

Meeting Date: Tuesday 25 August 2020 Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting

Time: 7.00pm

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1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/642

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 23 June 2020

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/812

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 9/20, held on 23 June 2020 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 23 June 2020



ATTACHMENT 1

Council Meeting MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 9/20

Meeting Date: Tuesday 23 June 2020

Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting

Time: 7.01pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Parks, Manager –Assets and Infrastructure, Manager – RALC, Manager – Strategic Property, Manager – Transport, Manager – Procurement, Acting Manager – Library Services, Senior Coordinator – Asset Integration, Senior Coordinator – Community Engagement, Senior Coordinator – Community Services, Team Leader – Community Services, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in Item 4(3) – Small Grants, Allocation of Funding, Round 1 2020, for the reason that his daughter plays for a team affiliated with ERNA.

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4(8) – Affects due to COVID-19 – Assisting Sporting Clubs and Associations, for the reason that his children play for a club which may receive support should the Motion be carried.

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Councillor Moujalli disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 8 – Grant Visa Extensions to the Hong-Kong International Students who became Political Refugees, for the reason that his employment with the Federal Government involves immigration related work.

Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4(3) – Small Grants, Allocation of Funding, Round 1 2020, for the reason that his children play netball with ERNA.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4(3) – Small Grants, Allocation of Funding, Round 1 2020, for the reason that her son plays for the North Ryde Football Club.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4(8) – Affects due to COVID-19 – Assisting Sporting Clubs and Associations, for the reason that both her children play for clubs that pay ground charges to City of Ryde.

Councillor Brown disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4(8) – Affects due to COVID-19 – Assisting Sporting Clubs and Associations, for the reason that his children play rugby for a junior rugby club that may apply for a fee waiver.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled a petition in relation to the installation of a drop off/pick up zone between 3 and 5 Bay Drive, Meadowbank.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic		
Lakshmi Narayanan	Item 4(4) – City of Ryde Reconciliation Action Plan		
Philip Shin (on behalf of	Item 4(8) – Affects due to COVID 19 – Assisting		
the Korean Sports	Sporting Clubs and Associations		
Association of Sydney)			
Graeme Last	Notice of Motion 4 – NSWRFS Station Facility		
Dr Lin Bin (representing	Notice of Motion 8 – Grant Visa Extensions to the		
the Hong Kong	Hong Kong International Students who became		
Professionals Alliance)	Political Refugees		
Zion Lo (on behalf of	Notice of Motion 8 – Grant Visa Extensions to the		
Wing Tang)	Hong Kong International Students who became		
	Political Refugees		
Neil Venables	Notice of Motion 11 – Salvation Army Digital		
(Representing The	Doorknock		
Salvation Army Australia)			



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were made to Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

That Council adopt Items 2, 3, 4 and 4(3) on Council's Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 26 May 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 7/20, held on 26 May 2020 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 8/20, held on 26 May 2020 be confirmed.

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Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 5/20 held on 9 June 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

That Council determine Items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of the Works and Community Committee report 5/20, held on 9 June 2020 noting that Items 1, 2 and 7 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

3 SMALL GRANTS, ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, ROUND 1 2020.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this Item for the reason that his daughter plays for a team affiliated with ERNA.

Note: Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his children play netball with ERNA.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her son plays for the North Ryde Football Club.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

(a) That Council endorse funding to the following organisations in Round 1 of the 2020 Small Grants as follows.

	Ref	Organisation	Project	Funding	Funding	Project
				Requested	Granted	Description
1	01	Italian Leisure Group	Italian Seniors Social Support Group Project	\$2,000	\$2,000	Weekly social support group for Italian seniors.

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2	04	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	Initial coaching skills	\$2,000	\$2,000	Introduction training session for parents and others to develop netball coach skills.
3	07	Ample Abilities Inc.	Serendipitous Me- A Care for Carers Project	\$2,000	\$2,000	Establishment of a carers support group with professional speakers and selfcare activities.
4	09	KLAP- Australia	KLAP- Ryde Project	\$1990	\$1990	Connects primary school students (via an online platform) with secondary school students, as reading mentors.
5	14	Reach Community Initiatives Inc.	Provision of Emergency Food Parcels	\$1,746	\$1,746	Temporary food relief for families experiencing hardship during COVID-19 crisis.
6	15	Side By Side Advocacy Inc.	Side By Side Cocktail Party	\$2,000	\$2,000	An event for people with a disability to celebrate UN International Day for People with a Disability.
7	16	Streetwork Australia Ltd.	PRIDE Empowerment Program	\$2,000	\$2,000	8 week empowerment program for youth at risk including 44 mentoring sessions.
8	17	Italo-Australian Senior Citizens Group	Italo-Australian Senior Citizens Group	\$2,000	\$1,500 Funding for hall hire is not eligible and cost for catering has been reduced.	Social support group for Ryde residents of Italian background. Two meetings held per month.
9	18	The Shepherd Centre	Talk Together- an educational and support program for parents of children with a hearing loss in Ryde.	\$2,000	\$2,000	Group program for parents of children with hearing loss (may be delivered on-line if meeting restrictions continue)
10	22	Community Migrant Resource Centre	Online artist development project.	\$2,000	\$2,000	Upskilling of CALD artists recently arrived in Australia, so they can use online platforms to promote and distribute their art. Response to COVID-19 restrictions in the arts sector.
11	28	Young Life Ryde	Youth Lead and Connect.	\$1,930	\$1,930	Aims to socially connect young people post COVID-19 by supporting Year 12 school leavers to promote and run events for teens in Ryde.



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- (b) That the recommended applications totaling \$21,166 are funded from the Community Grants budget for Round 1 of the 2020 Small Grants. \$10,000 is available within this budget. That additional funding from the Community Grants Reserve budget be used to cover the remaining amount.
- (c) That Council does not endorse the following applications.

	Ref	Organisation	Project	Amount Requested	Description
1	3	Australian Association of Cancer Care Incorporated	Continuation of cancer care and nursing home entertainment. One hour monthly concert at Sydney nursing homes.	\$2,000	Not eligible as nursing homes receive Commonwealth funding for entertainment for residents.
2	19	GCM One Pty. Ltd.	2020 second quarter marketing campaign.	\$2,000	Not eligible, as for profit business.
3	25	Easy Care Gardening	Purchase of gardening tools for volunteers.	\$2,000	Purchase of equipment is not eligible in this category. (The applicant has been contacted and will apply for a grant under the Facilities and Equipment category)
4	26	Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Purchase of devices for people living in group homes.	\$1,875	Purchase of equipment is not eligible in this category. (The applicant has been contacted and will apply for a grant under the Facilities and Equipment category)
5	23	Riverside Business Chamber	Boost business online presence by purchase of equipment, apps and engagement of consultants.	\$2,000	Purchase of equipment and items which contribute to the day to day operational expenses e.g. IT licences not eligible in this category. (The applicant has been contacted and will apply for a grant under the Facilities and Equipment category)

- (d) That the successful and unsuccessful grant applicants be informed in writing of the outcomes of the grant applications.
- (e) That future grant applications to be advertised in all media channels ie; all local newspapers, rate notices, Council's website and social media.
- (f) That a report come back including costings regarding future grant applications to be advertised in Cultural Newspapers.



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Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou.

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 26 May 2020

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

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2020

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

4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 5/20 held on 9 June 2020

3 SMALL GRANTS, ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, ROUND 1 2020.

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

4 CITY OF RYDE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

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

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council endorse the City of Ryde Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan.
- (b) That the City of Ryde Reflect RAP be forwarded to Reconciliation Australia for final endorsement.
- (c) That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Working Group with the following amendments:
 - That all interested Councillors be invited to join the Working Group.



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- ii. The indigenous members of the work group be invited to select a chairperson from the group.
- iii. That Council strive to appoint at least 50% indigenous community membership on the working group.
- iv. Up to six (6) community members.
- (d) That the General Manager calls for community nominations to join the Reconciliation Action Working Group from local and surrounding Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

- (a) That Council endorse the City of Ryde Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan.
- (b) That the City of Ryde Reflect RAP be forwarded to Reconciliation Australia for final endorsement.
- (c) That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Working Group with the following amendments:
 - i. That Councillors Maggio, Kim, Laxale, Gordon, Purcell, Clifton, Pedersen be appointed to the Working Group but remain as a non-voting member.
 - ii. The indigenous members of the work group to be the chairperson of the group.
 - iii. That Council appoint at least 50% indigenous community membership on the working group.
 - iv. That the term of the community membership extend until the end of the next term of Council.
- (d) That the General Manager calls for community nominations to join the Reconciliation Action Working Group from local and surrounding Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**.



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Record of Voting:

<u>For the Amendment</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

- (a) That Council endorse the City of Ryde Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan.
- (b) That the City of Ryde Reflect RAP be forwarded to Reconciliation Australia for final endorsement.
- (c) That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Working Group with the following amendments:
 - i. That Councillors Maggio, Kim, Laxale, Gordon, Purcell, Clifton, Pedersen be appointed to the Working Group but remain as a non-voting member.
 - ii. The indigenous members of the work group to be the chairperson of the group.
 - iii. That Council appoint at least 50% indigenous community membership on the working group. That the community membership should extend to all indigenous people living in the Wallumedegal Nation.
 - iv. That the term of the community membership extend until the end of the next term of Council.
- (d) That the General Manager calls for community nominations to join the Reconciliation Action Working Group from local and surrounding Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Further Amendment was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.



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Record of Voting:

<u>For the Amendment</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council endorse the City of Ryde Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan.
- (b) That the City of Ryde Reflect RAP be forwarded to Reconciliation Australia for final endorsement.
- (c) That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Working Group with the following amendments:
 - i. That all interested Councillors be invited to join the Working Group.
 - ii. The indigenous members of the work group be invited to select a chairperson from the group.
 - iii. That Council strive to appoint at least 50% indigenous community membership on the working group.
 - iv. Up to six (6) community members.
- (d) That the General Manager calls for community nominations to join the Reconciliation Action Working Group from local and surrounding Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Kim



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5 WAIVER OF FEES - SWIM SCHOOLS AND CARNIVALS, SPORTSGROUNDS AND PARKS, LIBRARY FINES AND NOTICE PERIOD FOR VENUES

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

- (a) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the cancellation fee specified in Council's adopted "Fees and Charges" for swim schools and swimming carnivals for the period 01 April to 30 June 2020 inclusive; and
- (b) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the cancellation fee specified in Council's adopted "Fees and Charges" for sporting fields or parks for the period 01 March to 30 June 2020; and
- (c) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the notice period required under Council's Venue Hire Application, for cancellations for the period 01 April to 30 June 2020 inclusive; and
- (d) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the following library fines associated with the late return or loss of items for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020, as outlined in Council's Fees and Charges 2019-2020.
 - (a) Daily overdue charge.
 - (b) "Fast Reads" overdue charge.
 - (c) Replacement processing charge.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Yedelian OAM)

That the General Manager prepare a report identifying a funding source to extend the waiver of fees for Swim Schools and Carnivals, Sportsgrounds and Parks, Library Fines and notice period for venues until the end of March 2021.

MOTION OF DISSENT

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Maggio)

That a Motion of Dissent be moved against the Mayor, Councillor Laxale's ruling in relation to Clause 10.9 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Zhou abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded against the Motion. The voting on the Motion was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Motion. The Motion was **LOST**.



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Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Yedelian OAM)

That the General Manager prepare a report identifying a funding source to extend the waiver of fees for Swim Schools and Carnivals, Sportsgrounds and Parks, Library Fines and notice period for venues until the end of March 2021.

On being put to the Meeting the voting on the Amendment was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Amendment</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

- (a) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the cancellation fee specified in Council's adopted "Fees and Charges" for swim schools and swimming carnivals for the period 01 April to 30 June 2020 inclusive; and
- (b) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the cancellation fee specified in Council's adopted "Fees and Charges" for sporting fields or parks for the period 01 March to 30 June 2020; and
- (c) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the notice period required under Council's Venue Hire Application, for cancellations for the period 01 April to 30 June 2020 inclusive; and
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- (a) Daily overdue charge.
- (b) "Fast Reads" overdue charge.
- (c) Replacement processing charge.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Kim

6 INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES REVIEW

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That, the Future Facilities Direction detailed in the report be adopted as Council's planning framework for the future detailed planning of indoor sports courts within the City.
 - (i) Not only ensure that all future indoor sport's facilities meet regulation accessibility but to consult widely with all abilities sports organisers, on what features might encourage an increased uptake of these sports in Ryde.
 - (ii) That the identified design features be adopted into future works.
- (b) That Council note funding for these projects is identified within Council's Section 7.11 Plan and delivery of any works be identified in future draft Four Year Delivery Plans.
- (c) That the General Manager facilitate a delegation of staff and interested Councillors seeking a meeting to discuss funding with State and Federal Members and relevant Ministers.
- (d) That a further report identifying delivery time frames, concept plans and funding allocations be brought back to the Works and Community Committee Meeting as soon as practicable.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous



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8 AFFECTS DUE TO COVID-19 - ASSISTING SPORTING CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his children play for a club which may receive support should the Motion be carried.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that both her children play for clubs that pay ground charges to City of Ryde.

Note: Councillor Brown disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his children play rugby for a junior rugby club that may apply for a fee waiver.

Note: Philip Shin (on behalf of the President of the Korean Sports Association of Sydney) made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council continues to apply the fees for use of sportsgrounds and associated infrastructure as outlined in its current and draft 2020/21, Fees and Charges schedule.
- (b) That Council provide 100 lux to all sports grounds that have the increased lux capacity to cater for weekday night games, where permissible, to assist the interrupted winter season to be completed due to COVID-19.
- (c) That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate with any clubs, who formally identify that they have difficulty in paying any fees, in arranging deferrals or other hardship measures as appropriate.
- (d) That the winter season be extended to mid-October as a one off due to COVID-19.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

(a) That the City of Ryde waive ground hire, seasonal hire and lighting fees for the rest of the 2020 winter season for all sports on application when training and match times have commenced. This is to assist clubs and associations in continuing to be financially viable.



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- (b) That Council provide 100 lux to all sports grounds that have the increased lux capacity to cater for weekday night games to assist the interrupted winter season to be completed due to COVID-19.
- (c) That the winter season be extended to mid-October as a one off due to COVID-19.
- (d) That a media release be issued through all media channels informing of Councils decision by the supporting Councillors.

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

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

- (a) That the City of Ryde waive ground hire, seasonal hire and lighting fees for the rest of the 2020 winter season for all sports on application when training and match times have commenced. This is to assist clubs and associations in continuing to be financially viable.
- (b) That Council provide 100 lux to all sports grounds that have the increased lux capacity to cater for weekday night games to assist the interrupted winter season to be completed due to COVID-19.
- (c) That the winter season be extended to mid-October as a one off due to COVID-19.
- (d) That a media release be issued through all media channels informing of Councils decision by the supporting Councillors.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous



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5 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 31 May 2020.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM 2020-2024 INCLUDING ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/2021

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That Council consider the one public submission received during the public exhibition period and the response to that submission.
- (b) That in accordance with Section's 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act (1993), Council adopts the draft Four Year Delivery Program 2020-2024 including the One year Operational Plan for 2020/2021, incorporating the following:
 - 1. All proposed COVID-19 related budget adjustments included in this report;
 - 2. Proposed budget adjustments relating to the Westminster Park Master Plan Project;
 - 3. The amendments to the 2020/21 Fees and Charges incorporating all fee waivers endorsed by Council during the public exhibition period;
 - 4. That Council, via a public exhibition process, add a new fee to its 2020/21 Fees and Charges Schedule of \$14.65 p/hr for City of Ryde Based Clubs and \$29.30 for non-City of Ryde based clubs for use of Dunbar Park for athletic activities.
 - 5. In accordance with the provisions of Section 356 and as outlined in Council's Revenue Policy, provide a one-off \$400 rate rebate for all eligible Jobseeker and Jobkeeper applicants to be offset against the November 2020 Rate Instalment and funded from the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
- (c) That Council makes and levies the Rates and Charges for the 2020/21 financial year, as detailed in the Four Year Delivery Program 2020-2024 including One Year Operational Plan 2020/2021 in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.



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- (d) That Council sets the rate of interest payable in respect of rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due as follows:
 - Zero percent (0.0%) from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020
 - Seven percent (7.0%) from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

- (a) That Council consider the one public submission received during the public exhibition period and the response to that submission.
- (b) That in accordance with Section's 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act (1993), Council adopts the draft Four Year Delivery Program 2020-2024 including the One year Operational Plan for 2020/2021, incorporating the following:
 - 1. All proposed COVID-19 related budget adjustments included in this report;
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 - Zero percent (0.0%) from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020
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(e) That the General Manager provide a report with the list of the amount and locations of all committed and non-committed funds and their corresponding projects and that a Workshop with Councillors be arranged before the August Council Meeting.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was nine (9) votes For and three (3) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Gordon, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Amendment: Councillors Clifton, Gordon and Pedersen

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

- (a) That Council consider the one public submission received during the public exhibition period and the response to that submission.
- (b) That in accordance with Section's 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act (1993), Council adopts the draft Four Year Delivery Program 2020-2024 including the One year Operational Plan for 2020/2021, incorporating the following:
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- (c) That Council makes and levies the Rates and Charges for the 2020/21 financial year, as detailed in the Four Year Delivery Program 2020-2024 including One Year Operational Plan 2020/2021 in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.
- (d) That Council sets the rate of interest payable in respect of rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due as follows:
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- (e) That the General Manager provide a report with the list of the amount and locations of all committed and non-committed funds and their corresponding projects and that a Workshop with Councillors be arranged before the August Council Meeting.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Gordon, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon and Pedersen

7 DRAFT PROCUREMENT POLICY

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council endorse the Draft Procurement Policy with the following addition to part 3.4:-

- (a) Council commits to establish the following operational targets to achieve by 2025:
 - 50 per cent of all material procurements be sourced from recycled materials.
 - 70 per cent of all service contracts adhere to sustainable principles.

The above targets will be reviewed every 18 months based on our growing experience and knowledge of green procurement.

- (b) Wherever possible, when assessing potential supplier relationships, Council will consider:
 - The use of local suppliers to encourage economic development.
 - Generating local employment.



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 Considering the life cycle impacts of products purchased on the local economy.

That where there is a like choice between two suppliers or services, Council will give preference to local business.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

That this matter be deferred to the July Council meeting for consideration.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Amendment</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

That Council endorse the Draft Procurement Policy with the following additions:-

- (a) That the General Manager prepare a report outlining the feasibility to whether the following operational targets can be achieved by 2025.
 - 50 per cent of all material procurements be sourced from recycled materials.
 - 70 per cent of all service contracts adhere to sustainable principles.

The above targets will be reviewed every 18 months based on our growing experience and knowledge of green procurement.

- (b) Add "promote local businesses" as an objective in Section 1.
- (c) Add a bonus score for local contractors and service providers under Section 4.1.
- (d) That the General Manager prepare a feasibility report on reducing the Procurement thresholds at values less than \$75,000 at various amounts.



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On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Further Amendment was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Amendment</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council endorse the draft procurement policy with the following addition to part 3.4:-

- (a) Council commits to establish the following operational targets to achieve by 2025:
 - 50 per cent of all material procurements be sourced from recycled materials.
 - 70 per cent of all service contracts adhere to sustainable principles.

The above targets will be reviewed every 18 months based on our growing experience and knowledge of green procurement.

- (b) Wherever possible, when assessing potential supplier relationships, Council will consider:
 - The use of local suppliers to encourage economic development.
 - Generating local employment.
 - Considering the life cycle impacts of products purchased on the local economy.

That where there is a like choice between two suppliers or services, Council will give preference to local business.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Moujalli and Yedelian OAM



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MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Lane advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding appointing an independent auditor to transparently assess and detail in a report, all facets of the LEP Review process, the time being 11.34pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale did not accept this matter as an Urgent Item.

EXTENSION OF TIME

RESOLUTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That the meeting time be extended to allow consideration of Confidential Items 12, 13, 14 and 15, the time being 11.35pm.
- (b) That the Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the above matters as set out in part (a).

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote For the Motion. The Motion was **CARRIED**.

Record of the Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

<u>Against the Motion</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 12 - DEFERRED REPORT: ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Confidential

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



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<u>ITEM 13 – REQUEST FOR TENDER - NSROC RFT 2022 - ROAD SURFACING,</u> <u>PATCHING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS</u>

Confidential

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

ITEM 14 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES 2020

Confidential

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

ITEM 15 - ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Confidential

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

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 11.36pm. The public and media left the webcast.

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15 ADVICE ON COURT ACTION

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Purcell)

That the report of the General Counsel for Items 12 and 15 be received.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Brown, Lane and Maggio



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13 REQUEST FOR TENDER - NSROC RFT 2022 - ROAD SURFACING, PATCHING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

- (a) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$12m:
 - ANJ Paving Pty Ltd
 - Bitupave Ltd T/A NSW Boral Asphalt
 - Colas Australia Group Pty Ltd
 - Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
 - Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd
 - Mack Civil Pty Ltd
 - State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd
- (b) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$5m:
 - All Pavement Solutions Pty Limited
 - Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd
- (c) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$0.5m:
 - Complete Linemarking Services Pty Ltd
 - Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd
- (d) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to enter into a contract with the companies listed above on the terms contained within the tender and for minor amendments to be made to the contract documents that are not of a material nature.
- (e) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to extend the contract for up to an additional one (1) year plus a further one (1) year extension subject to satisfactory performance at annual contract review.
- (f) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

(a) That City of Ryde Council only accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies that are based in Ryde for works up to a value of \$12m:



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- ANJ Paving Pty Ltd
- Bitupave Ltd T/A NSW Boral Asphalt
- Colas Australia Group Pty Ltd
- Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
- Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd
- Mack Civil Pty Ltd
- State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd
- (b) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$5m:
 - All Pavement Solutions Pty Limited
 - Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd
- (c) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$0.5m:
 - Complete Linemarking Services Pty Ltd
 - Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd
- (d) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to enter into a contract with the companies listed above on the terms contained within the tender and for minor amendments to be made to the contract documents that are not of a material nature.
- (e) That the General Manager report back to Council at the end of one year with a recommendation as to whether to extend the contract for up to an additional one (1) year plus a further one (1) year extension subject to satisfactory performance at annual contract review.
- (f) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was two (2) votes For and ten (10) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Kim and Maggio

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou



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RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

- (a) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$12m:
 - ANJ Paving Pty Ltd
 - Bitupave Ltd T/A NSW Boral Asphalt
 - Colas Australia Group Pty Ltd
 - Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
 - Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd
 - Mack Civil Pty Ltd
 - State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd
- (b) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$5m:
 - All Pavement Solutions Pty Limited
 - Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd
- (c) That City of Ryde Council accept the schedule of rates tender from the following companies for works up to a value of \$0.5m:
 - Complete Linemarking Services Pty Ltd
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- (d) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to enter into a contract with the companies listed above on the terms contained within the tender and for minor amendments to be made to the contract documents that are not of a material nature.
- (e) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to extend the contract for up to an additional one (1) year plus a further one (1) year extension subject to satisfactory performance at annual contract review.
- (f) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Kim



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14 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES 2020

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That the firms listed in the report be appointed as members of the panel for legal providers for a period of three (3) years with the option to extend for a further two (2) periods of one (1) year each at Council's discretion. It is intended that this will be effective immediately from the date of this resolution.
- (b) Pursuant to Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, where it becomes apparent during the course of a matter that:
 - (i) expenditure for specialist legal advice or services from other providers not on this panel (or not procured using contracts described in Sections 55(3)(a), (b) and (g) of the Local Government Act 1993) will exceed \$250,000 incl. GST; and
 - (ii) a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders on the basis of extenuating circumstances (i.e. prejudicing Council's legal position once a matter has commenced),

then tenders will not be invited for such expenditure.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim, Lane and Maggio

Note: Councillor Kim attempted to move an Amendment in relation to this Item, however, the Amendment lapsed for want of a Seconder.

15 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting in conjunction with Item 12
 Deferred Report: Advice on Court Actions as detailed in these Minutes.



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OPEN SESSION

MOTION: (Moved by Councillor Clifton and The Mayor, Councillor Laxale)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the online audio visual Council meeting be adjourned and reconvene on Thursday, 2 July 2020 at 7.00pm.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the online audio visual Council meeting be adjourned and reconvene on Tuesday, 30 June 2020 at 7.00pm.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Amendment</u>: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillor Clifton and The Mayor, Councillor Laxale)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the online audio visual Council meeting be adjourned and reconvene on Thursday, 2 July 2020 at 7.00pm.



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On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote For the Motion. The Motion was **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

Note: Open Council resumed at 12.48pm.

Note: The online audio visual meeting was adjourned and will reconvene at 7.00pm on Thursday, 2 July 2020.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale reconvened the online audio visual meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday, 2 July 2020.

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou.

Note: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 7.31pm and did not return. They were not present for voting on Notice of Motion 1.

Note: Councillor Moujalli left the meeting at 7.36pm and did not return.

Apologies: Councillors Brown and Kim.

Absent: Councillor Maggio.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Parks, Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Acting Manager – Library Services, Senior Coordinator – Asset Integration, Senior Coordinator – Community Engagement, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.



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COUNCIL REPORTS

8 COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Schedule of Proposed Meeting Dates
RESOLUTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor

Purcell)

- (a) That Council endorse the meeting schedule for Committee and Council meetings for the remainder of 2020 and up to the next Local Government Election in September 2021, noting that the schedule may be amended at any time, subject to one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.
- (b) That Council note that there will be no Council Meeting held in November 2020 (due to Councillor attendance at the Local Government NSW Conference on 22 to 24 November 2020).
- (c) That Council note that there will be no Committee meetings held in December 2020 and endorse that a Council meeting be held on the second Tuesday of December, being 8 December 2020.
- (d) That Council note that no Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 due to the mid-year recess.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A Notice of Rescission was received in relation to this Item and this will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 August 2020.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Purcell)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 7.06pm:-

Notice of Motion 4 – NSWRFS Station Facility – Councillor Jordan Lane

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous



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NOTICE OF MOTION

4 NSWRFS STATION FACILITY - Councillor Jordan Lane

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

Note: Councillor Zhou left the meeting at 7.13pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

That Council:-

- (a) Recognises the incredible contribution of the NSW Rural Fire Service and all emergency services during the 2019/20 bushfire crisis.
- (b) Notes that as a consequence of these heroic efforts, reports of volunteer firefighting interest has markedly increased.
- (c) Recognise that in addition to the emergency response benefits provided by the RFS, RFS Brigades form a significant part of the local community.
- (d) Acknowledges that a number of detailed reviews into the response to the 2019/20 bushfires will be conducted, which may lead to recommendations to improve bushfire preparedness and capability.
- (e) Delegate the General Manager to engage with NSWRFS; Resilience NSW; the Minister for Emergency Services; and the local member for Ryde to signal the City of Ryde's interest in supporting any additional station facility within the Ryde LGA.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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9 GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

That Council endorse the Gifts and Benefits Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous



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10 OUTDOOR DINING POLICY

Note: Councillor Zhou returned to the meeting at 7.15pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council pursuant to clause 165 (1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, adopt the specified amendments to the existing Outdoor Dining Policy.
- (b) That Council retain the existing Outdoor Dining Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

11 REPORTS DUE TO COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

That the report on Outstanding Council Reports be endorsed.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Moujalli

LATE COUNCIL REPORT

16 NEW LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FEES

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council endorses the establishment of a proposed new 'Out of Area Membership' fee for Hunters Hill residents to join Ryde Library Service at a cost of \$120 per annum.
- (b) That Council endorses a proposed new Children's category 'Out of Area Membership' fee that is free of charge for children up to 5 years of age with access limited to only borrowing from the children's collections.
- (c) That Council place the proposed new Fees and Charges on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as per Section 610 (F) of the Local Government Act (1993).



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(d) That a further report be tabled to the July 2020 Council meeting to outline the submissions received during the public exhibition period and adoption of the proposed fees placed on public exhibition.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Lane)

That consideration of this matter be deferred until June 2021.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was three (3) votes For and six (6) votes Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Lane, Moujalli, Yedelian OAM

<u>Against the Amendment</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council endorses the establishment of a proposed new 'Out of Area Membership' fee for Hunters Hill residents to join Ryde Library Service at a cost of \$120 per annum.
- (b) That Council endorses a proposed new Children's category 'Out of Area Membership' fee that is free of charge for children up to 5 years of age with access limited to only borrowing from the children's collections.
- (c) That Council place the proposed new Fees and Charges on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as per Section 610 (F) of the Local Government Act (1993).
- (d) That a further report be tabled to the July 2020 Council meeting to outline the submissions received during the public exhibition period and adoption of the proposed fees placed on public exhibition.

Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell, Moujalli and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM



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NOTICES OF MOTION

1 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCILLORS, MAYOR AND EXECUTIVE PAY REDUCTION DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

Note: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 7.31pm and did not return. They were not present for voting on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

- (a) That Council adopts a 25% fee reduction to the Councillors and Mayoral fees for a period of 12 months, effective immediately.
- (b) That Council does not increase the Councillors and Mayoral fees for 2020/2021.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That the General Manager facilitate a mechanism for Councillors to voluntarily donate some or all of their Councillor fees either back to the Council or to a nominated registered charity.
- (b) That Council not adopt the annual fee increase for 2020/2021 as determined by the by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for its category with respect to the annual review of Councillor and the additional Mayoral fees.
- (c) That Council note the legal advice provided by the General Manager.

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

Record of the Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

RESOLUTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

(a) That the General Manager facilitate a mechanism for Councillors to voluntarily donate some or all of their Councillor fees either back to the Council or to a nominated registered charity.



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- (b) That Council not adopt the annual fee increase for 2020/2021 as determined by the by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for its category with respect to the annual review of Councillor and the additional Mayoral fees.
- (c) That Council note the legal advice provided by the General Manager.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 DEFERRED MOTICE OF MOTION: CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN DURING THE COVID-19 AND RECOVERY PLAN FROM COVID-19 - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

Note: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM were not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

- (a) That the General Manager prepare a City of Ryde Community Support Plan on how City of Ryde can support the Ryde Community to cope with the COVID-19 crisis focused on economically disadvantaged citizens. The report to be presented at the next Council meeting with recommendations for immediate implementation.
- (b) That the General Manager prepare a City of Ryde Recovery Plan, to present to Council which includes:-
 - (i) a financial recovery plan;
 - (ii) an organisational recovery plan; and
 - (iii) a community and economic recovery plan.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That the city of Ryde note that it has resolved to give the community support through increased services, financial support and fee reductions.
- (b) That the city of Ryde notes its intention to continue to provide support to our community throughout a Covid-19 recovery phase
- (c) To facilitate that continued and effective support, that Council establishes an City of Ryde Recovery Taskforce, to be chaired by the Mayor, to plan and coordinate the economic recovery of the City of Ryde as well as maximise the local effect and delivery of State and Federal relief and stimulus measures, and that;



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- i) An Expression of Interest for people who are interested in participating as members on the taskforce be opened and promoted through all of Council's communication channels;
- ii) That Taskforce contains a maximum of ten members;
- iii) The membership of the taskforce should include a mix of economic sectors, gender balance as well as diversity in geographical locations in the LGA:
- iv) The membership of the taskforce should have experiences and skill sets that extend beyond their own business interests, industries and suburbs, so that a whole of LGA approach can be taken to the economic recovery of the City of Ryde;
- v) The results of the EOI and draft terms of reference be reported to the Council as soon as practicable;
- vi) Councillors are invited to attend and participate in the Taskforce;
- vii) Recommendations of the taskforce must come to the council for consideration and adoption.

Note: Councillor Moujalli left the meeting at 7.36pm and did not return.

MEETING ADJOURNED

In accordance with Clause 5.11 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale adjourned the online audio visual Council Meeting for five minutes due to a lack of a quorum, the time being 7.36pm.

Councillors present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou.

Councillors not present: Councillors Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Councillors Brown and Kim.

Absent: Councillor Maggio.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Parks, Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Acting Manager – Library Services, Senior Coordinator – Asset Integration, Senior Coordinator – Community Engagement, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.



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MEETING RECONVENED

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale reconvened the online audio visual meeting at 7.41pm on Thursday, 2 July 2020.

Councillors present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen. Purcell and Zhou.

Councillors not present: Councillors Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Councillors Brown and Kim.

Absent: Councillor Maggio.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Parks, Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Acting Manager – Library Services, Senior Coordinator – Asset Integration, Senior Coordinator – Community Engagement, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

FURTHER ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with Clause 5.11 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale adjourned the online audio visual Council Meeting due to a lack of a quorum, the time being 7.41pm. The online audio visual Council Meeting was adjourned to reconvene at the conclusion of the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28 July 2020.

Councillors present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou.

Councillors not present: Councillors Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Councillors Brown and Kim.

Absent: Councillor Maggio.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Parks, Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Acting Manager – Library Services, Senior Coordinator – Asset Integration, Senior Coordinator – Community Engagement, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.



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Note: As the Mayor, Councillor Laxale had received six (6) apologies prior to this meeting reconvening on 28 July 2020, the meeting was cancelled in accordance with Clause 5.14 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

In accordance with Clause 5.15 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the remaining Items on this Agenda (listed below) will be considered at the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 25 August 2020.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 2 Deferred Notice of Motion: City of Ryde Community Support Plan during the COVID-19 and Recovery Plan from COVID-19 Councillor Dr Peter Kim
- 3 Ryde School Safety Measures Councillor Jordan Lane
- 5 Supporting Diversity and Inclusion in the City of Ryde Councillor Trenton Brown
- 6 Advertising Services Tender Councillor Roy Maggio
- 7 Strengthening Ryde Councillor Roy Maggio
- 8 Grant Visa Extensions to the Hong-Kong International Students who became Political Refugees Councillor Dr Peter Kim
- 9 'Closing the GAP' in Ryde LGA Councillor Dr Peter Kim
- 10 Outdoor Dining Fees and Food Inspection Fees Councillor Roy Maggio
- 11 Ryde Council to support Salvation Army Digital Doorknock Councillor Dr Peter Kim

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 Deferred Item: Questions with Notice – Councillor Trenton Brown

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020

Chairperson



3 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 6/20 held on 11 August 2020

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/811

REPORT SUMMARY

Attached are the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 6/20 held on 11 August 2020. The Minutes will be listed for confirmation at the next Works and Community Committee Meeting.

