

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

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MAYORAL MINUTE

MM6/23 RESULT OF RECENT STATE ELECTION - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP23/193

On 25 March 2023, a State election was held in New South Wales. At the election, the Labor Party won a majority of seats and has formed government led by the Hon. Chris Minns MP as Premier.

At the election, former Mayor Jordan Lane ran for the State seat of Ryde – formerly held by the Hon. Victor Dominello MP.

After a very close contest, Jordan Lane has been elected the Member of Parliament for the State seat of Ryde.

Anthony Roberts MP was re-elected the Member for Lane Cove.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor write to:-

- (a) the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP and congratulate the Labor government on the recent election result and offer to work in collaboration with the new government.
- (b) the newly elected state member for Ryde – Jordan Lane MP and congratulate him on his election.
- (c) the re-elected state member for Lane Cove – Anthony Roberts MP and congratulate him on his re-election.
- (d) former State Member for Ryde – the Hon. Victor Dominello MP and thank him for his service to the local area since his election in 2008 until his retirement in 2023.
- (e) all candidates for the state seats of Lane Cove and Ryde and thank them for participating in the democratic process and for their work during the campaign.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM
Mayor

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/113

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 4 April 2023

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/143

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 3/23, held on 4 April 2023 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Council Meeting - 4 April 2023**

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Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 3/23

Meeting Date: Tuesday 4 April 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors O'Reilly and Councillor Song.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, Senior Solicitor, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Traffic Services, Manager – Circular Economy, Executive Officer – City Resilience, Media and Communications Coordinator, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Reverend Bruce Stanley of St Philip's Anglican Church, Eastwood 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 Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Matter of Urgency – Melrose Park Bridge for the reason that members of his immediate family live nearby the project mentioned in the resolution. He has no financial stake in the property and does not live there personally.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Maggio)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 6, Item 7, Item 9, Precis of Correspondence 1, Precis of Correspondence 2, Precis of Correspondence 3, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4 and Notice of Motion 5 listed on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 28 February 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 1/23, held on 28 February 2023 be confirmed.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 22 March 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 2/23, held on 22 March 2023 be confirmed.

Minutes of the Council Meeting No. 3/23, dated 4 April 2023.

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4 NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL WASTE STRATEGY 2022-2027

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council adopt the Northern Sydney Regional Waste Strategy as a regionally consistent approach to waste management; and
- (b) That Council commits to support the delivery of regional waste management initiatives consistent with local priorities.

6 DRAFT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY - COUNCIL RELATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Conflicts of Interest Policy – Council Related Development Applications as attached to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and allow submissions to be received.
- (b) That, at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received the Conflicts of Interest Policy – Council Related Development Applications be adopted by Council.
- (c) That should any submissions be received during the public exhibition period, a further report be presented to council outlining these submissions.

7 VARIATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS UNDER CLAUSE 4.6 OF RYDE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2014

RESOLUTION:

That the report on the Clause 4.6 variations 1 October to 31 December 2022 be received and noted.

INFORMATION REPORT

9 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Note: Information Report was presented to Council.

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ATTACHMENT 1

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**2 LETTER OF THANKS – ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY –
EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE**

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**3 GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN AND MEADOWBANK EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT MASTERPLAN**

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

**3 INSTALLATION OF RAMP OR STAIRCASE IN MORRISON BAY,
PUTNEY – Councillor Maggio**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigate the feasibility and safety of installing a ramp or a staircase at the eastern end of the seawall in Morrison Bay, Putney.
- (b) That an update is provided to Council to advise on part (a) at the April Council meeting.

**4 WATER STATION AT MEADOWBANK STATION FORECOURT –
Councillor Purcell**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That staff liaise with Transport for NSW and/or other relevant authorities as required, to assist with arranging the installation of a water station (bubbler) in the forecourt on the eastern side of Meadowbank Station.

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- (b) That should all relevant service authority approvals be obtained, a report come back to Council that identifies the project cost, whether any grants (or TfNSW funds) can be obtained and likely timeframe for installation of the water station.

5 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GLEN STREET, EASTWOOD

RESOLUTION:

That Council considers and reports back on the need for a pedestrian crossing at an appropriate location on Glen Street Eastwood. This is in light of a greater number of pedestrians crossing this street in recent years since its transformation from a street with predominately stand alone residential houses to a street with a mix of units and commercial premises today.

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM5/23 TOUCHED BY CHRISTOPHER EVENT – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

- (a) That Council acknowledge the work of the Touched by Christopher Foundation in raising awareness of workplace incidents and providing support to families impacted by same.
- (b) That Council waive the cost of the hire of Lachlans Line for the event to be held by the Touched by Christopher Foundation on 21 May 2023.
- (c) That Council donate a sum of \$1,918.00 to help defray costs associated with staging the event on 21 May 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 28 February 2023

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

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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 22 March 2023

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

4 NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL WASTE STRATEGY 2022-2027

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

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Maggio advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding the sports facilities on the corner of Julius Avenue and Newbigin Close, North Ryde.

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

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

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Maggio, regarding the sports facilities on the corner of Julius Avenue and Newbigin Close, North Ryde, the time being 6.13pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – SPORTS FACILITIES ON THE CORNER OF JULIUS AVENUE AND NEWBIGIN CLOSE, NORTH RYDE

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

- (a) That the Chief Executive Officer initiate independent discussions with the CSIRO and relevant parties regarding the owner's future plans for the sports facilities on the corner of Julius Avenue and Newbigin Close, North Ryde.
- (b) That the discussions outlined in part (a) above be held within the next two (2) weeks (depending on the parties availability).
- (c) That the outcome of the discussions held in part (a) be reported back to Council as a confidential report at the Council Meeting on 26 April 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Maggio advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding the Melrose Park Bridge.

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Maggio, regarding the Melrose Park Bridge, the time being 6.24pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – MELROSE PARK BRIDGE

Note: Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that members of his immediate family live nearby the project mentioned in the resolution. He has no financial stake in the property and does not live there personally.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

That Council:

- (a) Actively pursue the alternative route and bridge location for the proposed Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2, provided by MPRAG and included in Council's submission to the EIS and letter to the Director Engagement and Communication at Transport for NSW, and any other group involved in the decision-making of the route and bridge location.
- (b) Make appropriate representations to the Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW and any other government department involved the decision-making process for the proposed Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 not to use the Ermington Boat Ramp as a staging point which may require it to be closed for 3 years, but to find an alternative site in the proposed development area.
- (c) Liaise with City of Parramatta Council to collaborate on all matters relating to the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 and the proposed Northern and Southern Melrose Park developments to ensure the best outcomes for current residents in both the City of Ryde and City of Parramatta LGAs.

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- d) Seek to establish a small reference group with the City of Parramatta and City of Ryde to be staffed by appropriate Council and government personnel plus current residents from both LGAs to provide informed feedback on the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 and the ramifications of the Melrose Park Developments to ensure the community's views are actually heard.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

5 NET ZERO EMISSIONS PATHWAY - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

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

- (a) That Council acknowledges the final round of community consultation undertaken for the Plan and adopts the final consultation outcomes.
- (b) That Council staff work towards the implementation of the Plan as per the adopted actions and those highlighted in the engagement process to reduce emissions.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council acknowledges the final round of community consultation undertaken for the Plan and adopts the final consultation outcomes.
- (b) That Council staff work towards the implementation of the Plan as per the adopted actions and those highlighted in the engagement process to reduce emissions.
- (c) That Council undertakes a quarterly review to track our real emissions reductions against our targets and report this back to Councillors.

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

Record of Voting:

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

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

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

- (a) That Council acknowledges the final round of community consultation undertaken for the Plan and adopts the final consultation outcomes.
- (b) That Council staff work towards the implementation of the Plan as per the adopted actions and those highlighted in the engagement process to reduce emissions.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 DRAFT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY - COUNCIL RELATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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

7 VARIATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS UNDER CLAUSE 4.6 OF RYDE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2014

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

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held in February 2023:

(A) ADELAIDE STREET, WEST RYDE - 1P PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Adelaide Street, West Ryde:

- a) "1P 8:30am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 8:30am - 12:30pm Saturday" parking restrictions be implemented on Adelaide Street adjacent to the frontage of West Ryde Veterinary Clinic.

(B) ROTHESAY AVENUE AND PARSONAGE STREET, RYDE - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

No parking changes be made on Rothesay Avenue and Parsonage Street, Ryde:

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- a) The existing parking restrictions on Rothesay Avenue, Parsonage Street and Anderson Street car park, Ryde remain unaltered.

(C) LANCASTER AVENUE, MELROSE PARK - NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Lancaster Avenue, Melrose Park:

- a) "No Stopping" zones be installed on both sides of Lancaster Avenue at the property frontage of 1 Lancaster Avenue and 13 Lancaster Avenue, Melrose Park.

(D) 72 TENNYSON ROAD, GLADESVILLE - REMOVAL OF 1/2P RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Tennyson Road, Gladesville:

- a) The parking restriction (1/2P, 8:00am – 6:00pm, Mon-Sun) outside 72 Tennyson Road, Gladesville be removed to allow unrestricted parking for residents and visitors to the area.

(E) VARIOUS STREETS, CITY OF RYDE - FIXED CAR SHARE SPACES

- a) The following locations be authorised for single use fixed car share parking, based on the outcomes of the traffic safety investigation, in accordance with the Council resolution on 13 December 2022:
- Location 5 - 15-17 Angas Street, Meadowbank
 - Location 7 - 3-5 Porter Street, Ryde
 - Location 8 - 24 Lardelli Drive, Ryde
 - Location 9 - Colebee Street (corner Bennelong Way), Ryde
 - Location 10 - Nancarrow Avenue (corner Bowden Street), Ryde
 - Location 11 - Halifax Street, North Ryde
 - Location 13 - Western Crescent (Cnr Ross Street), Gladesville
- b) All approved fixed car share locations be delineated in accordance with Council's *Fixed Space Car Share Guidelines (Jan 2020)*, with the required payment of the applicable setup and annual fees and charges by the car share operators to Council, upon which Council will also issue a Car Share Vehicle Parking Authority to each of the approved locations.

(F) CRESSY ROAD AND JOHN MILLER STREET, WEST RYDE - DOUBLE BARRIER LINES

The following changes be made on Cressy Road and John Miller Street, West Ryde:

- a) 10 metres of dividing barrier (BB) lines be installed on John Miller Street at the intersection of Twin Road.

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- b) 10 metres of dividing barrier (BB) lines be installed on Cressy Road at the intersection south of Twin Road.
- c) 5 metres of BB line be installed lines be installed on Cressy Road at the intersection north of Twin Road.

(G) HILLVIEW LANE, EASTWOOD - REMOVAL OF LOADING ZONE AT THE REAR OF 127 TO 133 ROWE STREET

The following changes be made on Hillview Lane, Eastwood:

- a) The existing Loading Zone on the southern side of Hillview Lane at the rear of properties 127 to 133 Rowe Street, Eastwood be removed and converted to a "No Stopping" zone.

(H) TERRY ROAD, WEST RYDE - INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE BLISTER ISLAND

The following changes be made on Terry Road, West Ryde:

- a) Construct a new blister island with chevron sign to promote safe access for pedestrians crossing at this intersection.
- b) Retain the existing no-stopping sign and modify the E1 edge line to accommodate the proposed changes.

(I) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE – ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

(E) VARIOUS STREETS, CITY OF RYDE - FIXED CAR SHARE SPACES

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- c) That a review and report be brought back to Council identifying further potential locations for fixed car share spaces by the end 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**9 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS

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

**2 LETTER OF THANKS - ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY - EARTHQUAKE
ASSISTANCE**

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

**3 GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN AND MEADOWBANK EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT MASTERPLAN**

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 COUNCILS AFTER HOURS SERVICE - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

That Council review its after hour service by making it more efficient to the community and users of our facilities and discuss the matter at a subsequent workshop.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 PUTNEY VILLAGE BUSINESSES - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

- (a) That Council's Economic Development Team develop a schedule to meet with small village shops (for example Putney village, midway, cox's road etc) to collaborate with council to explore opportunities to promote and reinvigorate Ryde's small business economy.

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- (b) That a social media presence is investigated for all small villages shops and staff report back to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 INSTALLATION OF RAMP OR STAIRCASE IN MORRISON BAY, PUTNEY - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

4 WATER STATION AT MEADOWBANK STATION FORECOURT - Councillor Bernard Purcell

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

5 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GLEN STREET, EASTWOOD - Councillor Justin Li

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

The meeting closed at 7.11pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL 2023

Chairperson

3 DRAFT 2022 - 2026 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM INCLUDING DRAFT 2023/2024 ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN

Report prepared by: Financial Controller
File No.: FIM/23/46 - BP23/82

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for the following documents to be placed on public exhibition:

1. Draft 2022-2026 Four Year Delivery Program;
2. Draft 2023-2033 Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan;
3. Draft 2023-2024 One Year Operational Plan; and
4. Draft 2023-2024 Fees and Charges.

The public exhibition period will be from 1 May 2023 to 28 May 2023. Submissions on the above documents will be sought from the public during this period.

Following public exhibition, all submissions received will be tabled and considered as part of the adoption of the Draft 2022-2026 Four Year Delivery Program, Draft 2023-2033 Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan, Draft 2023-2024 Operational Plan and Draft 2023-2024 Fees and Charges at the June Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council, in accordance with legislative requirements, resolve to place the Draft 2022-2026 Four Year Delivery Program, Draft 2023-2033 Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan, Draft 2023-2024 One Year Operational Plan and Draft 2023-2024 Fees and Charges on public exhibition for the period 1 May 2023 to 28 May 2023 (inclusive).
- (b) That Council resolve to adopt all of the recommendations contained in this report.

ATTACHMENTS – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 Draft 2022-2026 Four Year Delivery Program including 2023-2024 One Year Operational Plan
- 2 Draft 2023-2033 Long Term Financial Plan
- 3 Draft 2023-2024 Fees and Charges

Report Prepared By:

Sacha Thirimanne
Financial Controller

Report Approved By:

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

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Legislation

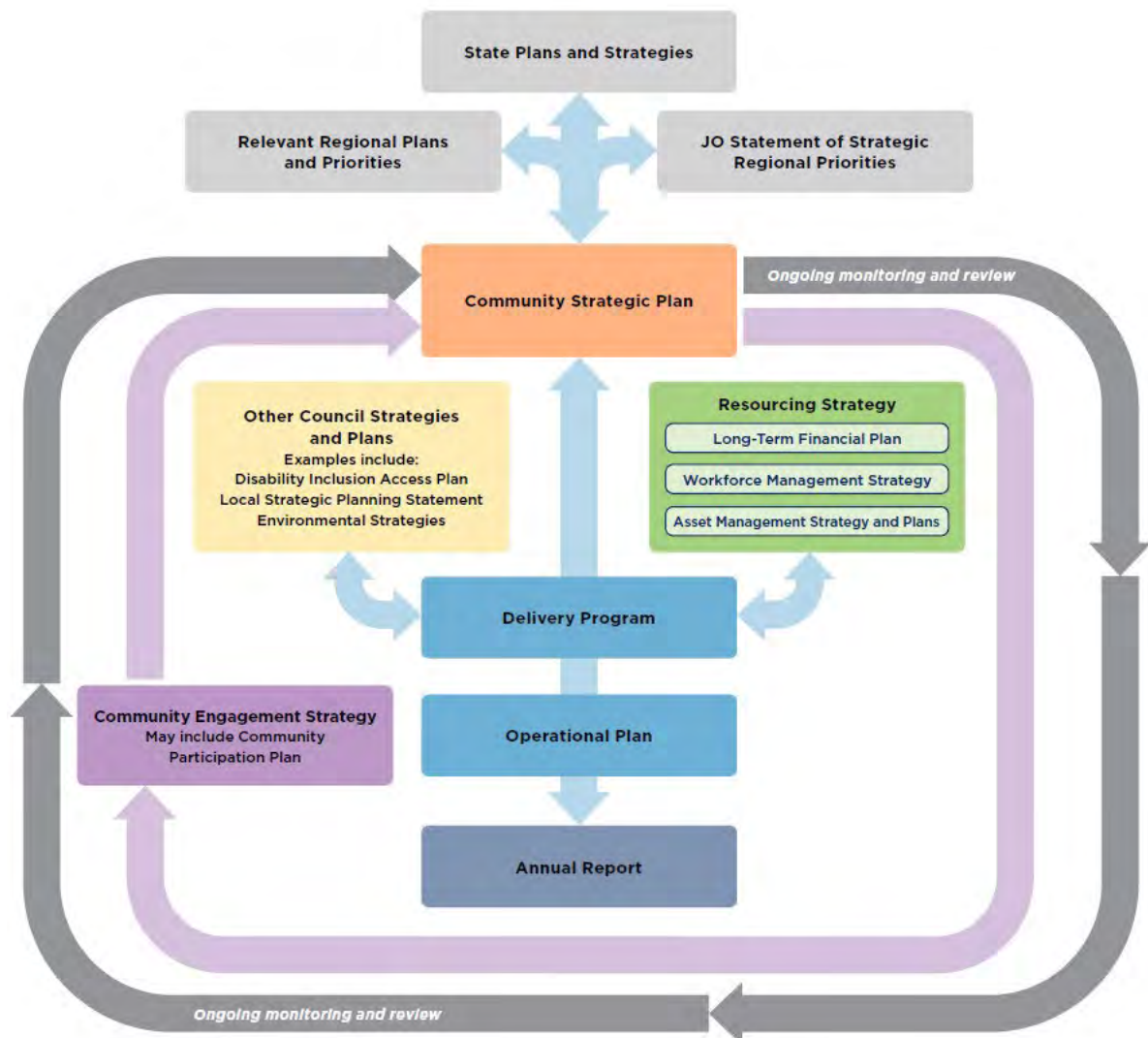
New guidelines released in September 2021 under sections 403, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act, required Council to prepare a Four Year Delivery Program, Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan and a separate One Year Operational Plan (including Council's Revenue Policy) which details Council's operating and capital activities over the period of the plan and how they are aligned to Council's strategic outcomes (Community Strategic Plan).

The Four Year Delivery Program provides the Council's commitment to the community to perform all of its functions by outlining the activities for which it is responsible over the term of the Council, including how those activities will be prioritised, and how Council will measure and evaluate their implementation. The Delivery Program is reviewed annually, the first year 2022/23 forming the basis from which the detail of projects, actions and functions to be undertaken within the 2023/24 Operational Plan are drawn. The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a rolling ten year plan and contains projection of Council's income and expenditure, assets, liabilities and cashflow including industry financial and infrastructure ratios.

The Local Government Act requires the draft revised Delivery Program, Draft LTFP, Draft Operational Plan including the Draft Fees and Charges 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 these documents are adopted. Further details on consultation timeframes can be found at the 'Timetable and Public Consultation' section of this report.

ITEM 3 (continued)

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



A copy of the draft 2022-2026 Four-Year Delivery Program including One-Year Operational Plan 2023-2024 is **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**, Draft 2023-2033 Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan is **ATTACHMENT 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** and the Draft 2023-2024 Fees and Charges schedule is **ATTACHMENT 3 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**.

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Draft Budget FY23/24

The Draft Budget FY23/24 projects a Net Operating Surplus of \$13.5m, and \$177k before Capital Grants and Contributions.

Total projected expenditure (excluding depreciation) for delivering both recurrent & capital projects is \$209.7m. Of this \$124.4m is in delivering recurrent operations such as Roads, Parks, Buildings Maintenance, Library Services, Community Development & Events, Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Forward Planning & Economic Development Activities, Regulatory Services, Subdivision & Development Activities, Waste Management and Governance Activities.

Draft Budget Capital expenditure of \$85.3m includes, \$78.4m in delivering 104 capital works projects in the next financial year, capital purchases of \$4.1m and \$2.8m in loan and lease payments.

The main source of Council's income is generated from Rates (50%). Other sources of income are Waste Management and Storm Water Charges (16%), Grants & Contributions (12%) and User Charges (11%) The remaining 11% is made up of Interest on Investments and Other Revenue.

The City of Ryde committed to surplus budgets, however given IPART's Rate Peg of 3.7% which is unlikely to meet rising costs, difficult operational decisions have been made to achieve this result. Council would have looked to provide more funding to support our growth had the Rate Peg been reflective of changing economic and market conditions. Increasing inflation, projected increases in wages growth, supply chain issues, labour market shortages, increases in utilities, fuel, cyber security costs and insurance have proven a challenge for Council to produce a balanced budget next Financial Year.

The table below provides summary of Operational Income and Expenditure below:

Income Statement	Proposed Budget 2023/2024 (\$'000)
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	
Rates and annual charges	109,718
User charges and fees	18,410
Interest and investment revenue	5,477
Other revenues	12,535
Grants & contributions provided for operating purposes	6,040
Grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	13,286
Net gain from the disposal of assets	1,226
TOTAL INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	166,693

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Income Statement	<i>Proposed Budget 2023/2024 (\$'000)</i>
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	
Employee benefits and on-costs	64,275
Borrowing costs	108
Materials and contracts	53,163
Depreciation and amortisation	28,820
Other expenses	6,864
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	153,230
NET OPERATING RESULT	13,463
NET OPERATING RESULT before Capital Grants and Contributions	177

Local Government Award Increase:

Negotiations are currently being undertaken regarding the Local Government Award applicable to salaries and wages. Based on the information available to date, a percentage of 5.1% (4.6% increase and 0.5% increase in superannuation) has been applied to next Financial Years FY23/24 Budget. Factors such as inflation currently at 7.3%, increases in the cost of living, the Local Government Electrical Award being ratified with a 7.2% increase are all driving negotiations with the relevant unions. Once this percentage is determined it will be reported to Council in a future Budget Review.

Capital Works Project Expenditure:

The FY23/24 Draft Capital Works Program is a total expenditure of \$85.3m. The plan has been developed in response to the priority projects in the 2022-2026 Delivery Program. Of this, \$27.9m has been allocated for renewal of Councils existing assets to ensure the condition is maintained for residents. In addition, \$54.6m has been allocated for the construction of new assets with majority of this expenditure related to the Ryde Central Project, and \$2.8m in loan and lease payments.

Next year's works program has been funded from the following various sources, Internal Reserves, Section 7.11 & 7.12 Developer Contributions and Capital Grants and Contributions.

It is important to note that Council forecasts its Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 related expenditure for the coming financial year based on receipts already received to ensure that Section 7.11 funds are not over-committed and that cashflow remains positive.

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Some key highlights of the \$85.3m Capital Works Program include the following projects:

- \$43.7m - Ryde Central
- \$3.3m - Constitution Rd/Bowden St, Meadowbank - Traffic Control Signals
- \$4.8m - Gannan Park, Masterplan Delivery
- \$1.5m – Hermitage Road shared path, West Ryde
- \$1.1m – Smalls Road Public School drainage and easement upgrade
- \$950k – Road Resurfacing Blenheim Road (Jopling Street - Cutler Parade)
- \$900k - Road Resurfacing Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park)
- \$760k – Road Resurfacing Renewal, Balaclava Road (Abuklea Road)
- \$757k – Dunbar Park amenities upgrade
- \$600k – West Ryde Library major upgrade
- \$620k – Santa Rosa Park
- \$638k – Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation work

The table below provides summary of next year's Capital Works Program of \$85.3m by asset class:

\$'000	Building	Civil	Footpath & Cycleway	Traffic	Storm Water	Parks	Other	Fleet	TOTAL
Renewal	2,187	9,566	681	968	2,608	7,173	638	4,100	27,921
New	45,745	937	3,263	3,532	-	540	600	-	54,614
Subtotal	47,932	10,503	3,945	4,500	2,608	7,713	1,238	4,100	82,539
Lease & Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,784
TOTAL	47,932	10,503	3,945	4,500	2,608	7,713	1,238	4,100	85,323

Rates Income:

In FY22/23 the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) prescribed that the Rate Peg will include a population growth factor. This factor introduces a variable in the rate calculation that will provide a different outcome for each Council in NSW. The percentage of supplementary valuations for City of Ryde was 1.1% and as this was greater than the population increase, Council's population growth factor is 0%.

IPART has set the FY23/24 rate peg at 3.7%. This rate peg calculation included the change in the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) over the year to June 2022 being 3.5% and has allowed an additional adjustment of 0.2% for the increase in superannuation guarantee payments.

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Section 8B of the *Local Government Act 1993*, outlines the principles of sound financial management. Council should be responsible and sustainable ensuring revenue aligns with expenses. Council should have regard to achieving intergenerational equity and ensure that policy decisions have consider the financial impact on future generations. Due to the rising costs Council faces, it is imperative that the rate peg of 3.7% is taken so Council can still continue to provide its current services. The impact of not accepting the rate peg will have compounding effects into the future and will risk Council's financial sustainability.

The total projected rates income is forecasted to be \$83.6m (Including growth of \$820k) in FY23/24 which represents 50% of Council's total revenue.

Domestic Waste Management (DWM) Charge:

As per Section 504 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the charge for domestic waste must be calculated after taking into account the reasonable cost of providing these services.

