

Meeting Date: Tuesday 27 May 2025
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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Statement of Ethical Obligations
Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage Conflicts of Interest.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/25/1/1/2 - BP25/353

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/25/1/1/2 - BP25/354

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 4/25, held on 30 April 2025 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 30 April 2025**

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



Extraordinary Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 4/25

Meeting Date: Wednesday 30 April 2025
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 7.04pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio and Tracey.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo and Pedersen.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Acting Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Chief Information Officer, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Executive Officer – City Economy, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Manager – Circular Economy, Senior Coordinator – Asset Integration, Senior Coordinator – Resources Recovery, Team Leader – Waste, Team Leader – Community Development, IT Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager, Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator and Acting Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Father Greg Morgan of the Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns, for the reason that he is friends with one of the property owners on Buena Vista Avenue.

Councillor Last disclosed a Significant Non-pecuniary Interest in Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns, for the reason that his Godparents who he is close with live on the street and affected area.

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TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Paul Hatchman	Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns
Jason Gao	Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns
Janet Fairlie-Cuninghame	Notice of Motion 7 – Consideration of a New Category in the City of Ryde Community Grants Program to Cover Environmental Projects

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

COUNCIL REPORT

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Han)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 6, Item 9, Item 10, Precis of Correspondence 1, Precis of Correspondence 2, Notice of Motion 2, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 6, Item 12, Item 13 and Item 14 on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the Reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 2/25, held on 25 March 2025 be confirmed.

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ATTACHMENT 1

**3 DRAFT 2025-2029 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM INCLUDING
DRAFT 2025/2026 ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN**

That Council, in accordance with legislative requirements, resolve to place the Draft Four-Year Delivery Program 2025-2029, Draft One-Year Operational Plan 2025-2026, Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026, Draft Ten-Year Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-2035, Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan, and Draft Workforce Management Strategy on public exhibition for the period Thursday, 1 May 2025 to Sunday, 1 June 2025 (inclusive).

**6 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR FINALISATION – Reclassification of
Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community Land to
Operational Land**

- (a) That Council endorse the planning proposal to reclassify land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville, being LOT 1 DP 816692 from Community land to Operational land.
- (b) That Council endorse the submission of the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Parliamentary Counsel's Office for finalisation under s.3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

**9 FOR ADOPTION – DRAFT MACQUARIE PARK CORRIDOR SECTION
7.12 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN**

- (a) That Council notes the public exhibition of the Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025 and the Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020 Version 2.
- (b) That Council supports the post-exhibition amendment to the savings and transitional provision and adopts the Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025 and the Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020 Version 2.
- (c) That a notice is published on Council's website within 28 days of Council's decision, in accordance with Clause 214 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

**10 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - NORTHERN DISTRICTS LOCAL
BUSINESS AWARDS 2025**

That Council decline the request for sponsorship of the Northern Districts Local Business Awards for 2025.

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ATTACHMENT 1

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HON. PRUE CAR MP REGARDING A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MIDTOWN MACQUARIE PARK

That the correspondence be received and noted.

2 MINISTERIAL MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, DEPUTY PREMIER, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING AND MINISTER FOR SPORT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING ON NEW WEST RYDE MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

2 LOCAL DISABILITY ART FESTIVAL - Councillor Roy Maggio

- (a) That the City of Ryde provides a report to explore and create a local disability art event with artistic works of people living with disability, experiencing social isolation, or at risk of marginalisation providing a platform for artists of all abilities to promote themselves and expand their creative talent.
- (b) That the report should include:-
 - i. A wide community discussion with all disability networks in Ryde and local artists.
 - ii. A disability art award be presented by the Mayor and invite interested Councillors on the day.
 - iii. That the event is open to artists aged 18 and over.
 - iv. That Artists are encouraged to submit drawings, graphic art or paintings.
 - v. That the exhibition is a celebration of International Day of People with Disability. This year's theme focuses on "Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future.
- (c) That the report be made available at the July Council meeting with usage of Councillor Maggio's discretionary fund of \$1,000 in support of the event.

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3 IMPROVED BUS SERVICES FOR GLADESVILLE AND EAST RYDE – Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

That Council request the Mayor to write to the NSW Minister for Transport, John Graham MP, and the Member for Lane Cove, the Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, requesting:-

- (a) The extension of the Route 516 bus service into Sagar Place, East Ryde, to better service the surrounding community.
- (b) Insights into the feasibility of introducing a new bus route that would provide a direct connection between Gladesville and the North Ryde Metro Station, travelling via Pittwater Road.

4 EXPANDING RYDE'S BASKETBALL FACILITIES TO MEETING COMMUNITY DEMAND - Councillor Keanu Arya

That Council staff prepare a report to be brought back to Council which outlines the following:

- (a) Investigate and record the existing locations and number of basketball courts, half courts and hoops in Ryde, including any multi-purpose facilities, together with indicative costings for the annual maintenance of these facilities.
- (b) Explore options for deploying cost-effective basketball court facilities (e.g. half courts and individual hoops) where feasible, including associated costing and the availability of grants to assist with funding, while recognising that larger-scale facilities requiring substantial funding would need to be planned and budgeted accordingly.
- (c) Identify proposed locations for five new basketball facility sites in Ryde on a scale from lowest costing (e.g. hoop on a wall) to highest costing (e.g. half court/full court), with a view to commencing installations in 2026.
- (d) Identify a second round of proposed sites for consultation in 2026, with a view to installation in 2027/2028.

6 THE DELIVERY OF BLENHEIM PARK MASTERPLAN AND OPENING THE PARK FOR RYDE'S COMMUNITY TO USE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

That staff prepare a report that contains the following information:-

- (a) Detail of any work to progress the masterplan that has already been carried out alongside the remediation.

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- (b) Detail of the contaminants; the remediation process; cost of remediation; funding source for the remediation and details of any safety risk to the public (those who attended the public tree planting and residents living on adjoining land).
- (c) Details of fox and invasive species management at the park.
- (d) An updated timeline for delivery of the masterplan.
- (e) An update on the health of plants that were planted by the public on national tree day in July 2024, including how many plants were planted and how many of those have survived.

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12 OUTCOME OF RECORDS STORAGE CONTRACT (COR-RFT-01-24)

That Council receives and notes the report.

13 REQUEST FOR TENDER – SSROC T2023-03 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE OF GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS

- (a) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, Council accepts the tenders from the following tenderers for a period of 3 years with 2 x 1 year option periods:
 - a. Australian Wetlands Consulting Pty Ltd
 - b. Interflow Pty Ltd
 - c. J.J. Coleman Plumbing Pty Ltd
 - d. Optimal Stormwater Pty Ltd
 - e. Pipe Management Australia Pty Ltd
 - f. SPEL Environmental Pty Ltd t/as Atlan Stormwater
 - g. Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty Ltd
 - h. Urban Asset Solutions Pty Ltd

- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

14 ICT PROCUREMENT – EXCEPTING PROCUREMENT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDERING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

That, pursuant to Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and having regard to the information put before it:

- i. That Council is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances for the goods and services listed in Tables 1 and 2 in **Attachment 1** with regard to the potential solution of an ERP and there being insufficient time and resources to undertake complaint procurement that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.

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- ii. that Council is satisfied that due to there being a sole provider there is an unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers for the goods and services listed in Table 3 in Attachment 1 and that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.
- iii. Council does not invite tenders for the goods and services listed in **Attachment 1**.
- iv. Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter contracts for the goods and services listed in **Attachment 1** on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer for a period not exceeding the timeframe or cost expressed within **Attachment 1**.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Tracey)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 7.21pm:-

- Mayoral Minute 5/25 – The Passing of Pope Francis on 21 April 2025.
- Mayoral Minute 6/25 – Recognition of the 110th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.
- Mayoral Minute 7/25 – Condolences and Solidarity following Terrorist Attack in Baisaran Valley, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Mayoral Minute 8/25 – Trial Lighting Extension at Meadowbank Stake Park, Constitution Road West, Meadowbank.
- Mayoral Minute 9/25 – Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2025.
- Mayoral Minute 10/25 – Proposal to Investigate Installation of Defibrillators in Parks and Sporting Fields.
- Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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MAYORAL MINUTES

5/25 THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS ON 21 APRIL 2025 - Mayor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That the City of Ryde acknowledges the passing of Pope Francis and his global impact, particularly his leadership in advocating for peace, human dignity, and interfaith dialogue.
- (b) That Council observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.

6/25 RECOGNITION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE - Mayor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

That Council:

- (a) Recognises the contribution of the Armenian community in the City of Ryde.
- (b) Call upon the Commonwealth Government to formally recognise the genocide of the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek peoples of Europe during the period of 1915-1923.
- (c) Note the City of Ryde's Armenian Genocide Memorial being held on 10 May 2025 at 2.30pm at Memorial Park, Meadow Crescent, Meadowbank.
- (d) Observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.

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7/25 CONDOLENCES AND SOLIDARITY FOLLOWING TERRORIST ATTACK IN BAISARAN VALLEY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR - Mayor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown and Councillor Deshpande)

- (a) That the City of Ryde expresses its deepest sympathy for the victims, their families, and the people of India. We stand in solidarity with them and with all those who oppose the forces of hatred and violence.
- (b) That Council observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.
- (c) That Council write to the Sydney Indian Consulate expressing Council's condolences and solidarity with the Indian diaspora in Australia and in particular, City of Ryde residents.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.

8/25 TRIAL LIGHTING EXTENSION AT MEADOWBANK SKATE PARK, CONSTITUTION ROAD WEST, MEADOWBANK - Mayor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That Council endorse the lighting at Meadowbank Skate Park be extended by one hour to 8.00pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights as a trial for the period May 2025 – September 2025 (inclusive).
- (b) That at the conclusion of this trial period, a report be brought back to Council with a view to making this arrangement permanent.
- (c) That Council consider undertaking an acoustic report of noise levels impacting local neighbours and present options for noise mitigation strategies to be included in the Council report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9/25 SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL 2025 - Mayor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That Council make a \$2,500 one off donation to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2025 to be funded from the Civic Services Donations budget.