Items 1 and 2 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

The following Committee recommendations for Items 3 and 4 are submitted to Council for determination in accordance with the delegations set out in Council's Code of Meeting Practice relating to Charters, functions and powers of Committees:

3 CITY OF RYDE SPORTSGROUND DEFIBRILLATORS

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

- (a) That Council continue to support community user groups in the purchase of AED units by identifying and supporting applications for suitable grant funding programs.
- (b) That Council enter into a partnership with the Micheal Hughes Foundation to complete mapping, identification, and a maintenance audit of existing AED units in community facilities across the City of Ryde.
- (c) That Council engage with sporting and community user groups that utilise Council facilities to ascertain interest in the formation of a HeartSafe Community reference group.
- (d) That Councillors be provided with an update following staff receiving feedback from the community groups on establishment of this reference group.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Gordon, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Maggio

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 AUGUST 2020** as dissenting votes were recorded.



4 ADOPTION OF THE BLENHEIM PARK MASTERPLAN

Note: A written submission from Nathaniel White (representing Sydney Radio Control Car Club) was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is **ON FILE**.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Purcell)

- (a) That Council endorses the Blenheim Park Masterplan and its vision for future park improvements, prepared by NewScape Design, dated July 2020 – ATTACHMENT 1.
- (b) That Council approves the closure of the northern section of the Blenheim Road road reserve (adjacent to Blenheim Park as shown in ATTACHMENT 7) including:
 - (i) delegating authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to effect this closure, including executing all necessary documentation; and
 - (ii) for this parcel of land to be classified as Community Land and categorised as Park.
- (c) That lighting of the dog park be included in the Masterplan design and delivery.
- (d) That staff bring back a report on costs and funding sources associated with delivering all stages of the Masterplan together with Stage 1.
- (e) That Council write to thank all participants in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Gordon, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Maggio

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 AUGUST 2020** as dissenting votes were recorded and substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1 MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting - 11 August 2020



ATTACHMENT 1

Works and Community Committee MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 6/20

Meeting Date: Tuesday 11 August 2020 Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting

Time: 6.10pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Pedersen (Chairperson), Gordon, Kim, Maggio and

Purcell.

Apologies: Councillor Clifton.

Absent: Councillor Zhou.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Parks, Senior Coordinator – Parks Planning, Open Space Planner, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following person made a written submission to the Committee:-

Name	Topic
Nathaniel White (representing	Item 4 – Adoption of the Blenheim Park
Sydney Radio Control Car Club)	Masterplan

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 5/20, held on 9 June 2020, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.



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2 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

That the Committee determine all Items on the Agenda.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillor Kim

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Gordon, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Maggio

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Record of Voting:

<u>For the Motion</u>: Councillors Gordon, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Maggio

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 AUGUST 2020** as dissenting votes were recorded and substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

The meeting closed at 6.31pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020

Chairperson



4 REFERRAL OF 2019/20 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO EXTERNAL AUDIT

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer

File No.: GRP/09/5/15 - BP20/706

REPORT SUMMARY

Council is required to prepare Financial Statements and have them referred to audit as soon as practicable after 30 June each financial year. This report is seeking the release of Council's draft 2019/20 Financial Statements for external audit purposes.

The audit will commence in the second week of September 2020.

It is proposed that at its meeting on 27 October 2020, Council will sign the audited 2019/20 Financial Statements with a view to placing them on public exhibition (for 28 days). A presentation of Council's audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report will also be made at this meeting.

The signed Financial Statements will be forwarded to the Office of Local Government on or before 31 October 2020 and a further report tabling any public submissions will be tabled at the November Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council releases the draft 2019/20 Financial Statements for external audit purposes, pursuant to section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Steven Kludass
Director - Corporate Services



Discussion

The Auditor-General (Audit Office) is responsible for ensuring the audit is performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and the Local Government Act, 1993.

The Auditor-General has engaged Grant Thornton to provide audit and/or assurance services on this engagement. However, the Auditor-General remains responsible for the audits, their performance and for issuing the Independent Auditor's Reports. The level of Audit Office involvement will vary depending on the size, nature, complexity and risk of the audit.

The following timeline is proposed to ensure that Council fulfils its legislative requirements in accordance with the Local Government Act and as agreed with the Audit Office:

Action	Date
Council resolves to release Draft Financial Statements for Audit	28 July
(Council Meeting)	
Review of Draft Financial Statements by independent members of	18 Aug
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Audit is conducted by the Audit Office (via Grant Thornton)	7-25 Sept
Audit Presentation on the conduct of the Audit (Audit Office) and	
signing of the audited Financial Statements and release for public	27 Oct
exhibition (Council Meeting)	
Submit audited Financial Statements and Audit Reports to the	
Office of Local Government.	30 Oct
Release for Public Exhibition (28 Days)	11 Nov
Report to Council relating to the tabling of any public submissions	
received (Council Meeting)	26 Nov

In order to provide Council with the benefit of a final review of the Financial Statements before releasing them to the Audit Office for audit, the Financial Statements will be reviewed by the independent members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. At the 27 October 2020 Council meeting, the audited Financial Reports together with key findings will be presented to Council.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.



JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2019-2023 AND 2019/2020 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer

File No.: FIM/07/6/2/19 - BP20/791

REPORT SUMMARY

Council's Four Year Delivery Plan 2019-2023 and One Year 2019/20 Operational Plan sets out the strategic and financial objectives for the year. These plans also detail the goals and performance measures for Council's seven key outcome areas, the services and projects that Council plans to deliver in 2019/20.

The attached report includes details for each of the seven outcome areas and the twenty one program areas, detailing the targets adopted by Council and the performance to date in achieving those targets by 30 June 2020. Also shown is a draft financial performance summary for each key outcome area and a progress status report on all capital and non-capital projects by program area for the 2019/20 financial year. The financial figures are subject to external audit and will be reported to Council in October 2020.

This June Quarterly Review has also been undertaken to update Council's list of carry overs from the 2019/20 financial year to the 2020/21 financial year. The additional amount of carry overs identified in the June 2020 quarter is approximately \$7.0 million.

The June Quarter adjustments to accommodate the proposed additional 2019/20 Carryovers will have no net impact on Council's current working capital balance of \$4.50 million. This level of working capital is considered adequate given it maintains Council's minimum uncommitted working capital balance.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the report of the June 2020 Quarterly Review Statement Four Year Delivery Plan 2019 2023 and One Year 2019/20Operational Plan, Quarter Four, April June 2020 be received and endorsed by Council.
- (b) That the proposed budget adjustments (including Carryovers and associated Reserve movements) resulting in no net impact on Council's projected Working Capital position of \$4.50 million (as at 30 June 2020) be endorsed by Council.
- (c) That Council endorse the unspent 2019/20 funds be carried forward into the 2020/21 financial year as outlined in this report.



ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Quarterly Review Report, Four Year Delivery Plan 2019-2023 including One Year 2019/20 Operational Plan, Quarter Four, April – June 2020 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2 Total Carryover Report 2019-2020 Final

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Steven Kludass
Director - Corporate Services



Discussion

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. This report provides a comprehensive high level overview of Council's financial position as at 30 June 2020. All forecast results are projections as at 30 June 2020 and final figures are subject to external audit.

In addition to the above, a number of other documents are included in the report to ensure Council is informed of Council activities and the tracking of these activities. This includes the *Quarterly Review Report, Four Year Delivery Plan 2019-2023 including One Year 2019/20 Operational Plan, Quarter Four, April – June 2020* which is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** and includes:

- General Manager's Introduction including financial management and corporate performance overview, providing a 'snapshot' of Council's performance during the quarter.
- Outcome Summaries including overview, operational indicators, financial summaries, performance measures and a summarised status of all of Council's capital and non-capital projects.
- Quarterly Changes Report provides comments and details of those budget items that are proposed to be increased or decreased in the 2019/20 Budget.
- Consolidated income and expenditure estimates 2019/2020, summary of the budget in two pages, showing the original budget and quarterly review adjustments.

June Quarter Carryovers

The carry over list is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2** and outlines the projects that are proposed to be carried forward from the 2019/20 financial year into and incorporated into the 2020/21 budget. These projects were not completed as at the 30th June 2020 and the funds are required to complete the projects.

The adjustments made during the quarter have resulted in a net increase of Carryovers of \$7.0 million for the June 2020 quarter. This is in addition to \$16 million already approved by Council via the March 2020 Quarterly Budget Review. The total budget of approximately \$23 million is proposed to be incorporated into the 2020/21 financial year as a carry forward. These projects are primarily funded by reserves.



Financial Implications

As a result of the June Quarterly Review, Council's available Working Capital is projected to be maintained at \$4.50 million as at 30 June 2020.

The total amount of \$23 million dollars is proposed to be carried forward into the 2020/21 budget with no impact of Council's Working Capital.

Council's final financial result against budget will be reported to Council as a part of the presentation of the Annual Financial Statement in October after the external auditors have completed their audit.

Pav Kuzmanovski

Chief Financial Officer Responsible Accounting Officer

2 August 2020

ATTACHMENT 2



ITEM 5 (continued)

City Of Ryde*
Cost Centre Details
For Period July

Cost Centre	Carryovers approved in March Quarter Review	lune Quarter Budget	Total Carryover
Grand Total	16,121,145	6,999,088	23,120,233
City Planning and Environment	190,000	203,280	393,280
934. Urban Strategy	190,000	94,278	284,278
1030718. Night Time Economy Implementation (Stage 1)	40,000	4,014	44,014
4130815. Eastwood Small Business Hardship Grant		37,514	37,514
4142859. Giffnock Ave Footpath Upgrade	150,000	(14,634)	135,366
4143106. Transport and Pedestrian Initiatives - Macquarie Park	0	67,384	67,384
935. Environment Department	0	109,002	109,002
8443056. Putney Beach Activation	0	109,002	109,002
City Works	15,315,700	6,335,149	21,650,849
941. Operations Dept	0	13,000	13,000
4743068. Implementation of Road Opening Permit Software	0	13,000	13,000
942. Parks Dept	6,790,700	1,214,272	8,004,972
5441445. Macquarie Park, Waterloo Rd	5,570,000	3,360	5,573,360
7540026. Street Tree Planting Program		75,037	75,037
7630741. Open Space Master Plans	140,000	108,697	248,697
7730752. Development of Parks Plans of Management	215,000	(45,129)	169,871
7750011. Sportsfield Floodlighting Renewal	40,000	(13,033)	26,967
7750015. Sportsground Amenities Upgrades Renewal	225,000	153,618	378,618
7750016. Playground Renewal & Upgrade	50,000	320,107	370,107
7751028. Passive Parks Expansion and Improvement	450,700	605,766	1,056,466

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Cost Centre	Carryovers approved in March Quarter Review	Carryover Adjsutments In June Quarter Budget Review	Total Carryover
7751029. Synthetic Playing Surfaces Expansion	100,000	5,847	105,847
943. Civil Infrastructure and Integration	7,530,000	4,530,718	12,060,718
4741777. Flood Mitigation/Constitution Road Upgrade		399,147	399,147
4742857. Pittwater Road Upgrade (High St - Field of Mars)	300,000	(193,059)	106,941
4743048. Pedestrian Crossing Lighting Upgrade	210,000	2,500	212,500
4750004. Road Kerb Renewal		1,113,460	1,113,460
4843049. Kissing Point Park Recreational Boating Improvements		18,589	18,589
4850009. Seawalls/Retaining Walls Refurbishment Renewal	200,000	605,303	805,303
4942890. Multi-deck Car Park Construction - Rowe St Eastwood	5,000,000	2,015,298	7,015,298
5142867. 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	750,000	(6,767)	743,233
5143045. Asset Management Software	150,000	(7,596)	142,404
5150008. Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		452,884	452,884
8530772. Harmonising Flood Studies	230,000	20,000	250,000
8530773. Asset Data Collection	160,000	81,673	241,673
8542412. Shepherds Bay Outlet	530,000	29,285	559,285
945. Business Infrastructure Dept	60,000	378,721	438,721
5720413. Plant & Fleet Purchases		370,795	370,795
5843058. Development of Waste app	42,000	8,000	50,000
6130798. Waste Education Train the Trainer Workshops	18,000	(74)	17,926
947. Traffic, Transport & Development	935,000	211,438	1,146,438
4743099. Pittwater Rd Shared User Path - Epping Rd to Victoria Rd	750,000	179,059	929,059
4940004. Traffic Calming Devices	135,000	29,529	164,529
4943103. Eastwood Central - Road Upgrades	50,000	2,850	52,850
Corporate Services	170,000	270,189	440,189
921. People and Culture	70,000	128,641	198,641
1443071. Electronic Time and Attendance	70,000	128,641	198,641
926. Finance Dept	100,000	30,035	130,035
2443095. Finance System Upgrade	100,000	30,035	130,035
927. Technology Dept	0	111,513	111,513

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ITEM 5 (continued)

Cost Centre	Carryovers approved in March Quarter Review	Carryover Adjsutments In June Quarter Budget Review	Total Carryover
2450034. Information Technology Software Renewal	0	111,513	111,513
Customer and Community Services	234,295	95,047	329,342
972. Community and Ranger Services Dept	234,295	(1,516)	232,779
5550032. Heritage Buildings Renewal		11,040	11,040
4130724. Macquaire Library and Creativity Hub Design	112,359	0	112,359
6930648. Art Project	9,000	139	9,139
6930782. Social Plan Implentation Fund	27,000	20,750	47,750
6930783. Cultural Plan Implementation Fund	5,000	3,477	8,477
6930786. Updating of Heritage Conservation Management Plans	65,936	(53,488)	12,448
6930787. Youth Entrepreneur Program	15,000	16,566	31,566
973. Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Dept	0	96,563	96,563
5530797. Renewal of Surf Ryder		96,563	96,563
Office of General Manager	211,150	82,424	293,574
915C. Strategic Property Section	211,150	82,424	293,574
5651019. Commercial Buildings Expansion	211,150	82,424	293,574

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6 RESOURCING STRATEGY UPDATE

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer

File No.: GRP/09/5/14 - BP20/750

REPORT SUMMARY

Council staff have recently updated components of the Resourcing Strategy that support the delivery of Council's Community Strategic Plan.

The focus of this most recent update was to ensure there is appropriate alignment between the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) and the Delivery Program and Operational Plan recently adopted by Council at its meeting of 23 June 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the updated Long Term Financial Plan and Strategic Asset Management Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2020-30 Draft Long Term Financial Plan CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2 2020-08 Strategic Asset Management Plan 2020 CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Steven Kludass
Director - Corporate Services

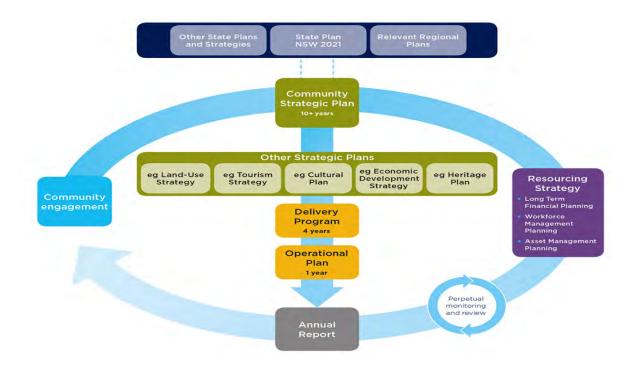


Discussion

Background

Council's suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents includes the Community Strategic Plan, Resource Strategy and Plans, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Council's Resourcing Strategy (and the Resource Plans that underpin the strategy) is the conduit that connects the Community Strategic Plan to the Delivery Program and Operational Plan (refer to diagram below):



Council's Resourcing Strategy is essentially its 'resource response' to the Community Strategic Plan. It asks the question "within the resources we have at our disposal, how will Council deliver the outcomes contained in the Community Strategic Plan?"

Resource Plans acknowledge that whilst other partners (eg State Agencies, the development industry etc) have important roles to play in delivering outcomes, they are ostensibly restricted to the financial, people, asset and technology resources Council has available to advance the Community Strategic Plan.

Periodic reviews of Council's integrated planning and reporting documents are vital as they provide a strategic insight into Council's resource ability and capacity to deliver the outcomes contained in the Community Strategic Plan.



The focus of this review centered on Council's updated budget forecasts based on the recently adopted 2020-2024 Delivery Program and includes the impacts of updated population forecasts and revised capital infrastructure estimates over the next 10 years.

Population growth over the next 10 years is forecast to be significant. It is important for the City of Ryde to respond to growth in a measured and sustainable manner.

Council must continue to exercise prudent financial management, pursue continuous improvement initiatives, explore new income producing opportunities and advocate for more Federal and State Government financial assistance (and relaxed compliance burdens) if it is to meet the inevitable funding challenges associated with growth.

The recently adopted Section 7.11 Plan is likely to see a significant investment in new assets coming on line from 2021/22. These assets will need to be maintained and, in some instances, require Council funds to operate them.

The modelled scenarios contained within the Long Term Financial Plan forecast a positive result for Council and its community. The vast majority of key financial performance indicators will continue to exceed local government benchmarks, existing services will continue to be delivered in a similar manner in which they are delivered today, new assets to support a growing community will come on line and additional staff will be employed to help service the needs of the growing population.

1. Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), provided for **UNDER SEPARATE COVER**, has been updated to incorporate the recently adopted 2020-2024 Delivery Program. The LTFP includes assumptions that help provide context for key income and expenditure items within the LTFP.

Importantly, the LTFP pulls together other Resource Plans, such as Asset Management Plans, and incorporates the long term financial impacts of each of those Plans.

Financial modelling indicates that Council will continue to exceed 'Fit for the Future' local government benchmarks for the vast majority of Council's key financial performance indicators, however the current COVID-19 pandemic poses a significant financial challenge for the City of Ryde, particularly from an income perspective and the inevitable increase in outstanding rates.



2. Strategic Asset Management Plan

The Strategic Asset Management Plan, provided for **UNDER SEPARATE COVER**, has been updated to include revised asset information and data.

Council will recall an independent review in 2018 identified that Council's Asset Management Plans are maturing, however, further improvements were required to bring them to a higher standard of maturity.

New Asset Management templates have been designed and used to assist Council with its Asset Management 'Roadmap' and asset management software (NAMS PLUS) has been used to model a variety of asset management scenarios since 2018.

Importantly, Council's financial position in terms of its assets is improving. The Asset Renewal Ratio will continue to exceed the local government benchmark over the next 10 years. Whilst the Asset Maintenance Ratio is slightly below benchmark, it is more than offset by Council's investment in the renewal of existing assets. Over time, some of the funding currently directed to asset renewal may need to be redirected towards asset maintenance to correct this asset investment imbalance.

Of critical importance is Council's Asset Backlog Ratio. Modelling indicates that this ratio first met benchmark in June 2019 and is forecast to exceed benchmark for the balance of the Long Term Financial Plan.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

Conclusion

The recent review of Council's Resourcing Strategy and principal Resource Plans has presented the opportunity to advance the maturity of Council's Plans by using more sophisticated means of assessing Council's long term financial sustainability.

The impacts of growth feature prominently in each of our Resource Plans and serve to demonstrate the magnitude of what Council is likely to experience (in a resource context) over the next 10 years.

As a result of this review, it is positive to note that our key performance indicators are generally tracking well. Provided we continue to exercise expenditure restraint and employ prudent financial management strategies, the long term future for the City of Ryde is financially sustainable.

It should be acknowledged that the Resource Plans are dynamic documents that need to be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the latest data and information available. The importance of these reviews is made all the more apparent with the current financial challenges we are facing with the COVID-19 pandemic.



7 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer

File No.: COR2019/82 - BP20/707

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 30 June 2020 and compares it against key benchmarks. The report includes the estimated market valuation of Council's investment portfolio and loan liabilities.

Council's return for the reporting period is 1.99%, which is 1.09% above the benchmark figure of 0.90%.

Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sale of investments totals \$5.59M for the financial year to date, which is \$202K above the 2019/20 year-to-date adopted budget of \$5.39M.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 30 June 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Investment Report Attachment

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Steven Kludass
Director - Corporate Services



Discussion

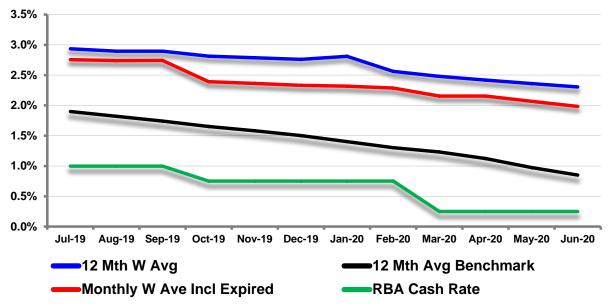
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for June 2020 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	June	12 Mth	FYTD
Council Return	1.99	2.31	2.31
Benchmark	0.90	0.85	0.85
Variance	1.09	1.46	1.46





Council's investment portfolio as at 30 June 2020 was as follows:

Total Investments	\$224.4M	
Fixed Bonds	\$48.6M	21.7%
Floating Rate Notes	\$49.8M	22.2%
Cash/Term Deposits	\$126.0M	56.1%



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.

Whilst Council has moved some of its investment portfolio out to longer terms to lock in future returns, it should be noted that there is approximately \$98.6 million of Council's funds held in Internal Reserves (as at 30 June 2019).

Council's income from investments continues to exceed budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated.

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 30 June was \$1.4 million 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.

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



ITEM 7 (conti	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 30-Jun-20 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2019	% of Total	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	 BoQ FRN Covered 	AAA	Υ	1,200	1.16	1.16	1.16	0.53	14/05/2025	1826
NAB	NAB Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,743	3.10	3.11	3.11	1.67	16/03/2023	1826
Suncorp-Metway	Suncorp FRN (Covered)	AAA	N	4,000	1.46	1.96	1.96	1.78	22/06/2021	1826
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp FRN 4	AAA	N	1,200	1.23	1.23	1.23	0.53	24/04/2025	1823
ANZ	ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	1,499	3.15	3.14	3.14	0.67	18/01/2023	1826
ANZ	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	1,999	1.56	1.54	1.54	0.89	29/08/2024	1827
ANZ	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	1,991	1.67	1.65	1.65	0.89	29/08/2024	1805
ANZ	8. ANZ_MTN 6	AA-	Y	1,997	1.70	1.69	1.69	0.89	16/01/2025	1827
ANZ	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,972	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.32	29/08/2024	1612
ANZ	10. ANZ FRN	AA-	Y	4,000	1.42	2.00	2.00	1.78	7/04/2021	1826
ANZ	11. ANZ FRN	AA-	Y	1,500	0.90	1.60	1.60	0.67	18/01/2023	1826
ANZ	12. ANZ FRN	AA-	Y	2,000	1.00	1.81	1.81	0.89	9/05/2023	1826
ANZ	13. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Ý	2,999	3.14	3.12	3.12	1.34	8/02/2024	1826
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ANZ	14. ANZ Floating TD	AA-		4,000	1.60	2.42	2.42	1.78	10/11/2022	2557
ANZ	15. ANZ Flexi TD	AA-	Υ	4,000	1.79	2.38	2.38	1.78	15/12/2022	2557
CBA	16. CBA At Call Deposit	AA-	Υ	12,544	0.54	0.56	0.56	5.59		
CBA	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	3,987	3.41	3.38	3.38	1.78	25/04/2023	1916
CBA	18. CBA MTN	AA-	Υ	3,495	3.27	3.27	3.27	1.56	16/08/2023	1826
CBA	CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,479	3.23	3.21	3.21	1.55	11/01/2024	1826
CBA	20. CBA FRN	AA-	Υ	2,000	1.04	1.65	1.65	0.89	17/07/2020	1827
CBA	21. CBA FRN	AA-	Y	2,000	1.27	1.98	1.98	0.89	17/07/2020	1613
NAB	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Ϋ́	2,997	3.15	3.16	3.16	1.34	12/05/2021	1826
NAB	23. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Ý	3,995	3.08	3.09	3.09	1.78	10/02/2023	1918
NAB	24. NAB Fixed Bond	AA- AA-	Υ	2,997	2.95	2.95	2.95	1.76	26/02/2024	1826
NAB	25. NAB Floating Rate	AA-	, , ,	2,997	2.90	2.90	2.90	1.04	20/02/2024	1020
	Note	AA-	Υ	2,000	1.19	1.96	1.96	0.89	5/11/2020	1827
NAB	26. NAB FRN	AA-	Υ	4,000	1.00	1.82	1.82	1.78	16/05/2023	1826
NAB	27. NAB FRN	AA-	Y	2,000	1.36	1.84	1.84	0.89	19/06/2024	1827
NAB	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.98	1.74	1.74	1.78	18/02/2021	265
NAB	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,500	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.11	29/01/2021	336
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NAB	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-		4,000	1.35	1.59	1.59	1.78	17/09/2020	177
NAB	31. NAB TD	AA-	Υ	4,000	0.98	1.74	1.74	1.78	16/02/2021	263
NAB	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Υ	4,000	0.90	1.81	1.81	1.78	18/03/2021	268
NAB	<ol><li>NAB Term Deposit</li></ol>	AA-	Υ	4,000	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.78	16/10/2020	233
NAB	34. NAB TD	AA-	Y	4,000	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.78	19/01/2021	326
NAB	35. NAB TD	AA-	Y	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.78	18/09/2023	1827
Westpac	36. Westpac At Call	AA-	Υ	13	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.01		
Westpac	37. Westpac FRN	AA-	Υ	1,000	1.01	1.75	1.75	0.45	28/07/2020	1827
Westpac	38. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,482	3.25	3.24	3.24	1.11	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac	39. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,000	1.66	1.66	1.66	0.89	22/09/2020	378
Westpac	40. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Υ	4,000	3.55	3.55	3.55	1.78	22/02/2022	1825
Westpac	41. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	3.32	3.32	3.32	1.78	9/08/2022	1813
Westpac	42. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,000	3.38	3.38	3.38	0.89	18/08/2022	1815
Westpac	43. WBC Floating TD	AA-	Ϋ́	4,000	1.31	2.12	2.12	1.78	17/02/2022	1826
Westpac	44. Westpac TD	AA-	Ϋ́	4,000	3.15	3.14	3.14	1.78	2/11/2021	1461
Macquarie Bank	45. Macquarie Bank Fixed	AA-	Υ	4,000	3.15	3.14	3.14	1.78	2/11/2021	1461
*	Bond	A+	Υ	3,999	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.78	12/02/2025	1827
Macquarie Bank	46. Macquarie Bank Term	٨.	Υ	2 000	1.70	1.74	1.74	0.89	1/04/2021	364
Cupage Matura	Deposit	A+		2,000						
Suncorp-Metway	47. Suncorp FRN	A+	N	800	1.38	2.11	2.11	0.36	20/10/2020	1827
Suncorp-Metway	48. Suncorp FRN	A+	N	1,000	1.07	1.90	1.90	0.45	16/08/2022	1826
AMP	49. AMP Business Saver 50. AMP Floating Rate	BBB+	Y	394	0.76	1.04	1.04	0.18		
AMP	Note 51. AMP Floating Rate	BBB+	Y	1,999	1.37	1.90	1.90	0.89	10/09/2021	729
	Note	BBB+	Υ	994	1.79	2.17	2.17	0.44	30/03/2022	917
AMP	52. AMP TD	BBB+	Υ	1,000	2.25	2.25	2.25	0.45	30/07/2020	366
Australian Unity Bank	53. Aus Unity Bank TD	BBB+	?	2,000	1.55	1.86	1.86	0.89	30/07/2020	275
Australian Unity Bank	<ol><li>54. Australian Unity TD</li></ol>	BBB+	?	2,000	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.89	11/02/2021	364
Bank of Queensland	55. Bank of Queensland Fixed Bond	BBB+	Υ	1,991	3.40	3.38	3.38	0.89	16/11/2021	1267
Bank of Queensland	56. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.89	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	57. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.78	17/12/2020	1071
Bank of Queensland	58. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.55	3.55	3.55	0.89	12/11/2020	1827
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Bank of Queensland  Bank of Queensland	TD 60. BoQ Term Deposit	BBB+ BBB+	Y Y	2,000 4,000	3.75 3.50	3.75 3.50	3.75 3.50	0.89 1.78	9/12/2021 15/11/2022	1823 1804

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 30-Jun-20 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2019	% of Total	Maturity	Tenor
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	62. Bendigo Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,000	1.20	2.02	2.02	0.45	18/08/2020	1827
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	63. Bendigo and Adelaide	БББТ	IN	1,000	1.20	2.02	2.02	0.43	10/00/2020	1027
Belluigo alla Adelaide Balik	Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,998	1.22	1.94	1.94	0.89	25/01/2023	1532
Heritage Bank	64. Heritage Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,400	1.62	2.11	2.11	0.69	29/03/2021	1096
Heritage Bank	65. Heritage Bank FRN	BBB+	N	2,001	0.89	1.61	1.61	0.89	12/08/2022	1085
MyState Bank	66. MyState TD	BBB+	N	2,000	1.65	1.84	1.84	0.89	2/01/2021	291
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	67. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc□	DODT		2,000	1.05	1.04	1.04	0.09	2/01/2021	231
		BBB+	N	2,000	3.05	3.05	3.05	0.89	27/01/2022	1092
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	68. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc TD	BBB+	N	2,000	3.05	3.05	3.05	0.89	10/02/2022	1095
Bank Australia	69. Bank Australia FRN	BBB	N	1,000	1.41	2.22	2.22	0.45	30/08/2021	1096
Bank Australia	70. Bank Australia FRN	BBB	N	2,000	1.01	1.55	1.55	0.89	2/12/2022	1096
CUA	71. CUA FRN	BBB	N	1,000	1.25	1.81	1.81	0.45	24/10/2024	1827
CUA	72. CUA TD	BBB	N	2,000	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.89	3/12/2020	728
Defence Bank	73. Defence Bank TD	BBB	N	2,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	0.89	9/02/2021	349
Me Bank	74. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB	N	5,518	0.76	0.96	0.96	2.46	***************************************	
Me Bank	75. ME Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,500	1.36	2.16	2.16	0.67	9/11/2020	1096
Me Bank	76. ME Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,600	1.42	2.11	2.11	0.71	16/04/2021	1095
Me Bank	77. ME Bank TD	BBB	N	2,000	1.58	1.85	1.85	0.89	4/08/2020	271
P&N Bank	78. P&N Bank	BBB	N	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.45	2/11/2023	1821
Queensland Country Bank	79. Queensland Country Bank TD	BBB	?	1,000	1.60	2.37	2.37	0.45	16/03/2021	371
Teachers Mutual Bank	80. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,400	1.68	2.21	2.21	0.62	2/07/2021	1096
Auswide Bank	81. Auswide Bank FRN	BBB-	N	1,500	2.88	1.58	1.58	0.67	17/03/2023	1095
Auswide Bank	82. Auswide Bank TD	BBB-	N	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.89	15/02/2022	715
QBank	83. QBank FRN	BBB-	N	1,000	1.76	2.27	2.27	0.45	22/03/2021	1098
QBank	84. QBank FRN	BBB-	N	750	1.84	2.42	2.42	0.33	14/12/2021	1096
QBank	<ol><li>Qbank Term Deposit</li></ol>	BBB-	N	1,000	1.70	2.16	2.16	0.45	8/12/2020	362
QBank	86. QBank TD	BBB-	N	1,000	1.65	2.40	2.40	0.45	6/05/2021	364
QBank	87. QBank TD	BBB-	N	1,000	1.65	2.03	2.03	0.45	1/10/2020	329
Bank of Sydney	88. Bank of Sydney TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.62	1.91	1.91	0.45	2/07/2020	261
Coastline CU	89. Coastline Credit Union TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.80	2.28	2.28	0.45	10/12/2020	357
Police CU (SA)	90. Police CU - SA Term		l _							
	Deposit	Unrated	?	1,000	1.65	2.07	2.07	0.45	8/10/2020	331
Police CU (SA)	91. Police CU - SA	Unrated	?	1,000	1.75	2.13	2.13	0.45	21/10/2020	349
Regional Australia Bank	92. Regional Australia		l					l		
	Bank TD	Unrated	N	2,000	3.10	3.10	3.10	0.89	13/08/2020	1093
Warwick CU	93. Warwick CU TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.90	2.36	2.36	0.45	10/12/2020	357
WaW CU	94. WAW CU Coop	Unrated	N	2,000	1.80	1.99	1.99	0.89	8/12/2020	362
				224,433	1.99	2.33	2.33	100		

^{*}Monthly returns when annualised can appear to exaggerate performance

**Return including Matured/Traded Investments** <u>Jun</u> 12 Mth <u>FYTD</u> Weighted Average Return 1.99 2.31 2.31 Benchmark Return: AusBond Bank Bill Index (%) 0.09 0.85 0.85 Variance From Benchmark (%) 1.90 1.46 1.46

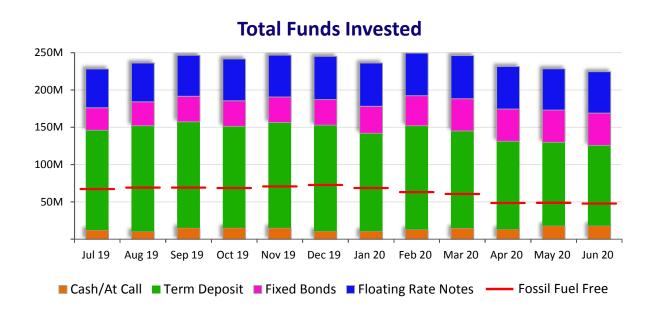
#### Investment Income

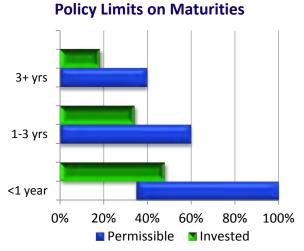
	\$000's	Fossil Fuel	Free (000's)
This Period	370	Yes	54,667
Financial Year To Date	5,595	No	159,766
Budget Profile	5,393	Unknown	10,000
Variance from Budget - \$	202		
Legal Settlements VTD	1 268		

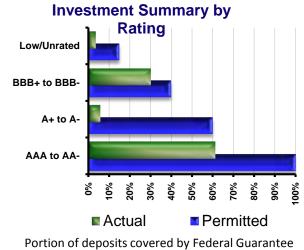
^{**}Market valuations are indicative prices only, and do not necessarily reflect the price at which a transaction could be entered into.



