-33,000	0	-33,000	
Parks Building Income	-48,000	0	-48,000	Transfer Tennis Court income to Rentals - Other Council Properties.
Cork and Fork	15,000	0	15,000	Increase budget to reflect having to rerun Cork and Fork event as per Council Resolution dated 21 May 2023
Other revenues (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	44,380	168,000	212,380	
Parks Building Income	48,000	0	48,000	Increase Tennis Court income which previously its income has been grouped with Users charges and fees - Parks Building Income.
Recreation Development	11,380	0	11,380	Increase due to reclassification of income which was originally budgeted as grant income. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.
Australian LG Women's Association Conference		140,000	140,000	Increase in ticket sale and sponsorship income for hosting Australian LG Women's Association Conference as per Council Resolution date on 25 May 2021. This income is offset by an increase in expenditure of \$160k
Community Christmas Celebration	-15,000	0	-15,000	Decrease in income due to reduction of the Community Christmas Celebration scale to partially offset the additional costs for rerunning of Cork and Fork event
Cork and Fork	0	28,000	28,000	Increase in income budget to reflect having to rerun Cork and Fork event as per Council Resolution dated 21 May 2023
Grants and Contributions - Operating (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-11,380	-3,502,618	-3,513,998	
Implementation of Street Tree Master Plan	0	157,500	157,500	\$87.5k is proposed to be transferred from Greening Our City - Street Tree Planting Program and \$70k increase in Greening Our City grant received for Implementation of Street Tree Master Plan
Recreational Events in Parks	-11,380	0	-11,380	Decrease due to reclassification of grant income which now has to be classified as other revenue. This has no impact to overall budgeted income.
Unsung Heroes – Innovation in Volunteering		50,000	50,000	Increase in NSW Social Cohesion Grant received from Department of Premier and Cabinet for the Project. It will be offset by the expenditure for this project.
Library Shelving and Furniture		100,000	100,000	Increase in Public Library Infrastructure grant funding from NSW State Library. These funds are proposed to be utilised for purchase of library shelving and furniture for Council's North Ryde Library.

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Financial Assistance Grant		-3,810,118	-3,810,118	Decrease Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) due to FY23/24 FAG allocated to the City of Ryde amounts to \$4.6m, this compared the Original Budget of \$4.0m represents an increase of \$655k. However last Financial Year, \$4.5m was received as a prepayment and as a result the Accounting Standards require that this be recognised in the year it was received and these funds were transferred to FAG Reserve.
<b>Grants and Contributions - Capital (+ve is an increase in Revenue)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,371,515</b>	<b>23,371,515</b>	
Section 7.11 Developer Contributions		20,815,000	20,815,000	Increase in Developer Contributions due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
ePlanning Portal - Integration with Council's system		80,000	80,000	Increase in grant received from Department of Planning & Environment for ePlanning Portal project.
Greening Our City - Street Tree Planting Program		-87,500	-87,500	It is proposed budget to be transferred to Implementation of Street Tree Master Plan project.
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4		591,724	591,724	Increase in Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 4 grant received for Constitution Road, Meadowbank Footpath project
Seawalls/Retaining Walls Refurbishment Renewal - Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works		224,664	224,664	Increase in Coastal and Estuary Grants received from Department of Planning and Environment for Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection worksPark project
Seawalls/Retaining Walls Refurbishment Renewal - Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation Work		1,207,500	1,207,500	Increase in Coastal and Estuary Grant received from Department of Planning and Environment for Putney Park Seawall Rehability project
Footpath Construction Expansion- Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street)		346,056	346,056	Increase in Get NSW Active 2023/24 grant received from Transport for NSW for Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street) Footpath Construction project.
Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing		81,600	81,600	Increase in Get NSW Active 2023/24 grant received from Transport of NSW for Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing project to provide a raised pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Meadowbank Skate Park to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians.
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 1 - Morrison Rd, Putney - Construction of Speed Cushions		57,471	57,471	Increase in Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 1 grant received for Morrison Rd, Putney - Construction of Speed Cushions project as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.
Community Buildings Renewal - North Ryde School of Arts Renewal Works		55,000	55,000	Increase in Creative Capital Funding Program grant received for North Ryde School of Arts Renewal project.
<b>Employee benefits and on-costs (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-337,614</b>	<b>-338,614</b>	
Salary savings in various programs		-497,754	-497,754	Decrease in Salaries and Wages budget predominantly due to vacant positions
Overtime		122,140	122,140	Increase overtime budget due to vacant positions, offset by salaries savings

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Australian LG Women's Association Conference		20,000	20,000	Increase in expenditure required for hosting ALGWA NSW Conference as per Council Resolution dated 25 May 2021. This expenditure is partially offset by ticket sale and sponsorship income
Governance Framework Administration	-75,000	0	-75,000	Salaries savings due to the role of Governance Specialist being vacant. It is proposed to use the savings for the temporary staff to fulfil the role.
Recruitment	6,000	0	6,000	Transfer budget from Advertising to Recruitment Advertising.
Civil Infrastructure	-17,000	0	-17,000	Salaries savings due to vacant positions and the savings is used to fund expenses for the temporary staff.
Ranger Management & Administration	-15,000	0	-15,000	Salaries savings due to Maternity Leave. The savings is used to fund expenses for the temporary staff.
Events Administration	20,000	0	20,000	Transfer budget from Neighbour Events for Events and Live Music Plans to Events Administration
Cork and Fork		13,000	13,000	Increase in funding for Council's Cork and Fork event as per Council Resolution dated 21 May 2023.
Diwali Lights Competition		5,000	5,000	Increase in expenditure required for Council to hold a Diwali Lights Competition as per Council Resolution date 27 June 2023.
Work Health and Safety Road Map	80,000	0	80,000	Increase in salaries due to hiring the role as a temporary staff rather than using Consultant. It is proposed to be funded by the savings in the Consultant budget.
<b>Materials and contracts (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,313,644</b>	<b>1,314,644</b>	
Work Health and Safety Road Map	-80,000	0	-80,000	Decrease in Consultant budget due to hiring a temporary staff for the role rather than using Consultant. It is proposed to use the savings to fund the salaries for the temporary staff.
Techone SAAS Implementation		355,000	355,000	Increase in expenditure required for the Techone SAAS Implementation project. It is proposed to reallocate these funds from the ICT Strategy Implementation capital project which was originally funded from Asset Replacement Reserve. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
NRO Fitout Works		341,000	341,000	Increase in expenditure required for fitout of office equipment at the North Ryde Office. It is proposed to be funded from Accommodation Reserve.
Implementation of Street Tree Master Plan		157,500	157,500	Increase in expenditure for the Street Tree Master Plan implementation project. This variation has been funded from the Greening our City Grant received.
Parks Master Plans - Review		-60,000	-60,000	Decrease in funding for the Parks Master Plan Project due to a change in scope after a review of the funding source. The total project has a current budget of \$416k and is funded from Section 7.11 Open Space & Recreation Facilities. However after review, Pidding Park was not identified in the Section 7.11 plan, therefore it is proposed to return these funds back to Reserve.
Park & Open Space Tree Planting Program	-60,000	0	-60,000	Consolidate and transfer budget to Tree Asset Management System.
Tree Asset Management System	60,000	0	60,000	Budget transfers from Parks and Open Space Tree Planting Program to consolidate the two projects into one.
Australian LG Women's Association Conference		140,000	140,000	Increase in expenditure required for hosting ALGWA NSW Conference as per Council Resolution dated 25 May 2021. This expenditure is partially offset by ticket sale and sponsorship income
Unsung Heroes – Innovation in Volunteering		50,000	50,000	Increase in expenditure as a result of Council receiving the NSW Social Cohesion Grant received from Department of Premier

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Library Shelving and Furniture		100,000	100,000	Increase in expenditure required for library shelving and furniture project at Council's North Ryde Library. This variation has been funded by the Library Infrastructure grant received from State Library NSW.
Governance Framework Administration	75,000	0	75,000	Funding required for the temporary staff for 6 months to fulfill the role of Governance Specialist being vacant. It is proposed to be funded by the savings in the Salaries budget.
Councillor Support	-21,449	0	-21,449	Council resolved on 27th June 23 to maintain the same budget as 22/23. The savings is proposed to fund the Councillor Bid Projects under governance.
Mayor's Office	-5,206	0	-5,206	Council resolved on 27th June 23 to maintain the same budget as 22/23. The savings is proposed to fund the Councillor Bid Projects under governance.
Councillor Bid Projects	26,655	0	26,655	Council resolved on 27th June 23 to maintain the same budget for Mayoral and Councillors' Fees and Super for Mayoral and Councillors Fees as 22/23. The savings is proposed to fund the Councillor Bid Projects under governance.
Recruitment	-6,000	0	-6,000	Transfer budget from Advertising to Recruitment Advertising.
Staff Engagement and Culture Events	-50,000	0	-50,000	Budget is proposed to be transferred to fund Ticket to Ryde project
Ticket to Ryde	50,000	0	50,000	Budget is proposed for be transferred from Staff Engagemnet and Culture Events to fund Ticket to Ryde project
Risk Management		168,184	168,184	Increase in expenditure due to greater than anticipated insurance premiums received this Financial Year. This is mainly due to insurance premiums that relate to Council's property and buildings due to increased valuations.
Information Technology Services Administration	27,690	0	27,690	Funding transferred from Strategy and Innovation for CCTV Master Plan
Strategy and Innovation	-27,690	0	-27,690	Transfer funding to IT Consultancy for CCTV Master Plan
Ranger Management & Administration	15,000	0	15,000	Increase in funding for Temporary Staff to cover for maternity leave, offset by salaries savings
Civil Infrastructure	17,000	0	17,000	Increase funding for Temporary Staff due to vacant position, offset by salaries savings
Asset Integration	-61,550	0	-61,550	Transfer budget to merge with Activation & Compliance
Activation & Compliance	61,550	0	61,550	Budget transferred from Asset Integration to merge with Activation and Compliance
City Property		17,500	17,500	Increase expenditure required for an external valuer to conduct valuations for various scenarios for Council's property strategy.
Local Economic Development Administration	-9,400	0	-9,400	Transfer to Community Services - Events Administration for an Events Van.
Neighbourhood Centres	-55,370	0	-55,370	Transfer to Community Services - Events Administration for an Events Van and \$50k to support Live Music Program.
Climate Change	18,820	0	18,820	Consolidate the two Climate Change projects into one.

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Climate Change - City Switch	-18,820	0	-18,820	Consolidate the two Climate Change projects into one.
Live Music	50,000	0	50,000	Transfer from City Economy Neighbourhood Centres to support Live Music Program
Neighbourhood Events	-120,000	0	-120,000	Transfer budget from Neighbourhood Events for Events and Live Music Plans to Events Administration
Events Administration	114,770	0	114,770	Transfer from Neighbourhood Centres and Local Economic Development Administration to fund the purchase of an Events Van. In addition, budget from Neighbourhood Events transferred to Events and Live Music Plans in Events Administration.
Community Christmas Celebration	-33,540	0	-33,540	Reduce the Community Christmas Celebration scale to partially offset the additional costs for rerunning of Cork and Fork event
Cork and Fork	33,540	39,460	73,000	Increase budget to reflect having to rerun Cork and Fork event as per Council Resolution dated 21 May 2023
Diwali Lights Competition		5,000	5,000	Increase in expenditure required for Council to hold a Diwali Lights Competition as per Council Resolution date 27 June 2023.
Other Expenses (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	0	790,792	790,792	
Emergency Services Levy		790,792	790,792	Increase in expenditure required for Council's contribution to the Emergency Services Levy. This increase is mainly due to a provision for workers compensation liability for emergency service workers to have cover for a range of cancers
Reserves Drawdown for Operating (-ve is an increase in Reserve Drawdown)	0	-5,101,440	-5,101,440	
<b>Externally Restricted Reserve</b>				
<b>Section 7.11 Plan - Open Space &amp; Recreation Facilities</b>				
Parks Master Plans - Review		60,000	60,000	Transfer to Section 7.11 Open Space & Recreation Facilities due to a review of funding sources for the Parks Master Plan Project
<b>Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve</b>				
Park & Open Space Tree Planting Program	60,000	0	60,000	Consolidate and transfer budget to Tree Asset Management System.
Tree Asset Management System	-60,000	0	-60,000	Budget transferred from Parks and Open Space Tree Planting Program to consolidate the two projects into one
<b>Internally Restricted Reserve</b>				
Techone SAAS Implementation		-355,000	-355,000	Transfer from Asset Replacement Reserve due to reallocation of funds from ICT Strategy Implementation capital project
NRO Fitout Works		-341,000	-341,000	Transfer from Accommodation Reserve due to increase in expenditure required for fitout of office equipment at the North Ryde Office
Financial Assistance Grant		-4,465,440	-4,465,440	Transfer from Financial Assistance Grant Reserve due to prepayment received in FY22/23
Capital Expenditure (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	0	2,668,515	2,668,515	

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
ePlanning Portal - Integration with Council's system		80,000	80,000	Increase for ePlanning Portal project which ensures Integration with Council's system due to grant received from Department of Planning & Environment.
ICT Strategy Implementation		-355,000	-355,000	Decrease for ICT Strategy Implementation project as it is proposed to reallocate these funds to the Techone SAAS Implementation project which is in the operating budget. This was originally funded from Asset Replacement Reserve. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget
Greening Our City - Street Tree Planting Program		-87,500	-87,500	Decrease for Greening Our City - Street Tree Planting Program. Funds received from the Greening our City Grant were allocated to a separate Street Tree Master Plan project and it proposed to consolidate this project
ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement	-50,000	0	-50,000	Decrease for ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement project, as project is proposed to be deferred until after the ELS Hall field upgrade works take place in FY24/25 it is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.
Morrison Bay Field Works	50,000	120,000	170,000	Increase for Morrison Bay Field Works project due to greater than anticipated costs as a result of availability of contractors to complete drainage works and unexpected asbestos discovered. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve as per Council Resolution dated on 24 October 2023.
Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery		208,000	208,000	Increase for Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery due to greater than anticipated consultancy costs to complete design of the project. It is proposed to be funded by S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space & Recreation Facility Reserve.
146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	110,000	0	110,000	Increase for 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project due to changes in scope of ongoing utilities service requirements and repair of redundant pipe penetrations due to developer works. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4		591,724	591,724	Increase for Constitution Road, Meadowbank Footpath, due to Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 4 grant. Works will involve the cut back of rock face abutment of the Angas Street bridge and construction of a new footpath on the southern side of Constitution Road, which will facilitate a continuous pedestrian link to Meadowbank railway station.
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Lyle Street (Cul De Sac (W) - Ellen Street)		75,000	75,000	Increase for Lyle Street (Cul De Sac (W) - Ellen Street) Road Resurfacing Renewal Project as the project is proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Lyle Street (Ellen Street - Cul De Sac (N))		70,000	70,000	Increase for Lyle Street (Ellen Street - Cul De Sac (N)) Road Resurfacing Renewal Project as the project is proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Corunna Road (Balaclava Road - Bellamy Street)		209,000	209,000	Increase for Corunna Road (Balaclava Road - Bellamy Street) Road Resurfacing Renewal Project as project is proposed to be brought forward to align with delivery of Corruna Road (from Bellamy St to Erina Street) in this FY23/24 Financial Year. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Laura Street (The Strand - Cul De Sac (E))		107,000	107,000	Increase for Laura Street (The Strand - Cul De Sac (E)) Road Resurfacing Renewal project is proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Footpath Construction Renewal - Defects List - Condition 4 & 5		244,850	244,850	Increase for Defects List - Condition 4 & 5 under Footpath Construction Renewal project to increase footpath renewal works at more locations within the LGA. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park)	-850,000	-50,000	-900,000	Decrease for Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park) Road Kerb Renewal project. This project is proposed to be deferred to 2024/25, due to continuing developer works in the proximity of these proposed works. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Road Kerb Renewal - Victoria Lane (Regent St - End)		-425,000	-425,000	Decrease for Victoria Lane (Regent St - End) Road Kerb Renewal project. This project is proposed to be deferred to 2024/25, due to continuing developer works in the proximity of these proposed works. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Brush Road(Lawson St - Terry Rd)	850,000	0	850,000	Increase for Brush Road (Lawson St - Terry Rd) Roads and Kerbs Renewal project proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - SRV - Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions	-50,000	0	-50,000	Decrease for Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the 146 Bowden Street Tunk Drainage project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined	-60,000	0	-60,000	Decrease for Pipe Lining Treatments Stormwater Renewal project due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the 146 Bowden Street Tunk Drainage project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade	-656,000	0	-656,000	Decrease for Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade. This project is proposed to be deferred to 2024/25, due project currently still in investigation stage and unlikely to start construction until the new Financial year. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Melba Drive, East Ryde	406,000	0	406,000	Increase for Melba Drive, East Ryde Stormwater Renewal Project as the project proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25 as design is now complete and in addition projects that were originally planned to be delivered this Financial Year but are still in the investigation stage such as the Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade are now required to be deferred. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde	250,000	0	250,000	Increase for Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde, Stormwater Renewal Project as the project proposed to be brought forward from FY24/25 as design is now complete, in addition projects that were originally planned to be delivered this Financial Year but are still in the investigation stage such as the Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade are now required to be deferred. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.
Seawalls/Retaining Walls Refurbishment Renewal - Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works		224,664	224,664	increase for Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works project due to additional Coastal and Estuary Grant received from Department of Planning and Environment as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.
Seawalls/Retaining Walls Refurbishment Renewal - Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation Work		1,207,500	1,207,500	Increase for Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation Work project due to additional Coastal and Estuary Grant received from Department of Planning and Environment. This funding will allow upgrade of the seawall to enhance coastal resilience in response to climate change.
Car Park Renewal - Church Street Carpark		-230,850	-230,850	Decrease for Church Street Carpark Renewal project as carpark retaining wall remains in a serviceable condition and further assessment is required to undertaking the scheduled work. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Footpath Construction Expansion- Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street)		346,056	346,056	Increase for Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street) Footpath Construction project due to Get NSW Active 2023/24 grant received from Transport for NSW.
Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing	200,806	81,800	282,406	Increase for Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing project to provide a raised pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Meadowbank Skate Park to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians. Of this \$81k is proposed to be funded from Get NSW Active 2023/24 grant received from Transport of NSW, and \$201k from Asset Replacement Reserve.
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 1 - Morrison Rd, Putney - Construction of Speed Cushions		57,471	57,471	Increase for Morrison Rd, Putney - Construction of Speed Cushions, funded by Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 1 grant as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.



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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Traffic Facility Renewal – Traffic Calming Devices	-200,806	0	-200,806	Savings from the Traffic Calming Devices to partially fund the Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing.
Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park		120,000	120,000	Increase for Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park as per Council Resolution dated on 25 July 2023. It is proposed to be funded by Asset Replacement Reserve.
Community Buildings Renewal - Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program		16,000	16,000	Increase for Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program at the Station Street Community Hall, West Ryde to facilitate renewal works and minor asbestos removal. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Community Buildings Renewal - Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program	-100,000	0	-100,000	Decrease for Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program, as project is proposed to be cancelled as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Community Buildings Renewal - North Ryde School of Arts Renewal Works		13,000	13,000	Increase for North Ryde School of Arts Renewal project due to Create NSW grant received. The grant received is \$55k, as this project was originally funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve it is proposed to reimburse \$42k to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Community Buildings Renewal - Marsfield Community Centre Renewal Works		45,000	45,000	Increase for Marsfield Community Centre Renewal project due to greater than anticipated contractor costs. It is proposed to be funded by Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Heritage Buildings Renewal - Conservation Management Plan Program	100,000	0	100,000	Increase for Conservation Management Plan Program for the Parsonage as quotes are higher than anticipated due to rising construction costs and due to the lack of availability of the slate tiles that have been specified to be used for heritage requirements. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve as per Council Resolution date on 24 October 2023.
<b>Reserves Drawdown for Capital (-ve is an Increase in Reserve Drawdown)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,703,000</b>	<b>20,703,000</b>	
<b>Externally Restricted Reserve</b>				
<b>Section 7.11 Plan - Administration</b>				
Developer Contributions		454,000	454,000	Transfer additional Developer Contributions received to S7.11 Plan - Administration Reserve
<b>Section 7.11 Plan - Roads &amp; Traffic Management</b>				
Developer Contributions		984,000	984,000	Transfer additional Developer Contributions received to 7.11 Plan - Roads & Traffic Management Reserve
<b>Section 7.11 Plan - Open Space &amp; Recreation Facilities</b>				
Developer Contributions		12,515,000	12,515,000	Transfer additional Developer Contributions received to 7.11 Plan - Open Space & Recreation Facilities Reserve
Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery		-208,000	-208,000	It is proposed to transfer from S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space & Recreation Facility Reserve to fund the increase for Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery project.
<b>Section 7.11 Plan - Community &amp; Cultural Facilities</b>				
Developer Contributions		6,862,000	6,862,000	Transfer additional Developer Contributions received to 7.11 Plan - Community & Cultural Facilities Reserve.
<b>Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve</b>				
Morrison Bay Field Works	-50,000	-120,000	-170,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Morrison Bay Field Works project as per Council Resolution dated on 24 October 2023.
ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement	50,000	0	50,000	Decrease for ELS Hall Park Pole Replacement project, as project is proposed to be deferred until after the ELS Hall field upgrade works take place in FY24/25 it is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023.

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	-110,000	0	-110,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project.
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Lyle Street (Cul De Sac (W) - Ellen Street)		-75,000	-75,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Lyle Street (Cul De Sac (W) - Ellen Street) Road Resurfacing Renewal Project
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Lyle Street (Ellen Street - Cul De Sac (N))		-70,000	-70,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Lyle Street (Ellen Street - Cul De Sac (N)) Road Resurfacing Renewal Project
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Corunna Road (Balaclava Road - Bellamy Street)		-209,000	-209,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Corunna Road (Balaclava Road - Bellamy Street) Road Resurfacing Renewal Project
Road Resurfacing Renewal - Laura Street (The Strand - Cul De Sac (E))		-107,000	-107,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Laura Street (The Strand - Cul De Sac (E)) Road Resurfacing Renewal project
Footpath Construction Renewal - Defects List - Condition 4 & 5		-244,850	-244,850	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Defects List - Condition 4 & 5 under Footpath Construction Renewal project
Road Kerb Renewal - Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park)	850,000	50,000	900,000	Decrease for Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park) Road Kerb Renewal project. This project is proposed to be deferred to 2024/25, due to continuing developer works in the proximity of these proposed works. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Victoria Lane (Regent St - End)		425,000	425,000	Decrease for Victoria Lane (Regent St - End) Road Kerb Renewal project. This project is proposed to be deferred to 2024/25, due to continuing developer works in the proximity of these proposed works. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Road Kerb Renewal - Brush Road (Lawson St - Terry Rd)	-850,000	0	-850,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Brush Road (Lawson St - Terry Rd) Roads and Kerbs Renewal project.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - SRV - Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions	50,000	0	50,000	Decrease for Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the 146 Bowden Street Tunk Drainage project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined	60,000	0	60,000	Decrease for Pipe Lining Treatments Stormwater Renewal project due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the 146 Bowden Street Tunk Drainage project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Car Park Renewal - Church Street Carpark		230,850	230,850	Decrease for Church Street Carpark Renewal project as carpark retaining wall remains in a serviceable condition and further assessment is required to undertaking the scheduled work. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Community Buildings Renewal - Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program		-16,000	-16,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program to facilitate renewal works at the Station Street Community Hall and minor asbestos removal
Community Buildings Renewal - Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program	100,000	0	100,000	Decrease for Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program, as project is proposed to be cancelled as per Council Resolution date 24 October 2023. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Community Buildings Renewal - North Ryde School of Arts Renewal Works		42,000	42,000	Change the source funding from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to grant funding for North Ryde School of Arts Renewal Works project due to Create NSW grant received.