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- (b) That as part of the Ryde and Hunters Hill Zone Launch event for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2025 (being held on Friday 9 May 2025) the Mayor present the cheque for \$2,500 on behalf of the City of Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

10/25 PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN PARKS AND SPORTING FIELDS - Mayor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That Council investigate and bring back a report by October 2025 regarding installation, management and maintenance of defibrillators in parks, sporting fields and the Putney swim site.
- (b) That consultation with stakeholder groups such as the Heart Foundation, the Heart of the Nation and relevant sporting groups be undertaken to incorporate their expertise into Council's recommendations.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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7 BUENA VISTA AVENUE - WASTE COLLECTION CONCERNS

Note: Paul Hatchman and Jason Gao provided written submissions in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

Note: Email Correspondence dated 8 April 2025 from Veolia was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is friends with one of the property owners on Buena Vista Avenue. He left the meeting at 7.50pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Last disclosed a Significant Non-pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his Godparents who he is close with live on the street and affected area. He left the meeting at 7.50pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Han)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge and validate the concerns of these residents by providing a detailed report on the number of residents and properties that were in attendance at all the Council and residents meetings.
- (b) Request staff to promptly arrange a follow-up meeting with the affected residents within one week of this Council meeting, with Councillors invited to attend, to ensure open dialogue and collaboration.
- (c) Request that Council undertake necessary pruning and maintenance of overgrown trees along Buena Vista Avenue to improve accessibility and facilitate safer waste collection vehicle movement along the entire street.
- (d) Request that the outcomes of the residents meeting – including any agreements, proposed solutions, or outstanding concerns – be formally reported back to the next Council meeting to ensure full transparency and accountability.
- (e) Approve the undertaking of further minor works to create and amalgamate dedicated bin presentation areas ('bin bays') along Buena Vista Avenue to enable safer and more efficient waste collection, funded by the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
- (f) Request staff to report back to Council with a design QS and funding pathway for the recommended road widening works proposed for Buena Vista Avenue within 3 months, with the proposal of removal of signage once works are complete.
- (g) Approve the installation "NO STOPPING" zone on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue at the property frontages of 14 and 19-23 as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H) (entrance/exit to loop road), funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.
- (h) Approve the installation of "NO STOPPING" zone on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue at the property frontages 47-51 (hairpin bend) as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H), funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.
- (i) Approve the installation of "NO PARKING 5AM-11AM WEDNESDAY, WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED" zone be installed on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue (loop road) except along the frontages of property nos. 14, 18, 26 – 28, 29, 35, 39 and 43 Buena Vista Avenue, Denistone as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H). These works are to be funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

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

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025

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

3 DRAFT 2025 - 2029 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM INCLUDING DRAFT 2025/2026 ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

4 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY - PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Note: Councillor Li and Councillor Last returned to the meeting at 8.09pm.

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

- (a) That Council receives and notes the draft Community Strategic Plan – Ryde to 2035 and draft Community Engagement Strategy as provided in ATTACHMENTS 1 and 2.
- (b) That Council notes that extensive community engagement and a wide range of research methods were conducted to seek our community's valuable feedback and input as provided in ATTACHMENT 3.
- (c) That Council, updates the Community Strategic Plan to include a mechanism to provide proactive acknowledgement and continuous progress reports to all residents that have provided feedback. This will ensure more community participation based on being involved and knowing their views thoughts and feedback guides final decision making.
- (d) That Council, in accordance with legislative requirements, endorses for public exhibition the draft Community Strategic Plan – Ryde to 2035 and draft Community Engagement Strategy for a period of 32 days from 1 May 2025 to 1 June 2025 (inclusive).

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - National Convention Centre, Canberra - 24 to 27 June 2025

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Last and Arya)

That Council declines to send any delegates to the National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from Tuesday, 24 June 2025 to Friday, 27 June 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo and Pedersen

6 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR FINALISATION - Reclassification of Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community Land to Operational Land

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

7 BUENA VISTA AVENUE - WASTE COLLECTION CONCERNS

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

8 BRUSH FARM AND LAMBERT PARK MASTERPLAN

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Last and Howison)

- (a) That Council adopts the Brush Farm and Lambert Park Masterplan provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, as its vision for the two parks prepared by TURF Design Studio (April 2025).
- (b) That Council write to thank all participants who participated in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**9 FOR ADOPTION - DRAFT MACQUARIE PARK CORRIDOR SECTION 7.12
LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN**

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

**10 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - NORTHERN DISTRICTS LOCAL BUSINESS
AWARDS 2025**

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

INFORMATION REPORT

**11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

**1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HON. PRUE CAR MP REGARDING A NEW
PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MIDTOWN MACQUARIE PARK**

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

**2 MINISTERIAL MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, DEPUTY PREMIER,
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING AND MINISTER FOR
SPORT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING ON NEW WEST RYDE
MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY**

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

**1 ENSURING SAFE AND APPROPRIATE AMENITIES AT COMMUNITY
SPORTING FACILITIES - Councillor Kathy Tracey**

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Investigates the recent shift towards unisex toilet facilities in newly built sporting amenities buildings and assesses the impact on community safety and comfort, particularly for young female participants.

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- (b) Reviews best practices regarding the provision of separate male and female toilet facilities alongside unisex options where appropriate.
- (c) Ensures that future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users, including children, parents, volunteers, and players.
- (d) Engages with key stakeholders, including local sporting clubs and community groups, to gather feedback and determine the most suitable approach for future amenities.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Howison)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges that the proposed changes made to the National Construction Code (NCC) regarding all-gender bathrooms, have been obtained through consultation conducted by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).
- (b) Reviews recent findings from the legislative council regarding the accessibility of public bathrooms, specifically for the use of neurodiverse individuals.
- (c) Ensures that future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users, including children, parent, volunteers, and players no matter what their level of capacity or gender may be.
- (d) Engages with key stakeholder's, including local sporting clubs, LGBTQIA+ advisory groups and community groups, to ensure healthy communication and feedback is maintained regarding the safety and comfort of all members of our community.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was three (3) votes For and nine (9) votes Against. The Amendment was LOST. A Further Amendment was then put.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami and Pedersen

Against the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han Last, Lara-Watson, Li, Lo and Tracey

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FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges that proposed changes to the National Construction Code (NCC) relating to all-gender bathroom facilities have been informed by consultation undertaken by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).
- (b) Investigates the recent shift toward incorporating unisex toilet facilities in newly built sporting amenities, assessing the implications for community safety, comfort, and accessibility – particularly for young female participants and neurodiverse individuals.
- (c) Notes the recent NSW Legislative Council enquiry into public toilets and, while awaiting the committee's report and recommendations on bathroom accessibility, supports the consideration of separate male and female facilities alongside unisex options where appropriate.
- (d) Commits to ensuring that all future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users – regardless of gender, age, ability, or role – whether they be players, parents, volunteers, or spectators.
- (e) Engages proactively with key stakeholders, including local sporting clubs, LGBTQIA+ groups, neurodiversity advocates, and relevant community organisations to ensure open, respectful communication and inclusive feedback on the planning and design of community amenities.

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

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges that proposed changes to the National Construction Code (NCC) relating to all-gender bathroom facilities have been informed by consultation undertaken by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).
- (b) Investigates the recent shift toward incorporating unisex toilet facilities in newly built sporting amenities, assessing the implications for community safety, comfort, and accessibility – particularly for young female participants and neurodiverse individuals.

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- (c) Notes the recent NSW Legislative Council enquiry into public toilets and, while awaiting the committee's report and recommendations on bathroom accessibility, supports the consideration of separate male and female facilities alongside unisex options where appropriate.
- (d) Commits to ensuring that all future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users – regardless of gender, age, ability, or role – whether they be players, parents, volunteers, or spectators.
- (e) Engages proactively with key stakeholders, including local sporting clubs, LGBTQIA+ groups, neurodiversity advocates, and relevant community organisations to ensure open, respectful communication and inclusive feedback on the planning and design of community amenities.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 LOCAL DISABILITY ART FESTIVAL - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

3 IMPROVED BUS SERVICES FOR GLADESVILLE AND EAST RYDE - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

4 EXPANDING RYDE'S BASKETBALL FACILITIES TO MEETING COMMUNITY DEMAND - Councillor Keanu Arya

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

5 ENHANCING INCLUSIVITY AND SUPPORT FOR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY IN RYDE - Councillor Tina Kordrostami

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Pedersen)

That Council:

- (a) Establish an LGBTQIA+ advisory group to provide visibility for the community through active engagement in planning reports, to be funded from the Advisory Committees Admin Support budget.

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- (b) Facilitate collaboration between the City of Ryde and existing organisations, such as ACON, Rainbow Families, The Gender Centre and Twenty10 to plan localised support services for LGBTQIA+ people in Ryde and to address and prevent harmful community responses.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Kordrostami)

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirms its commitment to social inclusion for all residents, and welcomes members of the LGBTQIA+ community to apply to join the City of Ryde's Inclusion and Community Wellbeing Committee, recognising the importance of identity, equity, and a sense of belonging.
- (b) Recommends the proposed LGBTQIA+ Advisory Group be established as a sub-committee under the City of Ryde's Social Inclusion Advisory Group, to ensure an integrated but more focused approach to supporting the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community within Council's advisory framework.
- (c) Notes that the Draft City of Ryde Community Engagement Strategy – Public Exhibition April 2025 – identifies the LGBTQIA+ community group in the current list of stakeholders that Council engages with.
- (d) Facilitate collaboration between the City of Ryde and relevant organisations to plan localised support services for LGBTQIA+ people in Ryde and to address and prevent harmful community responses.
- (e) Recommends this sub-committee will be operational for 18 months, with a report at the end of its term, making recommendations to Council for the establishment of a community group that supports the LGBTQIA+ community and makes other recommendations to Council.

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

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Pedersen)

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirms its commitment to social inclusion for all residents, and welcomes members of the LGBTQIA+ community to apply to join the City of Ryde's Inclusion and Community Wellbeing Committee, recognising the importance of identity, equity, and a sense of belonging.

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- (b) Recommends the proposed LGBTQIA+ Advisory Group be established as a sub-committee under the City of Ryde's Social Inclusion Advisory Group, to ensure an integrated but more focused approach to supporting the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community within Council's advisory framework.
- (c) Notes that the Draft City of Ryde Community Engagement Strategy – Public Exhibition April 2025 – identifies the LGBTQIA+ community group in the current list of stakeholders that Council engages with.
- (d) Facilitate collaboration between the City of Ryde and relevant organisations to plan localised support services for LGBTQIA+ people in Ryde and to address and prevent harmful community responses.
- (e) Recommends this sub-committee will be operational for 18 months, with a report at the end of its term, making recommendations to Council for the establishment of a community group that supports the LGBTQIA+ community and makes other recommendations to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 THE DELIVERY OF BLENHEIM PARK MASTERPLAN AND OPENING THE PARK FOR RYDE'S COMMUNITY TO USE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

7 CONSIDERATION OF A NEW CATEGORY IN THE CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM TO COVER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Janet Fairlie-Cuninghame provided a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

That Council staff prepare a report to be brought back to Council which:

- (a) Explores a state or federal grant that would enable City of Ryde to expand the Community Grants program, so that it includes an Environmental category.
- (b) Explores the environment grants programs that are awarded at other Councils across Sydney and considers how the grant might work - including: guidelines; objectives; assessment; eligibility criteria; and how to apply.