# **Analysis of investments**

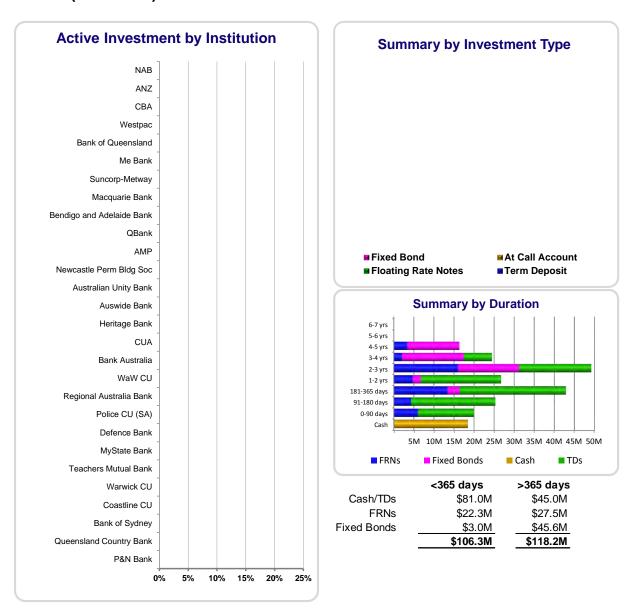






Portion of deposits covered by Federal Guarantee are rated 'AAA'





# **Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions**

As at 30 June 2020, Council had a total amount of \$54.7 million (24.3% of Council's total investment portfolio) invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions. A further \$10 million was invested in unrated financial institutions where their 'alignment status' is unclear/undetermined. It is almost certain all of these unrated financial institutions are non-fossil fuel aligned institutions as their lending profiles are almost identical to other unrated institutions. If it assumed those institutions are non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, then the total amount is \$64.7 million (28.8% of Council's total investment portfolio).

By way of comparison, Council had \$50.5 million (24.5% of its total investment portfolio) invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, as at policy inception on 31 January 2018.



# **Financial Implications**

Council's return for the reporting period is 1.99%, which is 1.09% above the benchmark figure of 0.90%. Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sales of investments totals \$5.59M for the period ending 30 June 2020 and is \$202K above the 2019/20 year-to-date adopted Budget of \$5.39M.

# **Summary**

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well with returns well above benchmark. The recommendation in this report is consistent with Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 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.

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer



**ATTACHMENT 1** 

# **Benchmark**

The Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill index is constructed as a benchmark to represent the performance of a passively managed short-term money market portfolio. It comprises thirteen Bank Bills of equal face value, each with a maturity seven days apart. The average term to maturity is approximately 45 days.

A Bank Bill is a non-interest bearing security issued by a bank whereby the bank takes on an obligation to pay an investor a fixed amount (face value) at a fixed future date. It is sold to an investor at a discount to the face value. Bank Bills are short-term money market investments with maturities usually between 30 days and 180 days.

# **Types of Investments**

The following are the types of investments held by Council:

At Call refers to funds held at a financial institution, and can be recalled by Council either same day or on an overnight basis.

A Floating Rate Note (FRN) is a debt security issued by a company with a variable interest rate. This can either be issued as Certificates of Deposit (CD) or as Medium Term Notes (MTN). The interest rate can be either fixed or floating, where the adjustments to the interest rate are usually made quarterly and are tied to a certain money market index such as the Bank Bill Swap Rate.

A Fixed Rate Bond is a debt security issued by a company with a fixed interest rate over the term of the bond.



#### **ATTACHMENT 1**

# **Credit Rating Information**

Credit ratings are generally a statement as to an institution's credit quality. Ratings ranging from AAA to BBB- (long term) are considered investment grade.

A general guide as to the meaning of each credit rating is as follows:

AAA: the best quality companies, reliable and stable

AA: quality companies, a bit higher risk than AAA

A: economic situation can affect finance

BBB: medium class companies, which are satisfactory at the moment

BB: more prone to changes in the economy

B: financial situation varies noticeably

CCC:currently vulnerable and dependent on favourable economic conditions to meet its commitments

CC: highly vulnerable, very speculative bonds

 highly vulnerable, perhaps in bankruptcy or in arrears but still continuing to pay out on obligations

D: has defaulted on obligations and it is believed that it will generally default on most or all obligations

Note: Ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

#### **Council's Investment Powers**

Council's investment powers are regulated by Section 625 of the Local Government Act, which states:

- (1) A council may invest money that is not, for the time being, required by the council for any other purpose.
- (2) Money may be invested only in a form of investment notified by order of the Minister published in the Gazette.
- (3) An order of the Minister notifying a form of investment for the purposes of this section must not be made without the approval of the Treasurer.
- (4) The acquisition, in accordance with section 358, of a controlling interest in a corporation or an entity within the meaning of that section is not an investment for the purposes of this section.



# **ATTACHMENT 1**

Council's investment policy requires that all investments are to be made in accordance with;

- Local Government Act 1993 Section 625
- Local Government Act 1993 Order (of the Minister) dated 12 January 2011
- The Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997 Sections 14A(2), 14C(1) & (2)
- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993
- Investment Guidelines issued by the Department of Local Government



#### 8 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2020

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer

File No.: COR2019/82 - BP20/799

#### REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 July 2020 and compares it against key benchmarks. The report includes the estimated market valuation of Council's investment portfolio and loan liabilities.

Council's return for the reporting period is 1.94%, which is 0.94% above the benchmark figure of 1.0%.

Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sale of investments totals \$354K for the financial year to date, which is \$46K above the 2020/21 year-to-date adopted budget of \$308K.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 31 July 2020.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Steven Kludass
Director - Corporate Services



#### **Discussion**

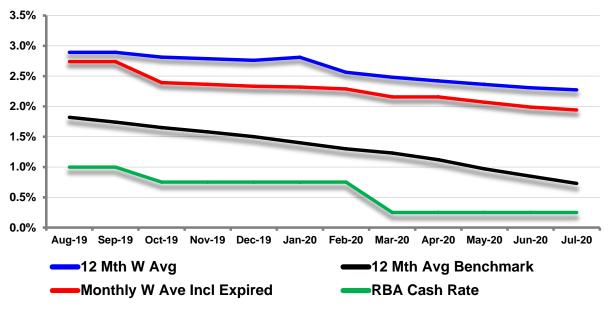
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

# **Investment Performance Commentary**

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for July 2020 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	July	12 Mth	FYTD
Council Return	1.94	2.28	1.94
Benchmark	1.00	0.73	0.01
Variance	0.94	1.55	1.93

# **Performance - All Investments**



Council's investment portfolio as at 31 July 2020 was as follows:

Total Investments	\$216.4M	
Fixed Bonds	\$48.6M	22.5%
Floating Rate Notes	\$44.8M	20.7%
Cash/Term Deposits	\$123.0M	56.8%



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.

Whilst Council has moved some of its investment portfolio out to longer terms to lock in future returns, it should be noted that there is approximately \$98.6 million of Council's funds held in Internal Reserves (as at 30 June 2019).

Council's income from investments continues to exceed budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated.

# **Loan Liability**

Council's loan liability as at 31 July was \$1.3 million 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.

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



# ITEM 8 (continued) INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 JULY 2020

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 31-Jul-20 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2020	% of Total	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	BoQ FRN Covered	AAA	Υ	1,200	1.17	1.17	1.17	0.55	14/05/2025	1826
NAB	NAB Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,744	3.10	3.11	3.10	1.73	16/03/2023	1826
Suncorp-Metway	3. Suncorp FRN (Covered)	AAA	N	4,000	1.21	1.87	1.21	1.85	22/06/2021	1826
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp FRN 4	AAA	N	1,200	1.23	1.23	1.23	0.55	24/04/2025	1823
ANZ	5. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	1,499	3.20	3.13	3.20	0.69	18/01/2023	1826
ANZ	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	1,999	1.56	1.54	1.56	0.92	29/08/2024	1827
ANZ	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	1,992	1.67	1.65	1.67	0.92	29/08/2024	1805
ANZ	8. ANZ_MTN 6	AA-	Υ	1,997	1.71	1.70	1.71	0.92	16/01/2025	1827
ANZ	ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	2,973	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.37	29/08/2024	1612
ANZ	10. ANZ FRN	AA-	Υ	4,000	1.31	1.90	1.31	1.85	7/04/2021	1826
ANZ	11. ANZ FRN	AA-	Υ	1,500	0.89	1.49	0.89	0.69	18/01/2023	1826
ANZ	12. ANZ FRN	AA-	Υ	2,000	1.00	1.68	1.00	0.92	9/05/2023	1826
ANZ	13. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,999	3.13	3.12	3.13	1.39	8/02/2024	1826
ANZ	14. ANZ Floating TD	AA-	Υ	4,000	1.61	2.29	1.61	1.85	10/11/2022	2557
ANZ	15. ANZ Flexi TD	AA-	Y	4,000	1.56	2.27	1.56	1.85	15/12/2022	2557
CBA	16. CBA At Call Deposit	AA-	Y	12,543	0.24	0.50	0.24	5.80		
CBA	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Ý	3,988	3.41	3.38	3.41	1.84	25/04/2023	1916
CBA	18. CBA MTN	AA-	Ý	3,495	3.28	3.27	3.28	1.61	16/08/2023	1826
CBA	19. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Ϋ́	3,480	3.28	3.20	3.28	1.61	11/01/2024	1826
INAB	20. NAB Fixed Bond	AA- AA-	Y	2,997	3.26	3.16	3.16	1.38	12/05/2021	1826
NAB	21. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,995	3.08	3.09	3.08	1.85	10/02/2021	1918
NAB	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA- AA-	Y	2,997	2.95	2.95	2.95	1.38	26/02/2024	1826
INAB	23. NAB Floating Rate	~~-	ļ <u>'</u>	2,331	2.30	۷.30	2.30	1.50	20/02/2024	1020
11/10	Note	AA-	Υ	2,000	1.18	1.84	1.18	0.92	5/11/2020	1827
NAB		AA- AA-	Ϋ́		1.18	1.69	1.18		16/05/2023	1826
NAB	24. NAB FRN 25. NAB FRN	AA- AA-	Y	4,000 2,000	1.00	1.69	1.00	1.85 0.92	16/05/2023	1826
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NAB	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-		4,000	0.98	1.59	0.98	1.85		265
NAB	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,500	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.16	29/01/2021	336
NAB	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.35	1.57	1.35	1.85	17/09/2020	177
NAB	29. NAB TD	AA-	Y	4,000	0.98	1.59	0.98	1.85	16/02/2021	263
NAB	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	0.90	1.66	0.90	1.85	18/03/2021	268
NAB	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Υ	4,000	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.85	16/10/2020	233
NAB	32. NAB TD	AA-	Υ	4,000	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.85	19/01/2021	326
NAB	33. NAB TD	AA-	Υ	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.85	18/09/2023	1827
Westpac	34. Westpac At Call	AA-	Υ	13	0.05	0.09	0.05	0.01		
Westpac	35. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	Υ	2,482	3.25	3.24	3.25	1.15	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac	36. Westpac Term Deposit 2	AA-	Υ	2,000	1.66	1.66	1.66	0.92	22/09/2020	378
Westpac Westpac	<ul><li>37. Westpac Term Deposit</li><li>38. Westpac Term Deposit</li></ul>	AA-	Υ	4,000	3.55	3.55	3.55	1.85	22/02/2022	1825
Westpac	39. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Υ	4,000	3.32	3.32	3.32	1.85	9/08/2022	1813
		AA-	Υ	2,000	3.38	3.38	3.38	0.92	18/08/2022	1815
Westpac	40. WBC Floating TD	AA-	Y	4,000	1.30	2.00	1.30	1.85	17/02/2022	1826
Westpac	41. Westpac TD	AA-	Y	4,000	3.14	3.14	3.14	1.85	2/11/2021	1461
Macquarie Bank	42. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,999	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.85	12/02/2025	1827
Macquarie Bank	43. Macquarie Bank Term Deposit	A+	Y	2,000	1.70	1.74	1.70	0.92	1/04/2021	364
Suncorp-Metway	44. Suncorp FRN	A+	N	800	1.70	1.97	1.70	0.37	20/10/2020	1827
Suncorp-Metway	45. Suncorp FRN	A+	N	1,000	1.08	1.77	1.08	0.46	16/08/2022	1826
AMP	46. AMP Business Saver	BBB+	Y	395	0.73	0.99	0.73	0.18	. 0, 00, 2022	.520
AMP	47. AMP Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	1,999	1.23	1.84	1.23	0.92	10/09/2021	729
AMP	48. AMP Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	995	1.50	2.10	1.50	0.46	30/03/2022	917
AMP	49. AMP TD	BBB+	Ϋ́	1,000	0.80	2.13	0.80	0.46	30/03/2022	365
Australian Unity Bank	50. Australian Unity TD	BBB+	?	2,000	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.46	11/02/2021	364
Bank of Queensland	51. Bank of Queensland Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	1,991	3.41	3.38	3.41	0.92	16/11/2021	1267
Bank of Queensland	52. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.92	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	53. Bank of Queensland	BBB+	Y	4,000	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.85	17/12/2020	1071
Bank of Queensland	54. Bank of Queensland	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.10	3.10	3.10	0.92	12/11/2020	1827
Bank of Queensland	55. Bank of Queensland	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.75	3.75	3.75	0.92	9/12/2021	1823
Bank of Queensland	56. BoQ Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.85	15/11/2022	1804
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	57. Bendigo Fixed MTN	BBB+	N	2,000	3.60	3.51	3.60	0.92	25/01/2023	1826
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	58. Bendigo Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,000	1.21	1.90	1.21	0.46	18/08/2020	1827
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	59. Bendigo and Adelaide									1532
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Bank FRN	BBD:								
Heritage Bank	Bank FRN 60. Heritage Bank FRN	BBB+ BBB+	N N	1,998 1,400	1.22 1.34	1.83 2.02	1.22 1.34	0.92 0.65	25/01/2023 29/03/2021	1096

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 31-Jul-20 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2020	% of Total	Maturity	Tenor
MyState Bank	62. MvState TD	BBB+	N	2.000	1.65	1.65	1.65	0.92	2/01/2021	291
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	63. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc□			,,,,,,,						
		BBB+	N	2,000	3.05	3.05	3.05	0.92	27/01/2022	1092
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	64. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc TD	BBB+	N	2,000	3.05	3.05	3.05	0.92	10/02/2022	1095
Bank Australia	65. Bank Australia FRN	BBB	N	1,000	1.41	2.11	1.41	0.46	30/08/2021	1096
Bank Australia	66. Bank Australia FRN	BBB	N	2,000	1.00	1.48	1.00	0.92	2/12/2022	1096
CUA	67. CUA FRN	BBB	N	1,000	1.24	1.75	1.24	0.46	24/10/2024	1827
CUA	68. CUA TD	BBB	N	2,000	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.92	3/12/2020	728
Defence Bank	69. Defence Bank TD	BBB	N	2,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	0.92	9/02/2021	349
Me Bank	70. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB	N	5,521	0.76	0.86	0.76	2.55		
Me Bank	71. ME Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,500	1.35	2.03	1.35	0.69	9/11/2020	1096
Me Bank	72. ME Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,600	1.40	2.00	1.40	0.74	16/04/2021	1095
Me Bank	73. ME Bank TD	BBB	N	2,000	1.58	1.78	1.58	0.92	4/08/2020	271
P&N Bank	74. P&N Bank	BBB	N	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.46	2/11/2023	1821
Queensland Country Bank	75. Queensland Country Bank TD	BBB	?	1,000	1.60	2.27	1.60	0.46	16/03/2021	371
Teachers Mutual Bank	76. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,400	1.48	2.12	1.48	0.65	2/07/2021	1096
Auswide Bank	77. Auswide Bank FRN	BBB-	N	1,500	1.16	1.48	1.16	0.69	17/03/2023	1095
Auswide Bank	78. Auswide Bank TD	BBB-	N	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.92	15/02/2022	715
QBank	79. QBank FRN	BBB-	N	1,000	1.52	2.18	1.52	0.46	22/03/2021	1098
QBank	80. QBank FRN	BBB-	N	750	1.61	2.32	1.61	0.35	14/12/2021	1096
QBank	<ol><li>81. Qbank Term Deposit</li></ol>	BBB-	N	1,000	1.70	2.07	1.70	0.46	8/12/2020	362
QBank	82. QBank TD	BBB-	N	1,000	1.65	2.33	1.65	0.46	6/05/2021	364
QBank	83. QBank TD	BBB-	N	1,000	1.65	1.94	1.65	0.46	1/10/2020	329
Coastline CU	84. Coastline Credit Union TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.80	2.18	1.80	0.46	10/12/2020	357
Police CU (SA)	85. Police CU - SA Term Deposit	Unrated	?	1,000	1.65	1.96	1.65	0.46	8/10/2020	331
Police CU (SA)	86. Police CU - SA	Unrated	?	1,000	1.75	2.04	1.75	0.46	21/10/2020	349
Regional Australia Bank	87. Regional Australia Bank TD	Unrated	N	2,000	3.10	3.10	3.10	0.92	13/08/2020	1093
Warwick CU	88. Warwick CU TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.90	2.27	1.90	0.46	10/12/2020	357
WaW CU	89. WAW CU Coop	Unrated	N	2,000	1.80	1.95	1.80	0.92	8/12/2020	362
				216,442	1.96	2.29	1.96	100		

^{*}Monthly returns when annualised can appear to exaggerate performance

^{**}Market valuations are indicative prices only, and do not necessarily reflect the price at which a transaction could be entered into.

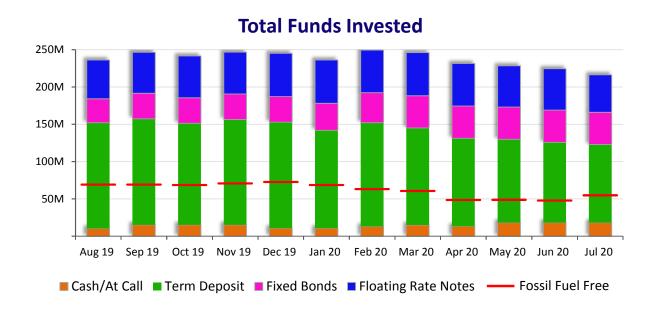
Return including Matured/Traded Investments	<u>Jul</u>	12 Mth	<u>FYTD</u>
Weighted Average Return	1.94	2.28	1.94
Benchmark Return: AusBond Bank Bill Index (%)	0.01	0.73	0.01
Variance From Benchmark (%)	1.93	1.55	1.93

#### Investment Income

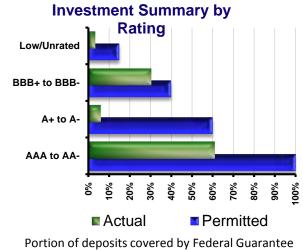
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	\$000's	Fossil Fuel Free (00	0's)
This Period	354	Yes 54,6	70
Financial Year To Date	354	No 154,7	72
Budget Profile	308	Unknown 7,0	00
Variance from Budget - \$	46		



# **Analysis of investments**

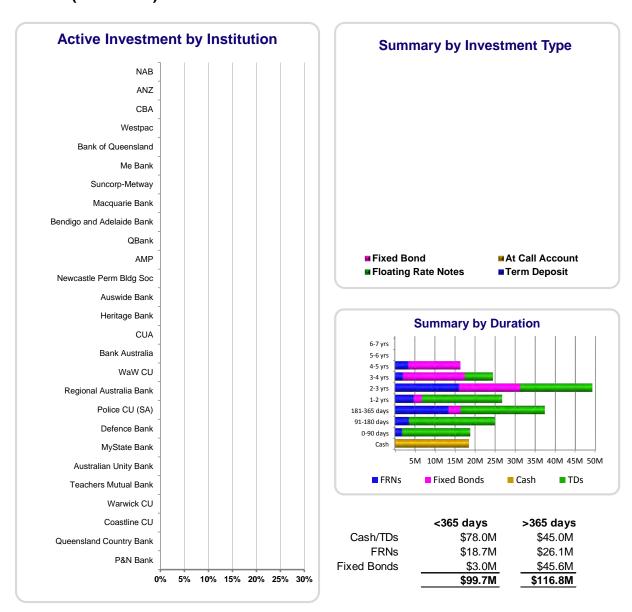






Portion of deposits covered by Federal Guarantee are rated 'AAA'





# **Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions**

As at 31 July 2020, Council had a total amount of \$54.7 million invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions. A further \$7 million was invested in unrated financial institutions where their 'alignment status' is unclear/undetermined. It is almost certain all of these unrated financial institutions are non-fossil fuel aligned institutions as their lending profiles are almost identical to other unrated institutions. If it assumed those institutions are non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, then the total amount is \$61.7 million (28.5% of Council's total investment portfolio).

By way of comparison, Council had \$50.5 million (24.5% of its total investment portfolio) invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, as at policy inception on 31 January 2018.



# **Financial Implications**

Council's return for the reporting period is 1.94%, which is 0.94% above the benchmark figure of 1.0%. Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sales of investments totals \$354K for the period ending 31 July 2020 and is \$46K above the 2020/21 year-to-date adopted Budget of \$308K.

# **Summary**

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well with returns well above benchmark. The recommendation in this report is consistent with Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 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.

Pav Kuzmanovski Chief Financial Officer



# 9 2020 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - HUNTER VALLEY - 22 NOVEMBER TO 24 NOVEMBER 2020

Report prepared by: Civic Support Officer

File No.: CLR/07/8/105/7 - BP20/736

#### REPORT SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council for its consideration of Councillor attendance at the 2020 Local Government NSW Annual Conference, to be held at The Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, 430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale from Sunday, 22 November to Tuesday, 24 November 2020.

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council nominate seven (7) Councillors to attend the 2020 Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates.
- (b) That Council note that the General Manager will determine which staff will attend the Conference.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 LGNSW 2020 Annual Conference Brochure
- 2 Rule 4 Objects of the Local Government Association
- 3 Councillor Attendance at Conferences Guidelines

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#### Discussion

# Conference

The 2020 Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be held from Sunday, 22 November 2020 to Tuesday, 24 November 2020 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley. A copy of the Registration Brochure with registration and accommodation details for the Conference is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The Conference is the annual policy making event for all Councils of New South Wales. It is the pre-eminent event of the Local Government year where local Councillors come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way we are governed.

# Delegates Representing the City of Ryde

Council has been advised by Local Government NSW that it is entitled to send seven (7) Councillors to the Conference as voting delegates.

In this regard, this report recommends that Council select seven (7) Councillors to attend the Conference as voting delegates.

#### Voting

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

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

Members are required to advise LGNSW of the names of their nominated voting delegates by Tuesday, 3 November 2020. Nominations received after this time/date cannot be accepted.

#### Motions

Local Government NSW has requested input from Councils, to guide the content of business sessions at the conference and is requesting Councils to ensure that the motions debate centres on advancing the sector wide policy agenda.



Councils were asked to identify motions relating to the following overall categories:-

- 1. Association Business (Industrial Relations and Employment policy)
- 2. Economic policy
- 3. Infrastructure and planning policy
- 4. Social and Community policy
- 5. Environmental policy
- 6. Governance and Accountability of Councils (eg. legislative and regulatory setting, elections, participation, reform)

Further, the LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they meet the following criteria:-

- Are consistent with the objects of the Association (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules – ATTACHMENT 2);
- 2. Relate to Local Government in NSW and/or across Australia;
- 3. Concern or are likely to concern Local Government as a sector;
- 4. Seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association;
- 5. Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws);
- 6. Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature; and
- 7. Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

The Board has advised that it will not include motions in the Business Paper which do not advance the local government policy agenda. Therefore a motion will not be included if it is operational, rather than strategic; not local government business; focused on a local issue only or if the motion is consistent with past policies and actions of LGNSW or the Local Government and Shire's Association.

Local Government NSW have advised all Councils to submit proposed motions by Monday, 28 September 2020, however, in accordance with the Local Government NSW rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is Sunday, 25 October 2020. All Motions must be adopted by Council before submission to the Association.

Councillors were invited through the Councillor Information Bulletin dated 14 July 2020 to submit proposed motions and notes for Council to consider endorsing for submission to Local Government NSW for inclusion in the Business Papers for the Conference. It is noted that no motions were received from Councillors. The Executive Team have also not proposed any motions for Council's consideration.



# Attendance at the Conference

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

#### **Critical Dates**

The following deadlines are required to be met:-

- Early bird registrations paid by Friday, 25 September 2020.
- Councillor delegates and Motions are to be determined and confirmed at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, 25 August 2020.
- Motions are to be submitted by 12 midnight on Monday, 28 September 2020 and no later than 25 October 2020.

# **Financial Impact**

Early-bird registration cost for the Conference is \$840 per person (paid by 25 September 2020).

Standard registration cost for the Conference is \$940 per person (made between 26 September 2020 and 11 November 2020).

Accommodation \$ 450 (2 nights)

Travel Expenses \$ 120 pp approx. (driving)

Incidentals \$ 200 pp approx.

# Four (4) Optional Events:

President's Opening Reception:	\$	88
Councillor Training session:	\$	44
The ALGWA breakfast:	\$	55
Conference Dinner:	\$1	132

Currently, there is an allocation of \$34,170 remaining in the 2020/21 budget for Conferences.

# **Policy Implications**

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



The Guidelines for Councillor Attendance at Conferences is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 3**. The Guidelines provide that in addition to the Local Government NSW Conference and the Australian Local Government Conference, every Councillor is entitled to attend a conference in NSW, Canberra, metropolitan Brisbane or metropolitan Melbourne.



**ATTACHMENT 1** 

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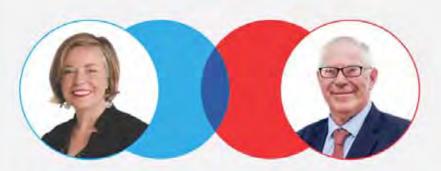
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# **ATTACHMENT 1**



# Welcome to the LGNSW Annual Conference 2020



#### Presidents Message

#### Cr Linda Scott

On behalf of the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) I am delighted to welcome you to our 2020 LGNSW Annual Conference.

Since last year a conference, hosted by Liverpool Council.
LDNSW has successfully advocated on behalf of your council on
the range of State and Federal issues that you told us mattered
most to your communities.

I'm so proud that our advocacy on issues prioritized by you especially about the impact of COVID-19, bushfires, floods and prolonged drought - has resulted in an unprecedented amount of Federal and State government funding flowing to your council and communities.

This substantial investment is recognition of how critical local government is to our locally led recovery and is consistent with the principles of the Intergovernmental Agreement Signed by the Premier, Deputy Premier and Local Government Minister at least year's annual conference.

I am also pleased that LGNSW was able deliver The Local Government (COVID-18) Splinter (Interm) Award 2020 to keep as many council staff employed to undertake essential local government services for as long as possible, as well as the Local Government (Stats) Award 2020, in conjunction with local sovernment employee representatives.

As a result, council throughout the State are now better placed to drive locally led economic recovery, nafeguarding local jobs and supporting local businesses to rebuild communities and infrastructure for the public good as we savence disester and pandamic recovery efforts.

While there are many wins to be colebrated at this year's conference, hosted by Cessnock City Council in the Hunter Valley, the LGNSW Board, staff and I know there is much york to be done on behalf of your council and your community for the future.

We look forward to hearing your views, at this conference, about how to do that

#### Welcome to Cessnock

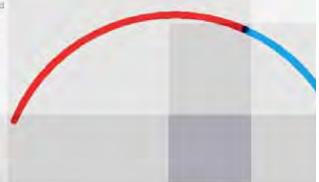
#### Bab Pynsent, Mayor, Cessnock City Council

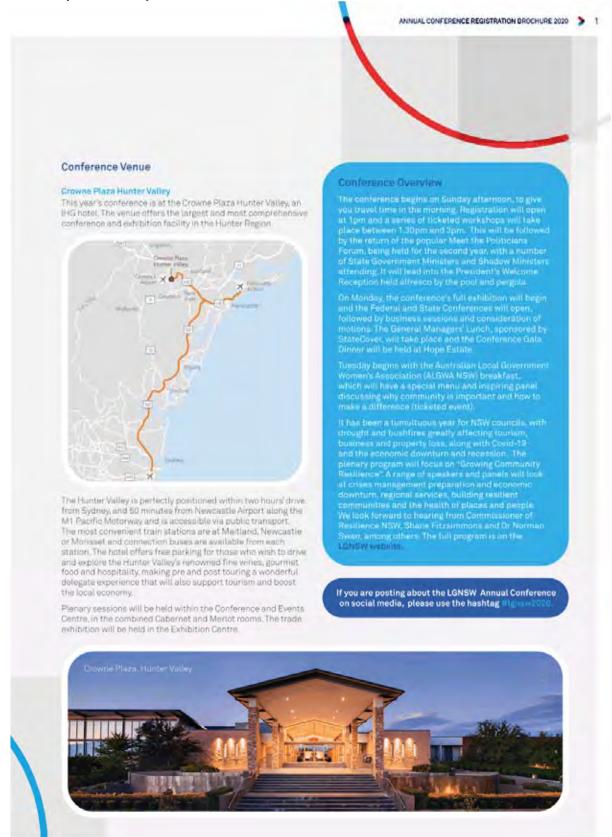
Welcome to the Hunter Vallay, Welcome to Ceranock, It's great to have you here to enjoy the conference, at a time when visitors to our region remain crucial. Our community, like many of your own, has been taced with significant challunges; first bushfirst and then COVID-19. To host delegates from across NSW is a special opportunity to showcase everything our LGA has to offer.

We are home to more than 59,000 people covering about 1,950sg km. Predominantly a mining town until recent years, the City of Cesanock, which incorporates Hunter Valley Wine Country, is a thirwing city with many attractions highlighting our culture, hierory and our way of life. We are home to outstanding, award-winning restaurants, wineries, entertainment venues, beutique and report-style accommodation and golf courses. Those your visit includes experiencing all that our fantastic region lises to offer. Enjoy the conference!

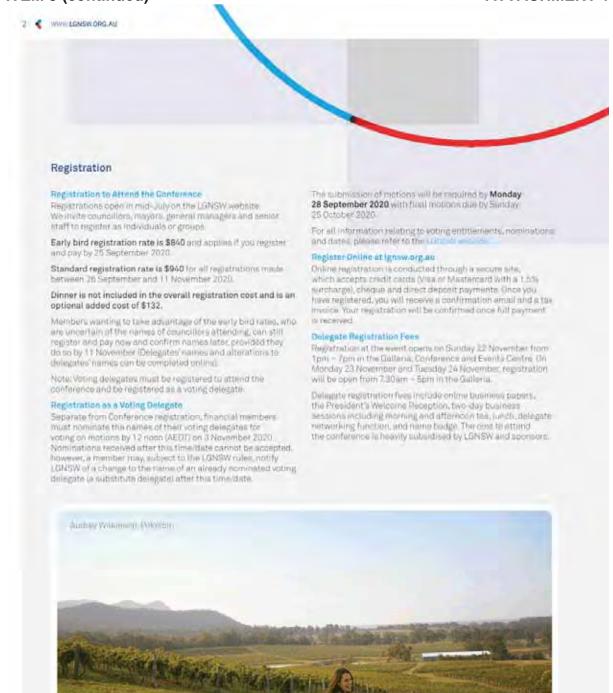
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The conference will be following the government guidelines on an televents and social distancing, rotting that the can change in the future. We will be following hygiene practices by cleaning surfaces, arranging seating, overseeing food preparation and transport, as well as medical assistance as required.





