

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 28 April 2020  
**Location:** Online Audio Visual Meeting  
**Time:** 7.00pm

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**1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/279

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17 March 2020**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager  
**File No.:** CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/277

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 4/20, held on 17 March 2020 be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 17 March 2020**

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Extraordinary Council Meeting  
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 4/20**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 17 March 2020

**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde

**Time:** 7.30pm

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

Note: Councillor Moujalli arrived at the meeting at 7.42pm during discussion on Item 1.

Note: Councillors Brown, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 9.24pm and did not return.

Note: Councillor Kim left the meeting at 9.25pm and did not return.

**Apologies:** Councillor Maggio.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Senior Coordinator – Communications, 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**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**TABLING OF PETITIONS**

No Petitions were tabled.

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**ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

Councillor Yedelian OAM requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to enable Council to observe a one minute silence for the people who have lost their lives due to the Coronavirus.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Gordon)

That Council observe a one minute silence in honour of those who have lost their lives due to the Coronavirus, the time being 7.36pm.

**Record of the Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

That Standing Orders be resumed, the time being 7.38pm.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**1 DELEGATIONS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER IN HIS ABSENCE**

Note: Councillor Moujalli arrived at the meeting at 7.42pm during discussion on this Item.

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

- (a) That Council pursuant to Section 226(d) and Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, delegate authority to the Mayor and the General Manager (or their delegates) jointly to exercise any functions of Council that may lawfully be delegated under Section 377 of the Local Government Act. This should be enacted in the event that the need arises which would limit the orderly operations of Council in regards to the operation of the governing body of elected members, including the ability to convene Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings and subject to the restrictions outlined in point (b) and point (c) below.

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- (b) That a list of any matters considered under such delegated authority be submitted for Council's information via BoardVantage as soon as possible following the execution of such delegation and be formally reported to the next available scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council.
- (c) That this temporary delegation of authority only be put into effect if the elected Council is unable to meet because of a lack of a quorum from Councillors being affected by the virus. Further that this temporary delegation be put into effect if Council is unable to conduct ordinary meetings of Council due to restrictions imposed by relevant authorities and if no reasonable alternative or provision is made through the Office of Local Government in relation to the conduct of meetings i.e. via the use of technology.
- (d) That this temporary delegation also apply in light of any legislative change, direction or advice arising as a direct result of the COVID-19 situation.
- (e) That further, to ensure continuity of the role of the General Manager and pursuant to Section 351 of the Act, that Council endorse the following.
  - 1. That on and from the date of this resolution, until 30 September 2020, if the appointed General Manager is sick or otherwise absent from work for a period of 2 consecutive business days, the person holding the position of Director - Corporate Services be temporarily appointed to the position of General Manager, on and from the following day, such appointment being subject to:
    - (a) the maximum period of appointment being the period so specified by Section 351(2) of the Local Government Act,
    - (b) the appointment terminating on the day prior to the day that the General Manager returns to work;
    - (c) the person not being unable or unwilling to be so appointed.
  - 2. That if the person specified in paragraph 1 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Planning and Environment be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
  - 3. That if the person specified in paragraph 2 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Works be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
  - 4. That if the person specified in paragraph 3 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - Customer and Community Services be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.

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That a person temporarily appointed as General Manager in accordance with this resolution to have, during that period, all the delegations of the General Manager given by the Council.

**Note:** Councillor Lane raised that there were issues with the live webcast of tonight's meeting and requested the Mayor adjourn the meeting for a few minutes in order to rectify the webcast issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

In order to be able to reset the Webcasting System, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale adjourned the Council Meeting for five (5) minutes, the time being 7.45pm. The Council Meeting was adjourned to:

Tuesday, 17 March 2020 at 7.50pm in the Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Maggio.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale reconvened the meeting at 7.52pm on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 in the Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Maggio.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

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**COUNCIL REPORT**

**1 DELEGATIONS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER IN HIS ABSENCE**

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

- (a) That Council pursuant to Section 226(d) and Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, delegate authority to the Mayor and the General Manager (or their delegates) jointly to exercise any functions of Council that may lawfully be delegated under Section 377 of the Local Government Act. This should be enacted in the event that the need arises which would limit the orderly operations of Council in regards to the operation of the governing body of elected members, including the ability to convene Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings and subject to the restrictions outlined in point (b) and point (c) below.
- (b) That a list of any matters considered under such delegated authority be submitted for Council's information via BoardVantage as soon as possible following the execution of such delegation and be formally reported to the next available scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council.
- (c) That this temporary delegation of authority only be put into effect if the elected Council is unable to meet because of a lack of a quorum from Councillors being affected by the virus. Further that this temporary delegation be put into effect if Council is unable to conduct ordinary meetings of Council due to restrictions imposed by relevant authorities and if no reasonable alternative or provision is made through the Office of Local Government in relation to the conduct of meetings i.e. via the use of technology.
- (d) That this temporary delegation also apply in light of any legislative change, direction or advice arising as a direct result of the COVID-19 situation.
- (e) That further, to ensure continuity of the role of the General Manager and pursuant to Section 351 of the Act, that Council endorse the following.
  - 1. That on and from the date of this resolution, until 30 September 2020, if the appointed General Manager is sick or otherwise absent from work for a period of 2 consecutive business days, the person holding the position of Director - Corporate Services be temporarily appointed to the position of General Manager, on and from the following day, such appointment being subject to:
    - (a) the maximum period of appointment being the period so specified by Section 351(2) of the Local Government Act,
    - (b) the appointment terminating on the day prior to the day that the General Manager returns to work;
    - (c) the person not being unable or unwilling to be so appointed.



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2. That if the person specified in paragraph 1 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Planning and Environment be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
3. That if the person specified in paragraph 2 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Works be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
4. That if the person specified in paragraph 3 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - Customer and Community Services be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.

That a person temporarily appointed as General Manager in accordance with this resolution to have, during that period, all the delegations of the General Manager given by the Council.

- (f) That the Mayor, Councillor Laxale write to the Premier and the Minister for Local Government advocating for temporary changes to the Code of Meeting Practice and/or the Local Government Act to allow Council's to meet and/or pass Resolutions remotely.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council pursuant to Section 226(d) and Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, delegate authority to the Mayor and the General Manager (or their delegates) jointly to exercise any functions of Council that may lawfully be delegated under Section 377 of the Local Government Act with the additional exclusion of any matters concerning a voluntary planning agreement. This should be enacted in the event that the need arises which would limit the orderly operations of Council in regards to the operation of the governing body of elected members, including the ability to convene Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings and subject to the restrictions outlined in point (b) and point (c) below.
- (b) That a list of any matters considered under such delegated authority be submitted for Council's information via BoardVantage as soon as possible prior to (where practicable) the execution of such delegation and be formally reported to the next available scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council.

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- (c) That this temporary delegation of authority only be put into effect if the elected Council is unable to meet because of a lack of a quorum from Councillors being affected by the virus as verified by accompanying medical documentation. Further that this temporary delegation be put into effect if Council is unable to conduct ordinary meetings of Council due to restrictions imposed by relevant authorities and if no reasonable alternative or provision is made through the Office of Local Government in relation to the conduct of meetings i.e. via the use of technology.
- (d) That this temporary delegation only apply in the absence of any legislative change also apply in light of any legislative change, direction or advice arising as a direct result of the COVID-19 situation.
- (e) That from the date these arrangements are triggered until the commencement of the subsequent general meeting of Council (which can be renewed at subsequent general meetings for no longer than a maximum of 30 days) the General Manager and pursuant to Section 351 of the Act, that Council endorse the following.
  - 1. That on and from the date of this resolution, until 30 September 2020, if the appointed General Manager is sick or otherwise absent from work for a period of 2 consecutive business days, the person holding the position of Director - Corporate Services be temporarily appointed to the position of General Manager, on and from the following day, such appointment being subject to:
    - (a) the maximum period of appointment being the period so specified by Section 351(2) of the Local Government Act,
    - (b) the appointment terminating on the day prior to the day that the General Manager returns to work;
    - (c) the person not being unable or unwilling to be so appointed.
  - 2. That if the person specified in paragraph 1 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Planning and Environment be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
  - 3. That if the person specified in paragraph 2 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Works be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
  - 4. That if the person specified in paragraph 3 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - Customer and Community Services be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.

That a person temporarily appointed as General Manager in accordance with this resolution to have, during that period, all the delegations of the General Manager given by the Council.

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- (f) That the Mayor, Councillor Laxale write to the Premier and the Minister for Local Government advocating for temporary changes to the Code of Meeting Practice and/or the Local Government Act to allow Council's to meet and/or pass Resolutions remotely.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Zhou abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Amendment. The voting on the Amendment was five (5) for and six (6) against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

**Record of the Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian  
OAM

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

**FURTHER AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Lane and Moujalli)

- (a) That Council pursuant to Section 226(d) and Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, delegate authority to the Mayor and the General Manager (or their delegates) jointly to exercise any functions of Council that may lawfully be delegated under Section 377 of the Local Government Act with the additional exclusion of powers to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement. This should be enacted in the event that the need arises which would limit the orderly operations of Council in regards to the operation of the governing body of elected members, including the ability to convene Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings and subject to the restrictions outlined in point (b) and point (c) below.
- (b) That a list of any matters considered under such delegated authority be submitted for Council's information via BoardVantage as soon as possible prior to (where practicable) the execution of such delegation and be formally reported to the next available scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council.
- (c) That this temporary delegation of authority only be put into effect if the elected Council is unable to meet because of a lack of a quorum from Councillors being affected by the virus. Further that this temporary delegation be put into effect if Council is unable to conduct ordinary meetings of Council due to restrictions imposed by relevant authorities and if no reasonable alternative or provision is made through the Office of Local Government in relation to the conduct of meetings i.e. via the use of technology.
- (d) That when triggered, delegated powers concluding at the first of either the next general meeting of council (at which time these provisions can be renewed), or 60 days having passed.

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- (e) That this temporary delegation only apply in the absence of any legislative change also apply in light of any legislative change, direction or advice arising as a direct result of the COVID-19 situation.
- (f) That further, to ensure continuity of the role of the General Manager and pursuant to Section 351 of the Act, that Council endorse the following:
  - 1. That on and from the date of this resolution, until 30 September 2020, if the appointed General Manager is sick or otherwise absent from work for a period of 2 consecutive business days, the person holding the position of Director - Corporate Services be temporarily appointed to the position of General Manager, on and from the following day, such appointment being subject to:
    - (a) the maximum period of appointment being the period so specified by Section 351(2) of the Local Government Act,
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  - 2. That if the person specified in paragraph 1 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Planning and Environment be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
  - 3. That if the person specified in paragraph 2 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Works be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
  - 4. That if the person specified in paragraph 3 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - Customer and Community Services be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.

That a person temporarily appointed as General Manager in accordance with this resolution to have, during that period, all the delegations of the General Manager given by the Council.
- (g) That the Mayor, Councillor Laxale write to the Premier and the Minister for Local Government advocating for temporary changes to the Code of Meeting Practice and/or the Local Government Act to allow Council's to meet and/or pass Resolutions remotely.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Zhou abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Amendment. The voting on the Amendment was five (5) for and six (6) against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

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**Record of the Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian  
OAM

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

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

Note: Councillor Zhou left the meeting at 9.22pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

- (a) That Council pursuant to Section 226(d) and Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, delegate authority to the Mayor and the General Manager (or their delegates) jointly to exercise any functions of Council that may lawfully be delegated under Section 377 of the Local Government Act. This should be enacted in the event that the need arises which would limit the orderly operations of Council in regards to the operation of the governing body of elected members, including the ability to convene Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings and subject to the restrictions outlined in point (b) and point (c) below.
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- (d) That this temporary delegation also apply in light of any legislative change, direction or advice arising as a direct result of the COVID-19 situation.
- (e) That further, to ensure continuity of the role of the General Manager and pursuant to Section 351 of the Act, that Council endorse the following.
  - 1. That on and from the date of this resolution, until 30 September 2020, if the appointed General Manager is sick or otherwise absent from work for a period of 2 consecutive business days, the person holding the position of Director - Corporate Services be temporarily appointed to the position of General Manager, on and from the following day, such appointment being subject to:

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- (a) the maximum period of appointment being the period so specified by Section 351(2) of the Local Government Act,
  - (b) the appointment terminating on the day prior to the day that the General Manager returns to work;
  - (c) the person not being unable or unwilling to be so appointed.
2. That if the person specified in paragraph 1 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - City Planning and Environment be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.
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4. That if the person specified in paragraph 3 is unable or unwilling to act as General Manager, the person holding the position of Director - Customer and Community Services be appointed, subject to paragraph 1, as alternate.

That a person temporarily appointed as General Manager in accordance with this resolution to have, during that period, all the delegations of the General Manager given by the Council.

- (f) That the Mayor, Councillor Laxale write to the Premier and the Minister for Local Government advocating for temporary changes to the Code of Meeting Practice and/or the Local Government Act to allow Council's to meet and/or pass Resolutions remotely.

**Record of the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Pedersen and Purcell

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

Note: Councillor Zhou returned to the meeting at 9.23pm.

Note: Councillors Brown, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 9.24pm and did not return.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MATTER OF URGENCY**

Councillor Zhou advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding forwarding on community concerns from the Chinese Community surrounding the spread of the Coronavirus to the Prime Minister.

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

Note: Councillor Kim left the meeting at 9.25pm and did not return.

**ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with Clause 5.11 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale adjourned the Council Meeting due to a lack of a quorum, the time being 9.25pm. The Council Meeting was adjourned to:

Tuesday, 24 March 2020 at the conclusion of the next Ordinary Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

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

**Councillors not present:** Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM.

**Apologies:** Councillor Maggio.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale reconvened the meeting at 12.58am on Wednesday, 25 March 2020 in the Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

**Councillors Present:** The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou.

**Councillors not present:** Councillors Brown, Kim and Yedelian OAM.

**Apologies:** Councillors Lane and Moujalli.



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**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Executive Manager – Strategy and Innovation, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale advised the meeting that there were no Items for consideration on this Agenda and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.59am on Wednesday, 25 March 2020

CONFIRMED THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2020

Chairperson



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**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 24 March 2020**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/278

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 5/20, held on 24 March 2020 be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1** MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 24 March 2020

**ITEM 3 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Council Meeting  
**MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 5/20**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 24 March 2020  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 7.03pm

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

**Apologies:** Nil.

**Leave of Absence:** Nil.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Executive Manager – Strategy and Innovation, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Urban Strategy, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Project Development, Manager – Procurement, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

**PRAYER**

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

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund, for the reason that he owns a shop in Eastwood.

**TABLING OF PETITIONS**

No Petitions were tabled.

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

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Nicholas Elek	<b>Item 8</b> – Exhibition of the Draft City of Ryde Local Housing Strategy and multi dwelling Housing Planning Proposal
Jimmy Park	<b>Item 9</b> – Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund
James Stanton-Cooks	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Dr Roderick Anderson (representing myself as a resident of a SSROC Council)	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Amy Smart	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Meredith Kirton	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Chris Gambian	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Suzie Gold	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Julie Lee	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Jessica Clarke	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Heather McCabe	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous communities opposing fracking in the Northern Territory
Tara McCabe	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Phillip Ward	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Annie Nielsen	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Sybille Frank	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Libby Lawson	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Winnie Fu	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Joanne Taranto	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory
Murray Deakin	<b>Notice of Motion 4</b> – Support for Indigenous Communities Opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory

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

The following person addressed the meeting and also made a written submission to Council:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Reverend John Chappell	Thanking the Council Team for their great service to the Community during these difficult times

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

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

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 5, Item 5(1), Item 5(3), Item 6, Item 6(1), Item 6(3), Item 7 and Notice of Motion 3 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 February 2020**

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

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 1/20, held on 4 February 2020 be confirmed.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 February 2020**

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

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 3/20, held on 25 February 2020 be confirmed.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 2/20 held on 10 March 2020**

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

That Council note that all Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Works and Community Committee report 2/20 held on 10 March 2020 were dealt with by the Committee under delegated authority.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**5 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING 2/20 held on 10 March 2020**

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

That Council determine Items 1, 3 and 4 of the Finance and Governance Committee report 2/20, held on 10 March 2020 noting that Item 2 – Items Put Without Debate is not required to be considered by Council.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Finance and Governance  
Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2020**

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

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee 1/20, held on 11 February 2020, be confirmed.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**3 REPORTS DUE TO COUNCIL**

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

That the report on Outstanding Council Reports be endorsed.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**ITEM 3 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**6 REPORT OF THE RYDE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING 2/20  
held on 10 March 2020**

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

That Council determine Items 1 and 3 of the Ryde Central Committee report 2/20, held on 10 March 2020 noting that Item 2 – Items Put Without Debate is not required to be considered by Council.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Central Committee  
Meeting held on 11 February 2020**

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

That the Minutes of the Ryde Central Committee Meeting 1/20, held on 11 February 2020, be confirmed.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**3 RYDE CENTRAL PROJECT UPDATE**

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

That Council receives and notes this report.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**7 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020**

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

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 29 February 2020.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**3 CURBING AND GUTTERING - McGOWAN STREET, PUTNEY -  
Councillor Penny Pedersen**

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

That the City of Ryde complete the curbing and guttering project that was identified by a previous Council and promised to local residents on McGowan Street, Putney and it be included in the 2020/21 works program, funded from the asset replacement reserve.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 February 2020**

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

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 February 2020**

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



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 2/20  
held on 10 March 2020**

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

**5 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
2/20 held on 10 March 2020**

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

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Finance and Governance  
Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2020**

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

**3 REPORTS DUE TO COUNCIL**

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

**4 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS**

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

That this matter be deferred to Confidential Closed Session for consideration.