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

That Council:

- (a) Notes the recent launch of the City of Ryde Grant Finder, a free service available to all businesses, community groups, and not-for-profit organisations located within the Ryde Local Government Area, which provides access to a comprehensive list of grant funding opportunities across Australia, including those related to environmental projects.
- (b) Notes that the City of Ryde Grant Finder, provided in partnership with GrantGuru, enables users to easily search for and filter funding opportunities by location, industry, and project type, including environmental initiatives, and provides guidance on how to maximise success in grant applications.
- (c) Requests that Council staff continue to promote the City of Ryde Grant Finder to ensure community groups, businesses, and residents are aware of and supported in accessing grant opportunities for environmental and other community-focused projects.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was eight (8) votes For and five (5) votes Against. The Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the recent launch of the City of Ryde Grant Finder, a free service available to all businesses, community groups, and not-for-profit organisations located within the Ryde Local Government Area, which provides access to a comprehensive list of grant funding opportunities across Australia, including those related to environmental projects.
- (b) Notes that the City of Ryde Grant Finder, provided in partnership with GrantGuru, enables users to easily search for and filter funding opportunities by location, industry, and project type, including environmental initiatives, and provides guidance on how to maximise success in grant applications.

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- (c) Requests that Council staff continue to promote the City of Ryde Grant Finder to ensure community groups, businesses, and residents are aware of and supported in accessing grant opportunities for environmental and other community-focused projects.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**8 HELPING MAKE THE CITY OF RYDE A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CITY -
Councillor Penny Pedersen**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Han)

That City of Ryde liaise with Dementia Friendly Australia staff to prepare a report for Council exploring:-

- (a) Delivery of Dementia friendly workshops to staff as suggested in the toolkit and attaining recognition as a dementia friendly Council.
- (b) Facilitating Dementia Friendly workshops for local business and community organisations.
- (c) Details on Hornsby Council's experience working toward being dementia friendly.
- (d) Opportunities to collaborate with national initiatives such as Step Up for Dementia Research to promote community participation in dementia research and clinical trials.
- (e) Building partnerships with local university dementia research centres (e.g. Macquarie University Dementia Research Centre) to explore projects, awareness campaigns and innovation initiatives that enhance dementia friendly strategies.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding an Audit of Impounded Political Materials.

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MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen, regarding an Audit of Impounded Political Materials, the time being 9.38pm.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was six (6) votes For and seven (7) votes Against. The Motion was LOST.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Against the Motion: Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

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12 OUTCOME OF RECORDS STORAGE CONTRACT (COR-RFT-01-24)

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

13 REQUEST FOR TENDER - SSROC T2023-03 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE OF GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS

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

14 ICT PROCUREMENT - EXCEPTING PROCUREMENT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDERING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

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

The meeting closed at 9.43pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY 2025

Chairperson

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3 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AND QUARTER THREE PROGRESS REPORT

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Management Accounting and Business Strategy
File No.: FIM/23/99/1 - BP25/307

REPORT SUMMARY

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

Council's financial position is satisfactory, and the March 2025 Quarterly Review shows that actuals are on track to meet the results forecasted in the Revised Budget.

The budget variations proposed in this Review will not change the projected Unrestricted Cash balance of **\$8.5m** as at 30 June 2025. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs and is considered Council's working capital. In addition, these funds are required to meet any unknown or unexpected costs and should not to be reallocated for other purposes.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- ✓ Unrestricted cash is projected to be maintained at **\$8.5m**
- ✓ Budgeted Infrastructure Spend of **\$87.8m** to renew and replace assets
- ✓ Cash & Investments earning above benchmark rates of return
- ✓ Rates and Annual Charges collected on track at **76.9%**
- ✓ Debt service ratio well above benchmark
- ✓ Maintaining current levels of service

QUARTER THREE PROGRESS REPORT – Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2024-2025

To ensure that the Council is informed of key deliverables and the tracking of ongoing activities, capital works, projects, and service delivery, the '2024-2025 Quarter Three Progress Report January to March 2025' is provided in **ATTACHMENT 2 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.**

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In accordance with the legislative requirements and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the published Office of Local Government NSW IP&R Guidelines September 2021, the Quarterly Progress Report covering the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025 will be tabled for endorsement at a Council meeting, and then publicly released to the Community via the City of Ryde's website.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorses the proposed budget variations as detailed in **ATTACHMENT 1**.
- (b) That Council receives, notes and endorses the Operational Plan 2024-2025 Quarter Three Progress Report January to March 2025 as provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 QBR3 Review Reports
- 2 City of Ryde 2024-2025 Quarter Three Progress Report (Jan-Mar 2025) - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

Jifeng Huang
Senior Coordinator - Management Accounting and Business Strategy

Report Approved By:

Steven Harris
Chief Financial Officer

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Discussion

Budget 2024/2025

Council's Operational Plan 2024/2025 was adopted by Council on 25 June 2024.

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

Budget variations proposed in this Review will no impact on Council's projected Unrestricted Cash balance of **\$8.5m** as at 30 June 2025. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs and is considered Council's working capital. In addition, these funds are required to meet any unknown or unexpected costs and should not to be reallocated for other purposes.

It is expected that Council will spend a total of **\$253.5m** this Financial Year on both recurrent expenditure for the provision of a range of services to the community and for capital expenditure for community assets including loans and leases.

Operating Budget

The adopted Original Budget forecasted an Operating Surplus of **\$17.1m** (Statutory Format). The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting requires the inclusion of all income received as income for the year, even though the associated expenditure may be incurred in future periods. As the Statutory Format reflects a somewhat misleading result, the Management Reporting Format which takes into consideration the matching principles is used on a regular basis to monitor Council's financial performance. The adopted Original Budget forecasts an Operating Surplus of **\$50k** (Management Format)

Capital Budget

The adopted Original Capital Works Budget including loans and leases totalled **\$42.1m**.

With the addition of carryover funds from FY23/24, September Quarterly Review and December Quarterly Review, the Capital Works Budget increased from **\$87.7m** to **\$87.8m**.

Variations proposed in this Review of **\$1.2m** will result in a decrease in the Capital Works Budget to **\$88.6m**, this is mainly due to an increase in funding for new projects which have brought forward from next Financial Year and new projects where Council has received grant funding.

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Cash & Investments

As per the unaudited Financial Statements at 30 June 2024, cash and investments totaled **\$310.5m**.

Due to movements as a result of the original budget for FY24/25, carryover funds from FY23/24, September Quarter Review and December Quarter Review cash and investments have increased from **\$284.3m** to **\$290.7m**.

It is projected that following this review, cash & investments will increase to **\$339.3m** and this is mainly due to the additional investment income of \$1.8m and additional Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 Developer Contributions received of \$10.2m.

It is anticipated that the Unrestricted Cash will maintain at \$8.5m as at 30 June 2025. Further details regarding Externally and Internally Restricted Reserves are provided in **ATTACHMENT** and are in accordance with Council's Adopted Cash Reserve Policy.

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

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

Statutory Format		Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)										Ref
Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	December Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Matching Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)	
Income From Continuing Operations													
115,569	115,802	Rates and annual charges	115,569	-	-	-	115,569	115,802	-	314	314	115,884	1
18,762	14,674	User charges and fees	18,937	-	-	(176)	18,762	14,674	-	(154)	(154)	18,607	4, 6, 8, 12-13, 18
13,487	12,306	Interest and investment revenue	9,987	-	-	3,500	13,487	12,306	-	1,800	1,800	15,287	2
12,923	9,468	Other Revenue	12,911	-	12	-	12,923	9,468	-	252	252	13,175	3-5, 7, 9-10, 14
2,584	2,264	Grants and Contributions - Operating	6,293	169	(3,888)	10	2,584	2,264	74	28	102	2,687	11, 15-17
38,333	22,451	Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
638	516	Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	- Trf From Internal Restrictions	2,141	1,757	4,043	222	8,162	8,162	-	1,952	1,952	10,114	41
-	-	- Trf From External Restrictions	27,759	600	-	213	28,571	28,571	-	(258)	(258)	28,313	41
202,297	177,482	Total Revenue	193,597	2,526	166	3,769	200,059	191,249	74	3,934	4,008	204,067	
Expenses from Continuing Operations													
66,839	48,488	Employee benefits and on-costs	67,122	-	(234)	(48)	66,839	48,488	(901)	(265)	(1,166)	65,674	19
82	12	Borrowing costs	82	-	-	-	82	12	-	-	-	82	-
61,962	40,055	Materials and contracts	58,203	2,526	184	1,050	61,962	40,055	975	1,980	2,955	64,918	19-28, 30-40
29,874	20,727	Depreciation and Amortisation	29,874	-	-	-	29,874	20,727	-	-	-	29,874	-
6,324	5,513	Other expenses	6,556	-	0	(233)	6,324	5,513	-	109	109	6,433	27, 29
165,082	114,795	Total Expenditure	161,837	2,526	(51)	769	165,082	114,795	74	1,824	1,899	166,981	
37,214	62,687	Operating Result (Surplus)/Deficit	31,760	-	217	3,000	34,977	76,453	-	2,109	2,109	37,086	
Add back Non Cash Items:													
		- Depreciation and Amortisation	29,874	-	-	-	29,874	20,727	-	-	-	29,874	
	62,687	Budget Surplus before Transfer to Reserves	61,634	-	217	3,000	64,851	97,180	-	2,109	2,109	66,960	
		- Transfer to Asset Related Reserves	(34,200)	-	(183)	(3,000)	(37,383)	(37,383)	-	(1,669)	(1,669)	(39,051)	41
		- Transfer to Other Reserves	(27,384)	-	-	-	(27,384)	(27,377)	-	(441)	(441)	(27,825)	41
37,214	62,687	Budget Result (Surplus)/Deficit	50	-	34	-	84	32,421	-	0	(0)	84	

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Operating Income – Net Increase \$2.3m:

1. Rates & Annual Charges Income – Net Increase \$314k

\$314k increase in Rates and Annual Charges due to greater than anticipated income received. Of this \$292k relates to Domestic Waste Charge and Council's Special Levies and as such must be returned to their respective Externally Restricted Reserves as follows:

- \$258k increase transfer to Domestic Waste Reserve
- \$25k decrease transfer from Macquarie Park Special Levy Reserve
- \$65k increase transfer from Infrastructure Special Levy Reserve
- \$5k decrease transfer from Stormwater Management Reserve

2. Investment Income – Increase \$1.8m

The increase in Investment Income is primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions. of this \$1.5m relates to interest earned on Externally Restricted Funds for Section 7.11 Contributions and is proposed to be transferred to the respective Section 7.11 Reserves as per Note 37 below.