In FY23/24 it is expected that Council will spend \$25.8m in providing garbage, recycling, disposal and clean up services to the residents compared to \$24.4m in FY22/23, this represents an increase of 5.5% which is an increase of \$1.4m. The current Standard Waste Management Charge per household for the waste management services is **\$422.00** per annum, this service consists of:

- Garbage Bin (140L) collected weekly;
- Recycling Bin (240L) and Green vegetation Bin (240L) collected fortnightly;
- Mulching and Chipping Service; and
- Clean-Up services (maximum of 5 per property per year).

In FY23/24, due to ongoing increased costs for Recycling and Collection Services, the total cost of providing the service has increased by 5.5%. Therefore it is proposed to increase standard waste management charge to **\$464.90** per annum. Although this difference of **\$42.90** represents a 10% increase, it is important to note that in FY2022/23, the Domestic Waste Management Charge for each property was given a one-off discount of \$20 for the Eco, Standard and Premium services. When this discount is excluded, the increase of 5.4% is similar to the increase in costs.

The rising costs of providing this service and upcoming renewals of existing contracts will likely mean higher costs than the current contract. Therefore, it is imperative that Council increases the Domestic Waste Charge to ensure revenue is aligned to recover these expenses. Not increasing this charge will have compounding effects into the future and create a financial burden for future generations.

These changes have been reflected in the Proposed Fees and Charges in the **ATTACHMENT 3 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.**

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Proposed Rating Structure:

In determining Council's Rating Structure, in depth modelling is undertaken to ensure there is an equitable distribution across all residential and business ratepayers towards the delivery of Council services.

In FY22/23, Council's rating policy was split 69.5% and 30.5% for rates revenue generation between residential and business properties respectively.

Due to recent land valuations by the NSW Valuer General, it is proposed to change the split to 69.0% and 31.0% between residential and business. In addition, changes in the categorisation of high value properties in the LGA may require major adjustments to mitigate any adverse impact on average rates and charges. This proposed new split will provide the most equitable outcome across the community in FY23/24.

The table below details the impact of the approved IPART Rate Peg increase of 3.7% and the Standard Domestic Waste Management Charge of \$465:

	Split	Current Average Rates & Charges FY22/23*	Draft Average Rates & Charges FY23/24	\$ (Decrease) / Increase	% (Decrease) / Increase
Residential	69%	\$1,513*	\$1,590	\$77	4.70%
Business	31%	\$9,817*	\$10,342	\$525	5.35%

*Current average Rates and Charges are at the time of writing the report and is subject to change when Council adopts the Rating Structure in the Council Meeting in June 2023.

The increase in average residential Rates and Annual Charges of \$77, is only an extra \$1.48 per week or 21 cents per day.

Council Reserves:

It is projected that unrestricted cash will be \$8.0m as at 30 June 2023. These funds are held to meet day to day operational needs as well as to meet unknown or unexpected costs.

Projected External Restrictions of \$53.8m comprise mainly of Developer Contributions, Voluntary Planning Agreements, Domestic Waste, Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve, Macquarie Park Corridor Levy, Stormwater Management and Specific Unexpended Grants and Contributions. These funds must be fully expended for the specific purpose it was collected and cannot be used for general operations.

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Internal Reserves of \$87.9m are funds that are internally restricted to proactively plan. Any movements in these reserves are determined by Council Resolution and this funding is earmarked for future commitments such as asset renewals, plant replacement, information technology, council elections, employee leave entitlements etc.

The table below details the movements in Internal Reserves:

Internally Restricted Reserves	FY23/24			
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	Projected Opening Balance	Transfer to Reserve	Transfer From Reserve	Projected Closing Balance
Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve	5,541	-	-	5,541
Refundable Deposits Reserve	19,000	-	-	19,000
Council Election Reserve*	756	360	-	1,116
Public Art Reserve	18	-	-	18
Community Grants Reserve	128	-	-	128
Insurance Fluctuation Reserve*	291	200	-	491
WHS & Risk/Injury Management Reserve	420	123	-	543
Planning Proposal Reserve	220	-	(3)	217
Workers Compensation Reserve	3,000	-	-	3,000
Heritage Reserve	451	-	-	451
Legal Reserve*	292	100	-	392
Information Technology Reserve*	2,270	200	-	2,470
TOTAL OPERATIONAL RESERVES	32,387	983	(3)	33,367
Asset Replacement Reserve	727	6,279	(6,334)	671
Plant Replacement Reserve	3,899	4,734	(4,453)	4,181
Investment Property Reserve	20,888	135	-	21,023
Ryde Central Reserve	46,151	-	(43,675)	2,476
Accommodation Reserve	22,212	1,310	(3,037)	20,486
Synthetic Sports Surface Reserve	789	370	(131)	1,027
Transport & Pedestrian Initiatives MP Reserve	201	-	-	201
Affordable Housing Reserve	1,464	830	(228)	2,066
Asset Expansion Reserve	2,243	-	(385)	1,857
Revolving Energy Reserve	55	-	-	55
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Reserve*	-	500	-	500
TOTAL ASSET RELATED RESERVES	98,629	14,158	(58,243)	54,543
TOTAL INTERNAL RESERVES	131,016	15,141	(58,246)	87,908

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It is proposed to transfer additional funding on an ongoing basis to Information Technology, Election, Legal and Insurance Reserves to ensure funding is available in the future in response to any industry and market changes. In addition, Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) Reserve has been reinstated. This is a valuable community asset and has been maintained to a standard appropriate for its age and operational profile. In order to mitigate future financial risk in terms of asset renewal for RALC, it is intended that a dedicated reserve is put in place to ensure adequate funds are available to maximise the life and operational efficiency of the asset.

Fees and Charges:

Council's Fees and Charges in FY23/24 account for 19% of council's total operating income.

In preparing the Fees and Charges for FY2023/24, a default increase of 5.1% was applied to most non statutory fees and charges. Fees were then benchmarked against neighbouring Councils and fees were either increased further or decreased based on this market analysis. Income generated from Fees and Charges is a function of both price and demand and Council aims to set fees in order to recover the cost of providing these services.

It is important to note that changes in legislation made by the State Government, primarily relating to Planning and Development matters, may result in a change in how fees and charges may be levied in the future.

Long Term Financial Plan:

Each council must prepare and adopt a 10 year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). This plan must be used to inform decision making and due regard must be given to promoting the financial sustainability of Council.

The LTFP is a tool aimed at assisting decision-making and forecasting Council's future financial position. It is not intended to be set in stone – it is a guide for future action. The modelling that occurs as part of this plan will attempt to help Council to mitigate any future financial risks and ensure prudent long term financial planning. It will also provide an opportunity for Council to identify financial issues at an earlier stage and gauge the effect of these issues in the longer term.

Council's LTFP has been reviewed and updated as a rolling 10-year financial projection. This 10 year projection will be undertaken as part of the Draft Budget cycle each year and when required.

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The LTFP must include:

- Projected income and expenditure, balance sheet and cashflow statement;
- The planning assumptions used to develop the Plan, “the Planning Assumptions Statement”
- Sensitivity analysis highlighting factors/assumptions most likely to affect the Plan;
- Financial modelling for different scenarios; and
- Methods of monitoring financial performance.

Detailed information can be found in the Long-Term Financial Plan under
ATTACHMENT 2 - CIRCULATED UNDE SEPARATE COVER.

Councillor Engagement

The following workshops were conducted with Councillors in the formulation of the Draft Delivery Program, Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Operational Plan including Fees and Charges:

- LTFP & Draft Budget Assumptions - 19 Feb 2023
- Projects (Capital/Non-Capital) - 07 Mar 2023
- Draft Budget, LTFP, Fees & Charges and Rates - 11 Apr 2023

Timetable and Public Consultation

The following timetable is proposed in respect of Council’s consideration of the Draft Plans:

Date	Action
26 April 2023	Consideration by Council of Draft Plans for Public Exhibition.
1 May 2023	Commencement of Public Exhibition period of Draft Plans.
28 May 2023	Completion of Public Exhibition of the Draft Plans and closing date for receipt of all public submissions
27 June 2023	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 2023/24.

The following consultation / advertisement is proposed to promote Council’s Draft Plans.

- Public notification in the Weekly Times of Draft Plans on 1 May 2023.
- Public exhibition of Draft Plans between 1 May 2023 and 28 May 2023.
- Draft Plans will be available for viewing on Council’s website.

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Financial Implications

The Draft Budget FY23/24 will ensure that Council remains in a satisfactory financial position and projects a Net Operating Surplus of \$13.5m, and \$177k before Capital Grants and Contributions. It is projected that unrestricted cash will remain at \$8.0m.

Conclusion

The Draft 2022-2026 Delivery Program, Draft 2023-2033 LTFP, Draft 2023-2024 Operational Plan including Fees and Charges has been developed using prudent financial management principles and assumptions.

A key feature of the Draft 2022-2026 Delivery Program and 2023-2024 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.

4 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY - OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/52

REPORT SUMMARY

The 'Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy', ensures that City of Ryde Councillors have access to reasonable facilities and support to enable them to fulfil their civic duties, while also ensuring accountability, transparency and equity.

At its meeting held on 13 December 2022, Council resolved to remove from the Policy the option for Councillors to incur accommodation-related expenses. Accordingly, the Policy was revised and the draft presented to Council at its meeting on 28 February 2023 for endorsement to proceed to public exhibition.

The draft Policy, as endorsed by Council on 28 February 2023, was placed on public exhibition, with submissions being accepted between Monday, 6 March 2023 and Monday, 3 April 2023. It should be noted that no public submissions were received during the exhibition period.

This report therefore recommends that Council adopt the 'Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy', as **ATTACHED**.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the **ATTACHED** 'Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy'.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy - February 2023 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Report

The Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy aims to ensure that all Councillors have access to the appropriate resources and facilities required to fulfil their civic duties.

This Policy ensures that there is accountability and transparency in the facilities provided to Councillors and the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors in carrying out their civic duties. Section 253(1) of the Local Government Act requires Council to give public notice of its intention to adopt or amend this Policy and to allow at least 28 days for the making of public submissions.

There is no longer a requirement to provide a copy of this Policy to the Office of Local Government.

Discussion

At its meeting held on 13 December 2022, Council resolved to remove from the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy the option for Councillors to incur accommodation-related expenses. Accordingly, the Policy was revised and the draft presented to Council at its meeting on 28 February 2023 for endorsement to proceed to public exhibition.

At its meeting held on 28 February 2023, Council considered the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and resolved as follows:-

- (a) *That Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as **attached** for a period of at least 28 days.*
- (b) *That following the exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council detailing any submissions received and seeking the adoption of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.*

Public Exhibition and Call for Submissions

As required by Section 253(1) of the Local Government Act, the draft Policy, was placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Submissions were invited between Monday, 6 March 2023 and Monday, 3 April 2023.

It is noted that no public submissions were received during the exhibition period and therefore, it is recommended that the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as **ATTACHED – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**, be adopted by Council.

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Critical Dates

Council should be aware that further amendments can be made to the Policy. However, if the amendments are considered to be significant, Council would be required to place the Policy on public exhibition again for a period of 28 days, before it can be adopted.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact. Payments of expenses and the provision of facilities are included within Council's adopted base budget.

**5 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
2023 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - National
Convention Centre, Canberra - 13 to 16 June 2023**

Report prepared by: Civic Support Officer
File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/34

REPORT SUMMARY

The National General Assembly of Local Government and the 2023 Australian Council of Local Government will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Friday, 16 June 2023.

This report is presented to Council for its consideration of the Mayor (or his nominee) in addition to the Chief Executive Officer (and/or his delegates) and other interested Councillor/s to attend the Assembly.

It should be noted that a report was presented to Council at its meeting of 28 February 2023 and no Motions were received from Councillors for inclusion in the business papers for the National General Assembly Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council consider the attendance of the Mayor (or his nominee) in addition to the Chief Executive Officer (and/or his delegates) and other interested Councillor/s at the National General Assembly of Local Government and the Australian Council of Local Government held in Canberra from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Friday, 16 June 2023.
- (b) That Council nominate the Mayor (or his nominee) to be the voting delegate to represent the City of Ryde during debates on Motions presented to the Assembly.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 National General Assembly 2023 - Discussion Paper

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Discussion

Conference

The 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government and the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) will meet from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Friday 16 June 2023 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. The Assembly will be hosted by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

The theme of the Assembly this year is “*Our Communities, Our Future*”. The National General Assembly aims to focus on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and Local Governments, can tackle immediate challenges facing communities as well as confidently facing the future. A Discussion Paper regarding the Conference is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The re-establishment of the ACLG was an Australian Government commitment, and the ALGA has stated that it looks forward to working with the Government to deliver the first ACLG meeting in more than a decade. The Federal Government announced the re-establishment as part of its commitment to bring local government back to the table as a trusted delivery partner of services to local communities.

The ACLG will be a valuable opportunity for all Australian Councils to hear from the Prime Minister and speak directly to Federal Ministers about the key issues and opportunities for our communities; and holding it immediately after the National General Assembly will ensure it's informed by the discussions during the week.

The ACLG provides a unique opportunity for Mayors, Shire Presidents and local government stakeholders to meet directly and engage with Commonwealth Ministers as well as the Prime Minister.

Previously, the Mayor (or his nominee) and the Chief Executive Officer (and/or his nominees) have attended the Assembly. In 2022, Councillor Yedelian OAM attended the Assembly.

A notice was placed in the Councillor Information Bulletin dated 7 February 2023 inviting Councillors to indicate their interest to attend the Assembly. As a result, no expressions of interest were received from Councillors in relation to attending the Assembly.

In determining Councillor attendance to the Assembly, Council is required to nominate one voting delegate to represent the City of Ryde during debates on Motions presented to the Assembly. This report recommends the Mayor (or his nominee) to be Council's voting delegate.

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Financial Implications

The following is a summary of costs that would be incurred per person for travel to the Assembly:-

- Registration: \$895 (Early Bird Rate – before 19 May 2023)
- Travel to Canberra: Approximately \$450 return via car or \$600 return flight

Virtual registrations are also available. Participants can attend the National General Assembly live from the platform of their home:-

- Virtual Registration: \$689

In addition to the above summary, it is anticipated that additional costs for incidentals, meals and taxi fares would also be incurred. This will be determined after the Conference.

The total cost for attending this Conference (in person) is approximately \$1,495 (excluding meals, incidentals and taxi fare charges).

It should be noted that as per Council's Expenses and Facilities Policy, Councillors cannot incur accommodation related expenses for attendance at the Conference.

In the 2022/2023 Budget there is an allocation of \$34,800 for the Mayor and Councillors to attend Conferences. There is currently a balance of \$9,269 Remaining, which is subject to Council's resolution on the number of Councillors participating in this Conference.

Critical Dates

The following deadlines are required to be met:-

- Early Bird Registrations for attendance at the National General Assembly of Local Government close on 19 May 2023.

Policy Implications

There is no policy implication through adoption of the recommendation. The Policy on the Expenses and Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors sets out the entitlements for Councillors attending such Conferences.

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Options

1. That Council does not attend the National General Assembly.

This Option is not recommended as it may be perceived that Council is not interested in national local government issues, many of which have a local impact on our community and/or are of interest to our local community.

2. That Council attend the National General Assembly.

This Option is the preferred Option and forms the basis of this report's recommendation. This Assembly is the only formal opportunity for the Nation's Mayors (and interested Councillors) to come together to debate and resolve significant local government issues, many of which have a localised impact and/or are of local interest.

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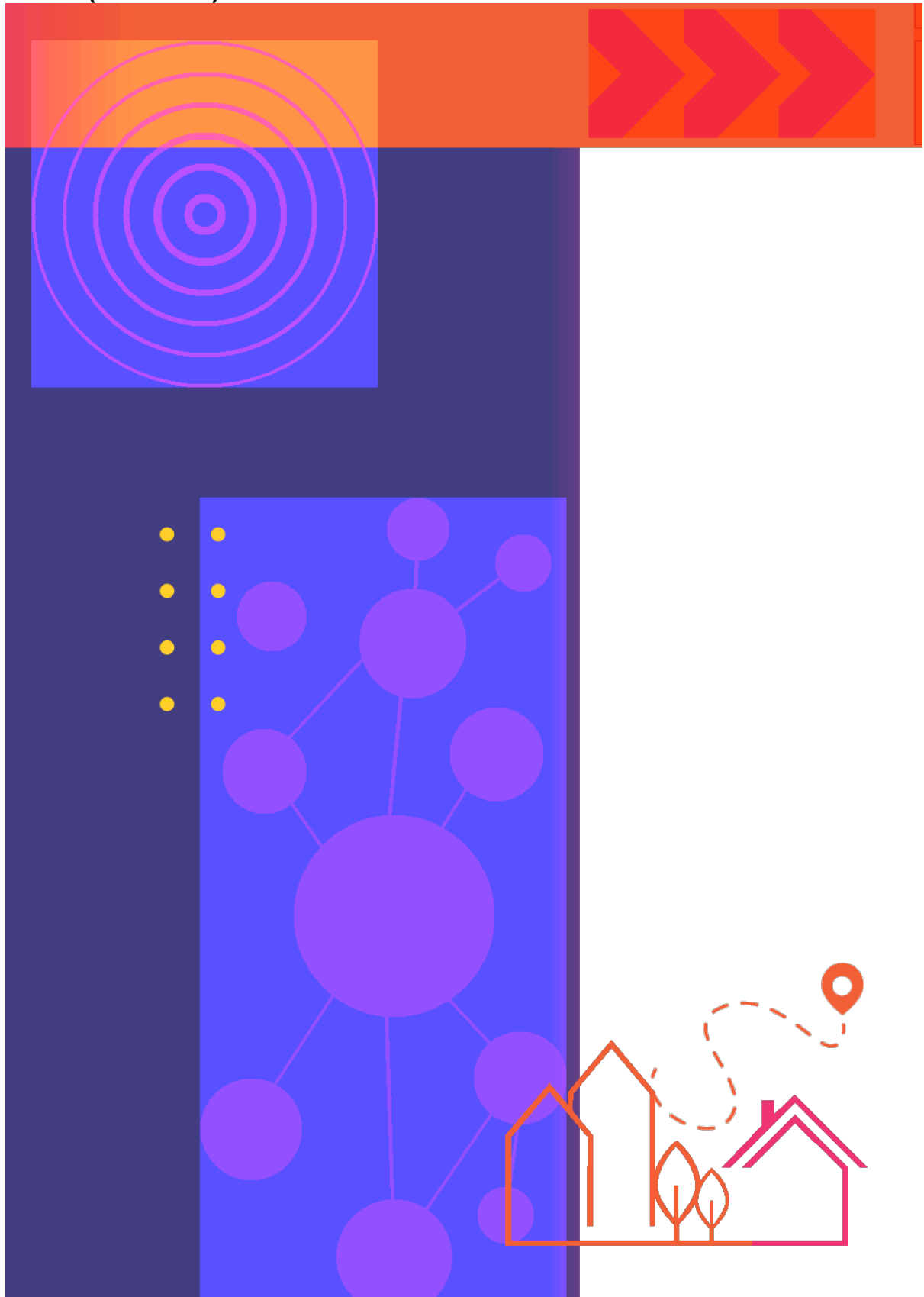
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DISCUSSION PAPER
Call for Motions

JUNE 2023
NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE
CANBERRA

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The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 29th National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra mid June 2023.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2023 NGA.

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend this event familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper.

Key Dates

December 2022	24 March 2023	June 2023 *	June 2023 *
Opening of Call for Motions	Acceptance of Motions	Regional Cooperation & Development Forum	National General Assembly

* Dates are subject to change depending on timing of Australian Council of Local Government

**To submit your motion,
visit: alga.com.au**

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ATTACHMENT 1



Background to ALGA and the NGA

ALGA was established in 1947, and its structure is a federation of member state and territory local government associations.

Its mission is to champion and strengthen Australian councils by representing the agreed position of ALGA members, the seven local government associations from around Australia, who represent 537 Australian councils.

In 1994, the ALGA Board, in consultation with its member associations, established the NGA as a unique forum to engage with councils directly at the national level.

The purpose of the NGA was to build the profile of local government on the national stage and demonstrate to the Australian Government the strength and value of working with local government nationally.

As part of the NGA, debate on motions was introduced as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas, and solutions to the challenges facing Australia's councils and communities.

Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) could then be used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their own advocacy to the Federal Government and Federal MPs.

At the same time, they assist ALGA, and its member state and territory associations to gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and gauge the level of need and support for emerging policy and program initiatives and advocacy.

Changes for 2023

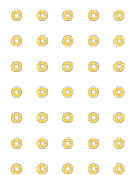
The ALGA Board has undertaken a comprehensive review of the motions process.

As a result, ALGA has allocated additional time for debate on motions at the 2023 NGA and amended the criteria with a view to improving the quality and relevance of motions included in the Business Papers.

The updated criteria for motions is listed on page 6.

ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be informed by motions and determined by the ALGA Board and based on the positions of its member associations.

ALGA's Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA, and those that will take the time to submit motions for debate at this event.



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Submitting Motions

The theme of the 2023 NGA: Our Communities, Our Future.

This theme conveys the critical importance of our communities, how they are the focus of our attention, and how they are at the centre of all our work.

Our communities are the reason that local governments exist, and it is the health and wellbeing of our communities that will shape Australia's future.

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2023 NGA, to be held in Canberra mid June 2023.

A notice of motion to this year's NGA should either:

- Focus on practical and deliverable programs and policies that the Australian Government can support and work directly with the local government sector to build our communities; or
- New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver national objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and able to be implemented.

They must also meet the guidelines for motions outlined in this paper.

You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s should address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form available at www.alga.com.au and be received no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023.

All notices of motions will be reviewed by the NGA Subcommittee to ensure that they meet the criteria included in this paper.

The Subcommittee reserves the right to select, edit or amend notices of motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate on motions at the NGA.

All NGA resolutions will be published on www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au.

As the convener of the NGA, the ALGA Board will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on this website.

If your council does submit a motion, there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the NGA to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2023 NGA.



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Criteria for motions

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

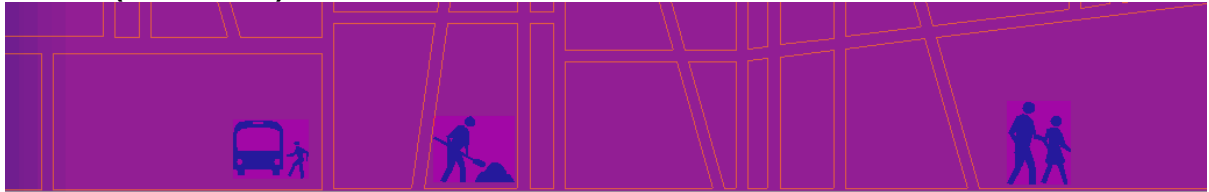
1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ...

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Other things to consider

Please note that it is important to complete the background section on the form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the proposal.

The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion.

Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed, relatively simple and capable of being implemented to ensure that relevant Australian Government Ministers provide considered, thoughtful and timely responses.

Multi-point motions that require cross portfolio coordination have not historically received meaningful responses from the Government.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the NGA Subcommittee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

When reviewing motions, the Subcommittee will consider the motions criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the Subcommittee will group motions together under an overarching strategic motion.

The strategic motions will have either been drafted by ALGA or will be based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter.

Debate will occur in accordance with the rules for debate on motions published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions.

Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.com.au.

All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council.

> **Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023.**

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Setting the scene

'Through a devastating pandemic, through a succession of dangerous and damaging natural disasters, through global uncertainty and painful price rises – The Australian people have demonstrated the best of our national character. Resolute and resilient in hard times. Practical and pragmatic about the challenges we confront. Optimistic and confident in a better future. And ready to work together to build it.'

The Hon Jim Chalmer MP, Federal Treasurer Budget Speech 2022–23

The opening statement of the Federal Treasurer's first Budget Speech describes the backdrop against which the 2023 NGA will be held.

The 2022 NGA was held just weeks after the change in the Federal Government on 21 May 2022. On 25 October 2022, the new Government handed down its first Budget which updated the economic outlook, realigned priorities and outlined how the Government was to meet its election promises.

The Budget update foreshadows deteriorating economic conditions, citing global challenges, slowing growth, high inflation and higher interest rates, and acknowledges the mounting cost of living pressures on individuals, families and communities.

Key updates include:

- The economy is expected to grow solidly this financial year, by 3 ½ percent – before slowing to 1 ½ percent growth for 2023/24, a full percentage point lower than what was forecast in March;
- That slowing growth will have an effect on employment, but jobs will continue to be created, and unemployment is expected to stay low by historical standards – at 4 ½ percent in 2023/24 and 2024/25;
- Inflation is expected to peak at 7 ¾ percent late in 2022, before moderating over time to 3 ½ percent through 2023/24, and returning to the Reserve Bank's target range in 2024/25; and that
- When that inflation moderates, real wages are expected to start growing again in 2024.