#### **ATTACHMENT 1**



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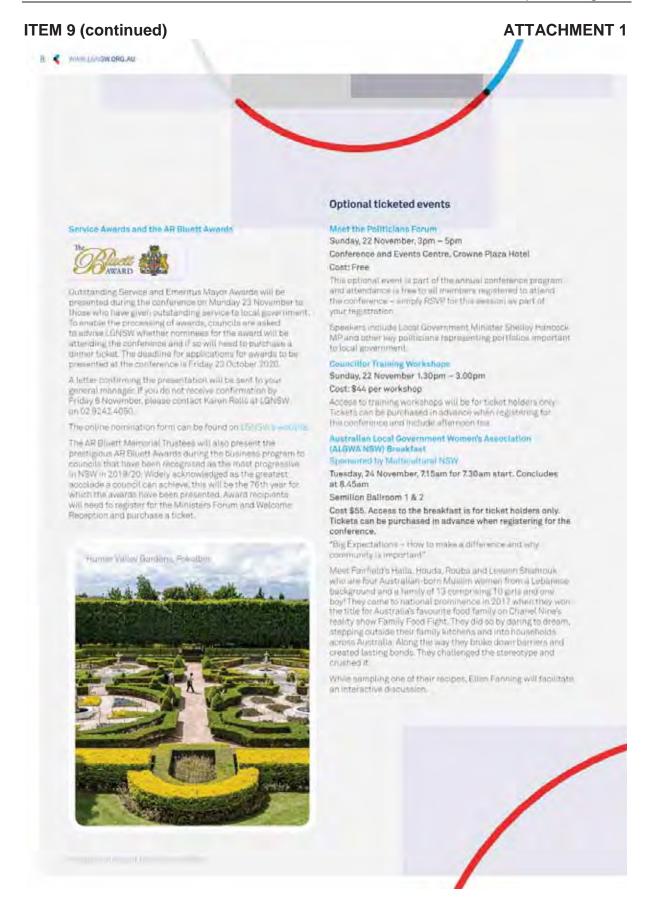


















#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

#### **RULE 4 – OBJECTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

- 4. The objects of the Association shall be in New South Wales and elsewhere:
  - (a) to encourage, promote, protect and foster an efficient and effective autonomous, democratic system of Local Government elected by and responsible to local communities with its position constitutionally guaranteed and with adequate resources including revenue from State and Commonwealth Governments;
  - (b) to promote, maintain and protect the interests, rights and privileges of Local Government in New South Wales and of the constituent members of the Association:
  - (c) to encourage and assist Local Government to seek out, determine, assess and respond to the needs and aspirations of its constituents;
  - to encourage, assist, promote and foster the achievement and maintenance of the highest level of integrity, justice, competence, effectiveness and efficiency of Local Government;
  - to develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation between councils and Local, State and Commonwealth Governments and their instrumentalities;
  - (f) to develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain the financial and economic well-being and advancement of Local Government and for such purposes to undertake, establish, acquire, conduct or dispose of any business, enterprise, undertaking or venture which in the opinion of the Association is necessary, desirable or convenient;
  - (g) to represent the members of the Association and Local Government generally in their dealings with State and Commonwealth Governments, with statutory and other corporations, with the media and with the public;
  - (h) to promote, support and encourage Local Government at a State and national level;
  - (i) to provide an industrial relations service to members including:
    - (i) representing the interests of members in industrial matters before courts and tribunals;
    - (ii) assisting in negotiations relating to the settlement of disputes between members and their employees;
    - (iii) representing the interests of members in negotiating the establishment of and/or variation of industrial awards and agreements;
    - (iv) promoting training programs aimed at enhancing the performance of Local Government.
  - to undertake or promote any activity which the Board determines to be for the benefit and/or interest of members and local government in New South Wales.



**ATTACHMENT 3** 



# Councillor Attendance at Conferences Guideline

# **Related Policy**

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

#### **Guidelines**

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

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

Councillor Attendance at Conferences guideline					
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# 10 PLANNING PROPOSAL 2-6 CHATHAM ROAD, WEST RYDE - Outcomes of Exhibiton

Report prepared by: Strategic Planner

**File No.:** LEP2016/1/4 - BP20/519

#### REPORT SUMMARY

In 2016 Council received a Planning Proposal (the Proposal) for 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde seeking to increase the maximum height and FSR permissible on the site. Working with staff, the proponent amended the Proposal to reduce the proposed increase in height and FSR and provided a revised concept plan for a mixed-use development that included:

- Approximately 75 apartments (including 4% affordable housing in accordance with Council's Affordable Housing Policy);
- 750 square metres of ground floor commercial/retail space;
- 106 basement car parking spaces; and
- A 4-metre street frontage setback along Chatham Road, which will be treated and furnished to be contiguous with the public domain to create a linear urban plaza

Council considered a report on the Proposal on 6 December 2016 and resolved to seek a Gateway Determination. The State Government issued the Gateway Determination on 15 February 2017, provided at **ATTACHMENT 3** and, in accordance with it, exhibited the Planning Proposal and draft amendments to the Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 (RDCP2014) for public comment.

The Proposal was publicly exhibited from 7 June to 4 August 2017. The exhibition elicited a total of 66 submissions, including those by the general public, agencies, the proponent and late submissions made in response to the associated VPA. The community submissions generally expressed concerns about the scale, bulk and height of the development and consequent impacts including overshadowing, about traffic congestion and parking availability, and about the ad hoc nature of this modification to planning controls. Some submissions raise concerns about how West Ryde Town Centre looks and functions.

In response to submissions, Council staff undertook a detailed design review, which found that a reduction of the FSR from 3:1 to 2.7:1 could manage the bulk, scale and overshadowing issues. The proponent worked with staff to revise the proposal.

The proposal was then delayed due to the moratorium on Planning Proposals in the City of Ryde and the need to complete Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). During this time, further work and consultation was undertaken with respect to the future of West Ryde Town Centre, culminating in the preparation of Council's West Ryde Revitalisation Strategy and the commitment to undertake a holistic masterplan for West Ryde, reviewing current planning controls and the infrastructure required to revitalise the centre.



As the moratorium on planning proposals has now ended, this report presents the results of the exhibition and the amendments to the proposal post-exhibition.

The Proposal, as amended, seeks to retain the site's current B4 Mixed Use Zone, but amend the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (RLEP) as follows:

- Increase the maximum height control from 15.5 metres (approx. 4 storeys) to 24 metres (approx. 7 storeys)
- Increase the FSR control from 1.25:1 to 3:1

Council is the relevant local plan-making authority for this Planning Proposal and has been given delegation by the State Government to make the Plan.

A Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) was offered by Council in association with the Planning Proposal and this is the subject of a separate report within this business paper.

This report recommends that the Proposal does not proceed at this time, and the controls proposed for the site are incorporated into the upcoming West Ryde Masterplan for further investigation and consultation as part of the masterplan process.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council resolve not to proceed with the Planning Proposal to modify the Ryde LEP 2014, as it relates to 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde (Lots 24, 25 and 26, DP8092).
- (b) That Council incorporate the work undertaken to date on the Planning Proposal for 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde into the West Ryde Masterplan to be undertaken in 20/21, with the results of the community consultation to be reported back to Council.
- (c) That Council notify all community members who made a submission regarding the planning proposal.



#### ATTACHMENTS - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 Planning Proposal as Exhibited
- 2 Council Meeting Minutes 6 December 2016
- **3** Gateway Determination 16 February 2017
- 4 Gateway Alteration 1 February 2018
- **5** Gateway Alteration 3 July 2018
- 6 Gateway Alteration 7 December 2018
- 7 Submissions and Responses Table
- 8 Proponent's Submission
- **9** Built Form Strategy
- 10 Proposed DCP Amendment
- 11 Design Review Panel Comments

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#### Introduction

The West Ryde Town Centre is characterised by 2-12 storey developments, including a retail high street, 2 supermarkets, a school, a bus interchange and a rail station. Despite high levels of footfall in the vicinity of the rail station, school, community facilities and supermarkets, site and shop vacancies in West Ryde are indicators of some economic stress in the retail area. In addition, only 3 development approvals have been granted for a new building in West Ryde Town Centre in the last 5 years. This indicates that redevelopment and investment in the area is not feasible under the current planning controls.

Council exhibited a Planning Proposal (the Proposal) from 7 June to 4 August 2017 for 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde to amend the existing planning controls to permit a 7 storey mixed use development on the site. The Proposal was accompanied by a concept plan that illustrated the development potential of the site under the proposed planning controls.

# Background

On 11 February 2016, Council received a Planning Proposal relating to 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde (Lots 24-26 DP 8092), which seeks to make the following amendments to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (RLEP):

- Increase the maximum height control from 15.5 metres to 33.5 metres
- Increase the FSR control from 1.25:1 to 4.1:1

The concept plan submitted with the Planning Proposal indicated that the proposed amendments would allow for a mixed use development with:

- Approximately 89 apartments;
- 620 square metres of ground floor commercial/retail space;
- 121 basement car parking spaces; and
- A pocket park towards the corner of Chatham Road and Dickson Avenue

In response, Council staff indicated that the Planning Proposal would unlikely be supported by Council due to the following key issues, among others:

• Height and density – the proposed height of 33.5m and FSR of 4.1:1 is considered excessive and would likely result in a visually dominant and bulky development that would have a highly adverse impact on the adjoining child care centre in Dickson Avenue and surrounding low density residential development. The proposed height, density, bulk, and scale of development need to be commensurate to the existing hierarchy of heights and densities in the West Ryde Town Centre, which gradually steps down from 33.5m adjoining the rail station to 23m and 15.5m towards the low density residential areas.



Public benefit – the proposal fails to demonstrate a significant public benefit.
The proposed pocket park is not considered a public benefit as it would only
address the open space needs of the future residents of the development and
is already expected to be delivered to satisfy the deep soil requirements for
the development.

This assessment was consistent with the advice provided by Council staff during the Planning Proposal pre-lodgement meetings held with the proponent during 2016.

On 24 August 2016, the proponent submitted a revised Planning Proposal which sought to make the following amendments to the RLEP:

- Increase the maximum height control from 15.5 metres to 24 metres
- Increase the FSR control from 1.25:1 to 3:1

The proposal was accompanied by a concept plan that indicated that the proposed amendments would allow for a mixed use development with:

- Approximately 75 apartments (including 4% affordable housing in accordance with Council's Affordable Housing Policy);
- 750 square metres of ground floor commercial/retail space;
- 106 basement car parking spaces; and
- A 4-metre street frontage setback along Chatham Road, which will be treated and furnished to be contiguous with the public domain to create a linear urban plaza

The revised proposal responded to the advice provided by Council by reducing the proposed height and density. The proposal also comprises of a number of public benefits, which include affordable housing, contribution to road works, and the expansion of the public domain and pedestrian area along Chatham Road.

#### **Site Description**

The site is known as 2-6 Chatham Road West Ryde (Figure 2). It consists of three allotments with the titles described as Lots 24, 25 & 26 DP 8092 and a combined area of 1,967m².

The land is located within the West Ryde Town Centre and is within easy walking distance of the West Ryde Railway Station (320m) and bus services on Victoria Road (90m). To the north, east and south of the land are commercial and mixed use buildings. To the west and northwest are low density residential buildings.

The topography of the site is almost flat and it is affected by a southward flowing stormwater overland flow path that traverses the West Ryde Town Centre.



Figure 1: Aerial photo showing the Planning Proposal site hatched in red. (Source: RydeMaps)

#### **Site Context**

The West Ryde Town Centre is characterised by 2-12 storey development, including a retail high street, 2 supermarkets, a school, a bus interchange and a rail station. The site is adjacent to 1-2 storey developments and the 7 storey mixed use "Coles" development. The following diagram (prepared by Council staff) shows the existing and approved built form heights in West Ryde.



Figure 2: Existing building heights in West Ryde (Note: the subject site is outlined in red)

Council owns 2 Dickson Avenue immediately adjacent to the subject site. This is leased to Christian Community Aid and is used as an administrative base for a variety of not-for-profit community service activities, including home based child care and early education. Council also owns 8 Chatham Road on the opposite side of the Dickson/Chatham Road intersection, which operates as a childcare centre. 7 Chatham Road, opposite the subject site is fenced and vacant. It was formerly a service station.

The vacant service station site is one of many site and shop vacancies in the vicinity which are visible indicators of some economic stress in the traditional retail areas of West Ryde Town Centre. This is despite high levels of footfall in the vicinity of the rail station and bus interchange, school, community facilities and supermarkets. In addition only 3 development approvals have been granted for a new building in West Ryde Town Centre in the last 5 years during a strong economic market for new dwellings, indicating that redevelopment and investment in West Ryde Town Centre is not feasible under the current planning controls. This may also contribute to deferred maintenance and a decline in the attractiveness of buildings in the traditional retail areas and along Victoria Road.













Figure 3: Photos of vacant shops and sites in West Ryde Town Centre.



#### **Local Environmental Plan Amendment Process**

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (the Act), a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) may be amended by Council as follows:





# The Exhibited Planning Proposal

The Proposal retains the site's current B4 Mixed Use Zone, but sought to amend the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (RLEP) as follows:

- Increase the maximum height control from 15.5 metres (approx. 4 storeys) to 24 metres (approx. 7 storeys)
- Increase the FSR control from 1.25:1 to 3:1

The concept plan exhibited with the Proposal indicated that the proposed amendments would allow for a mixed use development with:

- Approximately 75 apartments (including 4% affordable housing in accordance with Council's adopted Interim Affordable Housing Policy);
- 750 square metres of ground floor commercial/retail space;
- 106 basement car parking spaces; and
- A linear plaza 4m wide along the frontage of Chatham Road

A rendered perspective of the concept plan is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 4: The concept plan perspective exhibited with the Planning Proposal.



At its Ordinary Meeting on 6 December 2016 Council resolved seek a Gateway Determination and request delegation from the Minister to implement the Plan. At the same time Council also resolved to exhibit the Proposal and an amendment of the *Ryde Development Control Plan, Part 4.3 - West Ryde* in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The Council resolution is provided at **ATTACHMENT 2**.

# **Gateway Determination**

The Department issued a Gateway Determination on 15 February 2017. The Gateway Determination provided at **ATTACHMENT 3** set out the conditions to which the Proposal was required to proceed.

Council is the relevant local plan-making authority for this planning proposal and has been given delegation by the Department of Planning and Environment to make the Plan.

One of the conditions of the Gateway Determination required that the Proposal be updated to demonstrate consistency with the draft North District Plan released on 21 November 2016. The North District Plan identifies priorities and actions to realise the 40 year vision for the District. Councils are required to give effect to District Plans including by guiding the preparation of Planning Proposals. This condition was met in the February 2017 update to the Proposal, which was then placed on public exhibition.

The exhibition of the Planning Proposal was in complete compliance with the conditions of the Gateway Determination.

The timeframe for completing the LEP amendment was extended to ensure the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement could be updated and exhibited and is provided at **ATTACHMENT 6**. The proposed VPA and the results of its exhibition is reported separately.

#### **Voluntary Planning Agreement**

Note: Under s.7.4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act Council is not obligated to support a proposed LEP amendment if a VPA has been offered.

The Proposal is accompanied by an offer to enter into an associated Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA), which comprises a number of public benefits, including affordable housing at a rate of 4% of the additional residential floor space, a contribution to road works, and the expansion of the public domain and pedestrian area along Chatham Road. A letter of offer outlining the public benefits was accepted by Council at its meeting of 28 February 2017.



Subsequently, an amended VPA reflecting the proposed amendments to the Proposal was publicly exhibited from 16 December 2018 to 23 January 2019, exceeding the minimum legislative requirements. 31 submissions to the exhibition of the VPA raise issues with respect to the Planning Proposal. These are identified as late submissions and addressed in this report. A separate report details the proposed VPA and issues raised during the exhibition with respect to the VPA.

# **Community Consultation**

Community Consultation regarding the Proposal was carried out in accordance with legislative requirements and the Gateway Determination. Key dates and events of the community consultation are as follows:

- Publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days from 7 June 2017 to 4 August 2017.
- An exhibition notice placed in the Northern District Times with circulation across the Ryde Local Government Area.
- A copy of the Planning Proposal and all supporting material was available for public viewing online on Council's website, City of Ryde Customer Service Centre, City of Ryde North Ryde Office and West Ryde Library.
- Notification was sent to affected business and land owners within the surrounding area.

All submissions received during the public exhibition are outlined in this report and a response to them is provided.

### **Consultation with Government Agencies**

As part of the community consultation government agencies were requested to provide comment regarding the Planning Proposal.

#### Ausgrid

Ausgrid has no objection to the proposal, subject to all connections to their assets, conduit installation, proximity to existing network assets and underground cables meeting with Ausgrid's standard requirements.

#### Roads & Maritime Services

RMS has no objection to the Proposal as it "would have no significant traffic impact in the State Road network".

#### Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)

The OEH, including its Heritage Division, has no objection to the Proposal and has highlighted the following matters that should be considered in resolution of the final design:



- The flood planning level should be amended so that the "initial planning is based on the minimum flood planning level being +500mm above the highest 1% AEP flood level for the site".
- Basement car parking should be designed to ensure the basement is sealed from flood waters up to the flood planning level
- Electrical system components and lift equipment of development should, preferably, be designed to be above development above flood planning level and, if possible, above the Probable Maximum Flood level to mitigate flood damage.

Response: These are design matters that will be dealt with at the time of lodgement of a Development Application.

# Environmental Protection Agency

The Agency has no objection to the Proposal and has highlighted the following matters that should be considered in resolution of the final design:

- Prevention of Land use conflict new development should avoid noise-related land use conflicts via spatial separation and building design mitigation techniques
- Water Quality PP must demonstrate how it satisfies the Water Quality
   Objectives and contributes to the 'Our Living River' initiative
- Waste Management consideration given to 'Waste Not Development Control Plan Guideline' (EPA 2008)
- Contaminated Land Management investigation of land contamination must be delivered through land use change process cited in SEPP 55

Response: The final design would be resolved at the Development Application stage and these matters would be addressed at that time in accordance with the requirements of SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land.

#### **Community Submissions**

A total of 61 submissions from individuals in the community were received during the exhibition period. They included twenty-seven (27) individual submissions, three (3) form letters and petitions, and thirty-one (31) late submissions. Two (2) submissions gave conditional support to the Proposal.

A submission was also received from the proponent of the Proposal requesting 2m additional height. This submission is reported and addressed separately.

A summary of the submissions received and the planning responses to them are provided at **ATTACHMENT 7**. A broad range of issues were canvassed in the submissions and are generally categorised in Table 1.



Table 1: Summary of the issues raised in public submissions received.

Issue	Submissions	Late submissions	Percentage of Submissions
Traffic	27	14	67%
Parking	23	6	47%
Height	22	13	57%
Scale/density/bulk	18	2	33%
Amenity	28	8	59%
Ad hoc change to planning controls / strategic vision	3	10	23%
Affordable housing	4	4	13%
Loss of services	1	1	3%

A general outline of the key issues raised in submissions and the planning response is provided as follows:

#### Strategic Planning Inconsistency

23% of the submissions questioned the strategic merit of the proposed changes to the Planning Controls for 2-6 Chatham Road. A contrast was drawn between the policy direction of the *Ryde Local Planning Study 2010 (including the Housing Study)* and its subsequent implementation through the existing planning controls of the RLEP 2014. A more inclusive and holistic approach towards the planning of West Ryde in general was requested in order to avoid an ad hoc planning approach.

This report recommends that the planning proposal be discontinued in its current form, in favour of a more comprehensive review of planning controls in West Ryde via the West Ryde Masterplan. This would address concerns regarding ad hoc planning decisions, while still providing updated development controls for this and similar sites.

In response to these submissions, it is recommended that planning control changes for West Ryde Town Centre (including this site) be considered and addressed together via the West Ryde Masterplan.

#### Scale, Height and Density

The majority of submissions expressed a view that the size of the Proposal was inappropriate for the location. The number of potential dwelling units was described as excessive, the height of the building was described as too high and concerns were raised that the Proposal would result in over shadowing and a loss of privacy for nearby properties.



The proposed height of the approx. 7 storeys provides a transition down from the taller 9-10 story buildings at 1-55 and 61 West Pde. While the initially proposed FSR of 3:1 is not excessive when compared to the Coles development (approx. 3.9:1) the location of this site on the edge of the centre requires that future development is of a scale that transitions from the low density surroundings to the Town Centre scale. To reduce the apparent scale and bulk it is suggested that the FSR be amended to 2.7:1, which would result in a lessened impact to the adjoining low density properties and a more consistent treatment with the Town Centre. This option is detailed in the Built Form Strategy provided at **ATTACHMENT 9**.

In response to these submissions it is recommended that the edge function of this and similar sites in the West Ryde Town Centre be identified in the West Ryde Masterplan, and that the findings of the Built Form Strategy be used to inform future height and FSR controls that provide a transition from the town centre to the lower scaled residential surroundings

#### Reduced Local Amenity

59% of submissions raised concerns regarding the impacts of the proposed development on the adjoining residents' and the town centre in general. The loss of amenity was attributed to insufficient setbacks to the low density residential interface, overshadowing of properties to the west and south, and a lack of building modulation on the adjoining western side boundary.

It should be noted that Council owns the site at 2 Dickson Avenue immediately adjacent the subject site. The property is currently occupied by West Ryde Christian Community Aid and utilised as an admin office supporting their various not-for-profit community service activities. Modelling of overshadowing indicates an acceptable level of sunlight will be available to 2 Dickson Street and to the adjoining residences.

The West Ryde Hotel owner made a submission that raised concerns regarding the loss of sunlight to the covered "garden" area adjoining the lane to the south of the Proposal site.

Response: The hotel's outdoor area is enclosed by a roof with skylights and building shadow modelling indicates that an acceptable level of sunlight will be available to it throughout the year.

However, it should also be noted that the building design details and impacts on neighboring sites will be addressed at the development application stage.

In response to these submissions it is recommended that all updates to height and FSR controls recommended by the West Ryde Masterplan be accompanied by any appropriate DCP updates required to address setbacks, overshadowing and privacy. Further, the Masterplan is to consider infrastructure upgrades required to maintain the amenity of residents in and around the centre.



#### Traffic, Safety and Parking

About 60% of the submissions raised concerns that the Proposal will create additional traffic congestion and reduce safety for pedestrians in the vicinity. This would be caused by a potential 106 car parking spaces being provided in the basement on site being accessed from Dickson Lane. It was further suggested that because Dickson Lane is one way traffic only, this will result in more traffic using the lane and circulating back down through Dickson Road back towards the town centre.

Submissions also raised concerns that the Proposal would create significantly adverse traffic and safety outcomes for West Ryde and the surrounding area. These concerns were investigated by Council's Traffic, Transport & Development Department. The investigation took into account the vehicle trips generated by the Proposal and those that are currently generated by the petrol station, car wash and restaurant on the site. It was estimated that the proposal would generate a total of 22 trips in the AM peak and 36 trips in the PM peak, amounting to an additional 10-15 vehicle trips in the AM and PM peaks arising from the Proposal.

Based on this increase in traffic generation, it was considered that the capacity of the roundabout at Chatham Road and Dickson Road can satisfactorily accommodate the Proposal. Traffic conditions on the surrounding road network are expected to remain similar to current conditions.

A review of the crash data in the vicinity of Chatham Road and Dickson Avenue found that five crashes were reported between 2011 and 2016, but there was no discernible crash pattern relating to the site or the nearby vicinity.

A detailed traffic assessment would be undertaken in the event of a Development Application with an emphasis on the proposed site access arrangements.

It should be noted that traffic management in the West Ryde Town Centre has become increasingly topical since the lodgment of the Proposal due to the plans for the Meadowbank Employment and Education Precinct and the Melrose Park/Payce developments.

In response to these submissions and state government led precinct planning it is recommended that traffic analysis be undertaken for the centre prior to any alteration to planning controls resulting in increased density of use in the centre. This is currently underway as part of the West Ryde Masterplan.

#### **Planning Proposal Proponent Submission**

The proponent of the Planning Proposal made a submission during the exhibition period and is provided at **ATTACHMENT 8**. They requested that the allowable height of building be increased from 24m to 26m as their further detailed design work has shown that two lift shaft structures will need to protrude 2m above the finished roof level.



The proponent contends that the lift shaft over-runs would not be seen from street level, but may be seen from a distance. Shadow modelling by the proponent indicates that no additional shadows would be cast onto nearby properties during the critical mid-winter period. Overall the proponent submits that the proposed lift over-runs would not significantly change the building form and its environmental outcomes.

Response: Increasing the height limit of the Planning Proposal to 26m would not be appropriate. The 24m height limit responds to the surrounding building heights including the Coles building nearby and the multi-storey residential buildings on West Parade. The height limit has been confirmed by further built form analysis undertaken by Council's Urban Designer outlined later in this report. The <u>2-6</u> Chatham Road West Ryde Built Form Strategy is provided at **ATTACHMENT 9.** 

#### **Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 Amendment**

To support and guide a future development application for a mixed use proposal on the site, Council officers prepared an amendment of the *Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 Part 4.3 West Ryde.* The amendment was exhibited together with the Planning Proposal and is provided at **ATTACHMENT 10**.

In summary the exhibited proposed amendments to the RLEP2014 are as follows:

- Amend setback controls to reflect public domain expansion and active frontage requirements along Chatham Road
- Provide an additional built form control to manage the interface between higher scale mixed use development and lower scale residential uses
- Include the subject site as a Key Pedestrian Area in the Pedestrian Circulation Framework controls
- Insert site-specific design provisions for a linear urban plaza comprising a 4-metre street frontage setback to widen the footpath along Chatham Road into the public domain controls
- Update all references to SEPP 65 Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development and the Apartment Design Guide

The Council's Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) was consulted over the amendment of the West Ryde Town Centre section of the Ryde Development Control Plan 2014. It is a requirement of Section 21A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* that a Development Control Plan amendment applying to residential apartment development must be referred to Council's UDRP. Any recommendations from the UDRP related to design quality must be considered by Council.

The comments and recommendations of the UDRP are provided at **ATTACHMENT 11**.



#### **Urban Design Review Panel Comments**

The exhibited amendments to the RDCP 2014 (proposing approx. 7 storeys max height and max FSR of 3:1) were referred to Council's Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) as is required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. The UDRP formed the view that the DCP could be improved in many areas to foster better mixed use development in the West Ryde Town Centre. The key concerns were the transition zones to the low density residential areas and the public domain interface with the commercial areas.

The transition of mixed use developments to low density residential areas was highlighted for improvement by the URDP through clearer controls over the building height and bulk such as conservative residential floor to ceiling heights, façade articulation, roof plant restrictions, street wall frontage height, upper storey setbacks and building base to upper story massing proportions to encourage tower forms. In concert with these controls, deep soil landscape areas within a generous side or rear boundary setback were recommended. Better amenity outcomes through the improved orientation of apartment living areas and vehicle access locations were also suggested.

The interface with the public domain in the town center was identified by the UDRP for improvement with new design controls that ensure generous commercial tenancy sizes and proportions, commercial frontages that are 80% glass, corner building expression without additional height and the mandatory encapsulation of infrastructure services within the building (substations, fire services etc.).

Response: Council officers responded to the UDRP's recommended changes to the DCP by giving the proponent the opportunity to re-design their concept scheme in line with the new proposed controls. Concept Plan 2 was submitted by the proponent for Council's consideration.





Figure 5: Concept Plan 2 Redesign post-exhibition

Concept Plan 2 generally aligns with the recommendations of the UDRP, but based on the following concerns, further study and analysis was undertaken by Council's Urban Designer to provide greater design guidance.

- 1. There is little articulation on the western elevation next to the R2 Low Density Residential zone, so the bulk and scale of the design were reviewed.
- 2. The 5 storey street wall is inconsistent with the existing street character which has a predominantly 2 to 3 storey high street wall.
- 3. The southern elevation adjoining the Dickson Lane does not comply with the Apartment Design Guideline separation distance that aims to avoid compromising future apartment development south of the site.
- 4. The ground plane in Dickson Lane is dominated by a blank wall providing no activation opportunity.
- 5. The proposed carpark ramp is open to the west and will have an adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property. The ramp should be fully encapsulated within the building form to mitigate any impacts.



# **Built Form Strategy Findings**

A review of the issues raised in submissions by the community and the UDRP advice was undertaken by Council's Urban Designer to assess how the site planning controls could be framed to produce a development that is appropriate for the site and optimises benefits to the community in general. A detailed modelling study of the built form of the concept plan of the Proposal was undertaken to understand its relationship to other buildings in the vicinity. The modelling analysis is provided at **ATTACHMENT 9** (included within Built Form Strategy).

In summary, the modelling analysis found that a lower FSR of 2.7:1 produced a more appropriate urban form outcome that respected the surrounding land uses and improved the relationship with existing buildings. Importantly, a U-shaped configuration at the rear of the building was a more appropriate presentation to the low density residential area to the west as it reduced the perception of bulk. Articulation of the building corner at the intersection of Chatham Road and Dickson Avenue added visual interest and improved the relationship with the adjacent Coles building. Lowering the street wall height to 3 storeys produced a building more consistent with the existing building forms and streetscape character.

Based on the modelling analysis, a Built Form Strategy provided at **ATTACHMENT 9** was prepared to guide the formulation of design controls for inclusion in the RDCP2014. The recommended built form outline is presented in Figures 4 and 5 to indicate the overall direction for appropriate development on the site in terms of setbacks, landscape buffer, floor heights, separation distance and building access.

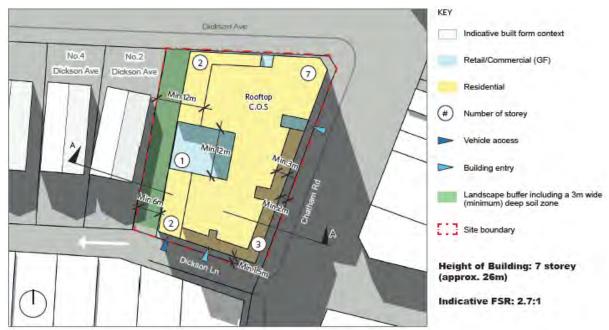


Figure 6: Recommended built form outline plan from the Built Form Strategy study



Figure 7: Built for 3D model from the Built Form Strategy study

# Floor Space Ratio and Height Controls Amendment

The proponent's submission requesting an increase in the maximum building height from 24m to 26m was considered as part of the Built Form Strategy assessment. A building height of 24m is considered to be appropriate for the site as it is in context with other development in the West Ryde Town Centre. It is recommended that the building height remain at 24m in the Proposal.

Two concept plans have been submitted by the proponent to demonstrate the development potential of the site. Detailed urban form modelling by Council's Urban Designer suggests that a FSR of 2.7:1 will produce a better built form outcome for the site and respond to the issues raised by the community and the UDRP.

Council sought advice from the NSW DPIE with respect to whether or not reexhibition of the Planning Proposal would be required should the FSR be reduced to 2.7:1. The Sydney Region East Team reviewed the proposed reduction in FSR and the *Urban Form Strategy* study and advised that:

re-exhibition of the planning proposal is not necessary, considering the reduction in the FSR is in response to community submissions, informed by an urban design analysis and would reduce the impacts of the planning proposal.



# **Review of Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 Amendments**

The amendment of the RDCP2014 was reviewed taking into account the submissions of the community, the UDRP advice and the analysis by Council's Urban Designer. The proposed post exhibition amendment to the Draft DCP assumes that the FSR is reduced to 2.7:1 as described above. A range of minor changes are recommended to be made to the RDCP2014 which clarify the type of urban built form that its appropriate and specify dimensions for key elements, or performance outcomes to be achieved. The recommended amendments to RDCP 2014 are provided at **ATTACHMENT 10**. The changes are briefly outlined as follows:

- Building height including floor to floor and Chatham Road wall height;
- Building setback and separation new setbacks to Chatham Road and Dickson Lane and the boundary with the low density residential;
- Secondary setback above the 3rd storey to Chatham Street, Dickson Avenue and Dickson Lane;
- Building articulation façade insets and slots, corner treatment height to width ratio;
- Public domain interface viable tenancy sizes, ramps, awnings and building services positioning;
- Vehicle access location, size and encapsulation;
- Open space and landscape Communal open space locations (roof, courtyard), deep soil and street tree provision;
- Visual and acoustic privacy living area and balcony orientation and noise mitigation; and
- Waste collection internal, truck manoeuvring and ceiling height.

#### Conclusion

The Planning Proposal for 2-6 Chatham Street, West Ryde has been exhibited in accordance with the Gateway Determination and conditions. The exhibition elicited 61 public submissions, one from the proponent and four from public agencies. The public exhibition of the VPA associated with the PP elicited 31 submissions regarding the planning proposal itself. The public submissions generally expressed concerns about the scale, height and density of the development and subsequent amenity and overshadowing affects, along with traffic congestion, pedestrian safety and car parking availability. Submissions were also concerned about ad hoc planning decisions.

Council has undertaken a review of the height, bulk and scale of development that would be permissible under a FSR of 3:1. Built form modelling for the site indicates that the bulk and scale of any development on the site would be better managed through a reduction of the FSR from 3:1 to 2.7:1 and by providing more stringent design controls within the DCP. The DPIE has advised that it would not be necessary to re-exhibit the Planning Proposal as these changes reduce the level of development.



The proponent's submission requesting an increase in the Planning Proposal's height limit is not supported by the urban form modelling. The present 24m height limit in the proposal is preferred.

It is acknowledged that the proponent has worked with Council to amend the proposal in response to concerns over a prolonged period, and that the proposal was further delayed due to the moratorium on Planning Proposals in Ryde. During that time, the community has provided feedback with respect to the proposal during it's exhibition, as well as in relation to the future of West Ryde, as part of the consultation associated with Council's LSPS.

This report recommends that the Planning Proposal in its current form be discontinued and the work completed on it to date be incorporated into the West Ryde Masterplan to be undertaken in 20/21. Initial traffic analysis has commenced, and Council is anticipating undertaking initial community consultation in the second half of 2020.

This approach would address public concerns regarding ad-hoc planning decisions and the cumulative impacts of potential development on the town centre and its surrounds – including traffic impacts. It would also promote and support the development of a transitional zone around the centre, allowing for increased redevelopment activity within the centre while sheltering the surrounding low density areas from its impacts.

Note that discontinuing the Planning Proposal in favour of the West Ryde Masterplan does not preclude the possibility of updating the building controls for this site. Rather, it allows the controls for this site to be reviewed in the context of its relationship with both the Town Centre and the surrounding residential area and updated in such a way that maximises the potential benefits minimises the potential harms of redevelopment on this site. This option will also provide similar sites with updated controls.

#### **Financial Implications**

Adoption of the recommendations for the incorporation of these studies and ideas into the West Ryde Masterplan outlined in this report will have no financial impact for Council. The West Ryde Masterplan is funded in Council's adopted Four Year Delivery Plan.



# **Options**

**Option A (RECOMMENDED)**: That Council resolves not to proceed with the Proposal and for the work to date to be incorporated in the West Ryde Masterplan.

This option would result in the land retaining its 1.25:1 FSR and 15.5m height limit, until such a time as these controls are updated in a more comprehensive planning controls update, to be informed by the West Ryde Masterplan.