3. Porters Creek Commercial Facility Income – Net Increase \$894k

\$680k increase in lease fees of Porters Creek – JV Agreement and \$207k increase in materials disposal income due to up-trend in sales of recycled construction materials.

4. Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) Income – Net Decrease \$793k

\$793k decrease in RALC income mainly due to lower than anticipated Learn to Swim Program income in both the preschool and school age categories as a result increased competition due to newer facilities opening both in North Ryde and Parramatta.

5. Parking Fine Income – Decrease \$675k

\$675k decrease in parking fines income due to various factors, including wet weather, staffing resourcing challenges, and economic conditions affecting the collection of outstanding fine tickets.

6. Hording Income - Increase \$300k

\$300k increase in in budget is primarily due to additional hoarding income generated from higher-than-anticipated construction activity utilizing public land.

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7. Bus Shelter Advertising Income – Net Decrease \$272k

\$272k decrease in bus shelter advertising income - advertising bus stop roll out schedule was behind to begin the financial year. Roll out is now complete and monthly minimum guarantee is achieved since December 2024. Remove profit share originally budgeted. Council was not eligible for any profit share for last contract year, and eligibility for current contract year will not be known until August 2025.

8. Application Rezoning Income – Net Increase \$183k

\$183k increase in application rezoning income received due to higher than anticipated applications processed this Financial Year. It is proposed to transfer the additional income to Planning Proposal Reserve.

9. Recovery Leases – Utilities – Increase \$99k

\$99k increase in recovery leases – utilities due to additional utility recovery income received from Council's various buildings.

10. Stockpiling Income – Increase \$90k

\$90k increase in stockpiling income due to large stockpiling transactions.

11. Emergency Services Levy Grant – Increase \$90k

\$90k increase in grant income due to additional funding received from the State Government for the Emergency Services Levy contribution.

12. S603 Certificate Fees – Net Increase 86k

\$86k increase in S603 Certificate Fees received due to higher than anticipated certificate processed during the year.

13. Engineering Compliance Income – Net Increase \$85k

\$85k net increase in engineering compliance income mainly from engineering plan assessment fees and rock & ground anchor inspection fees. Increased income for these fees is a result of greater than anticipated construction and development during the year.

14. Infringement Notices Income – Increase \$74k

\$74k increase in budget to recognise additional income collected from fines and penalties imposed for 3 breaches of building regulations due to building compliance infringements.

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15. M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure Grant – Decrease \$62k

\$62k decrease in grant income as funding will be returned to grant reserve to be used for footpath capital project in FY2025/226 as per Note 32 below.

16. Natural Area, Bushcare, Firebreaks, Feral Animal Program – Increase \$45k

- \$17k increase Grant income from Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant funded by NSW Premier's Department, to be used to purchase additional plants, supplies and small equipment for Biodiversity Corridor enhancement in North Ryde as per Note 34 below.
- \$28k increase in Grant income from Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant funded by NSW Premier's Department, to be used for Field of Mars Bush Regeneration as per Note 34 below.

17. NSW Government Fresh Start Program – Increase \$30k

\$30k increase in grant for NSW Government Fresh Start Program, offset by increase of Salaries and Wages as per Note 19 below.

18. Regulatory Services Development Related Income – Net Increase \$28k

\$28k increase in Regulatory Services development related income due to additional clean-up and prevention notices issued.

Operating Expenditure – Net Increase \$1.9m:

19. Employment Costs – Net Decrease \$241k

- \$1.4m decrease in Salaries and Wages is mainly due to vacant positions in various program.
- \$73k Net increase in budget to fund a casual Waste Administrative Officer. It is proposed to be funded by the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
- \$125k increase in Termination Redundancy Expenditure.
- \$931k increase in Temporary & Agency Staff and Contractors budget.
- \$30k increase in budget for the allocation of a Mechanic Apprentice. It is proposed to be funded by the NSW Government Fresh Start Program grant as per Note above 17.

20. Preliminary Eastwood Central – Increase 1.4m

\$1.4m increase due to reclassification of Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116-Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

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21. Porters Creek Operating Expenditures – Net Increase \$636k

\$636k increase in budget for the Porters Creek Construction Waste Recycling Facility to allow for additional processing of raw construction materials to be turned into saleable products. Adjustment also recognises the loss from internal activity for soil (road reserve) due to EPA ruling surrounding storage of public excavated road material. It is proposed to be funded from increased income under the Porters Creek operations.

22.1 Devlin St, Ryde - Site Options – Increase \$354k

\$354k increase for the 1 Devlin Street, Ryde – Site Options project in accordance with the Council Resolution dated 10th December 2024. The proposed increase is to be funded from the Ryde Central Reserve.

23. DWM Contractors – Net Decrease \$332k

- \$400k decrease in the disposal and processing waste contract budget for the mixed waste organic outputs (MWOO) due to a capped processing rate of 45%, lower than the originally budgeted 70% based on prior information. It is proposed to be returned to the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
- \$38k increase in Waste Processing Contractors for Errant Domestic Waste Program.
- \$30k increase in the contractor for Community Problem Waste Recycling Centre.

24. Consultant Fees and Charges in various Programs – Net Increase \$257k

- \$150k increase in budget to fund governance and ethical oversight initiatives.
- \$119k net increase in budget to fund external consultancy support required for Organisational Reform project.
- \$100k decrease in expenditure required due to a reduced volume of construction certificate applications for both LDA and State Significant Development (SSD) projects. These projects typically require upgrades to multi-function poles and street lighting infrastructure. As a result, there will be fewer assessments and a reduced need for external consultant referrals to complete this work.
- \$76k increase the budget for engage agent for leasing out Denistone Sports Club and Ground floor of Lanchlan's.
- \$32k increase the budget for Best Value Review in Legal.
- \$20k decrease in budget due to projected savings after completion of most of the annual reporting documents for the current financial year period.

25. Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) Utilities – Net Decrease \$218k

\$218k decrease in budget due to operational savings in gas and electricity utilities. This is offset by reduced RALC income.

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26. New Secured Physical Offsite Storage of Records and Associated Services Contract – Increase \$141k

\$141k increase in budget to support the transition of records storage and retrieval services to a new supplier. This adjustment includes an exit fee associated with the termination of services with the existing supplier, and additional funding to cover extended service costs incurred whilst finalising the new contract.

27. Street Tree Planting Program – Increase \$136k

\$136k increase due to reclassification of street tree planting program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

28. Street Lighting – Decrease \$121k

\$121k decrease in budget due to savings from LED Upgrade program - remaining residual payment less than budgeted.

29. Community Heritage Grant Scheme – Increase \$109k

\$109k increase in Heritage Grants/donations provided as per Council Resolution dated 25th March 2025 for Round 7 and upcoming Round 8. It is proposed to be funded from Heritage Reserve.

30. Councillor Budget Allocation - Decrease \$94k

\$94k decrease due to reallocate from the Councillor Budget Allocation to cover the shortfall for the Capital Project: Shared User Path between Wilga Park and Macquarie Park, in accordance with the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy form received. This reallocation will have no impact on the council's overall budget.

31. Corporate Buildings Operating Expenditure – Decrease \$76k

\$76k decrease in Corporate Buildings Expenditure budget is lower than anticipated.

32. Implementation of Procurement RFQ/RFT Database – Increase \$70k

\$70k increase to fund Sourcing & DocOne implementation project.

33. Ticket to Ryde – Decrease \$68k

\$68k decrease in budget as the event has been postponed from March/April to September 2025. This event will be funded from next year's budget allocation.

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34. M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure – Decrease \$62k

\$62k decrease in budget as funding will be returned to grant reserve to be used for a larger footpath capital project in FY2025/26 as per Note 14 above.

35. Membership Fees – Decrease \$52k

\$52k decrease in budget as memberships fee has been paid in prior financial year.

36. Natural Area, Bushcare, Firebreaks, Feral Animal Program – Increase \$45k

- \$17k increase Grant income from Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant funded by NSW Premier's Department, to be used to purchase additional plants, supplies and small equipment for Biodiversity Corridor enhancement in North Ryde as per Note 15 above.
- \$28k increase in Grant income from Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant funded by NSW Premier's Department, to be used for Field of Mars Bush Regeneration as per Note 15 above.

37. Nature Strips Operating Expenditure – Increase \$40k

\$40k increase in budget for reactive safety works to address sinkholes formed on curb wall at 40 Terry Road Denistone.

38. Putney Swim Site Operating Expenditure – Increase \$10k

\$10k increase for the Dive Contractor.

39. Valuation Fees – Increase \$9k

\$9k increase budget due to Valuation fees is higher than anticipated.

40. Application & Search Fees – Increase \$3k

\$3k increase budget primarily due to additional clean-up and prevention notices issued and therefore additional company search is required to ensure that notices are legally valid and will hold up should they be court elected.

41. Internally & Externally Restricted Reserves (Operating):

It is proposed to/from External Reserves an amount of **\$2.1m** for the following:

- \$65k Rates Income to transfer to Infrastructure Special Rate Levy Reserve as per Note1 above.
- \$5k Stormwater Levy to transfer to Stormwater Management Charge Reserve as per Note1 above.