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The Government is also committed to repairing the Budget in a 'measured and responsible' manner consistent with the objective of maintaining full employment and the delivery of essential services. It foreshadows that this will be achieved through spending restraint, with new spending focused on high-quality and targeted investments and building on the capability of the Australian people, expanding the productive capacity of the economy, and supporting action on climate change.

The Budget also included a focus on measuring and improving community wellbeing.

By the time of the 2023 NGA, the Government will have delivered its second Budget, which will provide further updates to the economic outlook and also refine its economic strategy going forward.

The 2023 NGA provides you – the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities – with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers.

Further, it is your opportunity to advocate for new or extended programs and policy initiatives that could strengthen local governments' capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to communities across the nation.

This year's call for motions focusses on eight priority areas:

- Productivity;
- Local Government Infrastructure;
- Community Wellbeing;
- Local Government Workforce;
- Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security;
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy;
- Natural Disasters; and
- Housing.



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1. Productivity

In February 2022, the then Federal Treasurer asked the Productivity Commission to undertake an inquiry into Australia's productivity performance and provide recommendations on productivity enhancing reform.

This inquiry was the second of a regular series, undertaken at five-yearly intervals, and recognises that productivity growth is vital for Australia's future. Drawing on the Intergenerational Report the Treasurer notes that '... future growth in income and living standards will be driven from productivity growth as the participation effects of young migration are offset by an ageing population.'

ALGA engaged SGS Economics and Planning to undertake research to support its submissions to this inquiry.

SGS Principal and Partner Dr Marcus Spiller presented on some of the findings of this research at the 2022 NGA. In his presentation he identified that local governments generate local economic activity through employment, payment of wages and expenditure on goods and services in the local economy. In addition, SGS identified nine ways local government supports the productive capacity of the broader economy.

Figure 1 – Nine ways local governments contribute to the productive capacity of the broader economy:



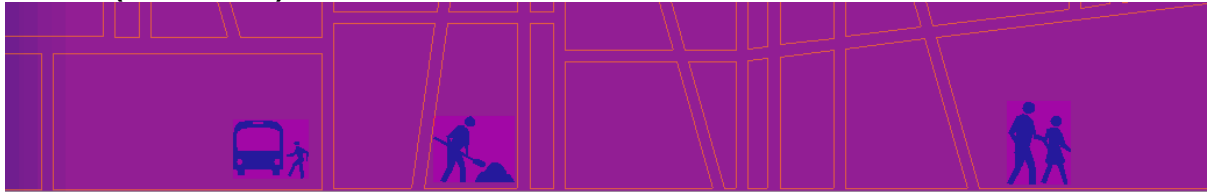
Sources: Adapted from SGS Research for ALGA's Submission to Productivity Commission (2022)

Are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to improve local government's capacity to support productivity growth?

Are there programs that could support one, or all of the identified ways local government contributes to productivity in the broader economy?

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2. Local Government Infrastructure

The 2021 National State of the Assets Report (NSoA) shone a spotlight on local government infrastructure assets. While the technical report shows that local government assets such as roads, bridges, buildings, parks and recreation, stormwater, water and wastewater and airports and aerodromes are generally in good to very good condition, around 10 percent are not fit for purpose, and around 20 - 25 percent are only fair and over time will need attention.

Over the past 12 months this situation has further deteriorated as a result of natural disasters, and particularly flooding across the eastern seaboard.

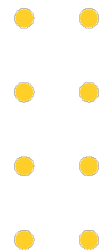
The technical report shows that in 2019/20 non-financial infrastructure assets were valued at \$342 billion and were depreciating at \$7.7 billion per year. Replacement costs of these infrastructure assets were in the order of \$533 billion.

While 86 percent of councils have adopted long term financial plans, one third of councils do not have asset management plans for their major assets, or if they do, they are out-of-date. Of the councils that do have asset management plans only 66 percent included financial projections in their financial plan.

Asset management and long-term financial planning are essential tools for councils to manage community assets now and into the future.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of council's infrastructure?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?



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3. Community Wellbeing

While the NSoA focuses attention on physical assets, local governments also provide a wide range of important community services that improve local wellbeing. These services are provided at the discretion of councils based on local characteristics, needs, priorities and resources of the local community.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows that local government annual expenditure in 2020/21 was \$43 billion. It is important to note that nationally local government is 83 percent self-sufficient. That is, the vast majority of local government services and infrastructure are funded at the local level either through rates, fees and charges, sale of goods and services, and interest, and only 17 percent comes from grants and subsidies from other levels of government. Unfortunately, many of these grants and subsidies are tied, and often require matching funding which restricts the ability to address local priorities in the way the council and community might like.

Local government community services are broadly defined and may include but not limited to:

- environmental health including food safety;
- childcare, early childhood education;
- aged care, senior citizens;
- services to the disabled;
- programs to address disadvantage, to reduce poverty and homelessness;
- sporting and recreational programs;
- arts and cultural activities, program and festivals;
- tourism and economic development activities; and
- library services.

Councils also play a key role making places that are attractive and liveable for current and future workers, and closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

ALGA's research shows that almost one in four councils are heavily reliant on federal Financial Assistance Grants, which make up at least 20 percent of their annual operating revenue. Financial sustainability of local governments remains an ongoing issue which threatens local service provision and community wellbeing.

Noting the funding arrangements for the provision of local government community services in your area and across the country, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to improve the delivery of these services?

Are there changes to existing programs, including to administrative arrangements, that would significantly improve local government human service planning and provision of services and infrastructure across Australia?

Are there new programs the Australian Government could develop that would support councils to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians?

What are the actions the Australian Government could take to support councils to improve their ongoing financial sustainability, and their capacity to deliver the services their communities need?

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4. Local Government Workforce

Local government is a major employer in Australia providing employment, career advancement and training opportunities for more than 190,800 Australians, across an estimated 400 occupations. In many communities, the council is one of the largest employers.

There are 537 local councils in Australia. Importantly, they are geographically dispersed and provide essential public administration to every corner of the nation.

According to the 2022 National Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey, more than 90 percent of local governments are experiencing skills shortages, resulting in around two thirds of councils having their projects impacted or delayed.

Skills shortages occur for a variety of reasons including an inability to compete against the private sector, worker accommodation, support services for families, ageing of the workforce and geographic isolation. The attrition rate (or rate of turnover) of local government staff is estimated to be between 15 – 20 percent per annum.

The most cited skills shortages include engineers, urban planners, building surveyors, environmental officers and human resources professionals.

ALGA's submission to the Productivity Commission's Productivity Inquiry called on all levels of government to work together to improve training pathways and address skills and labour shortages for the benefit of councils, communities, and businesses right across Australia.

While local government must face its immediate workforce challenges, it must also anticipate the changing nature of work, and future skills needed to meet the changing needs of our communities.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?

Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?

Are there other initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?

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5. Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital for innovation, economic growth and social equity. However, it is potentially even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available – including education, health, economic and social.

Innovative technology is becoming more broadly available and has the ability to boost productivity and economic growth.

Councils around Australia continue to embrace new technologies to improve their service delivery standards and broaden consultation and engagement with their local communities. However, many councils lack basic technological infrastructure and have a shortage of necessary skills and resources.

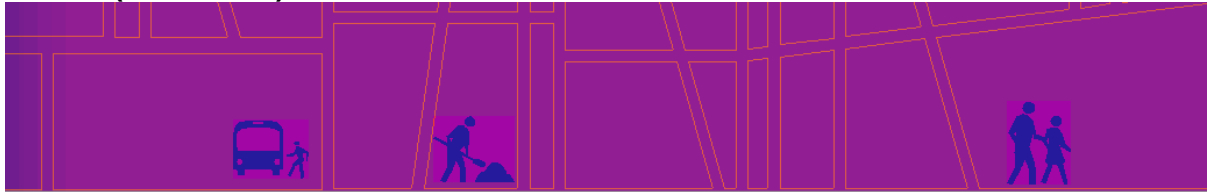
In October 2022, cyber-attacks on major Australian corporate organisations including Optus and Medibank Private highlighted the critical importance of cyber security. It is a timely reminder as digital information, services and products become an increasing feature of modern business operation including in local government.

Like all risks, local government must manage the risk of cyber-attack and address cyber security. At a national level, there is a poor understanding of local government's vulnerability to cyber-attacks and a lack or inadequacy of risk management strategies and business continuity planning within the sector. While this is primarily a responsibility of the sector itself, governments at all levels must work together to ensure that the public have confidence in government information management systems and its security.

Drawing upon your own council experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state, or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure and/or to improve cyber security within the sector?

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6. Climate Change and Renewable Energy

Local governments are playing an important leadership role in addressing climate change, supporting a wide range of programs to lower the carbon footprint of their own business operations and in their local communities.

As a sector, local government is leading the debate for lowering carbon emissions, sourcing renewable energy, responding creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and facilitating the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Councils also have a role to play supporting communities in transition, moving away from fossil fuels to new industries.

Pragmatically, local government has been at the forefront of addressing the impacts of climate change and adapting to reduce its environmental footprint. These impacts include an increased number of days with high temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets and natural ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management.

At the 2022 NGA, there were five Strategic Motions and 15 associated motions debated concerning this issue. Councils are encouraged to review these motions on ALGA's website prior to developing new motions for debate at the 2023 NGA.

Noting the Government's commitment to reducing emissions, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could develop to assist councils in their work to address climate change and reduce emissions?



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7. Natural Disasters

Over the past five years, Australian communities have experienced unprecedented natural disasters. At the time of writing, almost every community in Australia, particularly those on the East Coast, had been adversely affected by wet weather conditions associated with the La Nina weather pattern.

Councils in Western Australia are still recovering from a cyclone in 2021, and the Black Summer bushfires in 2019/20 burned approximately 250,000 square kilometres across the country.

The impacts of heavy rainfall, record breaking floods and associated social disruption and damage to infrastructure have exposed weaknesses as well as the strength of current emergency management systems.

There have been numerous NGA motions in the past regarding natural disasters. This year, councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to managing emergencies.

Please note, however, that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Commonwealth Government could assist.

What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?



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8. Housing

A lack of affordable housing remains one of the biggest issues for Australian councils and communities.

There is less social and affordable housing stock available than there was a decade ago, and more low-income Australians are experiencing housing stress.

The shortage and rising costs of rental properties and affordable home ownership are having significant social and economic impacts in cities and towns across Australia, including rural and regional communities.

This is due to a range of factors including changes to recent migration patterns, cheap finance and labour and material shortages in the construction sector.

While the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, councils often facilitate affordable housing within their communities, operating within state/territory planning, financial and other legislation requirements.

Some councils are going further, addressing thin markets and developing land and housing themselves, delivering local solutions to meet the needs of their communities.

Local government also plays an important role addressing some of the causes of homelessness, including social inclusion programs that can assist mental health and family violence issues, as well as providing support for people currently experiencing homelessness.

What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?

How can the Australian Government work with councils to address the causes and impacts of homelessness?



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Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A FINAL REMINDER:

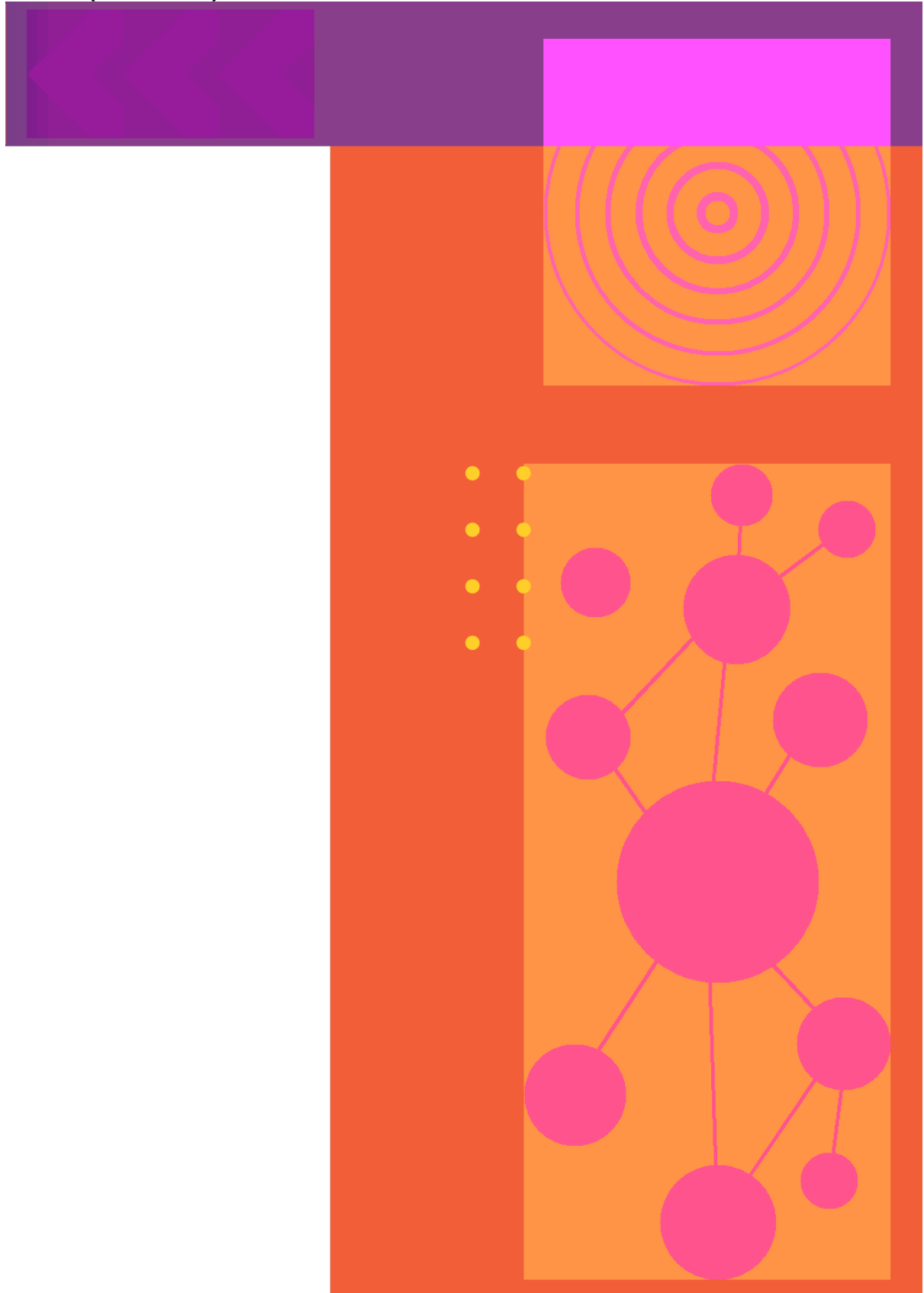
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6 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS, ROUND 1, 2023

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Community Grants and Direct Services
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/95

REPORT SUMMARY

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

Round one of the 2023 Community Grants Program opened on the 09 January 2023 and closed on the 17 February 2023. The round consisted of the following seven categories:

1. Community Wellbeing (major, medium and small projects)
2. Events (major, medium and minor)
3. Arts and Creativity
4. Community Facilities and Equipment
5. Sport and Recreation
6. Small Grants
7. Venue Hire

Thirty-nine eligible grant applications were received and assessed in this grant round. The amount of funding available in this round is \$232,500. Thirty-eight grant applications are recommended with the total amount of funding being \$221,613.

In addition to the Community Grants Program, Council provides a Minor Donations Program to support the community, as per the Grants and Donations Policy and the Minor Donations and Awards Guidelines. One Representative Donation has been awarded since the November 2022 Community Grants report totalling \$250.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for the City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 1, 2023.

Community Wellbeing- Major- Up to \$15,000 matched contribution

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
1	CWMj03	Parents of Deaf Children Inc.	\$15,000	\$15,000	The Hub Hangout- a supported space for deaf and hard of hearing children	
			\$15,000	\$15,000		

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Community Wellbeing- Medium- Up to \$7,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
2	CWMe02	AASHA Australia Foundation	\$7,500	\$5,000	Cancer Screening and Prevention Forum	Funding in budget for NSW Health presenters not supported.
3	CWMe04	The Salvation Army (NSW) Property Trust	\$7,500	\$7,500	Community Meals 2023- Providing meals that facilitate social engagement between neighbours living in Link Wentworth residences	
4	CWMe05	Taldumande Youth Services	\$7,500	\$3,500	Crisis response and community integration for victims and survivors of forced marriage	Funding in budget for cognitive assessment services and counselling not supported as this is funded by NSW Health.
5	CWMe06	Sydney North Health Network	\$7,000	\$7,000	Sharing Indigenous culture and stories in Ryde	
6	CWMin02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	\$7,500	\$7,500	Information session for people and their guardians before entering multicultural nursing homes (Korean language)	
7	CWMaj12	The Men's Table	\$10,000	\$7,500	Support for the creation of one new Men's Table in Ryde- Social support group for men.	Not eligible in major category because projects can only receive major funding once. This is an expansion of the project and is eligible in the medium category.

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8	SP11	Differently Abled People Association Inc.	\$5,000	\$5,000	Treasure hunt activity for the community using the DAPA "MMLink" App	Moved from Sport and Recreation category
			\$52,000	\$43,000		

Community Wellbeing- Small- Up to \$2,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
9	EvMed07	K-Cultural Education-N- Training Centre Inc.	\$5,000	\$2,500	Healing, Harmony & Health Expo in Ryde	Moved from events category. Small wellbeing activity targeting a specific section of the community (up to \$2,500 funding in this category).
10	EvMi02	Hope Holistic Care Ltd	\$2,500	\$2,500	Mid-Autumn Festival and Lunar New Year Celebration for seniors	Moved from events category as activity targets a specific section of the community
			\$7,500	\$5,000		

Events Major- Up to \$15,000 matched contribution

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
11	EvMa02	Riverside Business Chamber	\$15,000	\$15,000	Putney Village Street Festival	
12	EvMa03	Ryde Eisteddfod Committee Inc.	\$10,000	\$10,000	Ryde Eisteddfod Ensemble Events	
13	EvMa05	Rotary Club of Macquarie Park	\$15,000	\$15,000	Rotary Carols on the Common	
14	EvMa12	Ryde Indian Association	\$15,000	\$15,000	Diwali Fair- In the City of Ryde	
			\$55,000	\$55,000		

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Events- Medium- Up to \$7,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
15	EvMa07	Australian South Asia Forum Inc.	\$15,000	\$7,500	SAFAL Fest 23- South Asian Film and Literary Arts Festival	Fits within the medium category- estimates 1,000 attendees
16	EvMa08	Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.	\$15,000	\$7,500	Ryde Rotary Market- community market day with performances and family activities.	Fits within the medium category - No matched funding and estimates 1,000 attendees.
17	EvMe02	Melrose Park Football Club	\$7,500	\$7,500	Street Football World Cup and Intercultural Community Festival	
18	EvMe03	Cozystage Inc.	\$7,500	\$7,500	Iranian Music Festival	
19	EvMe06	Captivate Presbyterian Church (Salvation Army NSW Property Trust- auspice)	\$7,500	\$7,500	Christmas Carols in West Ryde	
			\$52,500	\$52,500		

Events- Minor- Up to \$2,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
20	EvMi01	Ryde City Concert Band	\$1,700	\$1,700	Festive season concert band community performances	
21	CWMi06	Korean Harmony Culture Group	\$2,500	\$2,500	Korean Karaoke Senior Festival 2023	
			\$4,200	\$4,200		

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Arts and Creativity- Up to \$5,000

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
22	Arts06	Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc.	\$4,500	\$4,500	Music video production and exhibition- National Liberation Day of Korea	
23	Arts07	Ample Abilities Inc.	\$4,950	\$4,950	"Creability"- An art creativity project for people with disabilities	
24	CWM08	Sky J Theatre Inc.	\$4,500	\$4,500	Musical training and workshops	Moved from Community Wellbeing category.
			\$13,950	\$13,950		

Facilities and Equipment- Up to \$5,000

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
25	FE01	Riding for the Disabled (NSW) Ryde Centre	\$3,850	\$3,850	CCTV installation at Ryde centre	
26	FE02	Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed	\$5,000	\$5,000	Purchase of a new industrial planer- "Thicknesser"	
27	FE03	Eastwood Uniting Church Musical Society	\$5,000	\$5,000	Replacement/ upgrade of stage lighting console.	
28	FE05	The Northern Centre	\$5,000	\$5,000	Equipment upgrades for supported playgroups.	
29	FE09	Ryde Water Polo Club Inc.	\$4,950	\$4,950	Portable timing clock	
30	CWMe12	Ebenezer Mission	\$7,500	\$5,000	Disability employment- purchase of a coffee cart to assist people with a disability to learn employment skills	Moved from Community Wellbeing category as project is primarily for purchase of equipment. Maximum grant for

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						equipment is \$5,000
			\$31,300	\$28,800		

Sport and Recreation- Up to \$5,000

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
31	Sp07	Ryde Dragon Boat Club Inc.	\$3,313	\$3,313	Ryder's Youth-Stronger Together-bringing local youth to a new activity	
32	Sp08	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	\$3,800	\$1,050	Come and Try netball for 7-10 years old	Registration fees ineligible
33	Sp15	Ryde Saints United Football Club	\$2,500	\$2,500	Ryde Saints United Mini Coaching program	
34	Sp18	North West Sydney Football Club	\$5,000	\$2,400	Dads and Daughters Football program-introducing women and girls to football	Ground hire, equipment and development officer wages are not eligible.
			\$14,613	\$9,263		

Small Grants- Up to \$2,500

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
35	Sm06	Armenian Relief Society Araz Chapter	\$2,400	\$2,400	Link local communities-Cultural exchange activities	
36	Sm07	CASS Care	\$2,500	\$2,500	CASS Multicultural Calligraphy Fair	
37	Sm08	Australian Asian Association of Bennelong Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Multicultural soccer tournament and performance.	
38	Sm10	Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizens Club	\$2,500	\$2,500	Always Differently Abled People Concert-performance for seniors group	
			\$9,900	\$9,900		

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- (b) That funding of \$221,613 is awarded in this grant round from the Community Grants budget.
- (c) That the unspent funding of \$10,887 is carried forward to the Community Grants, Round 2, 2023.
- (d) That Council note the following application is not recommended for funding:

	Ref No.	Organisation/ Individual	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
39	Arts10	Anshu Priya Saxena	\$5,000	\$0	CreativeU- Wellbeing and Sustainability Series	Application did not provide adequate information to support evidence of need, outcomes, or capacity to manage the project.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

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

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

- Two online and one in-person grant writing workshop - 30 people attended online and 12 people attended in person.
- One-on-one meetings with a member of the grants team, offered either online or in-person. This provided an opportunity for applicants to discuss their project in detail and check the alignment of their project with the eligibility criteria of the grants. Interpreters were arranged as required.

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

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

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

A total of thirty-nine eligible applications were received in this round and formally assessed. Thirty-eight applications are recommended for full or partial funding totaling \$221,613.

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

1. Community Wellbeing

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

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The Community Wellbeing category provides funding of up to \$15,000 matched contribution for major projects (for every dollar of grant funding the organisation must contribute at least one dollar of funding or in-kind support), \$7,500 for medium projects and \$2,500 for small projects. A funding pool of \$100,000 is available in this round.

Ten applications are recommended for funding in this category totalling \$63,000. As the total amount is less than \$100,000 in the Community Wellbeing Category, it is recommended that the unspent amount of \$37,000 is made available in other categories in this round.

2. Events

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

This category provides funding of up to \$15,000 matched contribution for major events (for every dollar of grant funding the organisation must contribute at least one dollar of funding or in-kind support), \$7,500 for medium events and \$2,500 for minor events. A funding pool of \$87,500 is available in this round.

Ten applications are recommended for funding totalling \$96,700. As the total amount recommended in this category exceeds \$87,500, it is recommended that the outstanding amount is funded from the Community Wellbeing Category.

3. Arts and Creativity

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

The Arts and Creativity Category provides funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant with a funding pool of \$10,000 available in this round.

Three applications are recommended for funding totalling \$13,950. As the pool for the Arts and Creativity category is \$10,000, it is recommended that the additional \$3,950 is funded from the Community Wellbeing Category.

ITEM 6 (continued)**4. Community Facilities and Equipment**

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

Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Resilience Plan and/ or the Creativity Strategy. The Community Facilities and Equipment category provides funding of up to \$5,000 per application with a funding pool of \$10,000 available in this round.

Six applications were recommended for funding totalling \$28,800. As the total pool is \$10,000 for this category, the additional \$18,800 will be funded from the Community Wellbeing category.

5. Sport and Recreation

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

Priority is given to projects that align with the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan, Sport and Recreation Strategy and/ or the Disability Inclusion Action Plan. Funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant is available in this category with a funding pool of \$10,000 available in this round.

Four applications are recommended for funding totalling \$9,263.

6. Small Grants

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

Funding of up to \$2,500 per applicant is available in this category with a funding pool of \$5,000 available in this round.