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	Matching Variances	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 1 Variations	September Quarter 2023 Comments
Community Buildings Renewal - Marsfield Community Centre Renewal Works		-45,000	-45,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Marsfield Community Centre Renewal project.
Heritage Buildings Renewal - Conservation Management Plan Program	-100,000	0	-100,000	It is proposed to transfer from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve to fund the increase for Conservation Management Plan Program as per Council Resolution date on 24 October 2023.
<b>Stormwater Management Reserve</b>				
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade	656,000	0	656,000	Decrease for Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade. This project is proposed to be deferred to 2024/25, due project currently still in investigation stage and unlikely to start construction until the new Financial year. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Melba Drive, East Ryde	-406,000	0	-406,000	It is proposed to transfer from Stormwater Management Reserve to fund the increase for Melba Drive, East Ryde Stormwater Renewal project.
Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal - Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde	-250,000	0	-250,000	It is proposed to transfer from Stormwater Management Reserve to fund the increase for Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde, Stormwater Renewal project.
<b>Internally Restricted Reserve</b>				
ICT Strategy Implementation	0	355,000	355,000	Decrease for ICT Strategy Implementation project as it is proposed to reallocate these funds to the Techone SAAS Implementation project which is in the operating budget. This was originally funded from Asset Replacement Reserve.
Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-200,806	0	-200,806	It is proposed to transfer from Assets Replacement Reserve to fund the increase for Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing project to provide a raised pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Meadowbank Skate Park to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians.
Traffic Facility Renewal – Traffic Calming Devices	200,806	0	200,806	Decrease for Traffic Facility Renewal – Traffic Calming Devices due to other priority projects requiring funding such as the Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing project. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Asset Replacement Reserve.
Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park	0	-120,000	-120,000	It is proposed to transfer from Assets Replacement Reserve to fund the increase for Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park as per Council Resolution dated on 25 July 2023.

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**Financial Performance Indicators**

	Revised Budget	Benchmark
Operating Performance Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	-5.26%	>0.00%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	82.80%	>60.00%
Debt Service Cover Ratio	7.3x	>1.5x
Asset Renewals Ratio	169%	>=100%

(1) The Operating Performance Ratio has not met the benchmark as at September Quarter. It has decreased from -0.69% from the Original Budget to -5.26% after September Quarterly Budget Review. This is a result of the Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) for FY23/24 being prepaid last Financial Year and as such the Accounting Standards requires income to be recognised in the year it is received. This prepaid income was transferred to the FAG Internal Reserve as at 30 June 2023 and in this Quarterly Review it has been transferred out of this Reserve. As a result, Operating income has decreasing by \$3.8m, therefore impacting the Operating Performance Ratio. It is anticipated that during the year, savings in expenditure and additional income generated will result in improvements in this ratio. This will continue to be monitored and reported to Council in future quarterly budget review. This has a NIL impact to Council's unrestricted cash position.

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**Contracts Awarded for Quarterly Review Report July - September 2023**

Contract Name	Purpose of Contract	Contract Form	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Contract Options	Duration of the Contract	End Date	Included in Budget?	Is this a lease under AASB 16
Sentinent Dynamic Pty Ltd	Supply and Implementation Planning Portal	Other	\$365,000.00	21-Aug-23	5 x 1 year	5 years	20-Aug-28	Yes	N
Bridge42 Pty Ltd	Porters Creek Feasibility Investigations	CoR General Consultancy	\$90,000.00	27-Jul-23	None	11 months	28-Aug-24	Yes	N
Capstone Recruitment	Specialist Recruitment Services for General Manager Business and Operations	Other	\$19,750.00	29-Aug-23	None	6 months	28-Feb-24	Yes	N
AJC Architects Pty Limited	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy	\$700,000.00	15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N
Emili Fox Architects	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy		15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N
GM Urban Design and Architecture Pty Ltd	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy		15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N
Matthew Pullinger Architect	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy		15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N
REALM Studios Pty Ltd	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy		15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N
Smith & Tzannes Pty Ltd	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy		15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N
St Clair Architecture	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy		15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N
Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects Pty Ltd	Urban Design Review Panel	CoR General Consultancy		15-Jul-23	None	5 years	14-Jul-28	Yes	N

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**Legal & Consultancy Expenses as at 30 September 2023**

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Legal Fees	\$ 106,410.72	Y
Consultancy Fees	\$ 321,657.24	Y

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## 5 MANAGING FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL DURING THE 2023-2024 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR RECESS

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager  
**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/640

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### REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the Mayor assuming the functions of Council in the case of an emergency and in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer during the Christmas/New Year recess from 13 December 2023 to 26 February 2024.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That pursuant to section 226(o) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and subject to the requirements of paragraph (b) below, the Mayor is authorised to exercise all functions of Council during the period between 12.00am on 13 December 2023 and 12.00 midnight on 26 February 2024, but only in the case of an emergency and in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.
- (b) That notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a) above, the Council notes and acknowledges that the Mayor can exercise the policy-making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council, but only in cases of necessity as authorised by section 226(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (c) That any functions of the Council exercised by the Mayor in accordance with this resolution, be communicated to all Councillors as soon as reasonably possible, in addition to a Mayoral Minute being submitted to Council's meeting on 27 February 2024 that specifies the functions exercised, if any.

### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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**Graham Humphreys**  
**Manager - Business Assurance and Governance**

**Wayne Rylands**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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### **Discussion**

In accordance with the Meeting Schedule endorsed by Council, the final Council meeting for the year is to be held on 12 December 2023. The first Council meeting in 2024 will be held on 27 February 2024.

If considered necessary at any time an Extraordinary Meeting can be called during this period.

### **Relevant Legislative and Policy provisions**

Section 226 of the Local Government Act 1993 sets out the role of the Mayor.

Section 226(d) states that the Mayor's role includes *"to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council"*,

Section 226(o) states that the Mayor's role includes *"to exercise any other functions of the Council that the Council determines"*.

In addition, at its meeting held 25 October 2022, Council adopted the Policy for the Interface and Day to Day Oversight of the Chief Executive Officer by the Mayor including Mayor's Roles and Responsibilities. This Policy sets out the following requirements in relation to the exercise of, in cases of necessity, the policy making functions of the governing body of the Council in between meetings of the Council:-

*Where in cases of necessity, the Mayor exercises the policy-making functions of the Council in between Council meetings, in accordance with Section 226 of the Local Government Act 1993, this is to be communicated to all Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer as soon as possible. Any action taken is to be reported to the next available Council Meeting by way of a Mayoral Minute.*

It is recommended that the Mayor liaise and seek guidance from the Chief Executive Officer, and communicate the intent to exercise such functions to Councillors, prior to the taking of any action.

As a result, any policy-making functions exercised by the Mayor during the period 13 December 2023 to 26 February 2024 will be undertaken after consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for communicating the intent to exercise such functions to Councillors as soon as possible, and reported to Council at the Council Meeting to be held on 27 February 2024 by way of a Mayoral Minute.

The above provisions do not preclude the calling of an Extraordinary Council Meeting in accordance with Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice and the Local Government Act.



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**6 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS, ROUND 2, 2023**

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator - Community Services  
**File No.:** GRP/23/11 - BP23/500

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

The City of Ryde Community Grants are a strategic tool aimed at building community capacity and wellbeing. This is achieved by supporting projects that address community need in line with the Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan, the Social Plan and Creativity Strategy 2019-2024, the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026, the Reconciliation Action Plan and the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030.

Round 2 of the 2023 Community Grants Program opened on 07 August 2023 and closed on 15 September 2023. The round consisted of the following seven categories:

1. Community Wellbeing (Major, Medium and Small Projects)
2. Events (Major, Medium and Minor)
3. Arts and Creativity
4. Community Facilities and Equipment
5. Sport and Recreation
6. Small Grants
7. Venue Hire

It should be noted that this is the last Community Grants round under the former Policy. Council adopted a revised Grants Policy in October 2023 that will be implemented from the next grant round.

Thirty-seven eligible grant applications were received and assessed in this grant round. Thirty-six grant applications are recommended with the total amount of funding being \$165,970. There are sufficient funds in the Community Grants Program budget to support these projects.

In addition to the Community Grants Program, Council provides a Minor Donations Program to support the community, as per the Grants and Donations Policy and the Minor Donations and Awards Guidelines. Ten Representative Donations have been awarded since the April 2023 reporting period totaling \$2,500 and one General Donation totaling \$500.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for the City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2023.

**Community Wellbeing- Major**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
1	CWMaj02	Link Wentworth Housing Ltd.	\$15,000	\$15,000	Live Well Be Well- A social support club for residents who are reluctant or unable to leave their home.	
2	CWMaj10	Mentoring Men Ltd.	\$14,930	\$14,930	Encourage social connection and help seeking behaviour in men.	
			\$29,930	\$29,930		

**Community Wellbeing- Medium**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
3	CWMed02	Empowering Parents in Crisis Pty Ltd	\$7,500	\$7,500	EPIC Connect Project- Creating awareness of support services for parents of teenage children.	
4	CWMed01	Ample Abilities Inc.	\$5,000	\$5,000	Re-Beauty Shop- supports people with disability and their carers to run a mobile shop selling pre-loved items.	
5	CWMed02	Salvation Army	\$7,500	\$7,500	Food and grocery assistance to people facing financial hardship.	
6	CWMed03	Planting Seeds Projects Ltd	\$7,500	\$7,500	Install B&B Highways (Bed & Breakfasts for Bees, Birds, Butterflies) at three Ryde schools.	
7	CWMed04	The Northern Centre	\$5,000	\$5,000	Develop an outcome report to pivot the Safe-T program from grant funding to government funding.	

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8	CWMed07	Epilepsy Action Australia	\$7,490	\$7,490	'Equip' Epilepsy Education Program-develop and launch epilepsy education for up to 90 Ryde individuals and community workers including Mandarin and Arabic speakers.	
			\$39,990	\$39,990		

**Community Wellbeing- Small**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
9	CWmaj05	AASHA	\$7,500	\$2,500	Awareness plus Action Equals Social Change-Seniors group activities in Ryde	Moved to small category as it aligns with criteria, benefiting a small number of participants with limited sustainable outcomes
10	CWMin02	Integricare	\$2,500	\$2,500	Physical wellbeing project for children and families within the Integricare Community Playgroup.  The Magic of Storytelling at Anzac Park.	
11	CWMed06	The Miral Australia	\$5,000	\$2,500	Social picnic for people with disability once per term.	Moved to small category as it aligns with criteria, benefiting a small number of participants with limited sustainable outcomes.
12	CWMed11	DAPA	\$7,500	\$2,500	All Inclusion Project	Moved to small category as it aligns with criteria,

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						benefiting a small number of participants with limited sustainable outcomes.
13	CWMed13	Yimiri Ltd.	\$7,500	\$2,500	Karma Vibe- Creation of a youth chill out space for youth of South-East Asian heritage.	Moved to small category as it aligns with criteria, benefiting a small number of participants with limited sustainable outcomes.
			\$30,000	\$12,500		

**Events- Medium**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
14	EvMaj03	Ryde Community Forum	\$7,500	\$7,500	Lunar New Year Festival in West Ryde on 03 February 24.	
15	EvMed01	Rotary Club of Macquarie Park	\$7,500	\$7,500	Dog's Day Out-family friendly event.	
16	EvMed05	Indian Ocean Society of Australia	\$7,500	\$7,500	Holi Festival community event.	
			\$22,500	\$22,500		

**Events- Minor**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
17	EvMin01	Ryde City Concert Band Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert	
18	EvMin02	Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society Inc.	\$2,000	\$2,000	Music on Mars-Musical concert at the Visitors Centre at the Field of Mars.	
19	EvMed04	Australia Yellow River Chorus	\$7,500	\$2,500	Multicultural music and dance performance event.	Moved to small category, based on anticipated number of attendees

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						being less than 1,000.
			\$12,000	\$7,000		

**Arts and Creativity**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
20	Arts02	Sadami Konchi	\$4,342	\$4,342	Water colour art workshops for the community.	
21	Arts05	Streetwork Australia Ltd.	\$5,000	\$5,000	Urban Art-art classes for youth at risk.	
22	EvMaj02	City of Ryde Eisteddfod	\$15,000	\$5,000	Eisteddfod Ensembles in Major Auditorium	Moved from event category, as the project aligns with the outcomes of the Arts and Creativity category. Maximum amount of funding is \$5,000.
			\$24,342	\$14,342		

**Community Facilities and Equipment**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
23	FE03	Riding for the Disabled Ryde Centre (Auspice RDA NSW)	\$5,000	\$5,000	Top-up the soft cushioning surface in the arena to provide safety for riders and horses.	
24	FE08	St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)	\$3,225	\$3,225	Vital sign monitors for volunteers of Ryde St John Ambulance.	
			\$8,225	\$8,225		

**Sport and Recreation**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
25	Sp04	1 <sup>st</sup> East Ryde Scouts (auspice Scouts NSW)	\$4,850	\$4,850	First aid and youth mental health first aid training for volunteer scout leaders.	
26	Sp05	Gladesville Gymnastics	\$5,000	\$5,000	Promotion of gymnastics and website development.	

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27	Sp08	Wheelchair Sports NSW/ ACT	\$4,900	\$4,900	Establish a wheelchair tennis hub for people with a disability who live in the City of Ryde	
28	SP09	Northwest Sydney Hockey	\$1,740	\$1,200	Try Hockey Program.	Funding for ongoing coaching fees ineligible
			\$16,490	\$15,950		

**Small Grants**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
29	SM01	Artisans Ryde Inc.	\$2,388	\$2,388	Arts for Ryde-monthly community arts workshops.	
30	SM05	Sydney Korean Women's Association	\$2,500	\$2,500	Helping Hands-community information and service linkage session.	
31	SM11	Giant Steps	\$2,500	\$2,500	Greenhouse project for children with autism.	
32	SM08	CASS Care Ltd.	\$2,500	\$1,200	Go-Go CASS Ryde-Chess and boardgame activities for Ryde community members from Asian backgrounds.	Catering costs excessive for the size of the project.
33	SM13	Korean Harmony Culture Group	\$2,500	\$2,500	Social activities for 50-60 members.	
34	SM09	Country Women's Association Epping Eastwood Branch (auspice CWA NSW)	\$1,700	\$1,700	Develop a brochure to promote the CWA.	
			\$14,088	\$12,788		

**Venue Hire**

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
35	Ven01	Indonesian Welfare	\$3,084	\$1,700	Hire of West Ryde Hall for the Senior Citizens Group	Estimate based on 2024 hire and current Council fees and charges.

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36	Ven02	Yabadoo Ltd.	\$4,477	\$1,045	Hire of Eastwood Hall.	Estimate based on 2024 hire and current Council fees and charges. Venue only available one day per week.
			\$7,561	\$2,745		

(b) That funding of \$163,470 is awarded in this grant round from the Community Grants budget.

(c) That Council note that the following application is not recommended for funding:

37	Ven03	Melbar Community Association Inc	\$4,967	\$0	Venue hire for seniors group	Did not demonstrated evidence of financial hardship for venue hire support. A subsidised rate is available for community groups, as per Council's fees and charges.
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There are no attachments for this report.

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### **Discussion**

Round 2 of the Community Grants Program 2023 was promoted extensively. This included advertisements in the local and culturally specific newspapers, social media posts, Council's website and information disseminated through the Northern Sydney inter-agency meetings, working groups and networks.

To assist applicants with grant writing the following initiatives were held:

- One online grant writing workshop for Sport and Recreation Grants.
- Three in-person City of Ryde grant writing workshops.
- One online City of Ryde grant writing workshop.
- One grant networking meeting.
- One-on-one meetings with a member of the grants team were offered online or in person. This provided an opportunity for applicants to discuss their project in detail and check the alignment of their project with the eligibility criteria of the grants. Interpreters were available as required.

Applications for this grant round were submitted via SmartyGrants, an online grant management system. Assistance was available for groups where English is a second language or where the group was unable to access the internet.

In this grant round applicants applying for amounts above \$2,500 were required to identify how their project outcomes align with the City of Ryde strategic outcomes. Applicants in the major categories of Community Wellbeing and Events were also required to identify how they would measure the outcomes of their projects. Successful applicants in these categories will be required to report on these measures in their acquittal.

All applications were assessed in line with the Community Grants Policy 2020 and the Community Grants Guidelines 2023. Each grant application was reviewed by a minimum of two Council officers.

A total of 38 eligible applications were received in this round and formally assessed. 35 applications are recommended for full or partial funding totaling \$163,470.

The current round of Community Grants incorporates seven categories as follows:

### **1. Community Wellbeing**

The Community Wellbeing category aims to support projects that develop a connected and inclusive community and promote health and community safety, accessibility, and livability in the area. Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, and the Community Strategic Plan.



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The Community Wellbeing category provides funding of up to \$15,000 with a matched contribution for major projects (for every dollar of grant funding the organisation must contribute at least one dollar of funding or in-kind support), \$7,500 for medium projects and \$2,500 for small projects.

13 applications are recommended for funding in this category totaling \$82,420.

### **2. Events**

This category intends to support the delivery of community-based events and festivals, which activate public areas, connect people to place and promote community celebration. Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Resilience Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan and the Community Strategic Plan.

This category provides funding of up to \$15,000 matched contribution for major events (for every dollar of grant funding the organization must contribute at least one dollar of funding or in-kind support), \$7,500 for medium events and \$2,500 for minor events.

Six applications are recommended for funding totaling \$29,500.

### **3. Arts and Creativity**

This category aims to support community-led programs and projects that stimulate creative and cultural expression in the City of Ryde. The Arts and Creativity category can support individuals, creative collectives or not-for-profit organisations to provide creative outcomes which benefit the community. Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Creativity Strategy and the Community Strategic Plan.

The Arts and Creativity category provides funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant. Three applications are recommended for funding totaling \$14,342.

### **4. Community Facilities and Equipment**

This category aims to provide funding for local small capital works projects and equipment. Projects must have community support and demonstrate the benefit to the community.

Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Resilience Plan and the Community Strategic Plan.

Funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant is available in this category. Two applications are recommended for funding totaling \$8,225.

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### **5. Sport and Recreation**

The Sport and Recreation category is designed to increase participation in sport and recreational activities, primarily at a grass roots level. Projects must increase access to sport or recreational opportunities, be inclusive of diverse needs and aim to develop a sustainable program.

Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Social Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Sport and Recreation Strategy and the Community Strategic Plan.

Funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant is available in this category. Four applications are recommended for funding totaling \$15,950.

### **6. Small Grants**

Small grants are designed to respond to projects that are of community benefit, where the project falls outside the criteria of the other grant categories. Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Resilience Plan and the Community Strategic Plan.

Funding of up to \$2,500 per applicant is available in this category. Six applications are recommended for funding totaling \$12,788.

### **7. Venue Hire**

The Venue Hire category is designed to enable equitable access to City of Ryde venues by providing financial assistance. The activities held at the venues must be open to the public and the applicant must demonstrate that they would otherwise be unable to access the venues due to financial hardship.

Funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant is available in this category. Two applications are recommended for funding totaling \$2,745.

### **Minor Donations**

In addition to the Community Grants, Council provides a Minor Donations Program to support the community, as per the Community Grants and Donations Policy and the Minor Donations and Awards Guidelines.

The Minor Donations categories include:

- Representative Donations, funding of up to \$250 per individual representing their community via sporting, cultural or academic endeavors at a national or international level. A total funding pool of \$2,500 is available for this category.

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- General Donations, funding of up to \$500, for projects that do not align with the timing of the Community Grant rounds. A total funding pool of \$2,500 is available for this funding category.

The applications for donations are received at any time throughout the year and, as per the Policy are approved by the CEO. Funding awarded is reported to Council within the next large grant round.

During this period, ten representative donations totaling \$2,500, have been awarded as follows:

Name	Representing	Amount Awarded
Anya Gipp	Ice Skating Australia Incorporated	\$250
Brendan Mannasz	Athletics NSW	\$250
Aiden Wright	Athletics NSW	\$250
Daniel Cox	Athletics NSW	\$250
Luc Oishi	NSW Baseball	\$250
Rachel Luk	NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association	\$250
Caroline Loneragan	Australian Dragon Boat Federation	\$250
Melissa Tay	Hip Hop International Australia	\$250
Letitia To	Ermington Public School (National Aerobics)	\$250
Amethyst Keshvarian	Ermington Public School (National Aerobics)	\$250

During this period one general donation was awarded as follows:

Organisation	Project	Amount
Australian Yau Kung Mun Chinese Martial Arts Association	A Moon Festival - Eastwood	\$500

### Financial Implications

The total amount of funding recommended for the Community Grants Program Round 2, 2023 is \$165,970. There are sufficient funds available in the Community Grants Program budget.

The amount of funding available in the Minor Donations budget for 2023 is \$5,000 being \$2,500 for Representative Donations and \$2,500 for General Donations. The Representative Donation category has been fully expended for this calendar year and will re-open on 1 January 2024. One General Donation of \$500 has been awarded and \$2,000 remains.

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**7 SUPPORT FOR THE NEW RYDE VINNIES VAN**

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator - Community Services  
**File No.:** GRP/23/11 - BP23/657

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

Council at its meeting of 26 September 2023 resolved that:

- (a) *Council investigates the opportunity for the City of Ryde Council to financially support the new Vinnies Van within the 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 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 Vans 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.*

A meeting was held on the 10 October 2023 at the Ryde Gladesville Catholic Parish Church (the Parish). In attendance were two staff members from Council's Community Services Department, Councillor Maggio, Josie Charbel from the St Vincent de Paul Society (the Society) and Father Greg from the Parish.