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- \$25k Macquarie Park Corridor Levy to transfer from Macquarie Park Corridor Levy Reserve as per Note 1 above.
- \$258k additional DWM Income to transfer to Domestic Waste Management Reserve as per Note 1 above.
- \$1.5m Investment Income to transfer to Section 7.11 Reserve as per Note 2 above.
- \$258k Net Transfer to Domestic Waste Management Reserve (DWM Reserve).
 - \$73 k transfer from DWM Reserve fund a casual Waste Administrative Officer as per Note 19 above.
 - \$400k transfer to DWM Reserve due to decrease in the disposal and processing waste contract budget for the mixed waste organic outputs (MWOO) due to a capped processing rate of 45%, lower than the originally budgeted 70% based on prior information as per Note 23 above.
 - \$38k transfer from DWM Reserve due to increase in Waste Processing Contractors for Errant Domestic Waste Program as per Note 23 above.
 - \$30k transfer from DWM Reserve due to increase in the contractor for Community Problem Waste Recycling Centre as per Note 23 above.

It is proposed to/from Internal Reserves an amount of **\$1.7m** for the following:

- \$1.4m Transfer from Assets Replacement Reserve due to Reclassification of Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget as per Note 20 above.
- \$354k Transfer from Ryde Central Reserve for the 1 Devlin Street, Ryde – Site Options project in accordance with the Council Resolution dated 10th December 2024 as per Note 22 above.
- \$183k Transfer to Planning Proposal Reserve due to additional application rezoning income received as per Note 8 above.
- \$136k Transfer from Asset Replacement Reserve due to Reclassification of Street Tree Planting Program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines as per Note 27 above.
- \$109k Transfer from Heritage Reserve to fund the increase in Heritage Grants/donations provided as per Council Resolution dated 25th March 2025 for Round 7 and upcoming Round 8 as per Note 29 above.
- \$94k Transfer to Asset Replacement Reserve due to reallocate from the Councillor Budget Allocation to cover the shortfall for the Capital Project: Shared User Path between Wilga Park and Macquarie Park, in accordance with the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy form received. This reallocation will have no impact on the council's overall budget as per Note 30 above.

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Capital Budget

Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability

Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)							
	Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	December Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)
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Capital - Renewal	27,668	7,607	653	2,703	38,630	17,533	288	38,918
Capital - Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayment	52	-	-	-	52	47	-	52
Lease Payment	2,426	-	-	-	2,426	2,077	-	2,426
Total Expenditure	42,083	42,477	3,125	98	87,783	28,129	(1,222)	86,561
Capital Funding								
Transfer from Internally Restricted Reserve	(10,794)	(8,589)	290	222	(18,870)	(18,870)	1,503	(17,367)
Transfer from Externally Restricted Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Contributions Reserves	(4,077)	(10,460)	(1,369)	(579)	(16,485)	(16,485)	4,191	(12,294)
Voluntary Planning Agreement	-	(18)	-	-	(18)	(18)	(366)	(384)
Other Contribution	-	(596)	-	-	(596)	(596)	-	(596)
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	-	(765)	-	-	(765)	(765)	-	(765)
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Rese	(42)	(311)	-	100	(253)	(253)	-	(253)
Stormwater Management Reserve	(1,038)	(188)	-	240	(986)	(986)	-	(986)
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	(15,704)	(3,762)	(147)	(210)	(19,823)	(19,823)	(3,892)	(23,715)
Grants and Contributions	(10,427)	(17,789)	(1,899)	129	(29,986)	(3,859)	(214)	(30,200)
Total Capital Funding	(42,083)	(42,477)	(3,125)	(98)	(87,783)	(61,655)	1,222	(86,561)

Variations proposed to Capital Works Budget will result in a net decrease of capital expenditure by **\$1.2m**. These variations are detailed below:

New projects – Net Increase \$414k

- \$160k increase for Waterloo Park Playground Upgrade due to additional grant received from NSW Premier's Department Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant.
- 110k increase for Marsfield Park Amenities Upgrade due to additional grant received from NSW Premier's Department Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant.
- \$60k increase for Memorial Park Basketball Court Upgrade and Seating due to additional grant received from NSW Premier's Department Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant.
- \$50k increase for Walking and Riding Routes to Ryde Public School due to an additional grant was received from Transport for NSW under the Walking and Riding Routes to School Non-Competitive Grants Program.
- \$34k increase for ELS Hall Baseball Amenities Upgrade due to additional grant received from NSW Premier's Department Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant.

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Increased funds for Existing Projects – Increase \$395k

- \$150k increase for Church Street Car Park Renewal Works due to additional items as part of the retaining wall works, including carpark resurfacing and new layout, and additional works along the footpath, kerb and gutter. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$94k increase for Shared User Path between Wilga Park and Macquarie Park This is a Councillor Discretionary Fund Project as per Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy. This reallocation will have no impact on the council's overall budget as per Note 26 above.
- \$35k increase for Goodwin Street, West Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to additional costs due to design changes to meet the project objective including relocating the ramp and extending the stormwater pipe. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve
- \$20k increase for Community Facilities Preschool Renewal Program due to hazardous materials being found during excavation works. Additional costs will cover decontamination of site and disposal of materials. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$20k increase for Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works Seawalls/Retaining Walls Refurbishment Renewal Works due to the post construction activities including development and registration of easement plans, review and acceptance of 'Works as Executed' (WAE) documentation, and issuance of the Completion Certificate for final completion of the project. It is proposed to be funded from Asset Replacement.
- \$18k increase for 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage project due to dewatering the stormwater drainage cells and cleaning out sedimentation/debris, and collection of CCTV footage of stormwater drainage cells to confirm the conditions of the stormwater drainage system. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$18k increase for Adventure Park Playground Renewal Program due to additional excavation and soil disposal costs. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$18k increase for Braemar Park Playground Renewal Program due to site environmental constraints and subsequent constructability requirements such as inability to excavate in environmental areas. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$12k increase for Constitution Road West Raised Pedestrian Crossing project due to relocation of the Optus cable and additional costs for network energisation was beyond the initial estimate provided by Ausgrid. It is proposed to be funded from Asset Replacement Reserve.
- \$9k increase for Wicks Road, Macquarie Park Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Program due to the reallocation of over accrued savings in December Quarter. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.

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- \$2k increase for Olympic Park Playground Renewal Program due to additional scope such as concrete pavement outside the playground due to safety risks. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.

Decreased funds for Existing Projects – Decrease \$2.0m

- \$1.4m decrease for Preliminary Eastwood Central due to reclassification of Preliminary Eastwood Central from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
- \$201k decrease for Cambridge Street Road Kerb Renewal Works due to cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered less than the budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$178k decrease for the Ryde Central Expansion project in accordance with the Council Resolution dated 25th June 2024. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the Ryde Central Reserve.
- \$136k decrease for Street Tree Planting Program due to Reclassification of Street Tree Planting Program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget as per Note 26 above.
- \$35k decrease for Byron Park Playground Renewal Program due to project being completed with no variations or contingencies. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Section 7.11 Reserve.
- \$20k decrease for Conservation Management Plan for Heritage Buildings Renewal Works due to cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered less than the budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$9k decrease for West Parade, West Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to cost savings from selecting a competitive quote, with a substantial surplus available for other projects. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.

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Source Funding Adjustments for Capital Projects - \$4.5m

- \$4.2m Capital Projects under Capital Renewal Program are funded by S7.11

Source Funding Changes	\$'000
Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery	2,528
Waterloo Park - Amenities Upgrade	815
Ryde Park - Upper Amenities Upgrade	70
Minor upgrade Ryde Library	56
Major Upgrade West Ryde Library	131
Pioneer Park - District	60
Putney Park Regional Playground	34
Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement	200
Byron Park - Neighbourhood	260
	4,154

According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. It is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.

- \$366k increase transfer from Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve for Wicks Road Footpath Upgrade project. A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve (changing from Voluntary Planning Agreement Income). This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
- \$166k return the funding to the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve due to additional grant allocated from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for the Roads to Recovery Program for Khartoum Rd Road Resurfacing Renewal.

Source Funding for Capital Projects:

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

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+ is Transfer to Resv / - is Transfer from Reserve	EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES						INTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES		
	Infrastructure Special Rate	S7.11 Open Space & Rec	S7.11 Community & Cultural Faci	Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve	Developer Contributions	Grants	Stormwater Management Levy	Asset Replacement	Ryde Central
New Projects									
Waterloo Park Playground Upgrade	-	-	-		-	160	-	-	-
Walking and Riding Routes to Ryde Public School	-	-	-		-	50	-	-	-
Memorial Park Basketball Court Upgd and Seating	-	-	-		-	60	-	-	-
ELS Hall Baseball Amenities Upgrade						34	-	-	-
Marsfield Park Amenities Upgrade						110	-	-	-
Increased funds for Existing Projects									
Wilga Park - Shared user path	-	-	-		-	-	-	94	-
Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-	-	-		-	-	-	12	-
Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program	20	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Church Street Car Park	150	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Olympic Park - Neighbourhood	2	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Braemar Local Playground	18	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Adventure Playground	18	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works	-	-	-		-	-	-	20	-
Goodwin Street, West Ryde	35	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Wicks Road, Macquarie Park	-	-	-		-	-	9	-	-
146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	18	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
	260	-	-	-	-	414	9	126	-
Decreased funds for Existing Projects									
Street Tree Planting Program	-	(37)			-	-	-	-	-
Byron Park - Neighbourhood	(35)				-	-	-	-	-
West parade, West Ryde	-	-	-		-	-	(9)	-	-
Cambridge Street	(201)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Conservation Management Plan Program	(20)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
1 Constitution Rd & Belmore St Culvert Replacement	(100)				-	-	-	-	-
Street Tree Planting Program	-	-	-		-	-	-	(99)	-
Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case	-	-	-		-	-	-	(1,352)	-
Ryde Central	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	(178)
	(356)	(37)	0	-	-	-	(9)	(1,452)	(178)
Source Funding Changes									
Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery	2,528	(2,528)			-	-	-	-	-
Waterloo Park - Amenities Upgrade	815	(815)			-	-	-	-	-
Ryde Park - Upper Amenities Upgrade	70	(70)			-	-	-	-	-
Minor upgrade Ryde Library	56		(56)		-	-	-	-	-
Major Upgrade West Ryde Library	131		(131)						
Pioneer Park - District	60	(60)			-	-	-	-	-
Putney Park Regional Playground	34	(34)			-	-	-	-	-
Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement	200	(200)			-	-	-	-	-
Byron Park - Neighbourhood	260	(260)			-	-	-	-	-
Wicks Road (Halifax St - M2 Motorway)	-	-	-	366	(366)	-	-	-	-
Khartoum Road (Talavera Road - Waterloo Road)	(166)	-	-		-	166	-	-	-
	3,988	(3,967)	(187)	366	(366)	166	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES									
	3,892	(4,004)	(187)	366	(366)	580	-	(1,326)	(178)

Other transfers to Externally/Internally Restricted Reserves:

The following adjustments to both Internally and Externally Restricted Reserves are proposed:

- \$10.7m Transfer to various Section 7.11/7.12 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received March Quarter.
- \$446k Transfer to VPA Developer Contributions related to 9-13 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park.