In this option, the *Draft Ryde DCP2014 4.3 West Ryde* provided at **ATTACHMENT 10** would not proceed at this time, but would be revisited at the appropriate later stage.

The Masterplan is scheduled for 20/21 with initial traffic analysis underway and initial consultation anticipated to commence in the coming months.

This is the preferred option.

**Option B**: The Planning Proposal is supported in its amended form with a new FSR of 2.7:1 and the maximum permissible building height as exhibited of 24m. This is not the recommended option.

In the event that Council supports the proposed LEP amendment to be made it is recommended that the *Draft Ryde DCP2014 4.3 West Ryde* provided at **ATTACHMENT 10** adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation and brought into effect upon the notification of the LEP amendment.

Council will write to DPIE to advise of Council's resolution. It is noted that while Council has been delegated authority to make the plan, should Council wish to discontinue the proposal, the State Government retains the authority to proceed with the plan regardless of Council's resolution.



# 11 VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR 2-6 CHATHAM ROAD, WEST RYDE IN RELATION TO PLANNING PROPOSAL POST EXHIBITION

**Report prepared by:** Development Contributions Coordinator

**File No.:** VPA2016/4/6 - BP20/572

#### REPORT SUMMARY

Council has received and assessed a Planning Proposal (Proposal) for 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde (the site) which proposes site specific changes to the Ryde Local Environment Plan 2014 (RLEP) as follows:

- Increase building height from 15.5 metres to 24 metres
- Increase Floor Space Ratio (FSR) from 1.25:1 to 3:1

The Proposal is the subject of a separate report within this business paper. Briefly, Council exhibited the Proposal from 7 June to 4 August 2017, the exhibition elicited sixty (60) public submissions, one (1) from the proponent and four (4) from public agencies. The public submissions generally expressed concerns about the scale, bulk, height and density of the development and attendant amenity and overshadowing affects, as well as, traffic congestion, pedestrian safety and car parking availability.

As a result a detailed design review of the bulk and scale of the Proposal was undertaken. Amendments to address the concerns were made, and the Proposal was placed on hold as a result of the moratorium on Planning Proposals in the City of Ryde. The current FSR on the site is 1.25:1 and the proposal has been amended from 3:1 down to 2.7:1 to encourage a less bulky built form and reduce the impact on neighboring properties.

The applicant also made an offer to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA), dated 21 October 2016 provided at ATTACHMENT 1. Council considered a report on the VPA at its Ordinary Meeting of 28 February 2017. After consideration of the report, Council made the following resolution:

(a) That Council accept the letter of offer as detailed in **ATTACHMENT 1** dated 21 October 2016, with the exception of the decontamination value being excluded from the VPA total value of the offer, from Peter Rigg, Solicitor and Barrister on behalf of Australian Consulting Architects Pty Ltd to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement in relation to a future Development Application for a 7 storey mixed use residential/commercial building at 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde (LOTS 24, 25 and 26 DP 8092) as public benefit. The Voluntary Planning Agreement will require the Applicant to provide a public benefit as summarised below:



- i. Dedication of 3 Affordable Housing Units with an estimated construction cost of \$549,750.00.
- ii. Road Upgrade Works to Chatham Road spanning entire site as per ATTACHMENT 1, to estimated construction cost of \$296,863.00
- iii. Public Domain Works as per ATTACHMENT 1, includes kerbs and gutters, street trees, kerb ramps, vehicle cross overs and driveways, lighting, street furniture and bins, pit lids and signage to estimated construction cost of \$391,732.00
- iv. That the offer is above and beyond the normal Section 94 liability for the proposed development, i.e. they are not seeking any full or in-part offsets from S94 Contributions
- v. That they will pay all of Council's reasonable legal costs for preparing the VPA
- vi. Council's security regime for VPAs under its Policy is generally acceptable.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate the specific terms of the Voluntary Planning Agreement as detailed in **ATTACHMENT 1** and to subsequently exhibit a draft of the Voluntary Planning Agreement in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- (c) That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to:
  - Authorise any minor changes to the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement, following its public exhibition, provided that those changes do not diminish the value or nature of the public benefits to be delivered as identified in (a) above;
  - ii. Subsequently enter into the Voluntary Planning Agreement on behalf of Council.
- (d) That Peter Rigg, Solicitor and Barrister be informed of Council's decision.
- (e) That upon acquisition of the key worker housing apartments at 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde (LOTS 24, 25 and 26 DP 8092), public notification of the intention to classify the land as operational, in accordance with Section 34 of the Local Government Act 1993 be undertaken and subsequently reported to Council.

As a result of Council's resolution a VPA was negotiated and drafted between Council and the applicant. The negotiation period was extended due to the design review, and to allow the applicant to consider the proposed FSR changes and the impact it may have on the VPA offer made. The applicant decided not to reduce the VPA offer. The draft VPA provided at **ATTACHMENT 2** was subsequently exhibited from 16 December 2018 to 23 January 2019.



36 submissions were received during the exhibition period. All submissions were objections to the Proposal and VPA.

As the moratorium on Planning Proposals is no longer in effect, the VPA has been brought back to Council for final consideration with the Proposal (reported separately).

The objections to the VPA are summarized in the report.

A separate report in this Business Paper recommends that Council does not support the Proposal and requests the Minister to discontinue the process, as the Site can be dealt with via the West Ryde Revitalisation Strategy and Masterplan.

Given the recommendation is not to proceed with the Proposal, it is also recommended that Council does not enter into the VPA at this time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council does not enter into the Voluntary Planning Agreement at this time.
- (b) That the applicant's legal representatives be informed of Council's decision.

#### ATTACHMENTS - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 Detailed Letter of Offer from Applicant 21 October 2016
- **2** RYD RYD17002 032
- 3 20161114- 160597 WTP Review 2-6 Chatham Rd West Ryde

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#### **Background**

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- v. That they will pay all of Council's reasonable legal costs for preparing the VPA
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As a result of Council's resolution a VPA was negotiated and drafted between Council and the applicant. The negotiation period was extended due to the design review, and to allow the applicant to consider the proposed FSR changes and the impact it may have on the VPA offer made. The applicant decided not to reduce the VPA offer. The draft VPA provided at **ATTACHMENT 2** was subsequently exhibited from 16 December 2018 to 23 January 2019.

36 submissions were received during the exhibition period. The submissions and the VPA are the subject of this report.



#### Report

The VPA provided at **ATTACHMENT 2** as exhibited is summarised as follows:

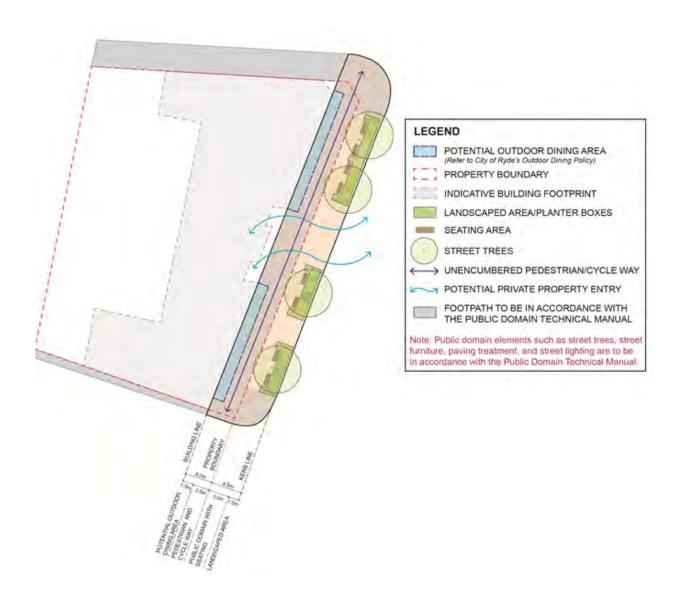
- Dedication of 3 Affordable Housing Units to Council, including 2 x2 bedroom and 1 x 1 bedroom apartment and 2 parking spaces. Estimated Construction cost of \$549,750.00.
- Road Upgrade Works to Chatham Road spanning entire site as per Schedule 16 in ATTACHMENT 2, estimated construction cost of \$296,863.00
- Public Domain Works as per Schedule 17 in ATTACHMENT 2, includes kerbs and gutters, street trees, kerb ramps, vehicle cross overs and driveways, lighting, street furniture and bins, pit lids and signage to estimated construction cost of \$391,732.00
- The VPA does not exclude section 7.11 developer contributions, i.e. they are not seeking any full or part offsets from s7.11 Contributions.
- The applicant will pay all of Council's reasonable legal costs for preparing the VPA.
- Adequate security for the apartments and the Public Domain Works is provided for.

The Public Domain works are detailed as follows:

#### **Expansion of the public domain**

A four-metre street setback for the expansion of the public domain, which will be designed and constructed to be a linear urban plaza (approximately 8 metres in width including the existing footpath). Specific design provisions will be included in the draft amendments to the Ryde Development Control Plan (DCP) to ensure the delivery of the linear plaza to Council's satisfaction.

An indicative plan of the public domain works is provided over page in Figure 1.



**Figure 1:** Indicative Urban Plaza Diagram (prepared by Council staff) for inclusion in the draft amendments to Part 4.3 of the DCP.

# **Public Domain and Road Upgrade Works**

- Road works including the provision of 6 parking bays and upgrading of Chatham Road spanning the frontage of the site (estimated value of \$296,863).
- Public domain works including footpath upgrade (full-width granite with banding along the Chatham Road frontage), kerbs and gutters, street trees, kerb ramps and gutter, street trees and furniture, lighting, etc. (estimated total value of \$391,732 excluding contingency and GST)



A pedestrian refuge is also to be included in the road works and can be added via a condition of consent when approving the subsequent development application.

The applicant's cost estimates were originally peer reviewed by WT Partnerships on behalf of Council provided at **ATTACHMENT 3**. WT Partnerships concluded that the cost estimates for the proposed works offered for the purposes of the VPA are within reasonable tolerance and considered acceptable.

The applicant's offer is generally acceptable in terms of public benefits under Section 7.4(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979,

The Developer's cost estimates have also been peer reviewed by WT Partnerships on behalf of Council provided at **ATTACHMENT 2**. WT Partnerships concluded that the cost estimates for the proposed works offered for the purposes of the VPA are within reasonable tolerance and considered acceptable.

#### Acceptability Test – VPA Policy

Council's VPA Policy contains an acceptability test to be applied to all VPA offers. The components of the Acceptability Test are reproduced in the left hand column of the Table below:

Acceptability Test	Comment
(a) Is the proposed Planning Agreement directed towards a proper and legitimate planning purpose having regard to the statutory planning controls and other adopted planning policies and infrastructure strategies and the circumstances of the case?	The proposed VPA offer is directed toward the upgrade and improvement of public purposes identified under Section 7.4(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, being the provision affordable housing and public road and public domain works.  However, it is noted that further Masterplanning is proposed and should Council wish to review the planning controls and infrastructure requirements of the site as part of that work, the VPA should not be entered into at this time.
(b) Does the proposed Planning Agreement provide for a reasonable means of achieving the relevant planning purpose and securing the relevant public benefit?	Yes – Reasonable security provisions have been negotiated and incorporated in to the draft VPA to ensure the delivery of the proposed public benefits should the subsequent development proceed.

Acceptability Test		Comment
(c)	Will the proposed Planning Agreement produce outcomes that protect the public interest?	Yes – the works proposed by the development in the VPA Offer will improve the amenity of the Chatham Road and provide affordable housing in West Ryde.
(d)	Are there any relevant circumstances that may operate to preclude Council from entering into the proposed Planning Agreement?	No – The VPA has been publicly exhibited for a period greater than the 28 days minimum and the issues raised in the submissions regarding the VPA can be dealt with as standard conditions of consent should the Proposal be approved and subsequent development application lodged with Council for a mixed use residential flat building.
(e)	Will the proposed Planning Agreement provide benefits that bear a relationship to the delivery of services and infrastructures within the LGA?	Yes – the VPA will require works directly adjacent the Site in the public domain and affordable housing within the Site, which is located in the City of Ryde LGA.
(f)	Is the quantum of the Public Benefit commensurate with the value of the Development Contribution?	The public benefits offered, as discussed in the body of this report is commensurate with the uplift in development controls, being the provision of 3 affordable housing apartments, public road and public domain works to an approximate construction value of \$1.23M over and above the Section 7.11 liability for the development, which likely to be in the vicinity of \$850,000 to \$1M depending on the final number and type of apartments.

#### Consultation

The draft VPA provided at **ATTACHMENT 2** was exhibited from 16 December 2018 to 23 January 2019.

36 submissions were received during the exhibition period. All submissions were objections to the Proposal and VPA.

The objections to the VPA are summarised to the following:

- "there is no provision shown to rectify and/or improve Roadworks and Public Domain Works to both Dickson Avenue and Dickson Lane."
- "affordable housing should be permanent and not just for 10 years"
- "I object to the planning agreement"
- "this proposal is ridiculous"
- "the VPA seems to be a token concession from the developers"



- "the public benefit is certainly outweighed by the exceedance of existing planning controls"
- "Ivanhoe Project at Macquarie Park will provide 950 social housing and 128 affordable rental units. As such there is no demonstrated need for such housing in West Ryde"
- "the VPA process is flawed. Inducements for development"
- "the 3 apartments are a bribe and this matter should be referred to ICAC and the Federal Police"
- "On examining the suggested public benefit, I believe that this is not commensurate with the negative impact of the increased height on the built environment in this area. The offer of 3 apartments gifted to the council for social housing for 10 years is of quite limited community benefit. The size of the apartments (2 two bedroom @ 70 sqm. and 1 one bedroom @ 50 sqm) is minimal and would provide only a token amount of social housing. (by contrast, the provision for the Ryde Library facilities in the redevelopment of the West Ryde Woolworths site some years was a substantive and demonstrable community benefit)."
- "How would Ryde Council manage the ownership / landlord of 3 units, why 10 years, why not 99 years?"
- "The restricted offset of 3 low cost affordable units to allowing 2 extra levels with 20 units is not "fair compensation" to the community in relation to the developers costs and margins. The provision of at least six (6) units would be reasonable and with no "ten year" restriction on title"
- "Affordable housing is that run by the State Gov not Council and there is a lot of public housing in Ryde area"
- "Three out of 75 units or 4%. Hardly a fair swap for the additional two floors and floor space ratios proposed."

The remaining comments made in the submissions were objections to the increased height and FSR sought by the Proposal, which reiterated the community's concerns on the impact on traffic congestion, overshadowing and public amenity and safety. These objections are addressed in the separate report on the Proposal within this Business Paper.

With respect to the comments on Dickson Avenue and Dickson Lane, the Public Works offered in the VPA are higher order works to improve the main street frontage to Chatham Road. Any required improvements to Dickson Avenue and Dickson Lane will be assessed at the development application stage, should the Proposal be supported, and become conditions of consent.



With respect to the comments on the offer being improper, Council has had a long-standing policy seeking provision of affordable housing with residential rezonings. At the time the offer was made, Council's Affordable Housing Policy sought 4% of uplift be provided as Affordable Housing and the offer was made in accordance with this policy. A Planning Agreement is the appropriate method for this established policy to be implemented under the current framework. Planning Agreements are legislated under Section 7.4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EPA Act) and Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EPA Reg). Voluntary Planning Agreements, properly undertaken, ensure the community is able to receive public benefit resulting from decisions that improve development potential or increase land value. The EPA Reg states Council must consider any Published Practice Note (2005) when negotiating and assessing the Public Benefits offered. The legislation and Practice Note require that the Public Benefits offered can be used for a Public Purpose. Such prescribed Public Purposes are, amongst other things, affordable housing and public infrastructure.

Further, in the case of this particular VPA Offer, a Gateway Determination had previously been issued before the VPA Offer had been submitted.

With respect to the amount of Affordable Housing being offered, 3 apartments is 4% of the likely total at the originally proposed 3:1 FSR. Although it is recommended that the FSR increase be reduced to 2.7:1, the developer has not reduced the number of apartments on offer. Further, the 4% ratio of apartments is commensurate with Council's adopted Interim Affordable Housing Policy and as such, was considered a satisfactory amount at the time the offer was accepted and exhibited.

With respect to the concern that the Affordable Housing is only for 10 years, the VPA provides for the transfer of the Affordable Housing to Council's outright ownership, and they may be operated as Affordable Housing in perpetuity at the discretion of Council. However, the VPA requires that Council continue the operation of the units as Affordable Housing for a minimum of 10 years, after which time Council has full discretion on the use of the apartments. This ensures the public benefit goes to the provision of affordable housing, while also ensuring a future Council has sufficient flexibility to manage its affordable housing portfolio and make necessary adjustments should there be a need to adjust the type or location of affordable housing it provides.

#### **Financial Implications**

Whilst the offer will provide Council with approximately \$1.2M in additional assets, the 3 Affordable Housing units would be managed by Council's nominated Affordable Housing Provider. It is envisaged that the cost of maintaining the Affordable Housing units will be covered by the rental returns.



# The Planning Proposal and West Ryde Masterplan

It is to be noted that the separate report in this Business Paper recommends that Council does not support the Proposal as the Site can be dealt with via West Ryde Revitalisation Strategy and Masterplan.

The West Ryde Masterplan will consider whether changes to the planning controls are required to facilitate revitalization of the centre. This will also include consideration of any traffic, public domain, and other infrastructure improvements that would also be required to support revitalization and how these could be delivered. Subsequently, it would be premature to finalise this Voluntary Planning Agreement noting imminent masterplanning work will better inform how the site should contribute to the revitalization of the centre.

It is noted that the Minister has the authority to approve the Proposal (not the VPA) regardless of Council's decision. Recently, in the case of 112 Talavera Road, Council had negotiated a VPA to the value of \$35M in community benefit over and above \$7.11 contributions. However, Council did not support the proposal relating to the site and also resolved to not support the VPA. Notwithstanding Council's resolution, the Minister approved the proposal and in the absence of a VPA significant public benefit volunteered by the developer was forgone.

Noting the risk, Council may wish to support the VPA on the basis that the Minister may approve the Proposal. Should Council enter into the VPA, in the instance that the Minister supports the Proposal, the community would still benefit from the VPA, rather than forego the offer altogether. If the Minister confirms Council's resolution and discontinues the Proposal, then the VPA would simply fall away and be cancelled. Given the Masterplan has been confirmed in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement this is considered to be of low risk and it is, therefore, not the recommendation.

#### **Options**

1. Council enter into the VPA provided at ATTACHMENT 2.

**Comment:** This option is not recommended as Council is anticipating undertaking a fulsome Masterplan of West Ryde that will consider the needs of the centre holistically and inform how they should appropriately be delivered, including but not limited to Affordable Housing, public domain improvements, and traffic upgrades. This site would be re-considered as part of that Masterplan.

2. Council not enter into the VPA.

**Comment:** This is the preferred option to allow the completion of the West Ryde Masterplan prior to any changes to the controls on the site and to inform consideration of its role in delivering required supporting infrastructure for the centre.



#### 12 RYDE RESILIENCE PLAN 2030 - EXHIBITION REPORT

Report prepared by: Manager - Environment

**File No.:** GRP/09/6/5 - BP20/460

#### REPORT SUMMARY

In 2018, Council approved the development of a community facing resilience plan for Ryde. The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 provided for in **ATTACHMENTS 4 AND 5 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** will drive outcomes for long term resilience by using evidence based examination to better prepare for, respond to and recover from increasingly challenging acute shocks and emergency situations, and withstanding chronic stresses. It provides a comprehensive action plan for the city.

Community engagement to develop the Plan commenced in 2019 and in April 2020, the Draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 was provided for final community review under public exhibition. This report sets out the methodologies and results of the exhibition period of the Draft Plan (the Plan) as exhibited from period 6 May to 3 June 2020 and to deliver on the Council resolution.

At its meeting of 28 April 2020 Council resolved:-

- (a) That the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) That Councillors are informed of the results of the public exhibition and a report be brought back to Council for adoption.

Initial community and stakeholder engagement was undertaken in 2019 to formulate and provide the key response areas, outcomes and framework to ready the Plan as a draft. This engagement involving well over 300 participants included local community and stakeholders (such as small business), Council staff representing all departments of Council and regional and state agencies with connections to Ryde. Feedback from both engagements and public exhibition indicated overwhelming support for the community initiative and is provided in the summary below.

Despite constraints associated with COVID-19 restrictions, the public exhibition engagement attracted 109 online surveys and phone interviews. Engagement included invitation to over 30 local, regional and state organisations and agencies from which 6 written submissions were received.

Council staff also further liaised with the relevant internal stakeholders to discuss any finalise integration of points raised during the exhibition period. Changes to the draft Plan were made taking into consideration comments received from residents and stakeholders during engagement activities and from submissions during the exhibition period.



Most amendments made to the Plan related to providing clarifying additional information and minor grammatical corrections.

The amended draft Plan is provided for in **ATTACHMENTS 4 AND 5 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** to this report.

Based on positive responses provided by the community and stakeholders and the subsequent amendments outlined in the report, it is recommended that the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 be adopted by Council to enact implementation and delivery stage in 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the report on results of community and external stakeholder engagement from the public exhibition for the Draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 be noted.
- (b) That the final version of the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 be adopted.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 A4 flyer for exhibition in May 2020 of draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030
- 2 List of external stakeholder organisations consulted with in May 2020 for exhibition of draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030
- 3 Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 Public Exhibition Online Survey and Phone Interviews Report
- 4 Final of Volume 1 Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 for adoption CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 5 Final of Volume 2 Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 for adoption CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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# **Context and History**

Recent events including the bushfires from October 2019, flood and storm events of January and February 2020 and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic, have demonstrated the growing and increasingly urgent need to build the capacity of the community and Council's own operations to better prepare for, respond to and recover from such events and acute shocks.

In December 2018, following partnership work and active participation in the Resilient Sydney Program since 2015, Council commenced the development of a comprehensive 10-year local strategic resilience action plan, a first of its kind in Australia.

Locally, the Plan reviewed current strategic directions under various departments of Council as well as the Ryde Community Strategic Plan 2028 to ensure it delivered upon goals articulated to Council by community.

Regionally the Plan utilised the planning priorities and framework as developed by the Greater Sydney Commission's Sydney Regional Plan and North District Plans, to align with outcomes, planning for our city and its community for the next 10 years.

Development of the Plan prioritised extensive and collaborative community involvement and stakeholder engagement to refine directions, outcomes and final actions that Council would deliver over the 10-year period.

### Structure and Content of the Draft

Utilising the above key strategic documents, evidence, data and initial stakeholder and community engagement outcomes, the draft Plan was devised to cover targets, outcomes and actions across nine key response areas:

- Energy security.
- Water security.
- Resource efficiency.
- Climate change, extreme weather events and natural hazards.
- Biodiversity and natural systems.
- Transport and connecting our community.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Emergency preparedness, response and recovery.
- Governance with direction, collective leadership and collaboration.

These areas directly respond to the obligations and priorities identified by Council as known or future considerations for community. The actions and outcomes from the Plan will be incorporated across Council planning into the future.



#### Community engagement and consultation

The first stage of engagement in 2019 for the Plan development involved, connecting with a broad representation of Ryde residents, groups and organisations to provide Council a cross section of evidence based community response to inform the Plan.

This process strongly focused on ensuring participation and involvement representing our vulnerable residents within the city, culturally and linguistically diverse groups, schools and local business interest representation. Over 300 individuals participated in surveys, focus groups (including Korean and Chinese speakers), interviews, workshops, event engagements (such as resilience presentations to community, 'Granny Smith Festival' and 'Thriving Communities' events) and project information postcard registrations.

#### Exhibition of the Draft Plan

The second engagement for the Plan was provided under the public exhibition from the period of 6 May to 3 June 2020 and was facilitated by consultancy JOC Consulting to complement the communication and engagement efforts previously undertaken by Council for the development.

Exhibition engagement targeted groups including; the cities elderly and further vulnerable residents, additional CALD group participation, those less digitally connected, schools, local businesses and expanding to more broadly include community to enable them to 'have their say' on the Plan and provide priorities for Council implementing the Plan.

#### Engagement and responses to the draft Plan

The following key mechanisms were designed and implemented for the public exhibition period and are outlined below:

- Development of a Council 'Have Your Say' (HYS) direct campaign promotion (922 views of webpage, 91 e-newsletters and from that 93 surveys completed.
- Social media campaign; advertisement and broadcasts across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn (with almost 26,000 interactions).
- Newspaper print media; within The Weekly Times and online in 'Your City News' (4 times in May).
- E-newsletter articles for; Ryde Environmental Education Network (REEN);
   Smarter Cleaner Greener subscribers via EDM (nearly 1,300 reaches); and in the General Managers weekly update to staff.



- Two-page flyer provided for in ATTACHMENT 1 as PDF with a 'Call to Action' to promote the draft plan online including on Council's website and opportunities for and ongoing participation.
- Emails to registered community members who showed interest during the draft development of Plan and initial community engagement in 2019 including; local peak business groups; Chambers of Commerce; Macquarie Park groups; regional and State agencies (6 submissions received); and other groups linked to Council provided for in ATTACHMENT 2.
- Phone interviews (14 completed) conducted specifically targeting vulnerable sectors of the Ryde community, including CALD community members.
- Letterbox distribution of resilience planning postcards (800) focussed on engaging a neighbourhood of largely English as a second language speaking backgrounds (predominantly Chinese and Korean in the Meadowbank area due to the high numbers of these community groups within the city and possible future resilience pilot program site).
- Advisory Committees including Bushland and Environment (BEAC), Renewable Energy (REAC) and Economic Development (EDAC).

Respondent participation from community during the exhibition period predominantly represented by:

- 74% of respondents who lived in Ryde and 12.5% that worked in the Council area.
- Over one-third of respondents who were aged from 35-49 years.
- 65% who were female.
- CALD community that included Mandarin, Cantonese, Nepali and Polish speakers. This approach ensured the project captured the diversity of community backgrounds within the city beyond duplication, as well as revisiting some previously engaged participants involved in the initial activities for the development of the Plan (including Chinese and Korean).

The results for engagement via Council's Have Your Say survey, phone interviews and other community submissions are included in and provided for in **ATTACHMENT** 3.

#### Key findings and outcomes from Exhibition

The top three priorities by Community were to:

- 1. Protect and enhance open space and natural areas.
- 2. Prepare for extreme weather events and climate change.
- 3. Strengthen social connections and cohesion across our neighbourhoods.



From online surveys and phone interviews (109 responses in total), the following key outcomes of note from the process include:

- Participants have noted that their priorities have shifted since experiencing the recent crises in Australia, including:
  - COVID-19 impacts have reduced travel.
  - The Bushfire crisis has increased people's awareness of climate change and the importance of the good management of resources and renewables.
- Many participants spoke about the importance of timely and fact-based communications and saw Council as having a significant role in providing direction for residents in times of crisis.
- Participants said they increasingly valued public open space and resource management ahead of less concerns with transport and mobility.
- Overall, participants have been very supportive of the plan and consider this
  an important and essential strategy to be implemented at the local government
  level. They recognised the importance of the Plan's holistic approach to
  building resilience in local communities, businesses and in the environment.
- Overall, participants saw the role of Council as the main information gatekeeper. People noted the importance for Council as an organisation to collating resources and providing guidance to residents through timely and clear communications.
- Many participants were interested in staying in touch and in supporting Council in the implementation phase on the ground.

Survey and interview participants in the community also had the opportunity to provide additional ideas for consideration during the development of the Plan.

Reassuringly, from this engagement there was overwhelming support for this initiative, including feedback from external agencies and local organisations linked to Council provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2.** 

Regional and State agencies groups representation and feedback was provided on the draft Plan by:

- Greater Sydney Commission Environment Commissioner.
- Macquarie University.
- Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) Resilience Planning/Place, Design and Public Spaces Team.
- (newly formed) Resilience NSW Commission.
- NSW Health Northern Sydney Local Health District.
- Resilient Sydney Chief Resilience Officer.



Key responses by these agencies included applauding the lead Council is taking to address resilience in a time critically needed to support community into the future. Comments echoed support for the strategic planning opportunities building upon concepts and outcomes noted within the Plan across regional partnerships.

Additional feedback included suggestions for measuring heat across the city towards the Urban Heat Island (UHI) priorities, health benefits from tree canopy planting, support for wide scale solar promotion and technologies, managing climate risks and hazard assessment.

NSW Health widely supported the goals and priorities of the Plan drawing strong linkages between creating healthy spaces to encourage activity, connection and cohesion in the community.

Also, there is encouragement for actions to provide support for CALD groups, older and indigenous community during crisis times. Both of these were strongly valued and supported within the Plan objectives, as well as providing some additional recommendations for inclusion in future implementation within the 'Health and wellbeing' response area (pg. 34 Volume 2). To strengthen success measurement of the document, commentary on proposed actions and performance indicators for integration into the monitoring and evaluation section and early implementation of the Plan was noted.

From feedback received during the exhibition period, amendments were made covering a number of areas including:

- Waste confirming goals and targets for achieving waste minimisation to align with adopted policies and strategies (page 15, Volume 2).
- Council's fleet targets have been clarified with respect to current vehicle classes and carbon emissions outputs and feasibility (page 29, Volume 2).
- Clarification of several 'Team' leads in various sections of Volume 2 so that collaborative partnerships and responsibilities were confirmed or corrected.
- Minor typographical and wording corrections.
- An updated summary of community engagement was added (page 25, Volume 1).
- An updated 'Acknowledgement of Country' with Darug history was provided by a local Aboriginal elder.
- Hazard assessments and management of climate risks with an extra action and outcome (pages 19 and 21, Volume 2).
- Edited outcome and additional action for tree planting with the community and associated benefits (page 26, Volume 2).
- Health and wellbeing (pages 33-34, Volume 2) inclusion of 'wellbeing' in overall goal, under 'Making it happen' extra actions and strengthening of existing actions and partnerships including support for community and specific groups (e.g. more vulnerable residents, CALD, Indigenous).
- Message from the Mayor (pages 6-7, Volume 1) updated.



#### Implementation of the Plan

Many of the key outcomes and alignment of the Plan mirror identified obligations under Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement.

During the consultation, Council Departments reviewed and provided individual strategic outcomes and goals as they relate to their teams' delivery and towards improving overall resilience. Many of which, are anticipated to be delivered within existing budgets and programs.

A key outcome of the Plan is community preparedness. To achieve this delivery and success, there will be a major emphasis on the provision of community capacity building, knowledge sharing and education for preparedness including for emergency situations.

Many of these capacity outcomes can be achieved at minimal or no additional cost to Council through aligning under current programs, building on community networks available and collaboration with other organisations and agencies. This work has already commenced with community services and support groups established during the consultation process.

Any additional projects required will be subject to the Council's Delivery Plan process. Council will be seeking to leverage opportunities for grant assistance and support where possible for implementation of projects as funding sources currently exist for increasing resilience against climate change, coastal protection and transport initiatives.

The Environment Department of Council will drive implementation of the Plan in collaboration with nominated respective Council teams across the organisation.

Monitoring for delivery of the Plan across the 10-year period will be reported on through Council's Annual Reporting framework.

# **Financial Implications**

Adoption of the Plan will have no direct financial implications. As noted above, implementation is predominantly within existing programs and should any new projects require funding, they will be subject to Council's Delivery Plan process.



#### **ATTACHMENT 1**



# CALL TO ACTION HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT PLAN

The City of Ryde is pleased to announce that a draft of the first comprehensive action plan for resilience at a local government level is now on public exhibition for public comment.

The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 for actions over a 10-year period aims to support all members of the local community and organisations to withstand and recover as quickly as possible from shocks and chronic stresses.

JOC Consulting is collecting community feedback on behalf of the City of Ryde to inform the final Ryde Resilience Plan 2030. We would like to hear from you about your priorities for how we can work together to become more adaptable and be better prepared for responding to local and global events that strongly impact our way of life.

#### Our response to challenging times

The City of Ryde recognises the interconnected nature of the current COVID-19 health crisis which has followed drought, the prolonged bushfire emergencies, hazardous smoke pollution over extended periods and severe storms.

The Plan, presented in two volumes, listened to what the community last year told Council in relation to current and future issues impacting resilience in our city. Once implemented it will support local initiatives, programs and activities to foster resilience for residents, workers and visitors across the city, as well as leading to improve Council's own operations.

#### What is Resilience?

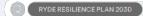
Resilience is the ability to withstand and recover quickly from difficulties. It means collectively strengthening our ability and capacity to survive, adapt and thrive from major threats, known as stresses and shocks.



Chronic Stresses are threats that have a cumulative effect, such as housing affordability, global or national economic downturn, transport congestion, access to food, social isolation, lack of connectedness, mental health, and climate change.



Major Shocks include sudden emergency situations such as heatwaves, bushfires, damaging storms and floods, infrastructure failures, disease pandemics and cyber-attacks. Often these shocks can have a chain or cascading effect, or more than one can occur together, to become compound events with even more serious consequences for communities.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT PLAN

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**ATTACHMENT 1** 



Volume 1 tells a shared story of resilience. It sets out a vision, uses evidence and data to identify pressures, issues, challenges and opportunities for resilience in our city. There are nine key response areas of most importance defined to guide actions towards building and strengthening preparedness so our community is able to adapt, survive and thrive in the most challenging times.

#### Key response areas



**ENERGY SECURITY** 



WATER SECURITY



RESOURCE EFFICIENCY



CLIMATE CHANGE, EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS AND NATURAL HAZARDS



**BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL SYSTEMS** 



TRANSPORT AND CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY



HEALTH AND WELLBEING



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSES AND RECOVERY



GOVERNANCE WITH DIRECTION, COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

Volume 2 provides an implementation plan of actions for how we an 'make it happen' across the key response areas and considering the five main pillars of resilience, which are:



SUPPORT EACH OTHER



ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE



CONNECT FOR STRENGTH



GET READY



PREPARE OUR CITY

The Plan outlines the roles that individuals, households. neighbourhoods, businesses, schools or organisations can play in increasing and building resilience as a connected and more cohesive community. This acknowledges a vital need to engage with and involve the more vulnerable or often harder to reach sections of the community.