At this meeting it was confirmed that the purpose of the Ryde Vinnies Van (the Van) is to provide meals, snacks, toiletry packs, sleeping bags and blankets to support people in Ryde that are homeless or facing homelessness or financial hardship. The Van also provides a safe space for community members to have a cuppa and a chat for those experiencing loneliness and isolation.

The Parish will operate the Van with the support of volunteers. The Society's Vinnies Van staff will provide ongoing operational support and a caseworker to accompany the Van, to assess clients for other kinds of support, and where necessary, to refer them to other specialist support service providers, thus initiating wraparound support for clients.

Initially the Van will operate three nights and one day per week from November 2023 to March 2024. The night service will operate from 6.30pm - 9.30pm at four locations in Ryde, on a rotating roster, and the day service will be held from 11.30am - 1.30pm. From April 2024 the aim is to operate the Van seven nights and one day per week.

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Council staff attended a second meeting with Josie Charbel from the Society on 2 November 2023 to obtain further information on the annual operating costs for the Van. At this meeting it was confirmed that the annual operating cost for one van for seven nights and one day per week, is in the vicinity of \$250,000 to \$300,000. This covers staff and volunteer costs, food and goods, and van running costs. In addition, the Society sources donations for food and goods, and they generate income from their corporate social impact program.

To assist with the establishment of the Ryde Van, Council has an option of contributing a one-off donation of \$10,000, as per Council's Charitable Donations Policy. This Policy provides a framework for Council staff and Councillors to facilitate the funding of charitable donations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council contributes a one-off donation of \$10,000 to support the establishment of the Ryde Vinnies Van from Council's Charitable Donations fund.
- (b) That the Mayor writes to the Federal Member for Bennelong, Mr Jerome Laxale MP, requesting that he approaches the federal government to advocate the importance of the Vinnies Van Program and the need for recurrent financial support.
- (c) That the Mayor writes to the State Member for Ryde, Mr Jordan Lane, requesting that he approaches the state government to advocate the importance of the Vinnies Van Program and the need for recurrent financial support.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**ITEM 7 (continued)****Discussion**

Food has been identified as the most common type of support sought. Clients commonly seek food relief after they had attempted to meet other financial commitments such as utility bills or housing expenses instead of purchasing food. A clients need for food acts as an initial touchpoint for engagement with relief.

The opportunity to assess and refer clients who present for food relief explains why the continued provision of food relief by providers is vital for clients. A requirement for food relief provides a reason for clients to begin a conversation or seek assistance.

Food relief is only one step in the support chain for clients. Referral partners are seen by providers to play a key role in maximising the efficiency of relief. A client who has been assessed as needing food relief might require additional referrals to ensure that they receive longer-term support and that the factors underlying the crisis are addressed beyond the immediate hardship.

Referral partners' roles included education, longer-term support, and assistance to help the client address the underlying problems, which had led them to seek emergency relief in the first place. Referral partners cover several key areas, including:

- financial counselling (including budgeting, financial literacy, financial advocacy and assistance in applications)
- housing assistance
- mental health support
- employment and training
- domestic and family violence support
- legal support
- social community programs or activities
- parenting services
- medical, optical and pharmaceutical support

**The Vinnies Van Program:**

Seven Vinnies Vans operate across Sydney Metro, Liverpool, Parramatta, Bayside, Wollongong, Central Coast and Orange. Four new vans will be operating prior to Christmas 2023 in the areas of Cumberland, Ryde, Campbelltown, and Coffs Harbour.

New research undertaken by the University of Technology Sydney's Institute of Public Policy and Governance shows the full extent of the struggle that low-income households face. The compounding effects of COVID-19, natural disasters and high inflation have severely impacted those already feeling the pinch.

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Single parents, First Nations people, people with disability, households below the poverty line, carers, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse communities are particularly affected. Key findings from the UTS research includes:

- A 33% increase in people skipping meals, prescribed medication, and health care.
- One third of renters are in extreme housing stress with greater than half their income spent on housing costs.
- 40% year on year increase in people failing to pay utility bills on time.
- One fifth of those surveyed failed to make mortgage or rental payments, a 27% year on year increase.
- 64% of people have no money set aside for emergencies.

**Community Partners:**

To continue to operate the Vinnies Van Program, the Society has built strong relationships with various organisations who provide ongoing financial support and donations. This includes:

- Oz Harvest. Mayar Foods, Food Bank, Gift of Bread, Nestle and BioPak.
- Local Catholic schools.
- The Payce Foundation and Kirkton Rd, Mobile Clinic.
- Department of Communities and Justice, Bridge Housing and Link Wentworth Housing.
- NSW Health Homeless and Rough Sleepers
- Local Councils.
- Corporate Partners and National Partnerships.

**Ryde Vinnies Van**

The Ryde Van will be operated by the Parish and supported by volunteers and staff from the Society. From November 2023 to March 2024 the Van will operate three nights (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and one day per week. From April 2024 the aim is to increase the service to operate seven nights and one day per week.

The night service will operate from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and the day service will operate from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Approximately 5-8 volunteers are needed for three stops at 40 minutes at each stop. Volunteers will be put on a four weekly roster, so community members get to know the volunteers.

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Four initial sites have been identified for the Van, which will be rotated each week for the initial three nights per week. The Society has identified the following initial locations:

- Higginbottom Rd, Gladesville
- Beazley St, Ryde
- Blaxland Rd, Nth Ryde
- Kulgoa Ave, Ryde

The Society is currently sourcing local donations, and they are collaborating with Health NSW and Link Wentworth Housing to create a mobile hub, at each of the four locations listed above.

Homelessness can be very isolating and people who have fallen into homelessness often have no social support networks and/or safety nets. As such the Society is proposing to hold a BBQ once a month. The relationships between the volunteers and the people accessing the Van are extremely important to help reduce social isolation.

A community engagement strategy will be implemented to create awareness of the Van. The Society anticipates that it will take 6-8 months to build up community awareness of the Van.

The Society are also investigating a new medical model that will be attached to the Van. This could include that a Registered Nurse, General Practitioner, Aboriginal Health Worker, and Mental Health Nurse from Northern Sydney Health District will accompany the Van.

**Federal and State Government Funding:**

The Society fulfils an important role across the nation by delivering vital services that address a wide range of community needs. The Vinnies Van Program is a much needed service across NSW, especially for those that are homeless or facing homelessness or financial hardship.

However, the Vinnies Van Program needs significant recurrent funding to support its long-term sustainability. Council does not have the financial capacity to support the Ryde Vinnies Van on a recurrent basis.

The Commonwealth-funded Emergency Relief Program provides funding to community organisations across the nation to support them in addressing the immediate and basic needs of people in challenging circumstances through the provision of financial and material aid including food relief. There are three food relief organisations that receive Commonwealth funding through the Emergency Relief Fund being Foodbank, OzHarvest, and SecondBite.



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SecondBite and OzHarvest assist other emergency relief providers to provide physical food through their food collection and redistribution networks. These two food relief providers have a clear role in maximising the efficiencies of food that may otherwise go unused or wasted. With the continued need for the physical provision of fresh food and meals for clients through emergency relief channels, these food relief providers are a crucial link in the emergency relief chain.

Foodbank has a more multi-faceted role within the emergency relief landscape. The organisation works with emergency relief providers to furnish providers' pantries with subsidised or heavily discounted food (thus offering direct provision of food), but also supports emergency relief providers and clients through Food Hubs.

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has the NSW Food Program, which supports food security for disadvantaged children, individuals and families and strengthens disadvantaged communities. DCJ has administered the NSW Food Program since 2013. There is no funding currently available for new service providers, however, organisations can register to receive information on future funding opportunities.

In conclusion, there is no funding at present for new service providers under the NSW Food Program and the Commonwealth Emergency Relief Fund only supports three service providers to deliver food relief. Therefore, it is suggested that Council approaches the Federal Member for Bennelong and the State Member for Ryde to advocate to their respective governments for recurrent funding for the Vinnies Van Program.

**Financial Implications**

Should Council resolve to support the Ryde Vinnies Van it will result in a financial impact of \$10,000 and this is within the current Charitable Donations budget.

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**8 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION: 1A VIMIERA ROAD, EASTWOOD – TUFFY AUTO CENTRE**

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**Report prepared by:** Acting Senior Coordinator – City Places  
**File No.:** URB/08/1/1/26 - BP23/440

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to respond to resolution from Council's 28 February 2023 meeting. The resolution was as follows:

*That the City of Ryde staff provide a report back to Council for the April 2023 Council meeting considering the available options for the City of Ryde to formalise its use of the parcel of land adjacent to 1A Vimiera Road that is currently zoned RE1.*

The land at 1A Vimiera Road Eastwood (subject land) is zoned R2 Low Density Residential and the adjacent road reserve to the site is zoned RE1 Public Recreation. The business operating on the subject land is an automotive mechanic and has requested leasing of the adjacent road reserve for use by that business. The business seems to be operating on the subject land under existing use rights. Regardless of the status of the existing use rights on 1A Vimiera Road, they cannot be legally transferred to an adjoining lot.

This report provides some background to the subject land and historical use of the site, outlines the legislative framework that the business is operating under, and discuss options in relation to the leasing the adjacent road reserve.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council does not support the lease, or use, of the road reserve to the occupants of 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 History 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood
- 2 Relevant Legislation

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### History of Site

The location of the site at 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood (subject land) is shown in Figure 1. The Subject Land is shown outlined in green and the area of the road reserve that the operator wishes to lease from Council is shown outlined in red. The areas outlined in red and yellow are road reserve that were created upon the realignment of Vimiera Road to form a 90-degree intersection with Balaclava Road.



Figure 1: Location plan for 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood

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The zoning of the subject land is R2 Low Density Residential, and the adjoining road reserve is zoned RE1 Public Recreation as shown in Figure 2.

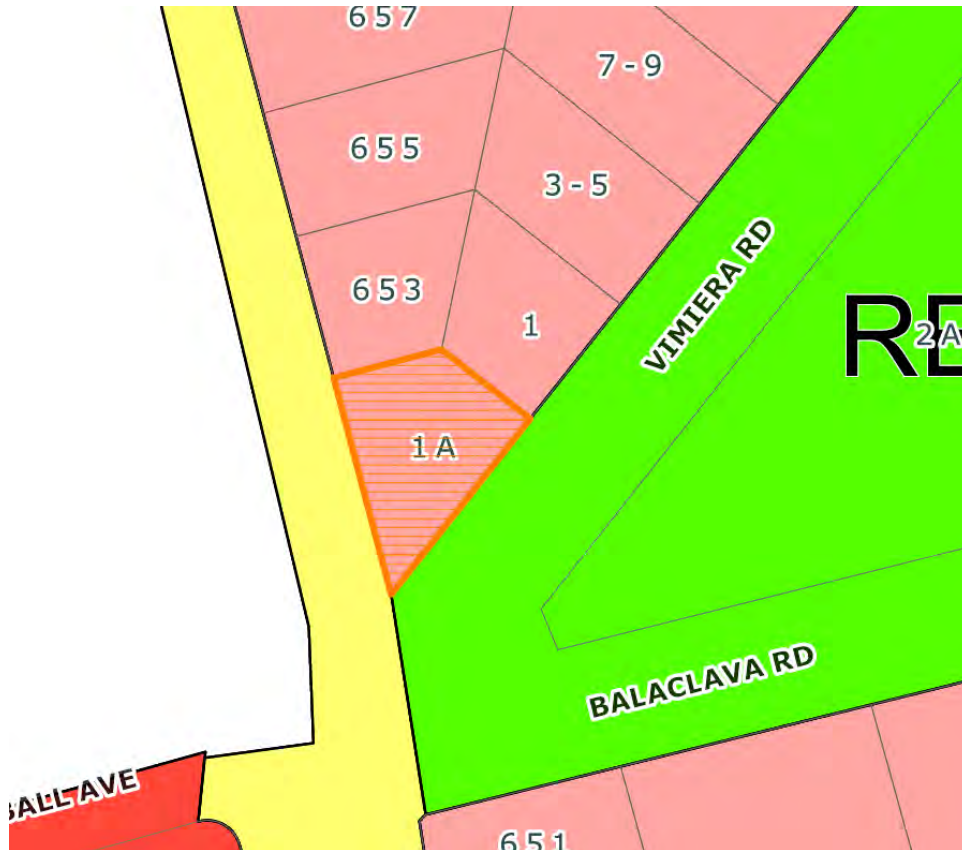


Figure 2. Zoning in vicinity of 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood.

Although the 1A Vimiera is zoned for residential uses the owner claims that they enjoy existing use rights for the operation of their vehicle repair business. It should be noted that it is the responsibility of an applicant to research and determine the existence of an existing use in a site, not Council. This established legal convention requires the applicant to provide evidence of the actual physical use of 1A Vimiera Road as a car repair business in the past.

In the absence of land use evidence from the owner of the site, a brief history in relation to land use approvals and actions, contained in Council's records, is provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** as a proxy to inform consideration of the matter.

The history reveals that previous landowners have requested Council lease the road reserve adjoining the subject property and Council has not supported those requests. The attached summary was prepared from Council records but a complete search of Council's records to prove/determine existing use rights has not been undertaken for the reasons outlined above.

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The enjoyment of existing use rights by the 1A Vimiera is unclear. It is the responsibility of the landowner/applicant to undertake research to put a case forward to Council for support of existing use rights. Council would then consider that application prior to making such a determination. It must be noted that Council has at this time not determined that the site has existing use rights under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

### Expansion of Existing Use Rights

The owner of 1A Vimiera Road is seeking to extend their purported existing use rights onto Council's road reserve. This is not permitted under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (s4.65 to s.4.70) and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (C1162 to C1167). Regardless of the status of the existing use rights on 1A Vimiera Road, they cannot be legally transferred beyond their lot to an adjoining lot.

### Discussion

The preliminary search of Council's records was inconclusive as to whether the 1A Vimiera Road enjoys Existing Use Rights. However, for the purpose of this report, to address the question concerning potential lease of the road reserve land adjoining 1A Vimiera Road, it is conjectured that Existing Use Rights may apply. (Advisory Note: this does not infer or acknowledge that such existing uses apply).

Under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (s4.65 to s.4.70) and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (C1162 to C1167) there are provisions available for the continued operation of land uses with Existing Use Rights.

However, whilst there are rights to continue operations, there are substantial restrictions as to the extension or intensification of land uses with Existing Use Rights, as outlined in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

### Options

Council may consider the following options:

1. Not lease an area of the road reserve land to the adjoining 1A Vimiera Road property (subject land)

This is the preferred option due to the following:

- If Existing Use Rights are conceded for 1A Vimiera Road, the expansion of such a use onto the adjoining road reserve land is not permitted by the Act and Regulations.
- The current use is an anomaly and not entertained in this locality in any longer-term State or Local strategic plans. Those plans envisage residential development for the surrounding locality.

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- Historical consideration of development (refer to History earlier in this report) has not supported such uses or expansion of same due to inconsistency with the longer-term planning of the locality.
- There is no precedent available for lease of the road reserve or extension of non-conforming uses in the locality. The land on the corner of Ball Ave and Blaxland Road (Parramatta Council) is also zoned for residential uses and the existing land use on that site may also only exist for the short term.

**2. Lease an area of the road reserve land to the adjoining 1A Vimiera Road property (subject land)**

This option is not preferred due to the following:

- Even if Existing Use Rights can be established for 1A Vimiera Road, expansion of an existing use onto adjoining land, including road reserve land is **not permitted by the Act and Regulations**.
- As any extension of existing uses is not permitted onto adjoining land a planning proposal would be required for the subject land, and adjoining road reserve land, to amend the zoning to permit a 'Vehicle Repair Station' (such as E1 Local Centre or the like).
- Any planning proposal for such an amendment must have strategic and site-specific merit to be successful. Whilst there may be an argument for site-specific merit (local, site-specific reasons) there is no strategic merit under the existing State and Local Strategic Planning Statement that is in place for the locality. As such, it is most unlikely that there would be any State Government support for such a planning proposal.

It is also important to note that under the *Roads Act 1993*, Council, as Roads Authority, can only lease the surface of a road, if:

- (a) in its opinion, the road is not being used by the public;
- (b) it has considered public submissions as to the proposed lease; and
- (c) the lease will not exceed a period of 5 years (together with any option to renew).

**Financial Implications**

Support for the recommendation of this report would not have any financial implications.

Should Council pursue this matter to determine if Existing Use Rights exist and/or prepare a planning proposal to amend the zoning of the land, there are likely to be significant cost implications in relation to staff time and potential legal advice and challenges.

**ITEM 8 (continued)****Conclusion**

Whilst it appears that the property at 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood has been operating as a vehicle repair station or the like for many years, the formal proof and recognition of 'Existing Use Rights' has not been acknowledged.

Even if Existing Use Rights are formally conceded for 1A Vimiera Road, expansion of that use onto another property, including a road reserve, is prohibited under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

The adjoining road reserve is zoned RE1 Public recreation and vehicle repair stations are prohibited in the zone. Any planning proposal to amend the zoning of the subject or surrounding land, to permit a vehicle repair station, would lack strategic merit and is likely to fail to gain support from the Department of Planning and Environment in the form of a positive Gateway Determination. This is particularly evident in the abovementioned history of the site where Council and the then NSW Planning Commission, advised that such a change would not be consistent with the objectives of the existing and surrounding residential uses.

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that Council not support leasing the adjoining Vimiera Road road reserve to the occupants of 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood.

## ITEM 8 (continued)

## ATTACHMENT 1

### ATTACHMENT 1 – 1A Vimiera Road Eastwood

#### Brief history for 1A Vimiera Road Eastwood

- ❖ On 10 March 1970, Council considered a development application (DA) for a takeaway food premises on the site.
  - The assessment report for the takeaway food premises stated that the property was used for a “Golden Fleece Petrol Service Station” and that “the premises have been used since before 1951 for the purpose of a motor repair business”.
  - The Takeaway Food Premises DA was refused for the following reasons:
    1. *It would be contrary to the proposed Residential “A” zoning on Council’s draft local planning scheme,*
    2. *It would injure the amenity of the adjoining residential development.*
    3. *The purpose development would be out of character in relation to the character of the residential development on the adjoining land and in the locality.*
- ❖ In April 1979 Council considered a DA for car sales, in conjunction with the existing motor mechanic operating on the subject land. Council resolved to support the applicant and to seek concurrence to this application from the NSW Planning and Environment Commission.

#### The assessment report for this DA stated:

- *“This application is the result of recent consideration by Council of a claim by the applicant of “existing use” rights under the Council of Cumberland Planning Scheme Ordinance for the sale of motor vehicles. Although not satisfied that the service station had been continuously used since before 1946 for that purpose, it was resolved to invite submission of a Development Application for the ancillary use of the site for the sale of a maximum of four cars at any given time...”*
- ❖ On 29 June 1979 the NSW Planning and Environment Commission advised Council that it does not concur with Council’s position to support a DA for an additional use of a motor showroom on the site. The reasons for this non-support were as follows:
  - *“The proposal does not conform with the objectives of the Residential ‘A’ zone under the Ryde Planning Scheme or with the principle of maintaining the free flow of traffic on the main road,*
  - *A car sales facility would generate additional traffic at the signalised intersection of Vimiera, Balaclava and Blaxland Roads; and*
  - *The subject site is inadequate to accommodate the additional use and would encourage parking on Blaxland and Vimiera Roads.”*
- ❖ On 10 July 1979 Council refused the DA for the same reasons as the Commission.
- ❖ On 10 April 1981 Council received an amended DA for sale of second hand cars from the subject land.
- ❖ On 19 May 1981 a DA was approved to use the subject land for the sale of second-hand cars in conjunction with motor vehicle repair workshop (There is no record as to whether this approval was commenced). The confidential assessment report for this application stated:



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*“Council has previously confirmed that the property has existing use rights in respect of the service station and motor repair workshop”. However, apart from this statement, no record was found to support this comment.*

This approval contained a consent condition requiring the sale of petrol from the site to cease and that the petrol pumps be removed from the site.

- ❖ On 28 July 1981 Council considered a “Confidential” report in relation to a request to install a petrol pump on the subject land, for the use of the vehicle sales only, and to lease or purchase part of the roadway on the corner of Blaxland and Vimiera Roads. The resolution of Council from 28 July 1981 was as follows:
  - *Council has no objection to the establishment of a petrol pump within the rear enclosure providing petrol is not sold to the public.*
  - *Council is not prepared to either sell or lease land dedicated as public road to his (applicant) client.*
- ❖ The owner of the current business operating on the subject land, Tuffy Auto Centre, purchased the site in 2015.
- ❖ Works were undertaken on the road reserve land (within the area outlined in red in Figure 1), zoned RE1, without approval. Complaints were received by Council.
- ❖ October 2015 – initial discussions between Council and the owner of the Business for the lease or purchase of the Land. It was determined that a lease could not be entered into due to the zoning of Land, being Public Recreation (RE1) and the issue of existing use rights as they apply to the Property.
- ❖ Council received complaints from a neighbouring resident in 2016 and in 2020 regarding vehicles being parked illegally on the road reserve land. Following this complaint, Council staff met with the owner of the Business at the Property on 19 November 2020 to discuss these concerns.
- ❖ After exploring the available options, Council sent several letters (October 2021 to September 2022) to the landowner requiring the unauthorised works to be rectified. To date these works still remain.
- ❖ Following this, Council explored all available options regarding the potential use of the Land and sent a final letter to the owner of the Business on 29 November 2022. This letter outlined that the Land was unable to be leased / sold and that the continued use of the Land for uses associated with the Property was inconsistent with the relevant development consent and the Public Recreation (RE1) zoning of the Land. The owner of the Business was subsequently directed to remove vehicles from the Property. Once the vehicles were to be removed, Council would arrange for works to be undertaken to restore the Land with turf and to reinstate the fencing along its boundary.
- ❖ 7 February 2023 – A Councillor Information Bulletin was issued in relation to the use and occupation of Council land adjacent to the property at 1A Vimiera Road, Eastwood (Tuffy Auto Centre) and outlined a chronology of recent events. After the vehicles were removed Council would erect a fence along the common boundary and re-turf the land.
- ❖ 13 February 2023 – Meeting with Council staff (including Council’s CEO) and the landowner. The owner was advised that the works undertaken to lay bitumen on the area (within the area marked red in Figure 1) were undertaken without approval. At this meeting the owner was

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advised to employ a planner to investigate the amendment of the zoning and to work with Council re extension of driveway works.