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Financial Implications

As a result of the Quarterly Review as at 31 March 2025, Council's available Unrestricted Cash balance is projected to remain at **\$8.5m** as at 30 June 2025. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs and is considered Council's working capital. In addition, these funds are required to meet any unknown or unexpected costs and should not to be reallocated for other purposes.

Conclusion

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

"It is in my opinion that the Budget Review Statement for City of Ryde for the period ended 31 March 2025 indicates that the Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2025 is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure".

Steven Harris

Chief Financial Officer
Responsible Accounting Officer

22 April 2025

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Quarterly Review Report January - March 2025
Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - March 2025**

Statutory Format		Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)										Ref
Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	December Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Matching Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)	
Income From Continuing Operations													
115,569	115,802	Rates and annual charges	115,569	-	-	-	115,569	115,802	-	314	314	115,884	1
18,762	14,674	User charges and fees	18,937	-	-	(176)	18,762	14,674	-	(154)	(154)	18,607	4, 6,8,12-13,18
13,487	12,306	Interest and investment revenue	9,987	-	-	3,500	13,487	12,306	-	1,800	1,800	15,287	2
12,923	9,468	Other Revenue	12,911	-	12	-	12,923	9,468	-	252	252	13,175	3-5, 7,9-10,14
2,584	2,264	Grants and Contributions - Operating	6,293	169	(3,888)	10	2,584	2,264	74	28	102	2,687	11,15-17
38,333	22,451	Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
638	516	Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	Trf From Internal Restrictions	2,141	1,757	4,043	222	8,162	8,162	-	1,952	1,952	10,114	41
-	-	Trf From External Restrictions	27,759	600	-	213	28,571	28,571	-	(258)	(258)	28,313	41
202,297	177,482	Total Revenue	193,597	2,526	166	3,769	200,059	191,249	74	3,934	4,008	204,067	
Expenses from Continuing Operations													
66,839	48,488	Employee benefits and on-costs	67,122	-	(234)	(48)	66,839	48,488	(901)	(265)	(1,166)	65,674	19
82	12	Borrowing costs	82	-	-	-	82	12	-	-	-	82	
61,962	40,055	Materials and contracts	58,203	2,526	184	1,050	61,962	40,055	975	1,980	2,955	64,918	19-28,30-40
29,874	20,727	Depreciation and Amortisation	29,874	-	-	-	29,874	20,727	-	-	-	29,874	
6,324	5,513	Other expenses	6,556	-	0	(233)	6,324	5,513	-	109	109	6,433	27,29
165,082	114,795	Total Expenditure	161,837	2,526	(51)	769	165,082	114,795	74	1,824	1,899	166,981	
37,214	62,687	Operating Result (Surplus)/Deficit	31,760	-	217	3,000	34,977	76,453	-	2,109	2,109	37,086	
Add back Non Cash Items:													
	-	Depreciation and Amortisation	29,874	-	-	-	29,874	20,727	-	-	-	29,874	
62,687		Budget Surplus before Transfer to Reserves	61,634	-	217	3,000	64,851	97,180	-	2,109	2,109	66,960	
	-	Transfer to Asset Related Reserves	(34,200)	-	(183)	(3,000)	(37,383)	(37,383)	-	(1,669)	(1,669)	(39,051)	41
	-	Transfer to Other Reserves	(27,384)	-	-	-	(27,384)	(27,377)	-	(441)	(441)	(27,825)	41
37,214	62,687	Budget Result (Surplus)/Deficit	50	-	34	-	84	32,421	-	0	(0)	84	

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Quarterly Review Report January - March 2025
Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - March 2025

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Domestic Waste Management Reserve	-	(765)	-	-	(765)	(765)	-	(765)
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Rese	(42)	(311)	-	100	(253)	(253)	-	(253)
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Quarterly Review Report January - March 2025
Cash and Investment Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - March 2025

			Approved Changes 2024/25							
Description	Opening Balances	Original Budget	Carry Over Budget	September Review	December Review	Approved Budget	Approved Budget Balance	Proposed Changes	Revised Budget Balance	YTD Actual
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)
Internally Restricted Reserves										
Employee Leave Entitlements Reserves	5,315	-	-	-	-	-	5,315	-	5,315	5,315
Refundable Deposits Reserves	18,790	-	-	-	-	-	18,790	-	18,790	18,790
Interest on Refundable Deposits Reserves	436	-	-	-	-	-	436	-	436	436
Asset Replacement	12,449	2,338	(7,136)	698	-	(4,100)	8,350	(69)	8,281	8,350
Plant Replacement	7,667	(398)	-	-	-	(398)	7,269	-	7,269	7,269
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre	500	500	-	-	-	500	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Council Election	1,205	(490)	-	-	-	(490)	715	-	715	715
Investment Property	17,482	134	-	-	-	134	17,616	-	17,616	17,616
Ryde Central	8,927	-	(250)	-	-	(250)	8,677	(177)	8,500	8,677
Carryover Works	608	-	(608)	-	-	(608)	0	-	0	0
Accommodation	11,639	(654)	(67)	-	-	(721)	10,917	-	10,917	10,917
Public Art	18	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	18	18
Community Grants	128	-	-	-	-	-	128	-	128	128
Synthetic Sports Surface	1,184	260	-	-	-	260	1,443	-	1,443	1,443
Transport & Pedestrian Initiatives MP	241	-	-	-	-	-	241	-	241	241
Insurance Fluctuation	491	100	-	-	-	100	591	-	591	591
Risk Mgmt, WHS & Injury Mgmt	482	-	(68)	68	-	-	482	-	482	482
Planning Proposal	262	-	-	-	-	-	262	183	445	262
Affordable Housing	2,037	508	-	-	-	508	2,545	-	2,545	2,545
Workers Compensation	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Heritage	342	-	-	-	-	-	342	(109)	233	342
Asset Expansion Reserves	6,832	(905)	(2,216)	(346)	-	(3,467)	3,365	-	3,365	3,365
Financial Assistance Grant	3,990	-	-	(3,990)	-	(3,990)	-	-	-	-
Revolving Energy Fund	129	-	-	-	-	-	129	-	129	129
Information Technology Reserves	2,395	200	-	-	-	200	2,595	-	2,595	2,595
Legal	392	100	-	-	-	100	492	-	492	492
Total - Internally Restricted Reserves	106,942	1,692	(10,345)	(3,570)	-	(12,223)	94,718	(172)	94,546	94,718
Externally Restricted Reserves										
S7.11 Stormwater Mgmt Facilities Reserves	586	-	-	-	-	-	586	-	586	586
S7.12 Plan 2020 Fixed Development Consent	3,096	10	-	-	67	77	3,173	5	3,178	3,173
S7.11 Plan 2020 Plan Admin Reserves	1,163	(37)	-	-	-	(37)	1,126	100	1,226	1,126
S7.11 Plan 2020 Roads & Traffic Mgmt	5,852	650	-	-	-	650	6,502	900	7,402	6,502
S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space& Rec Facilities	67,083	1,781	(10,550)	(1,369)	4,566	(5,572)	61,511	11,534	73,045	61,511
S7.11 Plan 2020 Comm & Cultural Facilities	33,321	1,069	(56)	-	1,925	2,938	36,259	3,387	39,646	36,259
Voluntary Planning Agreement	14,685	-	(18)	-	-	(18)	14,667	80	14,747	14,667
Other Contribution	596	-	(596)	-	-	(596)	0	-	0	0
Domestic Waste Mgmt Reserves	24,269	-	(850)	-	(113)	(963)	23,306	516	23,822	23,306
Macquarie Park Corridor Spd Rate Reserves	5,417	1,769	(311)	-	-	1,458	6,875	(25)	6,850	6,875
Stormwater Mgmt Reserves	1,086	138	(557)	-	240	(179)	907	5	913	907
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserves	15,359	(1,279)	(3,762)	(147)	(210)	(5,398)	9,961	(3,828)	6,133	9,961
Consolidated Grant Reserves	22,708	-	-	-	-	-	22,708	-	22,708	22,708
Total - Externally Restricted Reserves	195,219	4,102	(16,700)	(1,516)	6,475	(7,638)	187,580	12,674	200,254	187,580
Unrestricted Cash (ie. available after the above Restrictions)	8,366	50	-	34	-	84	8,450	(0)	8,450	8,450
Unspent Restricted Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,538
Total - Cash & Investments	302,160	5,794	(27,045)	(5,086)	6,475	(19,862)	282,298	12,502	294,801	339,287

(1) Council's unrestricted actual cash position is currently higher than the year end projected balance. The unrestricted balance will continue to fluctuate as Council expends on operational costs and capital projects during the financial year. It is anticipated that all budgeted income and expenditure will be realised so that the projected unrestricted cash balance will remain at \$8.45m. These funds have been invested in accordance with Council's investment policy.