**Record for the Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**6 REPORT OF THE RYDE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING 2/20 held on 10 March 2020**

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

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Central Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2020**

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

**3 RYDE CENTRAL PROJECT UPDATE**

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

**7 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020**

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

**8 EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT CITY OF RYDE LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY AND MULTI DWELLING HOUSING PLANNING PROPOSAL**

Note: Nicholas Elek made a written submission to Council in relation to this Item.

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

- (a) That Council endorse the draft City of Ryde Local Housing Strategy, attached to this report, for public exhibition for a period of 28 days, which will take place after the pandemic period (COVID-19) has been officially downgraded.
- (b) That following the public exhibition period, the outcome of the public exhibition and the draft City of Ryde Local Housing Strategy, be reported back to Council for finalisation.
- (c) That Council endorse the planning proposal attached to this report, seeking to remove *Multi dwelling Housing* from the *R2 Low Density Residential* zone of the Ryde LEP 2014 and amend the planning controls relating to *Dual Occupancy (attached)* development, to be submitted for Gateway Determination under s3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

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- (d) That the planning proposal be placed on exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Gateway Determination. Following the public exhibition period, the outcome of the public exhibition and the planning proposal, be reported back to Council for finalisation.
- (e) That during the exhibition period a further report be brought back outlining options for significantly reduced 2036 housing targets.
- (f) That Council write to the Minister for Planning and the Greater Sydney Commission seeking a further deferral of the Medium Density Housing Code SEPP given the global pandemic (COVID-19).

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM

**ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

Councillor Pedersen requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to enable Council to observe a one minute silence to honour the passing of Dr Catherine Hamlin.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

That Standing Orders be Suspended in order for Council to observe a one minute silence in honour of the passing of Dr Catherine Hamlin, the time being 8.13pm.

**Record of the Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

That Standing Orders be Resumed, the time being 8.15pm.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**9 EASTWOOD SMALL BUSINESS HARDSHIP FUND**

Note: Jimmy Park made a written submission to Council in relation to this Item.

Note: Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he owns a shop in Eastwood.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That Council endorse the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund, comprising:
  - i. A public relations campaign and a 'Return to Eastwood' Gift Card Program; and
  - ii. An Eastwood Small Business Hardship Grant Program, including the Guidelines and Application process associated with this Program
- (b) That Council endorse that funds available for the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Grant Program be shared equally amongst all eligible grant applicants up to a limit of \$2,000 per eligible applicant.
- (c) That in the event a business commenced operations after 1 January 2019, suitable criteria be established together with an alternate statutory declaration that attests to the downturn in sales between 1 January 2020 and 29 February 2020. Such attestation shall come from a registered financial professional.
- (d) That funding be re-attributed to \$450,000 for the Hardship Fund and \$50,000 for the promotional campaign.
- (e) That the promotional campaign aforementioned commence after the lifting of the social distancing measures in the City of Ryde.
- (f) That the north side of Glen Street be included to the area eligible for the grant and promotion.

Note: Councillor Brown attempted to move an Amendment in relation to this Item to include that the Fund be City wide. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale ruled that the Amendment was out of order in accordance with Clause 17.7 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice.

**MOTION OF DISSENT**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Moujalli)

That a Motion of Dissent be moved against the Mayor, Councillor Laxale's ruling in accordance with Clause 17.7 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

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**.

**Record for the Voting:**

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

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

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

- (a) That Council endorse the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund, comprising:
  - i. A public relations campaign and a 'Return to Eastwood' Gift Card Program; and
  - ii. An Eastwood Small Business Hardship Grant Program, including the Guidelines and Application process associated with this Program
- (b) That Council endorse that funds available for the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Grant Program be shared equally amongst all eligible grant applicants up to a limit of \$2,000 per eligible applicant.
- (c) That in the event a business commenced operations after 1 January 2019, suitable criteria be established together with an alternate statutory declaration that attests to the downturn in sales between 1 January 2020 and 29 February 2020. Such attestation shall come from a registered financial professional.
- (d) That funding be re-attributed to \$450,000 for the Hardship Fund and \$50,000 for the promotional campaign.
- (e) That the promotional campaign aforementioned commence after the lifting of the social distancing measures in the City of Ryde.
- (f) That the north side of Glen Street be included to the area eligible for the grant and promotion.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

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**10 DRAFT SECTION 7.11 AND 7.12 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS PLANS FOR THE CITY OF RYDE - POST PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Note: A Memorandum from the Director – City Planning and Environment dated 23 March 2020, together with a late submission from Ethos Urban was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

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

(a) That Council adopts:

- *City of Ryde Section 7.11 Developer Contributions Plan 2020; and*
- *City of Ryde Fixed Rate Levy (Section 7.12) Developer Contributions Plan 2020*

In the form in which they were exhibited.

- (b) That the *City of Ryde Section 7.11 Developer Contributions Plan 2020; and City of Ryde Fixed Rate Levy (Section 7.12) Developer Contributions Plan 2020* become operational on the date nominated in the public notice to be published in a local newspaper in accordance with Clause 31(2)&(4) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
- (c) That the nominated date in the public notice for the commencement of the *City of Ryde Section 7.11 Developer Contributions Plan 2020* and *City of Ryde Fixed Rate Levy (Section 7.12) Developer Contributions Plan 2020* be 1 July 2020.
- (c) That the *City of Ryde Section 7.11 Developer Contributions Plan 2020* repeal the *City of Ryde Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007 – Interim Update (2014)* on the date it becomes operational (1 July 2020) in accordance with Clause 32(2)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

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

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**11 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That Council endorses the appointment of the nominated independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as detailed in the report, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

**Record for the Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Yedelian OAM

**LATE COUNCIL REPORT**

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

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

1. Waive Cancellation Fees and Notice Period January - March 2020:-
  - (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 January to March 2020 inclusive.
  - (b) That Council adopts the resolution to waive the notice period under Council's Venue Hire Application, for cancellations for the period January to March 2020 inclusive.
2. That the following proposed resolution (as identified in (2) (a), (b), (c) and (d) below) be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days with a further report being brought back to a Council meeting to determine the resolution following the public exhibition period:-
  - (a) That Council 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 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

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- (c) That Council 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 temporarily waives 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
- 3. That the April draft Delivery Plan be brought back to Council including options for no increase to fees, charges and Council rates where Council has discretion.
- 4. That Council arrange a fast-tracking process for financial hardship applications in regards to the payment of rates.
- 5. That Council's Hardship Policy be reviewed with options to be brought back to the April Council meeting.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**1 NAIDOC WEEK GRANTS - Councillor Jordan Lane**

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

That Council:

- (a) Note the NSW Government's NAIDOC Week grants program offers funding of up to \$3,000 to support events that celebrate Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.
- (b) Delegate the General Manager to take immediate steps to formally apply for funding before 24 April 2020.
- (c) Report back to Council in June 2020 with the community group(s) and/or project(s) the City of Ryde has nominated for funding.
- (d) Write to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Don Harwin MLC thanking the NSW Government for the initiative, and the opportunity to apply.



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**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**2 WEBSITE LIVE CHAT - Councillor Jordan Lane**

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

That Council:

- (a) Supports the establishment of a live chat mechanism to offer immediate online assistance to visitors to the City of Ryde website.
- (b) Delegate the General Manager to take immediate steps to investigate the most appropriate and cost effective live chat program.
- (c) Receive a report by as soon as practicable detailing the findings of the investigation and the necessary steps and an approximate timeline for implementation.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**3 CURBING AND GUTTERING - McGOWAN STREET, PUTNEY - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

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

**4 SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES OPPOSING FRACKING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

Note: James Stanton-Cooks, Dr Roderick Anderson (representing myself as a resident of a SSROC Council), Amy Smart, Meredith Kirton, Chris Cambian, Suzie Gold, Julie Lee, Jessica Clarke, Heather McCabe, Tara McCabe, Phillip Ward, Annie Nielsen, Sybille Frank, Libby Lawson, Winnie Fu, Joanne Taranto and Murray Deakin made written submissions to Council in relation to this Item.

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

That Council:

- (a) Write to Origin Energy:-
  - (i) Noting City of Ryde has a Power Purchase Agreement with Origin Energy through SSROC, 20% of which is currently sourced from the Moree Power plant.

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- (ii) Noting City of Ryde has endorsed a Climate Emergency Declaration, a resolution to divest from Fossil fuels and has resolved to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan.
- (iii) Expressing our support for the traditional owners and communities in the Northern Territory, who have expressed their strong opposition to fracking due to the threat it poses to the climate, to their lands, waters, and rights.
- (iv) Requesting that Origin Energy cease all plans to conduct fracking in the Northern Territory and elsewhere due to its impact on climate, communities, water, and environment and that they commit to further investment in environmentally sustainable renewable energy projects.
- (b) Forward a copy of the correspondence referred to above to all NSW Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs).
- (c) That should this become a resolution of Council, that Council endorses the following Motion to be submitted to the 2020 National General Assembly of Local Government:

That ALGA:-

- (a) Write to all Energy companies currently proposing fracking in the Northern Territory:-
  - (i) Noting that many Councils in Australia have Power Purchase Agreements with them.
  - (ii) Noting that many Councils have endorsed and must uphold - among other things: Climate Emergency Declarations, Net zero emissions targets, resolutions to divest from Fossil fuels and developed Reconciliation Action Plans.
  - (iii) Expressing our support for the traditional owners and communities in the Northern Territory, who have expressed their strong opposition to fracking due to the threat it poses to the climate, to their lands, waters, and rights.
  - (iv) Requesting that Energy companies cease all plans to conduct fracking in the Northern Territory and due to its impact on climate, communities, water, and environment and that they commit to further investment in environmentally sustainable renewable energy projects.
- (b) Forward a copy of the correspondence referred to above to all Australian Ministers for Local Government, Energy and Environment.

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On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Kim abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Moujalli

**5 HERITAGE LISTING RYDE CIVIC CENTRE - Councillor Dr Peter Kim**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

That the General Manager place an interim Heritage Order on the Civic Centre and the Civic Hall; conduct a city wide community survey to ascertain the resident's view on its heritability; prepare a cost report to refurbish the Civic Centre at its current state; and to prepare heritage report to the Council before the expiry of Interim Heritage Order.

Note: In accordance with Section 15 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale requested that Councillors Clifton and Kim both withdraw their offensive comments against each other. Councillor Clifton withdrew her comments. Councillor Kim refused to withdraw his comments and moved a Motion of Dissent against the Mayor's ruling.

**MOTION OF DISSENT**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillor Kim)

That a Motion of Dissent be moved against the Mayor, Councillor Laxale's ruling regarding Councillor Kim's withdrawal of his offensive comments under Section 15 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**.

**Record of Voting:**

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

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

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Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale again requested Councillor Kim to withdraw his offensive comments against Councillor Clifton in accordance with Section 15 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice. Councillor Kim again refused to withdraw his comments.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 10.47pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

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

That Councillor Kim be expelled from the meeting under the provisions set out in Section 15 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice, the time being 10.48pm.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Motion was five (5) For and six (6) Against. The Motion was **LOST**.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen and Purcell

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

Note: Councillor Maggio returned to the meeting at 10.50pm.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Kim and Maggio)

That the General Manager place an interim Heritage Order on the Civic Centre and the Civic Hall; conduct a city wide community survey to ascertain the resident's view on its heritability; prepare a cost report to refurbish the Civic Centre at its current state; and to prepare heritage report to the Council before the expiry of Interim Heritage Order.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Yedelian OAM abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Motion was four (4) For and eight (8) Against. The Motion was **LOST**.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane and Maggio

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**ITEM 12 - REQUEST FOR TENDER COR-RFT-16/19 - CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI LEVEL CARPARK AT 53-71 ROWE STREET, EASTWOOD**

**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 13 - REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT-08/19 - RYDE CENTRAL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTRE**

**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 – SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT – INITIATIVES TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESS TO CONTINUE AND RECOVER FROM THE COVID-19 EVENT**

**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 5(4) - 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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**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

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

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

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

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 10.56pm. The public and media left the chamber.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

**RESOLUTION :** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

That the meeting time be extended to allow consideration of all remaining Items on the Agenda, the time being 10.57pm.

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:**

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

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

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**12 REQUEST FOR TENDER COR-RFT-16/19 - CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI LEVEL CARPARK AT 53-71 ROWE STREET, EASTWOOD**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That Council, pursuant to clause 178 (1) (a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, accepts the tender from Hutchinson Builders Pty Ltd for COR-RFT-16/19 for the lump sum amount up to \$7,656,413 (excl GST) and varied to address the inclusion of provisional items.

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- (b) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to enter into a contract with Hutchinson Builders Pty Ltd for COR-RFT-16/19: Construction of a Multi-Level Carpark at 53-71 Rowe Street, Eastwood 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.
- (c) That Item (a) and (b) be subject to Hutchinson Builders Pty Ltd obtaining a corporate financial assessment, with risk mitigation measures as required, to the satisfaction of the Director - City Works.
- (d) That Council advises all the respondents of Council's decision.

**Record for the Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Yedelian OAM

**13 REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT-08/19 - RYDE CENTRAL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTRE**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

- (a) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Council accepts the tender from Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd for the design and construction of the Ryde Central Community and Cultural Centre Project for a target Contract Sum of \$110,000,000 (excluding GST).
- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.
- (c) That Council exercise its discretion under Section 55 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 by not inviting tenders for services currently provided by Dixon Capital, Hawkrigde Entertainment Services, Wilde and Woollard, Taylor Thomson Whitting, ARUP and Blackett Maguire Goldsmith for the following reasons:
  - 1. The intimate knowledge the existing firms have of the project, its advanced progress and benefits that accrue from continuity of service provision;
  - 2. The professional manner in which the existing firms have responded to Council's brief to date and the timeframe in which they have delivered a feasible and viable project for Council's consideration; and

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3. All firms have already undergone appropriate due diligence checks (including a competitive request for quotation process undertaken previously) and were selected as the preferred firm in each of their respective briefs
- (d) That Council approve a project budget allocation of \$125 million to meet the estimated costs associated with the project, including the target contract sum, associated project management and delivery costs and contingency costs.
- (e) That Council endorse the funding strategy to support the project budget allocation, as outlined in this report and incorporate this in Council's suite of Integrated Planning & Reporting documents.

Note: Councillors Kim and Maggio left the meeting at 12.06am and were not present for voting on this Item.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Kim)

That consideration of this Item be deferred until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Note: Councillor Lane requested that this Item be Recommitted as he had made an error in voting.

Note: Councillors Maggio and Kim returned to the meeting at 12.09am.

**RECOMMITTAL OF ITEM**

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

That this Item be Recommitted.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Item was then Recommitted.



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**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Kim)

That consideration of this Item be deferred until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

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 for the Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou.

**FURTHER AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Purcell)

- (a) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Council accepts the tender from Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd for the design and construction of the Ryde Central Community and Cultural Centre Project for a target Contract Sum of \$110,000,000 (excluding GST).
- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.
- (c) That Council exercise its discretion under Section 55 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 by not inviting tenders for services currently provided by Dixon Capital, Hawkridge Entertainment Services, Wilde and Woollard, Taylor Thomson Whitting, ARUP and Blackett Maguire Goldsmith for the following reasons:
  - 1. The intimate knowledge the existing firms have of the project, its advanced progress and benefits that accrue from continuity of service provision;
  - 2. The professional manner in which the existing firms have responded to Council's brief to date and the timeframe in which they have delivered a feasible and viable project for Council's consideration; and
  - 3. All firms have already undergone appropriate due diligence checks (including a competitive request for quotation process undertaken previously) and were selected as the preferred firm in each of their respective briefs

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- (d) That Council approve a project budget allocation of \$125 million to meet the estimated costs associated with the project, including the target contract sum, associated project management and delivery costs and contingency costs.
- (e) That Council endorse the funding strategy to support the project budget allocation, as outlined in this report and incorporate this in Council's suite of Integrated Planning & Reporting documents.
- (f) That the General Manager be authorised to immediately enact this resolution by:
  - (i) executing the contract relating to the tender from Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd as soon as practicable; and/or
  - (ii) immediately issuing a letter to Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd confirming that Council has accepted its tender.
- (g) That in honour of her long contribution to the City of Ryde, the community and the Arts, the main auditorium of the cultural centre be named after former Mayor, Edna Wilde OAM (on her acceptance).