Four applications are recommended for funding totaling \$9,900. As the total pool for the Small Grants category is \$5,000, the additional amount of \$4,900 will be funded from the Community Wellbeing category.

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7. Venue Hire

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

Funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant is available in this category with a funding pool of \$10,000 available in this round.

No applications were received in this category for this round.

Minor Donations

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

The Minor Donations categories include:

- Representative Donations, funding of up to \$250 per individual representing their community via sporting, cultural or academic endeavors at a national or international level. A total funding pool of \$2,500 is available for this category per year.
- General Donations, funding of up to \$500, for projects that do not align with the timing of the Community Grants rounds. A total funding pool of \$2,500 is available for this funding category per year.

The applications for donations are received at any time throughout the year and as per the Policy are approved by the General Manager/ CEO. The funding awarded is reported to Council with the next large grant round.

During this period, a representative donation of \$250 has been awarded to Ms. Anya Gipp to attend the World Synchronised Skating Championships representing Ice Skating Australia.

No applications for General Donations were received during this period.

Financial Implications

The amount of funding available for the Community Grants program, Round 1, 2023 is \$232,500. The total amount of funding recommended in this round is \$221,613. It is recommended that the unspent funding of \$10,887 is carried forward to the Community Grants, Round 2, 2023.

The amount of funding available in the Minor Donations budget for 2023 is \$5,000. To date \$250 has been awarded with the remaining amount of \$4,750 available for future donations.

7 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

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REPORT SUMMARY

Council considered the draft Urban Forest Strategy at its meeting of 27 September 2022 and resolved to place the draft on public exhibition. This occurred between 13 October 2022 and 10 November 2022.

A total of 6 submissions were received and considered as part of the process for finalising the document.

This report summarises the submissions and responses, their implications and recommends minor adjustment to the Strategy. The submissions were highly supportive of the draft Strategy, congratulating Council on recognising the importance of urban forest and/or the comprehensiveness of the draft Strategy, and endorsing the draft Strategy's directions and Actions.

However, some of the responses raised concerns regarding achievability of at least some of the Actions and propose additional ideas/mechanisms to address this. Council's response to the feedback received through the public exhibition period is summarized in the body of this report. Through the process of reviewing the document, some additional minor changes to the draft Strategy has also occurred.

The Strategy highlights the challenges that Council face in achieving its stated target of having a 40% canopy by the year 2030. To progress towards this target the following actions need to be a high priority;

- Collaborating with private landholders such as Macquarie University, the Department of Education, Developers, and NSW Crown Lands to implement tree plantings on their land.
- Ongoing partnering with other agencies such as Landcare Australia and the NSW Department of Planning to obtain resources and funding to increase the number of tree plantings within the LGA.
- The planting out of the full 21,000 (approx.) opportunities identified on Council's Road Reserves.
- Additional protection of the removal of trees from private land through review of the Development Control Plan – Tree Protection and greater enforcement.

Implementation of the above actions will lead towards targeting an increase of the tree canopy across the LGA towards 30% by 2030, with a view to increasing this further as soon as practicable.

As such, this report recommends the adoption of the amended Urban Forest Strategy – **ATTACHMENT 1** for the reasons outlined in this report.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council adopt the amended City of Ryde Urban Forest Strategy, dated 28 March 2023, prepared by Edge Environment, as detailed in this report.
- (b) That staff write to thank all residents who participated in the City of Ryde Urban Forest Strategy public exhibition and inform them of Council's resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Urban Forest Strategy - For Adoption - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 2** Council response to submissions received during public exhibition

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Background

The directions proposed in the draft Urban Forest Strategy (the Strategy) are based on extensive community engagement and a detailed review by consultants Edge Environment Pty Ltd.

The community engagement identified that while concerns remain surrounding aspects of the maintenance and management of trees in public places, there is very strong support for the provision of more trees.

The Edge Environment review provides a strong evidence base for enhanced Urban Forest management, with its focus on:

- The social, environmental, and economic importance of the Urban Forest,
- Current tree canopy cover and trends (showing significant canopy loss in recent years),
- Scenario testing of achieving Council's 40% 2030 tree canopy target,
- The main challenges to achieving the canopy target,
- Street tree planting priorities, and
- Guidelines for best practice tree planting and asset management processes.

Based on the review outcomes, Edge Environment developed a strategic framework and action plan to meet tree canopy targets and pro-active tree management imperatives and incorporated these within the draft Strategy. These actions clearly articulate Council's role in protecting and expanding the urban forest, including through partnerships with large private land owners and incorporation of more trees within road reserves.

The draft Strategy provides Council with a clear evidence-base in which to grow and protect its urban forest over the next 20-30 years. It will guide Council's on-going investment in tree planting and a review of planning controls relating to trees.

Council Resolution

Council considered the draft Strategy at its meeting held on 27 September 2022 and resolved:

- That the draft "Urban Forest Strategy" be placed on public exhibition for twenty-eight (28) days plus 14 days for submissions to be received.*
- That a further report be provided to Council should any objections be received during the consultation period.*

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- (c) *That should no objections be received, the Strategy is adopted and implemented as outlined in this report.*
- (d) *That Council endorses the Significant Tree Register Manual as attached to this report.*

Public Exhibition

In accordance with part (a) of Council's resolution, the draft Strategy was placed on public exhibition on 13 October 2022 and remained on display for a total of 28 days until 10 November 2022.

Interested residents and others were invited to have their say on the Strategy by providing comments or submissions via an on-line submission form, e-mail or post.

A total of 6 submissions were received. Of these, 5 Have Your Say (HYS) page comments were received during the Public Exhibition and one, from Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society, was received on 28 November after close of the exhibition.

Generally, the HYS comments were highly supportive of the draft Strategy, with all 6 congratulating Council on recognising the importance of urban forest and/or the comprehensiveness of the draft Strategy.

Notwithstanding this high level of community support, some submissions raised concerns regarding the proposed revised timeframe for the canopy target and the achievability of some of the objectives and actions.

The submissions proposed a range of ideas and amendments to address the concerns, including:

- Not revising the timeline for the 40% canopy target to beyond 2030,
- Stronger controls on private land tree losses,
- Optimal maintenance and monitoring of new plantings,
- Encouragement of tree plantings on private land, and
- Maximising canopy success and biodiversity via correct species selection.

Some of the submissions also sought clarification on aspects of the methodologies used in developing the draft Strategy.

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A summary of the key issues raised in the submissions, and Council's proposed response, is provided in the following table.

Issue/concern	No. submissions	Proposed addition/amendment	Council response
Canopy target timeframe	1	Concern re Action 1.11 ('revise timeframe to achieve tree canopy cover') that stated canopy targets may be reduced (despite strong support for the canopy target in the first section of the UFS)	The UFS is clear on the physical and economic non-feasibility of the 2030 target. The target should be achieved as early as possible but supported by feasibility and affordability criteria. No amendment to the Strategy.
	2	Increased funding is obviously needed for Council to reach its target of 40% canopy within a reasonable timeframe	This is emphasised in the Strategy. Availability of funding to achieve the target is considered with all other pressing needs for funding during Council's business planning processes. Grants will significantly assist in achieving the target. No amendment to the Strategy.
	1	Proposals of increasing the tree canopy throughout Ryde to be prioritised ASAP	This is implied in the adoption of the Strategy. No amendment to the Strategy.
Controlling/minimising tree loss on private land	1	The significant tree register needs to be reviewed	Council endorsed the Significant Tree Register Manual at its meeting on 27 Sept 2022. No amendment to the Strategy.
		Support retention of trees on private land and a review of DCP controls.	Support acknowledged. Addressed by Action 2.4 <i>Updating Council's DCP</i> , Action 3.4 <i>DCP controls to protect trees on private land</i> . No amendment to the Strategy.
	2	Established trees are being removed from private land at an accelerated rate and not replaced. Council to: • maintain a register of newly planted trees on private land • provide assurance that it is following up on completed developments (via spot inspections) to ensure trees have been maintained.	Addressed by Action 3.5 <i>Establish tree protection compliance approach</i> and Action 3.6 <i>Increase DA tree planting compliance</i> . Action 3.6 could be strengthened to be more specific re a 'register' and 'spot checks'.
	1	Need to ensure that DCP controls improve tree protection on private land and in new developments. Concern	Feedback to be considered when Action 2.4 <i>Updating Council's DCP</i> and Action 3.4

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Issue/concern	No. submissions	Proposed addition/amendment	Council response
		that change in tree removal exemption rule (from 3 to 4m) is inconsistent with Action 3.4 (DCP controls to protect trees on private land) and Focus Area 5 in Sec. 13.2	<i>DCP controls to protect trees on private land</i> are undertaken. No amendment to the Strategy.
New tree plantings monitoring/optimal maintenance	1	Street tree planting needs to be monitored - especially during dry/drought periods	Addressed in Actions 4.3 to 4.7. No amendment to the Strategy.
	1	Encourage/educate the public to report damaged trees or trees that need to be watered/maintained to Council.	Adequately addressed in Action 4.4 <i>Advocate for increased funding to support additional community education and engagement programs</i> and Action 5.3 <i>External community education and awareness</i> . No amendment to the Strategy.
Encouragement of tree planting on private land	1	Free tree giveaways to residents - with type of tree to be appropriate to the location.	Adequately addressed in Actions 1.5 <i>Review Species Planting List</i> and Action 2.5 <i>Establish a Growing Contract</i> . No amendment to the Strategy.
	1	Local residents to “adopt” a street tree to increase chance of survival - rebate or vouchers, a say on species selection, and encouraging them to “tag” their tree on social media or running a competition etc	Adequately addressed in Action 2.3 <i>Encourage tree planting on private land</i> and Action 5.3 <i>External community education and awareness</i> . No amendment to the Strategy.
	1	Tree plantings on golf courses - with golf courses being opened up to walkers, as they do in other councils.	Implied in Actions 1.8 <i>Improve understanding of private trees</i> and Action 2.3 <i>Encourage tree planting on private land</i> . No amendment to the Strategy.
Optimising biodiversity via appropriate species planting	1	Species selection of canopy trees to reduce territorial/aggressive bird species (mynas, magpies, butcher birds) which reduce the diversity of other small species and rely on a high canopy and open grasses with no mid-canopy shrubs.	This is covered by Target 5.2.7 of the Biodiversity Plan. It is also foreshadowed in Action 1.4 <i>Build the business-case for trees</i> with the proposal to “complete an I-Tree Eco assessment of the City’s public trees to quantify and value ecosystem service benefits provided by the trees”. No amendment to the Strategy.
	4	Plant selection to favour local natives and a range of size of plants - range of groundcover, mid-level shrubs and canopy species, which provides retention of soil moisture as	Adequately addressed in Action 1.2 <i>Quantify species diversity and resilience of the urban forest</i> , Action 1.5 <i>Review species planting list</i> and Action 1.6 <i>Identify priority street tree</i>

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Issue/concern	No. submissions	Proposed addition/amendment	Council response
		well as encouraging native habitat.	<i>planting locations that correlate with wildlife corridors.</i> No amendment to the Strategy.
	1	Important to expand funding for remnant bushland pockets – to maintain their health, as they are integral to the City's environment health and native biodiversity.	The funding of bush regeneration and bush care is considered in the <i>Biodiversity Plan</i> (2016). No amendment to the Strategy.
Methodology issues/clarifications	1	Need for more canopy trend data - to see what the yearly average number of planted trees has been over the 2010-2020 period, for comparison with the A-E scenarios.	This data was not collected for those years. Moving forward, as Council implements Action 1.1-3, year of planting will be recorded. This information will then be able to inform future strategies. No amendment to the Strategy.
	1	Because of the high proportion of impermeable surfaces resulting from much larger housing & dual occupancy footprints, the quantity of 'plantable space' in the City needs to be ground-truthed.	Adequately addressed in Action 1.9 <i>Verify public domain plantable opportunities</i> and Action 2.3-4. No amendment to the Strategy.
	1	Many of streets in the Street Tree Prioritiser results have already had tree plantings – and some streets with lower Integrated Priority Assessment scores have already been planted while streets with higher scores have not {page 103}.	This has been noted. It is due to the AI limitations and resolution of the aerial imagery causing recently planted trees not to be captured (as the trees were too small for detection). This issue will be addressed through the implementation of Actions 1.1-3,8.

A detailed summary of the six (6) submissions received is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

Discussion and Recommended Amendments to Final Urban Forest Strategy

Based on a detailed assessment of the issues raised in the six (6) submissions – with Council's recommended responses summarised in the right-hand column above – it is proposed to only amend Action 3.6 (on page 57) of the draft Strategy, as follows:

Action 3.6 to be amended from "Where resources allow, implement regular monitoring of consents within DAs to plant trees" to "Where resources allow, establish a register of consents within DAs to plant trees and implement regular monitoring and spot checking of compliance with these consents."

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Further refinement of the Strategy has also occurred to align actions to different accountable teams due to the recent organisational restructure. This includes refinements to the timeframes for the following three Actions due to capacity restrictions; 1.11 (1 year changed to 1-5 years), 2.4 (Ongoing changed to 2-3 years), and 3.4 (Ongoing changed to 2-3 years).

In addition, some editorial errors (e.g. incorrect numbering in Sections 14 and 15) and expansion on some sections to improve intent have been incorporated in the final Urban Forest Strategy.

Financial Implications

As this report and the final Urban Forest Strategy do not propose changes to the Delivery Plan, there are no financial implications should the recommendations of the Strategy be adopted. Any change to funding to implement the recommendations and actions of the Urban Forest Strategy will be considered during Council's business planning process and is subject to funding availability.

Council has been approached by Landcare NSW regarding a NSW Government grant that funds the planting of 200,000 trees. Officers are currently liaising with Landcare NSW to identify potential locations for a portion of these trees.

Conclusion

The final City of Ryde Urban Forest Strategy provided in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** is therefore recommended for adoption. The Strategy provides Council with a clearer understanding of Council's urban forest and provides achievable and legitimate actions to improve its' scale and resilience. The Strategy is informed by city-wide community engagement (as detailed in the 27 September 2022 Council report) and predominantly positive feedback received during the public exhibition period.

The actions contained in the Strategy and outlined below have been identified as a high priority to lead towards targeting an increase of the tree canopy across the LGA towards 30% by 2030, with a view of increasing this further as soon as practicable.

- **Action 1.8:** to monitor the urban canopy every 2 years to determine canopy change and to determine the change/impact of implemented Actions.
- **Action 2.1:** Implement a 4-year prioritised Street Tree Planting program
- **Action 2.4:** Updating DCP controls to enhance protection of mature trees.
- **Action 3.5:** Establish tree protection compliance approach.
- **Action 4.1:** Seek additional Council funding to support expanded tree planting programs.
- **Action 5.3:** External community education and awareness for tree plantings on land owned by others.

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URBAN FOREST STRATEGY PUBLIC EXHIBITION - COMMENTS/SUBMISSIONS

Name	Location	Positive comments	Issues/concerns	Priorities/directions	Council response
Submission 1	North Ryde	<p>A very comprehensive report. Thank you.</p> <p>I like the idea of incentives for tree maintenance on private land.</p> <p>I very much look forward to seeing the recommendations in the Draft Urban Forest Strategy come to fruition and we are able to enjoy the many benefits of a greener Ryde.</p>	Established trees are being removed at an accelerated rate from private land and not replaced. Those that are, often are removed within a few years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals of increasing the tree canopy throughout Ryde to be prioritised ASAP Council to maintain a register of newly planted trees on private land and to spot inspect to ensure they have been maintained. 	<p>This is implied in the adoption of the Strategy.</p> <p>No amendment to the Strategy.</p> <p>Addressed by Action 3.5 Establish tree protection compliance approach and Action 3.6 Increase DA tree planting compliance.</p> <p>Action 3.6 could be strengthened to be more specific re a 'register' and 'spot checks'.</p>
			Concern re 3m exemption rule being altered to 4 meters resulting in more trees being removed e.g. 16/9/22 a mature healthy gum tree was removed from the backyard of 13A Wilson St North Ryde - reported to Council - removal had not been approved - apparently on review the tree was removed citing the new 4 meter rule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These removals are inconsistent with Action 3.4 DCP controls to protect trees on private land Focus Area 5 in Section 13.2 Need to ensure that DCP controls improve tree protection on private land and in new developments If Council truly desires to increase tree canopy then the 4 m rule must be reinstated and enforced. It costs far less to preserve healthy trees than to plant new ones that will take up to 30 years to mature. 	<p>Addressed by Action 2.4 Updating Council's DCP and Action 3.4 DCP controls to protect trees on private land.</p> <p>No amendment to the Strategy.</p>
			Concern re Action 1.11 ('revise timeframe to achieve tree canopy cover') that stated canopy targets may be reduced (despite strong support for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not reduce canopy target - present target must be met at a minimum. It is already noted that more trees are being lost than planted. If the council reinstates the 3m rule, takes on an 	<p>The UFS is clear on the physical and economic non-feasibility of the 2030 target.</p>

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Name	Location	Positive comments	Issues/concerns	Priorities/directions	Council response
			the canopy target in the first section of the UFS)	ambitious target of 40% by 2030 and seeks innovative ways to achieve this, it may well be achieved. • If not achieved, Council can note why and make relevant changes to address shortfalls.	The target should be achieved as early as possible but supported by feasibility and affordability criteria. No amendment to the Strategy.
			Street Tree Prioritiser (STP) results table (page 86) does not take into account wildlife corridors	• I fully support the authors recommendation that biodiversity and wildlife corridors be considered for priority planting	Support acknowledged – no need to amend the UFS.
			Many of streets in the STP results have already had street tree plantings – and some streets that have lower IPAs such as Morshead St North Ryde has already received plantings whereas others higher on the list have not (page 103).	• I am hopeful that this has been noted and that this may result in more areas to be planted that are not currently being considered.	This has been noted. It is due to the AI limitations and resolution of the aerial imagery causing recently planted trees not to be captured (as the trees were too small for detection). This issue will be addressed through the implementation of Actions 1.1-3,8.
			Typo -Page 55 is missing Item 2.6. Hence the item numbers in 15 implementation Plan do not correlate to the item number in 14 Principles, Objectives and Actions .	• Adjust numbers 2.7 to 2.9 - change to 2.6 to 2.8	To be amended in Final.
Submission 2	Gladesville	This looks to be a very comprehensive document. Well done! We particularly appreciate the following sentiment	We are pleased with the reinforcement of utilising local native species of trees to create solid habitat connections along roads between bushland areas but would also like to see a commitment to plant local species of trees in all or at least the majority of Parks, Reserves and along creek lines to help to expand and connect habitat for our native fauna. There appears to be no detailed plan for these important	• It is hoped that Council will embrace this strategy and apply sufficient funds to implement it	This is implied in the adoption of the UFS and the recommended Strategies and Actions
				• It is important to expand funding for bushland management so as to keep the pockets of bushland that exist healthy and constantly improving as they are integral to the health and wellbeing of our environment and our native biodiversity.	The funding of bush regeneration and bush care is considered in the Biodiversity Plan (2016). No amendment to the Strategy.

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Name	Location	Positive comments	Issues/concerns	Priorities/directions	Council response
		from page 39 ¹	areas as to which areas are to be planted.		
Submission 3	Meadow-bank	I endorse all 8 actions proposed in this study.	A number of important trees have been removed in my location since I have moved here	• The significant tree register needs to be reviewed	Council endorsed the Significant Tree Register Manual at its meeting on 27 Sept 2022. No amendment to the Strategy.
				• I support retention of trees on private land and a review of DCP controls.	Support acknowledged. Addressed by Action 2.4 Updating Council's DCP, Action 3.4 DCP controls to protect trees on private land. No amendment to the Strategy.
				• Increased funding is obviously needed for Council to reach its target of 40% canopy within a reasonable timeframe	This is emphasised in the Strategy. Availability of funding to achieve the target is considered with all other pressing needs for funding during Council's business planning processes. Grants will significantly assist in achieving the target. No amendment to the Strategy.
			During the drought, there was some attrition in my street, Adelaide Street, West Ryde.	• Street tree planting needs to be monitored	Addressed in Actions 4.3 to 4.7. No amendment to the Strategy.

¹ 'With appropriate consideration though, the co-benefits to biodiversity from tree plantings can be leveraged towards rebuilding connections of biodiversity corridors, replenishing habitat and food resources, restoring natural ecosystem processes, and inhibiting pest species incursions. In particular, identifying species of conservation concern within the region and their requirements and sensitivities should be used to inform the selection of tree species as well as the spatial location of plantings.'

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Name	Location	Positive comments	Issues/concerns	Priorities/directions	Council response
			Free tree giveaways to residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The type of tree given needs to be discussed to ensure it is appropriate to the location. 	Adequately addressed in Actions 1.5 Review Species Planting List and Action 2.5 Establish a Growing Contract. No amendment to the Strategy.
			There is little diversity in plantings in new developments near me - most are low-care such as buxus, gardenias and murrays which do little for wildlife or canopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More native plantings for biodiversity As a bush carer, I encourage the planting of more trees and understory on public land. 	Adequately addressed in Action 1.2 Quantify species diversity and resilience of the urban forest, Action 1.5 Review species planting list' and Action 1.6 Identify priority street tree planting locations that correlate with wildlife corridors. No amendment to the Strategy.
Submission 4	Gladesville	I like the suggestion of infrastructure being replaced with trees. That can work by replacing open car parking with underground car parking and parkland above it. This also works well with the Net Zero action plan, which aims to reduce the number of cars on the road.	Need for more trend data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In section 8.2 and Table 2 especially, it would be nice to see what the yearly average number of planted trees has been over the 2010-2020 period, for comparison with the A-E scenarios. 	This data was not collected for those years. Moving forward, as Council implements Action 1.1-3, year of planting will be recorded. This information will then be able to inform future strategies. No amendment to the Strategy.
			Additional options for plantings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree plantings on golf courses - with golf courses being opened up to walkers, as they do in other councils. 	Implied in Actions 1.8 Improve understanding of private trees and Action 2.3 Encourage tree planting on private land. No amendment to the Strategy.
Submission 5	North Ryde	The planting & management guidelines look comprehensive and specific.	Doubt City can meet its canopy target with the high level of development throughout the LGA and the high proportion of impermeable surfaces resulting from much larger housing &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plantable space needs to be ground-truthed. 	Adequately addressed in Action 1.9 Verify public domain plantable opportunities and Action 2.3-4. No amendment to the Strategy.

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Name	Location	Positive comments	Issues/concerns	Priorities/directions	Council response
		A tree register and tags for street trees is a good idea	<p>dual occupancy footprints, as well as pools and paving</p> <p>What process is in place for Council or the certifying / planning authority to follow up on properties that have removed large trees for a development to check if they have planted another one once the development has been completed, as part of their DA approval/sign off.</p> <p>Other issues (additional to those in the UFS) with relying on street trees as a key delivery of canopy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vandalism (e.g. along Coxs Rd a few years ago), • lack of "ownership" which will reduce the likelihood of success of those plantings, • lack of maintenance (e.g. watering, grass/weeds growing around them), • limitations of the types of species that can be planted to ensure that they don't grow too tall / damage pavements / hinder kerb access, as well limitations as to where large plant species can be planted as there are many street verges that are simply too narrow. • Vulnerability of single street trees to heat stress from nearby roads especially during summer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need assurance that Council is following up on completed developments (canopy may even increase if promised trees are actually planted as per their DA requirements). • Local residents to "adopt" a street tree to increase chance of survival - rebate or vouchers, a say on species selection, and encouraging them to "tag" their tree on social media or running a competition etc • Species selection of canopy trees to reduce territorial/aggressive bird species (mynas, magpies, butcher birds) which reduce the diversity of other small species and rely on a high canopy and open grasses with no mid-canopy shrubs. • Plant selection to favour local natives and a range of size of plants - range of groundcover, mid-level shrubs and canopy species, which provides retention of soil moisture as well as encouraging native habitat. 	<p>Addressed by Action 3.5 Establish tree protection compliance approach and Action 3.6 Increase DA tree planting compliance. Implementation of this action is dependent on financial resources.</p> <p>Adequately addressed in Action 2.3 Encourage tree planting on private land and Action 5.3 External community education and awareness.</p> <p>No amendment to the Strategy.</p> <p>This is covered by Target 5.2.7 of the Biodiversity Plan. It is also foreshadowed in Action 1.4 Build the business-case for trees with the proposal to "complete an I-Tree Eco assessment of the City's public trees to quantify and value ecosystem service benefits provided by the trees".</p> <p>No amendment to the Strategy.</p> <p>Adequately addressed in Action 1.2 Quantify species diversity and resilience of the urban forest, Action 1.5 Review species planting list' and Action 1.6 Identify priority</p>

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Name	Location	Positive comments	Issues/concerns	Priorities/directions	Council response
					street tree planting locations that correlate with wildlife corridors. No amendment to the Strategy.
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage/educate the public to report damaged trees or trees that need to be watered/ maintained to Council. 	Adequately addressed in Action 4.4 Advocate for increased funding to support additional community education and engagement programs and Action 5.3 External community education and awareness. No amendment to the Strategy.
Submission 6		Society "is pleased Ryde Council has recognised the importance of urban forest and how to improve tree cover in the Ryde LGA"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieving the 40% tree canopy target set by the NSW state government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In determining which plants to use, we strongly encourage the widespread use of local native plants. Not only will this assist local biodiversity but, being indigenous to the area, are better suited to withstand the effects of climate change. 	Adequately addressed in Action 1.2 Quantify species diversity and resilience of the urban forest, Action 1.5 Review species planting list' and Action 1.6 Identify priority street tree planting locations that correlate with wildlife corridors. No amendment to the Strategy.