- ❖ On 28 February 2023 Council supported the Notice of Motion to request this report.

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ATTACHMENT 2 – 1A Vimiera Road Eastwood

Legislation requirements

Requirements of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

Section 4.66(1) of the Act allows the continuance of an existing use. However, s4.66(2) states:

2. *Nothing in subsection (1) authorises-*
  - a) *Any alteration or extension to or rebuilding of a building or work, or*
  - b) *Any increase in the area of the use made of a building, work or land from the area actually physically and lawfully used immediately before the coming into operation of the instrument therein mentioned, or*
  - c) *Without affecting paragraph (a) or (b), any enlargement or expansion or intensification of an existing use,*

The above provisions of the Act allow for an existing use to continue but do not permit the extension or rebuilding of that use unless in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Regulations.

Requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021

The Regulation permits limited changes to an existing use as per the following:

*164. Enlargement, expansion and intensification of existing uses*

1. *Development consent is required for any enlargement, expansion or intensification of an existing use.*
2. *The enlargement, expansion or intensification must be-*
  - a) *For the existing use and for no other use, and*
  - b) ***Carried out only on the land on which the existing use was carried out immediately before the relevant day.*** (Emphasis added)

The Regulation also limits any change to a commercial or light industrial use to no more than 10% of the gross floor area of the premises associated with the existing use (Cl 163(2)(b)).

Zoning Requirements

The subject land is zoned R2 Low Density Residential, and the adjoining Road Reserve Land is zoned RE1 Public Recreation. "Vehicle Repair Stations" are a prohibited use in both zones.

Requirements for Closure or Leasing of a Public Road

Should Council wish to lease an area of public road it must comply with the provisions of s153 of the *Roads Act 1993*. There are restrictions that must be met as to the use of that part of the road reserve and this Section of the Act restricts a lease to 5 years. The lease requirements of this Act may take 12 to 18 months to comply and should a road closure proposal be preferred this action may take longer to comply.

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**9 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE**

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator - City Economy

**Previous Items:** 4 - CITY OF RYDE CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

Council - 25 Jul 2023 6.00pm

**File No.:** GRP/23/12 - BP23/610

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

On 25 July 2023, a Notice of Motion was raised requesting:

- (a) *That Council investigate the creation and distribution of a Christmas Gift Guide which will show case the ways to shop within Ryde during the holiday period and include the following considerations:*
- i) An economic inclusive range of gifts;*
  - ii) Sustainable options;*
  - iii) Experiences;*
  - iv) A diverse range of ages; and*
  - v) Staff recommendation of method of selecting businesses to be included within the Gift Guide.*
- (b) *That a report be provided back to Council by October 2023.*

This report responds to the Notice of Motion and includes a summary of Council's investigation and a recommendation to proceed with a pilot project for a 'Holiday Gift Guide', covering both the 2023 Christmas and the 2023-24 summer school holiday period.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council approves staff implementing a Holiday Gift Guide as a pilot project to be implemented by Council's City Economy team.
- (b) That Council notes that the Holiday Gift Guide will be:
- (i) A webpage on Council's website, maintained by Council staff.
  - (ii) Live from 1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024, with local businesses able to contribute content to the webpage from 29 November 2023.
- (c) That Council notes that the pilot project will be evaluated and reported back to Councillors through an Information Bulletin.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

**Samantha Hardie**

**Senior Coordinator - City Economy**

Report Approved By:

**Michael Galderisi**

**General Manager - City Shaping**

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### Discussion

#### Investigation

To complete the investigation, Council's City Economy team:

- 1) Reviewed whether other councils in NSW managed a Christmas Gift Guide (or similar).
- 2) Explored how the City of Ryde has undertaken similar tasks in the past.
- 3) Analysed demand for a Christmas Gift Guide.
- 4) Considered options, their implementation, and impacts.

#### Review of other councils in NSW delivering Christmas Gift Guides (or similar)

Council staff have reviewed the practices of other comparatively sized (using the City of Ryde's Office of Local Government's 'Group 3' classification) and neighbouring councils to understand if they have similar initiatives in place. Staff were not able to identify any Council with a Christmas Gift Guide, instead only finding business registers.

*Table 1 - Review of other Councils (Christmas Gift Guide)*

Council	Do they have a business register?
Bayside City Council	✗
Blacktown City Council	✓
City of Canada Bay Council	✗
Cumberland City Council	✗
Fairfield City Council	✓
Georges River Council	✗
Hornsby Shire Council	✗
Hunters Hill Council	✗
Inner West Council	✓
Ku-ring-gai Council	✓*
Lane Cove Council	✓
Liverpool City Council	✓
North Sydney Council	✓*
Northern Beaches Council	✓
Parramatta City Council	✓
Randwick City Council	✗

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Sutherland City Council	✓
Waverley City Council	✓

\*Combined initiative

*Blacktown City Council*

Blacktown City Council have a local directory for community groups, recreation facilities, local attractions, accommodation providers and shopping centres on the Council website. This directory does not expand to other types of businesses, nor does it include any information on special promotions.

*Fairfield City Council*

Fairfield City Council have a business directory for all businesses as part of their Council website. This is a directory only and does not include information on special promotions.

*Inner West Council*

Inner West Council have a business register on their Council website. The business register is listed as part of their discover pages, such as 'Discover Annandale'. The registry only includes food businesses.

*Ku-ring-gai Council and North Sydney Council*

Ku-ring-gai Council, North Sydney Council and Willoughby City Council have funded a Better Business Partnership, which is a free sustainability program and includes a business register.

*Lane Cove Council*

Lane Cove Council have a business register through their "Shop Lane Cove" website. This register is designed for residents to find local businesses. This website also has a Lane Cove Coffee Guide, highlighting the cafes of their centres and villages, as well as a chef's choice menu highlight.

*Liverpool City Council*

Liverpool City Council offer a business directory on their Council website for all business types. This is a directory only and does not include information on special promotions.

*Northern Beaches Council*

Northern Beaches Council have a business register on their "Hello Manly" website. The content is designed for visitors who are looking for hospitality, retail, and tourism products and services in Manly. The business register does not include special offerings from businesses.

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### *Parramatta Council*

Parramatta Council have a 'Good Gift Guide' on their website. The Good Gift Guide is developed by Council to encourage the community to support organisations that make a positive impact on a range of social, cultural and environment issues. It features a wide range of categories including food, homewares, clothing, ecoware and more. Businesses and organisations from across Australia are able to apply to be featured and are only be included if they actively seek to make a positive impact on a range of social, cultural, or environmental issues. Parramatta Council then host some of the selected businesses in their Good Gift Market, held in early December.

Parramatta Council also have a business register on their "at Parramatta" website. The content is designed for visitors looking to find out what's on in Parramatta and includes specials that businesses have put on offer, as well as information about special events, locations of hospitality businesses and accommodation providers.

### *Sutherland Shire Council*

Sutherland Shire Council have a business register on their "Visit Sutherland Shire" website. The content is designed for visitors who are looking for hospitality, retail, and tourism products and services in the Sutherland Shire. The business register does not include special offerings from businesses, but the website does feature a blog focussing on different topics as a 'guide' for visitors to the region.

### *Waverley City Council*

Waverley City Council have a business register for Bondi Pavilion only. This is through their 'Bondi Pavilion' website. The content is designed for visitors to Bondi who are looking for hospitality, retail and tourism products and services. The business register does not include special offerings from businesses.

## Previous Council initiatives

The City of Ryde has previously published business registers in the form of the 'Granny Smith Marketplace' and the 'Love Eastwood' webpage. These webpages are no longer active.

The Granny Smith Marketplace was established to connect the community with local businesses when the festival could not occur in 2020 due to COVID-19 Health restrictions. This was in the form of a business register that listed businesses with their business types (e.g., food, clothing & jewellery, gifts) and information as to where they were still trading.

The Love Eastwood page was launched in 2021 and provided a map of businesses within the Eastwood Town Centre that accepted gift cards that were provided as competition prizes from the Lunar Festival.

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The City of Ryde has also worked with local business chambers to run social media pages, such as *'Love Gladesville'*, to support local businesses and communities. This webpage is still active.

### Demand Analysis

As part of the investigation, the City Economy team undertook a literary review into Christmas spending habits to understand the estimated levels of spending and the potential impact to the local economy. This research was used to determine who the potential users of a gift guide could be and whether there were existing services available to those users.

Financial comparison site, Finder, undertook a consumer sentiment survey of over 1000 Australians. In 2023 they estimate that the average Australian will spend \$1,479 this Christmas on presents, food, travel, alcohol and dining out. Women are likely to spend more on gifts than men (\$406 for women compared to \$341 for men), with millennials likely to spend more than other generational groups<sup>1</sup>.

Research produced by the Financial Advice Association of Australia in 2019 suggests that the average Australian spends \$100 each month on buying gifts<sup>2</sup>. Demand for gifts typically increases due to Christmas festivities and the school holiday period. The amount being spent is also increasing, with research by the Salvation Army identifying a 3% increase in Christmas spending in 2022 compared to 2021<sup>3</sup>.

Roy Morgan Research is predicting that pre-Christmas spending for 2023 (13 November 2023 - 24 December 2023) will be in line with 2022 results, with the average Australian reducing their budgets due to cost-of-living increases. Although in line with 2022, their research suggests a decrease in spending may be possible in NSW, with the reduced spend impacting sales of household goods and the hospitality sector<sup>4</sup>.

Whilst research indicates that spending increases at Christmas time, it also indicates that demand may drop. It is unclear whether a Christmas Gift Guide would contribute to an increase in local spending.

Notwithstanding the Council resolution, Council staff are not aware of any requests for Council to provide a Christmas Gift Guide. This may be because businesses are already able to connect with consumers through a various mediums, including webpages, search engines (e.g., Google), mobile phone applications, social media platforms, business chamber directories, existing local directories (e.g., Ryde District Mums), and print media.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.finder.com.au/australias-christmas-spending-statistics>

<sup>2</sup> <https://faaa.au/news/the-big-splurge-aussies-spend-20-billion-on-gifts/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/christmas/australia-christmas-spending-statistics/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.roymorgan.com/findings/9341-ara-roy-morgan-media-release-pre-christmas-retail-sales-2023>



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As businesses have plenty of options, at varying costs, including zero cost, to advertise goods and services to consumers, it is unclear to what extent a Christmas Gift Guide could deliver benefits to the community. Nonetheless, there may be local businesses that cannot afford to advertise beyond zero-cost options. As such, it is possible that a Christmas Gift Guide may be beneficial to these businesses, and potentially not-for-profit organisations who may be selling goods and services during the Christmas and school holiday period (e.g., school holiday programs).

### Consideration of options

Due to the potential for the Christmas Gift Guide to deliver local benefits, and the relative ease in delivering it, Council's City Economy team can confirm the delivery of a Christmas Gift Guide is feasible. They have also identified that extending across the 2023-24 summer school holiday period may increase the use and benefits of the guide. As such, City Economy are recommending the Christmas Gift Guide be rebranded as a Holiday Gift Register to run between 1 December 2023 and 31 January 2024.

The City Economy team identified and assessed three different options to deliver the Holiday Gift Register. All three options are feasible, with option 2 being recommended based on its low cost and the ability to evaluate the project for future reference.

- Option 1) Undertake a pilot project of a Holiday Gift Register delivered by the private sector.
- This option is not recommended as the cost of producing and marketing a Holiday Gift Register is unlikely to deliver a return on investment for a private operator.
- Option 2) Undertake a pilot project for a Holiday Gift Register delivered by Council staff.
- This is the recommended option. Council can create a Holiday Gift Register on its website (acting as a hybrid between a gift register and a business register) at a low cost (\$500.00) within existing budget allocations.
- Option 3) Encourage local business chambers to produce a Holiday Gift Register.
- This option is not recommended due to timing and the complexities of multiple business chambers operating across the City of Ryde. Furthermore, local business chambers are operated by volunteers who are typically business owners. Business owners will likely be experiencing a peak in business activity and not have time to maintain a gift register.

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### Implementing the Recommended Option

This report recommends that:

- (a) Council approves staff implementing a Holiday Gift Register as a pilot project to be implemented by Council's City Economy team.
- (b) Council notes that the Holiday Gift Register will be:
  - (i) A webpage on Council's website, maintained by Council staff.
  - (ii) Live from 1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024, with local businesses able to contribute content to the webpage from 29 November 2023.
- (c) Council notes that the pilot project will be evaluated and reported back to Council in March 2024.

Should Council resolve to pursue this recommendation, Council staff will deliver a Holiday Gift Register by establishing a webpage, seeking contributions from local businesses, and maintaining the information on the webpage. The register is being called a 'Holiday Gift Register' as the pilot will cover both Christmas and the summer school holiday period (running from 1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024).

Eligibility will be limited to businesses (including not-for-profits) registered and operating in the City of Ryde who are selling gifts, services, or specials targeting the holiday period.

#### *Seeking contributions from local businesses*

Businesses (including not-for-profit organisations) will be invited to self-register through an online form. This invitation will be shared via Council's business e-newsletter and then again through a separate eDM to all businesses with an email registered to the City of Ryde. A self-registration process opens the opportunity up to all businesses located within the City of Ryde, creating a fair and equitable opportunity for local businesses.

#### *Evaluation*

The Holiday Gift Register will be deactivated on 1 February 2024, following which the City Economy team will produce an evaluation of the pilot project. The evaluation will explore both processes and outcomes, with the key performance indicators being:

- 1) Click rates = 10% of the City of Ryde's population (approximately 13,500),
- 2) Business take-up = 5% of the City of Ryde's registered businesses (approximately 700), and
- 3) Impact to participating businesses = more than 50% of participating businesses report an increase of sales compared to December 2022 and January 2023.

Council staff will report on the outcomes of the evaluation to Council in March 2024.

**ITEM 9 (continued)****Financial Implications**

Should Council resolve to pursue the pilot project, it will result in a financial impact of approximately \$500, not including staff hours.

The budget will be used for marketing material (e.g., the eDM) and has been based on previous costs for email campaigns to businesses in the City of Ryde. These costs are minimal and can be accommodated within existing City Economy budgets.

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

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator - Traffic Operations  
**File No.:** GRP/09/3 - BP23/645

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### REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on traffic, transport and/or parking matters/proposals deliberated at the Ryde Local Traffic Committee held on 19 October 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 Force .....Ryde Local Area Command  
Member for Ryde .....The Hon. Jordan Lane MP  
Member for Lane Cove .....The Hon. A Roberts MP

The agenda for the October 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,

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

### RECOMMENDATION:

#### (A) GOULDING ROAD, RYDE - ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)

The following parking changes be implemented on Goulding Road, Ryde:

- a) The one-hour (1P) parking space on the southwestern side of Bruce Street be relocated to the southern side of Goulding Road at the frontage of 11 Goulding Road, Ryde.

**ITEM 10 (continued)****(B) GLEN STREET, EASTWOOD - AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

The following measures be considered on Glen Street, Eastwood:

- a) An at-grade pedestrian crossing be installed (subject to availability of funds) on Glen Street, Eastwood as per Transport for NSW Technical Directions.
- b) The detailed design be submitted to TfNSW for their assessment.

**(C) AVON ROAD, NORTH RYDE - NO PARKING ZONES**

The following parking changes be made on Avon Road, North Ryde:

- a) 16.2m long "NO PARKING" zone be installed on the eastern side of Avon Road at the property frontage of 20-22 Avon Road, North Ryde.
- b) 10.5m long "NO PARKING" zone be installed on the western side of Avon Road at the property frontage of 19-19A Avon Road, North Ryde.

**(D) DONALD STREET, NORTH RYDE - NO STOPPING**

The following parking changes be made on Donald Street, North Ryde:

- a) A 15m long 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed on the eastern side of bend at the property frontage of 23A Donald Street, North Ryde.

**(E) CONSTITUTION ROAD, MEADOWBANK – TEMPORARY AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

The following measures be considered on Constitution Road near the intersection of See Street, Meadowbank:

- a) A temporary at-grade pedestrian crossing be installed on Constitution Road near the intersection of See Street, Meadowbank as per Transport for NSW Technical Directions.
- b) The temporary pedestrian crossing be removed after reopening the footpath on the northern side of Constitution Road.

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

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

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

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Report Prepared By:

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**Senior Coordinator - Traffic Operations**

Report Approved By:

**Yafeng Zhu**  
**Manager - Traffic Services**

**Meroeh Suesser**  
**Acting Executive Manager - City Infrastructure**

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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**You are advised of the following meeting:**

**Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, 19 October 2023**

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

**MEMBERS**

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

**ADVISORS**

Busways ..... Western Region

**MEETING CONVENOR**

Muddasir Ilyas – Senior Coordinator Traffic Operations  
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**ITEM (A) - GOULDING ROAD, RYDE - ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)**

**ITEM (B) - GLEN STREET, EASTWOOD - AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

**ITEM (C) - AVON ROAD, NORTH RYDE - NO PARKING ZONES**

**ITEM (D) - DONALD STREET, NORTH RYDE - NO STOPPING**

**ITEM (E) – CONSTITUTION ROAD, MEADOWBANK – TEMPORARY AT- GRADE  
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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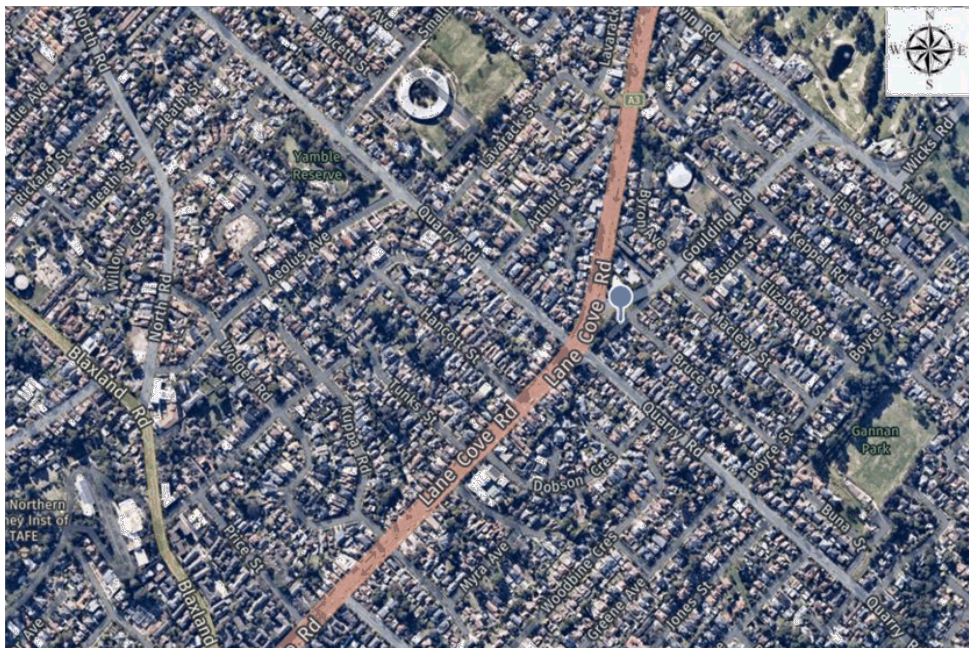
**ITEM (A) GOULDING ROAD, RYDE**  
**SUBJECT: ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)**  
 ELECTORATE: RYDE  
 WARD: EAST  
 ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED  
 OFFICER: I SHAIK

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

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to relocate the existing one-hour (1P) parking space on the southwestern side of Bruce Street to the southern side of Goulding Road at the property frontage of 11 Goulding Road, Ryde.

**Figure 1** shows the location of the proposed one-hour parking (1P) zone.



**Figure 1: Location Plan**

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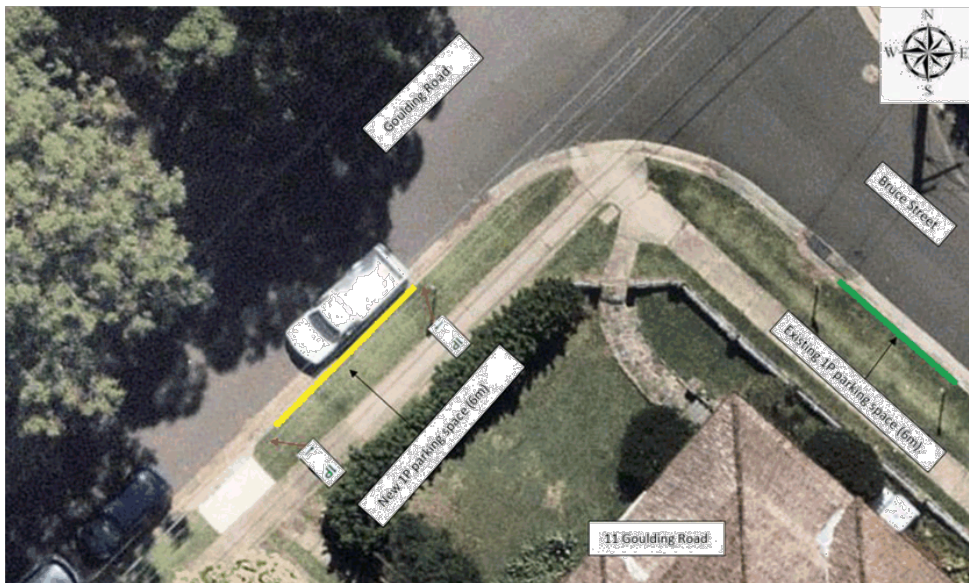
**DISCUSSION**

The relocation of an existing 1P parking space from the southwestern side of Bruce Street to the southern side of Goulding Road is to assist with improving access and parking opportunities for residents in that area.

Council staff recently met with a number of local stakeholders on-site to discuss parking needs in that area. Due to the high demand for parking on Goulding Road and the surrounding streets, finding parking has become challenging in particular with mobility issues.

The width of Goulding Road at the proposed 1P parking location is approximately 6m with "NO STOPPING" restriction installed on the northern side. The road gradient is also comparatively flatter at this location. Considering these road features, the relocation of the existing 1P parking from Bruce Street to Goulding Road is considered to be suitable.

Please refer to **Figure 2** below for more details.



**Figure 2: Proposed 1P parking zone at 11 Goulding Road, Ryde.**

**CONSULTATION**

Council received a signed petition from the five (5) adjacent properties on Goulding Road in support of the proposal. Please refer to the map in **Figure 3** for the properties that their feedback.