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

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Purcell)

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1. The intimate knowledge the existing firms have of the project, its advanced progress and benefits that accrue from continuity of service provision;
  2. The professional manner in which the existing firms have responded to Council's brief to date and the timeframe in which they have delivered a feasible and viable project for Council's consideration; and
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- (g) That in honour of her long contribution to the City of Ryde, the community and the Arts, the main auditorium of the cultural centre be named after former Mayor, Edna Wilde OAM (on her acceptance).

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 for the Voting:**

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

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

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**LATE CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORT**

**15 SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT – INITIATIVES TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESS TO CONTINUE AND RECOVER FROM THE COVID-19 EVENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Gordon)

It is recommended that Council: -

- (a) Adopts the measures outlined in this report to support small business.
- (b) Publicly notifies that Council is proposing to provide financial assistance (generally consistent with the substance of this report) due to hardship experienced as a result of the COVID-19 event.
- (c) Council considers the addition of a generic hardship category under its Fees and Charges Schedule for the provision of financial assistance to address any such future natural disaster, pandemic event or similar.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**5 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2/20 held on 10 March 2020**

**4 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS**

Note: Councillor Clifton left the meeting at 12.27am and was not present for voting on this Item.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

That the report of the General Counsel be received.

**Record for the Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Gordon, Kim, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane and Maggio

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**OPEN SESSION**

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

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

- (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.

**Record for the Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

Note: Open Council resumed at 12.29am on Wednesday, 25 March 2020.

Note: Councillors Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 12.30am and did not return.

**MATTER OF URGENCY**

Councillor Zhou advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding a request for National COVID-19 Action.

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

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

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Zhou and Gordon)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Zhou, regarding a request for National COVID-19 Action, the time being 12.30am.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillors Laxale and Councillors Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Brown and Kim

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**MATTER OF URGENCY – REQUEST FOR NATIONAL COVID-19 ACTION**

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

Note: Councillor Clifton returned to the meeting at 12.32am.

Note: Councillor Brown left the meeting at 12.33am and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Kim left the meeting at 12.50am and did not return. He was not present for voting on this Item.

Note: A copy of the Handbook of COVID-19 Prevention and Treatment was tabled by Councillor Zhou in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Zhou and Gordon)

That the Mayor:-

- (a) Write to The Prime Minister of Australia and The Premier of NSW regarding COVID-19 prevention, remind them to read and respond to local Chinese speaking and Korean speaking community's appeal as per Councillor Simon Zhou's letter to Prime Minister submitted via [www.pm.gov.au](http://www.pm.gov.au) on 16/02/2020 and via post on 18/02/2020, and urge the federal government and state government to take stronger and more efficient action on COVID-19 prevention. The government actions required in the appeal letter dated 16/02/2020 are:
- Immediate closure of all schools, colleges and universities nationwide to reduce cross contamination of COVID-19 for a minimum 2-week period and until health authorities give the 'all clear' for education facilities to resume operation.
  - Strict control of all incoming flights to Australia including travel bans for passengers from known 'infected' countries as well as a mandatory quarantine period of 14 days for all arrivals to Australia, regardless of place of departure.
  - Strengthen epidemic prevention measures for public transportation, including mandatory monitoring/recording of body temperature, provision of face masks and hand sanitiser for all passengers.
  - Require all healthcare workers across Australia to wear masks, goggles and other epidemic prevention equipment.
  - Make public the medical system's response plan in the event of a serious national outbreak as soon as possible.

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- Announce how and when the government's 'virus stimulus package' will be dispersed within the community including all eligible recipients as soon as possible.
- (b) Forward the report "Handbook of COVID-19 Prevention and Treatment Compiled According to Clinical Experience, Released by Jack Ma Foundation" to The Prime Minister of Australia The Hon. Scott Morrison MP, The Premier of NSW The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, and Chief Medical Officer Professor Brendan Murphy, urge their attention on international case studies and suggest them to make international inquiries and learn from all successful examples in this global health crisis.

The translated report in English and the original report in Chinese are available at <https://covid-19.alibabacloud.com>

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MATTER OF URGENCY**

Councillor Maggio advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding taking no further action concerning the traffic conditions at the corner of Monash Road and Buffalo Road.

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

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

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillor Maggio and the Mayor, Councillor Laxale)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Maggio, regarding taking no further action concerning the traffic conditions at the corner of Monash Road and Buffalo Road, the time being 12.53am.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MATTER OF URGENCY – TRAFFIC CONDITIONS MONASH ROAD AND  
BUFFALO ROAD**

Note: Councillor Maggio WITHDREW this Matter of Urgency.

The meeting closed at 12.57am on Wednesday, 25 March 2020.

CONFIRMED THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2020

Chairperson



#### 4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 3/20 held on 14 April 2020

**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager

**File No.:** CLM/20/1/1/2 - BP20/319

#### REPORT SUMMARY

Attached are the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 3/20 held on 14 April 2020. The Minutes will be listed for confirmation at the next Works and Community Committee Meeting.

Items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

The following Committee recommendation for Item 3 is 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 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING 2020, ROUND 1

Note: Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows a Korean Association which applied for a community grant but is not a member.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has until recently sat on the board with a member of the board at CASS.

Note: Councillor Kim requested that an increase of further \$2,500 funding (total of \$5,000) be given to both the Korean Harmony Culture Group and CASS.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Kim)

- (a) That Council endorse funding to the following organisations in Round 1 of the 2020 Community Grants as follows:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP04	Message Community Church Inc. (Australian Korean Theatre Company)	Musical- You are Special	\$5,000	\$5,000	Production of musical "You are special"- in Korean language	
CP05	Ample Abilities Inc.	Badminton for people with Disabilities	\$4,800	\$3,800	Weekly badminton game for people with disabilities facilitated by volunteers	Travel allowance for volunteers is an operational cost and not eligible.

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CP07	SydneySiders Express Incorporated	Harmony Chorus 2021 Open Night-membership drive	\$4,330	\$3000	Open night followed by a five week "Learn to sing in Harmony" course	Venue hire not eligible. Advertising costs reduced, disproportionate to overall grant.
CP08	The Shepherd Centre	Ready Set Go: A school readiness program for children with hearing impairments	\$5,000	\$5,000	Children's group + parent's group to prepare deaf children for transition to mainstream school	
CP14	Community Migrant Resource Centre	Parenting between Cultures	\$5,000	\$5,000	8 week program aimed at parents and carers from a non- English speaking background.	
CP15	Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Climbing playset for children with a disability	\$5,000	\$5,000	Support the gross motor development of younger clients with a range of adjustable play equipment	Transferred to Facilities and Equipment category
EM01	Diversity and Disability Alliance	Community of Peers West Ryde	\$4,740	\$4,740	A peer support program to share experiences and reduce social isolation for people with a disability	
EM02	Uyghur Cultural Group	Uyghur Cultural Group	\$5,000	\$5,000	Opportunity for parents in the Uyghur community to build connections and access support	
EM04	Relationships and Emotional Advancement Community Hub Ltd. (REACH)	Relationships and community advancement hub	\$5,000	\$5,000	Inaugural multi-lingual awareness event (conducted in English and Chinese) for families affected by autism spectrum disorder/ neurodiversity	
EM05	The Probus Club of Gladesville and District	Travel assistance for seniors	\$2,000	\$2,000	Four outings per year	Transferred to seniors category
Ev01	Korean Harmony Culture Group	Korean seniors performance and karaoke competition	\$2,500	\$2,500	An event for Korean seniors including performances, lunch and singing competition	
Ev02	Riverside Business Chamber	Putney Village Street Festival	\$7,500	\$7,500	A street festival showcasing businesses in Putney. Includes stalls, music and children's activities	
Ev03	Good Friends INC.	Memory of July	\$2,496	\$2,496	Memory in July music concert-choir, hand bells, string ensemble and dancing	

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Ev06	FoodFaith Ltd.	Ryde B & B Highway Launch	\$4,016	\$2,500	Launch of pollinator-friendly gardens including workshops for children from 12 local schools	Events under 1000 attendees eligible for up to \$2,500 funding
Ev07	CASS	Korean Parents Day Celebration for Seniors	\$2,500	\$2,500	Korean performances, lunch and signing competition to celebrate Parents Day	
Ev10	Christmas Carols West Ryde	Christmas Carols West Ryde	\$7,500	\$5,000	Christmas carols in West Ryde involving local businesses, community groups and churches	Events 1001-5000 attendees eligible for up to \$5,000 funding
Ev12	Rotary Club of Macquarie Park	Rotary Carols on the Common	\$7,500	\$7,500	Carols by Candlelight on the Common- Coordinated by volunteers, involving local community groups	
Ev14	Melrose Park Football Club	Street Football World Cup Intercultural Community Festival	\$5,000	\$5,000	A one-day community engagement event- Street Football World Cup Tournament and intercultural festival at Meadowbank Park	
Ev21	Ryde Indian Association	Diwali Fair- City of Ryde	\$7,500	\$5,000	Diwali- Festival of Lights is a community event at North Ryde Common	Events 1001-5000 attendees eligible for up to \$5,000 funding
FE02	1 <sup>st</sup> Meadowbank Scout Group	Improve concrete driveway	\$5,000	\$5,000	Improve concrete driveway at rear of building	
FE05	1 <sup>st</sup> North Ryde Scout Group	Repair uneven path	\$5,000	\$5,000	Concrete/ repair uneven path	
FE06	1 <sup>st</sup> Putney Scout Group	Repairs to Scout building	\$5,000	\$5,000	Fence repair, electrical work, replace vinyl floor, replace kitchen and paint garage	
FE07	Ryde District Historical Society	Scanning equipment to assist with archiving	\$4,458	\$4,458	Purchase of scanning equipment to assist with archiving historical records of ethnic communities in Ryde	
Gen01	Australian Korean Art Therapy Association	Parenting program with art therapy	\$4,875	\$3,500	8 week parenting program, art therapy- for parents, children and grandparents	Reduced funding for catering, as this cannot be a main component of the grant
Gen02	Stryder Incorporated	Safe driver training	\$5,000	\$5,000	Individual and group driver training sessions for Stryder's volunteers and team	

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Sen01	Probus Club of Putney-Tennyson	Social events for seniors	\$2,000	\$2,000	Christmas in July, seafood BBQ, bus trip and Christmas lunch for seniors	
Sen02	Ryde Ladies Probus	Monthly social outings	\$2,000	\$2,000	Subsidise coach hire for monthly seniors social outings	
Sen03	Italian Women's Group Marsfield	Promote health initiatives	\$2,000	\$2,000	Social and support group for older Italian women	
SI01	Resolution Community Services	Our Community Table	\$10,000	\$2,500	Partnership project between social housing tenants and Afghan Women's social enterprise-providing regular lunches	Up to \$2,500 (matched funding) is available for this category
SI05	AASHA Australia Foundation	Everyone Deserves Respect-Seniors Rights Forum	\$5,000	\$4,700	Forums for seniors in the Indian community-focusing on seniors rights, health & social activities	Ongoing venue hire not eligible.
SS01	The Northern Centre	Dads & Bubs Saturday Supported Playgroup	\$10,000	\$10,000	8 week dads & bubs supported playgroup	
SS03	Link Housing	Let's Get Social 2	\$7,780	\$7,780	Engagement program for residents of 4 social housing complexes (social, physical, recreational and creative activities)	
SS07	Learning Links	Take Action-supporting children with anxiety in City of Ryde	\$7,475	\$7,475	A cognitive therapy based program for children 4-7 years and 8-12 years old to address anxiety.	
SS08	Christian Community Aid Services	Community Store-Community Safety Net	\$10,000	\$2,000	Expansion of Community Store program- providing food, clothing, books etc. to financially disadvantaged people. Includes a research project on factors contributing to disadvantage.	Approve research project only. Community store has been funded in Round 2, 2019 and cannot be to be funded again this year.
SS10	StreetWork Australia Ltd.	KickStart Mentoring Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	Mentoring program for at-risk young people	
SS12	CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay	Practical support for women and children leaving domestic violence	\$10,000	\$10,000	Practical assistance for women and children in Ryde leaving domestic violence situations (incl. food, travel, clothing)	

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SS14	Rotary Club of North Ryde	Seniors Christmas Lunch	\$2,500	\$2,500	Fully catered Christmas lunch to approximately 70 frail aged elderly clients of North Ryde Community Aid	Transferred to event category
SpR02	Central Eastwood Rugby Football Club	Cultural Diversity	\$3,500	\$3,500	Promotion of rugby to increase number of players from Chinese and Korean communities	
SpR04	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	Net Set Go	\$3,500	\$3,500	Students from local schools aged 6-10 years to participate in Net Set Go 4-6 week introduction to netball skills	
SpR05	Inner West Harbour Cricket Association	IWHCA- Ryde Master Blaster Centre	\$2,960	\$2,960	Facilitate an entry level cricket program aimed at children aged 7-10 years of age over 16 weeks	
SpR06	Macquarie Combines Sports Club Inc.	Specialist coaching, over 40 age group, coach education injury risk management	\$3,500	\$3,500	Specialist support and advice to teach over 40's coaches on minimizing injury risk to grassroots players	
SpR07	Australian Asian Association of Bennelong Inc.	AAAB Harmony Project	\$3,500	\$2,500	Part A: Multicultural soccer tournament to promote multicultural friendship  Part B: Harmony concert and cooking competition	Transferred to event category. Eligible for up to \$2,500 funding

(b) That funding of \$136,093.30 is available from within the Community and Ranger Services budget to partially fund the recommended applications totaling \$190,409. Allocate the remaining funding of \$54,315.70 from the community grants reserve.

(c) That Council does not endorse the following applications:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP06	Courage to Care	Courage to Care Social Harmony Exhibition (2020)	\$5,000	\$0	6 week exhibition (open to the public) at the Whitlam Institute- promoting social harmony	Out of area and not primarily benefiting people in Ryde.

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Ev 05	Eastwood Tamil Study Centre Inc.	Annual Cultural Event- Kalai Vizha	\$7,500	\$0	Annual cultural Tamil event including dancing, acting, singing and other multicultural activities	Out of area and does not meet eligibility criteria
Ev 20	City of Ryde Art Society	60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition	\$5,000	\$0	City of Ryde Art Society hosting 60 <sup>th</sup> annual art awards.	Applied for funding for cash prizes. No evidence of how this meets the objectives of the event category
SS02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	Continuing of Cancer Care Nursing Home Entertainment	\$10,000	\$0	Weekly beach walks for cancer patients and Korean performances in nursing homes. First aid training for volunteers.	Commonwealth and Health Services in the area are funded to provide culturally specific meals and social support. The grant application does not provide any evidence of partnerships with these existing services and is likely to be a duplication of service.
SS13	Ryde Secondary College Parents and Citizens Association	Student Scholarships 2020	\$10,000	\$0	Scholarships for socio-economically disadvantaged families attending Ryde Secondary College	Scholarships are not eligible under the grants program.

- (d) That the successful and unsuccessful grant applicants be informed in writing of the outcomes of their applications.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Pedersen

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **28 APRIL 2020** as dissenting votes were recorded and it is outside the Committee's delegations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**1 MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting - 14 April 2020**

**ITEM 4 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Works and Community Committee  
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 3/20**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 14 April 2020  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 6.00pm

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Pedersen (Chairperson), Clifton, Gordon, Kim and Purcell.

Note: Councillors Gordon and Purcell were in attendance at the meeting remotely via audio link (phone conference).

**Apologies:** Councillor Zhou.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Transport, Manager – Environment, Team Leader – Community Services, Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

Note: Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Transport, Manager – Environment, Team Leader – Community Services and Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator were in attendance at the meeting remotely via audio link (phone conference).

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 3 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 1, for the reason that he knows a Korean Association which applied for a community grant but is not a member.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 3 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 1, for the reason that she has until recently sat on the board with a member of the board at CASS.

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

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Jo Spangaro	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
John Boyle	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
Dr Hope Ashiabor	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
Pamela Reeves (representing Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group)	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde
Honorary Professor Graham Town	<b>Item 5</b> – Renewable Energy Target for the City of Ryde

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee  
Meeting held on 10 March 2020**

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

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 2/20, held on 10 March 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.