8 CONNECT MACQUARIE PARK INNOVATION DISTRICT: 2022-2023 FUNDING

Report prepared by: Executive Officer - City Economy
File No.: URB/08/1/39 - BP23/43

REPORT SUMMARY

A non-profit organisation, Connect MPID works on behalf of its members across five 'strategic pillars', being: transform, move, thrive, elevate, and unite. In summary, Connect MPID seeks to provide guidance to members and advocate (to government, industry, academia, and community) for improvements in Macquarie Park.

The City of Ryde is a foundation member of Connect MPID, providing funding to establish its original form as the *Macquarie Park Transport Management Association* in 2012.

Noting that funding for Connect MPID was listed in the 2022-23 Operational Plan, this report provides a brief overview of Council's membership of Connect MPID to date and formally requests Council's approval for a financial contribution of \$100,000 under section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

It is recommended that Council approve the 2022-23 financial contribution of \$100,000 to Connect MPID from the Macquarie Park Special Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council, in accordance with Section 256 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approve the financial contribution of \$100,000 to Connect MPID from the Macquarie Park Special Levy; and
- (b) That Council note that Council staff will undertake a formal evaluation of Council's membership with Connect MPID and include this in any future request to Council for a financial contribution to Connect MPID.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

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Report Approved By:

Michael Galderisi
General Manager - City Shaping

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Background

In 2012, the City of Ryde committed \$750,000 over three financial years (2012-2015) to fund the establishment of the Macquarie Park Transport Management Association. The agreed funding strategy at the time was for Government (State and Local) to provide seed funding, and then overtime, the contribution of Government would decrease, as business memberships increased.

The Macquarie Park Transport Management Association has continued to evolve since its establishment, becoming Connect MPID in 2021 after a merger with Macquarie University's 'Macquarie Park Innovation District' entity.

The original funding agreement between the City of Ryde and outlined the intent for Connect MPID to:

- Serve as a business-led platform for collaboration between business, government and other major stakeholders
- Utilise this platform to achieve economies of scale and increase effectiveness of transport initiatives
- Focus initiatives to reduce demand during peak periods
- Provide input and support to existing agencies to address transport challenges.

The City of Ryde's original financial contribution to Connect MPID was \$750,000 to be paid over three financial years (an average of \$250,000 per annum). Since 2015, the City of Ryde's financial contribution has gradually reduced to \$100,000 per annum – reducing as private sector membership with Connect MPID has increased.

The City of Ryde's 2022-23 annual financial contribution of \$100,000 to Connect MPID is now overdue. The delay in this payment is due to administrative changes linked to the City of Ryde's organisational restructure and additional due diligence undertaken by senior council staff in consultation with Connect MPID.

Council staff consider the annual financial contribution to Connect MPID to be a payment of financial assistance for the purposes of exercising the functions of Council in Macquarie Park. Such a financial contribution is governed by section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Section 356(1) requires a resolution of the Council to provide financial assistance. It should be noted that other obligations of Section 356 regarding public notice periods have already been met given Council's 2022-23 Operational Plan identified a financial contribution of \$100,000 would be made to Connect MPID.

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Discussion

Connect MPID Membership

The City of Ryde is foundational member and is now represented on the Board of Connect MPID by the Chief Executive Officer (with the General Manager City Shaping as proxy). Council's Executive Officer City Economy has direct dialogue with Connect MPID staff, overseeing the coordination of activities between Council and Connect MPID.

Other members of ConnectMPID include Macquarie University, the Greater Cities Commission, Optus, AMP Capital, Johnson and Johnson, John Holland, and more.

Evaluation of membership

In seeking Council's agreement to make a financial contribution for 2022-23, Council staff have committed to undertake a formal evaluation of its membership with Connect MPID to ensure it is delivering best value for money for the City of Ryde.

This evaluation will be reported to the Council to aid future decision-making around the membership for 2023-24. Broadly, the evaluation will consider:

1. Alignment with the objectives outlined in the City of Ryde's Community Strategic Plan and other key strategies
2. Performance against key performance measures (including measurements against a baseline)
3. Quantitative and qualitative analysis, including consideration of member satisfaction
4. Identification of any areas for improvement and potential next steps.

Financial Implications

Funds have been allocated in the 2022-2023 Operational Plan to allow for the \$100,000 annual financial contribution to Connect MPID.

9 CHANGES TO COUNCIL SERVICES AND OPERATIONS THROUGH COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Report prepared by: Executive Manager - People and Business
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/169

REPORT SUMMARY

At the 26th April 2022 Ordinary meeting, Council resolved that the City of Ryde Council:-

- (a) *Identify the permanent changes to Council services (reforms) that have been secured since the Covid-19 pandemic began in early 2020.*
- (b) *List the changes to Council operations that were initially a temporary measure that will become permanent and list the benefit to ratepayers.*
- (c) *List the reforms benefits to Council through reduced costs and or greater flexibility for internal operations.*
- (d) *Identify temporary areas of enhanced operational efficiency that require legislative or regulatory change by the NSW Government and to commence advocacy to the Minister for Local Government for such changes to be made permanent.*

Council business managers were tasked with responding to the pandemic challenges to modify business process and innovate to maintain service delivery where possible or to modify delivery to accommodate the community's expectations.

The report details a range of functions and operations where Council successfully achieved this goal during the peak of the pandemic, learning through innovation, new technologies, practices and methods to support delivery to a community that was living in an unprecedented period of restriction.

With the potential impact of Covid still present, there remains a need to consider the delivery of services in a hybrid environment. Over the past twelve months as the community has returned to a normal service expectation of outdoor activity and events and delivery in person, business managers have returned to pre-Covid delivery. However, as an inclusive organisation there remains a need to retain the option for alternate provision of service developed through the pandemic for those members of the community that remain at risk.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the changes to Councils services and operations that occurred in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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- (b) That Council continue to look to innovate in service delivery to provide flexibility and increase value for the community without compromising standards.

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There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

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General Manager - Business and Operations

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Discussion

At the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020, Council business managers were tasked with responding to the pandemic challenges to modify business processes and innovate to maintain service delivery where possible or to modify delivery to accommodate the community's expectations.

Changes to Council Operations during Pandemic

All aspects of Councils service delivery were impacted and the financial impact with loss of revenue, implementation of Covid-safe measures (safety screens, sanitizer, face masks and the like) and financial relief provided by Council for the community have previously been reported to Council. There were many administrative and business practice changes that have now returned to the pre-covid delivery manner, as there was no longer a need to persist with change. The list below provides a review of the key changes that were introduced by business managers in response to the pandemic, the benefit that was delivered then and now continues as the change transitions into business-as-usual practice.

- Household cleanup collection booking reminders are now sent via SMS in lieu of the letter delivery/sticker system which usually cost approximately \$40K per annum. The annual cost of the SMS system is approximately \$3K. The overall change results in a \$37K annual saving to Council.
- Waste workshops transitioned to an online platform during COVID. Waste workshops have now been made available to residents online and in person. The benefit is to the resident as a proportion of waste reduction workshops will continue to be delivered online for residents that are unable to attend in person.
- Development Advisory Service was switched to remote/virtual meetings via MS Teams for all Urban Design Review Panel and pre-lodgement meetings as well as informal Pre-development application meetings with applicants and their consultants. From July 2020 development applications, modifications, Construction Certificates, Complying Development Certificates etc. are lodged electronically via the NSW Planning Portal. Further a Duty Development Advisory officer is available, on a daily basis, to answer planning enquiries via phone and email. The benefit to the resident and customers is that the above changes allowed the continuation of all our services to our customers without interruptions and now is supplemented with the return to face-to-face meetings in the current hybrid environment.
- Environment Department services such as individual residential assessments and educational events delivered face to face and online. This is likely to continue under a hybrid arrangement of face to face and online delivery. The benefit to the resident is the ability to reach a broader cross-section of the community through on-line access to the recordings of these sessions.

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The following list highlights key changes that were introduced that provide greater flexibility for internal operations and have become part of the ongoing hybrid delivery of functions.

- Introduction of meetings via MS Teams. The introduction of MS Teams has resulted in increased flexibility for staff to attend internal and external meetings, leading to reduced fuel/travel expenses which reduces costs. MS Teams provided the core of work communication and enabled further digital transformation in work delivery as the range of associated digital tools expand.
- Flexible working conditions for staff are expanded to provide for up to 2 days per week working from home or remotely subject to meeting operational business requirements. The benefit of this change is that it maintained Council's Employer of Choice status and market competitiveness in attracting talent to the City of Ryde. The recruitment pool of candidates is expected to broaden with talent from the larger metropolitan area giving consideration to City of Ryde as an employer due to the hybrid working model.
- Updated Children in the Library procedure. Lifting the age of unattended children in the Library to 12 years of age to improve the safety of children in our Libraries as part of implementing the 10 Safety Standards from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. The benefit of this change was to provide safer spaces for children in our Libraries and limit the risk to the community and to Council.
- Cashless Kiosks installed in North Ryde and Gladesville Libraries. All five library locations now have Library system integrated kiosks installed, providing cashless library transactions for the convenience and safety of customers. Kiosks transactions include Library printing services, events and activities payments and fees and fines. The benefit of cashless transactions is the reduction in cash handling and the amount of cash held on our premises, decreasing risks for staff and for Council.
- Expansion of the Online Library. The benefit from this expanded service provision includes more online content available 24/7 from the safety of home, more online content for Children that has a focus on learning and development, the ability for parents to access online Storytime programs to support early literacy, access for parents to early literacy and learning content in community languages and the provision of streaming services for community undergoing increasing pressures on household finances.
- Installation of Book Locker at Gladesville Library click and collect service. The Book Locker Click and Collect service has provided wider access and options to Library collections for the community delivered in a Covid safe method. The benefit is that it provided wider access and options to Library collections for the community. Council now has an improved service delivery model and is responsive to community needs.

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- The provision of newspapers was changed to include a mix of physical and digital copies at Libraries. Expanding our online services to our community delivers collections to meet our growing and changing community needs. The reduced costs of purchasing fewer copies of physical newspapers has been reallocated to expand the Online library including further subscriptions for both newspapers and other online library services to benefit the community.
- Change to opening hours across the Library Service. An internal review of hours has been undertaken with the aim to efficiently use our resources to have the right hours at the right location to better serve our community and to address service gaps. The hours of operation were benchmarked with other library services and the State Library NSW Guidelines along with analysis of visitor statistics to inform the revised opening hours. The benefit of this change is that it provided flexibility of staff resources to cover operational needs and to provide critical roles for service gaps to deliver a diverse range of cultural and learning programs and events for the community as part of delivering the outcomes for an Active and Healthy City and a Diverse and Inclusive City.

With respect to temporary areas of enhanced operational efficiency that require legislative or regulatory change by the NSW Government to become permanent the following information is provided.

- Copyright funded program for Public Libraries Online Storytime programs

Early literacy baby and toddler Storytime programs were quickly moved online to support our communities in the lockdown and to protect against COVID. Publishers waived copyright to support the public libraries in 2020.

In 2021 copyright was however reinstated. Without the payment of copyright royalties Public Libraries cannot use picture books in an online recorded Storytime session. This left most Public Libraries unable to continue to offer the programs online.

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) secured a temporary grant to fund access for Public Libraries to approx. 300 children's titles published in Australia to use in online Storytime programs through an agreement. This agreement and the funding expired at the end of December 2022. Without this support Public Libraries will not be able to afford to post online recorded Storytime's to support vital early literacy programs in our communities.

- Citizenship Ceremonies

Previously Citizenship Ceremonies could only be held in person. However, amendments to the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code were made to enable the provision of citizenships online in 2020.

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In Round 2 of lock down in mid-2021 group online citizenships were delivered with the City of Ryde one of the first Councils to offer this to community members. Further to this Council also introduced outdoor ceremonies (3 sessions held at Lachlan's Line) and shorter ceremony programs with reduced capacity ceremonies in line with physical distancing and other Covid safety measures.

Council has now returned to providing face to face Ceremonies. Whilst the flexibility of holding ceremonies online has been added to the code, Council prefers that we hold citizenship ceremonies in person. The administration required to deliver citizenships ceremonies online is onerous and requires a separate private meeting with each individual to confirm identification and site relevant supporting documents. However, online ceremonies will be able to be conducted in exceptional circumstances and where a resident needs to obtain citizenship quickly. It is also noted that many new citizens prefer the in-person event as it is a special occasion.

Since COVID began in 2020, 2154 people have received their citizenship (not including dependents). This included 1,131 in person and 1,023 online.

Conclusion

Councils' adaptability and innovation in responding to the service delivery challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic enabled the organisation to support the community by maintaining access to key services. Whilst there were small scale savings achieved through some initiatives, on the whole these changes incurred costs that were necessary to enable alternate service delivery. With the impact of Covid-19 still present, Councils operations and service delivery has to account for a hybrid environment, with face-to-face delivery and contactless delivery expectations.

As Council plans service delivery for the 2023-24 Operational Plan, the learning from the last two years will inform further innovation and improvement. Feedback from our customers and the community will enable further improvements and efficiencies to be introduced as these changes become part of our business as usual delivery.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact as the operational changes highlighted in the report are being delivered within the approved Operational Plan budgets.

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

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP23/152

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on each traffic/ parking matter separately and details on how Council may proceed with the proposed measures. The March 2023 Traffic Committee meeting was held electronically. Members of the committee are listed below:

City of Ryde (Chair) Senior Coordinator Transport Services (for Mgr. Transport)
Transport for New South Wales..... Network & Safety Officer, Central River City
NSW Police Force Ryde Local Area Command
Member for Ryde (5 items) The Hon. V Dominello MP
Member for Lane Cove (6 items) The Hon. A Roberts MP

The March 2023 Traffic Committee meeting agenda consisted of eleven (11) traffic and parking proposals. No objections were received from voting members on all items. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

For Item B - Transport for NSW endorsed this item subject to further assessment of the detailed design of the proposed shared path on Waterview Street, Putney.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held on 23 March 2023:

(A) JARVIS CIRCUIT, MACQUARIE PARK – COUNCIL AUTHORISED VEHICLES EXCEPTED

A single “2P 8AM-6PM MON-WED FRI-SUN, 8AM-9PM THUR” parking space be converted to “NO PARKING – COUNCIL AUTHORISED VEHICLES EXCEPTED” at the frontage of 2 Jarvis Circuit, Macquarie Park.

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**(B) WATERVIEW STREET AND OSBORNE AVENUE ROUNDABOUT, PUTNEY
- EXTENSION OF SHARED USER PATH ON WATERVIEW STREET**

A 2.5m wide by 50m long shared path on the southern side of Waterview Street between Osborne Avenue and Regent Street, Putney be constructed to complete the missing link along the existing shared path. The detailed design of this pedestrian/cyclist facility will be subject to further assessment by Transport for NSW.

(C) LARDELLI DRIVE, RYDE - 2P PARKING

No parking changes be made on Lardelli Drive between Bowes Lane and Bennelong Parkway due the lack of community support.

**(D) PEARSON STREET, GLADESVILLE - DISABLED PARKING AND 1P
PARKING**

The following parking spaces be installed at the frontage of 3 and 5 Pearson Street, Gladesville:

- Two (2) accessible (disabled) parking spaces.
- One (1) one hour (1P) parking space.

**(E) COXS ROAD, NORTH RYDE - PROPOSED MOTORBIKES ONLY PARKING
ZONE**

A 1.4m wide "Motorbikes Only" parking zone be installed adjacent to the frontage of property no. 199 Coxs Road, North Ryde.

(F) GARDENERS LANE, WEST RYDE - NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Gardeners Lane, West Ryde:

- a) "No Parking" restrictions be installed on the eastern side and at the end of Gardeners Lane between Victoria Road and Hay Street, West Ryde.
- b) "No Stopping" restrictions be installed to formalise the statutory "No Stopping" zones at the intersection of Gardeners Lane and Hay Street, West Ryde.

(G) LEONARD PLACE, NORTH RYDE - PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Leonard Place, North Ryde:

- a) A "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Authorised Permit Holders Excepted - Zone 3" resident parking scheme be installed on the northern side of Leonard Place. North Ryde

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- b) Residents be advised of the number of permits that they will be eligible for and invited to apply for permits.

(H) SUTHERLAND AVENUE AND SQUIRE STREET, RYDE - NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

The following changes be made on Sutherland Avenue and Squire Street, Ryde:

- a) A “NO STOPPING” zone be installed on the eastern side at the property frontage of 6 and 8 Sutherland Avenue and 9A Thistle Street, Ryde.

(I) RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE - PARKING BAYS LINEMARKING

The following changes be made on Ryedale Road, West Ryde:

- a) Parking bay linemarking be installed on Ryedale Road, Wattle Street, Herbert Street and Little Victoria Road, West Ryde.

(J) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE – ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

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

- (K)** The parking control measures outlined in *Table L1* be installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

(L) HERMITAGE ROAD, WEST RYDE - NO PARKING

The following changes be made on Hermitage Road, West Ryde:

- a) A 10m length of No Parking be installed across the property frontage of No.62 Hermitage Road, West Ryde.

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Report Prepared By:

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Report Approved By:

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Executive Manager - City Infrastructure

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ITEM (A): JARVIS CIRCUIT, MACQUARIE PARK
SUBJECT: NO PARKING – COUNCIL AUTHORISED VEHICLES EXCEPTED

ELECTORATE: LANE COVE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to convert a single “2P 8AM-6PM MON-WED FRI-SUN, 8AM-9PM THUR” space to “No Parking – Council Authorised Vehicles Excepted” at the frontage of 2 Jarvis Circuit, Macquarie Park.

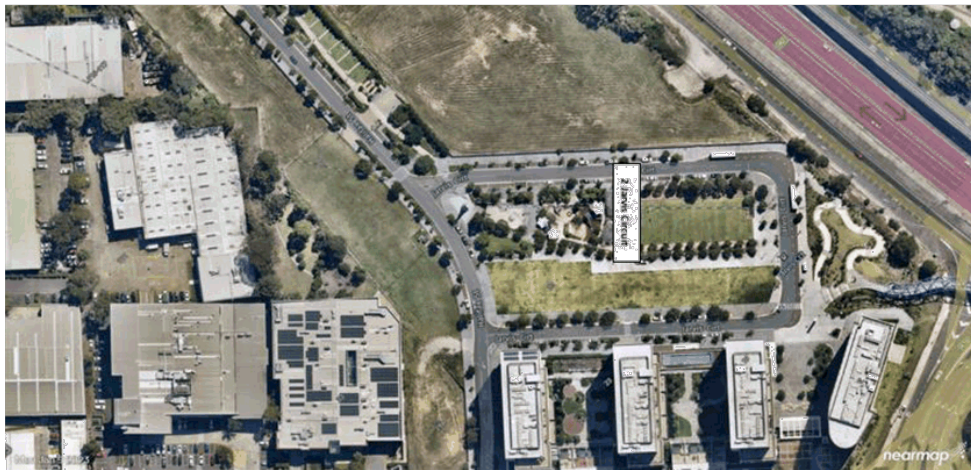


Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

Traffic Services team has received a request from the Property Management team to allocate a parking space for authorised Council vehicles near the Public Toilets at a convenient location to facilitate cleaning and other operational requirements. Currently, Council’s maintenance team need access to the public toilets for cleaning purposes. In most of the cases, they find it difficult to park their maintenance vehicle closer to this location. To resolve this issue and provide well maintained services to the community, a dedicated parking space closer to the public toilets is required for their maintenance vehicle.

A site investigation was undertaken to find a suitable parking space for Council authorised vehicles. This investigation indicated that the existing “2P 8AM-6PM MON-WED FRI-SUN,

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8AM-9PM THUR" parking restriction at the frontage of the public toilets at 2 Jarvis Circuit is the closest location for the installation of "No Parking, Council Authorised Vehicles Excepted". The proposed changes will replace a single existing 2P parking space with "No Parking, Council Authorised Vehicles Excepted". Given the location is away from the residential area and businesses, the proposed changes will have minimal impact on residents and surrounding businesses.

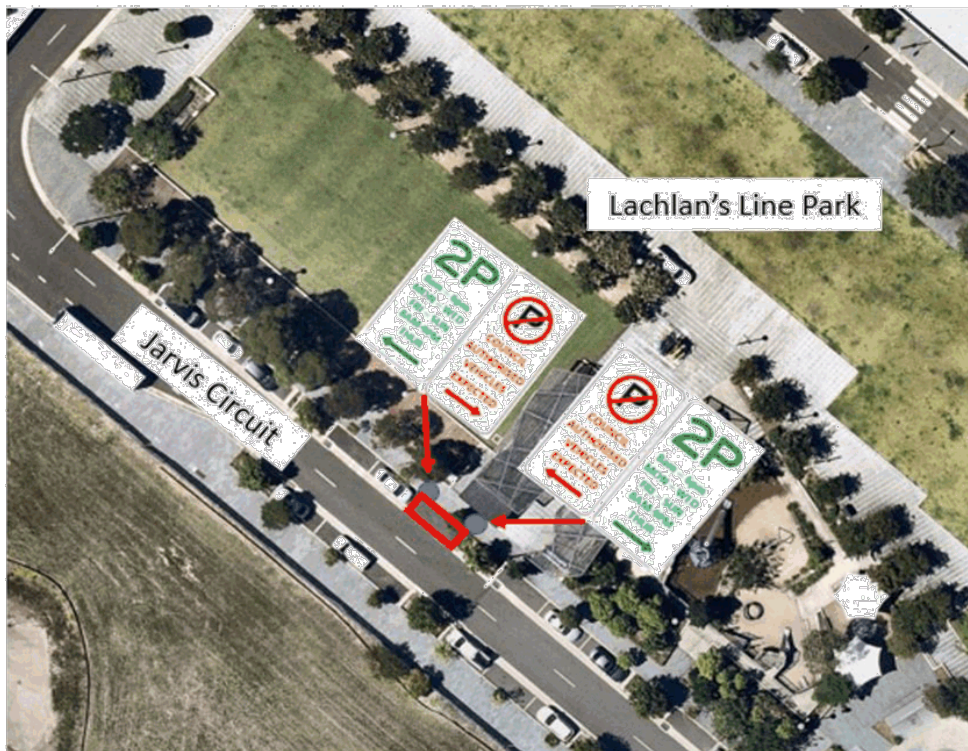


Figure 2: Proposed Parking Restrictions

CONSULTATION

Given that there is no direct impact on the residential properties or business, no community consultation was required.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A single "2P 8AM-6PM MON-WED FRI-SUN, 8AM-9PM THUR" parking space be converted to "NO PARKING – COUNCIL AUTHORISED VEHICLES EXCEPTED" at the frontage of 2 Jarvis Circuit, Macquarie Park.

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ITEM (B): WATERVIEW STREET AND OSBORNE AVENUE ROUNDABOUT, PUTNEY

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF SHARED USER PATH ON WATERVIEW STREET

ELECTORATE: LANE COVE

WARD: EAST

ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to construct a fifty (50) meters long shared user path on the southern side of Waterview Street between Osborne Avenue and Regent Street, Putney to complete the missing link along the existing shared user path. The completed shared user path will provide a continuous, safe, and convenient access for cyclists and pedestrians.

DISCUSSION

At the Council meeting held on 26 April 2022, it was resolved that:

- a) Council investigates a proposed solution to the engineered hazard facing cyclists at the Waterview roundabout, which breaches just about every cycling safety principle with immediate action to be taken if required.
- b) This issue be placed on the agenda of the new Sport, Recreation and Leisure Working Group with a report to be presented to Council within 3 months.

Council has recently undertaken a Road Safety Audit (RSA) to investigate the safety for pedestrians and cyclists at the Waterview Street roundabout.

The RSA report identified the following road safety risks:

- 1) The existing shared path network in the area provides an excellent opportunity for safe cycling and active transportation. However, there is currently a significant gap of approximately fifty (50) meters where no shared user path exists. This gap forces cyclists to ride on the road and navigate through a roundabout, sharing lanes with live traffic, and crossing into opposing traffic lanes before returning onto the existing shared user path on the southern side of Waterview Street. This poses significant safety risks, particularly for children, the elderly, and less experienced cyclists.

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Figure 1: Missing Shared User Path Segment of 50 Meters.

- 2) Insufficient lane width on Waterview Street west of Osborne Avenue to accommodate parked vehicles. Vehicles were observed to be parked within 10 metres of the roundabout. Presumably, vehicles would need to encroach into the opposing travel lane to pass a parked vehicle.