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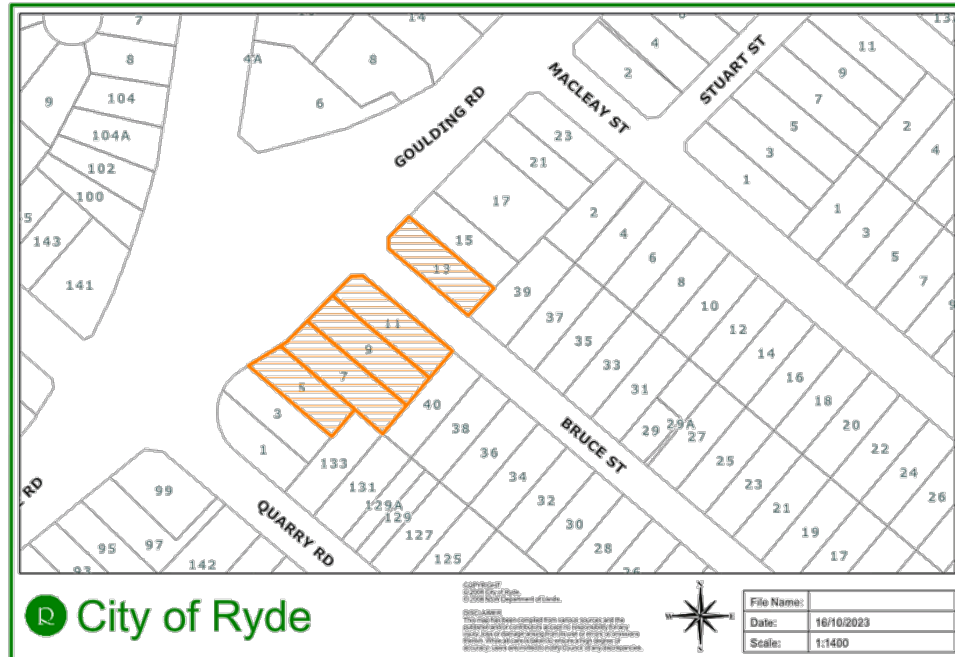


Figure 3: Community support from the petition.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) The one-hour (1P) parking space on the southwestern side of Bruce Street be relocated to the southern side of Goulding Road at the frontage of 11 Goulding Road, Ryde.

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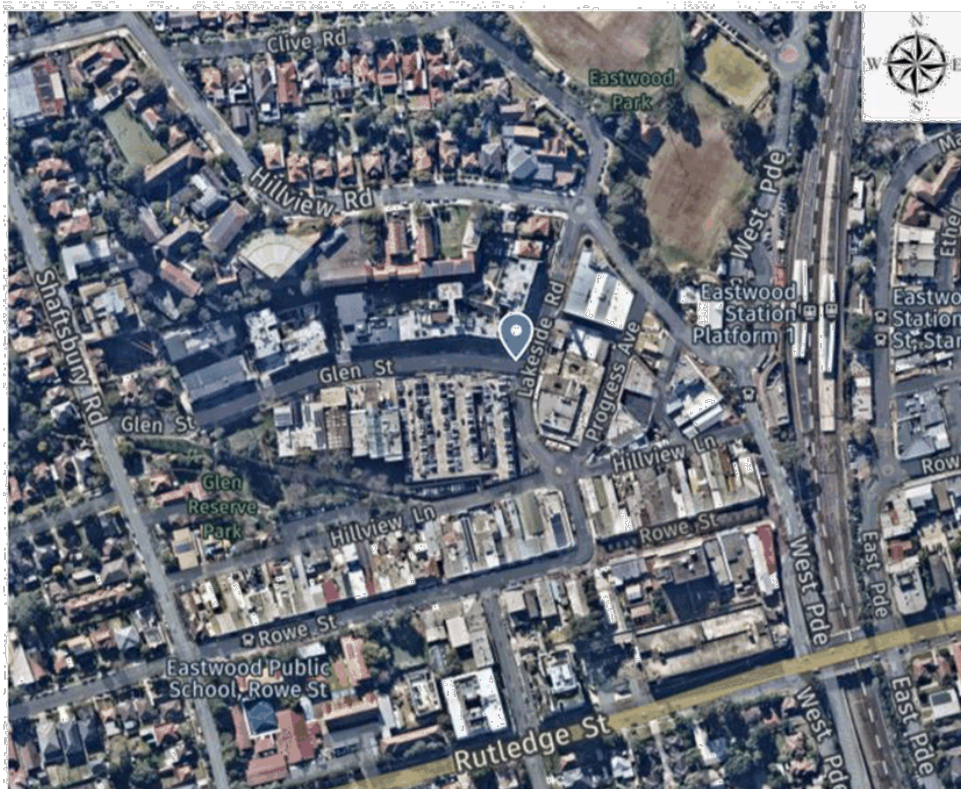
**ITEM (B) GLEN STREET, EASTWOOD**  
**SUBJECT: AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**  
ELECTORATE: RYDE  
WARD: WEST  
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED  
OFFICER: K WELLS

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

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to install an at-grade pedestrian crossing on Glen Street at its intersection with Lakeside Road, Eastwood.

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



**Figure 1: Location Plan**

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**DISCUSSION**

The pedestrian crossing will facilitate and prioritise pedestrian movements in Eastwood town centre, specifically linking the retail areas on the northern side of Glen Street to the adjoining retail and parking areas. The proposed crossing will redefine the priority at the intersection in favour of the pedestrian movements and improve the safe operation of the intersection by channelling the traffic flow.

Transport for NSW Technical Directions require statutory "NO STOPPING" parking restrictions on approach and departure sides of a crossing. The proposed pedestrian crossing will result in the loss of one (1) on-street parking space on the southern side of Glen Street.

Please refer to concept design in **Figure 2**. The proposed location of the pedestrian crossing is approximate and may slightly vary subject to the detailed design.

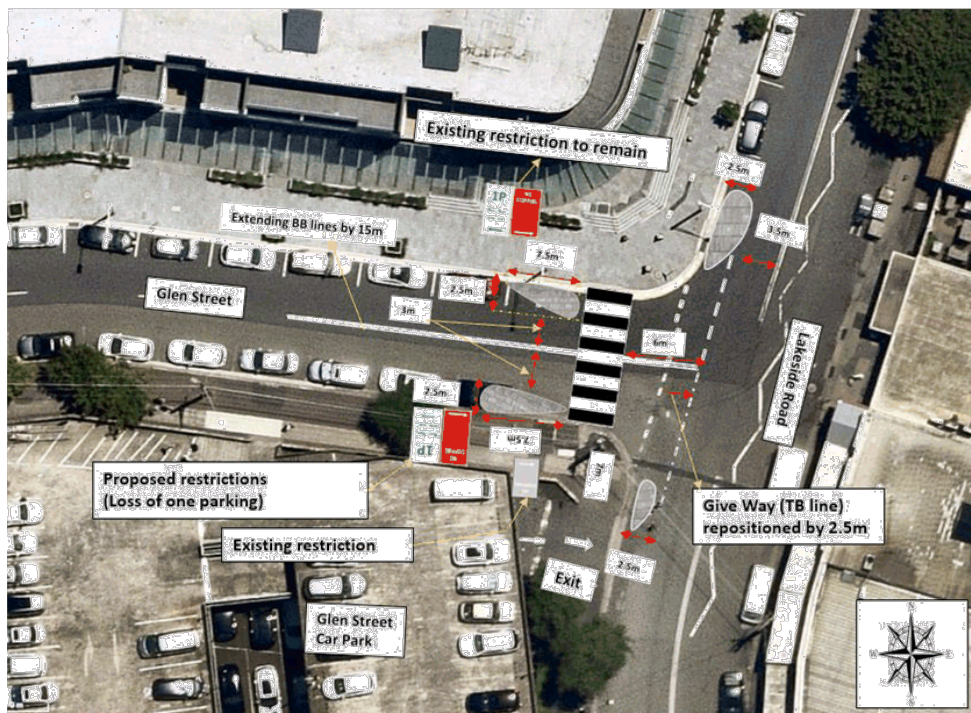


Figure 2 – Concept design of a pedestrian crossing on Glen Street, Eastwood.

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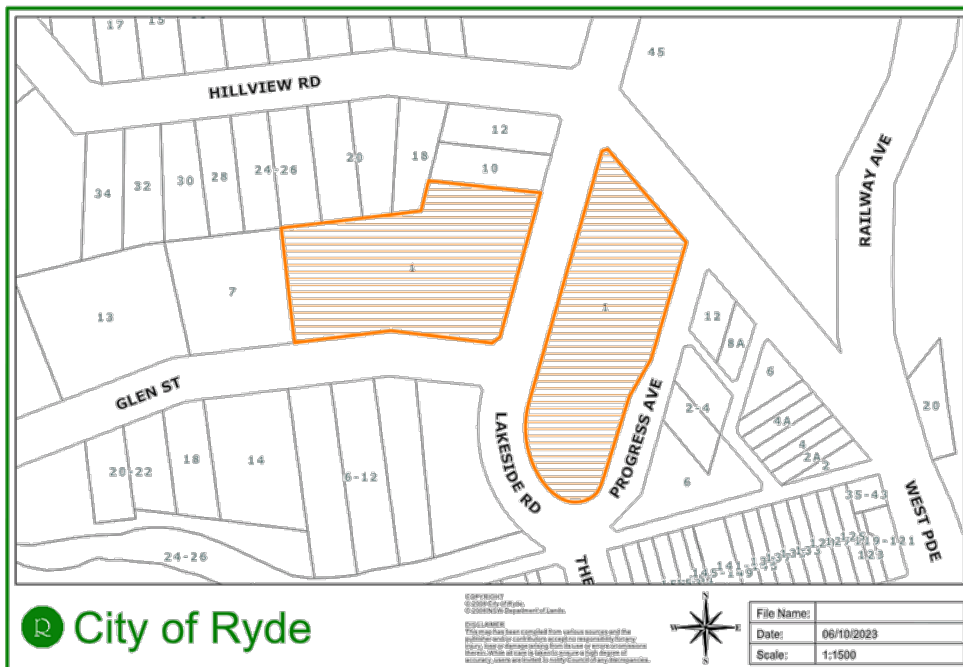
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**FUNDING**

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

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation letters were distributed to the strata plans of two properties shown in **Figure 3** below, and the Eastwood Chamber of Commerce, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the residents consulted.



**Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) An at-grade pedestrian crossing be installed (subject to availability of funds) on Glen Street, Eastwood as per Transport for NSW Technical Directions.
- b) The existing "GIVE WAY" line be repositioned and brought forward by 2.5m and aligned with the newly constructed blister islands on Lakeside Road.
- c) The detailed design be submitted to TfNSW for their assessment.

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**ITEM (C) AVON ROAD, NORTH RYDE**

**SUBJECT: NO PARKING ZONES**

ELECTORATE: RYDE  
WARD: EAST  
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED  
OFFICER: K WELLS

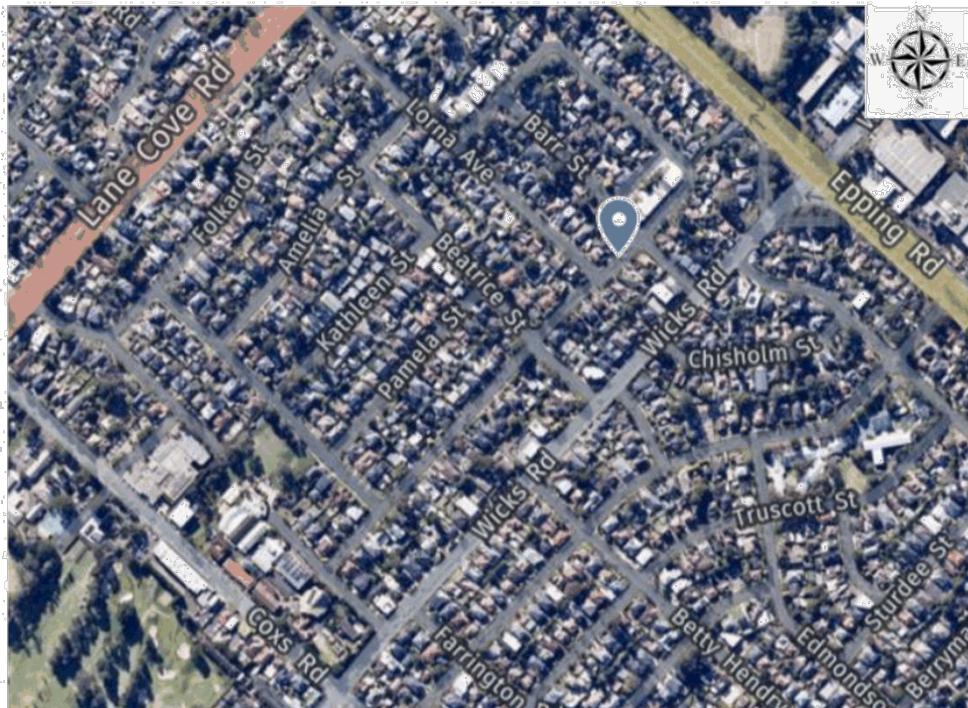
Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest about the item discussed below.

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to install:

- a) 16.2m long "NO PARKING" zone on the eastern side at the property frontage of 20-22 Avon Road.
- b) 10.5m long "NO PARKING" zone on the western side at the property frontage of 19-19A Avon Road, North Ryde.

**Figure 1** shows the location of proposed "NO PARKING" zones.



**Figure 1: Location plan**

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**DISCUSSION**

Council have been contacted by a resident with a request to improve traffic flow on Avon Road where on-street parking narrows the carriageway to a single trafficable lane.

When vehicles are parked on both sides along this section of Avon Road, the narrow width of the road prevents vehicles from passing, forcing one of the vehicles to reverse for a substantial distance towards an unsighted intersection.

To address this safety issue, Council is proposing "NO PARKING" on both sides of the street for a short distance, to facilitate passing of vehicles. This proposal will improve the flow of traffic on Avon Road.

Please refer to **Figure 2** below for more details.



*Figure 2: Proposed "NO PARKING" zones on Avon Road, North Ryde.*

**CONSULTATION**

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

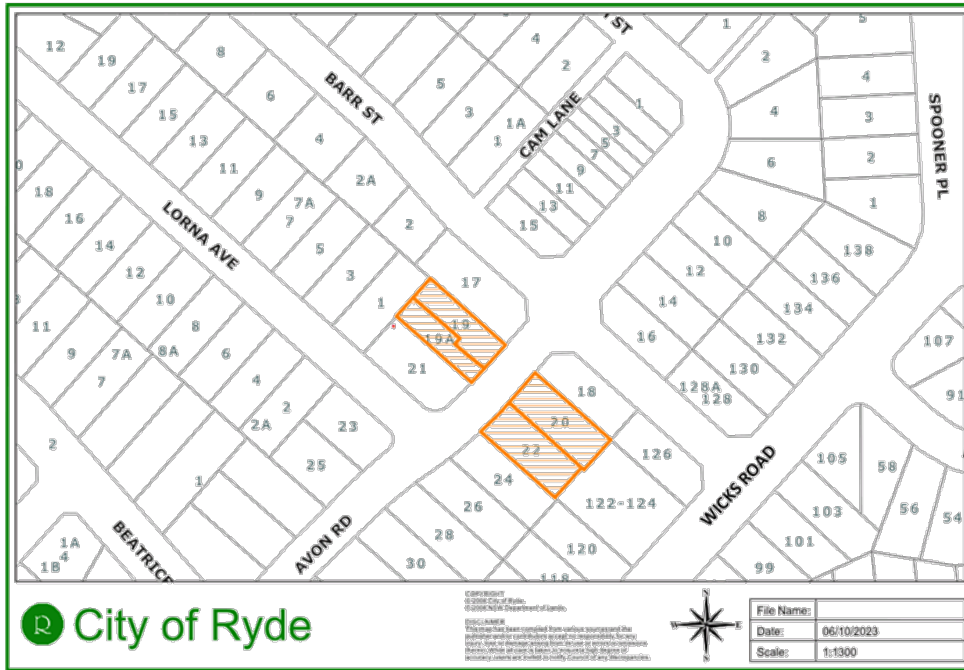


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**Figure 3: Consultation Area.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) 16.2m long “NO PARKING” zone be installed on the eastern side of Avon Road at the property frontage of 20-22 Avon Road, North Ryde.
- b) 10.5m long “NO PARKING” zone be installed on the western side of Avon Road at the property frontage of 19-19A Avon Road, North Ryde.

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**ITEM (D) DONALD STREET, NORTH RYDE**

**SUBJECT: NO STOPPING**

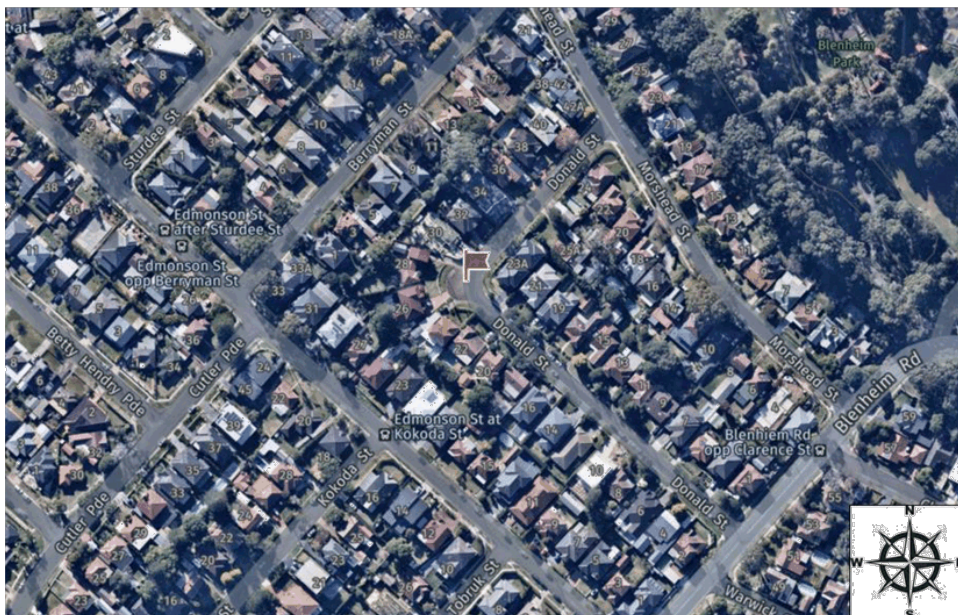
ELECTORATE: RYDE  
WARD: EAST  
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED  
OFFICER: I SHAIK

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

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to install a 15m long “NO STOPPING” zone on the eastern side of bend at the property frontage of 23A Donald Street, North Ryde.

**Figure 1** shows the location of the proposed ‘NO STOPPING’ zone.



**Figure 1: Location Plan**

**DISCUSSION**

When vehicles are parked on bend in Donald Street, they restrict two-way traffic manoeuvres, particularly for large vehicles such as waste-collection trucks and emergency vehicles.

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To address this safety issue, Council is proposing to install a 15m long 'NO STOPPING' zone on the eastern side of the bend at the property frontage of 23A Donald Street, North Ryde.

Please refer to **Figure 2** below for more details.



*Figure 2: Proposed 'NO STOPPING' zone on Donald Street, North Ryde.*

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation letters were distributed to the following sixteen (16) properties shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing two (2) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the residents consulted.

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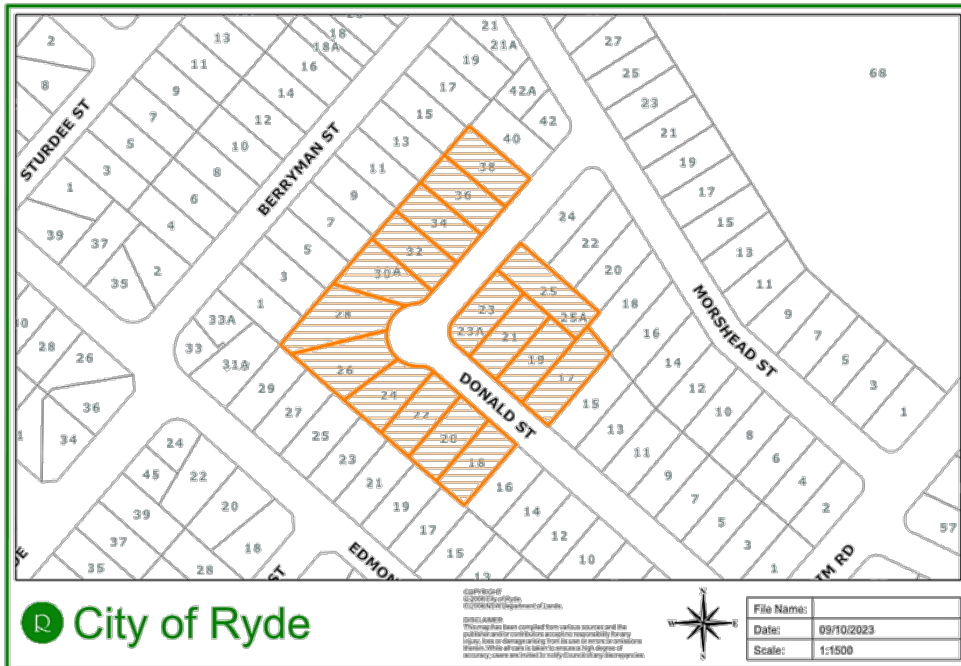


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that: -

- a) A 15m long 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed on the eastern side of bend at the property frontage of 23A Donald Street, North Ryde.

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**ITEM (E)                    CONSTITUTION ROAD, MEADOWBANK**

**SUBJECT:                    TEMPORARY AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

ELECTORATE:            RYDE  
WARD:                      CENTRAL  
ROAD CLASS:            NON-CLASSIFIED  
OFFICER:                 K WELLS

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

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to install a temporary mid-block at-grade pedestrian crossing on Constitution Road, Meadowbank, between Bowden Street and See Street. **Figure 1** shows the location of the proposed pedestrian crossing.



**Figure 1: Location plan**

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**DISCUSSION**

In March 2022 the retaining wall adjacent to the pedestrian pathway on the northern side of Constitution Road between Bowden Street and See Street suffered structural damage following severe rain and storms. This created an inherent risk of loose material falling onto pedestrians and Council was obliged to close the path on safety grounds.

A temporary pedestrian link was implemented; however, these detours are circuitous or require pedestrians to climb stairs, please refer to **Figure 2** for details.