**2 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

That the Committee adopt Item 5 on the Agenda as per the recommendation in the report.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous



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**5 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET FOR THE CITY OF RYDE**

Note: Written Submissions from Jo Spangaro, John Boyle, Dr Hope Ashiabor, Pamela Reeves (representing the Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group) and Honorary Professor Graham Town were tabled in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

- (a) That Council endorses the *Solar Power and the City of Ryde Report* presented to Renewable Energy Advisory Committee on 13 March 2019 as provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** and the *Renewable Energy Target Pathways Analysis Report* as provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.
- (b) That Council adopts a 100% Renewable Energy Target (RET) for all of Council's electricity using assets by 30 June 2030.
- (c) That Council adopts the Resource Efficiency Targets as detailed in Appendix A of **ATTACHMENT 2 Renewable Energy Target Pathways Analysis Report** as dated 18 February 2020.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

**3 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM- ALLOCATION OF FUNDING 2020, ROUND 1**

Note: Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows a Korean Association which applied for a community grant but is not a member.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has until recently sat on the board with a member of the board at CASS.

Note: Councillor Kim requested that an increase of further \$2,500 funding (total of \$5,000) be given to both the Korean Harmony Culture Group and CASS.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Kim)

- (a) That Council endorse funding to the following organisations in Round 1 of the 2020 Community Grants as follows:

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Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP04	Message Community Church Inc. (Australian Korean Theatre Company)	Musical- You are Special	\$5,000	\$5,000	Production of musical "You are special"- in Korean language	
CP05	Ample Abilities Inc.	Badminton for people with Disabilities	\$4,800	\$3,800	Weekly badminton game for people with disabilities facilitated by volunteers	Travel allowance for volunteers is an operational cost and not eligible.
CP07	SydneySiders Express Incorporated	Harmony Chorus 2021 Open Night-membership drive	\$4,330	\$3000	Open night followed by a five week "Learn to sing in Harmony" course	Venue hire not eligible. Advertising costs reduced, disproportionate to overall grant.
CP08	The Shepherd Centre	Ready Set Go: A school readiness program for children with hearing impairments	\$5,000	\$5,000	Children's group + parent's group to prepare deaf children for transition to mainstream school	
CP14	Community Migrant Resource Centre	Parenting between Cultures	\$5,000	\$5,000	8 week program aimed at parents and carers from a non- English speaking background.	
CP15	Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Climbing playset for children with a disability	\$5,000	\$5,000	Support the gross motor development of younger clients with a range of adjustable play equipment	Transferred to Facilities and Equipment category
EM01	Diversity and Disability Alliance	Community of Peers West Ryde	\$4,740	\$4,740	A peer support program to share experiences and reduce social isolation for people with a disability	
EM02	Uyghur Cultural Group	Uyghur Cultural Group	\$5,000	\$5,000	Opportunity for parents in the Uyghur community to build connections and access support	
EM04	Relationships and Emotional Advancement Community Hub Ltd. (REACH)	Relationships and community advancement hub	\$5,000	\$5,000	Inaugural multi-lingual awareness event (conducted in English and Chinese) for families affected by autism spectrum disorder/ neurodiversity	
EM05	The Probus Club of Gladesville and District	Travel assistance for seniors	\$2,000	\$2,000	Four outings per year	Transferred to seniors category
Ev01	Korean Harmony Culture Group	Korean seniors performance and karaoke competition	\$2,500	\$2,500	An event for Korean seniors including performances, lunch and singing competition	

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Ev02	Riverside Business Chamber	Putney Village Street Festival	\$7,500	\$7,500	A street festival showcasing businesses in Putney. Includes stalls, music and children's activities	
Ev03	Good Friends INC.	Memory of July	\$2,496	\$2,496	Memory in July music concert-choir, hand bells, string ensemble and dancing	
Ev06	FoodFaith Ltd.	Ryde B & B Highway Launch	\$4,016	\$2,500	Launch of pollinator-friendly gardens including workshops for children from 12 local schools	Events under 1000 attendees eligible for up to \$2,500 funding
Ev07	CASS	Korean Parents Day Celebration for Seniors	\$2,500	\$2,500	Korean performances, lunch and signing competition to celebrate Parents Day	
Ev10	Christmas Carols West Ryde	Christmas Carols West Ryde	\$7,500	\$5,000	Christmas carols in West Ryde involving local businesses, community groups and churches	Events 1001-5000 attendees eligible for up to \$5,000 funding
Ev12	Rotary Club of Macquarie Park	Rotary Carols on the Common	\$7,500	\$7,500	Carols by Candlelight on the Common- Coordinated by volunteers, involving local community groups	
Ev14	Melrose Park Football Club	Street Football World Cup Intercultural Community Festival	\$5,000	\$5,000	A one-day community engagement event- Street Football World Cup Tournament and intercultural festival at Meadowbank Park	
Ev21	Ryde Indian Association	Diwali Fair- City of Ryde	\$7,500	\$5,000	Diwali- Festival of Lights is a community event at North Ryde Common	Events 1001-5000 attendees eligible for up to \$5,000 funding
FE02	1 <sup>st</sup> Meadowbank Scout Group	Improve concrete driveway	\$5,000	\$5,000	Improve concrete driveway at rear of building	
FE05	1 <sup>st</sup> North Ryde Scout Group	Repair uneven path	\$5,000	\$5,000	Concrete/ repair uneven path	
FE06	1 <sup>st</sup> Putney Scout Group	Repairs to Scout building	\$5,000	\$5,000	Fence repair, electrical work, replace vinyl floor, replace kitchen and paint garage	
FE07	Ryde District Historical Society	Scanning equipment to assist with archiving	\$4,458	\$4,458	Purchase of scanning equipment to assist with archiving historical records of ethnic communities in Ryde	

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Gen01	Australian Korean Art Therapy Association	Parenting program with art therapy	\$4,875	\$3,500	8 week parenting program, art therapy- for parents, children and grandparents	Reduced funding for catering, as this cannot be a main component of the grant
Gen02	Stryder Incorporated	Safe driver training	\$5,000	\$5,000	Individual and group driver training sessions for Stryder's volunteers and team	
Sen01	Probus Club of Putney-Tennyson	Social events for seniors	\$2,000	\$2,000	Christmas in July, seafood BBQ, bus trip and Christmas lunch for seniors	
Sen02	Ryde Ladies Probus	Monthly social outings	\$2,000	\$2,000	Subsidise coach hire for monthly seniors social outings	
Sen03	Italian Women's Group Marsfield	Promote health initiatives	\$2,000	\$2,000	Social and support group for older Italian women	
SI01	Resolution Community Services	Our Community Table	\$10,000	\$2,500	Partnership project between social housing tenants and Afghan Women's social enterprise- providing regular lunches	Up to \$2,500 (matched funding) is available for this category
SI05	AASHA Australia Foundation	Everyone Deserves Respect- Seniors Rights Forum	\$5,000	\$4,700	Forums for seniors in the Indian community- focusing on seniors rights, health & social activities	Ongoing venue hire not eligible.
SS01	The Northern Centre	Dads & Bubs Saturday Supported Playgroup	\$10,000	\$10,000	8 week dads & bubs supported playgroup	
SS03	Link Housing	Let's Get Social 2	\$7,780	\$7,780	Engagement program for residents of 4 social housing complexes (social, physical, recreational and creative activities)	
SS07	Learning Links	Take Action- supporting children with anxiety in City of Ryde	\$7,475	\$7,475	A cognitive therapy based program for children 4-7 years and 8-12 years old to address anxiety.	
SS08	Christian Community Aid Services	Community Store- Community Safety Net	\$10,000	\$2,000	Expansion of Community Store program- providing food, clothing, books etc. to financially disadvantaged people. Includes a research project on factors contributing to disadvantage.	Approve research project only. Community store has been funded in Round 2, 2019 and cannot be to be funded again this year.
SS10	StreetWork Australia Ltd.	KickStart Mentoring Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	Mentoring program for at-risk young people	

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SS12	CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay	Practical support for women and children leaving domestic violence	\$10,000	\$10,000	Practical assistance for women and children in Ryde leaving domestic violence situations (incl. food, travel, clothing)	
SS14	Rotary Club of North Ryde	Seniors Christmas Lunch	\$2,500	\$2,500	Fully catered Christmas lunch to approximately 70 frail aged elderly clients of North Ryde Community Aid	Transferred to event category
SpR02	Central Eastwood Rugby Football Club	Cultural Diversity	\$3,500	\$3,500	Promotion of rugby to increase number of players from Chinese and Korean communities	
SpR04	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	Net Set Go	\$3,500	\$3,500	Students from local schools aged 6-10 years to participate in Net Set Go 4-6 week introduction to netball skills	
SpR05	Inner West Harbour Cricket Association	IWHCA- Ryde Master Blaster Centre	\$2,960	\$2,960	Facilitate an entry level cricket program aimed at children aged 7-10 years of age over 16 weeks	
SpR06	Macquarie Combines Sports Club Inc.	Specialist coaching, over 40 age group, coach education injury risk management	\$3,500	\$3,500	Specialist support and advice to teach over 40's coaches on minimizing injury risk to grassroots players	
SpR07	Australian Asian Association of Bennelong Inc.	AAAB Harmony Project	\$3,500	\$2,500	Part A: Multicultural soccer tournament to promote multicultural friendship  Part B: Harmony concert and cooking competition	Transferred to event category. Eligible for up to \$2,500 funding

- (b) That funding of \$136,093.30 is available from within the Community and Ranger Services budget to partially fund the recommended applications totaling \$190,409. Allocate the remaining funding of \$54,315.70 from the community grants reserve.

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(c) That Council does not endorse the following applications:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP 06	Courage to Care	Courage to Care Social Harmony Exhibition (2020)	\$5,000	\$0	6 week exhibition (open to the public) at the Whitlam Institute- promoting social harmony	Out of area and not primarily benefiting people in Ryde.
Ev 05	Eastwood Tamil Study Centre Inc.	Annual Cultural Event- Kalai Vizha	\$7,500	\$0	Annual cultural Tamil event including dancing, acting, singing and other multicultural activities	Out of area and does not meet eligibility criteria
Ev 20	City of Ryde Art Society	60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition	\$5,000	\$0	City of Ryde Art Society hosting 60 <sup>th</sup> annual art awards.	Applied for funding for cash prizes. No evidence of how this meets the objectives of the event category
SS 02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	Continuing of Cancer Care Nursing Home Entertainment	\$10,000	\$0	Weekly beach walks for cancer patients and Korean performances in nursing homes. First aid training for volunteers.	Commonwealth and Health Services in the area are funded to provide culturally specific meals and social support. The grant application does not provide any evidence of partnerships with these existing services and is likely to be a duplication of service.
SS 13	Ryde Secondary College Parents and Citizens Association	Student Scholarships 2020	\$10,000	\$0	Scholarships for socio-economically disadvantaged families attending Ryde Secondary College	Scholarships are not eligible under the grants program.

(d) That the successful and unsuccessful grant applicants be informed in writing of the outcomes of their applications.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

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**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Pedersen

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **28 APRIL 2020** as dissenting votes were recorded and it is outside the Committee's delegations.

**4 DRAFT ART COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

- (a) That Council place the draft Art Collection Management Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) That should no objections be received during the public exhibition period Council adopt the policy.
- (c) That should any substantive submissions/feedback be made objecting to the policy during the public exhibition period, a further report be prepared for Council's consideration.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

**5 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET FOR THE CITY OF RYDE**

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

**6 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS AT THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2020.**

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

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations:

**A. 92 HERRING ROAD, MARSFIELD – Extension of Median Island**

- Extension of the median island on the southbound approach to the Herring Road/Dora Street roundabout by 8.5m. All works to be undertaken by the developer at no cost to Council.

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**B. 459 & 461-495 VICTORIA ROAD, GLADESVILLE – Signage and Line Marking Plans**

- Endorsement of the signage and line marking plans for 459 & 461-495 Victoria Road, Gladesville, with all costs associated with the implementation of the works to be borne by the developer.

**C. ETHEL STREET AND MAY STREET, EASTWOOD – Temporary Parking Restrictions**

- Conversion of all unrestricted parking spaces along Ethel Street, Eastwood to *2P 8am-6pm Mon-Sun* for the duration of the closure of Rowe Street car park.
- Conversion of 19 unrestricted parking spaces along the eastern side of May Street, Eastwood to *2P 8am-6pm Mon-Sun* for the duration of the closure of Rowe Street car park.

**D. WINBOURNE STREET, WEST RYDE - Parking Restrictions**

- Conversion of the unrestricted parking zone along the frontage of 11 Winbourne Street, West Ryde to *1/4P 8am-9.30am & 2.30pm-6pm Mon-Fri*.

**E. BUFFALO ROAD, GLADESVILLE – Disabled Parking**

- Installation of a 7.8m long dedicated disabled parking space on Buffalo Road immediately south of the driveway serving 36 Monash Road, Gladesville.

**F. KULGOA AVENUE AND PRICE STREET, RYDE – Intersection Upgrade**

- Installation of *Give Way* signage and delineation on Price Street at Kulgoa Avenue, with the existing double barrier (BB) lines on Price Street remarked and augmented with raised reflective pavement markers (RRPMs).

**G. ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE – Report Be Noted**

- That the report be noted.

**H. HERMITAGE ROAD AND GOODWIN STREET, WEST RYDE - Statutory No Stopping**

- Installation of statutory *No Stopping* signage at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Goodwin Street, West Ryde.



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**I. HERMITAGE ROAD AND GOODWIN STREET, WEST RYDE - Line Marking**

- Installation of double barrier lines (BB lines) at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Goodwin Street, West Ryde.

**J. 3A-8 RAILWAY ROAD, MEADOWBANK – Formalise Existing Bus Stop**

- Installation of *Bus Zone 11pm to 6am* signage along the frontage of 3A – 8 Railway Road, Meadowbank.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY 2020

Chairperson

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**5 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020**

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**Report prepared by:** Chief Financial Officer**File No.:** COR2019/82 - BP20/291

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 March 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 2.15%, which is 0.97% above the benchmark figure of 1.18%.

Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sale of investments totals \$4.40M for the financial year to date, which is \$283K above the 2019/20 year-to-date adopted budget of \$4.12M.

Any impact on Council's interest on investments income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for the current financial year and 2020/21 financial year will be discussed as a part of the March 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statement at the May Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

**1** Investment Report Attachment - March 2020

Report Prepared By:

**Pav Kuzmanovski**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Report Approved By:

**Steven Kludass**  
**Director - Corporate Services**

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### Discussion

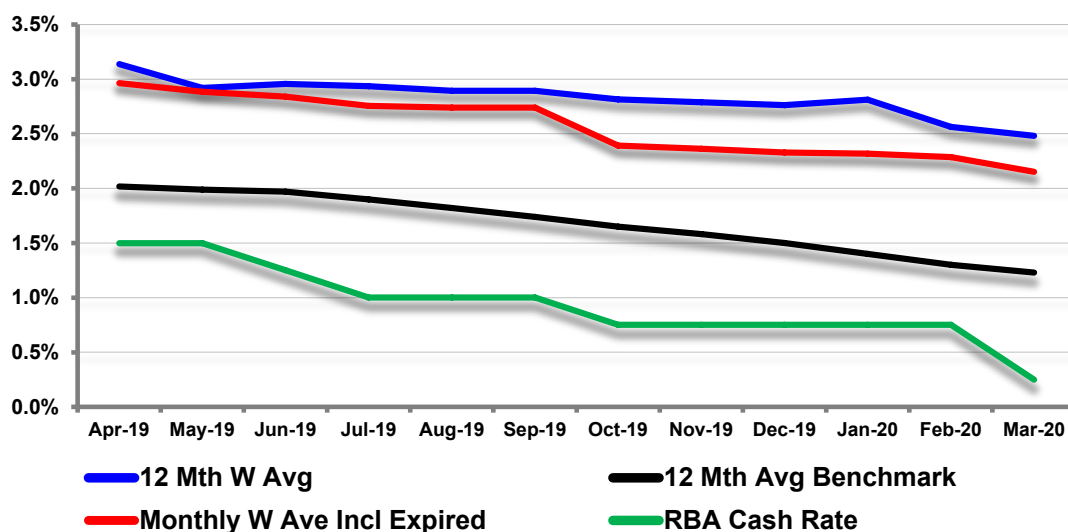
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer, is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

### Investment Performance Commentary

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

	Mar	12 Mth	FYTD
<b>Council Return</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>2.40</b>
<b>Benchmark</b>	1.18	1.23	1.04
<b>Variance</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.36</b>

### Performance - All Investments



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

Cash/Term Deposits	\$145.3M	59.0%
Floating Rate Notes	\$50.7M	20.6%
Fixed Bonds	\$50.1M	20.4%
<b>Total Cash Investments</b>	<b>\$246.1M</b>	
Investment Properties	\$156.8M	
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$402.9M</b>	

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Council's Investment Properties, valued as at 30 June 2019, are provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The valuations listed have been undertaken in accordance with the revaluation process to 'best use' by an independent valuer, in compliance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

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 March was \$1.37 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.