Figure 2: Insufficient Lane Width

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3) Missing 'End Shared Use Path' guide sign for cyclists travelling westbound



Figure 3: Missing End Shared Use Path Sign

To address these safety issues, Council proposes to construct a 2.5m wide, 50-meter-long shared user path on the southern side of Waterview Street to bridge the existing gap in the shared path network. The shared user path will provide a safe and convenient alternative to riding on the road, allowing cyclists to avoid navigating through the roundabout and sharing lanes with live traffic.

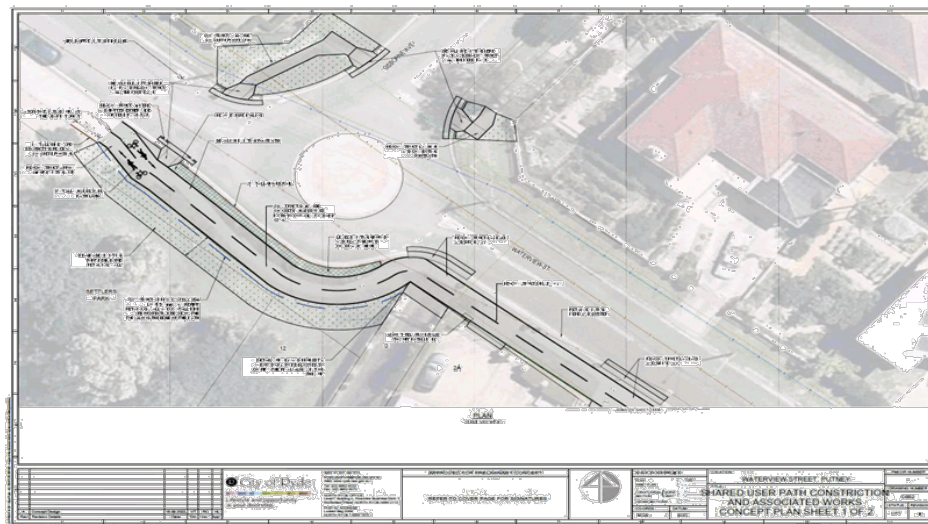


Figure 4: Shared User Path Construction and Associated Works Concept Plan

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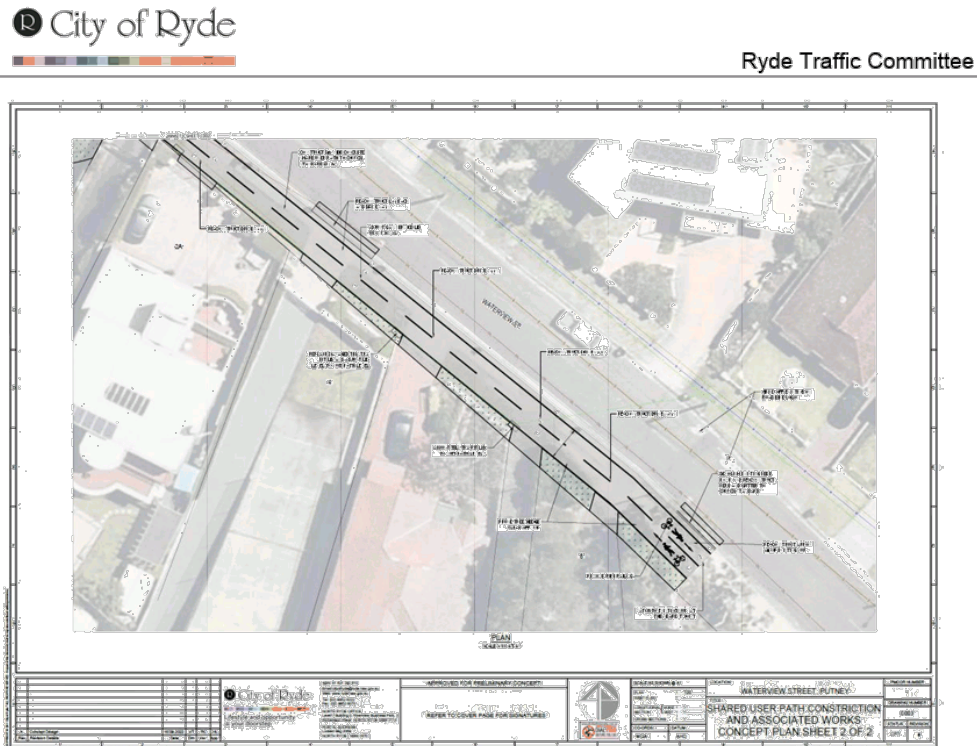


Figure 5: Shared User Path Construction and Associated Works Concept Plan

This pedestrian and cyclists' safety matter at this location was tabled at the New Sport, Recreation and Leisure Working Group meeting on 23 September 2022 for discussion. The Working Group supported the proposed changes and raised no objections. The associated design plans for the extension of the shared user path were also shared with the working group members for their comments.

CONSULTATION

The proposed works will not alter parking conditions on Waterview Street, Putney. As such, no community consultation was required. The residents will be notified of the proposed works at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of construction. Notification flyers promoting community consultation will be distributed to the properties fronting proposed shared user path works along Waterview Street, Putney.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) 2.5 metres wide, fifty (50) meters long shared user path on the southern side of Waterview Street between Osborne Avenue and Regent Street, Putney be constructed to complete the missing link along the existing shared user path.

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ITEM (C): LARDELLI DRIVE, RYDE
SUBJECT: 2P PARKING
ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council initially proposed to install two (2) hour parking “2P, 8AM-6PM, MON-FRI” restrictions along the indented parking on Lardelli Drive between Victoria Road and Susan Schardt Way. The three (3) sections of indented parking are listed below.

- Section 1 between Bowes Lane and Wallumai Place
- Section 2 between Wallumai Place and Colebee Street
- Section 3 between Colebee Street and Bennelong Way

Following the community consultation process, Council did not get the required level of support for proposed changes. As such, no parking changes are recommended on Lardelli Drive.



Figure 1: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

Council has received requests from the community to provide short-term parking for residents and visitors in the area. To address this concern, Council consulted the community on the proposal to install "2P, 8AM-6PM, MON-FRI" parking restrictions along three (3) sections of indented parking on the eastern side of Lardelli Drive between Victoria Road and Susan Schardt Way. The three (3) sections are below: -

- Section 1 between Bowes Lane and Wallumai Place
- Section 2 between Wallumai Place and Colebee Street
- Section 3 between Colebee Street and Bennelong Way

Lardelli Drive is a two-way street at appropriately 6m wide with unrestricted on-street parking on the eastern side and no stopping restrictions on the western side. It is located within a high-density living area with apartments and townhouses on both sides.



Figure 2: Proposed 2P parking on Lardelli Drive Ryde (Section 1 & 2)

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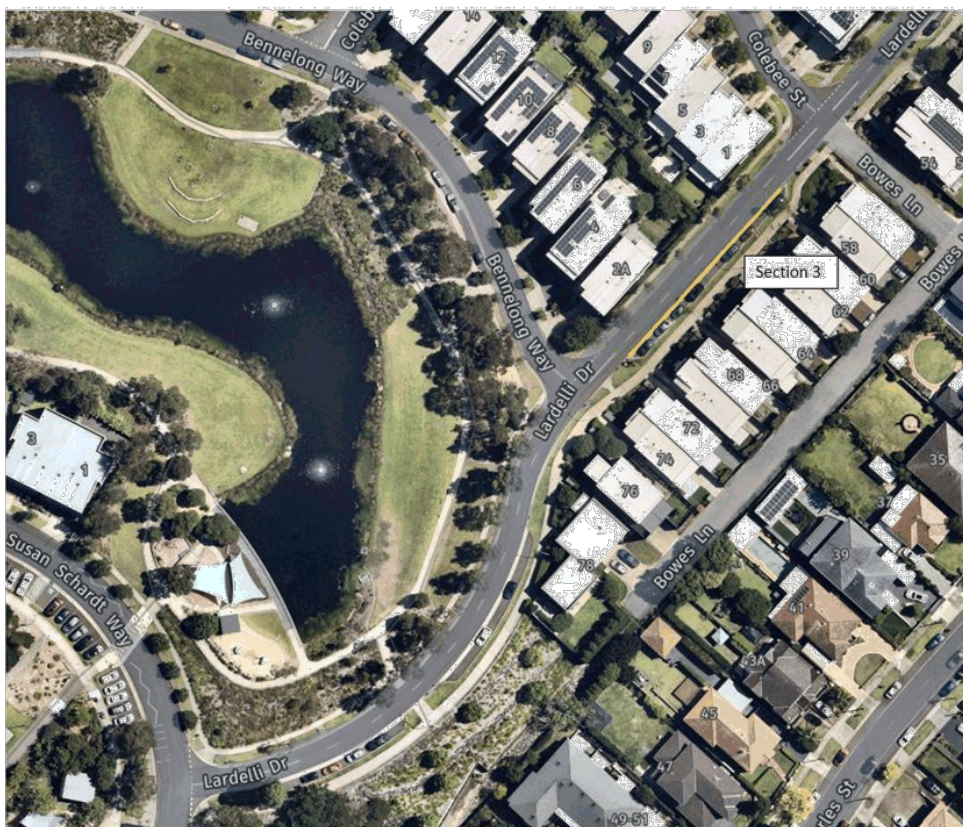


Figure 3: Proposed 2P Parking on Lardelli Drive Ryde (Section 3)

CONSULTATION

A “Have Your Say” community consultation was conducted for two weeks between 6th March 2023 and 19th March 2023. Two hundred and sixty-five (265) surveys were distributed to residents (owners & tenants) as shown in Figure 4 to determine the level of support for the proposal.

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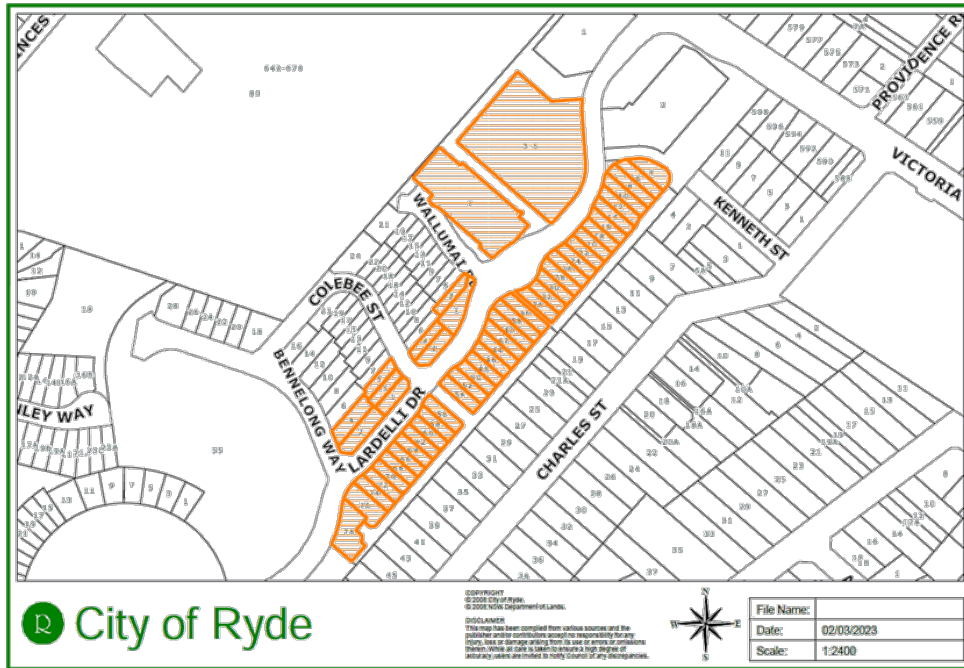


Figure 4: Consultation Area

Sixty-one (61) responses were received. A summary of result is provided in Table 1, with more details as follows:

Survey Results – Lardelli Drive between Victoria Road and Susan Schardt Way	
Surveys distributed	265
Responses received	61
Support	18 (30%)
DO NOT support	42 (69%)
Unsure	1 (1%)

Table 1: Summary of survey results

Of the sixty-one (61) feedback received, eighteen (18) supported the proposal, forty-two (42) did not support the proposal.

The residents who supported the proposal commented that:

- The proposal will improve short term parking in the area as it is very difficult for visitors/couriers to find on-street parking.

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The residents who were not in favour of the proposal commented that:

- There is a high demand for long term parking on Lardelli Drive for residents as onsite parking within apartment buildings are limited.
- Time restrictions will have adverse impact on surrounding streets causing parking problems within the area.
- Have observed that there are parking spaces available during the day and do not need to implement timed restrictions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) No parking changes be made on Lardelli Drive between Bowes Lane and Bennelong Parkway due the lack of community support.

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ITEM (D) PEARSON STREET, GLADESVILLE
SUBJECT: DISABLED PARKING AND 1P PARKING
ELECTORATE: LANE COVE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install the following parking spaces at the property frontage of 3 and 5 Pearson Street, Gladesville.

- Two (2) accessible (disabled) parking spaces.
- One (1) one hour (1P) parking space.



Figure 1: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

Following several requests from residents concerning the lack of parking availability for people with accessibility on Pearson Street, Council investigated the need for short-term and accessible parking spaces for people with a disability on Pearson Street. To address this concern, Council proposes to install two (2) accessible and a single one-hour (1P) parking space on Pearson Street, Gladesville.

The 1P parking space will allow "Mobility Parking Scheme" permit holders to park without any time restrictions, and at the same time, it will create short-term parking for residents and visitors in the area.

The proposed parking changes will require upgrading the existing footpath and removal of the nature strip to create a standard accessible ramp and a shared area to meet the Australian Standards and parking requirements for people with accessibility. Refer to the images below for the proposed parking changes.

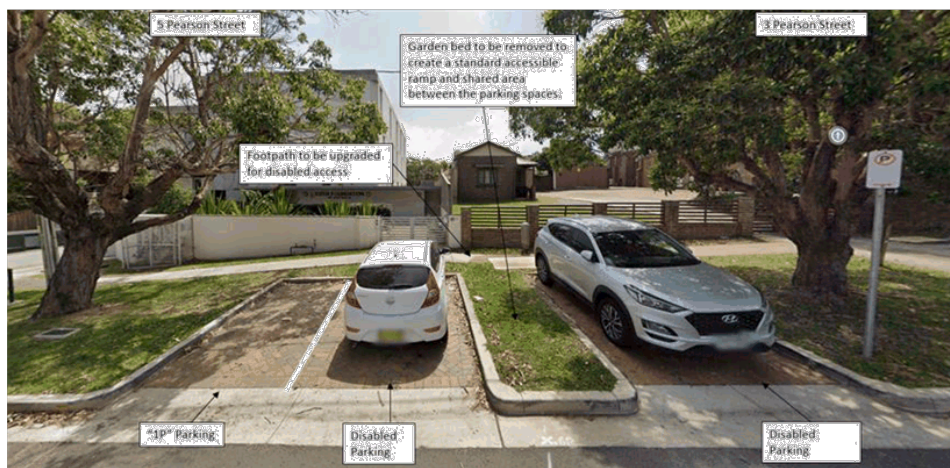


Figure 2: Proposed Parking Changes at the Frontage of 3 and 5 Pearson Street, Gladesville.

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

A "Have Your Say" community consultation was conducted for two weeks between 6th March 2023 and 19th March 2023. Thirty-one (31) surveys were distributed to residents (owners & tenants) as shown in Figure 2 to determine the level of support for the proposal and no objection was received.

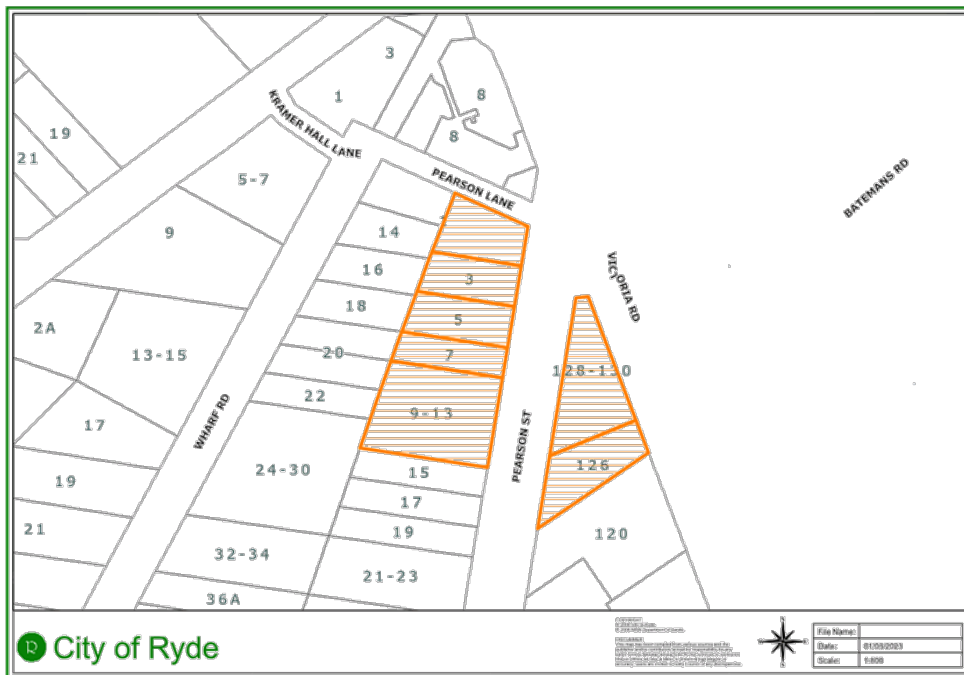


Figure 4: Consultation Area

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The following parking spaces at the frontage of 3 and 5 Pearson Street, Gladesville be installed:
 - Two (2) accessible (disabled) parking spaces.
 - One (1) one hour (1P) parking space.

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ITEM (E): COXS ROAD, NORTH RYDE
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MOTORBIKES ONLY PARKING ZONE

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council proposes to install 1.4 metres wide "P Motorbikes Only" parking zone between the "Council Authorised Vehicles Excepted" and "1P 8:30AM - 6PM MON-FRI 8:30AM-12:30PM SAT" parking spaces at the property frontage of 199 Coxs Road, North Ryde.



Figure 2: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

Council has received representation from the businesses on Coxs Road to install parking for motorbikes between the "Council Authorised Vehicles Excepted" and "1P 8:30AM - 6PM MON-FRI 8:30AM-12:30PM SAT" parking spaces at the property frontage of 199 Coxs Road, North Ryde.

Currently motorbikes have been illegally parked at the existing 1.4-metre-wide painted island at this location. To formalise this location for motorbikes parking only, Council proposes to install "P Motorbikes Only" parking between the "Council Authorised Vehicles Excepted" and "1P 8:30AM - 6PM MON-FRI 8:30AM-12:30PM SAT" parking spaces.



Figure 2: Proposed Changes

CONSULTATION

As indicated in Figure 3, Council consulted with the surrounding properties regarding the proposal, allowing two weeks for feedback and enquiries. The properties consulted raised no objections to the proposal.

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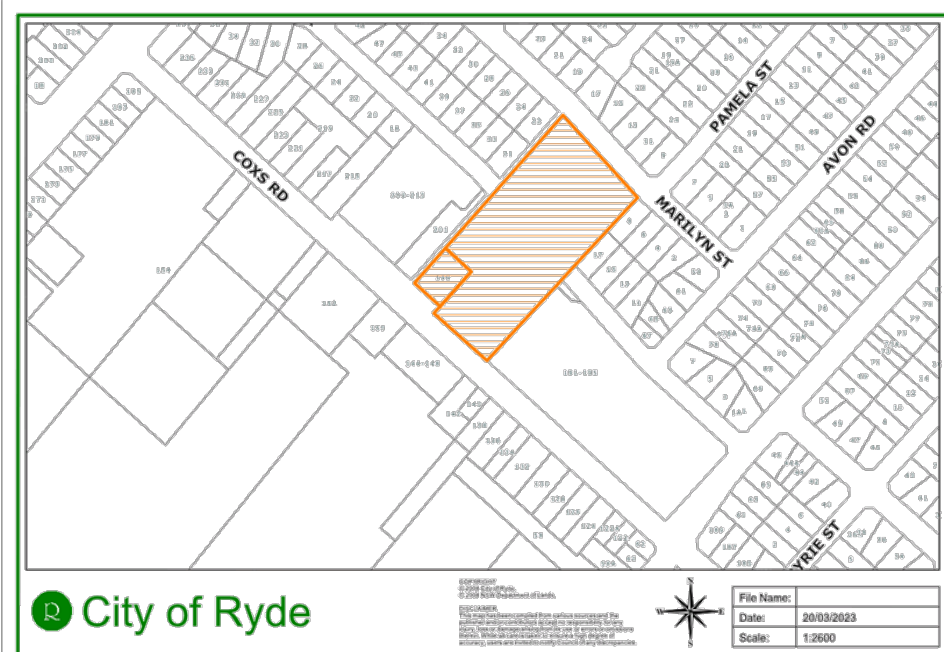


Figure 3: Consultation Area

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 1.4m wide "Motorbikes Only" parking zone be installed adjacent to the frontage of property no. 199 Coxs Road, North Ryde.

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ITEM (F): GARDENERS LANE, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT: NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council proposes to install:

- a) "No Parking" restrictions on the eastern side and at the end of Gardeners Lane between Victoria Road and Hay Street, West Ryde.
- b) "No Stopping" restrictions to formalise the statutory "No Stopping" zones at the intersection of Gardeners Lane and Hay Street, West Ryde.

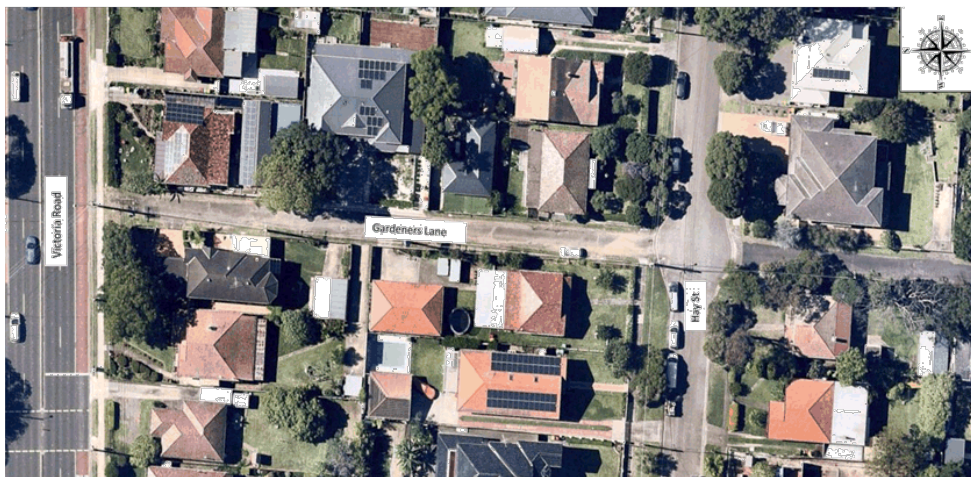


Figure 1: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

Council received representations from residents concerning parked vehicles on both sides of Gardeners Lane, restricting vehicles accessibility especially emergency vehicles. The parking on Gardeners Lane is unrestricted on both sides. Gardeners Lane is only 3.5m wide, which means when vehicles are parked on both sides of the laneway, it makes impossible for any vehicle to pass. To address this safety issue, Council proposes to install no parking restrictions on the eastern side of Gardeners Lane.

To facilitate the turning of vehicles at the dead end, Council also proposes to install no parking restrictions at this location.



Figure 2: Proposed Parking Restrictions

CONSULTATION

A total of ten (10) properties were consulted. One (1) objection to the proposal was received. Council officers contacted the resident who objected to the proposed changes and explained that these changes are required to improve traffic safety and accessibility within Gardeners Lane, which has a narrow carriageway width. No other objections were received regarding the proposed changes.