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Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - March 2025

Statutory Format	Decription	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)									
Approved Budget (\$'000)		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	December Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)		
Income from Continuing Operations											
10,774	City Development	2,614	-	1	-	2,615	2,309	270	2,885		
8,409	Community Safety and Amenity	8,410	-	(1)	-	8,409	5,678	(359)	8,050		
24,904	City Sports and Recreation	9,314	242	-	(166)	9,390	6,747	(732)	8,658		
990	Library	498	50	100	-	648	649	-	648		
-	City Economy	107	-	-	-	107	107	1,352	1,459		
835	Resilience and Sustainability	449	85	-	-	534	548	161	695		
1,732	Catchment Waterway	-	804	-	-	804	805	-	804		
29,198	Waste and Recycling	55,374	161	-	138	55,673	55,542	913	56,586		
9,577	Traffic and Transport	2,317	-	-	322	2,639	2,065	(97)	2,542		
3,418	Roads	3,602	174	24	-	3,799	4,151	-	3,799		
3,130	Paths and Cycleways	418	-	-	-	418	259	(62)	356		
903	Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	903	152	-	-	1,055	870	9	1,064		
331	Community Connectedness and Engagement	331	-	-	-	331	377	-	331		
3,181	Strategic Property	3,611	67	-	-	3,678	2,947	383	4,061		
1,658	Service Delivery Support	1,726	-	-	(26)	1,700	1,498	7	1,707		
103,256	Governance & Corporate Services	103,923	791	43	3,500	108,257	106,695	2,164	110,421		
202,297		193,597	2,526	166	3,769	200,059	191,249	4,008	204,067		
Expenses from Continuing Operations											
6,443	City Development	6,494	-	-	(51)	6,443	4,241	(120)	6,322		
7,012	Community Safety and Amenity	7,003	-	-	8	7,012	5,083	(107)	6,905		
21,858	City Sports and Recreation	21,882	242	(42)	(224)	21,858	15,919	(293)	21,564		
8,402	Library	8,203	50	101	47	8,402	5,907	(60)	8,342		
1,753	City Economy	1,750	-	9	(6)	1,753	1,062	1,352	3,105		
4,240	Resilience and Sustainability	4,154	85	-	1	4,240	2,751	169	4,410		
8,567	Catchment Waterway	7,772	804	(9)	-	8,567	5,821	-	8,567		
28,454	Waste and Recycling	28,236	161	-	56	28,454	18,707	398	28,851		
6,211	Traffic and Transport	5,906	-	-	305	6,211	4,244	(185)	6,026		
12,946	Roads	12,897	174	(126)	2	12,946	8,855	(111)	12,835		
4,276	Paths and Cycleways	4,212	-	50	14	4,276	4,983	(22)	4,254		
5,513	Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	5,515	152	(48)	(106)	5,513	3,207	(115)	5,398		
6,037	Community Connectedness and Engagement	6,136	-	(100)	1	6,037	4,660	-	6,037		
8,002	Strategic Property	7,905	67	29	-	8,002	4,218	407	8,408		
5,618	Service Delivery Support	5,402	-	-	216	5,618	3,812	2	5,620		
29,752	Governance & Corporate Services	28,369	791	86	505	29,752	21,324	584	30,336		
165,082		161,837	2,526	(51)	769	165,082	114,795	1,899	166,981		

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Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended - March 2025

Projects with proposed changes

Note: Capital Works Listing below excludes lease and loan

Project No.	Business Team	Project Type	Project Description	Original Budget	Carry Overs	QTR Review	Current Budget	Proposed Variations	Revised Budget	% Increase from Approved Budget
741313	BldLibraries	Expansion	AM - Eastwood Library Planning and Design	-	105,976	-	105,976	-	105,976	0.0%
740919	Cycleways	Expansion	AM - Chatswood to Burwood (RR-04) - Stage 1	-	214,766	-	214,766	-	214,766	0.0%
741398	Cycleways	Expansion	AM - Hermitage Road Shared Path, West Ryde	-	1,489,278	-	1,489,278	-	1,489,278	0.0%
741399	Cycleways	Expansion	AM - Regional Route 03 - Cycleway	-	1,512,467	-	1,512,467	-	1,512,467	0.0%
741504	Cycleways	Expansion	AM - Walking and Riding Routes to Ryde Public School	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	100.0%
741267	Eastwood Central	Expansion	AM - Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case	-	1,411,755	-	1,411,755	(1,352,487)	59,268	-95.8%
741400	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Cosimo St (Quarry Road - Cul-de-sac)	100,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	-
741401	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Napier Crescent (David Ave - 350 Lane Cove Rd)	40,000	-	(40,000)	-	-	-	-
741414	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street)	-	108,220	-	108,220	-	108,220	0.0%
741445	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Sutor Avenue (Belmore Street - Church Street)	180,000	-	(180,000)	-	-	-	-
741446	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Wicks Road (Halifax St - M2 Motorway)	366,300	-	-	366,300	-	366,300	0.0%
741448	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Olive Street (Ronald Avenue - Bridge Road)	-	-	320,000	320,000	-	320,000	0.0%
741482	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Vimiera Road Footpath Extension (Marsfield Park)	-	-	49,000	49,000	-	49,000	0.0%
741311	OldLandfills	Expansion	AM - Meadowbank Park - Remediation	-	765,000	-	765,000	-	765,000	0.0%
741054	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Catherine Hamlin Park	-	3,935,623	-	3,935,623	-	3,935,623	0.0%
741059	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Wilga Park - Shared user path	350,000	-	-	350,000	94,000	444,000	26.9%
741166	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Memorial Park Flagpoles	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	0.0%
741403	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Metropolitan Green Space Program Catherine Hamlin	-	449,998	-	449,998	-	449,998	0.0%
740091	Ryde Central	Expansion	AM - Ryde Central	-	250,000	-	250,000	(177,762)	72,238	-71.1%
741287	SprfldLight	Expansion	AM - LH Waud - Sportsfield Lighting	-	157,114	92,000	249,114	-	249,114	0.0%
741375	StormwaterAsst	Expansion	AM - Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrade	656,000	-	-	656,000	-	656,000	0.0%
741070	SynthPlaySurf	Expansion	AM - Meadowbank Park - LH Waud	-	4,116,707	333,293	4,450,000	-	4,450,000	0.0%
741457	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Traffic Infrastructure	522,900	-	-	522,900	-	522,900	0.0%
741477	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Waterloo Road Marsfield (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	130,000	130,000	-	130,000	0.0%
741478	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Quarry Road Ryde (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
741479	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Denistone Road at Ryde Hospital (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	300,000	300,000	-	300,000	0.0%
741480	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Chatham Rd and West Pde Denistone (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	460,000	460,000	-	460,000	0.0%
741481	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Parkes St (Falconer St-Lee Av) Ryde (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	260,000	260,000	-	260,000	0.0%
741483	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Monash Road Gladesville Pedestrian Refuge	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
740030	City Fabric	Expansion	AM - Planting Embellishment Program - Macquarie Park	42,100	-	-	42,100	-	42,100	0.0%
740151	City Resilience	Expansion	AM - Putney Beach Activation 8443056	-	524,113	-	524,113	-	524,113	0.0%
741409	City Spaces	Expansion	Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park	-	120,000	-	120,000	-	120,000	0.0%
740070	City Transport	Expansion	AM - ITS Implementation	277,000	581,128	-	858,128	-	858,128	0.0%
741122	City Transport	Expansion	AM - Integrated transport strategy review model	50,000	272,435	(322,435)	-	-	-	-
740040	InfrastructServ	Expansion	AM - Bus Stop DDA compliance	1,782,830	1,599,125	(2,532,830)	849,125	-	849,125	0.0%
740049	InfrastructServ	Expansion	AM - Pedestrian Crossing Lighting Upgrade	905,000	95,742	-	1,000,742	-	1,000,742	0.0%
741329	InfrastructServ	Expansion	AM - 100 - 104 Rowe St Stormwater Drainage Upgrade	-	1,595,864	-	1,595,864	-	1,595,864	0.0%
740088	Parks & Open Sp	Expansion	AM - Macquarie Park, Waterloo Rd	-	5,009,620	-	5,009,620	-	5,009,620	0.0%
741338	Parks & Open Sp	Expansion	AM - Gannan Park - Masterplan Delivery	-	4,792,629	-	4,792,629	-	4,792,629	0.0%
741406	Parks & Open Sp	Expansion	AM - Meadowbank Park Masterplan Delivery AIF	6,370,400	835,900	-	7,206,300	-	7,206,300	0.0%
740002	Payroll	Expansion	Electronic Time and Attendance	-	32,563	(32,563)	-	-	-	-
740071	Transport	Expansion	AM - Road Safety Upgrades and Improvement	58,000	-	-	58,000	-	58,000	0.0%
741315	Transport	Expansion	AM - Constitution Rd/Bowden St Meadowbank-Traffic Control SI	-	3,925,386	-	3,925,386	-	3,925,386	0.0%
741411	Transport	Expansion	AM - Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-	90,114	35,000	125,114	12,316	137,430	9.8%
741473	Transport	Expansion	AM - Constitution Rd/Bank St Meadowbank - Traffic Control SI	-	284,678	-	284,678	-	284,678	0.0%
741474	Transport	Expansion	AM - See Street Meadowbank Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-	299,500	10,500	310,000	-	310,000	0.0%
741475	Transport	Expansion	AM - Argyle Avenue Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-	295,000	15,000	310,000	-	310,000	0.0%

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Projects with proposed changes