1. 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.

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INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 31-Mar-20 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2019	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
NAB	1. NAB Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,743	3.14	3.11	3.11	1.52	16/03/2023	1826
Suncorp-Metway	2. Suncorp FRN (Covered)	AAA	N	4,000	1.90	2.30	2.10	1.63	22/06/2021	1826
ANZ	3. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	1,499	3.16	3.14	3.13	0.61	18/01/2023	1826
ANZ	4. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	1,999	1.38	1.54	1.54	0.81	29/08/2024	1827
ANZ	5. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	1,991	1.49	1.64	1.64	0.81	29/08/2024	1805
ANZ	6. ANZ MTN 6	AA-	Y	1,997	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.81	16/01/2025	1827
ANZ	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,971	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.21	29/08/2024	1612
ANZ	8. ANZ FRN	AA-	Y	4,000	2.11	2.38	2.18	1.63	7/04/2021	1826
ANZ	9. ANZ FRN	AA-	Y	1,500	1.63	1.98	1.79	0.61	18/01/2023	1826
ANZ	10. ANZ FRN	AA-	Y	2,000	1.83	2.15	1.96	0.81	9/05/2023	1826
ANZ	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,999	3.13	3.12	3.11	1.22	8/02/2024	1826
ANZ	12. ANZ Floating TD	AA-	Y	4,000	2.44	2.76	2.57	1.63	10/11/2022	2557
ANZ	13. ANZ Flexi TD	AA-	Y	4,000	2.21	2.70	2.51	1.63	15/12/2022	2557
CBA	14. CBA At Call Deposit	AA-	Y	14,037	0.11	0.68	0.54	5.70		
CBA	15. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,986	3.41	3.40	3.40	1.62	25/04/2023	1916
CBA	16. CBA MTN	AA-	Y	3,495	3.28	3.27	3.26	1.42	16/08/2023	1826
CBA	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,478	3.23	3.21	3.20	1.41	11/01/2024	1826
CBA	18. CBA FRN	AA-	Y	2,000	1.78	2.10	1.81	0.81	17/07/2020	1827
CBA	19. CBA FRN	AA-	Y	1,999	2.04	2.36	2.16	0.81	17/07/2020	1613
NAB	20. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,996	3.16	3.16	3.15	1.22	12/05/2021	1826
NAB	21. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	3,994	3.08	3.09	3.09	1.62	10/02/2023	1918
NAB	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,997	2.95	2.95	2.95	1.22	26/02/2024	1826
NAB	23. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	Y	2,000	1.99	2.30	2.12	0.81	5/11/2020	1827
NAB	24. NAB FRN	AA-	Y	4,000	1.81	2.14	1.95	1.63	16/05/2023	1826
NAB	25. NAB FRN	AA-	Y	2,000	1.72	1.96	1.95	0.81	19/06/2024	1827
NAB	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.63	30/04/2020	262
NAB	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.53	2.13	1.93	1.63	28/05/2020	210
NAB	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,500	1.43	2.30	1.43	1.02	29/01/2021	336
NAB	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.35	1.69	1.69	1.63	17/09/2020	177
NAB	30. NAB TD	AA-	Y	4,000	1.53	2.13	1.93	1.63	28/05/2020	210
NAB	31. NAB TD	AA-	Y	4,000	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.63	14/04/2020	278
NAB	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.71	2.12	1.93	1.63	23/06/2020	280
NAB	33. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.63	16/10/2020	233
NAB	34. NAB TD	AA-	Y	4,000	1.43	2.07	1.43	1.63	19/01/2021	326
NAB	35. NAB TD	AA-	Y	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.63	18/09/2023	1827
Westpac	36. Westpac At Call	AA-	Y	13	0.08	0.19	0.13	0.01		
Westpac	37. Westpac FRN	AA-	Y	1,000	1.80	2.10	1.92	0.41	28/07/2020	1827
Westpac	38. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	Y	2,481	3.25	3.25	3.24	1.01	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac	39. Westpac Term Deposit 2	AA-	Y	2,000	1.66	1.66	1.66	0.81	22/09/2020	378
Westpac	40. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	3.55	3.55	3.55	1.63	22/02/2022	1825
Westpac	41. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	4,000	3.32	3.32	3.32	1.63	9/08/2022	1813
Westpac	42. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	Y	2,000	3.38	3.38	3.38	0.81	18/08/2022	1815
Westpac	43. WBC Floating TD	AA-	Y	4,000	2.12	2.44	2.26	1.63	17/02/2022	1826
Westpac	44. Westpac TD	AA-	Y	4,000	3.14	3.14	3.14	1.63	2/11/2021	1461
Macquarie Bank	45. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,999	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.62	12/02/2025	1827
Macquarie Bank	46. Macquarie Bank Term Deposit	A+	Y	2,000	1.76	1.76	1.76	0.81	3/04/2020	226
Suncorp-Metway	47. Suncorp FRN	A+	N	800	2.02	2.47	2.27	0.33	20/10/2020	1827
Suncorp-Metway	48. Suncorp FRN	A+	N	1,000	1.89	2.22	2.03	0.41	16/08/2022	1826
AMP	49. AMP TD	A	Y	2,000	2.11	2.11	2.11	0.81	26/05/2020	180
AMP	50. AMP Business Saver	BBB+	Y	394	0.91	1.29	1.14	0.16		
AMP	51. AMP Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	1,999	1.79	2.05	2.05	0.81	10/09/2021	729
AMP	52. AMP Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	993	2.30	2.34	2.34	0.40	30/03/2022	917
AMP	53. AMP TD	BBB+	Y	1,000	2.25	2.47	2.25	0.41	30/07/2020	366
AMP	54. AMP TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.81	1.81	1.81	0.81	18/06/2020	251
Australian Unity Bank	55. Aus Unity Bank TD	BBB+	?	2,000	1.55	2.17	1.97	0.81	30/07/2020	275
Australian Unity Bank	56. Australian Unity TD	BBB+	?	2,000	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.81	11/02/2021	364
Bank of Queensland	57. Bank of Queensland Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	1,989	3.41	3.39	3.37	0.81	16/11/2021	1267
Bank of Queensland	58. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.55	2.52	2.55	0.81	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	59. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.63	17/12/2020	1071
Bank of Queensland	60. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.55	3.55	3.55	0.81	12/11/2020	1827
Bank of Queensland	61. Bank of Queensland TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.75	3.75	3.75	0.81	9/12/2021	1823

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### INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel	Invested at 31-Mar-20 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2019	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	62. BoQ Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.63	15/11/2022	1804
BankVic	63. BankVic	BBB+	N	2,000	1.95	2.15	1.95	0.81	14/05/2020	296
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	64. Bendigo Fixed MTN	BBB+	N	2,000	3.54	3.50	3.49	0.81	25/01/2023	1826
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	65. Bendigo Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,000	2.02	2.34	2.16	0.41	18/08/2020	1827
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	66. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,997	1.99	2.29	2.11	0.81	25/01/2023	1532
Heritage Bank	67. Heritage Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,300	2.17	2.52	2.33	0.53	4/05/2020	1096
Heritage Bank	68. Heritage Bank FRN	BBB+	N	1,400	2.08	2.46	2.28	0.57	29/03/2021	1096
Heritage Bank	69. Heritage Bank FRN	BBB+	N	2,001	1.73	1.75	1.75	0.81	12/08/2022	1085
Members Banking Group	70. RACQ FRN	BBB+	?	1,500	2.03	2.36	2.17	0.61	11/05/2020	731
MyState Bank	71. MyState Bank TD	BBB+	N	2,000	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.81	23/04/2020	226
MyState Bank	72. MyState TD	BBB+	N	2,000	1.65	2.59	2.30	0.81	2/01/2021	291
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	73. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc FRN	BBB+	N	1,000	2.21	2.53	2.33	0.41	7/04/2020	1827
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	74. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc FRN	BBB+	N	1,000	2.52	2.79	2.59	0.41	7/04/2020	1352
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	75. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	BBB+	N	2,000	3.05	3.05	3.05	0.81	27/01/2022	1092
Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc	76. Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc TD	BBB+	N	2,000	3.05	3.05	3.05	0.81	10/02/2022	1095
Bank Australia	77. Bank Australia FRN	BBB	N	1,000	2.12	2.52	2.34	0.41	30/08/2021	1096
Bank Australia	78. Bank Australia FRN	BBB	N	2,000	1.49	1.72	1.72	0.81	2/12/2022	1096
CUA	79. CUA FRN	BBB	N	1,000	2.03	2.02	2.02	0.41	24/10/2024	1827
CUA	80. CUA TD	BBB	N	2,000	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.81	3/12/2020	728
Defence Bank	81. Defence Bank TD	BBB	N	2,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	0.81	9/02/2021	349
Me Bank	82. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB	N	813	0.83	1.43	1.12	0.33		
Me Bank	83. ME Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,500	2.17	2.50	2.31	0.61	9/11/2020	1096
Me Bank	84. ME Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,600	2.17	2.49	2.29	0.65	16/04/2021	1095
Me Bank	85. ME Bank TD	BBB	N	2,000	1.58	2.01	1.94	0.81	4/08/2020	271
P&N Bank	86. P&N Bank	BBB	N	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.41	2/11/2023	1821
Queensland Country Bank	87. Queensland Country Bank TD	BBB	?	1,000	1.60	2.65	2.62	0.41	16/03/2021	371
Teachers Mutual Bank	88. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	N	1,400	2.32	2.58	2.38	0.57	2/07/2021	1096
Auswide Bank	89. Auswide Bank FRN	BBB-	N	1,500	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.61	17/03/2023	1095
Auswide Bank	90. Auswide Bank TD	BBB-	N	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.81	15/02/2022	715
QBank	91. QBank FRN	BBB-	N	1,000	2.22	2.61	2.41	0.41	22/03/2021	1098
QBank	92. QBank FRN	BBB-	N	750	2.26	2.74	2.56	0.30	14/12/2021	1096
QBank	93. QBank Term Deposit	BBB-	N	1,000	1.70	2.44	2.32	0.41	8/12/2020	362
QBank	94. QBank TD	BBB-	N	1,000	2.55	2.58	2.55	0.41	7/05/2020	359
QBank	95. QBank TD	BBB-	N	1,000	1.65	2.32	2.16	0.41	1/10/2020	329
Bank of Sydney	96. Bank of Sydney TD	Unrated	?	1,000	2.06	2.43	2.29	0.41	21/05/2020	197
Bank of Sydney	97. Bank of Sydney TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.62	2.18	2.00	0.41	2/07/2020	261
Bank of us	98. Bank of us TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.76	2.05	2.01	0.41	16/06/2020	189
Capricornia CU	99. Capricornia CU TD	Unrated	N	2,000	1.85	1.85	1.85	0.81	29/04/2020	260
Coastline CU	100. Coastline Credit Union TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.80	2.57	2.44	0.41	10/12/2020	357
Maitland Mutual	101. Maitland Mutual	Unrated	N	1,500	1.91	1.91	1.91	0.61	7/05/2020	239
Police CU (SA)	102. Police CU - SA Term Deposit	Unrated	?	1,000	1.65	2.38	2.21	0.41	8/10/2020	331
Police CU (SA)	103. Police CU - SA	Unrated	?	1,000	1.75	2.42	2.26	0.41	21/10/2020	349
Regional Australia Bank	104. Regional Australia Bank TD	Unrated	N	2,000	3.10	3.10	3.10	0.81	13/08/2020	1093
Summerland CU	105. Summerland CU TD	Unrated	N	1,000	1.86	2.61	2.48	0.41	16/06/2020	189
Warwick CU	106. Warwick CU TD	Unrated	?	1,000	1.90	2.64	2.52	0.41	10/12/2020	357
WaW CU	107. WAW CU Coop	Unrated	N	2,000	1.80	2.06	2.06	0.81	8/12/2020	362
				<b>246,110</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>100</b>		

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\*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

#### Weighted Average Return

Benchmark Return: AusBond Bank Bill Index (%)

Variance From Benchmark (%)

Mar	12 Mth	FYTD
2.15	2.48	2.40
1.18	1.23	1.04
0.97	1.25	1.36

#### Investment Income

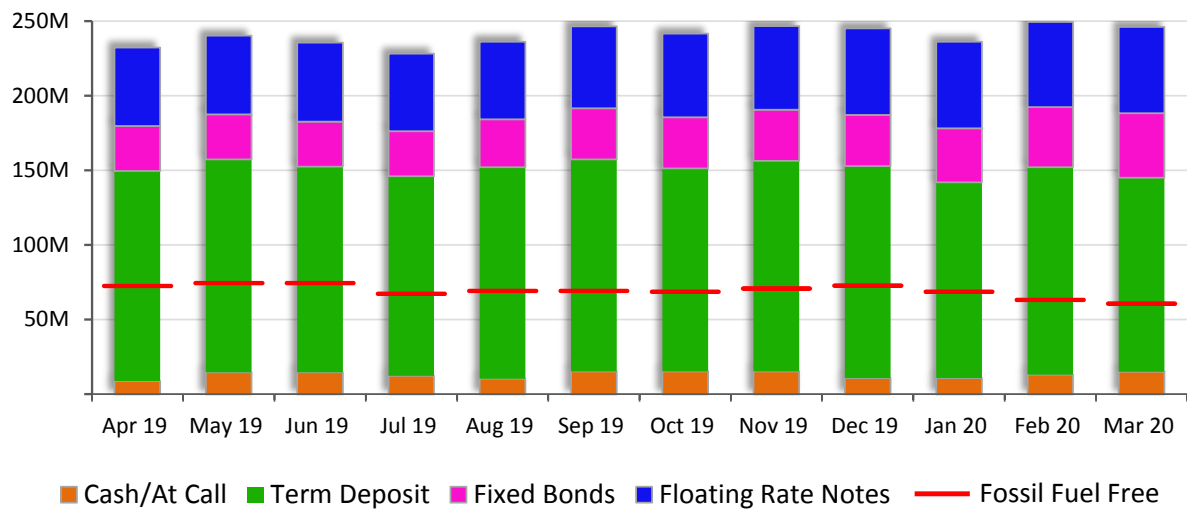
	\$000's
This Period	453
Financial Year To Date	4,403
Budget Profile	4,120
Variance from Budget - \$	283
Legal Settlements YTD	1,268