The Plan includes monitoring and evaluation to track, measure and publicly report on its progress covering actions and overall state of resilience across the community and Council operations,

#### How do I give my feedback to help shape our future resilience?

The Draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 is available to be viewed at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/ResiliencePlan and we welcome the community to have their say in a number of ways, including:



Complete the online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ haveyoursay/ResiliencePlan



Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au



Post to General Manager, Locked Bag 2069. North Rvde NSW 1670



Drop off: Ryde Library After Hours Chute, 1 Pope Street, Ryde (corner Pope and Devlin Streets, within Top Ryde City Shopping Centre)

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'Draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030' and will be received up until Wednesday 3 June 2020.



#### For more information

More details about local resilience in Ryde are available by going to: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ResilientRyde OR call Customer Service on (02) 9952 8222.



RYDE RESILIENCE PLAN 2030

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#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

#### Attachment C

#### List of key external stakeholders consulted with for the draft plan exhibition:

#### State agencies and other organisations

Department of Planning Fire and Rescue NSW

Local Government NSW

NSW Environment, Energy and Science (Office of the Environment and Heritage)

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Office of Emergency Management

Red Cross Australia

SGS Economics and Planning

Sydney Water

State Emergency Services

#### Regional and district bodies

Greater Sydney Commission

Hunters Hill Lane Cove Parramatta Ryde Bush Fire Management Committee

Northern Sydney Public Health Unit

Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils

Parramatta River Catchment Group

Red Cross Sydney regional office

Resilient Sydney

Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils

Sydney Coastal Councils

Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils

#### Local organisations and bodies

Advisory Committees of Council (BEAC, REAC, EDAC)

Chambers of Commerce (x 7)

Connect Macquarie Park and North Ryde

**Epping Boys High** 

Macquarie University

Ryde Environmental Education Network

Ryde Hospital

Ryde Secondary College

SES Ryde Unit

Stryder

TAFE

The Northern Centre

Tzu Chi Australia

Venture Café Sydney



#### ATTACHMENT 3

## City of Ryde Ryde Resilience Plan 2030

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION SURVEYS AND INTERVIEWS REPORT

When City of Ryde first started developing the Ryde Resilience Plan in late 2018, 'resilience' was flagged as a priority internally but was often viewed as a nice-to-have by the wider community. In recent months, following the 'Black Summer' with bushfires and hazardous smoke pollution, the COVID-19 pandemic and a slowing economy, the community is telling us resilience planning is essential to wellbeing and future prosperity across the City of Ryde and its residents.

This report provides an overview of findings from the online survey and phone interviews completed by JOC Consulting as part of the public exhibition period for the draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 (the Plan). The research undertaken by JOC Consulting has complemented the communications and engagement efforts by City of Ryde (and detailed separately).

#### **Overview**

The draft Plan was placed on public exhibition for the period 6 May and 3 June 2020. During that time, **109 people have participated** in the engagement activities facilitated or reviewed by JOC Consulting. These include:

- 93 completed online surveys
- 14 phone interviews (including 4 interviews with participants who identify as being from CALD backgrounds)
- 2 written submissions

In addition, JOC Consulting created a Facebook Ad geotargeted at the City of Ryde Local Government Area that reached 8,200 people with 340 click-throughs to Council's Have Your Say page. This promotional effort has complemented the City of Ryde's own social media, e-newsletter and resilience website campaign implemented by Council's Communications team.





#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

#### **Executive Summary**

The following insights are collated from engagement activities facilitated or reviewed by JOC Consulting during the public exhibition period of the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030:

- Support for the project: Participants are supportive of Council bringing resilience to the forefront of planning. Participants recognised the importance of the Plan's holistic approach to building resilience in local communities, businesses and in the environment.
- Potential for greater collaboration with community: Participants were enthusiastic about the implementation of the Resilience Plan and would like to see initiatives being delivered with the support of local community members and organisations.
- Council as the coordinator and facilitator of information: Participants noted the importance for Council as an organisation that is responsible for collating and disseminating resources and information and providing guidance to residents through timely and clear communications.
- A shift in attitude and interest in 'resilience': Participants (particularly phone interviews) noted that their answers and priorities have shifted since experiencing the two most recent crisis in Australia (Bushfires and COVID-19). Participants said they increasingly valued public space and resource management and were less concerned with transport and mobility.
- The top three goal priorities:
  - 1. Protect and enhance open space and natural areas
  - 2. Prepare for extreme weather events and climate change
  - 3. Strengthen social connections and cohesion across our neighbourhoods
- The top four target priorities:
  - 1. By 2040, at least 40% of the City of Ryde will have tree canopy cover
  - 2. Zero litter to river by 2030
  - 3. By 2025, there will be a 20% per capita reduction in waste to landfill based on 2018 levels
  - 4. By 2040, all new and retrofit residential developments will require minimum 5,000 litre rainwater tank per single dwelling for harvesting or recycling rainwater
- Seeking advice online before asking friends and family: Participants reported they use several platforms to gather vital information for guidance and education in a crisis or emergency situation:
  - The majority of participants use online media (28%) followed by television news (26%)
  - One participant reported they turned to recognised experts in their community
  - No participants reported to get emergency response information from friends and family



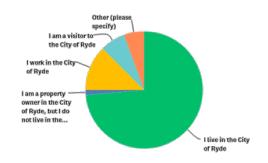


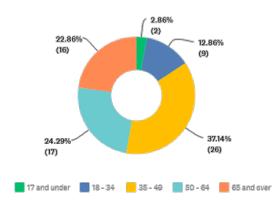
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#### **Participation demographics**

Participants who completed the online survey and phone interviews were:

- Residents: The majority of participants (74%) lived in the City of Ryde identifying as 12.5% as local workers (in the LGA)
- Mix of ages: Over one third of participants were aged between 35 and 49 years.
- Female: 65% of participants identified as being a female
- CALD: Eight participants spoke languages other than English at home - with three participants speaking Mandarin, two speaking Cantonese, one Nepali and one Polish
- Locals: 15 participants were from the postcode 2113, 13 from 2112 and 11 from 2114. Other postcodes recorded by participants include 2122, 2111, 2110 and 2121.









#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

#### **Priority goals**

Nine goals have been developed to help achieve the vision for a resilient Ryde. Participants were asked to select three priority goals from the draft Plan. In total, 93 participants completed this question in the survey.

Participants identified the following 3 priority goals for achieving a more resilient City of Ryde:

- Protect and enhance open space and natural areas (53% of participants)
- 2. Prepare for extreme weather events and climate change (42% of participants)
- 3. Strengthen social connections and cohesion across our neighbourhoods (39% of participants)

#### Full data

The below graph and table provide more detail on votes received from the community on goal priorities for the Plan. Please reference the table as key for the graph.



Order of priority (1 = highest and 10 = lowest) Columns mirror graph above.									
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Support communities for climate related impacts	Other	Protect and harvest our water	Collaborate with business, government and not for profit organisations	Plan for more efficient and sustainable transport	Power our neighbourhoo ds with renewable energy	Use and manage our resources more efficiently	Strengthen social connections and cohesion across our neighbourhoods	Prepare for extreme weather events and climate change	Protect and enhance open space and natural areas





#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

#### **Priority targets**

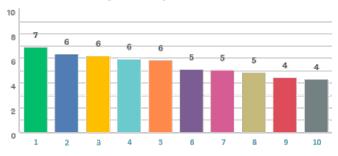
The ten targets listed in the Plan are specifically linked to strategic planning outcomes areas of Council. Participants were asked to rank the targets from highest to lowest. In total, 83 participants completed this question in the survey.

Participants have identified the following targets as being important to achieving a more resilient City of Ryde:

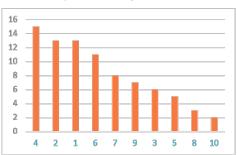
- 1. By 2040, at least 40% of the City of Ryde will have tree canopy cover
- 2. Zero litter to river by 2030
- 3. By 2025, there will be a 20% per capita reduction in waste to landfill based on 2018 levels
  - (N.B. when data is extrapolated based on first preference votes only, this target records the fourth lowest vote)
- 4. By 2040, all new and retrofit residential developments will require minimum 5,000 litre rainwater tank per single dwelling for harvesting or recycling rainwater

#### Full data:

#### Votes as a weighted average



#### Votes for first preference only



Order of priority as average (1 = highest and 10 = lowest) Numbers used above columns identify priority targets in the graphs above.									
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By 2030, at least 40% of the City of Ryde will have tree canopy cover.	Zero litter to River by 2030	By 2025, there will be a 20% per capita reduction in waste to landfill based on 2018 levels	By 2040, all new and retrofit residential developments will require minimum 5,000 litre rainwater tank per single dwelling for harvesting or recycling rainwater	By 2030, urban heat island affected precincts will be cooled by an average of 2 Degrees Celsius	By 2050, there will be 'Net Zero' carbon emissions from the City of Ryde (Council operations)	By 2025, community cohesion will improve by five percent over 2019 levels.	By 2040, 25% of all travel trips will be made by active transport	By 2025, there will be at least 10,000 resilience- ready residents in the City of Ryde	By 2025, there will be at least 50 Resilient Organisations in the City of Ryde





#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

#### **Priorities actions for a resilient-ready community**

Council has set a target in the Plan to support 10,000 local community members to be resilience-ready in the next 5 years. In response, participants were asked to rank the draft actions that have been designed to achieve this target. In total, 92 participants completed this question in the survey.

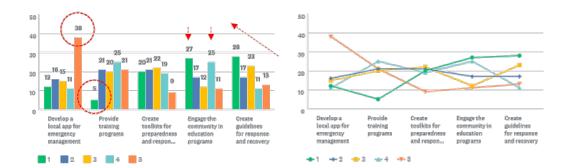
#### **Priority actions**

The community prioritised the actions for a resilient-ready community as follows:

- Create guidelines for response and recovery (3.39 score average)
  - Overall support with an upward trend in votes
- Engage the community in education programs (3.26 score average)
  - Some participants were split on this action with a spike in support for both first and fourth place
- 3. Create toolkits for preparedness and response to emergencies (3.26 score average)
  - With the exception of fifth place, the majority of participants ranked this action relatively even across places 1-4
- Provide training programs (2.61 score average)
  - This action was only ranked as the first preference by 5 participants. It was the lowest first ranking action in the set
- 5. Develop a local app for emergency management (2.49 score average)
  - This action was ranked last 38 times or by 41% of participants (outlier). There is definitive evidence this action is not preferred by many community members.

#### Full data

The below graphs provide more detail on ranking of the draft actions. They show the same data set (priority actions) but in two ways; as a bar and line graph, to help understand community preferences. Arrows and circles added in red refer to comments made above.





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#### Select quotes from survey participants

"Great initiative Ryde! Keep being a leader in this important area..."

"I think that it should not be a stand-alone Plan but instead should be integrated into all activities by residents, tradies, the Council, businesses, schools, hospitals."

"Resilience actions should be factors into each Councillor's role and progress towards these goals should be publicly reported on."

"The Plan contained quite high level concepts. It could benefit from targeted actions for the short term (12 months), medium term (2-5 years) and long term (> 5 years)"

"Coming from a disability background, the Plan should be community-friendly and communicated in community-friendly language but also in symbols for example"

"Education is key – cooperation from the State Government, investment in renewables, positive messaging and more positive campaigns – cool happenings, local solutions."

"Look at the COVID situation, there needs to be a stronger sense of community and local connections – community resilience is the key to survival."

"Meeting with residents in our street over the fire risk from the nearby Lane Cove National Park - Our strata erected an emergency assembly sign and looking at roof sprinklers"

"With the bush fires of 2019 the involvement of schools to support those affected stated a great sense of community. This year the professionalism of our College Principals to liaise with each other has been very positive."



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## 13 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Transport Services

**File No.:** GRP/09/3 - BP20/646

#### REPORT SUMMARY

Due to the current pandemic, Council ceased all face to face Traffic Committee meetings. As a result of the cessation of face to face meetings, Council now sends all traffic committee members the latest Council initiated traffic and parking related proposals for their approval and commentary. Members of the committee are listed below.

City of Ryde (Chair) Senior Coordinator	Transport Services (for Mgr. Transport)				
Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW)	North West Precinct				
NSW Police Force	Ryde Local Area Command				
Member for Ryde (8 items)	The Hon. V Dominello MP				
Member for Lane Cove (1 items)	The Hon. A Roberts MP				

The June traffic committee agenda consisted of nine (9) proposals of traffic and parking matters. All traffic committee members approved the proposals and no objecting comments or disclosures of interest were received. Sydney Buses (Western Region) were also advised of the proposals and did not raise objection.

The proposed traffic and parking matters now require the approval of Council. For ease of review, details of the proposals identified in the recommendations below are provided as **ATTACHMENT 1**.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations:

### (A) 210-216 VICTORIA ROAD, GLADESVILLE – SIGNAGE AND LINEMARKING PLAN – WESTERN CRESCENT

The following changes be made to on-street parking controls to facilitate waste collection:

- 1. Northern side of Western Crescent along the subject site's rear frontage
  - a. No Parking 5am-11am Waste Collection Vehicles Excepted
  - b. No Stopping All Other Times
- 2. Southern side of Western Crescent opposite to the subject site
  - a. 1P 8am-6pm MON, WED-FRI
  - b. No Stopping 5am-11am TUE & 1P 11am-6pm TUE
  - c. 1P 8am-12:30pm SAT



#### (B) ENDEAVOUR STREET, WEST RYDE - RELOCATION OF BUS ZONE

The following changes to parking restrictions on Endeavour Street be undertaken as per Figure 2:

- 1. The bus zone on the eastern side of Endeavour Street north of Bennett Street be relocated to a midblock position adjacent to the new entrance/gate to the school.
- 2. The existing time restricted "No Stopping" restrictions currently located midway along Endeavour Street be converted to "No Parking, 8-30-9:30am, 3-4pm, SCHOOL DAYS".
- 3. The existing bus zone on Endeavour Street, north of Bennett Street be converted to "1/4P, 7-9am, 3:30-6pm, SCHOOL DAYS" to service the West Ryde Before and After School Care. At all other times unrestricted parking will apply along this zone.

#### (C) SPOONER PLACE, NORTH RYDE - PARKING RESTRICTIONS

All existing timed parking restrictions and all unrestricted parking in Spooner Place be changed to 2P 8:30am-6pm Mon-Fri & 8:30am-12:30pm Sat with existing No Stopping and No Parking restrictions to remain unaltered.

#### (D) MORRISON ROAD, PUTNEY - PARKING RESTRICTIONS

A *No Parking* zone be installed along the frontage of No: 328 Morrison Road, with the *Bus Zone* and statutory *No Stopping* restrictions associated with the signalised intersection of Morrison Road and Church Street to be signposted appropriately.

#### (E) HERRING ROAD, RYDE - PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made to parking restrictions and facilities on Herring Road:

- 1. A kerb ramp and connection to the footpath be constructed on the western side of Herring Road on the northbound approach to the roundabout with Kent Road.
- 2. The western side of Herring Road between Blundell Street and Kent Road to be signposted as *No Stopping* to enforce the 3m rule to double barrier lines.
- 3. Statutory *No Stopping* restrictions on the northern side of Blundell Street are to be signposted at its intersection with Herring Road.
- 4. A pedestrian fence to be installed on the eastern side of Herring Road from the commencement of the *No Stopping* restrictions to the combined children's and zebra crossing.
- 5. Double barrier lines on Herring Road between Blundell Street and Kent Road be relocated by 1m in a westerly direction with on-street parking to be converted to 1/4P 8:00am 9:30am & 2:30pm 4:00pm School Days Only.



6. The double barrier lines on Herring Road between Lucinda Road and Agincourt Road to be relocated 1m in a westerly direction to enable on-street parking to be provided on the eastern side of Herring Road.

#### (F) BAY DRIVE, MEADOWBANK - PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The *No Stopping* sign outside No:5 Bay Drive to be relocated in a northerly direction by 5.4m to enable a *P5min* parking space to be created.

#### (G) BUSACO ROAD, MARSFIELD - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING ZONE

The existing "No Stopping" zone outside 36-38 Busaco Road, Marsfield be extended west to encompass the bow-tie zone.

#### (H) BRABYN STREET, DENISTONE EAST - PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made to parking restrictions on Brabyn Street:

- 1. No Stopping 8:00 9:30am & 2:30 4:00pm School Days Only be installed along the frontage of Nos: 54 58 Brabyn Street.
- 2. No Parking 8:00 9:30am & 2:30 4:00pm School Days Only be installed along the frontage of Nos: 53 to 55 Brabyn Street.
- 3. Statutory *No Stopping* restrictions on Brabyn Street at Kings Street to remain as existing.

## (I) ANTHONY ROAD, WEST RYDE - ALTERATION OF 1/2P AND BUS ZONE OPERATING HOURS

The following changes be made to the shared existing bus and time restricted parking zone on the southern side of Anthony Road.

- 1. The operating hours of the bus zone on the southern side of Anthony Road, immediately west of West Parade change from 9:00am 3:30pm MON SAT to 8:30am 3:30pm MON SAT.
- 2. The operating hours of the time restricted parking zone change from 1/2P 7:30am 9:00am & 3:30pm 6:00pm MON SAT to 1/2P 7:30am 8:30am & 3:30pm 6:00pm MON SAT.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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ITEM (A) 210-216 VICTORIA ROAD, GLADESVILLE

SUBJECT: SIGANGE AND LINEMARKING PLAN – WESTERN CRESCENT

ELECTORATE: LANE COVE

WARD: EAST

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

REFERENCE: LDA2015/653 & T2020-00487

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to any items discussed below.

#### Discussion:

The Developer for 210-216 Victoria Road, Gladesville has submitted a signage and line marking plan for the site's rear frontage along Western Crescent. Ryde Traffic Committee approval is required for the proposed changes to the on-street parking controls to accommodate the kerbside waste collection, as per Condition 144 of the Development Consent LDA2015/653.

144. Waste Collection Days. Safe easy access must be provided for waste collection vehicles to service the waste containers. "No Standing on Garbage Day (Tuesday) between 5.00am to 11.00am" signs will be placed on Western Cres, Gladesville to enable the trucks to access the bins for servicing.



Figure 1: Location of the Subject Site and Surrounding Streets



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Th Western Crescent has a carriageway width of approx. 7m which allows one kerbside parking lane and one eastbound only trave lane. *Figure 1* shows the location of the subject site

A proposed signage and line marking Plan is shown in *Figure 2*. The No Stopping zone between the access driveway and the subject site's eastern boundary on the northern side of Western Crescent is proposed to be converted to "No Parking 5am-11am Tuesday Waste Vehicle Excepted" zone while the 1P parking spaces on the southern side of Western Crescent is proposed to be modified to No Stopping between 5am-11am Tuesday to maintain the traffic flow on Western Crescent.

There were two rectangular-shaped planter boxes on the southern side of Western Crescent between the 1P parking spaces as shown in *Figure 1*. The eastern planter box is proposed to be reshaped and relocated closer to Linsley Street to ensure Western Crescent will not be blocked during waste collection.

**Figure 3** demonstrated that a standard 12.5 Heavy Rigid Vehicle can travel on Western Crescent from Jordan Street to Linsley Street while Council's 10.8m Waste Collection Vehicle is standing in the proposed waste collection zone.



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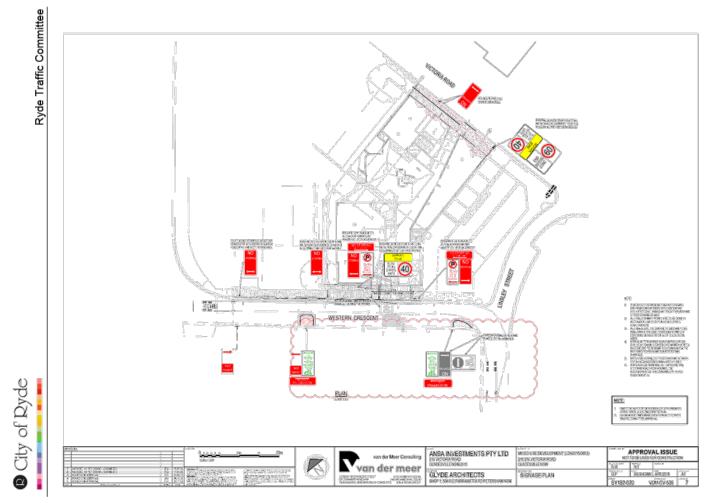


Figure 2: Proposed Signage and Linemarking Plan



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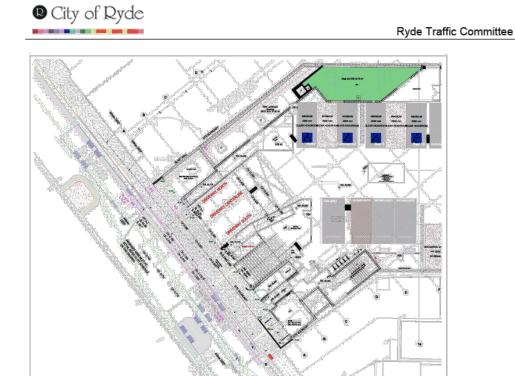


Figure 3: Heavy Rigid Vehicle Swept Path with 10.8m Truck in the Waste Collection Zone

VARGA TRAFFIC PLANNING FIGURE

(Transport, Traffic and Parking Consultants)



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#### Recommendation:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the following changes be made to onstreet parking controls to facilitate waste collection

- 1. Northern side of Western Crescent along the subject site's rear frontage
  - a. No Parking 5am-11am Waste Collection Vehicles Excepted
  - b. No Stopping All Other Times
- 2. Southern side of Western Crescent opposite to the subject site
  - a. 1P 8am-6pm MON, WED-FRI
  - b. No Stopping 5am-11am TUE & 1P 11am-6pm TUE
  - c. 1P 8am-12:30pm SAT

It would be appreciated if you could reply by return email as to whether you concur with the above recommendations.



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ITEM (B) ENDEAVOUR STREET, WEST RYDE

SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF BUS ZONE

ELECTORATE: RYDE WARD: CENTRAL

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED T2020-00510

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to any items discussed below.

#### Discussion:

Council has been contacted by the Principal of West Ryde Primary School with a request to relocate the existing Bus Zone on Endeavour Street to improve safety for students.

The existing 32m Bus Zone is located in front of the staff car park near the intersection of Bennett Street on the departure side of a pedestrian crossing. Near misses have been reported between vehicles reversing out of the car park and children using the Bus Zone.

A Traffic & Parking Study of West Ryde Public School was undertaken in 2018 and a number of recommendations were approved by Traffic Committee in 2019. However, due to the upgrade works commencing at the school, changes to Endeavour Street were not included while the school consider the best use of the school frontage with regards to the new school layout.

Existing parking restrictions are shown in *Figure 1* below. There is currently "No Stopping, 8:30-9:30am, 3-4pm, School Days" along the frontage of the school north of the pedestrian crossing. The bus zone, south of the pedestrian crossing, is in operation between "8:30am to 3:30pm" and then "1/4P, 3:30-6pm" to service the West Ryde Before and After School Care.



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Figure 1 - Existing parking restrictions.

With the relocation of the main school access gate to the middle of Endeavour Street, it is proposed that the Bus Zone be relocated to north of the new school access gate. A grass kerbed island will be removed to accommodate for bus movements. Refer to *Figure 2*.

The existing "No Stopping" zones adjacent to the new Bus Zone will be converted into "No Parking, 8:30-9:30am, 3-4pm, School Days" to allow parents to utilise these spaces for drop off and pick up during those times. Other times will become unrestricted parking.

The existing Bus Zone will be converted to "1/4P, 7-9am, 3:30-6pm, SCHOOL DAYS" to service the West Ryde Before and After School Care.

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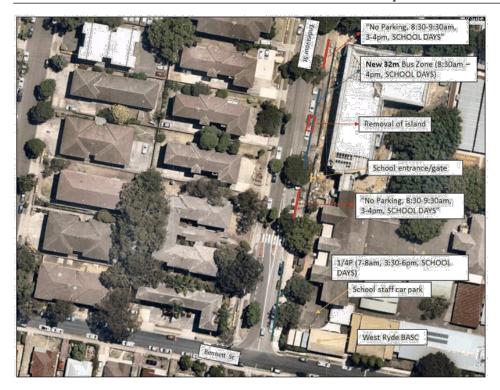


Figure 2 - Proposed new parking restrictions.

#### Consultation:

- STA approval was sought to relocate the bus stop.
- Residents were not consulted as it is along the school frontage and does not result in any loss of car park

#### Recommendation:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the following changes to parking restrictions on Endeavour Street be undertaken as per Figure 2

- 1. The bus zone on the eastern side of Endeavour Street north of Bennett Street be relocated to a midblock position adjacent to the new entrance/gate to the school.
- The existing time restricted "No Stopping" restrictions currently located midway along Endeavour Street be converted to "No Parking, 8-30-9:30am, 3-4pm, SCHOOL DAYS".



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 The existing bus zone on Endeavour Street, north of Bennett Street be converted to "1/4P, 7-9am, 3:30-6pm, SCHOOL DAYS" to service for the West Ryde Before and After School Care. At all other times unrestricted parking will apply along this zone.



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ITEM (C) SPOONER PLACE, NORTH RYDE

SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: RYDE WARD: EAST

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED T2020-00458

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to any items discussed below.

#### Discussion:

Council has been contacted by a local resident regarding the increasing number of incidents of motorists partially blocking access to his driveway. Given the narrow width of Spooner Place at 6m wide, access and egress to/from the resident's property is extremely difficult when it is partially blocked by inappropriately parked vehicles.



Figure 1: Location Plan

Spooner Place is located in close proximity to the Macquarie Park Employment Zone and while much of the street is subject to parking restrictions, there is a small section which remains unrestricted and thus serves as a major attractor to all day commuter parking with resultant inappropriate parking behaviour occurring.

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An on-site meeting was held with the resident to discuss various options to address the parking situation. He was advised that all residents would need to be consulted if any changes to on-street parking were proposed.



Figure 2: Existing On-Street Parking Restrictions

Currently as per the above plan, there is a range of parking restrictions in place on Spooner Place. Rather than introduce another variation of timed parking restrictions into the street, it is proposed that all on-street parking in the street be converted to the following: 2P 8:30am-6pm Mon-Fri & 8:30am - 12:30 Sat, with the existing No Parking and No Stopping restrictions to remain as is. All properties in the street have access to offstreet parking.

The above proposal was sent to all residents of Spooner Place for comment, with three replies received in the affirmative. It should be noted that the proposal was sent to both residents and owners of properties in the street.



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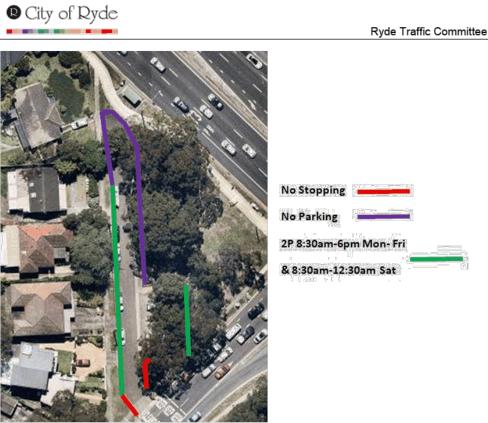


Figure 3: Proposed On-Street Parking Restrictions

#### Recommendation:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that all existing timed parking restrictions and all unrestricted parking in Spooner Place be changed to 2P 8:30am-6pm Mon-Fri & 8:30am-12:30pm Sat with existing No Stopping and No Parking restrictions to remain unaltered.



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ITEM (D) MORRISON ROAD, PUTNEY

SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: RYDE WARD: CENTRAL

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED T2020-00459

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to any items discussed below.

#### Discussion:

Council has been contacted by a local resident regarding the on-street parking situation outside her property. The resident lives on Morrison Road in relative proximity of the signalised intersection of Church Street and Morrison Road. There is a dedicated parking lane delineated on both sides of the road, however on the southern side of the road there remains a section of unrestricted parking that occurs immediately west of the end of the parking lane. It is this section of road way that is of concern to the resident.

A site inspection reveals that the existing signage on this section of Morrison Road is deficient as neither the existing *Bus Zone* or statutory *No Stopping* restrictions associated the signalised intersection are signposted.

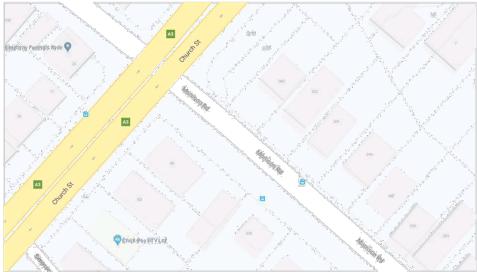


Figure 1: Site Location



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While the resident had requested that *No Stopping* restrictions be installed from the end of the delineated parking lane, she was advised that *No Parking* would be more appropriate as this would enable goods/persons to be dropped off/collected along her frontage as compared to the limitations associated with *No Stopping* restrictions.



Figure 2: Proposed Parking Restrictions

It is thus proposed that a *No Parking* zone be installed from the end of the parking lane along the frontage of No: 328 Morrison Road, with the bus zone and statutory *No Stopping* restrictions signposted appropriately. The resident has advised that she is happy for the above restrictions to be installed in front of her property.

#### Recommendation:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that a *No Parking* zone be installed along the frontage of No:328 Morrison Road, with the *Bus Zone* and statutory *No Stopping* restrictions associated with the signalised intersection of Morrison Road and Church Street signposted appropriately.



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ITEM (E): HERRING ROAD, RYDE
SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
REFERENCE: T2020-00460

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to any items discussed below.

#### Discussion:

Council has been contacted by the Principal of Kent Road Public School regarding traffic and road safety issues on Herring and Kent Roads as they pertain to inappropriate driving behaviour of parents and carers of children attending the school. Site inspections were undertaken during both morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times to assess traffic and road safety conditions and to assess whether any parking changes could improve traffic and road safety conditions around the school.

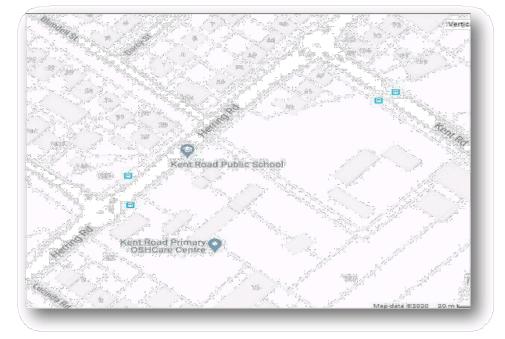


Figure 1: Site Location



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#### Issues Identified:

**Issue 1:** There is a missing kerb ramp and connection to the footpath on the western side of Herring Road on the northbound approach to the roundabout with Kent Road.



Figure 2: Missing Kerb Ramp on Herring Road

Issue 2: Site measurements indicate that the width of the northbound carriageway of Herring Road between Blundell Street and Kent Road is 4.6m wide, double barrier lines are installed, however only the statutory No Stopping restrictions are signposted on the approach to the roundabout. While motorists should be aware that they are not permitted to park within 3m of double barrier lines, parents and carers were seen parking at this location in the afternoon school pick up period. It is thus recommended that the western side of Herring Road between Blundell Street and Kent Road be clearly signposted as a No Stopping zone.



Figure 3: Insufficient width on Herring Road to permit on-street parking

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Issue 3: Site observations indicated that the statutory No Stopping zone on the northern side of Blundell Street at its intersection with Kent Road is not signposted appropriately, thus the require No Stopping zone requires signposting and will tie in with the new No Stopping zone along Herring Road.



Figure 4: Missing No Stopping Restrictions

Issue 4: During the site inspection it was observed that parents who park in Blundell Street were seen walking their children diagonally across the intersection with Herring Road despite the close proximity of the combined children's and zebra crossing immediately south of Blundell Street. In order to discourage this behaviour it is considered that a pedestrian fence be installed on the eastern side of Herring Road from the commencement of the No Stopping restrictions to the existing combined children's and zebra crossing.



Figure 5: Proposed location of pedestrian fence

Issue 5: The No Stopping restriction on the southbound carriageway on Herring Road associated with the roundabout at Kent Road is not signposted. It is proposed that the double barrier line on Herring Road be relocated 1m in a westerly direction in order to make the on-street parking along the school frontage legal. Once the double barrier lines are relocated, then it is proposed that this on-street parking is made ½ P 8:00am – 9:30am & 2:30pm – 4:00pm School

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Days to assist with drop off and pick up activities at Kent Road Public School. The School Principal has endorsed the above idea.



Figure 6: Relocation of double barrier line and proposed 1/4P 8:00am-9:30am & 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days Only Zone

Issue 6: The carriageway width of Herring Road between Lucinda Road and Agincourt Road is approximately 9m wide. Double barrier lines are inforce along this section of the road, which makes on-street parking on both sides of the road illegal as the 3m rule to the double barrier lines would not be met. It is considered that the double barrier lines should be relocated by 1m in the westerly directly, which would then enable on-street parking to be permitted on eastern side of Herring Road (same side of the road as the Kent Road Public School). On-street double barrier lines further south on Herring Road would be reviewed such that there is a careful transition to the relocated double barrier lines.