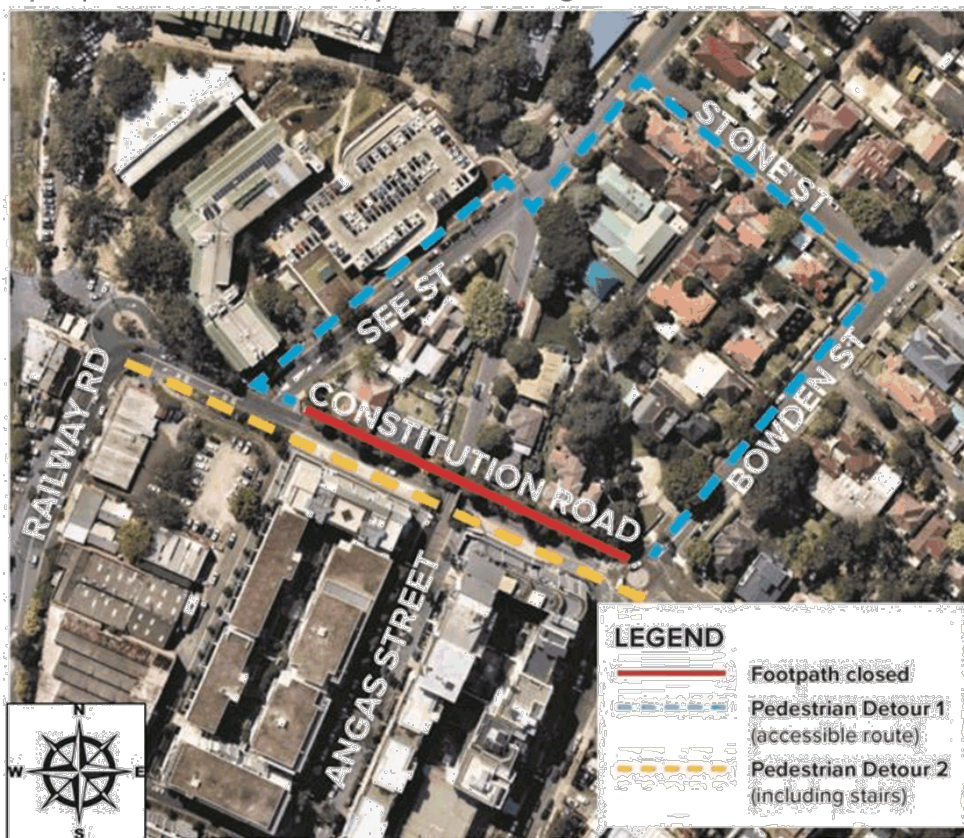


Figure 2 – Pedestrian detour - Meadowbank.

Council is proceeding with an option to cut back the rock face on the southern side of Constitution Road to create a continuous level path between Bowden Street and See Street. The proposed crossing will then provide a link to the northern side of Constitution Road, providing access for pedestrians with limited mobility, and reducing the inconvenience of the detour.

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The crossing at this location is intended to be temporary and will be removed when repairs to the retaining wall are complete.

The location has been assessed as meeting the requirements for safe sight distance for a crossing and all signs and linemarking will be installed in accordance with current standards. Please see **Figure 3** for details.



*Figure 3 – Concept plan – temporary crossing - Meadowbank.*

**CONSULTATION**

This facility will not affect access to any property and the adjoining area is an existing 'NO STOPPING' zone, not requiring removal of any parking. As this is a temporary measure to improve safety and amenity, Council have not sought the views on the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A temporary at-grade pedestrian crossing be installed on Constitution Road near the intersection of See Street, Meadowbank as per Transport for NSW Technical Directions.
- b) The temporary pedestrian crossing be removed after reopening the footpath on the northern side of Constitution Road.

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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**

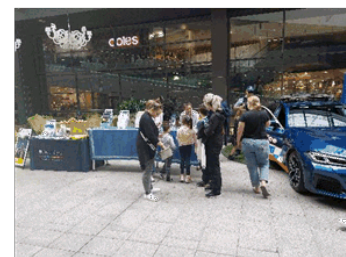
Council has received funding under the Local Government Road Safety Program for the following projects:

- Child Car Seat Checking Days - \$3,300
- Pedestrian Safety – installation of LOOK thermoplastic stencils at selected locations - \$3000

**COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS**

**Police/Council Road Safety Awareness Program**

A road safety information stall was held at Top Ryde City shopping centre on Thursday 28 September with Highway Patrol and members of the Ryde Police Area Command. Information and resources were distributed promoting safety around heavy vehicles, pedestrian safety and road and parking rule reminders.



**Cycling made easy**

City of Ryde is partnering with Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on an e-bike trial program to encourage more cycle commuting by people living and working in and around Macquarie Park. 20 participants were selected

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from eight different Macquarie Park/North Ryde organisations to take part in the four-week trial, including four City of Ryde employees.

**Ride2Work Day**

Council participated in the annual Ride2Work Day event hosted by Connect MPID and Optus on 18 October, distributing cycle maps and cycling resources and promoting our cycle and shared path network.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

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

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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**MINUTES**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – OCTOBER 2023</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	MS Teams and North Ryde Office, Level 1, Building 0, Riverview Business Park, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde, 2113 – Meeting Room Landmark
<b>Date:</b>	19 October 2023
<b>Time:</b>	11.00am
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
<b>Meeting Length</b>	20 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 Yafeng Zhu	Manager – Traffic Services	City of Ryde
x		Mr Muddasir Ilyas	Senior Coordinator – Traffic Operations	City of Ryde
x		Mr Ilyas Shaik	Junior Traffic Engineer - Traffic Services	City of Ryde

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 2023 traffic committee meeting were confirmed at the meeting.

**NO OBJECTIONS RAISED BY RTC MEMBERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING**

Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x	Zorica Cai – representing The Hon. A Roberts, MP	Member for Lane Cove	Member of Parliament

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**MINUTES**

**ITEM (A) GOULDING ROAD, RYDE - ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)**

**RTC COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**RTC RESOLUTION**

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (B) GLEN STREET, EASTWOOD - AT- GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

**RTC COMMENTS:**

**TfNSW's Comment:** TfNSW requested a change to the proposed plan.

City of Ryde modified the plan and sent an email to TfNSW and Ryde Local Police. It was approved via email on 25 October 2023.

**RTC RESOLUTION**

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (C) AVON ROAD, NORTH RYDE - NO PARKING ZONES**

**RTC COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**RTC RESOLUTION**

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (D) DONALD STREET, NORTH RYDE - NO STOPPING**

**RTC COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**RTC RESOLUTION**

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (E) CONSTITUTION ROAD, MEADOWBANK – TEMPORARY AT- GRADE  
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

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The Ryde Traffic Committee is a Technical Committee and, as such, does not have any formal power to make decisions on behalf of Council. Therefore, the Recommendations of the Ryde Traffic Committee contained herein will be referred to Council.

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**MINUTES**

**RTC COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**RTC RESOLUTION**

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

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

**RTC COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**RTC RESOLUTION**

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**The next Ordinary Meeting of the Ryde Traffic Committee will be held on Thursday, 23 November 2023.**

The Meeting closed at 11:20am.

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## **INFORMATION REPORT**

### **11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**

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**Report prepared by:** Financial Controller  
**File No.:** GRP/23/11 - BP23/667

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#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 October 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 4.38%, which is 0.37% above the benchmark figure of 4.01%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$5,387K and as at 31 October 2023 funds of \$3,756K have been earned.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

**Sacha Thirimanne**  
**Financial Controller**

Report Approved By:

**Aneesh Zahra**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

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### Background

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

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

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

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

### Standard & Poor (S&P) Rating Scale:

<b>AAA</b>	An obligor has <b>extremely strong</b> capacity to meet its financial commitments
<b>AA+</b>	An obligor has <b>very strong</b> capacity to meet its financial commitments. It differs from the highest rated obligors only to a small degree
<b>AA</b>	
<b>AA-</b>	
<b>A+</b>	An obligor has <b>strong</b> 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
<b>A</b>	
<b>A-</b>	
<b>BBB+</b>	An obligor has <b>adequate</b> 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
<b>BBB</b>	
<b>BBB-</b>	

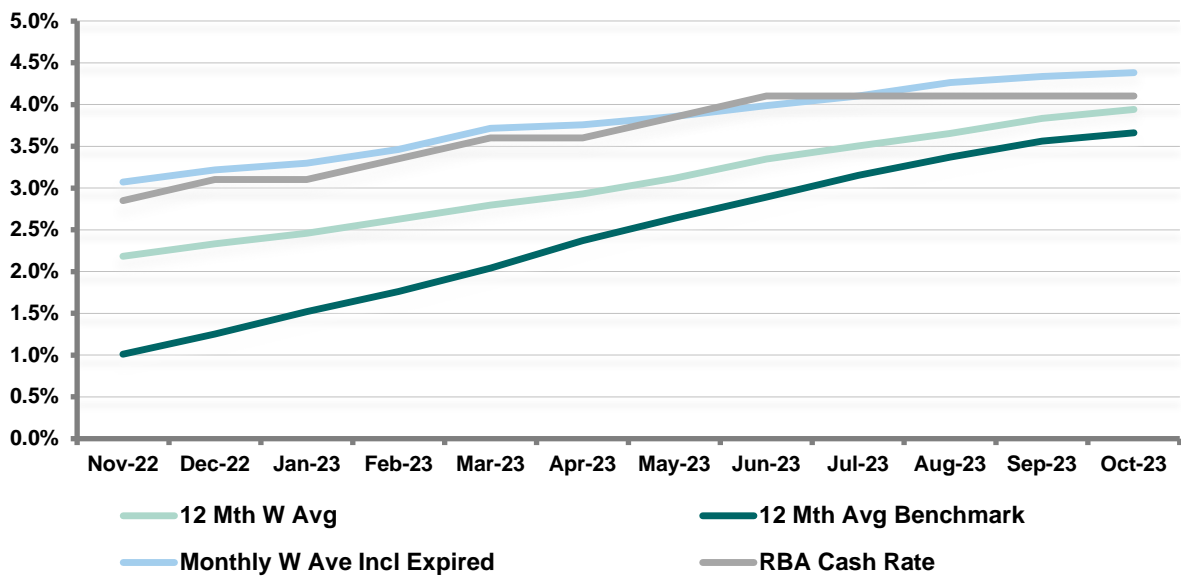
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**Investment Performance Commentary**

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

	<b>Oct</b>	<b>12 Month</b>	<b>FYTD</b>
<b>Council Return</b>	4.38	3.94	4.31
<b>Benchmark</b>	4.01	3.66	4.27
<b>Variance</b>	0.37	0.28	0.04

**Performance - All Investments**



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

Cash/Term Deposits	\$156.92M	52.25%
Floating Rate Notes	\$70.70M	23.55%
Fixed Bonds	\$72.66M	24.20%
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$300.29M</b>	

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.

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### **Loan Liability**

Council's loan liability as at 31 October 2023 is \$276K, which represents the balance of two loans which were established under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). Council receives a 3% interest subsidy payment from the OLG twice a year.

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



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**INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Oct-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	Y	1,200	5.34	4.73	5.24	0.40	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	Y	2,000	5.34	4.73	5.24	0.67	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	3. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	5.22	4.66	5.12	1.33	11/11/2025	1096
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,972	3.56	3.56	3.61	1.32	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,196	3.94	3.92	3.94	1.06	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	3.13	3.13	3.17	1.00	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.56	1.56	1.57	0.67	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,998	1.67	1.67	1.68	0.67	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,999	1.69	1.70	1.70	0.67	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,995	1.80	1.80	1.81	1.00	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.09	0.67	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	5.31	5.21	5.47	0.40	31/03/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.15	5.15	5.15	0.93	11/09/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	14. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	32,907	4.18	3.83	4.20	10.96		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	15. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,499	3.23	3.23	3.27	1.17	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	16. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,998	4.30	4.29	4.42	1.00	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,890	5.38	5.39	5.52	1.30	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	5.47	5.02	5.47	0.80	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA	AA-	N	2,500	5.21	5.21	5.21	0.83	17/08/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	4.36	4.36	4.36	0.67	1/12/2023	361
National Australia Bank	21. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	2.95	2.93	2.96	1.00	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,494	2.98	2.98	3.06	1.16	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	5.15	4.66	5.27	0.67	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	24. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.27	5.11	5.17	1.00	12/05/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.27	4.64	4.71	1.33	22/10/2024	362
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	3.98	5.00	1.33	26/02/2024	367
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.27	5.27	5.27	1.33	1/05/2024	184
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	5.27	5.08	5.11	0.67	26/09/2024	365
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	3,000	5.25	5.08	5.09	1.00	3/10/2024	365
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.18	5.18	5.18	1.33	19/06/2024	288
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.32	5.32	5.32	1.33	9/10/2024	345
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	3.88	4.52	1.33	11/01/2024	365
National Australia Bank	33. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.18	3.66	4.27	1.33	17/09/2024	365
National Australia Bank	34. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.24	5.24	5.24	1.33	9/04/2024	249
Westpac Banking Corporation	35. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,498	3.20	3.25	3.24	0.83	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	36. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,599	2.76	2.77	2.70	0.87	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	37. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	2,600	5.01	5.01	5.01	0.87	10/08/2026	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	38. WBC FRN	AA-	N	3,500	5.15	5.15	5.15	1.17	19/09/2028	1827
Westpac Banking Corporation	39. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.43	5.43	5.43	1.33	5/11/2024	371
Westpac Banking Corporation	40. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.41	5.41	5.41	1.33	29/10/2024	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	41. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.14	4.23	4.84	1.33	9/08/2024	366
Westpac Banking Corporation	42. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	5.18	4.25	4.87	0.67	19/08/2024	367
Westpac Banking Corporation	43. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.33	16/02/2024	729
Westpac Banking Corporation	44. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.43	5.43	5.43	1.33	10/12/2024	406
Macquarie Bank	45. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	4,000	1.71	1.70	1.72	1.33	12/02/2025	1827
Macquarie Bank	46. Macquarie Bank FRN	A+	N	3,200	5.06	5.06	5.06	1.07	14/09/2026	1096
Suncorp-Metway	47. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,593	2.58	2.58	2.61	1.20	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	48. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,882	3.60	3.60	3.63	1.29	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	49. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,387	5.49	5.49	5.52	0.46	25/01/2027	1683

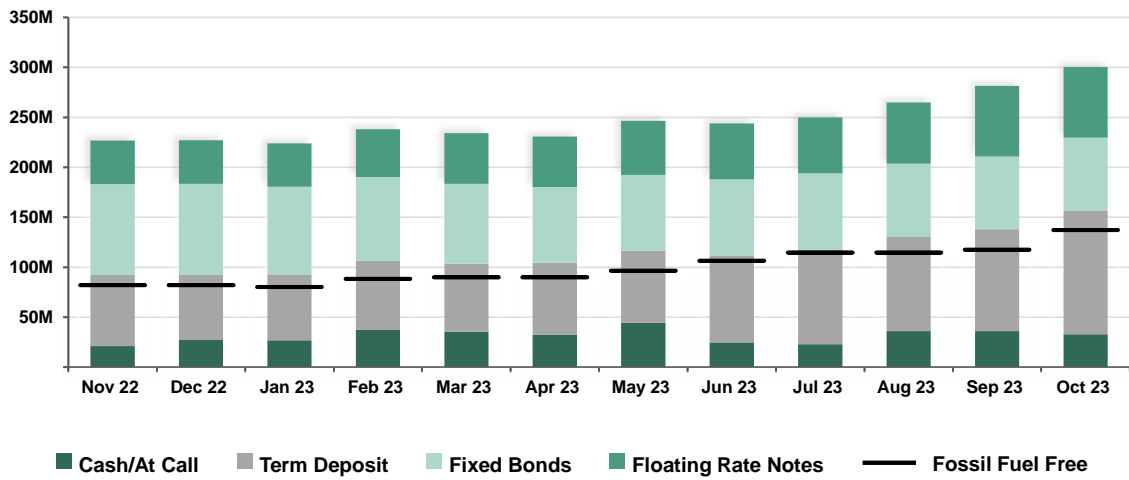
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Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Oct-23 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2023	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Suncorp-Metway	50. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	5.55	4.82	5.45	0.40	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	51. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,571	5.65	4.88	5.53	0.86	25/02/2027	1711
Suncorp-Metway	52. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,200	5.48	5.08	5.55	0.73	14/12/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	53. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	3,000	5.31	5.17	5.21	1.00	18/05/2026	1096
Australian Unity Bank	54. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.75	4.68	5.75	0.67	17/07/2024	364
Australian Unity Bank	55. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.67	1/02/2024	365
Australian Unity Bank	56. Australian Unity Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.56	5.56	5.56	1.33	16/01/2024	210
Auswide Bank	57. Auswide FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	5.74	5.63	5.87	1.00	17/03/2026	1096
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	58. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.12	5.11	5.11	0.67	17/10/2024	365
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	59. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.29	4.29	5.04	0.67	5/02/2024	181
Bank of Queensland	60. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	Y	5	1.01	1.27	1.22	0.00		
Bank of Queensland	61. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,796	2.11	2.14	2.14	1.26	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	62. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	1,887	4.06	4.05	4.06	0.63	6/05/2026	1496
Bank of Queensland	63. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	739	5.22	5.26	5.25	0.25	27/10/2026	1498
Bank of Queensland	64. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	472	5.18	5.22	5.21	0.16	27/10/2026	1495
Bank of Queensland	65. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,489	5.14	5.14	5.14	0.83	6/05/2026	1321
Bank of Queensland	66. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	5.51	4.96	5.51	1.00	16/04/2024	264
Bank of Queensland	67. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.67	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	68. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.33	5.33	5.33	1.33	25/06/2024	239
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	69. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,747	3.10	3.11	3.04	1.25	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	70. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	995	3.44	3.45	3.38	0.33	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	71. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,539	3.26	3.26	3.24	0.85	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	72. Bendigo Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	3,500	5.53	5.38	5.43	1.17	15/05/2026	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	73. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	4.45	4.45	4.45	1.00	30/01/2024	365
Heritage and People's Choice	74. Heritage Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.75	5.75	5.75	1.33	12/07/2024	365
Heritage and People's Choice	75. Heritage Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.68	5.68	5.68	1.33	7/05/2024	295
Hume Bank	76. Hume Bank TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.60	4.60	4.60	0.67	1/02/2024	365
IMB Bank	77. IMB Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	1.33	19/12/2023	196
Members Banking Group	78. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.50	4.89	5.40	0.67	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	79. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	5.76	5.45	5.66	1.03	24/02/2026	1096
MyState Bank	80. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	4.85	4.38	4.98	0.50	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	81. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.67	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	82. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.67	23/11/2023	359
MyState Bank	83. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.67	1/11/2023	362
AMP	84. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	11	2.68	1.22	2.60	0.00		
AMP	85. AMP FRN	BBB	N	2,000	5.92	6.04	6.04	0.67	29/06/2026	1096
AMP	86. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	5.25	3.94	4.81	0.33	2/08/2024	366
Auswide Bank	87. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.24	1.24	0.67	5/02/2024	720
Beyond Bank	88. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	5.04	5.04	5.04	0.67	12/12/2023	98
Beyond Bank	89. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.91	4.66	4.91	0.67	8/11/2023	180
Credit Union Australia	90. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	5.55	4.82	5.45	0.33	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	91. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,200	5.96	5.59	5.86	0.40	9/02/2027	1461
Defence Bank	92. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.67	8/02/2024	730
G&C Mutual Bank	93. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	5.11	4.20	4.57	0.67	12/03/2024	187
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	94. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	4.84	4.27	4.81	0.67	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	95. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,241	4.99	4.42	4.97	1.08	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	96. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,707	5.72	5.12	5.63	1.23	10/02/2027	1720
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	97. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	985	5.85	5.43	5.75	0.33	10/02/2027	1482
Police & Nurses Limited	98. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.33	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	99. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.67	31/01/2024	730
Police Bank	100. Police Bank FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.76	5.23	5.67	0.67	21/11/2025	1096
Police Financial Services	101. BankVic Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.80	4.51	4.80	0.67	24/03/2024	369
Police Financial Services	102. BankVic TD	BBB	Y	3,000	5.21	5.21	5.21	1.00	10/09/2024	371
Teachers Mutual Bank	103. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	4.89	4.41	5.01	0.37	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	104. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	4.99	4.48	5.09	0.33	22/03/2024	1096
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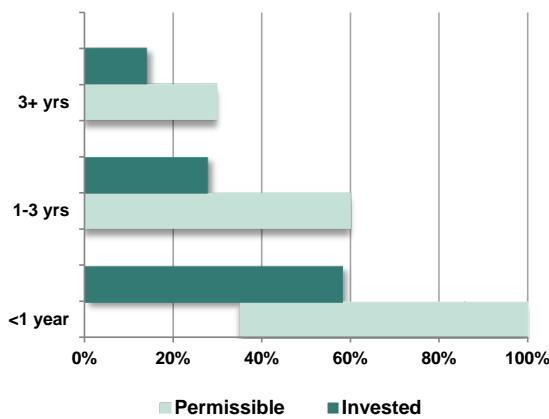
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Cash/TDs	\$148.9M	\$8.0M
FRNs	\$4.0M	\$66.7M
Fixed Bonds	\$21.5M	\$51.1M
	<b>\$174.5M</b>	<b>\$125.8M</b>

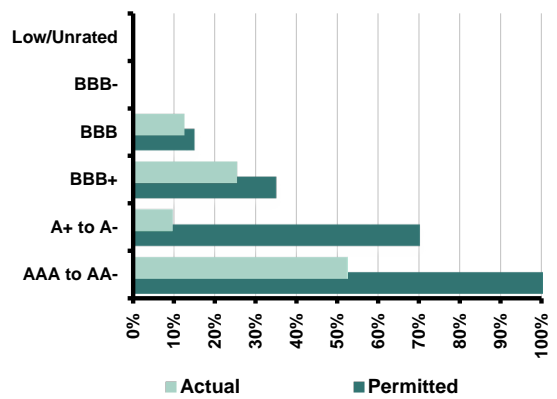
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**Policy Limits on Maturities**

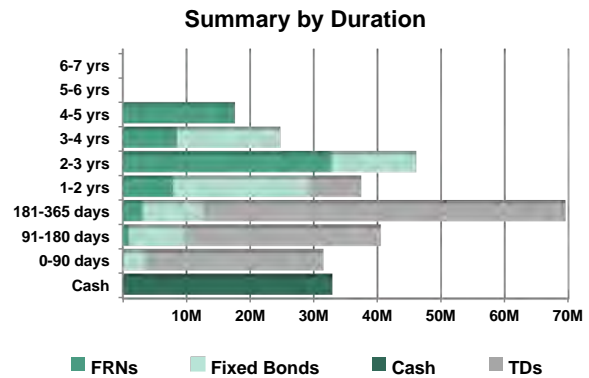
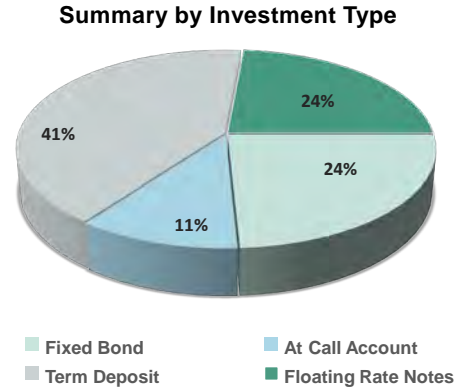
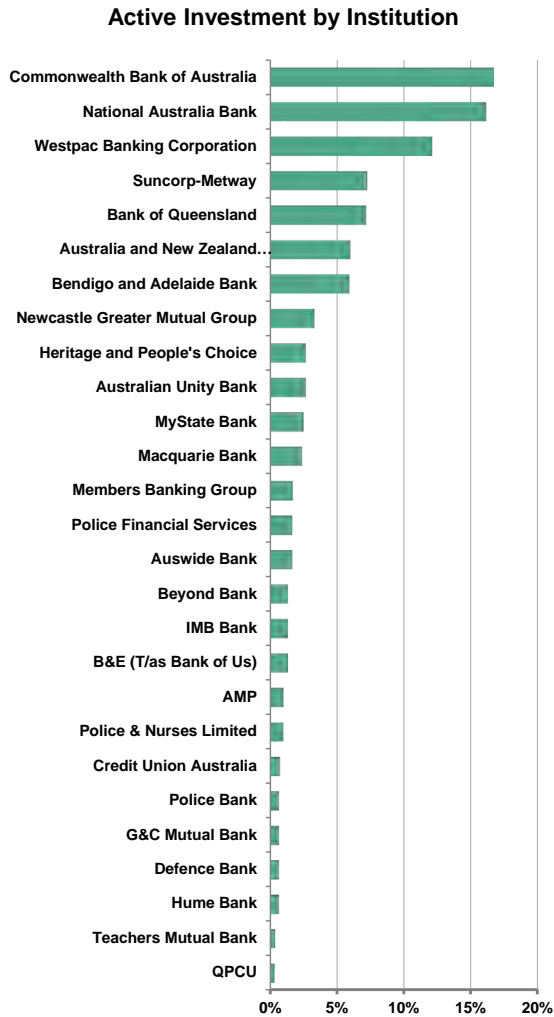


**Investment Summary by Rating**



Note: Portion of deposits covered by Federal Guarantee are rated 'AAA'

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**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 October 2023, Council had a total amount of \$137m invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 45.62% of its total investment portfolio. This is compared to \$117.4m and 41.72% as at 30 September 2023. This is mainly due to the Bank of Queensland being reclassified as non-fossil fuel, which amounted to approximately \$20m of Council's portfolio.