#### Fossil Fuel Free (000's)

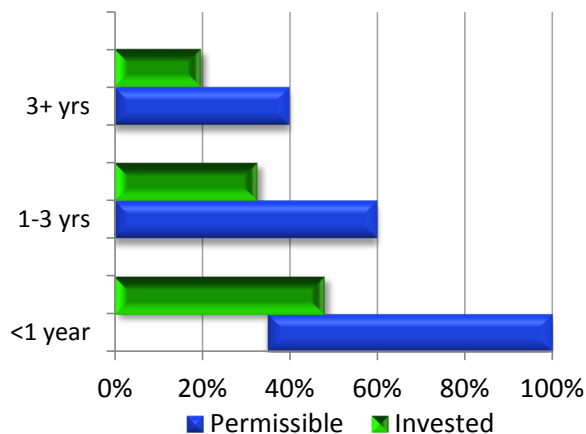
Yes	60,561
No	172,049
Unknown	13,500

## Analysis of investments

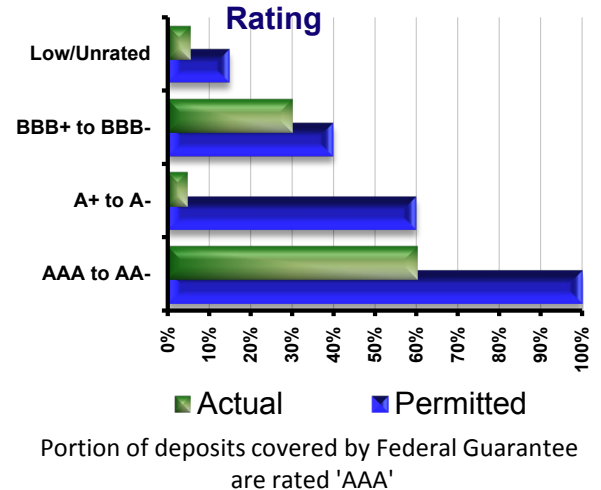
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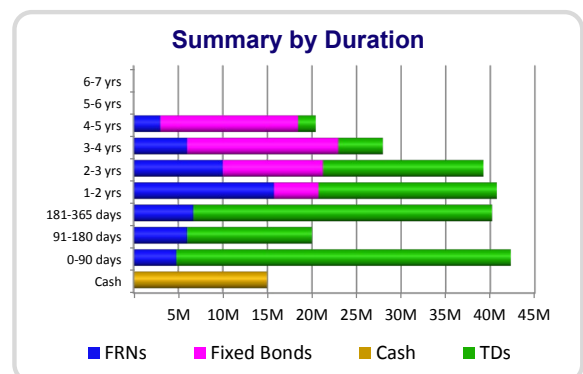
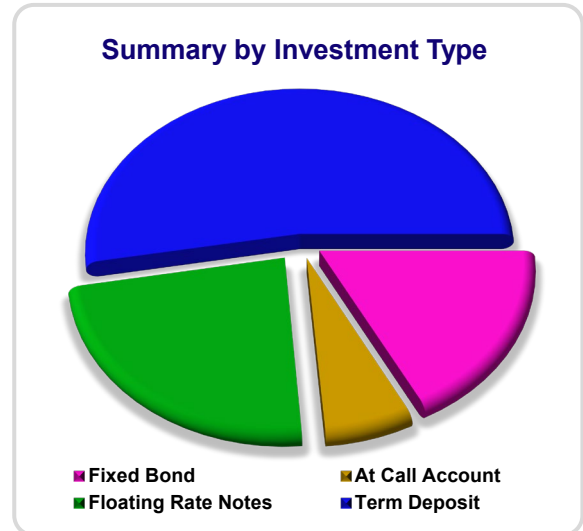
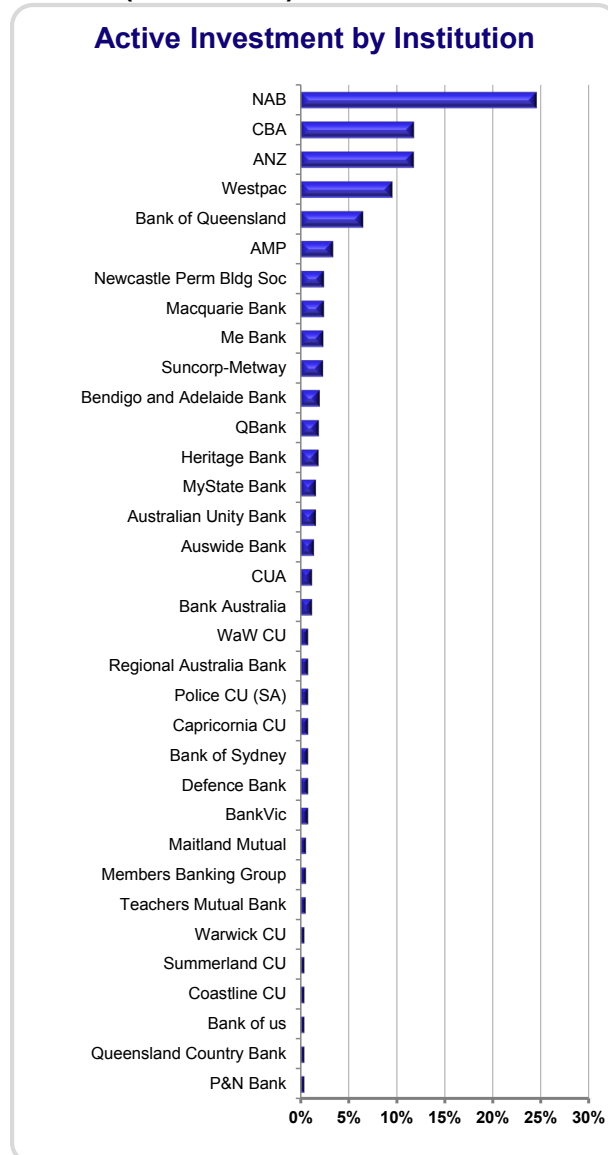
### Policy Limits on Maturities



### Investment Summary by Rating



## ITEM 5 (continued)



	<365 days	>365 days
Cash/TDs	\$100.3M	\$45.0M
FRNs	\$17.5M	\$33.2M
Fixed Bonds	\$0.0M	\$50.1M
	<b>\$117.8M</b>	<b>\$128.4M</b>

## Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions

As at 31 March 2020, Council had a total amount of \$60.56 million (24.6% of Council's total investment portfolio) invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions. A further \$13.5 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 \$74.06 million (30.1% 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.



**ITEM 5 (continued)****Financial Implications**

Council's return for the reporting period is 2.15%, which is 0.97% above the benchmark figure of 1.18%. Income from interest on investments and proceeds from sales of investments totals \$4.40M for the period ending 31 March 2020 and is \$283K above the 2019/20 year-to-date adopted Budget of \$4.12M.

Any impact on Council's investments income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for the current 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial year will be discussed as a part of the March 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statement at the May Council meeting. The magnitude of the impact will be dependent on Council's Financial Hardship policy being presented at this Council meeting.

**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

## ITEM 5 (continued)

## ATTACHMENT 1

### Council's Property Investment Portfolio

The following properties were held as part of Council's Property Investment portfolio;

Property	\$' M
1A Station St, West Ryde	0.96
2 Dickson Ave, West Ryde	1.30
8 Chatham Rd, West Ryde	1.49
202 Rowe Street, Eastwood	4.10
226 Victoria Rd, Gladesville	0.44
7 Anthony Road, West Ryde	5.23
7 Coulter Street, Coulter St Car Park, Gladesville	22.18
6-12 Glen Street, Glen Street Car Park, Eastwood	36.82
2 Pittwater Road, John Wilson Car Park, Gladesville	8.82
150 Coxs Road, Cox Rd Car Park, North Ryde	1.65
33-35 Blaxland Road, Argyle Centre, Ryde	5.63
19-21 Church Street and 16 Devlin Street, Ryde	11.00
6 Reserve Street, West Ryde	3.70
Herring Road Air Space Rights	0.55
741-747 Victoria Road, Ryde (Battery World)	7.13
53-71 Rowe Street, Eastwood	7.17
<b>Total Investment Properties as per the Financial Statements</b>	<b>118.17</b>
1 Constitution Road, Operations Centre, Ryde <sup>(1)</sup>	38.62
<b>PROPERTIES HELD FOR RE-SALE</b>	<b>156.79</b>

(1) The value for this is currently held in Non-Current Assets in Note 9, and once vacated by Council; it will be transferred to Investment Properties within the Financial Statements.

(2) The above figures refer to the land only as valued at "best use", and do not include the value of any structures.

### 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.

## **ITEM 5 (continued)**

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **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.

### **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

C: 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.

## ITEM 5 (continued)

## ATTACHMENT 1

### 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.

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

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

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**Report prepared by:** Chief Financial Officer  
**File No.:** FIM/19/516 - BP20/309

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report presents the Draft 2020-2024 Four Year Delivery Program (including the One Year Operational Plan 2020/21) and Draft 2020/21 Fees and Charges schedule for Council to resolve to be placed on public exhibition for the period 1 May 2020 to 29 May 2020. Submissions on the Draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Fees and Charges will be sought from the public during the exhibition period.

All submissions received will be tabled and considered as a part of the of adoption of the proposed 2020-2024 Four Year Delivery Program (including One Year Operational Plan 2020/21) and proposed 2020/21 Fees and Charges schedule at the 23 June 2020 Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council in accordance with legislative requirements, resolve to place the draft 2020-2024 Four Year Delivery Program (including One Year Operational Plan 2020/21) and the Draft 2020/21 Fees and Charges schedule on public exhibition for a period 1 May 2020 to 29 May 2020 (inclusive).
- (b) That where increases in the Draft 2020/21 Fees and Charges are proposed for non-statutory fees and charges, Council endorses that they take effect from 1 January 2021.
- (c) That Council endorse the introduction of a new voluntary pensioner rate subsidy scheme for all eligible pensioners, commencing 1 July 2020 to replace the existing 'grandfathered' voluntary pensioner rate subsidy scheme which will cease 30 June 2020.
- (d) That Council endorse the introduction of rates related financial hardship provisions whereby:
  - (1) Approved 'Jobseeker' and 'Jobkeeper' applicants may defer rate payments until the November 2020 rate instalment and be entitled to a one-off rate rebate of up to \$400 as part of the November 2020 rate instalment; and
  - (2) All other ratepayers have access to rate relief via a mutually acceptable Rates Payment Plan that relates to both the May 2020 and September 2020 rates instalments.

**ITEM 6 (continued)****ATTACHMENTS**

- 1** Draft Fees and Charges 2020/21 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2** Draft 2020-2024 Four-Year Delivery Program 2020/2024 including One-Year Operational Plan 2020/21 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

**Pav Kuzmanovski**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Report Approved By:

**Steven Kludass**  
**Director - Corporate Services**

## ITEM 6 (continued)

### Legislation

In accordance with sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act, Council is required to prepare a four year Delivery Program and a one year Operational Plan (including Council's Revenue Policy) which details Council's operating and capital activities over the period of the plan and how they are aligned to Council's strategic outcomes (Community Strategic Plan). Council has prepared its draft Delivery Program with projections of capital works programs and consolidated income and expenditure estimates over the 4 years of the plan. Year 1 of the draft Delivery Program forms the basis of the draft Operational Plan.

The Local Government Act requires the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan be exhibited for a period of at least 28 days, during which time the public can make submissions. These submissions must be considered by Council before the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan are adopted. Further details on consultation timeframes can be found at the 'Timetable and Public Consultation' section of this report.

### Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan

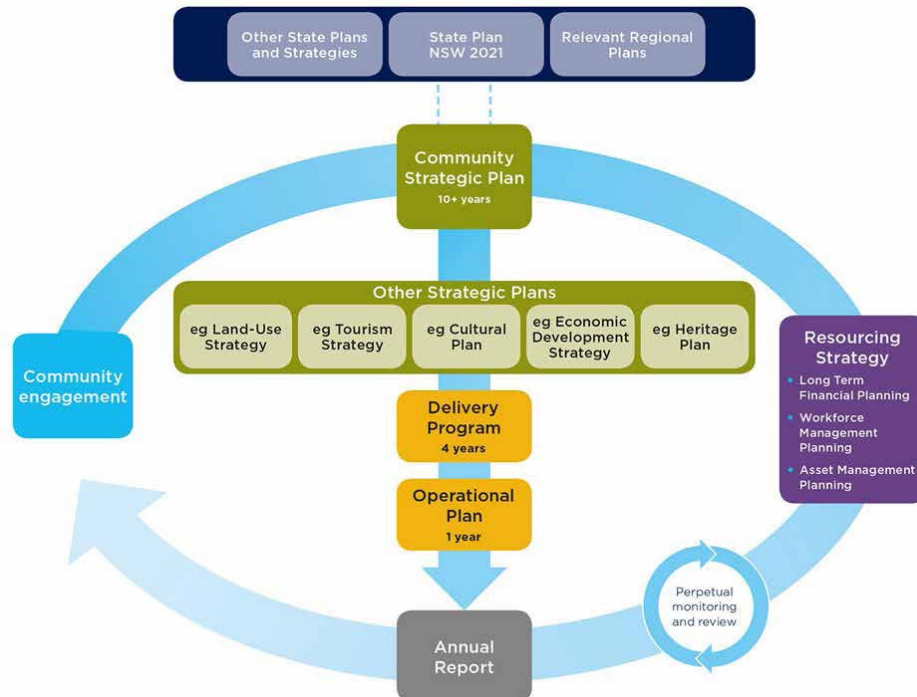
In formulating the draft Delivery Program, consideration has been given to Council's Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan. A summary of the proposed expenditure allocations for each of the Outcome areas in the Draft 2020-2024 Four Year Delivery Program are detailed below: (Note: figures are aggregated over the 4 years).

<b>2028 Community Strategic Plan Outcome</b>	<b>Base \$m</b>	<b>Projects \$m</b>	<b>Total \$m</b>
Our Connected and Accessible City	91.1	80.4	171.5
Our Natural and Sustainable City	119.3	21.7	140.9
Our Diverse and Inclusive City	28.2	1.0	29.2
Our Vibrant and Liveable City	48.9	6.3	55.2
Our Open and Progressive City	148.6	146.6	295.2
Our Smart and Innovative City	7.0	11.2	18.2
Our Active and Health City	98.3	60.1	158.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>541.3</b>	<b>327.4</b>	<b>868.7</b>

The draft 2020-2024 Four Year Delivery Program including One Year Operational Plan 2020/21 has been prepared to align with the Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan and provides details on the projects to be delivered within each outcome area and program area.

## ITEM 6 (continued)

The diagram below shows the relationship between the Community Strategic Plan, the Four-Year Delivery Program and the Operational Plan:



### Draft Four-Year Delivery Program 2020-2024 including One-Year Operational Plan 2020/2021 and 2020/21 Fees and Charges Schedule

A copy of the draft 2020-2024 Four-Year Delivery Program 2020/2024 including One-Year Operational Plan 2020/21 and the Draft 2020/21 Fees and Charges schedule are **CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

The draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan provides a comprehensive overview of the City of Ryde and its direction, detailing key projects (Capital and Non-Capital) and initiatives to be undertaken over the next four years with a specific focus for the 2020/2021 year. Also included in the document are Council's 2020/2021 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges.

In summary, the Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan provide the following information:

- Overview of the City of Ryde's directions and priorities
- Outcomes by Program (including details of Projects for 2020/2021)
- Projects by Program (for the next four years)
- Budget Overview
- Revenue Policy (including Rating Policy)



**ITEM 6 (continued)****Key Aspects of the 2020/21 Draft Operational Plan**

Key aspects of the Draft Operational Plan for 2020/21 include:

- Total operating expenditure budget is \$133.35 million, including \$3.43 million of one-off operating projects;
- Capital Expenditure in 2020/21 is budgeted at \$85.77 million, funded from Internal Reserves, Section 7.11 Contributions, Grants and other external sources of income, as well as a small proportion from Council's General Revenue (Working Capital);
- The Operating Result is projected to be a surplus of \$20.75 million, including Capital Grants and Contributions and \$4.99 million excluding Capital Grants and Contributions.
- The budget provides for 533.4 full time equivalent employees;
- In 2020/21, the City of Ryde will continue to provide significant subsidies to various community groups, sporting clubs and government organisations. Subsidies are provided by either reduced rentals on Council facilities, pensioner rate subsidies, reduced hire fees for Council facilities, grants to various organisations or sponsorship of events; and
- The City of Ryde will make payments/contributions to NSW Government entities totalling \$10.35 million in 2020/21 (8% of the total operating expenditure budget).
- Development Contributions (Section 7.11) of \$15 million have been brought to account for in the 2020/21 Base Budget and is the major reason why Council's Operating Result is projected to be a surplus of \$20.75 million.

The quantum of Development Contributions collected is primarily dependent on the prevailing development market. As Council has limited control over the timing of Development Contributions, forecast income estimates will be the subject of regular review through the quarterly budget review process with contributions being restricted to Section 7.11 Reserves.

It should be noted that Council forecasts its Section 7.11 related expenditure for the coming financial year based on receipts already received to ensure that Section 7.11 funds are not over-committed.

## ITEM 6 (continued)

### Project Expenditure (Capital and Non-Capital)

A summary of Council's proposed project expenditure of \$89.19 million for 2020/21 is detailed below.

Program	Capital Project \$M	Non-Capital Project \$M	Total Project \$M
Catchment program	4.05	0.30	4.35
Centres and Neighbourhood program	4.03	0.22	4.25
Community and Cultural program	0.89	0.26	1.15
Customer and Community Relations program	-	0.11	0.11
Economic Development program	-	-	-
Environmental program	0.10	0.17	0.27
Foreshore program	1.48		1.48
Governance and Civic program	0.06	0.83	0.89
Internal Corporate Services program	5.55	0.35	5.90
Land Use Planning program		0.07	0.07
Library program	0.37	-	0.37
Open Space, Sport & Recreation program	12.32	0.50	12.82
Organisational Development program	-		-
Paths and Cycleways program	1.78		1.78
Property Portfolio program	35.94	-	35.94
Regulatory program	-	-	-
Risk Management program	-	0.03	0.03
Roads program	10.18	-	10.18
Strategic City program	0.24	0.10	0.34
Traffic & Transport program	7.98	-	7.98
Waste and Recycling program	0.80	0.51	1.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>85.77</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>89.19</b>

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### COVID-19 Financial Impact

The financial impact of COVID-19 has been estimated as follows:

	<b>2019/20 FINANCIAL IMPACT 1 Mar to 30 Jun 2020 (4 months)</b>	<b>2020/21 FINANCIAL IMPACT 1 Jul to 31 Dec 2020 (6 months)</b>	<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT 1 Mar to 31 Dec 2020 (10 months)</b>
Income	(\$5,500,000)	(\$9,000,000)	(\$14,500,000)
Expenditure	+\$1,000,000	+\$1,500,000	+\$2,500,000
<b>Net Financial Impact</b>	<b>(\$4,500,000)</b>	<b>(\$7,500,000)</b>	<b>(\$12,000,000)</b>

*Note: The above financial assessment has been based on an assumption that 'business as usual' operations will resume from 1 January 2021.*

Early indications suggest the net financial impact of COVID-19 is approximately \$1,200,000 per month.