Figure 7: Proposed relocation of double barrier lines by 1m to permit legal parking on the eastern side of Herring Road



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#### Recommendation:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the following changes be made to parking restrictions and facilities on Herring Road:

- A kerb ramp and connection to the footpath be constructed on the western side of Herring Road on the northbound approach to the roundabout with Kent Road.
- The western side of Herring Road between Blundell Street and Kent Road is signposted as No Stopping to enforce the 3m rule to double barrier lines.
- 3. Statutory No Stopping restrictions on the northern side of Blundell Street are signposted at its intersection with Herring Road.
- A pedestrian fence is installed on the eastern side of Herring Road from the commencement of the No Stopping restrictions to the combined children's and zebra crossing.
- Double barrier lines on Herring Road between Blundell Street and Kent Road be relocated by 1m in a westerly direction with on-street parking to be converted to 1/4P 8:00am – 9:30am & 2:30pm – 4:00pm School Days Only.
- The double barrier lines on Herring Road between Lucinda Road and Agincourt Road are relocated 1m in a westerly direction to enable on-street parking to be provided on the eastern side of Herring Road.



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ITEM (F) BAY DRIVE, MEADOWBANK

SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: RYDE WARD: CENTRAL

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to the item discussed below.

#### **Discussion**

The following Notice of Motion was resolved by Council on 25 February 2020 as follows:

- a. That the City of Ryde investigate the installation of a taxi rank and / or a 5 minute parking zone on Bay Drive, Meadowbank, adjacent to the entrance to the apartments on 5 Bay Drive, Meadowbank.
- b. That a report be brought back to Council for its consideration.

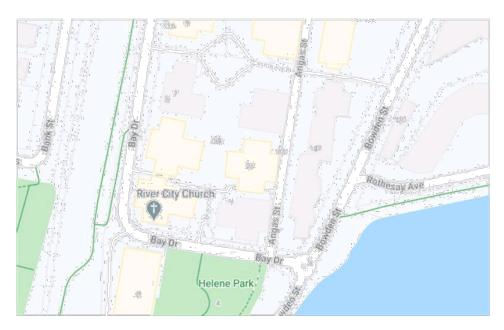


Figure 1: Site Location

A site inspection was undertaken to assess whether the above facility could be provided at the nominated location. It was determined that if the No Stopping restrictions were



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relocated by 5.4m in a northerly direction then an additional parking space could be provided without impacting on the existing 2P parking restrictions. The new parking space would still be contained within the parking lane and thus there would be no reduction to the road safety environment at this location.



Figure 2: Relocation of No Stopping restrictions

All residents of No:5 Bay Drive were letterboxed regarding the proposal with only 1 response being received which was in favour of a P5min parking space to be created.



The black car demonstrates how an additional car space can be accommodated within the parking lane

#### Recommendation:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the No Stopping sign outside No:5 Bay Drive be relocated in a northerly direction by 5.4m to enable a P5min parking space to be created.



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ITEM (G) BUSACO ROAD, MARSFIELD

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING ZONE

ELECTORATE: RYDE WARD: WEST

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED T2020-00470

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to any items discussed below.

#### Discussion:

Council has received a request from STA Buses to extend the "No Stopping" zone outside 36-38 Busaco Road, Marsfield to facilitate the manoeuvrability of buses.

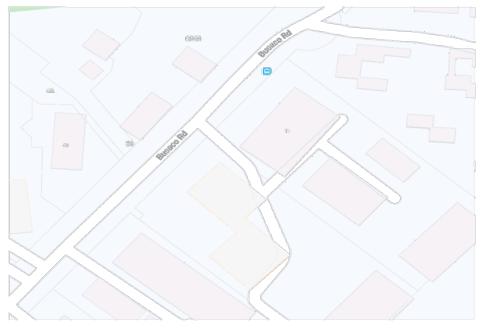


Figure 1: Location Plan

Currently, a bow-tie has been installed at this location to keep the area clear for buses manoeuvrability. Site investigation revealed that the vehicles are constantly parked over the bow-tie that restricts the movement of buses at this location.



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To address this concern, Council is proposing to extend the "No Stopping" zone outside 36-38 Busaco Road, Marsfield as shown in the attached diagram.



Figure 3: Proposed Relocation of Stop Signage

#### Recommendation:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the existing "No Stopping" zone outside 36-38 Busaco Road, Marsfield be extended west to encompass the bow-tie zone.

It would be appreciated if you could reply by return email as to whether you concur with the above recommendation.



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ITEM (H): BRABYN STREET, DENISTONE EAST

SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: RYDE WARD: WEST

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED T2020-00488

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to the item discussed below.

### Discussion:

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen a noticeable increase in parents and carers using private vehicles in transporting their children to and from school.

Council has undertaken significant improvements on streets in the vicinity of Denistone East Public School in recent months to address traffic and road safety issues associated with School generated activities. Council has received an additional request from the principal of Denistone East Public School to investigate what further measures can be utilised to alleviate some of the congestion that is occurring on Brabyn Street during morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times.

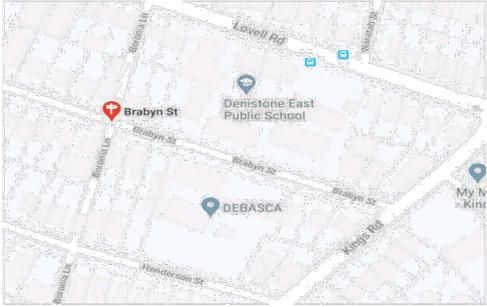


Figure 1: Location Plan



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In response to this request site observations were undertaken at Denistone East Public School to determine where the main congestion point on the local network was. It was determined that the southern section of Brabyn Street immediately north of Kings Road was the main congestion area.

To alleviate this congestion it is proposed that the following changes to on-street parking restrictions be undertaken on Brabyn Street (see sketch plan attached):

- Installation of No Stopping 8:00 9:30am & 2:30 4:00pm School Days Only along the frontage of Nos 54 – 58 Brabyn Street.
- Installation of No Parking 8:00 9:30am & 2:30 4:00pm School Days Only along the frontage of Nos: 53 to 55 Brabyn Street.
- Existing statutory No Stopping restrictions on Brabyn Street at Kings Street to remain as existing.

The above proposal had previously been proposed, however was met with opposition by local residents. Council has again canvassed local residents for their opinion and no objections have been received from residents this time. The need for the above restrictions was emphasised in our letter to residents, with residents acknowledging that we are living in extraordinary times and hence acceptance of the above restrictions.

### Recommendation:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the following changes be made to parking restrictions on Brabyn Street:

- 1. No Stopping 8:00 9:30am & 2:30 4:00pm School Days Only be installed along the frontage of Nos: 54 58 Brabyn Street.
- 2. No Parking 8:00 9:30am & 2:30 4:00pm School Days Only be installed along the frontage of Nos: 53 to 55 Brabyn Street.
- Statutory No Stopping restrictions on Brabyn Street at Kings Street to remain as existing.

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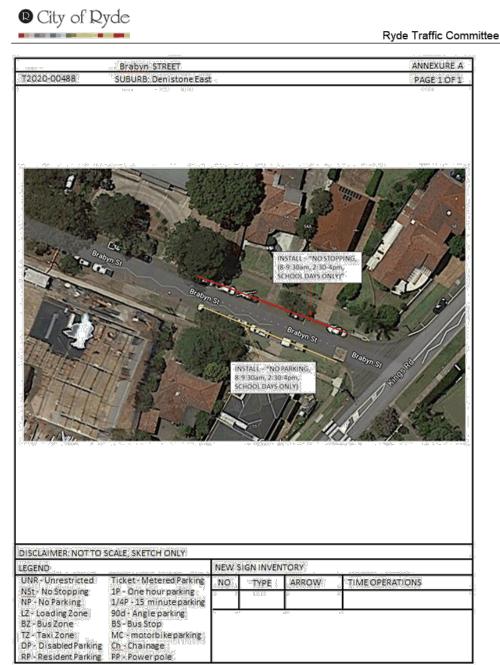


Figure 2: Proposed Parking Restrictions:



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Ryde Traffic Committee

ITEM (I) ANTHONY ROAD, WEST RYDE

SUBJECT: ALTERATION OF 1/2P AND BUS ZONE OPERATING HOURS

ELECTORATE: RYDE WARD: CENTRAL

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED T2020-00469

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary interest with regard to any items discussed below.

### Discussion:

Council has received a request from STA Buses that the existing bus zone on Anthony Road is parked out by vehicles when it commences at 9:00am that prohibits drop-off and pick-up of passengers at this location.



Figure 1: Location Plan

To address this issue Council is proposing to alter the bus zone operating hours from 9:00am - 3:30pm MON - SAT to 8:30am - 3:30pm MON - SAT.

As a result of this change, the time restricted parking zone will change from 1/2P 7:30am - 9:00am & 3:30pm - 6:00pm MON – SAT to 1/2P 7:30am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 6:00pm MON – SAT.

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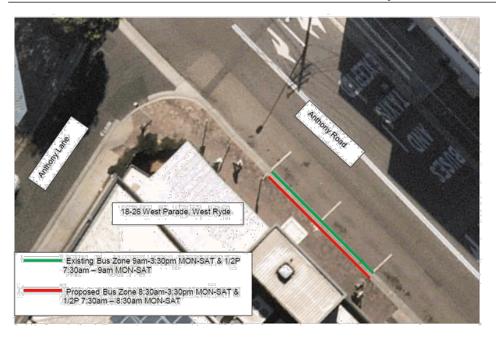


Figure 2: Proposed Restrictions

### Recommendation:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the following changes be made to the shared existing bus and time restricted parking zone on the southern side of Anthony Road.

- The operating hours of the bus zone on the southern side of Anthony Road, immediately west of West Parade change from 9:00am – 3:30pm MON - SAT to 8:30am – 3:30pm MON - SAT.
- The operating hours of the time restricted parking zone change from 1/2P 7:30am 9:00am & 3:30pm 6:00pm MON SAT to 1/2P 7:30am 8:30am & 3:30pm 6:00pm MON SAT.

It would be appreciated if you could reply by return email as to whether you concur with the above recommendation.



### 14 HERITAGE INVESTIGATION - TG MILLNER FIELD

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Strategic Planning

File No.: URB/08/1/10/19 - BP20/683

### REPORT SUMMARY

On 22 October 2019, Council resolved that "the General Manager investigate the heritage listing of TG Millner Fields in Marsfield."

Kemp & Johnson Heritage Consultants were subsequently engaged to undertake a detailed heritage assessment of the field. (Heritage Assessment Report **ATTACHED**).

This report presents the findings of the Kemp and Johnson, <u>Heritage Assessment Report; T.G. Millner Field, March 2020</u>, which concludes that:

TG Millner Sports Field is a typical suburban sports field developed in the 1960s ... The Field is not rare, and has no aesthetic or research significance. The Field has little historical significance. While the majority of buildings ... from the 1960s establishment of the Field, the Club building has been altered over time.

The Field has some historical association with TG Millner, who donated the land and is considered to be a figure of local historical significance, however the fabric of the Field does not demonstrate this.

As outlined above, the TG Millner Field is not considered to demonstrate significance at a local level ... As the site is not considered to reach a local level of significance, heritage listing is not recommended.

Accordingly, this report recommends that Council does not pursue heritage listing the TG Millner Field.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council does not proceed with heritage listing T.G. Millner Field.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council as soon as is practicable, including consideration of the strategic land use planning actions required to ensure the ongoing provision of open space and recreation opportunities to the community, and the role of land currently zoned for private recreation.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1 Kemp and Johnson, Heritage Assessment Report TG Millner Sports Field, March 2020



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### **Background**

On 24 April 2018, Council made the following resolution (in part) with respect to the TG Millner Field:

That the City of Ryde Council:

(c) Urgently review whether the TG Millner playing fields meet the criteria for heritage listing and if so seek an interim heritage order with a view to a permanent listing that protects these fields as open space in perpetuity.

In the absence of any threat of harm to the property, an Interim Heritage Order was not appropriate, and a detailed heritage assessment was postponed until the citywide Heritage Review 2019 was completed. This study did not identify the site as having heritage significance.

At its meeting on 22 October 2019 Council made the following resolution with respect to the TG Millner Field:

- (a) That having regard to the need to protect existing green spaces in our City, the General Manager investigate the heritage listing of TG Millner Fields in Marsfield.
- (b) That a report be presented to Council in February 2020 as part of the next stage in the LEP review.

Council staff subsequently engaged Kemp & Johnson Heritage Consultants to undertake a detailed heritage assessment of the field, which was finalised in March 2020 (Heritage Assessment Report **ATTACHED**).

This report has been prepared in response to both of the above resolutions. It presents the findings of the Heritage Assessment and recommends that Council does not pursue heritage listing of the TG Millner Field.

### Site

The T.G. Millner Sports Field site is located at 146-150 Vimiera Road, Marsfield, on the eastern side of Vimiera Road between Yangalla Street and Rugby Road. The sports field has a western frontage to Vimiera Road, and is surrounded by low density residential development to the north, east and south, with a street frontage to the south-west onto Thelma Street. The site is owned by North Ryde RSL Club.





Figure 1: Location Map of TG Millner Field (shaded yellow)



Figure 2: Aerial photo of TG Millner Field (shaded yellow)



### **Planning Framework**

Under Ryde Local Environmental Plan (RLEP) 2014 the site is zoned RE2 Private Recreation and the permissible Height and FSR are unspecified. The surrounding land is zoned R2 Low Density Residential and the permissible Height is 9.5m and FSR is 0.5:1.

Under the RLEP Business identification signs; Community facilities; Environmental facilities; Environmental Protection Works, Kiosks; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Registered clubs; Restaurants or cafes; Roads and Water recycling facilities are permitted. Any other form of development is prohibited.

However, State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 (the SEPP) applies to this site as it is owned by a registered club and adjacent to land that is zoned for urban purposes.

The SEPP overrides RLEP 2014. Under the SEPP, development consent may be granted for more intensive development if the land is suitable and if the proposed development is for seniors housing that is compatible with the surrounding development. A site compatibility certificate must first be obtained from the relevant planning panel. Issue of a site compatibility certificate must have regard to factors including:

- the services and infrastructure that are or will be available to meet the demands arising from the proposed development (particularly, retail, community, medical and transport services having regard to the location and any proposed financial arrangements for infrastructure provision
- in the case of applications in relation to land that is zoned open space or special uses — the impact that the proposed development is likely to have on the provision of land for open space and special uses in the vicinity of the development
- the impact that the bulk, scale, built form and character of the proposed development is likely to have on the existing uses, approved uses and future uses of land in the vicinity of the development.

In summary, should the site be redeveloped for seniors housing, adequate infrastructure, open space and appropriate urban design criteria would need to be put in place to service existing and future residents.



### **Heritage Assessment**

The heritage assessment was undertaken in accordance with the NSW Heritage Manual (1996, amended 2001). The *Assessing heritage significance* section sets out the basis for assessment of the heritage significance of an item, place or site by evaluating its significance in reference to specific criteria. The criteria used are:

Criteria for Heritage significance	Assessment against the criteria
Criterion (a) Historical significance An item is important in the course, or pattern, of the local area's cultural or natural history.	The Field has continued in use as a sports facility since its establishment in the 1960s. The TG Millner sports field was a privately developed sports field. The TG Millner Field may well have been the first privately owned football field in Sydney. However the Field was sold to the RSL in 2017.
Criterion (b) Historical Association An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the cultural or	TG Millner is associated with the establishment of the Field and is regarded as an historically significant person at a local level. However, this association is not
natural history of the local area	reflected in existing fabric on the site.
Criterion (c) Aesthetic/Technical significance An item is important is demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in the local area	Not applicable
Criterion (d) Social significance An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in the area for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons	The Field has associations with particular sporting groups which use the Field, primarily with the Eastwood Rugby Club founded in 1947 as its home field. However, since the sale of the Sports Field to the RSL in 2017, the Eastwood Rugby Club now plans to move to The Hills district, where the Club's primary players and supporters are now located. This indicates this social significance due to the Sports Field being the home field of the Eastwood Rugby Club will diminish in the near future.
Criterion (e) Research potential An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the area's cultural or natural history	Not applicable
Criterion (f) Rarity An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the area's cultural or natural history	Not applicable



Criterion (g) Representativeness	Not applicable
An item is important in demonstrating the	
principal characteristics of a class of the	
area's	
cultural or natural places; or cultural or	
natural environments	

In summary the Heritage assessment concludes that:

TG Millner Sports Field is a typical suburban sports field developed in the 1960s and contains a collection of buildings, the Club building having been altered over time, and a relatively recent childcare centre. Various sheds have also been introduced over time.

The Field is not rare, and has no aesthetic or research significance. The Field has little historical significance. While the majority of buildings (grandstand, club, amenities block, RUFC building) date from the 1960s establishment of the Field, the Club building has been altered over time.

The Field has some historical association with TG Millner, who donated the land and is considered to be a figure of local historical significance, however the fabric of the Field does not demonstrate this.

As outlined above, the TG Millner Field is not considered to demonstrate significance at a local level ... As the site is not considered to reach a local level of significance, heritage listing is not recommended.

### Recommendation

<u>Do not heritage list T.G. Millner Field as it is not assessed to meet criteria for heritage listing.</u>

This option is preferred because Kemp and Johnson Heritage Consultants, experienced and respected heritage professionals, have recommended that the site does not meet the criteria for heritage listing.

Noting the need to ensure adequate open space is available to the community now and into the future, and in line with Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement, it is also recommended that a further report be provided to Council. The report will include consideration of the strategic land use planning actions required to guide the future use of this and other private recreations sites to ensure the continued provision of access to open space and recreation opportunities.

### **Financial Implications**

Adoption of the recommendation of this report will have no financial impact.

# Heritage Assessment Report TG Millner Field, 146-150 Vimiera Road, Marsfield

## March 2020



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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

#### 1.1. THE BRIEF

This heritage assessment report has been prepared on behalf of City of Ryde Council to assess the heritage significance of the property known as the T.G. Millner Sports Field, which is located

#### 1.2. APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

The methodology used in this report is in accordance with the guidelines of the NSW Heritage Manual and in accordance with the latest version of The NSW Heritage Division, Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) Assessing Heritage Significance guidelines. This report is also in accordance with the principles and definitions set out in the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter 2013 and its Practice Notes.

#### LIMITATIONS 1.3.

The site was visited by Chery Kemp, Heritage Specialist, of Kemp & Johnson Heritage Consultants on 15 January 2020. The subject site was inspected and photographed. The inspection was undertaken as a visual inspection only. All photographs in this report were taken on 15 January 2020 by Chery Kemp unless otherwise captioned.

The historical background in this report has been thoroughly researched by professional historian Dr. Charles Pickett, from a mix of primary (e.g. Sand's Directory, Lands Titles) and secondary sources, and is considered to be a detailed history sufficient to provide the basis for heritage significance analysis of the place.

### AUTHOR IDENTIFICATION

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This report was authored by Chery Kemp, Heritage Specialist, with historical research undertaken and history written by Dr. Charles Pickett, Historian sub-consultant.

#### 1.5. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The assistance of Angela Phippen, Local Studies Librarian, City of Ryde Council to our historian Dr. Charles Pickett is gratefully acknowledged.

#### **DEFINITIONS** 1.6.

For the purposes of this report

Local Refers to City of Ryde Council

State refers to New South Wales

The following definitions used in this report and are from Article 1: Definitions of The Burra Charter 2013, the Australian ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance.

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Place means a geographically defined area. It may include elements, objects, spaces and views. Place may have

tangible and intangible dimensions.

Cultural significance	means aesthetic, historic, scientific, social or spiritual value for past, present or future generations.
	Cultural significance is embodied in the <i>place</i> itself, its <i>fabric</i> , <i>setting</i> , <i>use</i> , <i>associations</i> , <i>meanings</i> , records, <i>related places</i> and <i>related objects</i> .
	Places may have a range of values for different individuals or groups.
Fabric	means all the physical material of the <i>place</i> including elements, fixtures, contents and objects.
Conservation	means all the processes of looking after a place so as to retain its cultural significance.
Maintenance	means the continuous protective care of a place, and its setting.
	Maintenance is to be distinguished from repair which involves <i>restoration</i> or <i>reconstruction</i> .
Preservation	means maintaining a <i>place</i> in its existing state and retarding deterioration.
Restoration	means returning a $place$ to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing elements without the introduction of new material.
Reconstruction	means returning a $place$ to a known earlier state and is distinguished from $restoration$ by the introduction of new material.
Adaptation	means changing a <i>place</i> to suit the existing <i>use</i> or a proposed use.
Use	means the functions of a $place$ , including the activities and traditional and customary practices that may occur at the place or are dependent on the place.
Compatible use	means a $use$ which respects the $cultural$ $significance$ of a $place$ . Such a use involves no, or minimal, impact on cultural $significance$ .
Setting	means the immediate and extended environment of a <i>place</i> that is part of or contributes to its <i>cultural significance</i> and distinctive character.
Related Place	means a <i>place</i> that contributes to the <i>cultural significance</i> of another place.
Related object	means an object that contributes to the <i>cultural significance</i> of a <i>place</i> but is not at the place.
Associations	mean the connections that exist between people and a place.

### 1.7. SITE LOCATION

Meanings
Interpretation

The T.G. Millner Sports Field site is located at 146-150 Vimiera Road, Marsfield, located on the eastern side of Vimiera Road between Yangalla Street and Rugby Road. The sports field has a western frontage to Vimiera Road, and is surrounded by residential houses to the north, west and south, with a street frontage to the south-west onto Thelma Street, and a disused pedestrian access onto Culloden Road to the east (located between Nos. 20 and 24 Culloden Road). The real property details are outlined in Table 1 below. Figures 1-3 show the location of the site.

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means all the ways of presenting the cultural significance of a place.

Table 1: Real Property Details for the T.G. Millner Sports Field

Street address	Real property description
146-150 Vimiera Road, Marsfield	Lot 7 , DP1046532



Figure 1: Location of the TG Millner Sports Field (shaded yellow, outlined in red) Source: Source: NSW Land Registry Services Six maps



Figure 2: Recent satellite view of TG Millner Sports Field (shaded yellow, outlined in red) Source: Source: NSW Land Registry Services Six maps



Figure 3: 1943 aerial photo of the site of TG Millner Sports Field (shaded yellow, outlined in red), prior to the development of the sports fields. Source: NSW Land Registry Services Six maps

## 1.8. STATUTORY LISTINGS AND CONTROLS

### NSW HERITAGE ACT 1977 (AS AMENDED)

The TG Millner Sports Field is not included on the State Heritage Register (SHR).

### LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP)

The Ryde LEP 2014 does not include the Sports Field as a heritage item, and does not include the property within any heritage conservation area listed in the LEP. The property is also not in the vicinity of any listed heritage items.

Figure 4 below shows the statutory heritage context of the site

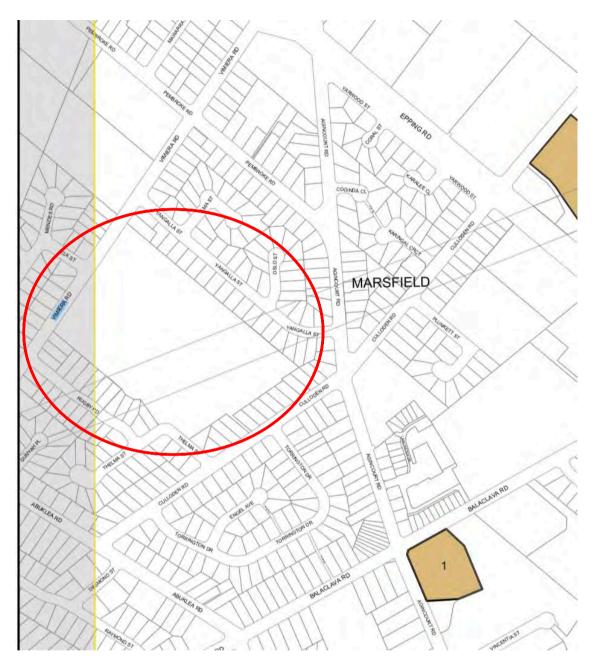


Figure 4: The heritage context of the Sports Field(circled in red), showing it is not within any heritage conservation area, nor within the vicinity of any heritage items listed in the Ryde LEP 2014. Source: Extract of Ryde LEP 2014 Heritage Map 004

### 1.9. NON- STATUTORY LISTINGS

No National Trust listings or Australian Institute of Architects listings have been noted for the subject property.

### 2.0 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

## 2.1. MARSFIELD

The TG Millner Field occupies part of the Field of Mars, named by Governor Arthur Phillip in 1792. Phillip granted land in the area to two former Marines, and the name presumably referenced this military association. During 1804 an area of 2044 hectares south of Lane Cove River was declared Field of Mars Common to be used for grazing by those granted land neighbouring the Common.

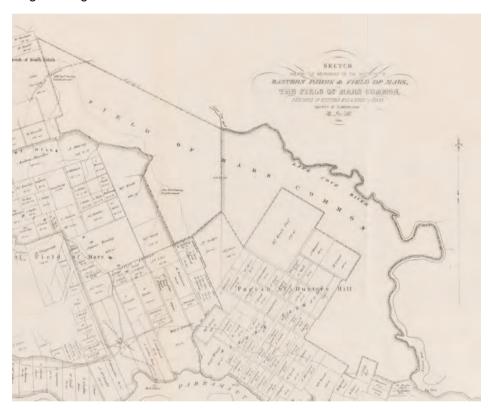


Figure 5: Sketch showing the boundaries of Field of Mars Common, Surveyor General, 1862 (detail). Source: SLNSW

The isolation of the densely wooded Common protected squatters and other illegal activities, sparking campaigns for improved transport links to Sydney. In 1874 a resumption act revoked the Common's Crown Land status; the Common was to be subdivided and auctioned with proceeds devoted to the construction of bridges across the Parramatta River. Construction of the Gladesville and Iron Cove Bridges was completed in 1881 and 1882 before an army of unemployed workers cleared reserves in the Common and constructed roads, most named for historic battles including Vimiera, Agincourt and Culloden.

The Common was divided into generously sized lots of between one and four acres (four tenths of a hectare to 1.6 hectares), yet despite their size and distance from the city or public transport, they sold quickly and expensively across three auction days during 1885.

The Herald observed: 'It is a remarkable thing that land should be found selling at such prices indeed, selling by the foot - at such a distance from Sydney, and in so secluded a situation', and deplored the apparently speculative motives behind the high prices.¹

No doubt the NSW government's consideration of a tramway extension from Gladesville to the new subdivision had an inflationary effect, but the first Great Depression of the 1890s ensured that building activity was muted. In 1895 Sands listed just eight residents along the length of Vimiera Road.

Marsfield became a municipality during 1895, breaking with Ryde and including parts of Eastwood, including its railway station. The new municipality encompassed just 123 homes and 253 ratepayers. Its population was composed of orchardists and poultry farmers, plus a small minority of wealthy professionals and others not troubled by lengthy commutes. Among these was the entrepreneur Henry Curzon Smith, who was unique in having a grand mansion built at Marsfield, the imposing Curzon Hall completed in 1900. Other early notables were content with more modest abodes, including the politician William Morris Hughes and the architect J B Henderson.

#### 2.2. THE SPORTS FIELD SITE

Frederick Allen Baylis was another prominent Sydneysider to reside briefly at Marsfield. A career public servant, Baylis rose quickly from clerking at the Treasury to Chief Inspector of Public Accounts and Deputy Auditor-General of NSW. During 1889 he paid 173 Pounds Sterling for sections 180 and 181 on the east side of Vimiera Road, an area of seven acres, two roods and eight perches (three hectares).2

Baylis became one of the first alderman of Marsfield Municipality during 1895, by which time he had constructed a timber home at on his land. By 1900 the Baylis family had moved to more salubrious dwellings at Wollstonecraft, their Vimiera Road residence rented to a succession of tenants.

Meanwhile plans for tramways and railways to Marsfield remained unfulfilled while the number of small farms and chicken runs increased, encouraged following the Great War by the Federal Government's Soldier Settler scheme. Sections 275 and 276, the two blocks facing Culloden Road behind sections 180 and 181, became part of this economy. The five acres (two hectares) of section 276 was first purchased in 1891 by George Lovell, one of a family of orchardists who owned several blocks to its north.3

¹ Sydney Morning Herald, 29 September 1885, p.8

² LRS Vol.1087 Folio 54, 1889

³ LRS Vol.1011 Folio 161, 1891

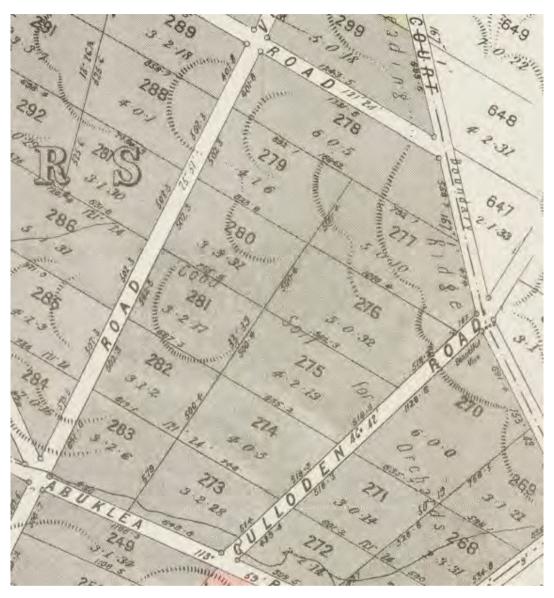


Figure 6: Field of Mars. Plan of 281 portions numbered 200 to 481, including sections 275 and 276, 1891 (detail). Source: SLNSW

In 1940 this block was sold to market gardener Salvatore Calleja. The neighbouring block 275 was divided into two acre halves, the northern half purchased in 1923 by orchardist Robert Redfern Mosely, who had a weatherboard cottage built there.⁴ The southern half was owned from 1937 by Chinese market gardener Ermington David Young.⁵

The 1943 aerial survey photo of the site (see Figure 3 above and Figure 7 below) depicts Calleja's garden and a jumble of small timber and fibro structures near the corner of Culloden and Agincourt Roads. Next door Robert Mosely's cottage frames his orchard while to the south Ermington Young's gardens face Culloden Road with a group of buildings at the rear. In contrast the Baylis land remained well timbered, apart from the lone house and outbuildings.

⁴ Sun, 9 November 1931, p.2

⁵ LRS Vol.4588 Folio 233, 1933



Figure 7: Aerial survey photo 1943, site of TG Millner Field, Source: NSW Land Registry Six Maps.

### 2.3. TG MILLNER

Eastwood teams competed in the Northern Districts Rugby competition before the Great War; in 1914 the district was represented by two teams, while junior teams competed in the Western Suburbs competition.⁶ From 1927 Eastwood teams played in the Western Division of the Burke Cup, the Sydney sub-district competition. The teams were fielded by the Eastwood Young Men's' Institute, founded in 1919 by Rugby international Jack Shute.

The Eastwood Institute triumphed in the 1935 Burke Cup, inspiring plans to enter teams in the Sydney District competition. Deferred by the Pacific War, this ambition was achieved in 1946 and the Eastwood District Rugby Club was formed, entering first grade teams from 1947. However, the new club lacked a home ground of the standard expected for this competition. The existing home ground at Eastwood Oval offered poor facilities for players and spectators and was difficult to secure for paid admission to matches.

During 1950 and 1951 FA Baylis' land facing Vimiera Road was purchased from his widow Elizabeth by TG Millner.⁷

Thomas George Millner (1887-1986) was born in Sydney; his father was chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board. Millner was educated at Newington College, Stanmore and later worked for Dalgety and Co. He played Rugby for the University of Sydney. In 1910 he was commissioned to the Australian Army Service Corps and was among the first Australian soldiers to leave for the Great War, serving at Gallipoli, where he was wounded, and in France. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1917 and promoted to the rank of Major.

⁶ Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, 11 April 1914, p.3, 22 May 1909, p.5

⁷ LRS Vol.6187 Folio 98, 1950; Vol.6294, Folio 59, 1951

In London at the end of the war, Millner married Mary Pattinson, daughter of Louis Pattinson who had founded Washington Soul Pattinson chemists. He also purchased the Australian rights of Allen-Liversidge Ltd, a welding firm which produced compressed gas cylinders. In Sydney he interested several investors, including his new father in law, and became managing director of the lucrative new enterprise which eventually became part of Commonwealth Industrial Gases

Millner enlisted again at the outbreak of the 1939-1945 War, serving as Director of Transport and Supply and gaining the rank of Colonel.

Ltd. Millner was a director of this conglomerate and other companies.



Figure 8: Photo of T.G. Millner. Source: The North Ryde RSL Club (from display of historical materials within the club)

### 2.4. THE TG MILLNER FIELD

Millner sold the Vimiera Road land to the Eastwood Club and loaned the money for the purchase, while a listed club, Vimiera Recreation Grounds Limited, was set up to manage the property. In 1955 the Herald reported:

Eastwood Rugby Union players, club members and supporters are only halfway through establishing their own ground at Eastwood, but they will use it next year. The club project started in 1950 when it was decided to buy 7 acres on Vimiera Road, three-quarters of a mile from Eastwood station. After five years of work the club juniors will next season take over the ground for competition...All work done on the ground has been voluntary and for the last two years the volunteers have concentrated on erecting a temporary clubhouse.

The standard football field, one of the few rectangular grounds in Sydney, had to be cleared of trees and shrubs and levelled with bulldozers.⁸

Then as now most Sydney sports clubs rented venues from local governments or the NSW Government. Apart from private school grounds, TG Millner Field may well have been the first privately owned football field in Sydney. During the 1960s and later it was joined by football venues built by community clubs such as the Marconi club and the King Tomislav Croatia club in the Fairfield area. These registered clubs largely financed their neighbouring football stadia, again with considerable volunteer input. In contrast Eastwood Rugby, enjoying a sport closely associated with private schools and the universities, was able to call on the generosity of TG Millner and his peers.

During the 1940s Marsfield was zoned as part of the Cumberland Plan 'Green Belt' surrounding Sydney, restricting residential development in the area.