### **ITEM 11 (continued)**

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

### **Financial Implications**

Council's return for the reporting period is 4.38%, which is 0.37% above the benchmark figure of 4.01%.

The budget for interest income from investments is \$5,387K and as at 31 October 2023 funds of \$3,756K have been earned.

### **Summary**

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well and is consistent with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which deals with the investment of surplus funds by Councils.

### **Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)**

I certify that as at the date of this report, the investments listed have been made and are held in compliance with Council's Investment Policy and applicable legislation.

Aneesh Zahra  
Chief Financial Officer

## **PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1 RESPONSE BY THE HON. PENNY SHARPE MP - WASTE MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

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**Report prepared by:** Executive Assistant

**File No.:** MYR/07/10/7 - BP23/635

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Submitting correspondence from The Hon. Penny Sharpe MP, dated 16 October 2023, regarding waste management and infrastructure.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Letter by The Hon. Penny Sharpe MP regarding waste management and infrastructure

Report Prepared By:

**Linda Smith**  
**Executive Assistant**

Report Approved By:

**Carmelina Loughland**  
**Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer**

**Wayne Rylands**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

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**The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC**

Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy,  
Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage,  
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council



MD23/5057

Cr Sarkis Yedelian OAM  
Mayor  
City of Ryde Council

By email: [mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Councillor Yedelian

Thank you for your letter regarding the City of Ryde Council's resolutions to improve waste management and infrastructure. I note you also wrote to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP, regarding this matter. Your letter was referred to me and I ask that you accept this as a response to all correspondence.

It is critical that all levels of government work collaboratively to drive towards a more circular future. I want to thank you for your support in these efforts and inform you of some of the work the NSW Government is doing in this space.

**Planning for our current and future waste and resource recovery infrastructure needs**

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is developing a NSW Waste Infrastructure Plan to provide a robust, data-driven, and long-term approach to identifying and addressing infrastructure needs across the State. The plan will support the NSW Government, local government, and industry to strategically plan for critical waste infrastructure. The EPA will be collaborating with stakeholders from industry and local government, including the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils, to develop the Plan.

To improve our baseline understanding of needs for circular economy infrastructure, the EPA has commenced an assessment of residual waste infrastructure capacity now and into the future. The assessment will identify landfill and transfer station capacity needs, the barriers to meeting these needs and highlight opportunities for investment. This work will inform the development of the Waste Infrastructure Plan. The EPA will be engaging with stakeholders from industry and local government on this work and will be in touch to organise timings with councils.

**The EPA is commencing a review of the waste levy this year**

The waste levy is the primary economic instrument in NSW promoting waste avoidance and resource recovery over sending waste to landfill. At present, about a third of waste levy revenue is returned to the environment portfolio, including \$356 million over five years to deliver programs and initiatives under the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041. The Strategy sets NSW on a path towards a circular economy, including through initiatives focused on meeting our waste and resource recovery infrastructure and service needs.

The EPA is commencing a formal review of the waste levy this year. As part of the review, the EPA will examine the framework governing the operation of the waste levy, including boundaries of waste-levy paying areas, price settings, and exemptions and concessional rates for certain types of waste.

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

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Through the review, the EPA will meet with local government and industry to discuss the operation of the waste levy. I encourage you and the City of Ryde Council to participate in this review.

**Encouraging a circular economy by improving the NSW resource recovery framework**

The NSW Government has committed to reforming the resource recovery framework to better support the resource recovery sector. I am confident that this work will help to ensure that materials stay in the economy for longer and will reduce the materials that are sent to landfill.

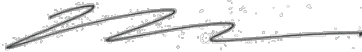
In July 2023, the EPA released a delivery plan setting out the actions it will take to implement the recommendations of an independent review of the NSW resource recovery framework conducted by Dr Cathy Wilkinson in 2021. The EPA has commenced work to implement these recommendations, including developing a resource recovery innovation pathway; investigating a pathway for end-of-waste outcomes for suitable common and low-risk recovered materials; and investigating whether some activities that use, process, and/or store recovered materials should be excluded from certain aspects of the regulatory framework for waste.

The EPA recently extended an invite to the City of Ryde Council to meet to discuss the waste levy review. The EPA will soon be in contact with your council to further discuss how we can collaborate on the development of the NSW Waste Infrastructure Plan and residual waste infrastructure assessment.

If you have any further questions about these matters, please contact Mr Asela Atapattu, Director, Circular Economy Policy, EPA at [asela.atapattu@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:asela.atapattu@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you for taking the time to bring these matters to my attention.

Sincerely



**Penny Sharpe MLC**  
Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy,  
Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage

16/10/23

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**2      RESPONSE TO LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER ALBANESE RE ARTSAKH  
CONFLICT**

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**Report prepared by:** Executive Assistant  
**File No.:** MYR/07/10/7 - BP23/668

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Submitting correspondence from Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, dated 20 October 2023, regarding humanitarian situation in Artsakh.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Letter from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet dated 20 October 2023 regarding Artsakh conflict

Report Prepared By:

**Linda Smith**  
**Executive Assistant**

Report Approved By:

**Carmelina Loughland**  
**Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer**

**Wayne Rylands**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

ANDREW FISHER BUILDING  
ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT  
BARTON

Reference: MC23-079488

Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM  
Mayor  
City of Ryde  
Locked Bag 2069  
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670

Dear Councillor Yedelian

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2023 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, regarding the humanitarian situation for ethnic Armenians due to the ongoing conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. I have been asked to respond on the Prime Minister's behalf.

Further to my earlier correspondence on 14 September 2023, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, has expressed concerns regarding Azerbaijan's so-called "anti-terror operation" in Nagorno-Karabakh and the earlier disruptions of access to the region via the Lachin Corridor Road. While Australia welcomed the ceasefire of 20 September 2023, we have called on Azerbaijan to refrain from further military escalation.

Reflecting the Government's deep concern about the humanitarian situation in the region, Australia signed onto the 11 October 2023 Joint Statement on the Situation in Nagorno-Karabakh at the 54th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Senator Wong also announced on 17 October 2023 that Australia would provide \$500,000 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to support the welfare of the more than 100,000 people from Nagorno-Karabakh now in Armenia.

Australia has been clear that we expect Azerbaijan should guarantee the rights and security of the inhabitants of Nagorno-Karabakh, including those who may wish to return from Armenia.

Yours sincerely



Ash Collingburn AM DSM  
Assistant Secretary, Global Interests  
20 October 2023

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**3 LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND OPEN SPACES - NEED FOR MORE HOUSING IN LOW AND MEDIUM DENSITY ZONES**

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**Report prepared by:** Executive Assistant  
**File No.:** MYR/07/10/7 - BP23/669

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Submitting correspondence from Minister for Planning and Open Spaces, dated 31 October 2023, regarding need for more housing in low and medium density zones.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Letter from Paul Scully MP - Minister for Planning and Public Spaces regarding need for more housing in low and medium density zones

Report Prepared By:

**Linda Smith**  
**Executive Assistant**

Report Approved By:

**Carmelina Loughland**  
**Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer**

**Wayne Rylands**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 3 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**The Hon Paul Scully MP**  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



Ref: MDPE23/3451

Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM  
Mayor  
Locked Bag 2069  
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670  
via: [SYedelian@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SYedelian@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Clr Yedelian,

I write to you regarding the need to allow for more housing in our low and medium density zones across New South Wales to help increase supply and diversity of homes we are delivering in our suburbs.

New South Wales is in a housing crisis. Through the National Housing Accord, councils and the NSW Government are committed to working together to look at every opportunity to address this crisis.

Our shared task is to approve and encourage the necessary investment and commencements for 377,000 homes by 2029.

The land use planning and assessment functions of councils and the Department will need to quickly adjust towards approaches that lead to more homes in well-located areas.

As a way to increase our housing numbers in NSW, the NSW Government has identified a number of limitations across the residential zones constraining our ability to deliver this diverse housing in our low and medium density areas. In Greater Sydney these include:

- Terraces, townhouses and 2 storey residential flat buildings (i.e. manor houses) are only permitted in the R2 low density residential zone in 2 of 35 Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) in Greater Sydney – just six per cent. This is despite 77 per cent of residential land being zoned R2. Even though the R3 medium density zones do allow terraces, they only make up 13% of residential land; and
- Residential flat buildings (RFBs) are only permitted in the R3 medium density zone in 47% of LEPs. Even though the R4 high density residential zones do allow RFBs, they only make up 3% of residential land.

The story is more mixed outside of our major cities but there are still opportunities available for the planning system to prioritise low and mid-rise housing types in our main residential zones.

We are asking councils to review their local policy settings and approaches in the interests of housing supply. I ask you to identify existing well-located areas where terraces, small unit blocks or well-designed mid-rise apartments can be permitted.

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[nsw.gov.au/ministerscully](http://nsw.gov.au/ministerscully)

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 3 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Research consistently shows that there is unmet demand for additional small apartment and low-rise multi-dwelling housing options as well as purpose-built rental and affordable and social housing.

With this in mind, the Department will be realigning its resources to support councils in these initiatives and is developing a tool kit to help councils and state agencies deliver the outcomes we need. Councils shouldn't wait for this work to happen, rather I am asking you to begin work identifying locations and permitting more low and mid-rise homes immediately.

This urgency for all of us to play our part to approve and deliver housing in all parts of New South Wales brings me to my final point. The upcoming 2024 NSW local government elections are scheduled to be held on Saturday 14 September 2024. The caretaker period will begin 4 weeks before on 16 August 2024.

The NSW local government elections may have an impact on some policy and program timeframes and exhibition dates and may impact on planning assessment timeframe targets.

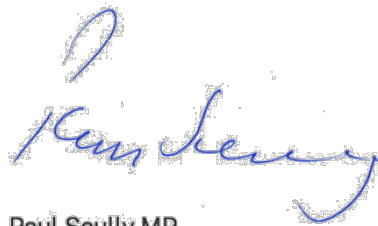
All planning assessments and other council responsibilities and operations should continue as normal until the start of the caretaker period. It is my express view that councils should continue to undertake their legal responsibilities under local government and planning legislation to make sure that we keep up the momentum on delivering the approvals for housing developments across New South Wales.

I would also request that this letter be tabled at your next council meeting so that councillors are clear about the State government's intentions on behalf of the people of NSW to deliver more low and mid-rise homes, while reminding them of their duty during election periods.

We all have a part to play in delivering on the National Housing Accord and a role in helping the next generation into home ownership or long-term rental. I urge you to look at your policy settings with the aim of expanding the number of homes in your LGA.

Should you have any questions regarding the housing reform work or to caretaker conventions for local government elections, please contact the Department at [stakeholder.engagement@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stakeholder.engagement@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Paul Scully MP  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

20/10/23

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**4 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION GRANTS PROGRAM  
(LSCA) \$400,000**

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**Report prepared by:** Acting Executive Manager - City Infrastructure  
**File No.:** CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/726

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Submitting correspondence from the Premier's Department dated 20 November 2023 regarding the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grants Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Application - Small commitments allocation grants
- 2 Letter - LSCA Program Office to CEO Ryde Council (LSCA428)

Report Prepared By:

**Meroeh Suesser**  
**Acting Executive Manager - City Infrastructure**

Report Approved By:

**Charles Mahfoud**  
**Acting General Manager - Business and Operations**

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**Local Small Commitments Allocation Program**

**The Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) Program was established by the NSW Government following the 2023 election.**

**The LSCA will provide grants to the value of \$400,000 in 2023-24 to each of the 93 NSW electorates and will fund small local projects to enhance community wellbeing and provide benefits to the people of NSW.**

**For more information please refer to the [Local Small Commitments Allocation Program Guidelines](#) or contact [lsc@premiersdepartment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lsc@premiersdepartment.nsw.gov.au)**

If you do contact us throughout the submission period, please quote the submission number below

**Submission Number**

LSCA428

This field is read only.

The identification number or code for this submission.

**Funding Details**

**These fields are read only, and have been pre-populated by the LSCA Program Team**

**NSW Electorate**

Ryde

This question is read only.

**Tranche**

Tranche A

This question is read only.

**Organisation Details**

**\* indicates a required field**

**Tell us about Your Organisation**

**What is the name of your organisation? \***

Council of the City of Ryde

**Organisation Postal Address \***

3 Richardson Pl

North Ryde NSW 2113 Australia

Suburb/Town and State/Province are required.

**Project Contact**

**Please provide the contact details for the Project Contact person:**

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**Contact Name \*** Meroeh Suesser  
**Position: \*** Acting Executive Manager City Infrastructure  
**Telephone: \*** 0466 482 959  
**Email: \*** [meroehs@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:meroehs@ryde.nsw.gov.au)  
Must be an email address  
**Is the Head of the Organisation the same as the Project Contact? \***  Yes  No

**Head of Organisation**

**Head of Organisation \***  
Wayne Rylands  
(CEO or equivalent)

**Head of Organisation Telephone**  
(02) 9952 8101

**Head of Organisation Email:**  
[waynery@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:waynery@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

**Organisation Type**

**Please select your organisation type from the list below: \***

- Local Council
- Joint Organisation of Councils, or council grouping or association
- Incorporated organisation registered as a not-for-profit association
- Community organisation registered as an incorporated not-for-profit association
- Trust registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)
- Local Aboriginal Land Council
- An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- NSW Government Agency
- Unincorporated community organisation
- I don't know

**Does your organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number) \***  
 Yes  No

To find your ABN please look it up at <https://abr.business.gov.au/>

**Your Organisation's ABN \***  
81 621 292 610

Information from the Australian Business Register



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<b>ABN</b>	81 621 292 610
<b>Entity name</b>	COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RYDE
<b>ABN status</b>	Active
<b>Entity type</b>	Local Government Entity
<b>Goods &amp; Services Tax (GST)</b>	Yes
<b>DGR Endorsed</b>	No
<b>ATO Charity Type</b>	Not endorsed <a href="#">More information</a>
<b>ACNC Registration</b>	No
<b>Tax Concessions</b>	No tax concessions
<b>Main business location</b>	2113 NSW

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Must be an ABN

**Will you be using LSCA funds to make a co-contribution to another organisation that will deliver the project? \***

- No, we will deliver the project
  - Yes, we will be making a co-contribution to another organisation
- This does not include contractors e.g. plumbers, painters*

**Governance Structure of Your Organisation**

**Tell us about the governance structure of your organisation?** (Board/Committee of Management/Council committee)

**\***  
 City of Ryde Council is empowered by the Local Government Act 1993 to make decisions informed by the priorities of the community. The Act empowers the City of Ryde to define and enforce local laws, regulations and policies necessary to effectively manage and govern the local government area.

The elected Council of the City of Ryde consists of 12 Councillors, being the Mayor and 11 Councillors, and must act in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the associated State and Federal legislation.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (s377-s381), Council can delegate some of its decision-making authority and functions to the General Manager. The General Manager is able, in turn, to delegate functions to nominated employees within the City's staff establishment.

The Executive Leadership Team provides clear and consistent leadership and decision-making, which supports delivery of strategic priorities and outcomes expected by Council. The Team oversees the implementation and operation of a series of strategic and service plans.

**Please provide a copy of your organisation's key governance documentation. This may include:**

- a Constitution (or rules), or
- a Statement of purpose, or

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- Articles of association, or
- a Trust Deed

**File Upload - Governance Documentation \***

Filename: Governance.pdf  
File size: 44.7 kB

**Financial Viability of Your Organisation**

**Is your organisation financially viable and able to demonstrate that it is likely to remain so over the duration of the project \***

Yes  No

**Please provide a copy of your organisations financial statements including:**

- Annual Report, or
- Audited Financial Statements

If your not for profit organisation is not required to produce audited financial statements, please provide a detailed profit and loss statement for at least the last 12 months.

**File Upload - Financial Documentation \***

Filename: CoR Annual financial report 2022.pdf  
File size: 6.0 MB

If your organisation is not required to produce either of these document please provide a detailed annual profit and loss statement.

**Capacity to Deliver**

- **What experience does your organisation have that demonstrates your capacity to complete the project?**
- **What previous projects have you completed successfully?**
- **Describe the internal and external resources you have to support project delivery?**

\*

City of Ryde has a commitment to deliver projects addressing social and community needs detailed in the Community Strategic Plan, which underpins future planning, decision-making , and allocation of resources.

Projects that Council have completed can be found on its website at the following link <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Projects/Completed-Works-Program>

The works under this grant would involve the planning, design and construction of a Cultural Community Centre situated in Eastwood, on the rooftop of an existing parking facility. The total cost of the project is likely to exceed \$15 million.

As per the grant nominated under this application, the \$400,000 is insufficient to cover the cost of the planning, design and construction of the Cultural Community Centre. Council does not have additional resources or funding to complete the planning, design and construction of this project.

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**Organisation Bank Account**

**Bank Account \***

Account Name: Council of the City of  
Ryde- Debtors  
BSB Number: 062245  
Account Number: 10529767  
Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

**Please provide a recent bank statement of the account you would use to receive the grant funding if you are successful.**

You do not have to show transaction details, however, the statement must:

- Be for a business account in the name of the legal applicant entity
- Be a statement on financial institution documentation
- Not be an online transaction list
- Clearly show the name, account number and BSB

**File Upload - Bank Statement \***

Filename: COR Bank Statement.pdf  
File size: 718.5 kB

**Public Liability Insurance**

**Does the organisation who will deliver the project have at least \$20 million in public liability insurance, or is willing to obtain \$20 million in public liability insurance? \***

- Yes  
 No, but willing to obtain

**Please explain the arrangements in place to ensure the organisation delivering the project has appropriate public liability insurance in place**

All relevant insurances will be obtained from the relevant stakeholders involved in the project to ensure they satisfy Councils procurement policy requirements.

**File Upload - Please upload a copy of any relevant Public Liability Insurance Certificate**

Filename: Certificate of Currency - Public Liability Professional Indemnity.PDF  
File size: 32.1 kB

**Project Details**

**\* indicates a required field**

**Tell us about Your Project**

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**Project Name \*** Investigation and construction of a Cultural Community Centre on top of the Rowe Street East Carpark

**Initial Project Description** Deliver up to \$400,000 to Ryde Council towards a new Korean Cultural Centre in Eastwood.  
*This question is read only.*

**Brief Project Description:**  
**Describe what you want to do, how will it be delivered and what benefits will be delivered to the community**  
**If the LSCA funds are a contribution to a larger project, please describe the larger project.**  
**Examples:**  
*This project will deliver an upgraded clubhouse and amenities building, with ramps, disability access toilets and new female changeroom facilities at our local soccer club. This will benefit people with impaired physical mobility to access all areas of the clubhouse and amenities. It will also allow female players to have culturally appropriate changing facilities so that we can increase their participation and enjoyment in soccer at our club*  
*This project will provide funding that will allow our organisation to purchase much needed office equipment and upgrade our computers. This will benefit people who attend adult literacy and computer training courses at our centre. These people are mostly people from linguistically diverse backgrounds or older people in our local community.*

**\*** The delivery of this project is NSW State Labor Government's promise to the community from the 2023 NSW State Elections. The project involves the planning and design of a Cultural Community Centre on top of the Rowe Street East Carpark, Eastwood. The works would involve engaging external consultants and contractors to undertake the planning, design and construction of the Cultural Community Centre.

The total cost of the project of the Cultural Community Centre is likely to exceed \$15 million.

As per the grant nominated under this application, the \$400,000 is insufficient to cover the cost of the planning, design and construction of the Cultural Community Centre. Council will require additional funding of \$14.6 million to complete the works. Council does not have these additional funds and will require a commitment from the NSW Premier's Department, to fund the project.

*Must be no more than 200 words*

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**Anticipated Project start date: \*** 01/07/2024  
Must be a date and no earlier than 26/3/2023.

**Anticipated Project end date: \*** 30/06/2028  
Must be a completed within 2 years of the execution of a funding agreement

**Will the LSCA funding be contributing to a larger project? \***  
 Yes, funding will contribute to a larger project  
 No, LSCA funding is the only funding source

**Project Location**

**Your project must be delivered in the NSW electorate from which funding was allocated**

While a project may be delivered across multiple locations, those locations must **all** be within the identified electoral boundary.