Net income projections relating to the following areas are impacted the greatest:

- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre income
- Parking Control income
- Development Application fees
- Environmental Enforcement fees
- Sport and Recreation income

A more refined analysis of the COVID-19 financial impact will be conducted during the exhibition of the Draft Delivery Program with the results of that analysis to be incorporated into the final Delivery Program that council considers at its meeting of 23 June 2020.

In the event the financial impacts of COVID-19 are likely to extend beyond 31 December 2020, a separate report will be furnished for Council's consideration in November 2020 outlining the financial implications together with a longer term funding strategy.

The financial impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic is significant and poses a far greater financial risk to Council than the Global Financial Crisis of 2009.

Fortunately, Council is in a sound financial position and can draw on its 'uncommitted' Internal Reserves in the short term. However, it should be noted that this is not a sustainable solution for any period beyond early 2021 as Council's 'uncommitted' Internal Reserves are limited.

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More importantly, Internal Reserves (committed or uncommitted) are non-recurrent (one-off) funding sources that do not provide a solution to longer term funding shortfalls.

Of greatest concern is the profound impact COVID-19 will have on Council's cashflow. It is likely that many residents of Ryde will not be able to pay their rates as they fall due over the course of the next 2 rates instalments, May 2020 and September 2020. **Important Note:** The September 2020 rate instalment date replaces what would have ordinarily been the August 2020 rate instalment date by virtue of a legislative change that came into effect on 17 April 2020. Section 413I of the Local Government (General) Amendment (COVID-19) Regulation 2020 specifically reads:

***Payment of rates and annual charges***

*(1) Despite section 562(3) of the Act, an instalment (whether a single instalment or a quarterly instalment) of annual rates and charges that would have been payable by 31 August 2020 is instead payable by 30 September 2020.*

Council is currently considering the introduction of a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy, whereby application can be made by:

1. Eligible 'Jobseeker' and 'Jobkeeper' applicants experiencing financial hardship are able to defer their May 2020 and September 2020 rate instalment payments without interest accruing on the debt or debt recovery action being initiated by Council during this period. Furthermore, Jobseeker and Jobkeeper applicants may be eligible for a one-off rate rebate of up to \$400 which will be offset against their November 2020 rate instalment;
2. All other ratepayers have access to rate relief via a mutually acceptable Rates Payment Plan that relates to both the May 2020 and September 2020 rates instalments. No interest will be charged and no legal action taken on outstanding rates during this period.

The number of applications for financial hardship is difficult to predict. If there is a very large uptake of ratepayers deferring their rates it will have the effect of Council having to draw on its 'committed' Internal Reserves which will likely lead to a reduction or deferral of planned projects for 2020/21 and beyond.

Similarly, if the adverse budget impacts of COVID-19 extend well beyond 31 December 2020, there is the likelihood that planned projects for 2020/21 and beyond will be reduced or deferred. Furthermore, there may be a need to review services and/or service levels offered to the community.

It is important to note that Council's financial indicators will also be adversely impacted, particularly in the areas of operating results, outstanding rates and unrestricted cash ratios.

**ITEM 6 (continued)****Fees and Charges**

Council's Fees and Charges account for 14% of council's total operating income. Of the \$19.2m in total fees and charges expected to be collected in 2020/21, approximately \$4.7 million are fees and charges set by the State Government.

The balance of fees and charges (\$14.5 million) are considered 'discretionary', whereby Council has control over whether the fees and charges should apply and the extent to which they should increase each financial year.

In framing the 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget, Council has increased most 'discretionary' fees by approximately 3.0%. This increase would generate approximately \$435,000 in additional income. Some of the discretionary fees that were earmarked for an increase include those that relate to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, libraries, community halls and sporting fields, all of which are no longer generating income.

Income derived from fees and charges is a function of both price and demand. In addition to those activities that are no longer generating any income, there is likely to be reduced demand from a range of other fee related activities, further compromising Council's financial position. It is in this context that any changes to fees and charges for 2020/21 should be considered. The following fees and charges options are presented for council's consideration.

**Fees and Charges Options*****Option 1 - Maintain Discretionary Fees and Charges at 2019/20 levels until 31 December 2020, with the 3% increase taking effect 1 January 2021.***

This option aligns with the six (6) month horizon that is contemplated with regard to the financial impact the COVID-19 will have on the 2020/21 Budget and is presented as a prudent compromise. The cost of delaying the introduction of the 3% increase in discretionary fees and charges by six (6) months is approximately \$217,500.

*This option is recommended.*

***Option 2 – Maintain Discretionary Fees and Charges at 2019/20 levels***

This option would mean the existing 2019/20 schedule of fees and charges would prevail for the entire 2020/21 financial year. This would cost approximately \$435,000 in forgone revenue. New fees and charges proposed for 2020/21 and those that were earmarked for deletion would still apply from 1 July 2020.

This option is not recommended.

**ITEM 6 (continued)*****Option 3 – Increase Discretionary Fees and Charges by 3%, effective 1 July 2020***

This option would mean the proposed fees and charges for 2020/21 would take effect from 1 July 2020 as would ordinarily have been the case had the COVID-19 pandemic not emerged.

This option is not recommended.

**Rates and Annual Charges**

Rates and Annual Charges (including Domestic Waste Management) account for over \$96.5 million (or 70%) of Council's total operating income (excluding capital grants and contributions) for 2020/21.

The 2020/21 Rates and Annual Charges budget has been framed around a 2.6% rate increase which is consistent with IPART's determination announced in November 2019. The 2.6% increase in rates and annual charges represents approximately \$2,000,000 in additional income when compared to rates and charges levied in 2019/20.

Rates are a critical source of recurrent income. Any reduction would have an adverse long term, cumulative impact on Council's financial sustainability.

It is important to note that in 2020/21, over 80% of residential ratepayers will have a either a reduction of rates or an increase of no more than \$40 and approximately 50% of business ratepayers will pay less rates than they did in 2019/20.

**Voluntary Pensioner Subsidy Scheme**

A new voluntary pensioner subsidy scheme is proposed to apply from 1 July 2020. All eligible pensioners (4,429 pensioners) will have access to the new voluntary pensioner subsidy scheme which would replace the current 'grandfathered' voluntary pensioner subsidy of \$80 that currently benefits only 336 pensioners.

For 2020/21, the new voluntary pensioner subsidy is proposed to be \$150 which includes a one-off \$50 COVID-19 supplement. From 2021/22 onwards, the new voluntary pensioner subsidy would revert back to \$100 per rateable property. The voluntary pensioner subsidy is in addition to the statutory pensioner subsidy of \$250.

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The following rates and annual charges options are presented for council's consideration.

**Rates and Annual Charges Options****Option 1**

- a. That Council increase Rates and Annual Charges by 2.6% in 2020/21.**
- b. That a new voluntary pensioner rate subsidy scheme be introduced whereby eligible pensioners receive a \$150 rate subsidy (including a one-off COVID-19 supplement of \$50) for the 2020/21 financial year. This is in addition to the \$250 statutory pensioner rate subsidy, bringing the total rate subsidy for eligible pensioners to \$400 for 2020/21). From 2021/22 onwards, the new voluntary pensioner rate subsidy would revert back to \$100.**
- c. That Council introduce a 'COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy' whereby:**
  - 1. Eligible 'Jobseeker' and 'Jobkeeper' applicants can defer rate payments until the November 2020 rate instalment and be entitled to a one-off rate rebate of up to \$400 as part of the November 2020 rate instalment. No interest will be charged and no legal action will be taken during this period;**
  - 2. All other ratepayers have access to rate relief via a mutually acceptable Rates Payment Plan that relates to both the May 2020 and September 2020 rates instalments. No interest will be charged and no legal action taken on outstanding rates during this period.**

This option targets those that are most vulnerable during the current COVID-19 pandemic by enabling Jobkeeper and Jobseeker applicants access to a deferment of rates for both the May 2020 and September 2020 rate instalments.

The deferment of rates would be coupled with a corresponding period of no interest and no debt recovery (legal) action.

Furthermore, all approved 'Jobkeeper' and 'Jobseeker' applicants will have access to a one off rate rebate of up to \$400 which will be offset against their November 2020 rate instalment.

For all other applicants, a mutually acceptable Rates Payment Plan that relates to both the May 2020 and September 2020 rate instalments will need to be entered into. This will limit the outstanding rates that would otherwise fall due as part of the November 2020 rate instalment.



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All proposed rate rebates are one-off financial assistance measures during the COVID-19 pandemic and are to be funded from Council's Domestic Waste Management Reserve. There are sufficient uncommitted funds in this Reserve to accommodate the anticipated uptake of financial hardship applications.

*This option is recommended.*

**Option 2 – Do not increase Rates and Annual Charges by 2.6%**

This option would mean Council foregoes the 2.6% rate increase and approximately an additional \$2,000,000 in recurrent rate income (or a cumulative amount of approximately \$25,000,000 over the next 10 years). This is not a financially sustainable proposition and will almost certainly impact on future services and/or service levels.

This option is not recommended.

**Option 3 – Increase Rates and Annual Charges by 1.3%**

This option would mean Council foregoes approximately \$1,000,000 in recurrent rate income (or a cumulative amount of approximately \$12,500,000 over the next 10 years). Again, this is not a financially sustainable proposition and will almost certainly impact on future services and/or service levels.

This option is not recommended.

As previously noted, further, more refined, analysis of the COVID-19 financial impact will be conducted during the exhibition of the Draft Delivery Program with the results of that analysis to be presented to Council with a view to incorporating appropriate budget adjustments to the final Delivery Program for its adoption on 23 June 2020.

**Long Term Financial Plan**

Council officers are currently reviewing the adopted Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) with a view to ensuring its long term projections are financially sustainable (particularly in the face of the current COVID-19 pandemic).

It is proposed that the revised Long Term Financial Plan for 2020/30 will be presented to Council along with the Draft Delivery Program at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 23 June 2020.



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### Councillor Engagement

The following workshops were conducted with Councillors in the formulation of the Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan:

- Rates, Fees & Charges - 11 Feb 2020 (eWorkshop)
- Base Budget - 11 Feb 2020 (eWorkshop)
- Projects (Capital/Non-Capital) - 03 Mar 2020 (Workshop)

Councillors were also requested at the commencement and during the budget process to submit their priority projects for consideration.

### Timetable and Public Consultation

The following timetable is proposed in respect of Council's consideration of the Draft Four-Year Delivery Program 2020/24 including One-Year Operational Plan 2020/21:

Date	Action
28 April 2020	Consideration by Council of Draft Plans for Public Exhibition.
1 May 2020	Commencement of Public Exhibition period of Draft Plans.
29 May 2020	Completion of Public Exhibition of the Draft Plans and closing date for receipt of all public submissions
23 June 2020	Consideration by Council of public submissions on Draft Plans and amendments. Draft Plans for consideration and adoption, including the setting of rates, fees and charges for 2020/21.

Council will also be providing information to all Advisory Committees and the Ryde Business Forum that includes all Chambers of Commerce seeking feedback on the exhibition of the Draft Plans. The following consultation / advertisement is proposed to promote Council's Draft Plans.

- Public notification in the Northern District Times of Draft Plans on 1 May 2020.
- Public exhibition of Draft Plans between 1 May 2020 and 29 May 2020.
- Draft Plans will be available for viewing on Council's website.
- Advice of the public exhibition process will be provided to all of Council's Advisory Committees and Chambers of Commerce / Progress Associations.

**ITEM 6 (continued)****Financial Implications**

The financial implications associated with the current COVID-19 pandemic are significant with estimates indicating a net financial impact of \$12,000,000 between 1 March 2020 and 31 December 2020 (or approximately \$1,200,000 per month).

The recommended options proposed in this report and the financial assistance proposed in the Draft COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy attempts to balance the immediate assistance those in the community who are currently experiencing financial hardship require with financially sustainable and responsible actions.

The greatest challenge is determining exactly how long the financial impacts of COVID-19 pandemic will last. In the event the financial impacts of COVID-19 are likely to extend beyond 31 December 2020, a separate report will be furnished for Council's consideration in November 2020 outlining the financial implications together with a longer term funding strategy.

Notwithstanding the challenges above, Council remains in a sound financial position and is committed to delivering programs, activities and services to the value of \$133.35 million and projects to the value of \$85.77 million in 2020/21.

**Conclusion**

The Draft 2020-24 Delivery Program and 2020/21 Operational Plan has been developed using prudent financial management principles and assumptions.

A key feature of the Draft 2020/24 Delivery Program and 2020/21 Operational Plan is that all existing services and service levels are maintained and are aligned with the aspirational targets outlined in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

**7 DRAFT COVID-19 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY**

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**Report prepared by:** Chief Financial Officer**File No.:** GRP/09/5/15 - BP20/303

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report is in response to a Council resolution requesting a review of Council's Hardship Policy with options to be presented to the April 2020 Council meeting.

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt a new Draft Financial Hardship Policy that has been developed in line with the current economic environment brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report outlines the provisions of the Draft Financial Hardship Policy and the effect it will have on ratepayers, other non-rate (sundry) debtors, and commercial and community tenants, as well as an update on the new Financial Hardship Application process (including the new on-line form).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopts the Financial Hardship Policy.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**1** Draft Financial Hardship Policy

Report Prepared By:

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**Chief Financial Officer**

Report Approved By:

**Steven Kludass**  
**Director - Corporate Services**

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

At the 24 March 2020 Council meeting, it was resolved that:-

- *Council arrange a fast-tracking process for financial hardship applications in regards to the payment of rates.*
- *Council's Hardship Policy be reviewed with options to be brought back to the April Council meeting.*

This report outlines the outcomes of enacting the council resolution and proposed provisions for financial hardship in light of the current economic environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Financial Hardship Policy has been written in a context that aligns with the current financial hardship brought about from the COVID-19 pandemic and will need to be reviewed once the pandemic ceases.

**Financial Hardship Application Form**

A Preliminary Financial Hardship Application Form has been developed to assist those who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and is currently operating ('live') on Council's website. The form supersedes the existing financial hardship process where ratepayers and debtors would initially contact Council via phone to enter into an arrangement to settle the debt over a period of time.

The Hardship Application Form is designed to capture relevant information to identify and communicate with the ratepayer or debtor. The form is designed to capture basic information and can be submitted via postage, email or online via Council's website.

Any applications for financial hardship that have been received thus far have been placed 'on hold' from debt recovery action. These applications will be determined once Council adopts the Draft Financial Hardship Policy.

Once the policy is adopted by Council, Council officers will update the online and paper based forms to align with the adopted Financial Hardship Policy. It is anticipated that the revised forms may take up to 3 business days allowing for any changes that may be made to the attached draft policy at this Council meeting. As an interim measure, the existing online form will be used to capture financial hardship applications.

**Draft Financial Hardship Policy**

Council's existing hardship provisions are captured within the adopted Rates and Non-Rates Debt Recovery Policy. These hardship provisions provide for a "business-as-usual" approach to managing hardship by those who could not afford to pay their overdue rates or invoices within a reasonable timeframe.

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The Draft Financial Hardship Policy is **ATTACHED** and will supersede the provisions within the adopted Rates and Non-Rates Debt Recovery Policy and is written in a context to be applied within the current economic circumstances that have arisen from the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Key aspects of the Draft Financial Hardship Policy include:-

- A simple application process that must be completed in order to be assessed for financial hardship.
- Provisions for Commonwealth and State legislation to supersede existing policy positions (if or when required).
- Eligibility criteria for financial hardship for Rates Debtors require the applicant to demonstrate that they have qualified for the JobKeeper or JobSeeker Federal Government assistance payment.
- A one off rates rebate of up to \$400 per rateable property will be provided as part of the November 2020 rates instalment for approved JobKeeper or JobSeeker applications received up to 30 September 2020.
- A COVID-19 supplement of \$50 per ratable property will be provided to all eligible pensioners (in addition to the Voluntary and Statutory Pensioner Rebate amount of up to \$350 for eligible pensioners).
- Any ratepayer that does not qualify for financial assistance under the Jobkeeper and Jobseeker Programs or is not an eligible Pensioner will have access to rate relief via a mutually acceptable payment plan.
- Rates Notices, Reminder Rates Notices, Invoices and Statements will continue to be issued in accordance with legislative/contractual/operational requirements.
- No debt recovery action against any individual or organisation that qualifies for financial hardship.
- No interest to be charged on any individual or organisation that qualifies for financial hardship.
- A list of exemptions for entity types that will not be eligible for financial hardship.