As a result, the 1963 Water Board surveys of the site (see Figures 8 & 9 below) shows little changed from 1943, depicting only a few new houses facing Culloden Road on section 275 as well as the temporary clubhouse and players' rooms (the area was not sewered until 1967).

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⁸ Sydney Morning Herald, 1 August 1955, p.12

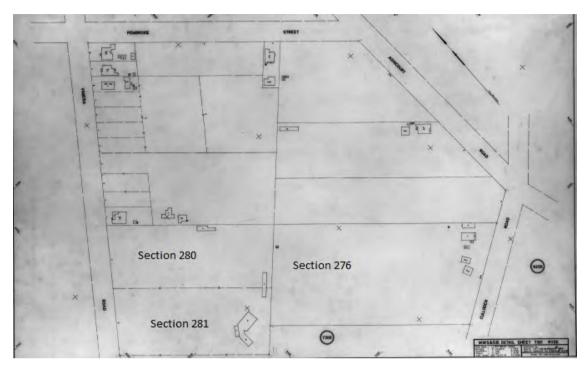


Figure 9: Water Board Survey, 1963. Source: Sydney Water Archives



Figure 10: Water Board Survey, 1963. Source: Sydney Water Archives.

During the 1960s the Green Belt zoning was removed but not before the Eastwood Club had purchased most of sections 275 and 276.⁹ The purchase included residential blocks facing Culloden Road, however this land was exchanged with the property developer Midway Land Development Pty Ltd for level ground near the newly-created Rugby Road and Thelma Street. The land bounding Culloden Road was entirely residential by 1970.

First Grade matches were played at TG Millner Field from 1963. The 1960s saw most of the club infrastructure completed, including the licensed club and grandstand:

The new grandstand is a credit to the enterprise of the young Eastwood club...It seats 1,250 under shelter. Eventually the stand will be extended to stretch between the deadball lines giving it seats for an extra 600 to 800 people. Apart from the grandstand Eastwood have completed \$50,000 extensions to the main clubhouse. The Millner complex now covers 18 acres with two full size ovals, one oval of three-quarter size, another of two-thirds size and two bowling greens.¹⁰

At the peak of the club's popularity the sports journalist Greg Growden described TG Millner Field as 'the ideal place to watch Rugby':

Spectators can either decide to stretch out on the vast grassed areas, shelter in the large grandstand, or soak up the sunshine near the club. A licensed bar is always nearby, parking is never a problem, and the ground boasts the best steak sandwiches of any Sydney sporting arena.¹¹



Figure 11: LTS Charting Map, c1980.

 $^{^9}$  LRS Vol.9973 Folios 217 and 218, 1963; Vol.10383, Folios 57 and 58, 1966

¹⁰ Sydney Morning Herald, 24 August 1969, p.77

¹¹ Sydney Morning Herald, 27 May 1984 p.76

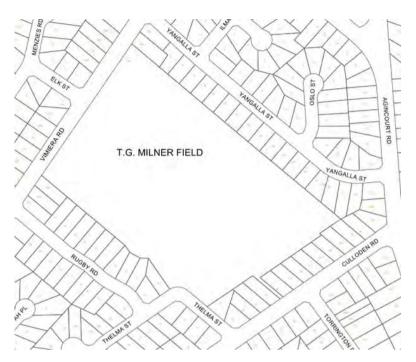


Figure 12: LRS Charting Map, c1980.

The licensed club was intended to provide the Rugby operations with a reliable income stream. However, during the 1990s the club, like many other small licensed clubs, began to accumulate losses and in 1999 the North Ryde RSL Club took a lengthy lease on the club and TG Millner Field, agreeing to pay off the significant debts of the licensed club. At the same time the creation of the Super Rugby competition reduced the income and appeal of the Sydney First Grade competition. In 2017 the entire complex was sold to the North Ryde RSL Club for a reported price of \$30 million.

Eastwood Rugby Club will continue to use the venue in the short term while planning to use the sale proceeds to secure its financial position and to build a new complex in the North West of Sydney. While the TG Milner Sports Field remains the home of the Eastwood Rugby Club for now, the Club plans to move to The Hills district where the Club's players and supporters are primarily drawn from.¹²

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¹² Information on Club plans to move to The Hills district from Wikipedia page on Eastwood Rugby Club, last updated on 30 January 2020.



Figure 13: Recent photo of the grandstand at the northern end of the TG Millner Sports Fields. Source: TG Millner Sports fields website

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### 3.0 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The T.G. Millner Sports Field consists of two sports field, a northern one with a grandstand near Vimiera Road, and a southern sports field, with the majority of buildings located between the two sports fields on the same level as the northern sports field. The southern sports field is elevated in relation to the northern one, and accessed via steps to the south of the buildings located to the south of the northern sports field. Perimeter trees occur all boundaries, however only those close to Vimiera Road are likely to be older trees which are evident on the 1943 aerial photo. Vehicle and pedestrian access to the site is from Vimiera Road to a car parking area to the west of the main club building and egress is onto Thelma Street to the south-west.

Buildings within the sport field site date from the 1960s to late 20th century, with the Child care centre being the most recent. All buildings are utilitarian, purpose built buildings, and the main Club building appears to be 1960s with later additions and alterations.

Buildings and structures within the sport field site, as shown in the photographs and on the site satellite view below at Figure 14, include:

- Powder coated aluminium fencing around the north-western sports field and car parking area
- 1960s Grandstand at northern end of northern sports field
- Car parking area near club building
- Access driveway along south-western boundary with access from Vimiera Road and egress onto Thelma Street. Gateway includes memorial plaque to TG Millner and a street name sign.
- Altered 1960s Club building with timber annexe at northern end. The north-western elevation of the Club building retains 1960s red texture brickwork, the south-eastern elevation is extensively altered, and the façade to the south-east is cement rendered (presumably to integrate the 1960s building with later alterations and additions)
- 1960s Rendered brick amenities block to the north-east of club building
- More recent brick Child care centre to the north-west of the club building
- 1960s RUFC building to the north-east of the club building
- Electrical substations to the south-east of the club building
- Sheds to the northern edge of the south-eastern sports field (one a container)
- Perimeter trees around the site.
- Goal posts within the southern sport field.



Figure 14: TG Millner Field facilities

- 1. Access gateway
- 2. The 1960s grandstand
- 3. North-western sports field
- 4. North Ryde RSL Club building
- 5. Eastwood Rugby Amenities block
- 6. Childcare centre
- 7. RUFC building
- 8. Pair of electrical substations
- 9. car parking area
- 10. Sheds
- 11 South-eastern sports field



Figure 15: View of the TG Millner Sports Field from Vimiera Road.



Figure 16: Another view of the TG Millner Sports Field from Vimiera Road, with the rear of the main grandstand visible beyond the perimeter trees.



Figure 17: Plaque near driveway entry into the site in memory of TG Millner



Figure 18: "Edgar Swane Drive" sign near driveway into the site.



Figure 19: View of the grandstand at the northern end of the north-western sports field.



Figure 20: View across the north-western sports field looking towards the main club building to the south



Figure 21: View of the car parking area with the club building beyond



Figure 22: View along driveway through the car parking area, looking towards the south



Figure 23: Another view of the car parking area with the club building beyond



Figure 24: North-western elevation of the altered 1960s club building



Figure 25: Part of south-eastern elevation of the altered 1960s club building



Figure 26: View along part of the south-eastern elevation of the club building, looking north



Figure 27: View along the south-eastern elevation of the club building looking towards the carparking area



Figure 28: Timber annexe at north-eastern end of the club building



Figure 29: RUFC building to the south of the club building



Figure 30: Electrical substations to the south of the club building. Note change of level beyond, where the south-eastern sports field is elevated.



Figure 31: Eastern Rugby Amenities block to the north-east of the club building



Figure 32: RUFC Building to the north-east of the club building



Figure 33: Eastwood Rugby building to the north-east of the northern sport field



Figure 34: Childcare building



Figure 35: View of the south-eastern sports field



Figure 36: Sheds at the northern end of the south-eastern sport field



Figure 37: Another view of the south-eastern sports field looking north towards sheds

# 4.0 COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

A search of heritage-listed sports facilities within NSW reveals various bowling clubs and a smaller number of sports grounds which are listed, most of these with Federation or inter-war period grandstands and other buildings.

As a 1960s sports facility, the T.G. Millner field is not comparable to these heritage listed sports facilities.

# 5.0 ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

# 5.1. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The NSW Heritage Manual (1996, amended 2001) in the Assessing heritage significance section sets out the basis for assessment of the heritage significance of an item, place or site by evaluating its significance in reference to specific criteria. These criteria can be applied at national, state or local levels of significance.

The criteria used are:

#### Criterion (a) Historical significance

The item is important in the course of, or pattern of New South Wales' cultural or natural history (State significance) OR An item is important in the course, or pattern, of the local area's cultural or natural history.

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion:**

Shows evidence of a significant human activity

The TG Millner Field is a sports facility developed from the 1960s. The historical significance of the site is considered low.

Is associated with a significant activity or cultural phase

Not Applicable as the sports activity is a typical activity and not considered significant.

Maintains or shows the continuity of a historical process or activity

Applicable. The Field has continued in use as a sports facility since its establishment in the 1960s.

The TG Millner sports field was a privately developed sports field. The TG Millner Field may well have been the first privately owned football field in Sydney, however the Field was sold to the RSL in 2017 and is no longer privately owned.

#### **Guidelines for Exclusion:**

 Has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important activities or processes

#### Not relevant

- Provides evidence of activities or processes that are of dubious historical importance Relevant. The sports activity on the site is considered to be of dubious historical importance.
- Has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association Relevant. The buildings within the sports complex, particularly the Club building, have been altered over time. The childcare centre building is relatively recent.

Types of items which meet criterion (a) include:

 Items which demonstrate strong associations to past customs, cultural practices, philosophies or systems of government, regardless of the intactness of the item or any structure on the place;

Not Applicable. The field is a typical suburban sports and club facility without strong associations to past customs etc.

 Items associated with significant historical events, regardless of the intactness of the item or any structure on the place;

Not Applicable. The field has no association with significant historical events.

 Significant cultural landscapes and other items demonstrating overlays of the continual pattern of human use and occupation; and/or

Not Applicable. The field is a typical suburban sports field and club and is not considered to be a significant cultural landscape.

 Items where the physical fabric (above or below ground) demonstrates any of the points described above.

Not Applicable.

#### Criterion (b) Historical Association

An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in New South Wales' cultural or natural history (State significance) OR

An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the cultural or natural history of the local area (Local significance).

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion:**

Shows evidence of a significant human occupation

Not Applicable. The field is a typical suburban sports facility.

Is associated with a significant event, person or group of persons

Applicable to some extent. TG Millner is associated with the establishment of the Field and is regarded as an historically significant person at a local level. However, this association is not reflected in existing fabric on the site.

#### **Guidelines for Exclusion:**

 Has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important people or events

Not applicable.

Provides evidence of people or events that are of dubious historical importance

#### Not relevant.

Has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association.

Relevant. The Club building has also been altered over time and does not demonstrate the historical association, except for historical displays within the entry area.

Types of items which meet this criterion include:

 Items which demonstrate strong associations to a particular event, historical theme, people or philosophies, regardless of the intactness of the item or any of its structures;

The field does not demonstrate a strong association with TG Millner in its fabric.

 Items associated with significant historical events, regardless of the intactness of the item or any structure on the place; and/or

Not Applicable. There is no association with any significant historical event.

 Items where the physical fabric (above or below ground) demonstrates any of the points described above.

Not Applicable. The fabric of the Field does not demonstrate the historical association.

#### Criterion (c) Aesthetic/Technical significance

An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in New South Wales (State significance); OR

An item is important is demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in the local area (Local significance).

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion:**

Shows or is associated with, creative or technical innovation or achievement

Not Applicable. The fabric of the Field does not demonstrate creative or technical innovation.

Is the inspiration for a creative or technical innovation or achievement

Not Applicable.

Is aesthetically distinctive

Not Applicable.

· Has landmark qualities

Not Applicable.

Exemplifies a particular taste, style or technology.

Not Applicable.

Guidelines for Exclusion:

Is not a major work by an important designer or artist

Applicable

Has lost its design or technical integrity

Applicable to an extent due to alteration of the Club building and later construction of the childcare centre within the site.

 Its positive visual or sensory appeal or landmark and scenic qualities have been more than temporarily degraded

Not Applicable. The field does not have aesthetic or landmark qualities.

Has only a loose association with a creative or technical achievement.

Not Applicable. The Field does not demonstrate creative or technical achievement.

Types of items which meet this criterion include:

Items which demonstrate creative or technical excellence, innovation or achievement;

Not Applicable.

Items which have been the inspiration for creative or technical achievement;

Not Applicable.

 Items which demonstrate a highly original and influential style, such as an important early (seminal) work of a major architect; and/or

Not Applicable.

 Items which demonstrate the culmination of a particular architectural style (known as climactic).

Not Applicable.

#### Criterion (d) Social significance

An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in New South Wales for social, cultural or spiritual reasons (State significance) OR

An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in the area for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons (Local significance).

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion:**

• Is important for its associations with an identifiable group

The Field has associations with particular sporting groups which use the Field, primarily with the Eastwood Rugby Club founded in 1947 as its home field. However, since the sale of the Sports

Field to the RSL in 2017, the Eastwood Rugby Club now plans to move to The Hills district, where the Club's primary players and supporters are now located. This indicates this social significance due to the Sports Field being the home field of the Eastwood Rugby Club will diminish in the near future.

Is important to a community's sense of place.

No community surveys have been undertaken in relation to community regard for the T.G. Millner Field. However, while it is assumed there is some level of community regard for the Field, this is likely to relate to the current use and amenities (see Guidelines for Exclusion below, first dot point).

#### **Guidelines for Exclusion:**

Is only important to the community for amenity reasons

The Field is likely to meet this exclusion criterion, as it is likely to be valued by the community primarily for amenity reasons (i.e. for its current use and availability for sports and club activities). These uses and amenities are capable of relocation within the Ryde City Council area.

Is retained only in preference to a proposed alternative.

The Field is likely to meet this exclusion criterion.

Types of items which meet this criterion include:

Items which are esteemed by the community for their cultural values;

The Field does not demonstrate cultural values other than a loose historical association with TG Millner. The plans of the Eastwood Rugby Club to relocate to The Hills district, which has been stated as now being the area where players and supporters are primarily located, indicates an ephemeral attachment to the TG Millner Field by the Rugby Club, despite association with the Field as its home field since 1947.

• Items which if damaged or destroyed would cause a community a sense of loss;

The removal of the built fabric at TG Millner Field is unlikely to cause a community sense of loss. The removal of the uses and amenities of the TG Millner Field may cause some community sense of loss; however, this would be mitigated if the uses and amenities are relocated.

and/or

• Items which contribute to a community's sense of identity.

Interpretation of the history of the TG Millner Field may equally contribute to the community's sense of identity as the retention of the Field itself, and make the Field's history better appreciated by the community.

Items are excluded if:

• They are valued only for their amenity (service convenience); and/or

The Field is likely to meet this exclusion criterion.

• The community seeks their retention only in preference to a proposed alternative.

The Field may meet this exclusion criterion.

#### Criterion (e) Research potential

An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to the understanding of New South Wales' cultural or natural history (State significance) OR

TG MILLNER FIELD HERITAGE ASSESSMENT An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the area's cultural or natural history (Local significance).

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion:**

 Has the potential to yield new or further substantial scientific and/or archaeological information

Not applicable. The site is not considered to have significant archaeological potential.

• Is an important benchmark or reference site or type

Not applicable (see above).

• Provides evidence of past human cultures that is unavailable elsewhere.

Not applicable (see above).

#### **Guidelines for Exclusion:**

 The knowledge gained would be irrelevant to research on science, human history or culture

Considered likely to be applicable.

Has little archaeological or research potential

Considered likely to be applicable.

 Only contains information that is readily available from other resources or archaeological sites.

Considered likely to be applicable.

#### Criterion (f) Rarity

An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of New South Wales' cultural or natural history (State significance); OR

An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the area's cultural or natural history (Local significance).

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion:**

Provides evidence of a defunct custom, way of life or process

Not applicable. The Field is a typical suburban sports facility developed in the 1960s with an altered Club building and relatively recent Childcare centre.

- Demonstrates a process, custom or other human activity that is in danger of being lost *Not Applicable*.
  - Shows unusually accurate evidence of a significant human activity

Not applicable.

• Is the only example of its type

Not applicable.

Demonstrates designs or techniques of exceptional interest

Not Applicable.

• Shows rare evidence of a significant human activity important to a community.

Not applicable

#### **Guidelines for Exclusion:**

Is not rare

Applicable. The Field is a typical suburban sports facility.

Is numerous but under threat

The Field is a typical suburban sports facility. As a class of sites, suburban sports facilities are not under threat, even if future redevelopment of this particular site occurs in future.

## Criterion (g) Representativeness

An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of New South Wales' cultural or natural places; or cultural or natural environments (State significance) OR

An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the area's cultural or natural places; or cultural or natural environments (Local significance).

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion:**

Is a fine example of its type

Not Applicable.

 Has the principal characteristics of a particular way of life, philosophy, custom, significant process, design, technique or activity

Not Applicable.

Is a significant variation to a class of items.

Not Applicable.

Is part of a group which collectively illustrates a representative type

Not Applicable.

· Is outstanding because of its setting, condition or size

Not Applicable.

• Is outstanding because of its integrity or the esteem in which it is held.

Not Applicable. The site lacks integrity from its 1960s development period, as the Club building has been altered over time, and the Child care centre building is relatively recent.

#### **Guidelines for Exclusion:**

Is a poor example of its type.

Not Applicable. It is representative of suburban sports facilities developed in the 1960s.

Does not include or has lost the range of characteristics of a type

Not Applicable.

Does not represent well the characteristics that make up a significant variation of a type.

**Applicable** 

#### 5.2. DISCUSSION OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

As demonstrated in the significance analysis above, the TG Millner Sports Field is a typical suburban sports field developed in the 1960s and contains a collection of buildings, the Club building having been altered over time, and a relatively recent childcare centre. Various sheds have also been introduced over time.

The Field is not rare, and has no aesthetic or research significance. The Field has little historical significance. While the majority of buildings (grandstand, club, amenities block, RUFC building) date from the 1960s establishment of the Field, the Club building has been altered over time.

The Field has some historical association with TG Millner, who donated the land and is considered to be a figure of local historical significance, however the fabric of the Field does not demonstrate this historical association. The history of the site is capable of interpretation as part of any future redevelopment.

The Field is likely to have some level of social significance to the various associated sports organisations and users of the Club and sports facilities, however this social significance is likely to relate more to the amenity of the site for the community (an exclusion criterion). The Eastwood Rugby Club has been associated with the TG Millner Field as its home field since 1947, however the Rugby Club has plans to relocate to The Hills district where its primary players and supporters are now located. The relocation plans of the Eastwood Rugby Club (the original and primary sports club associated with the Field) indicate that the social significance of the TG Millner Field to the Club is ephemeral and not significant.

Overall, while the Field has some historical association, the site is not considered to reach significance at a local level which would warrant heritage listing, as the historical association is not demonstrated in the fabric of the site.

Any social significance of the TG Millner Field is likely to relate to the community amenity of the site (an exclusion criterion), and such amenities are capable of relocation.

# 6.0 CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

As outlined above, the TG Millner Field is not considered to demonstrate significance at a local level which would justify heritage listing. Though there is some level of historical association with TG Millner, who donated the land, this is not demonstrated in the physical fabric.

The social significance of the Field to various sports associations and users of the facility, is likely to relate to the community amenity of the site (an exclusion criterion).

As the site is not considered to reach a local level of significance, heritage listing is not recommended.

In the event that the TG Millner site was subject to a future proposal for development for another use, it is recommended that City of Ryde Council require any future proposal to include:

Submission of an Interpretation Strategy and Interpretation plan for the site to reflect the
history of the site. The Interpretation Strategy should identify elements on the site for
incorporation into the Interpretation Plan (for example the memorial plaque to TG
Millner located at the entry gate). The Strategy should be submitted with any
Development Application. The detailed Interpretation Plan should be submitted and
implementation demonstrated prior to issue of completion documents (such as
Occupation Certificate) for any development proposal.

- Submission of an aboricultural report to assess the various trees on the site, noting that
  those along the Vimiera Road frontage shown in the 1943 aerial photo may be of some
  age. The aim of the report should be to support retention of trees which are in good
  condition and which provide ecological services as part of any future development of
  the site.
- Preparation of an Archival Photographic Recording of the TG Millner Field to NSW Heritage standards for submission to City of Ryde Council should form a Condition of any development consent.
- Historical materials on display at the Club within the TG Millner Field should be relocated to a safe repository prior to redevelopment of the site (preferably when the Club relocates, one option being donation to the Local Studies Collection of City of Ryde Library).



# **INFORMATION REPORT**

15 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - EXCLUSION OF ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2020

Report prepared by: General Manager

**File No.:** CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/810

#### **REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of two (2) items of business (proposed Notices of Motion) that were excluded from the Agenda for the Council Meeting of 28 July 2020 in accordance with Section 3.32 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice which reads as follows:-

3.32 The General Manager must not include in the agenda for a meeting of Council any business of which due notice has been given if, in the opinion of the General Manager, the business is, or the implementation of the business would be, unlawful. The General Manager must report, without giving details of the item of business, any such exclusion to the next meeting of Council.

This was excluded as in my opinion and after consultation with the appropriate Council staff, the implementation of the item of business was considered to be unlawful.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared and Approved By:

George Dedes General Manager



# **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1 DEFERRED MOTICE OF MOTION: CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN DURING THE COVID-19 AND RECOVERY PLAN FROM COVID-19 - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/472

- (a) That the General Manager prepare a City of Ryde Community Support Plan on how City of Ryde can support the Ryde Community to cope with the COVID-19 crisis focused on economically disadvantaged citizens. The report to be presented at the next Council meeting with recommendations for immediate implementation.
- (b) That the General Manager prepare a City of Ryde Recovery Plan, to present to Council which includes:-
  - (i) a financial recovery plan;
  - (ii) an organisational recovery plan; and
  - (iii) a community and economic recovery plan.



## 2 RYDE SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES - Councillor Jordan Lane

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/578

#### **MOTION:**

That Council:-

- (a) Supports taking additional measures to enhance safety in local school zones.
- (b) Engage directly with all local schools within or bordering the Ryde LGA to assess their interest in installing triangular school-zone pole wraps (example below) within the school's immediate vicinity.
- (c) Where supported, allocate requisite funding from an appropriate source as identified by the General Manager and the Director of City Works for sign development and installation.
- (d) Seek feedback from interested schools about their preferred locations for signage, which is visible at eye-level for drivers.
- (e) Provide ongoing updates to schools and Council about installation timeframes.





# 3 SUPPORTING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Trenton Brown

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/580

#### **MOTION:**

That the City of Ryde commit itself to the following actions:-

- (a) Acknowledge the correspondence received from the *Chinese Australian Forum* Vice President, Mr Steve Khouw.
- (b) Acknowledge that some Asian Australians have been impacted by an increase in racial vilification.
- (c) Support the campaign to call for national unity during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (d) Promote the #UnityOverFear petition asking all Australians to choose #UnityOverFear and to reject racism and defend our national cohesion.
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# 4 ADVERTISING SERVICES TENDER - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/583

#### **MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager prepare a five (5) year advertising services tender for all local newspapers.
- (b) That the tender report be brought back to the full Council by August 2020.

# 5 STRENGTHENING RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/584

- (a) That the General Manager provide the strengthening Ryde report at the full Council of July 2020.
- (b) That a workshop with Councillors be conducted prior to the report being tabled.
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- (d) That the report identify sportsfield and other opportunities where projects can be brought forward from the money made from the development opportunities.



# 6 GRANT VISA EXTENSIONS TO THE HONG-KONG INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO BECAME POLITICAL REFUGEES - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/593

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The motion is a humanitarian call for action.

Hong Kong ex-pats living and studying in Australia are "deeply concerned" about their future. For them, Hong Kong is now a *different place* to when they have left their homeland. They fear going back to Hong Kong. They fear that they will be going back to a country with a communist regime which is *incompatible* with their right to the enjoyment of democratic way of life.

When they arrived in Australia, Hong Kong was a country that shared common values, including respect for the rule of law, human rights and individual freedoms. However, on May 28, 2020, China's Parliament, National People's Congress, has overwhelmingly voted to approve a new law imposing national security legislation on Hong Kong to tackle what Beijing has labelled "secession, subversion, terrorism and foreign interference in the semi-autonomous city".

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On behalf of our Hong Kong Ryde citizens, I seek the Ryde Council to declare that Ryde Council support the Hong Kong Ryde Citizens' desire to live a democratic way of life.

- (a) That Council declare that "Ryde Council support the Hong Kong ex-pats in Ryde and Australia in pursuing a democratic way of life". All supporting Councillors to sign the declaration and initiate a media campaign through the usual medial channels.
- (b) That Council write to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Immigration, and their Federal oppositions to consider offering a four-year extension of visas to those Hong Kong International Students and ex-pats already in Australia.
- (c) That the General Manager reports all correspondences on this subject in the Council meeting agenda under the Precis of Correspondence.



# 7 'CLOSING THE GAP' IN RYDE LGA - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

**File Number:** CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/592

#### **MOTION:**

- (a) That the Council affirm our commitment in 'Closing the Gap' that aims to reduce disadvantage among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ryde citizens with respect to life expectancy.
- (b) That the Council affirm its commitment in reducing 'the Gap' by accelerating improvements in life outcomes, programs and services need to be designed, developed and implemented in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, primarily living in Ryde.
- 8 OUTDOOR DINING FEES AND FOOD INSPECTION FEES Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/597

#### **MOTION:**

- (a) That in the spirit of cooperation with the NSW State Liberal Government in supporting local businesses to recover from the effects of COVID-19, the City of Ryde suspend outdoor dining fees and food inspection fees until the end of March 2021.
- (b) That the proposed resolution (as identified in part (a) above) be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days with a further report being brought back to Council to determine the resolution following the public exhibition period.
- (c) That all local businesses in Ryde be informed of Council's decision to exhibit the proposal through all media channels.
- 9 RYDE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT SALVATION ARMY DIGITAL DOORKNOCK Councillor Dr Peter Kim

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/598

- (a) That Council donate \$10,000 to the Salvation Army's Digital Doorknock Appeal.
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- (c) That funding for this motion be sourced from the Ranger and Community Services base budget.



# 10 6 OLIVE STREET, RYDE - STORMWATER ISSUES - Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/757

#### **MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager and Director City Planning and Environment expedite the review of the ongoing stormwater issues associated with the privately certified development at 6 Olive Street, Ryde which is causing concern to local residents in rain events.
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File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/758

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# 12 MEETINGS WITH DENISTONE SPORTS CLUB (CARLINGFORD GROUP), RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB AND NORTH RYDE RSL - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/769

#### **MOTION:**

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# 13 SUPPORTING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF RYDE Councillor Trenton Brown

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/763

# **MOTION:**

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# 14 OPEN SPACE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF RYDE - Councillor Trenton Brown

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/770

#### **MOTION:**

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- (a) Recognise the iconic nature of the TG Millner Fields to the local community as a highly valued public, open green space that is fully utilised by the community.
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# 15 COX'S ROAD MALL SIGNAGE - Councillor Jordan Lane

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/759

## **MOTION:**

That Council engage with Cox's Road shop owners and any other relevant stakeholders to identify suitable locations and then subsequently install bigger signage on Lane Cove and Wicks Roads to clearly direct passing traffic to Cox's Road Mall, funded from Council's base budget.



# 16 PUBLICLY FUNDED ROAD CLOSURE POLICY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/760

#### **MOTION:**

- (a) That City of Ryde notes that large crowds gather to walk through specific local streets at Halloween and Christmas and that in 2020 there will be a difficulty in maintaining social distancing during these times, given sightseers are confined to the footpath.
- (b) That staff prepare a Policy for publicly funded road closures and that this be brought back to the August Works and Community Committee meeting or the August Council meeting for consideration.
- 17 REPLACING HARD, HOT AND UNATTRACTIVE SURFACES IN LOCAL STREETS WHILE MAINTAINING SAFETY Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/761

#### **MOTION:**

That a report be brought back to Council outlining a plan:-

- (a) To replace hard surfaces and broken paving on chicanes and roundabouts with slow growing, low rise, attractive soft plantings, across the Ryde LGA, where it is safe to do so.
- (b) Options for a re-design of the Eltham Street, Gladesville road closure outlining the proposed future use of the road and ways to make the street more aesthetically pleasing for residents and business.
- (c) That the report include a funding source.
- 18 UPDATED INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF RYDE REGARDING THE SWIMMING POOLS ACT 1992, SWIMMING POOL REGULATION 2018, OTHER ACTS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SWIMMING POOL COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/762

#### **MOTION:**

That City of Ryde staff prepare an updated factsheet with frequently asked questions and/or a webinar based around the State Government Swimming Pools Act 1992 and Swimming Pools Regulation 2018 that will help new builders and those who already own pools, better understand compliance and certification.



#### 19 GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/764

#### **MOTION:**

That the Council allow all twelve (12) Councillors to participate in the upcoming General Manager Performance Review.

# 20 SWIMMING POOL INSPECTIONS - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/774

#### **MOTION:**

- (a) That Council facilitate 3x Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection educational forums over the next three months to provide guidance and inform residents who own private swimming pools within the Ryde Local Government Area of their obligations under the Swimming Pool legislation.
- (b) That Council document any issues or actions generated from the pool owners at each of these educational forums, and then notify the Minister of any suggested areas of improvement.
- (c) That Council review its existing Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program.
- (d) That any letter provided to residents on swimming pool barrier inspections must clearly identify it's a choice of the residents to engage either Council or private certifiers.
- (e) That a report be prepared for Council providing statistical data on the cost of Council's mandated pool inspection and educational programs.

# 21 ATTENDANCE AT LGNSW HUNTER VALLEY WINE COUNTRY CONFERENCE - Councillor Jordan Lane

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/775

#### **MOTION:**

That Council acknowledges the many in our community continuing to suffer from the effects of COVID-19, and that as a show of solidarity, write to LGNSW requesting provisions for City of Ryde Councillors to attend the forthcoming LGNSW Conference hosted in Hunter Valley Wine Country via audio-visual channels, and that should provisions be made, Councillors attend via these channels only.



# **NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 8 - COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Schedule of Proposed Meeting Dates - Councillor Roy Maggio, Councillor Jordan Lane, Councillor Dr Peter Kim

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/7 - BP20/643

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 8 – COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Schedule of Proposed Meeting Dates, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 June 2020, namely:-

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

# 8 COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Schedule of Proposed Meeting Dates

- (a) That Council endorse the meeting schedule for Committee and Council meetings for the remainder of 2020 and up to the next Local Government Election in September 2021, noting that the schedule may be amended at any time, subject to one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.
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- (c) That Council note that there will be no Committee meetings held in December 2020 and endorse that a Council meeting be held on the second Tuesday of December, being 8 December 2020.
- (d) That Council note that no Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 due to the mid-year recess.



# **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY**

1 DEFERRED ITEM: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Trenton Brown

File Number: CLM/20/1/1/10 - BP20/483

This Item was deferred from the Council Meeting held on 26 May 2020.

As indicated at the March meeting of Ryde Council, it remains my view that the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund should be applied to ALL Small Businesses in the City of Ryde. This is due to the COVID-19 virus affected all small businesses in Ryde and not just those exclusively on the Eastwood Plaza.

For this reason, I intend to move a Notice of Motion at the May meeting of Ryde Council that the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund be expanded to include all small businesses in Ryde.

Therefore I ask the following questions:

#### Question 1:

What is the total number of small businesses registered in the City of Ryde?

# Question 2:

What is the total dollar value estimate of the overall stimulus cost to Council of expanding this Small Business Hardship Fund to all businesses in the City, assuming that similar terms and conditions are applied?

2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Roy Maggio

**File Number:** CLM/20/1/1/10 - BP20/737

#### Question 1:

What is the status of discussions between Council and NSW Department of Planning on the Macquarie Park Strategic Masterplan?

#### Question 2:

When will the draft plan be on exhibition?



#### 3 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Jordan Lane

**File Number:** CLM/20/1/1/10 - BP20/754

## Question 1:

With respect to Council's review of the Ryde Local Environment Plan (2014), does an itemised list of expenditure of both the NSW Government's \$2.5 million grant, and Council's own funds exist, and if so can it be made available to the public?

# Question 2:

With respect to Council's review of the Ryde Local Environment Plan (2014), does a detailed timeline of process, appointments of consultants and awarding of any tenders exist, and if so can it be made available to the public?

# Question 3:

With respect to Council's review of the Ryde Local Environment Plan (2014), do granular maps highlighting all proposed zoning changes exist, and if so can they be made available to the public?

#### Question 4:

With respect to Council's review of the Ryde Local Environment Plan (2014), were any contracts entered into with any other party outside of the City of Ryde, and can their terms and conditions be made available to the public?

#### Question 5:

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# **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

# 16 CITY OF RYDE RECYCLABLES PROCESSING

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Report prepared by: Manager - Business Infrastructure

**File No.:** BIS/15/2/1/2 - BP20/694

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17 OFFER TO ENTER INTO A VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FROM KAMIRICE IN RELATION TO A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 1 EDEN PARK DRIVE

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Report prepared by: Development Contributions Coordinator

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# 18 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

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- (b) clearly identified in the advice, and
- (c) fully discussed in that advice.

It is not in the public interest to reveal all details of this matter as it would prejudice Council's position in any court proceedings.

**Report prepared by:** General Counsel **File No.:** GRP/09/5/15 - BP20/612

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# 19 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

#### Confidential

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- (b) clearly identified in the advice, and
- (c) fully discussed in that advice.

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