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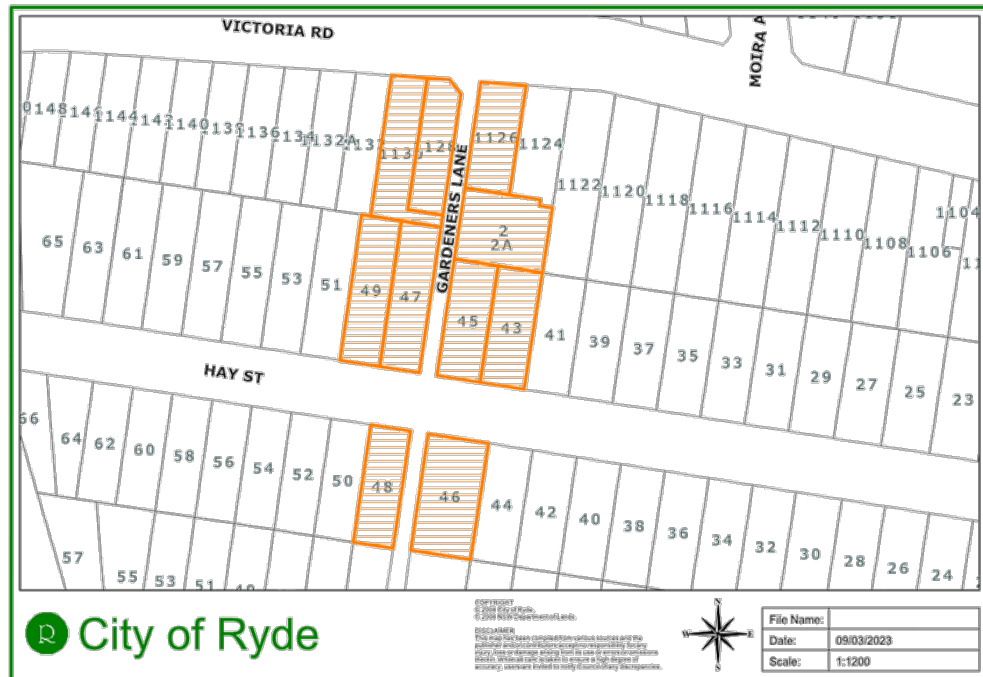


Figure 3: Consultation Area

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- "No Parking" restrictions be installed on the eastern side and at the end of Gardeners Lane between Victoria Road and Hay Street, West Ryde.
- "No Stopping" restrictions be installed to formalise the statutory "No Stopping" zones at the intersection of Gardeners Lane and Hay Street, West Ryde.

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ITEM (G): LEONARD PLACE, NORTH RYDE
SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ELECTORATE: LANE COVE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) restrictions, "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Authorised Permit Holders Excepted - Zone 3" on the northern side of Leonard Place, North Ryde.



Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

Council has received a representation from residents of Leonard Place, North Ryde on 16 December 2022 requesting an extension of the Zone 3 - RPS into Leonard Place.

As part of the review process Council officers conducted site observations to determine the eligibility of Leonard Place for inclusion into the RPS. Council's policy requires that an on-street parking utilisation survey be undertaken which demonstrates that 85% of the available on-street parking spaces on both sides of the street are being utilised over 3 days of a normal week.

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Site observations indicated that on-street parking in the street between 8am and 6pm on weekdays currently is well above the 85% criteria required, and on occasions was approaching 100%.



Figure 2: Proposed Changes

CONSULTATION

All residents and property owners in Leonard Place and those with a side frontage onto Leonard Place were consulted on 11 January 2023 as to whether they wished their street to be included into a resident parking scheme.

Council received 9 responses supporting the proposal, and no objections. A response rate of 56%, representing a majority.

Information sent to residents clearly stated that as most properties had access to off street parking, not all resident vehicles would qualify for resident parking stickers, but each property would be eligible for a visitor's permit. If approved Council will conduct further site inspections to quantify the off-street parking availability associated with each property and advise residents of the results of the assessment. The majority of properties have access to off street parking thus only one side of the street will become part of the resident parking scheme. In this way all streets contained within resident parking schemes must share the load of commuter parking whilst also providing for the parking needs of residents.

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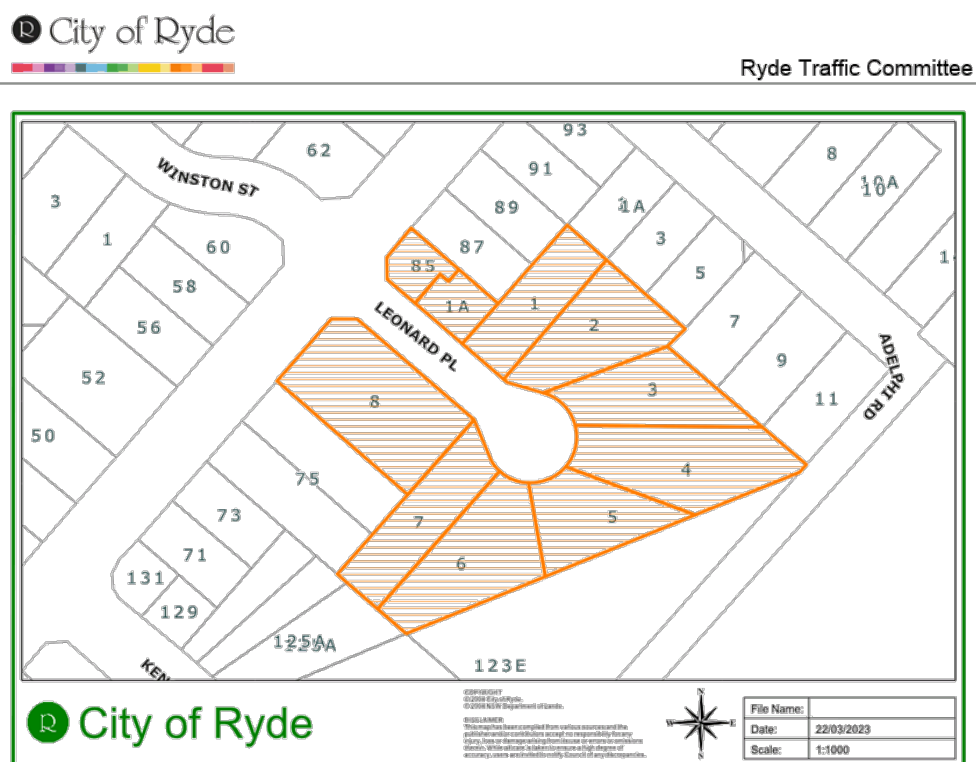


Figure 3: Consultation Area

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- A "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Authorised Permit Holders Excepted - Zone 3" resident parking scheme be installed on the northern side of Leonard Place, North Ryde
- Residents be advised of the number of permits that they will be eligible for and invited to apply for permits.

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ITEM (H): SUTHERLAND AVENUE AND SQUIRE STREET, RYDE
SUBJECT: NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install a "NO STOPPING" zone on the eastern side at the property frontage of 6 and 8 Sutherland Avenue and 9A Thistle Street, Ryde.



Figure 1: Location Plan

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DISCUSSION

Council received representation from residents concerning the parked vehicles on the eastern side of Sutherland Avenue directly opposite Squire Street. Under the NSW Road Rule, drivers must position a vehicle 3m from the diving line (double barrier lines), allowing other vehicles to pass safely.

When vehicles are parked at this location, the narrow road width (4.7m) forces motorists to drive over the rumble strips and cross the double barrier lines before driving onto the opposing traffic. To address this safety concern, Council is proposing to install a "NO STOPPING" zone at the property frontage of 6 and 8 Sutherland Avenue and 9A Thistle Street, Ryde.

The double barrier lines on Sutherland Avenue at its intersection with Squire Street will also be shortened for vehicles to avoid driving over them.

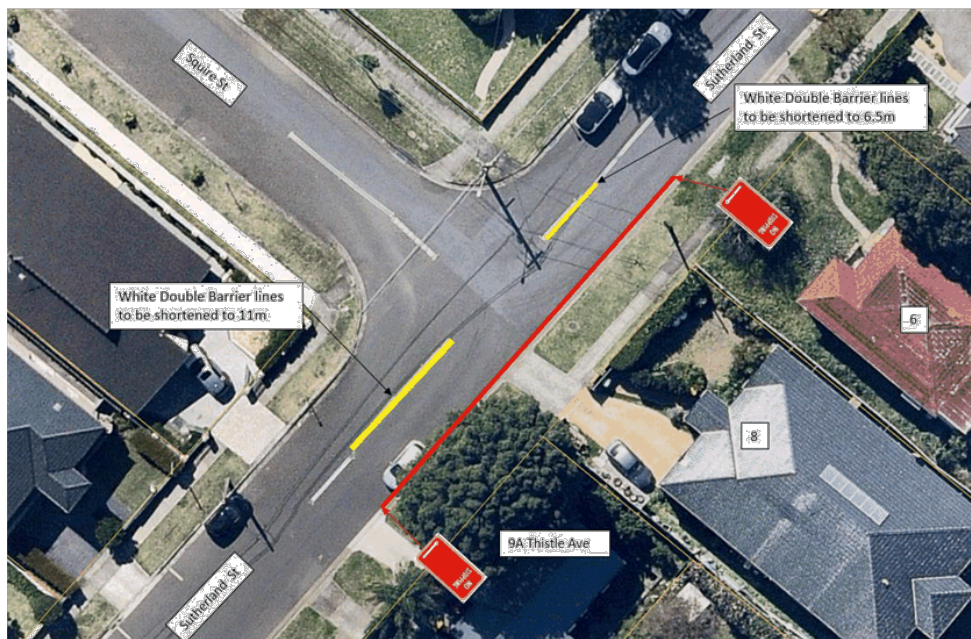


Figure 2: Proposed "NO STOPPING" Zone on the Eastern side of Sutherland Avenue at its Junction with Squire Street.

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CONSULTATION

Consultation was carried out for two weeks between 3rd March to 17th March 2023. Letters were distributed to nine (9) properties as shown in Figure 3 to determine the level of support for the proposal. No objection was received from the consulted properties.

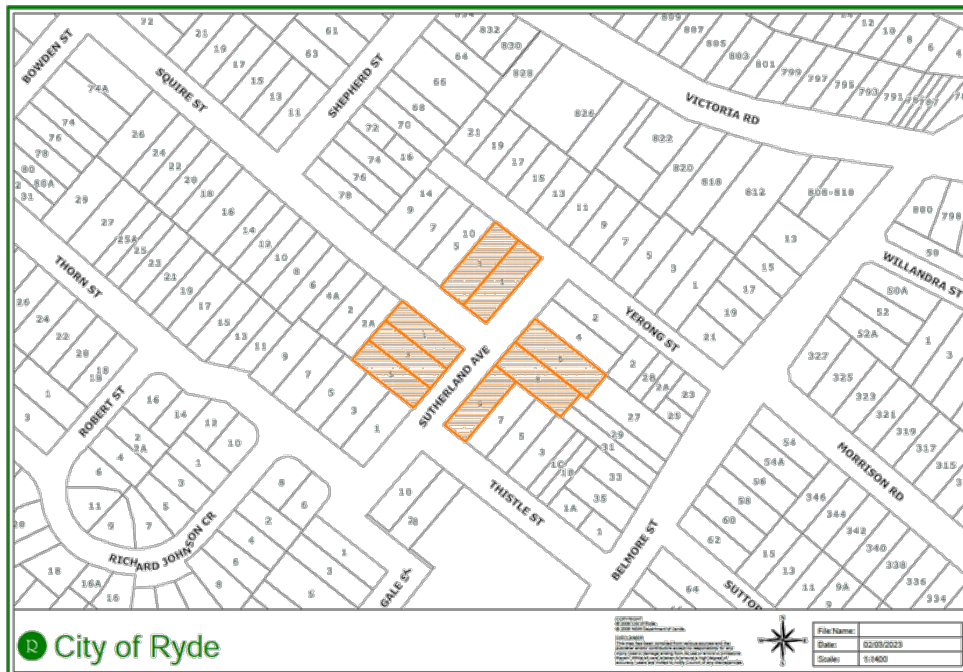


Figure 3: Consultation Area

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A "NO STOPPING" zone be installed on the eastern side at the property frontage of 6 and 8 Sutherland Avenue and 9A Thistle Street, Ryde.

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ITEM (I): RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT: PARKING BAYS LINEMARKING

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install parking bay linemarking on Ryedale Road, Wattle Street, Herbert Street and Little Victoria Road, West Ryde.



Figure 1: Location Plan

DISCUSSION

Council has received numerous requests from local businesses regarding the inconsiderate parking behaviour on Ryedale Road, Wattle Street, Herbert Street and Victoria Road, West Ryde. This parking behaviour leads to waste of on-street parking on these streets.

Due to the proximity to the West Ryde Train Station and surrounding businesses, the on-street parking is at a premium on Ryedale Road and its surrounding street. To minimise the loss of on-street parking due to inconsiderate parking behaviour, Council recommends installing parking bay linemarking on Ryedale Road, Wattle Street, Herbert Street and Victoria Road, West Ryde. The details of the proposed changes are shown in figure 2. The installation of parking bay linemarking will not result loss of any on-street parking.

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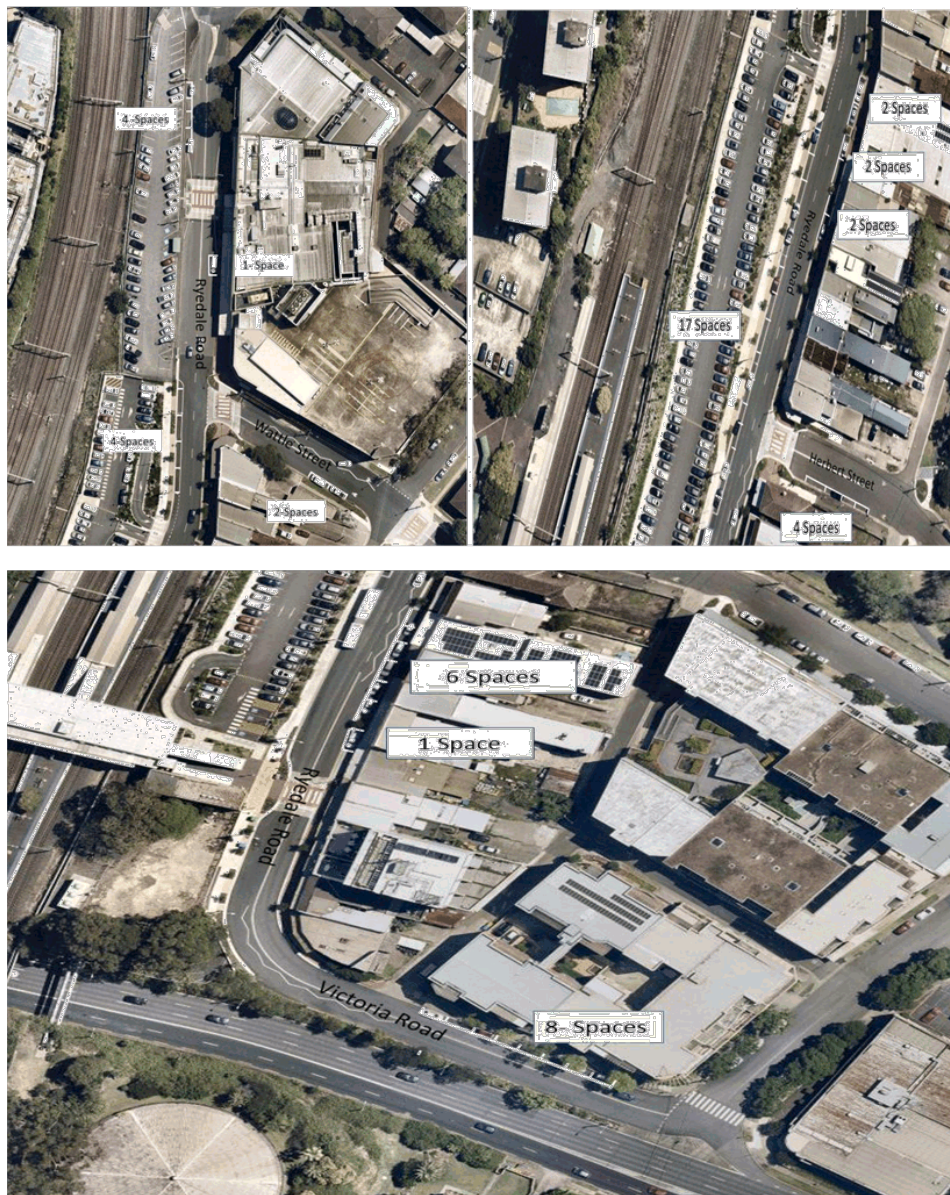


Figure 2: Proposed Parking Bays

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CONSULTATION

The proposed changes will have no impact on commuters and businesses. As such, no community consultation was required. However, the residents and businesses will be notified of the proposed works at least two (2) weeks prior to the installation of linemarking.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Parking bay linemarking be installed on Ryedale Road, Wattle Street, Herbert Street and Little Victoria Road, West Ryde.

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ITEM (J): ROAD SAFETY UPDATE
SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS
ELECTORATE: RYDE / LANE COVE
WARD: ALL

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

TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES (TfNSW) FUNDED PROGRAMS

A workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers is to be held on 30 March 2023 in partnership with Willoughby Council.
A Walking Safely for Seniors presented was delivered to a local Falls Prevention Group at North Ryde.
A new authorised child car seat fitter has been engaged by Council and the remainder of the 2023 voucher program will resume within the next month.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

Police/Council Road Safety Awareness Program

Council and Ryde Police Area Command partnered to deliver road safety information at Macquarie University on 22 and 23 March 2023. The next event planned is a road safety information stall and display with Highway Patrol at Top Ryde City shopping centre on Thursday 6 April 2023. The theme will be promoting safe driving over the holiday period.

School Zone Safety Program

Council has been working with Epping Boys High School and the Police to improve road safety during the morning and afternoon peak times.
Council has also been working with Meadowbank TAFE, Marsden High School, and Meadowbank Public School to improve pedestrian safety on See Street.
Police have also been undertaking additional patrols around Ermington Public School and North Ryde Public School following requests for support by Principals.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

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

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ITEM (K) The parking control measures outlined in *Table L1* were installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

Table L1 Parking control measures installed to reinforce existing controls under Road Rules 2014.

Location	Parking Control Measure	Existing Road Rules 2014 Control	Installation Date
2 & 2A Searle Street Gladesville	Installation of "No Parking" zone across the driveways	Road Rule 168 – No Parking signs	March 2023
40 & 40A Balaclava Street Eastwood	Installation of "No Parking" zone across the driveways	Road Rule 168 – No Parking signs	March 2023
Fourth Ave/ Denistone Rd & Third Ave/ Ryedale Rd	Giveway signs and lines, BB lines	Road Rule 69 – Giveway signs	March 2023
Arnold Street and Frederick Street, Ryde	Installation of Statutory 10m no stopping	Road Rule 167 – No Stopping signs	March 2023

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LATE ITEM (L) HERMITAGE ROAD, WEST RYDE

SUBJECT: NO PARKING

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install a short section of No parking adjacent to No.62 Hermitage Road, Ryde.

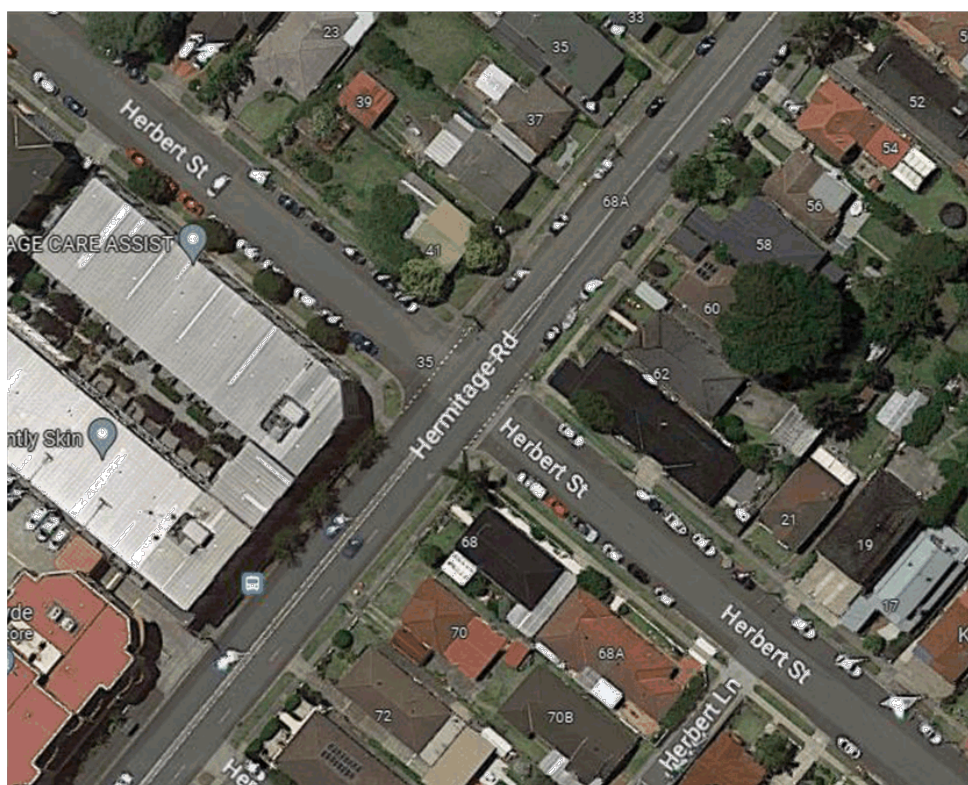


Figure 1: Proposed Location – Hermitage Road, West Ryde.

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DISCUSSION

Council has received a request to facilitate access by a community medical transport service to a residential property. The resident requires transport to and from medical facilities multiple times per week. Access to medical transport is critical as it will allow the resident to stay in his home rather than transfer to a medical facility.

The proposed No Parking zone will only be directly adjacent to the residential property and utilise an existing residential driveway to minimise the loss of parking in the surrounding area.

There is a parking demand in the area generated by commuters, staff of nearby commercial areas and residents. As such a No Parking zone on a full-time basis is considered the best option to keep the area clear for the medical use and others to use as a pickup and set down area.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

This proposal affects only one property directly, who have requested the installation. However, the views of neighbouring properties have been sought with no objections raised.



Figure 2: Proposed Location – Hermitage Road, West Ryde

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 10m length of No Parking be installed across the property frontage of No.62 Hermitage Road, West Ryde.

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INFORMATION REPORT

11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Report prepared by: Financial Controller
File No.: GRP/23/11 - BP23/158

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 March 2023, and compares it against key benchmarks. The report includes Council's loan liabilities.

Council's rate of return on investments for the reporting period is 3.72%, which is 0.33% above the benchmark figure of 3.39%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$5,500K and as at 31 March 2023, funds of \$4,894K have been earned.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Sacha Thirimanne
Financial Controller

Report Approved By:

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

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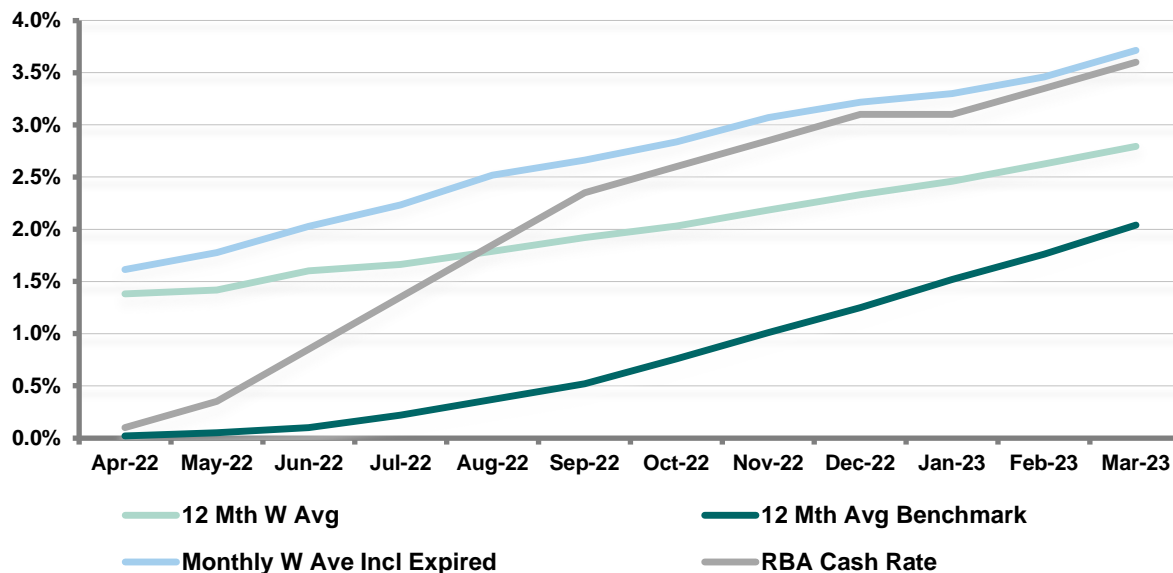
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio as per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 212 and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the *Local Government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

Investment Performance Commentary

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

	Mar	12 Month	FYTD
Council Return	3.72	2.79	3.07
Benchmark	3.39	2.04	2.63
Variance	0.33	0.75	0.44

Performance - All Investments



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

Cash/Term Deposits	\$103.49M	44.22%
Floating Rate Notes	\$50.59M	21.62%
Fixed Bonds	\$79.96M	34.17%
Total Investments	\$234.03M	

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Council continues to utilise the Federal Government's current guarantee (\$250K) investing in Term Deposits with a range of Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions (ADI's) on short to medium term investments (Generally 30 days to 180 days maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

Council's income from investments continues to exceed original budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions.