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The Draft Financial Hardship Policy has included the revised due date of the first Rates Instalment for the 2020/21 financial year of 30 September 2020 (previously 31 August 2020) as prescribed by amendments to the Local Government Act 1993. This provides all ratepayers with an additional month to pay their rates without being charged any interest.

A review of the Financial Hardship Policy is proposed for October 2020 or earlier if the pandemic ceases prior to October 2020.

**Financial Implications**Cashflow Impact

COVID-19 will have a significant impact on Council's cashflow. It is likely that many residents of Ryde will not be able to pay their rates as they fall due over the course of the next two rates instalments (May 2020 and September 2020). Council collects approximately \$23m income from each rate instalment.

The number of applications for financial hardship is difficult to predict. If there is a very large uptake of ratepayers deferring their rates it will have the effect of Council having to draw on its 'committed' Internal Reserves which will likely lead to a reduction or deferral of planned projects for 2020/21 and beyond.

Budget Impact

The proposed one-off rates rebate of up to \$400 (per ratable property) for qualified Jobseeker and Jobkeeper applicants and the one-off \$50 rate rebate for eligible Pensioners will be funded by Council's Domestic Waste Management Reserve.

The cost associated with writing-off interest on overdue rates is approximately \$120,000 for the six-month period from April 2020 until the end of September 2020.

There will also be an impact on Council's general revenue interest, where it is forecast that a reduction in payments will result in a reduction in Council's cash reserves available for investment. It is anticipated the reduction in reserves will impact interest investment revenue by approximately \$200,000 for this six month period.

These budget shortfalls will be met by a drawdown of Council's uncommitted Internal Reserves.

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## **Financial Hardship Policy**

**April 2020**

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**Scope**

This policy applies to Council ratepayers, debtors and commercial/community tenants of Council owned properties seeking financial hardship throughout the COVID-19 pandemic period.

This policy supersedes (replaces) the existing debt recovery and hardship provisions outlined in Council's adopted Rates and Non Rates Debt Recovery Policy until such time as the COVID-19 pandemic ceases by order of the Commonwealth or NSW State Government or 31 October 2020 (whichever occurs first).

Changes to Commonwealth or State legislation will take effect immediately and will take precedence over this Policy to the extent that this Policy is at odds with Commonwealth or State Legislative changes enacted during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear framework for responding to applications from ratepayers (both residential and business), commercial tenants of council owned properties and other debtors experiencing financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

The objectives of this policy are to ensure those who are seeking financial hardship have access to and are informed of the:

- provisions of this policy;
- the basic legislative limitations as they relate to rates;
- the financial hardship application process, and
- importance of ongoing dialogue between the Council and the applicant.

**Applying for Financial Hardship**

In applying for financial hardship, applicants are required to complete an application form. Applications forms can be found on the Council website and can be downloaded, printed and submitted to Council via postage, email or online via Council's website.

Application forms will be processed by Council officers in accordance with the Financial Hardship Provisions of this policy (outlined below).

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**Financial Hardship Provisions**

The following provisions have been established to assist in the consideration and assessment of financial hardship application requests.

Rates Debtors

Rates debtors are those debts that arise from not paying Council rates as and when they fall due.

The eligibility criteria for financial hardship for Rates Debtors require the applicant to demonstrate that they have qualified for the JobKeeper or JobSeeker Federal Government assistance payment. Documentation from Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office or the applicant's place of employment will be required to be provided upon application.

Applications for financial hardship will close 30 September 2020. A one off rebate of up to \$400 will be provided to all approved JobKeeper and JobSeeker applicants as part of the November 2020 rates instalment. Each qualified JobKeeper or JobSeeker applicant is limited to one rebate, with in the City of Ryde, of up to \$400.

Applications for financial hardship will apply for the following rates instalments:

**May 2020 instalment**

Applications will be processed and the rates account will be reviewed after 31 October 2020. During this time, no legal action will be pursued and no interest will be charged from 1 April 2020 until 30 September 2020 on any overdue rates. (Noting the Exclusions to Financial Hardship outlined below). Any interest accumulated prior to these periods will not be written off.

**September 2020 instalment**

Applications will be processed and the rates account will be reviewed after 31 October 2020. During this time, no legal action will be pursued and no interest will be charged from 1 April 2020 until 30 September 2020 on any overdue rates. (Noting the Exclusions to Financial Hardship outlined below). Any interest accumulated prior to these periods will not be written off.

All other ratepayers (ie those that do not qualify for the JobKeeper or JobSeeker Federal Government assistance payment) will have access to rate relief via a mutually acceptable payment plan. During this time, no legal action will be pursued and no interest will be charged from 1 April 2020 until 30 September 2020 on any overdue rates. Any interest accumulated prior to these periods will not be written off.

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Eligible pensioners will also receive a one-off COVID-19 supplement of \$50 per rateable property in addition to the Voluntary and Statutory Pensioner Rebate of up to \$350.

Rates notices and reminder notices will continue to be issued in accordance with legislative provisions and the timeframes within those provisions.

Commercial & Community Tenants

Commercial & Community Tenants are debtors who currently have a lease/licence agreement to occupy a commercial or community space owned by Council.

For commercial & Community lease/licence agreements, applications for financial hardship will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Where a financial arrangement is established, the debtor account will be reviewed in October 2020 in accordance with the National Cabinet Mandatory Code of Conduct SME Commercial Leasing Principles, together with the NSW Government Rental Assistance Package for commercial tenants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Invoices and Statements will continue to be issued in accordance with contractual provisions and Council processes.

During this time, no legal action will be pursued on any overdue debtors. (Noting the Exclusions to Financial Hardship outlined below).

Interest does not accrue on debtors relating to 'Commercial and Community Tenants'.

Other debtors

All other debtors are individuals or organisations who owe Council monies and are not categorised as Rates Debtors or Commercial/Community Tenants. Applications for financial hardship will be accepted and the debtor account reviewed after 31 October 2020.

Invoices and Statements will continue to be issued in accordance with Council processes in line with Council's Fees and Charges schedule.

During this time, no legal action will be pursued on any overdue debtors. (Noting the Exclusions to Financial Hardship outlined below).

Interest does not accrue on 'Other Debtors'.

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**Exclusions to Financial Hardship**

The following entities or activities are excluded from applying for financial hardship:

- State Government entities
- Commonwealth Government entities
- Other Local Government entities
- Utilities
- Telecommunications providers
- Restoration related activities
- Developers

Standard invoicing terms will apply for these entities or activities.

This policy also excludes any debts levied by Council but managed by third party statutory bodies, such as Penalty Infringement Notices managed by the Office of State Revenue.

**References - Legislation**

- Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government Regulations 2005
- State and Commonwealth legislation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic

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## 8 RYDE RESILIENCE PLAN 2030 APPROVAL

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### REPORT SUMMARY

The City of Ryde is a member and Ambassador under the Sydney metropolitan project Resilient Sydney, one the 100 Resilient Cities program initiated in 2013 by the Rockefeller Foundation.

This program addressed the impacts from urbanisation, globalisation and climate change by coordinated strategic measures to better equip communities with the capacity and skills for long term resilience as per **ATTACHMENTS 1 and 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO COUNCILLORS**.

Subsequent expansion of the program included Sydney becoming a signatory in 2015 and Ryde joining as one of the 33 member councils across the metropolitan region. From this collaboration, a Resilient Strategy (2018) was developed and adopted for the community.

In 2018, funding for Ryde to develop its own 'Ryde Resilience Plan 2030' was granted under Council's project bidding and outcomes workshop.

Ryde's local action plan is consistent with the Resilient Sydney framework, frames Council's Community Strategic Plan and recently developed Local Strategic Planning Statements under the Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan, and incorporates other adopted Council plans. This provides a framework for clear directions to deliver resilience across our City for well into the future.

The Plan provides leadership and direction for resilience through localised actions for and with, our community and across Council's own operations. These actions will assist Ryde to prepare for and bounce back from major shocks and chronic stresses.

The structure of the Plan provides nine key response areas defining Council goals, targets and actions aligned to deliver resilience.

These areas examine and respond to major issues, challenges and impacts associated with increasing population with development and service demand, climate related events and shocks, sustainable resource use, protection of natural assets, connectivity, community well-being, emergency response and good governance.

The overarching aim is to build community capacity and social cohesion to ensure our community can adapt, survive and thrive by better withstanding and responding to local and global events, pressures and uncertainties.

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The recent 2019-2020 bushfires and associated smoke issues over many months, followed by the recent coronavirus pandemic are clear examples of major and sustained time frame shocks requiring long term resilience planning and recovery across the community.

It is proposed that the Plan be put out for public comment for a minimum period of 28 days and that any submissions received be considered and acknowledged prior to completion of the final Plan.

To date Council has previously undertaken an extensive engagement program with the community and external stakeholders across the city including from most vulnerable groups (seniors and disabilities), CALD communities (particularly Chinese and Korean speakers), small businesses and schools.

The Plan implementation is designed to be delivered over a staged 10-year period incorporating continuous monitoring and annual evaluations covering all key responses areas and stakeholder participation to track delivery.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 be adopted 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.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Volume 1 of Draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO COUNCILLORS ONLY
- 2 Volume 2 of Draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER - TO COUNCILLORS ONLY

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**ITEM 8 (continued)****Discussion**

With the global and national crises experienced presently from the coronavirus (COVID-19) and as seen in the first quarter of 2020 with Australia experiencing severe drought, the worst bushfire crisis experienced in our history followed by intense flood events, never in our lifetimes has resilience been more important, needed and tested.

Resilience is the ability to withstand events, major shocks and chronic stresses. These include severe weather events exacerbated by climate change such as heatwaves, bushfires, droughts, flooding and severe storms, air pollution, and infrastructure failures and infectious disease threats.

The Resilient Sydney group defines resilience as “The capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems to survive, adapt, and thrive no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience”. It is this ethos that has translated across metropolitan Sydney into local resilience planning mechanisms.

Other pressures also include social isolation and lack of connectedness, transport congestion, mental health issues, housing affordability and food security.

As we have very recently seen with both the bushfires and now coronavirus impacts, many of these shocks and stresses can combine e.g. home or job loss and pressures then resulting in increased mental health issues, and develop into compound events presenting even greater challenges, consequences and results.

The adoption of the Greater Sydney Commission’s (GSC) District Plans and roll out of Council Local Strategic Planning Statements and development has helped to set a Sydney wide context for Councils planning directions and framework. These directions will guide how we plan as a Council for the future of our community and respond to growth and demand over the next 10 years.

Similarly, in 2015, the City of Sydney initiated to host the collaborative program ‘Resilient Sydney’ (RS) and from this finalised its Sydney metropolitan wide ‘Resilient Sydney Strategy (2018)’ for all 33 councils to deliver and build upon. It was the product of contribution and collaboration of representative ambassadors, State government agencies, NGOs, community members and groups, and emergency services to review, assess and generate directions for the ‘resilience’ of Sydney.

The RS Strategy was the culmination of a two-year process involving evidence and data collection and collation, risk assessment and extensive engagement. This direction was to identify and address the key shocks and stresses known to, or forecasted to, have potential impacts for the wider Sydney community and plan to minimise and adequately prepare for them.



**ITEM 8 (continued)**

Applying both of these resources as a framework, Council in 2018 began to develop a draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 to ensure resilience is delivered at a local scale to provide outcomes specific for the needs of the Ryde community whilst considering planning for growth of the population to increase 43% by 2036 (GSC). See two volume Plan attached (**ATTACHMENTS 1 and 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO COUNCILLORS**).

With such growth comes intensified demand for and pressures on transport systems, health services, social cohesion, employment and our natural environment. Similarly to the RS Strategy, Ryde's Resilience Plan has identified nine key response areas that cover resilience targets, outcomes and delivery of actions:

- 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

The directions complement to deliver priority outcomes and directions from the GSC and RS documents, future council plans and strategies and engagement outcomes provided by community through Council's Community Strategic Plan 2028 (CSP).

Through the CPS engagement process, community told Council that prioritising protection of our green spaces and natural environment, managing development and growth and transport congestion were the top three areas for improvement and protection.

Community and external stakeholder engagement included community events, five focus groups, online surveys and 'Have Your Say', presentations to local groups and meetings, interviews and pop-up cafes. Well over 300 individuals made contributions in the process including residents, CALD groups, schools, local small business, Council advisory committees and peer reviews from other agencies.

The development of the draft Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 has involved collaboration and participation across all departments within Council, including a staff workshop and survey, meetings, one-on-one consultations and contributions such as design of communications materials and platforms for the community.

**ITEM 8 (continued)****Financial Implications**

A large component of the Plan implementation will focus on building capacity of community to withstand major shocks and emergency situations.

The Plan recognises the need for community self-preparedness but will work to strengthen networks within community for supporting capacity and empowerment. This work has already commenced through collaborative council events with external stakeholder and partners community.

Sustained longer term capacity building will need to be implemented post approval of the Plan and additional grant funding will be sort to build these programs which cannot be delivered within existing program budgets.

From a strategic planning perspective, the Plan draws on Council's commitment under regional planning outcomes such as the District Plan priorities and Council responses under the Local Strategic Planning Statements. It provides actions to support their delivery across Council and into the community space leveraging on department delivery and through support to drive implementation.

The 10-year plan draws upon existing and proposed future Council strategies and policies to identify gaps and has worked with council stakeholders to build future priorities through evidence to formulate the Plan. This is proposed to continue to assist and support delivery and development for resilience inclusion in its planning and overall operations. Works to date have commenced and include resilience planning integration into areas of Council including Community Services and asset management planning.

Key strategic outcomes will focus on emergency management response and preparedness and recovery. This will work to assist 'readiness' planning, work with networks to improve planning for these shocks and ensure our assets (Council and community) are 'resilience ready' in times of event.

Outcomes requiring physical delivery of capital works are largely focused on ensuring the future resilience of Council assets, optimising efficiency to reduce exposure from climatic disruption and for reducing long term costs. These have already commenced by Council through works undertaken by the Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment report and Enterprise Risk Management reviews in conjunction with Council's insurers.

Actions relating to these areas will be subject to the Council approval through Council's project bidding process and business case submission or absorbed within existing budgets for upgrade or renewal programs.

**ITEM 8 (continued)**

The Plan is to be delivered by 2030 and is divided into 3 stages (short, medium and longer term) for implementation and delivery. The stages will enable Council to continue to build its evidence base for delivering community facing programs, seek grant funding assistance where applicable or build business cases for areas requiring additional financial assistance outside of the above avenues.

As it is a Plan that is holistically collaborative in its framework and delivery for success, leveraging community networks and in-kind support will greatly assist in delivery of the Plan but providing stronger cohesive governance outcomes for the city and its people.

It is designed to be a living document and will be led by Council's Resource and Resilience Officer who will drive development and delivery across the various Council departments and community outreach areas.

**Options**

Council could choose to not give approve the Plan and enable it to be open for public comment however this is not a favoured option given the current and ongoing community wide felt stresses from recent impacts and events felt across the entire city and country.

Support for Ryde demonstrating leadership in this space to provide a Plan that sets a clear direction for the community has been widely supported through the numerous individual engagements undertaken for its development. Recent climatic events and now global pandemic further supports the need for a local strategic direction to support community in such times and for the future.

The Plan will be the first of its kind delivered at a local level for its community and is hugely supported by both Resilient Sydney and the Greater Sydney Commission in delivering regional strategic outcomes for the future.

The staged delivery of the Plan will enable continuous monitoring and evaluation and also enable forward planning into key Council budgets where it is required over the 10 year delivery.

Should Council choose not to adopt the Plan then this may negatively reflect on all the previous works to date, not align with Council's Ambassador commitment under the Resilient Sydney program and fail to adequately plan for resilience for community and future shocks and events.

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## 9 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL – EXCLUSION OF AN ITEM OF BUSINESS

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**Report prepared by:** General Manager

**File No.:** CLM/20/1/1/2 – BP20/337

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### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an item of business (proposed Motion) that was excluded from a Meeting of Council 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:

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**General Manager**

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****10 REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT-14/19 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE OF GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS**

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**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; AND (d) (ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

**Report prepared by:** Manager - Operations

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**11 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS**

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**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.

This matter is classified confidential because it contains advice concerning legal matters that are:-

- (a) substantial issues relating to a matter to which the Council is involved.
- (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

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