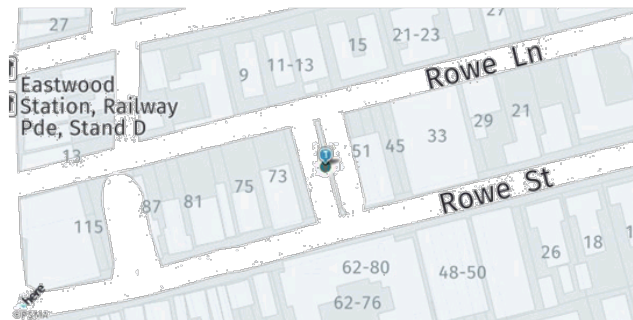
For more information on your electoral boundaries please visit <https://elections.nsw.gov.au/elections/how-voting-works/electoral-boundaries>

**Will your project be delivered in more than one location? \***  
 Yes  No

**Is your project (including all project locations) located within the identified electoral boundary? \***  
 Yes  No

**What is the Primary Project Location? - Use the pin on the map if you are uncertain of the physical address \***

71 Rowe St  
Eastwood NSW 2122 Australia



Latitude: -33.79059 | Longitude: 151.08442  
Suburb/Town and State/Province are required. Country must be Australia

**Project Description**

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**Project Type and Evidence**

**The types of evidence you may need to include in your submission will largely depend on the type of project and whether your LSCA grant would cover the entire cost of the project or is a co-contribution towards a larger project**

**What type of project will you deliver? (multiple selections are possible) \***

- Capital Works - improvements to land or building, or freestanding equipment that will be fixed or installed to the land or building
- Service and Program Delivery - supporting the new or ongoing delivery of educational, health and other welfare services and programs
- Events - supporting the delivery of a time-limited activity
- Supplies and Equipment - supporting the delivery of services and time-limited programs
- Charitable Donation - a direct contribution to an organisations' existing fundraising activities

**Capital Works**

**Improvements to land or building, or freestanding equipment that will be fixed or installed to the land or building.**

Please provide:

- Property/landowner's consent for your works to be undertaken at the project location
- All planning approvals, including development consent, from local councils, Crown Lands and Heritage Councils, DA approval or evidence of lodgement (if required).

**Describe the capital works you want to deliver, who is involved and what approvals are required? \***

The delivery of this project is NSW State Labor Government's promise to the community and involves the planning, design and construction of a Cultural Community Centre on top of the Rowe Street East Carpark, Eastwood. The works under this grant project involves the planning, design and construction of the Cultural Community Centre. It will require Council's internal teams as well as external consultants. The required approvals for this project will be development application approvals and compliance with the Ryde Development Control Plan 2014, Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014, and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The grant amount of \$400,000 is insufficient to cover the cost of planning, design and construction of the Cultural Community Centre. As per our previous response, to cover the cost of the planning, design and construction of the Cultural Community Centre, Council will require additional funding of \$14.6 million to complete the works. Council does not have these additional funds and will require a commitment from the NSW Premier's Department, to fund the project.

**File Upload - Please upload any information about your capital works including quotes, designs, plans or approval documentation.**

Filename: Map of Location.png  
File size: 1.6 MB

**Project Need and Benefit**

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**Why is the LSCA funding needed? What is the community need the project will meet? \***

The total cost for the design and construction of a 1500m<sup>2</sup> Cultural Community Centre is likely to exceed \$15 million. As such, with the available grant funding under this application of \$400,000, Council has insufficient funding to undertake the planning, design and construction of the Cultural Community Centre.

The project was initiated by NSW State Labor Government's promise to the community during the 2023 NSW State Elections to deliver the Cultural Community Centre on top of the Rowe street Carpark. The Cultural Community Centre is perceived to promote cultural interaction among diverse community members and enhance public spaces, like the Rowe Street East carpark, marrying aesthetics with functionality. Strategically located between key economic zones, Eastwood stands to benefit significantly from boosted visitor influx, supporting local businesses and job creation.

**How do you know there is a community need?**

Describe the evidence, for example:

- Is the facility difficult to access or lack of repairs preventing access and usage?
- Is there a waitlist for services?
- Are you anticipating population growth?
- Do you have feedback from community surveys?

\*

There is no evidence indicating that the planning and design of the Cultural Community Centre is a community need. The delivery of this project is the NSW State Labor Government's promise to the community.

**Who will benefit from your project? Are there any specific groups within the community that your project will target? \***

The delivery of this project is the NSW State Labor Government's promise to the community. This is not a Council project. Council is aware that the Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde (KCCR) have been advocating for this facility through State & Federal Governments channels. Council has not undertaken any due diligence to understand any benefits that can be attributed to this project.

**Please specify the benefits the project will deliver for the community.**

Provide 4 - 10 dot points describing the benefits, for example:

- opportunities for community to participate
- improved financial literacy in migrant communities
- culturally appropriate change room facilities
- increased places in counselling program
- safer electrical systems in community facility

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**Project Budget**

**\* indicates a required field**

**LSCA Funding Available:** \$400,000  
 This number/amount is calculated.  
 Must be a dollar amount

**LSCA Funding Requested** \$15,000,000  
 \* Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).  
 What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

**Total Project Cost: \*** \$15,000,000  
 Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).  
 Must be a dollar amount

**Budget**

**As part of your grant application, you are required to provide a detailed budget showing what the grant funding will be used for.**

**Budget Checklist**

Project Plan – Plan so you know exactly what you need to make your project a success  
 Quotes – Obtain quotes from suppliers to support your grant application  
 Details – Ensure clear details are provided for each budget item, on separate lines  
 Funding – Include any other funding streams already in place for your project  
 Amounts – Provide exact amounts for each budget item

The more detail you provide the better. Lack of information may delay the assessment process

**If LSCA funding is contributing to a larger project please include details of other funding that has been confirmed or applied for**

Please note the following budget items are **NOT** eligible:

- Funding to recover costs for existing debt and/or budget deficits
- Administrative, operational and maintenance costs not related to the subject project
- Costs already funded by insurance or other NSW or Commonwealth Government Program

Where other NSW Government funds contribute to the costs of a larger project this must be detailed in your budget

<b>Income Description</b>	<b>\$ (GST Excl)</b>	<b>Expenditure Description</b>	<b>\$ (GST Excl)</b>
List income sources (confirmed and unconfirmed)	Must be a dollar amount.	List all items you will purchase or contract	Must be a dollar amount Must be a dollar amount.
Nil	\$0.00	Nil	\$0.00
	\$		\$



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	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

**Please describe the status of any additional project funding.**

- Where does the funding come from? (grant/donation/fundraising)
- Is it confirmed or unconfirmed?
- Is it in cash or in-kind?

Respond with **Not Applicable** if there is no additional project funding

**Describe status of other project funding \***

Not Applicable

Please write names separated by commas

**File Upload - Attach costs, estimates, quotes or budget documents if required**

*No files have been uploaded*

**Key Project Milestones**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
One per row. e.g. Planning; recruitment; evaluation. Add more rows if you want to list additional milestones.	Leave blank if date is unknown or not relevant. Must be a date.	Leave blank if date is unknown or not relevant. Must be a date.
Project Kick-off		
Site Analysis & Surveys Completion		
Preliminary Architectural Designs Submission		
Engineering Assessment Report		
Community Engagement Sessions		
Legal & Regulatory Overview		
Financial Analysis & Forecasting Report		
Final Feasibility Report Compilation		
Procurement for Development Application		

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Development Application Completion		
Project Review & Decision Point		
Request for Tender issued for Design and Construction		
Assessment of Tender Submissions		
Engagement of Successful Tenderer		
Final Design Completed		
Final Design Endorsed for Construction		
Construction Commencement		
Construction Completion		
Project Closure		

**Key Project Risks**

- What is the likelihood of essential project commencement requirements being met, such as land use approval or availability of total project funds?
- What are the key risks to delivering the project on time and on budget?

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Land Use Approval - Community Cultural Center is on Council owned land, therefore no land use approval is required. However, this project hinges on the feasibility study's results and community feedback.

Project relies income from grant sources to commence and complete the project from design to construction. Council currently does not have the total project budget of \$15million.

**Key Risks to Project Delivery**

**1. Site Issues**

- Unexpected structural challenges identified during investigations might lead to delays and cost increases.

**2. Regulatory Delays**

- Acquiring necessary permits can take longer than planned, causing delays.

**3. Stakeholder Differences**

- Disagreements among stakeholders can result in changes, affecting timelines and budgets.

**4. Cost**

- Council has not allocated any budget for the planning, design and construction of this project. This project has not been identified within any future delivery program.

- Market changes can push up material or labor costs.

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**5. Design Changes**

- Planning and design revisions present a considerable risk in terms of both timing and financial resources. These revisions often stem from unforeseen technical complexities that emerge once a deeper understanding of the site and its limitations is gained. Furthermore, these changes can extend the project timeline, as new designs must be drafted, reviewed and approved before construction can proceed. This iterative process, while sometimes essential to optimise the project outcome, has the potential to significantly strain the initial budget and extend the project schedule beyond original projections. Additionally, the design must take into account traffic management, the effects on the Eastwood town center and the issues with parking, all of which pose considerable risks.

**7. Contract Disputes**

- Misunderstandings between the city and contractors can halt progress.

Proactive planning and open communication are vital to navigate these potential challenges.

**File Upload - Please upload any documentation relating to project delivery such as project management plans, resource plans or gantt charts**

*No files have been uploaded*

**Declaration and Privacy Statement**

**\* indicates a required field**

**Disclaimer**

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion.
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the Funding Guidelines for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

**Use of Information**

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded. • the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

**Declaration and Authorisation**

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The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (e.g. CEO, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Director, Chair of the Board, President, authorised manager etc).

Where this Application is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (e.g. authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I agree for my project to be automatically considered in other NSW funding programs;
- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid; and
- All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared

**I am authorised to complete this application and have read and understood the declaration and privacy statement \***  Yes

**Authorised Person's Name \*** Meroeh Suesser

**Position held \*** Acting Executive Manager City Infrastructure

**Date of declaration \*** 16/11/2023

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**ATTACHMENT 2**

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**Premier's Department**



Ref: A5906840  
20 November 2023

**Wayne Rylands**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Email: [ceo@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ceo@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

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Re: Local Small Commitments Allocation – Nominated Community Project - LSCA428

Dear Mr Rylands,

I am writing in regard to the Council of the City of Ryde's submission under the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grants Program (LSCA) of \$400,000 for *Investigation and construction of a Cultural Community Centre on top of the Rowe Street East Carpark*.

The LSCA Program Office assesses all projects to ensure the organisation and the project meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the LSCA Program Guideline (the Guideline). Ineligible projects will not progress to Merit Assessment.

The LSCA Program Office has reviewed your submission (LSCA428) and determine that it does not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in Section 3.2 of the Guideline which states that:

*"All projects must be able to be delivered within 2 years of the execution of a Funding agreement."*

The Council of the City of Ryde submission has indicated that the project would take approximately 4 years to complete:

- Anticipated Project start date: 01.07.2024
- Anticipated Project end date: 30.06.2028

As a result LSCA428 is deemed ineligible and will not proceed for assessment. In accordance with section 2.2 of the Guideline the \$400,000 LSCA funding will be redistributed by the Special Minister of State across the LGAs within the electorate of Ryde after all nominated project submissions have been assessed and considered for funding approval. This is estimated to occur in early 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the LSCA Program Office at (02) 9228 5260 or via email at [lscap@premiersdepartment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lscap@premiersdepartment.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely,



**Alison Morgan**  
Executive Director  
Local Small Commitments Allocation Program Office, Premier's Department

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## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **1 CITY OF RYDE WASTE INFO APP - Councillor Roy Maggio**

**File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/656

#### **MOTION:**

- (a) That Council investigate the implementation of a City of Ryde Waste Info app (a waste and recycling app), designed for the community to provide a simple, accessible resource which makes it easier for residents to manage their waste and recycling.
- (b) The City of Ryde Waste Info app should be available for free download on Apple and Android devices and include the following:
  - A personal bin collection calendar specific to your address;
  - Reminders for bin collections and bulk household collection;
  - Answers to your questions on what to do with unusual items like mattresses, chemicals, batteries, return and earn centres;
  - Forms to report illegal dumping, damaged or stolen bins and missed bin collections;
  - Information on Council's services, waste facilities and more.
- (c) That a report be provided back to the February 2024 Council meeting which details the findings of the investigation, appropriate funding source and the provision of a campaign launch upon implementation.

### **2 EXPANDING COUNCIL'S INCLUSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM - Councillor Roy Maggio**

**File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/674

#### **BACKGROUND**

City of Ryde has an extensive learn to swim program including Swim Teachers who hold the AUSTSWIN Teacher of Aquatics Access and Inclusion accreditation (or equivalent) that enables Council to provide aquatics access and inclusion to all people regardless of:

- Disability
- Chronic condition
- Age
- Culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD)

Puggles Swim is Australia's first nationally endorsed learn to swim program that supports the communication needs of deaf and hard of hearing children. Deaf Children Australia partnered with AUSTSWIM, Swim Coaches and Teachers Australia (SCTA), leading swim course developers, instructors, and deaf elite swimmers, to create an interactive online course.

On successfully completing the course, accredited swim instructors have the skills to teach deaf and hard of hearing children how to swim in a mainstream class. We call them Puggles Skippers, and they are practicing their awesome new skills with great effect in pools across Australia.

As a result, more children are enjoying the many benefits this essential life skill offers. We believe every child has the right to learn to swim, however, according to the Puggles website parents have advised of the challenges of finding a pool, and one close by that can support their child's communication needs

<https://www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au/about-puggles-swim/>

**MOTION:**

- (a) Council notes that the Puggles Swim training program is an amazing program that would be a valuable resource providing increased access to the community for deaf or hard of hearing children in the City of Ryde.
- (b) That in support of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Council investigates expanding Learn to Swim staff training to include Puggles Accreditation.
- (c) That as part of the investigation, consideration be given to also expanding the number of Learn to Swim teachers with the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics Access and Inclusion qualification.
- (d) That a report be provided back to Council which details the findings of the investigation, associated costs and appropriate funding source, with a view to implementing in March 2024.
- (e) That Council promote its expanded inclusive learn to swim opportunities through all media channels with the provision of a launch upon implementation.

**3 PLAQUE FOR ST CHARLES BOREOMO TO CELEBRATE 165 YEARS OF EDUCATION IN THE RYDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA - Councillor Roy Maggio**

**File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/703

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council provide a plaque for St Charles Boreomo in celebration of 165 years of education in the Ryde Local Government Area.

- (b) That Council liaise with Father Greg regarding appropriate wording for the plaque in tribute to Charles Boreomo.
- (c) That a donation of \$1,000 be made to the church, to be funded from the Mayor's budget.
- (d) That the Mayor's office liaise with Father Greg and the Principal, Peter Watkins to explore a suitable date, prior to the end of 2023, to present the plaque at a ceremony mass at St Charles Church.
- (e) That interested Councillors, Members of Parliament and City of Ryde staff be invited to attend the plaque ceremony event.
- (f) That the event be published through all media channels.
- (g) That the purchase and installation of the plaque be funded from Councillor Maggio's projects bids budget.

**4 TOP RYDE LIVE SITES FOR OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES IN 2024 - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson**

**File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/704

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council investigate the feasibility of City of Ryde utilising Top Ryde City for live viewings of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024.
- (b) That the investigation also include the following:-
  - i. More joint live site viewings with established businesses within the City of Ryde.
  - ii. The incorporation of live sites into the Events Plan to regularly show sports such as Men's Rugby Union World Cup and Netball World Cup in 2027 and Women's Rugby Union World Cup in 2029.
- (c) That a report be provided back to Council detailing the results of the investigation.



**5 INCLUSION OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND ALTERNATIVE CHANNELS  
FEEDBACK - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson****File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/705

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**MOTION:**

- (a) Council notes that at present feedback on social media platforms is not included as a source of information in the analysis of community perception of our service delivery.
- (b) That Council investigates broadening the source of community feedback to include appropriate social media channels, and to outline the process whereby feedback can be integrated into the current definitions of complaints, compliments, suggestions and requests for service.
- (c) That a report be provided back to Council detailing the results of the investigation with recommendations.

**6 RETAINING PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF RYDE CENTRAL SITE - Councillor  
Bernard Purcell****File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/706

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Civic Centre at Top Ryde, formerly known as the Heart of Ryde and now Ryde Central, has been the focus of much debate for over a decade.

While the iterations of the new administration building, auditorium/community hall and associated buildings has changed, one thing remains immovable – retaining the public ownership of this site.

**MOTION:**

That the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Acknowledges overwhelming community support for the current Ryde Central project which retains public ownership and including the construction of a much-needed large hall and administration building.
- (b) Notes that this proposal had 85% support during extensive community consultation.
- (c) Acknowledges the community rejection of the 2010-2016 redevelopment proposals which in part included the sale of public land.
- (d) Resolves to retain public ownership of the site and commits to robust and transparent community consultation as the project progresses.

**7 OLD MEADOWBANK SCHOOL HALL - Councillor Shweta Deshpande****File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/707

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**MOTION:**

That Council:-

- (a) Notes the shortage of community spaces in the City of Ryde for indoor sports, multicultural events, birthday parties and community meetings.
- (b) Acknowledges that the Department of Education had plans to retain the old Meadowbank School Hall as part of its handover of the old school precinct to Council.
- (c) Laments a recent and unannounced change in policy from the NSW Government who are now seeking to demolish the hall.
- (d) Notes that the hall was built relatively recently, and its demolition would constitute an extraordinary waste of taxpayer money, particularly given Council's current shortage of community space would require construction of brand new facilities elsewhere in the LGA, at greater cost.
- (e) Supports retention of the hall for inclusion as part of Council's range of community facilities.
- (f) Writes to the Department of Education calling on them to reverse their position and conduct necessary maintenance to the hall so it can be safely handed over to Council as part of the broader community land transfer.

**8 EV CHARGING STATIONS - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Daniel Han****File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/708

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**MOTION:**

That Council:-

- (a) Notes the increased uptake of EV vehicles in the City of Ryde.
- (b) Investigate the feasibility of increasing EV charging infrastructure through potential partnerships with third party electric vehicle charging providers, including the potential for revenue generation through partnerships.
- (c) Provide a report back to Council detailing the results of the investigation by the March 2024 Council meeting.

**9      ADVOCACY FOR BETTER WHEELCHAIR ACCESS AT TOP RYDE CITY SHOPPING CENTRE - Councillor Penny Pedersen****File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/709**

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**MOTION:**

- (a) Council notes that:-
- i. Wheelchair users who visit Top Ryde Shopping Centre for grocery shopping at Coles do not have a wheelchair accessible toilet at that end of Level one and carers/wheelchair users are required to walk to the other end of the Centre or wait for lifts to access toilets on another level.
  - ii. Wheelchair users can find using the lifts difficult as they are slow and there is rarely room for a wheelchair when they do arrive full of trolleys and people. It is not clear if wheelchair users are permitted to use travelators.
  - iii. Currently, according to the information desk, the Centre does not display an accessibility map at the Centre or provide one on their website for carers and visitors with mobility issues.
  - iv. The Early Learning Centre at Top Ryde City is located in the carpark on Level 2 and the entrance is not visible at child height due to an opaque hoarding/balustrade. This means that young children entering the carpark traffic, cannot be seen by motorists. There is a warning sign and pedestrian crossing but if children step unaccompanied into the traffic it presents a safety issue.
- (b) That Council write to Top Ryde City Shopping Centre to:
- i. Discuss access issues for wheelchair users, within the Top Ryde City Shopping Centre.
  - ii. Request a meeting with the Centre Management, relevant Council staff and residents with lived experience who have identified the access issues.
  - iii. Discuss a perceived safety issue for small children outside the Early Learning Childcare Centre entrance off the car park – suggesting a secure but transparent barrier be installed so that motorists can see children before they step onto the marked crossing.

## **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY**

### **1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Bernard Purcell**

**File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/10 - BP23/711

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#### **Media Advisor for the City of Ryde:**

##### Question 1:

Could the City of Ryde Chief Executive Officer please confirm the engagement of a media consultant?

##### Question 2:

Could the City of Ryde Chief Executive Officer explain why this person has been engaged, the length of this engagement and at what cost?

#### **Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment (SSD-8707) - s7.11 developer contributions:**

From a memorandum in December 2020, it was noted that \$45 million dollars was collected on Council's behalf. A subsequent modification saw no developer contributions being made. City of Ryde staff were undertaking negotiations with the State Government to recover these contributions.

##### Question 3:

What has the City of Ryde undertaken to negotiate and recover these contributions?

#### **s7.11 Contributions:**

##### Question 4:

Could the City of Ryde furnish a full list of s7.11 developer contributions for the last 12 calendar months, as of this date, and a list of future contributions based on current development applications?

**2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Penny Pedersen****File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/10 - BP23/712

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Question 1:

The Member for Ryde and the Member for Lane Cove have been running a petition against an alleged proposal to develop North Ryde Common. Has Councillor Lane or the Member for Ryde, Jordan Lane ever requested information from the City of Ryde on the ownership of North Ryde Common or the 99 year lease agreement between the NSW government and City of Ryde?

Question 2:

What date was the 99 year lease agreement over North Ryde Common negotiated by City of Ryde and the NSW government, when does it expire and was Anthony Roberts MP the local member at the time?

Question 3:

Did City of Ryde hold a Councillor workshop in the last term of Council on a generic parks Plan of Management, where the ownership and management of all City of Ryde parks, including North Ryde Common was discussed with Councillors and was Councillor Jordan Lane present at that workshop?

Question 4:

At the September 2023 Council meeting, Councillor Justin Li called for a 'suspension of standing orders' and this was put as a motion to Councillors by Mayor Yedelian. In a procedural question, Councillor Pedersen asked if this was permitted in the City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice. The governance staff reported to the meeting that the Code of Meeting Practice was 'silent' on this practice (not mentioned in the Code). The motion to suspend standing orders was then put to the meeting even though it was not in the City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice. Is the suspension of standing orders procedure included in the NSW Local Government model Code of Meeting Practice and if the City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice is silent on any other suggested procedures (that Councillors may choose to bring to the meeting in the future) are Council permitted to use these suggested procedures as the Mayor did at the September meeting?

Question 5:

Councillor Lane in his role as Member for Ryde (or his staff), have attached political material to Council bus stop poles right through the Ryde LGA (printed in the same colour as the BUSWAYS timetables). Does Council permit political advertising for data collection purposes to be attached to Council infrastructure like bus stop poles?