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 31 March 2023 was \$456K, which represents the balance of two loans which were established under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). Council receives a 3% interest subsidy payment from the OLG twice a year.

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

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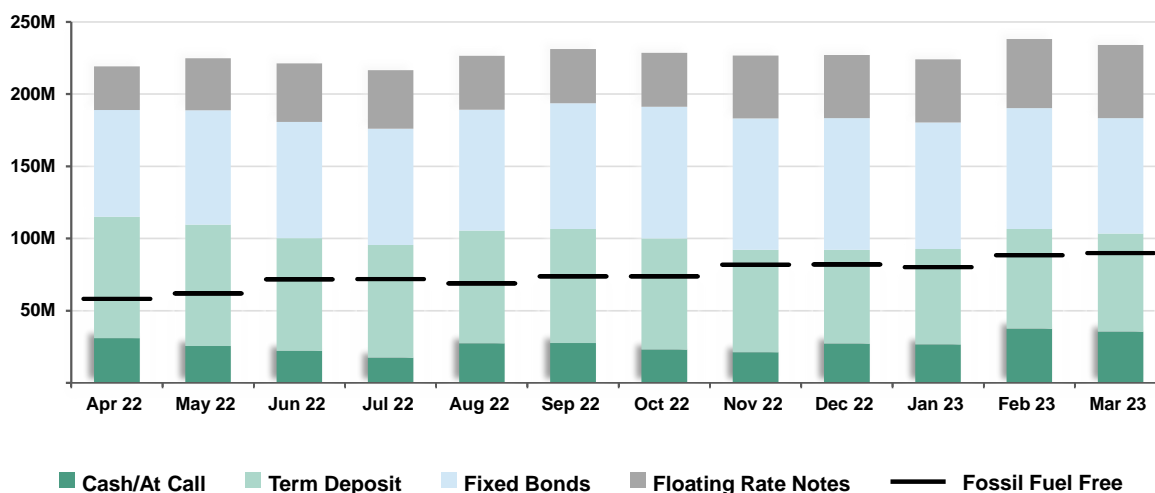
INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Mar-23 \$'000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2022	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	N	1,200	4.64	3.16	3.67	0.51	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	N	2,000	4.62	3.65	3.66	0.85	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	3. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	4.53	4.20	4.20	1.71	11/11/2025	1096
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,966	3.56	3.56	3.56	1.69	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,194	3.94	3.91	3.90	1.36	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	3.13	3.13	3.13	1.28	8/02/2024	1826
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Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	4.87	4.87	4.87	0.51	31/03/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	14. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	35,425	3.70	2.22	2.89	15.14		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	15. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	4,000	3.41	3.41	3.42	1.71	25/04/2023	1916
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	16. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,499	3.28	3.27	3.27	1.50	16/08/2023	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,495	3.23	3.23	3.23	1.49	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,997	4.30	4.22	4.22	1.28	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,873	5.38	5.28	5.28	1.65	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	4.54	4.54	4.54	1.03	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	21. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	4.36	4.36	4.36	0.85	1/12/2023	361
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	2.95	2.96	2.96	1.28	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,493	2.98	2.96	2.95	1.49	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	4,000	4.44	2.97	3.47	1.71	16/05/2023	1826
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	4.38	3.08	3.68	0.85	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	1.58	1.81	1.71	26/02/2024	367
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.52	1.62	1.94	1.71	11/01/2024	365
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.71	18/09/2023	1827
Westpac Banking Corporation	29. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,495	3.25	3.26	3.27	1.07	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	30. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,598	3.07	2.76	2.76	1.11	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	31. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.93	3.73	3.86	1.71	9/08/2023	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	32. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	3.94	3.75	3.88	0.85	18/08/2023	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	33. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.71	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	34. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	3,999	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71	12/02/2025	1827
Suncorp-Metway	35. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,592	2.58	2.58	2.58	1.53	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	36. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,860	3.60	3.60	3.59	1.65	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	37. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,366	5.49	5.46	5.47	0.58	25/01/2027	1683
Suncorp-Metway	38. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	4.48	3.22	3.79	0.51	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	39. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,565	4.55	3.76	3.82	1.10	25/02/2027	1711
Suncorp-Metway	40. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,200	4.77	4.56	4.56	0.94	14/12/2027	1826
Australian Unity Bank	41. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.14	4.14	4.14	0.85	19/07/2023	398
Australian Unity Bank	42. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.85	1/02/2024	365
Auswide Bank	43. Auswide FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	5.28	5.28	5.28	1.28	17/03/2026	1096
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	44. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.30	3.16	3.30	0.85	8/08/2023	180
Bank of Queensland	45. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	49	1.36	0.85	1.10	0.02		
Bank of Queensland	46. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	3,796	2.14	2.14	2.14	1.62	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	47. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	1,861	4.06	4.04	4.04	0.80	6/05/2026	1496
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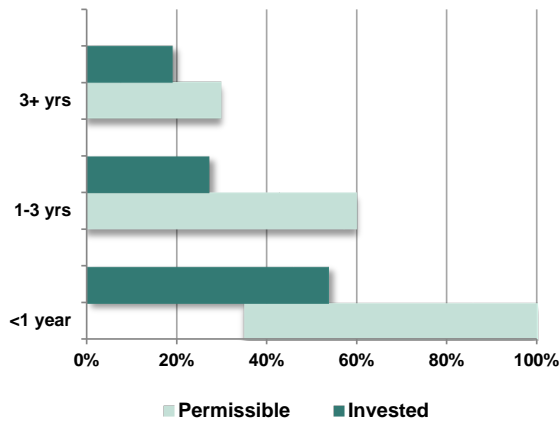
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Bank of Queensland	50. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	2,440	5.14	5.11	5.11	1.04	6/05/2026	1321
Bank of Queensland	51. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	3,000	4.54	4.54	4.54	1.28	27/07/2023	150
Bank of Queensland	52. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.85	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	53. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	4.22	3.80	3.90	1.71	23/08/2023	281
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	54. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,745	3.44	3.10	3.10	1.60	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	55. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	993	3.79	3.44	3.44	0.42	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	56. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,517	3.36	3.26	3.27	1.08	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	57. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	4.45	4.45	4.45	1.28	30/01/2024	365
Hume Bank	58. Hume Bank TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.60	4.60	4.60	0.85	1/02/2024	365
Members Banking Group	59. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.84	3.64	3.82	0.85	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	60. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	5.11	5.11	5.11	1.32	24/02/2026	1096
MyState Bank	61. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	4.15	2.80	3.38	0.64	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	62. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.85	11/10/2023	730
MyState Bank	63. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.85	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	64. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	2.28	2.81	0.85	23/11/2023	359
MyState Bank	65. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.50	2.28	2.81	0.85	1/11/2023	362
Police Financial Services	66. BankVic Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.80	4.08	4.08	0.85	24/03/2024	369
AMP	67. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	11	1.51	0.78	0.87	0.00		
AMP	68. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	3.50	2.58	3.19	0.43	2/08/2023	365
Auswide Bank	69. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.24	1.24	0.85	5/02/2024	720
Beyond Bank	70. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.40	4.40	4.40	0.85	12/05/2023	182
Credit Union Australia	71. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	4.48	3.22	3.79	0.43	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	72. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,200	5.21	5.21	5.21	0.51	9/02/2027	1461
Defence Bank	73. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	8/02/2024	730
Defence Bank	74. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.05	4.05	4.05	0.85	5/09/2023	365
G&C Mutual Bank	75. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.02	4.02	4.02	0.85	7/09/2023	365
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	76. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	4.23	2.65	3.18	0.85	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	77. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,238	4.39	2.80	3.32	1.38	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	78. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,699	4.99	3.84	4.16	1.58	10/02/2027	1720
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	79. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	983	5.14	5.00	5.00	0.42	10/02/2027	1482
Police & Nurses Limited	80. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.43	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	81. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.85	31/01/2024	730
Police Bank	82. Police Bank FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.10	4.78	4.78	0.85	21/11/2025	1096
Teachers Mutual Bank	83. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	4.17	2.84	3.41	0.47	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	84. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	4.17	2.89	3.49	0.43	22/03/2024	1096
				234,026	3.72	3.09	3.27	100		

Total Funds Invested

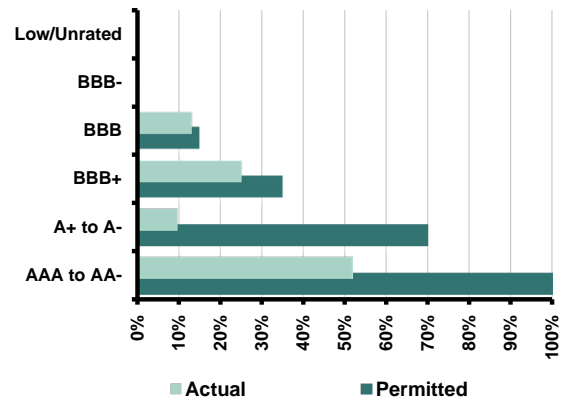


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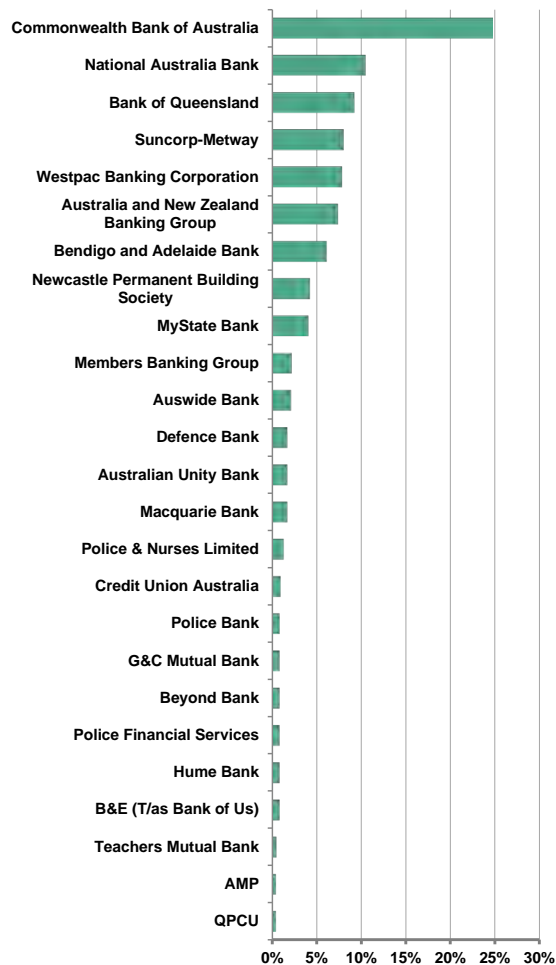


Investment Summary by Rating

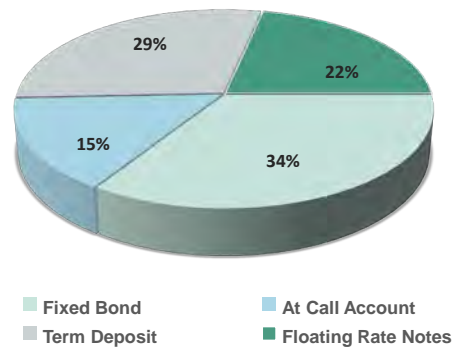


Note: Portion of deposits covered by Federal Guarantee are rated 'AAA'

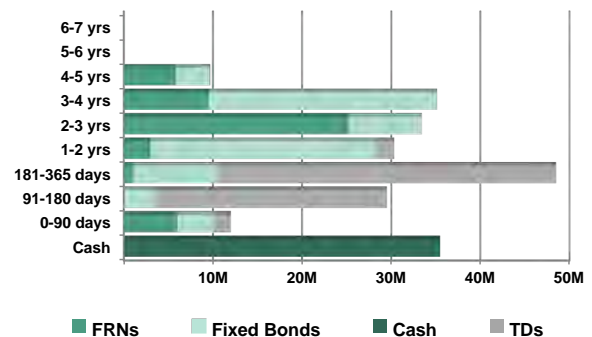
Active Investment by Institution



Summary by Investment Type



Summary by Duration



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	<365 days	>365 days
Cash/TDs	\$101.5M	\$2.0M
FRNs	\$7.0M	\$43.6M
Fixed Bonds	\$17.0M	\$63.0M
	\$125.5M	\$108.5M

Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions

Council uses the entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. The figures below are conservative and do not include any financial institutions that have not declared if they are fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned.

As at 31 March 2023, Council had a total amount of \$89.8M invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 38.38% of its total investment portfolio.

While all efforts are made to increase Council's proportion of non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, a conflict may arise with legislated credit rating requirements. This is because non-fossil fuel investment opportunities are in the main provided by smaller institutions that have lower credit ratings.

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 3.72%, which is 0.33% above the benchmark figure of 3.39%. The revised budget for interest income from investments is \$5,500K and as at 31 March 2023 funds of \$4,894K have been earned.

Summary

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

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)

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

Aneesh Zahra
Chief Financial Officer

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/23/1/1/2 - BP23/174

BACKGROUND:

At the Extraordinary meeting held on 22 March 2023, Council considered Mayoral Minute 4/23 regarding the City of Ryde International Delegation Visit to Taiwan and resolved in part as follows:-

- (a) *That Council notes that in the interests of transparency, the City of Ryde international delegation visit to Taiwan has been referred to the ICAC by the Mayor and Council will await their further response with respect to this matter.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), dated 11 April 2023, regarding the City of Ryde International Delegation Visit to Taiwan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) dated 11 April 2023 regarding the City of Ryde International Delegation Visit to Taiwan

Report Prepared By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

Report Approved By:

Graham Pares
Executive Manager - People and Business

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



Mr Sarkis Yedelian OAM
Mayor
City of Ryde Council
Email: SYedelian@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Our ref: E23/0389
Contact: Michael Fiorini
Email: icac@icac.nsw.gov.au

11 April 2023

Dear Mr Yedelian

I refer to your email of 9 March 2023 concerning the City of Ryde Council's resolution to participate in an international delegation to Taiwan and media commentary about this decision.

Our decision

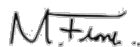
The Commission's Assessment Panel considered the concerns you referred and decided that the Commission will not investigate those concerns, as there is insufficient specific information before the Commission to support a likelihood that corrupt conduct may have occurred in Council's decision to participate in the delegation.

The Commission also provides advice on corruption prevention issues and potential corruption risks such as public officials accepting gifts. If you, other Councillors or Council staff would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Mr Lewis Rangott, Executive Director Corruption Prevention Division at lrangott@icac.nsw.gov.au or (02) 8281 5822. Alternatively, you can visit our website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au, where you can find publications on a wide range of corruption prevention topics.

Although we are not investigating your matter, we appreciate receiving information about possible corrupt conduct as it can assist us in our corruption prevention work. Further information about our role can be found in the fact sheet [Explaining the ICAC's decision](#).

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely



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NOTICES OF MOTION

1 DONATION OF A PLAQUE IN HONOUR OF MICHAEL CAROZZA - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/149

BACKGROUND:

Michael Alfred Carozza was born on the 16th of March 1987 and left us on the 1st of February 2023.

Living in the city of Ryde all his life, Michael dedicated his life to the world of sport and recreation. Michael lived a life of service, placing the needs of others around him before his own. Michael provided an extra-curricular approach to children's development through the instruction of Japanese Ju-Jitsu (martial arts), he was a fine student and instructor.

Michael taught programs to both adults and the youth of Ryde. Teaching over 1350 students from 3 years of age to 65 years. Michael was an instructor from the age of 16. Everybody knew and looked up to Sensei Michael.

Not only did he enhance the skill and technical ability of students but also looked after their wellbeing. He gave students a purpose, he allowed them to escape into another world away from stress and worry. More importantly, Michael assisted students through difficult times, such as grieving, bullying, body image, friendships, relationships. He gave both the youth and adults he encountered self-confidence and guidance to deal with these obstacles they face. Such is relevant in the many families who have written to you.

Michael taught in over 20 schools in the Greater Sydney area, from Bondi to Penrith, schools including, St Charles Borromeo Ryde, Ryde Public School, Putney Public School, Holy Spirit and Meadowbank Public School. At each of the following local schools within our Ryde community Michael taught an ABC Ninja program. He not only sought to improve hand-eye coordination, gross motor skills, balance and basic martial arts skills. But also promote basic literacy/numeracy, healthy eating, communication skills, discipline and teamwork in a fun, family friendly environment. Such qualities that are essential in society, particularly in a position of leadership. Aside from teaching this program, Michael would often give up his time to perform at school fun days, fete's and other sporting days/events. Ensuring every child and individual no matter their socioeconomic or cultural status received the highest of his services. Michael also taught in communities of low socioeconomic status, money never mattered to Michael, his priority was ensuring that all, particularly children received the highest of his energy and passion.

Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow. What it means to lose you, no-one will ever know.

MOTION:

- (a) That Council donate a plaque in honour of Michael Carozza who passed away at the age of 35.
- (b) That the plaque be displayed at Charity Creeks Cascades in May 2023.
- (c) That a ceremony be organised by Council liaising with the Carozza family on the appropriate date and wording of the plaque.
- (d) That funds be allocated from within the existing Community Services Base Budget.

2 DONATION OF MEMORIAL PARK BENCH IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANNA TALARICO - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/150

BACKGROUND:

Anna Talarico was a much loved mother of two little girls - Liliana 12 and Lola 10, wife, daughter, sister, local business owner and friend to so many near and far. She was an integral part of the local Ryde-Putney community who worked selflessly for many years raising funds for various Cancer Charities and personally helping others who have fought Cancer. Anna ran many mindfulness programs at local schools and community groups to help young children through to older members of our community.

9 years ago in 2014 at the age of 41, Anna went through an intense operation to have a brain tumour removed which was successful, only to find out one year later that she had stage three breast cancer which she fought and successfully defeated after undergoing a double mastectomy and chemotherapy. Sadly though Anna's battle began again last year when cancer returned. Unfortunately, treatment was not an option for her and she chose to live out her final short months at home with her young daughters, husband and her closest friends that she called her angels. Anna sadly passed away on the 31st of May 2022. Her care, compassion and love of people enabled her to touch the lives of all those who are fortunate enough to have crossed her path. To her nearest and dearest she is considered an Earth Angel, an amazing human who gave of herself to help others.

We would like to ask for a permanent remembrance in honour of our beautiful Anna at her favourite place where her girls can feel they can spend time and connect with her as well as all of those who loved her so dearly. We are hoping to have this for Lola and Liliana in time for their first mother's day without their mum. May her memory live on forever.

MOTION:

- (a) That Council donate and install a memorial park bench in remembrance of Anna Talarico.
- (b) That the park bench be installed prior to Mother's Day if practical.
- (c) That funds be allocated from within existing project budget in the Capital Works Programme.

3 INSTALLATION OF FENCE AT NORTH RYDE PLAYGROUND - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/151

MOTION:

- (a) That Council investigates the feasibility and cost to install a fence at the North Ryde playground to ensure safety of the children.
- (b) That a wider consultation process be developed to ensure that the community is satisfied with the proposal.
- (c) That a source of funding be allocated to the achievement of the proposal.
- (d) That a report on the findings of the investigation be presented at the June 2023 Council meeting.

4 REVISED RYDE CIVIC CENTRE DESIGNS - Councillor Bernard Purcell

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/170

MOTION:

- (a) That should the City of Ryde Council change the design of the civic centre project, that prior to lodging a development application, it undertakes a public consultation process equivalent to the former design to ensure public support.
- (b) That the consultation results be brought to Council prior to a development application being lodged.

5 SOURCING LOCAL CONTRACTORS - Councillor Bernard Purcell**File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/171

MOTION:

That the City of Ryde Council, in consultation with local businesses and stakeholders, reviews its tendering processes, to include:-

- i. A system that provides more information to tenderers to assist in responding to Council's Request for Tenders.
- ii. A positive weighting for locally-based contractors.

6 CALL FOR EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION AT REGIONAL EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Councillor Penny Pedersen**File Number:** CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/175

MOTION:

(a) That Council:-

1. Note that a regional Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) covers the whole of the Hunters Hill, Ryde, Lane Cove, and Parramatta area including private land which includes information about the local area and specifies works to be done to manage bush fire risk in the area.
2. Note elected delegates from each Council are invited to attend the Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) and at present no elected members of City of Ryde (CoR) Council attend the meeting.

(b) That in order to improve CoR representation at external committees:-

- i. Council nominate two delegates and two alternative delegates to attend the Ryde/Hunters Hill/Lane Cove/Parramatta BFMC.
- ii. Councillors be informed of the date and times of CoR traffic committee meetings and be invited to attend.
- iii. CoR staff supply a list of all required delegations from CoR to external committees and that this be presented to Council via the CIB as soon as possible and that this report include the terms of reference for each committee, specifying whether an external committee requires two elected delegates or one elected delegate.
- iv. CoR staff supply an attendance report on external committees noting where delegates and alternate delegates have attended or not attended external committee meetings during this term of Council.

- v. That all external meetings be attended by at least one elected delegate from Council and if the elected delegate and/or the alternate delegate cannot attend then one of the other Councillors be asked to attend.
- vi. So that all Councillors remain informed, the official Councillor delegate must provide a short report on the business discussed at each external committee meeting and indicate how CoR delegates voted (in consultation with the alternate if they were not in attendance themselves) and this be circulated via the next Councillor information Bulletin (CIB) after the meeting.

**7 CALL FOR A CULTURE REPORT TO BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL -
Councillor Penny Pedersen**

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/176

MOTION:

That a report on City of Ryde workplace culture be brought back to Council which includes:-

- i. A copy of City of Ryde's resourcing strategy.
- ii. City of Ryde's current vacancy rate.
- iii. The number of staff who have left City of Ryde in the last 12 months, from what positions and how many of those employees were women.
- iv. Appraisal of equal opportunity for staff - outlining opportunities that existed for staff to apply for new positions and existing positions during the recent restructure.
- v. Gender equity - How many women currently hold senior positions at the City of Ryde compared to men and what incentives or opportunities exist to increase representation in senior positions.
- vi. How City of Ryde rates against the performance of other NSROC Councils.
- vii. The number of employees living with disability and the opportunities that currently exist for inclusive employment.
- viii. The number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island employees at City of Ryde.
- ix. Costs incurred by the City of Ryde on redundancies, court costs and expenses related to the recent corporate restructure (costs over the last 12 months).
- x. That a standing culture report be supplied to Council every 6 months.

**8 DIVESTMENT OF FOSSIL FUEL ALIGNED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM THE CITY OF RYDE (COR) INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - Councillor
Penny Pedersen**

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/177

MOTION:

(a) That Council notes:-

1. City of Ryde staff use the entity 'Market Forces' to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. The figures in the City of Ryde Investment reports are conservative and do not include any financial institutions that have not declared if they are fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned.
2. As at 28 February 2023, Council had a total amount of \$88.3M invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 37.09% of its total investment portfolio.
3. That over 40 Councils have managed to divest by 100% including Inner West Council, Newcastle City Council; Randwick City Council; Hobart City Council; City of Ballarat; Moreland City Council or City of Melbourne. Banyule City Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, City of Wodonga, Mt Alexander Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire, City of Fremantle, Shire of Goomalling, City of Armadale, Town of Bassendean, City of Stirling, Town of East Fremantle, City of Vincent, City of Swan, Lismore City Council, Gloucester Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, Albury City Council, Ballina Shire Council, Banyule City Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, City of Wodonga, Mt Alexander Shire Council among other councils, large companies, organisations and universities.

(b) That staff bring back as part of the next Investment Report:-

- i. Details on how over 40 Councils have managed to divest by 100%, showing examples of how this was achieved from Councils such as Inner west, Newcastle City Council; Randwick City Council and Hobart City Council.
- ii. Showing the time line of these Councils divestments and the non fossil fuel investments they now have in their portfolio.
- iii. Outlining why City of Ryde Council moved from 24% - 30% of non fossil fuel aligned investments in 2018 and has now stalled at 37.09% while other councils have achieved 100% and many more than 40 are moving faster toward 100%.
- iv. Explaining how City of Ryde uses entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. ie: Does City of Ryde contract Market forces consultants.

9 REPORT TO INVESTIGATE STORAGE OPTIONS FOR KAYAKS - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/6 - BP23/179

MOTION:

That Council investigate options for kayak storage for Meadowbank residents near Meadowbank wharf. That the report be presented to Council with costs within 3 months.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/23/1/1/10 - BP23/178

Question 1:

We have a resolution of Council to install a third flagpole at Kissing Point from meeting dated 22/3/2022. Why has this not been installed in the last 12 months?

Question 2:

How many Parramatta River Catchment Group meetings has the official elected Councillor delegate attended this term of Council?

Question 3:

Please provide a list of the Regional Planning Committee meetings and NSROC meetings from this term of Council where only one or no City of Ryde Councillor delegates were present and list the items that were being voted on at those meetings.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12 REQUEST FOR TENDER - ADVERTISING SERVICES PANEL

Report prepared by: Acting Manager - Communications and Engagement

Report approved by: Executive Manager - People and Business

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