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Project No.	Business Team	Project Type	Project Description	Original Budget	Carry Overs	QTR Review	Current Budget	Proposed Variations	Revised Budget	% Increase from Approved Budget
741476	Transport	Expansion	AM - Eastwood Town Centre HPAA	-	-	570,000	570,000	-	570,000	0.0%
740126	Tree Management	Expansion	AM - Street Tree Planting Program	136,090	-	-	136,090	(136,090)	-	-100.0%
741421	BldgCommercial	Renewal	AM - Putney Tennyson - Essential Works	260,000	-	-	260,000	-	260,000	0.0%
741422	BldgCommercial	Renewal	AM - Putney Tennyson - Investigative Works	35,000	-	-	35,000	-	35,000	0.0%
741423	BldgCommercial	Renewal	AM - WRCC - Waterproof L2 Balcony	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-	-	0.0%
741424	BldgCommercial	Renewal	AM - Lachlans Line - Water & Sewer Connection	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	0.0%
741425	BldgCommercial	Renewal	AM - Denistone Bowling Club	265,000	-	-	265,000	-	265,000	0.0%
741170	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program	60,000	80,748	190,000	330,748	20,000	350,748	6.0%
741171	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program	120,000	-	-	120,000	-	120,000	0.0%
741173	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program	176,800	-	30,000	206,800	-	206,800	0.0%
741354	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - North Ryde School of Arts Renewal Works	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	0.0%
741415	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - North Ryde Community Hall HVAC	240,000	-	(200,000)	40,000	-	40,000	0.0%
741416	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - North Ryde School of Arts Awning Replacement	100,000	-	50,000	150,000	-	150,000	0.0%
741185	BldgHeritage	Renewal	AM - Conservation Management Plan Program	160,100	-	(70,000)	90,100	(20,000)	70,100	-22.2%
741029	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Library Enhancements	57,000	-	(57,000)	-	-	-	0.0%
741113	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Minor upgrade Ryde Library	-	208,264	-	208,264	-	208,264	0.0%
741187	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Major Upgrade West Ryde Library	687,000	590,174	(110,174)	1,167,000	-	1,167,000	0.0%
741312	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Accessibility Upgrade Gladesville Library	170,000	-	-	170,000	-	170,000	0.0%
741426	BldOperationl	Renewal	AM - OPS - Fencing	17,000	-	-	17,000	-	17,000	0.0%
741427	BldOperationl	Renewal	AM - OPS - Gantry	48,000	-	-	48,000	-	48,000	0.0%
741428	BldOperationl	Renewal	AM - Porters Creek Replacement	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
740558	Bridges	Renewal	AM - Bridge Rehabilitation Works	-	82,052	-	82,052	-	82,052	0.0%
741218	Car Parks	Renewal	AM - Church Street Car Park	114,780	-	-	114,780	150,000	264,780	130.7%
741219	Car Parks	Renewal	AM - Glenn Street Car Park Defect Remediation Works	665,000	-	-	665,000	-	665,000	0.0%
740909	Cycleways	Renewal	AM - Minor works for Cycleways	25,000	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	0.0%
740479	Footpaths	Renewal	AM - Defects List - Condition 4 & 5	499,200	-	-	499,200	-	499,200	0.0%
741291	Footpaths	Renewal	AM - Denman Street/Brush Road staircase	200,000	-	-	200,000	-	200,000	0.0%
741220	Kerb&Gutter	Renewal	AM - Kerb and Gutter condition 4 and 5	236,900	-	-	236,900	-	236,900	0.0%
741048	PassiveParks	Renewal	AM - Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery	4,509,230	419,262	-	4,928,492	-	4,928,492	0.0%
740390	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - LSCA665 Waterloo Park Playground Upgrade	-	-	-	-	160,000	160,000	100.0%
740799	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Santa Rosa Park	-	31,235	-	31,235	-	31,235	0.0%
741178	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Byron Park - Neighbourhood	260,000	-	-	260,000	(35,000)	225,000	-13.5%
741179	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Olympic Park - Neighbourhood	-	19,800	-	19,800	1,699	21,499	8.6%
741181	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Braemar Local Playground	132,500	-	-	132,500	17,500	150,000	13.2%
741367	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Pioneer Park - District	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	60,000	0.0%
741368	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Putney Park Regional Playground	177,000	-	-	177,000	-	177,000	0.0%
741429	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Adventure Playground	132,500	-	-	132,500	17,500	150,000	13.2%
741167	RALC Asset	Renewal	AM - RALC Asset Renewal	-	101,735	350,000	451,735	-	451,735	0.0%
750012	RALC Asset	Renewal	LTFFP - RALC Asset RENEWAL	350,000	-	(350,000)	-	-	-	0.0%
740525	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - SRV - Cambridge Street	1,142,000	-	-	1,142,000	(200,605)	941,395	-17.6%
740537	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Cressy Road (Higginbotham Road - Holly Avenue)	-	412,804	-	412,804	-	412,804	0.0%
740538	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Cressy Road (Holly Avenue - Buffalo Road)	-	404,179	-	404,179	-	404,179	0.0%
741213	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Pavement testing and design for 2023/24	-	417,529	-	417,529	-	417,529	0.0%
741467	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park)	900,000	-	-	900,000	-	900,000	0.0%
740307	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Ethel Street (Blaxland Road - Railway Parade)	348,640	-	-	348,640	-	348,640	0.0%
740313	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Dyson Street (Pellissier Road - Cul De Sac (S))	83,600	-	-	83,600	-	83,600	0.0%
740323	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Westminster Road (Eltham Street - Albert Street)	212,900	-	-	212,900	-	212,900	0.0%
740358	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Cutler Parade (Edmondson Street - Chauvel Street)	154,000	-	-	154,000	-	154,000	0.0%

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Projects with proposed changes

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Project No.	Business Team	Project Type	Project Description	Original Budget	Carry Overs	QTR Review	Current Budget	Proposed Variations	Revised Budget	% Increase from Approved Budget
740361	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Cressy Road (Magdala Road - Cox's Road)	139,700	-	-	139,700	-	139,700	0.0%
740368	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Moira Avenue (Morvan Street - Mimos Street)	101,200	-	-	101,200	-	101,200	0.0%
740372	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Ruth Street (Kelley Street - Cul De Sac (E))	67,100	-	-	67,100	-	67,100	0.0%
740373	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Star Street (Fonti Street - Cul De Sac (S))	69,300	-	-	69,300	-	69,300	0.0%
740381	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Allan Avenue (Belmore Street - Addington Avenue)	133,100	-	-	133,100	-	133,100	0.0%
740386	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Bell Avenue (Winbourne Street - Farnell Street)	130,000	-	-	130,000	-	130,000	0.0%
740392	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Wicks Road (Pittwater Road - End)	201,000	-	-	201,000	-	201,000	0.0%
740395	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Bass Street (Morrison Road - Cul De Sac (S))	100,000	-	70,000	170,000	-	170,000	0.0%
740396	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Bellamy Street (House Number 9/11 - Corunna Road)	85,800	-	-	85,800	-	85,800	0.0%
740397	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Church Street (Blaxland Road - Gowrie Street)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
740410	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Hillview Lane (West Parade - Coolgun Lane)	63,800	-	-	63,800	-	63,800	0.0%
740411	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Hillview Lane (Coolgun Lane - The Avenue (Eastwood))	61,600	-	-	61,600	-	61,600	0.0%
740412	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Hillview Lane (The Avenue (Eastwood) - Shaftsbury Road)	173,800	-	-	173,800	-	173,800	0.0%
740434	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Rowe Lane (Blaxland Road - Station Lane)	222,200	-	-	222,200	-	222,200	0.0%
740456	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Grove Lane (Grove Street - Orange Street)	70,000	-	(70,000)	-	-	-	-
740460	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Lancaster Avenue (Andrew Street - Parer Street)	-	100,453	-	100,453	-	100,453	0.0%
740470	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Rowe Street (The Avenue (Eastwood) - Shaftsbury Road)	450,000	-	-	450,000	-	450,000	0.0%
741201	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Dunshea Street (Cul De Sac (E) - Allars Street)	96,190	-	-	96,190	-	96,190	0.0%
741206	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Khartoum Road (Talavera Road - Waterloo Road)	516,200	-	299,830	816,030	-	816,030	0.0%
741390	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Meta Street (Nerang Street - Cul De Sac(E))	59,400	-	-	59,400	-	59,400	0.0%
740649	Seawalls	Renewal	AM - Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works	-	110,037	(90,000)	20,037	20,000	40,037	99.8%
741217	Seawalls	Renewal	AM - Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation Work	-	2,228,391	90,000	2,318,391	-	2,318,391	0.0%
740773	SprtsfldAmnts	Renewal	AM - Waterloo Park - Amenities Upgrade	524,720	-	290,000	814,720	-	814,720	0.0%
740775	SprtsfldAmnts	Renewal	AM - Ryde Park - Upper Amenities Upgrade	200,000	-	170,000	370,000	-	370,000	0.0%
740776	SprtsfldAmnts	Renewal	AM - Dunbar Park - Amenities Upgrade	-	508,725	-	508,725	-	508,725	0.0%
741458	SprtsfldAmnts	Renewal	AM - Parks Amenities Buildings - compliance works	90,000	-	180,680	270,680	-	270,680	0.0%
741647	SprtsfldAmnts	Renewal	AM - LSCA666 Marsfield Park Amenities Upgrade	-	-	-	-	110,000	110,000	100.0%
741165	SprtsfldGen	Renewal	AM - Meadowbank Park Field 3	317,500	-	-	317,500	-	317,500	0.0%
741628	SprtsfldGen	Renewal	AM - LSCA667 Memorial Park Basketball Court Upgd and Seating	-	-	-	-	60,000	60,000	100.0%
741630	SprtsfldGen	Renewal	AM - LSCA668 ELS Hall Baseball Amenities Upgrade	-	-	-	-	34,000	34,000	100.0%
740574	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - Future Design and Planning	-	34,573	-	34,573	-	34,573	0.0%
740596	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	60,000	0.0%
740604	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Pit Replacement	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	0.0%
740615	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined	-	61,474	-	61,474	-	61,474	0.0%
740625	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - High Street, Gladesville	105,000	-	-	105,000	-	105,000	0.0%
740627	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Goodwin Street, West Ryde	528,600	-	-	528,600	35,000	563,600	6.6%
740629	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - Westminster Road, Gladesville	320,000	-	(90,000)	230,000	-	230,000	0.0%
740630	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - Wicks Road, Macquarie Park	270,000	-	(220,000)	50,000	9,000	59,000	18.0%
740640	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - 201 Ryde Road, Gladesville	70,000	-	-	70,000	-	70,000	0.0%
741223	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - west parade, West Ryde	63,000	-	-	63,000	(9,000)	54,000	-14.3%
741275	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - 1 Constitution Rd & Belmore St Culvert Replacement	-	297,312	-	297,312	(100,000)	197,312	-33.6%
741377	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - Melba Drive, East Ryde	-	127,018	(11,000)	116,018	-	116,018	0.0%
741378	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde	-	-	11,000	11,000	-	11,000	0.0%
741468	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined	160,000	-	220,000	380,000	-	380,000	0.0%
741485	StormwterAsst	Renewal	AM - 4 Woodbine Crescent, Ryde	-	-	70,000	70,000	-	70,000	0.0%
740846	StormwterWrks	Renewal	AM - CCTV investigations	-	125,000	-	125,000	-	125,000	0.0%
740848	StormwterWrks	Renewal	AM - Future Design and Planning	-	30,095	-	30,095	-	30,095	0.0%
741232	StormwterWrks	Renewal	AM - 6 Colvin Crescent, Denistone East	110,000	-	50,000	160,000	-	160,000	0.0%

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Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended - March 2025**

 Projects with proposed changes

Note: Capital Works Listing below excludes lease and loan

Project No.	Business Team	Project Type	Project Description	Original Budget	Carry Overs	QTR Review	Current Budget	Proposed Variations	Revised Budget	% Increase from Approved Budget
741384	StormwaterWrks	Renewal	AM - Doing Avenue Denistone East	467,860	-	-	467,860	-	467,860	0.0%
741387	TrafficFacil	Renewal	AM - Traffic Facilities Renewal (Local & Regional Roads)	222,900	-	-	222,900	-	222,900	0.0%
741469	Asset Integrati	Renewal	Asset Renewal – Buildings	600,000	-	(90,000)	510,000	-	510,000	0.0%
741470	Asset Integrati	Renewal	Asset Renewal – Stormwater	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	0.0%
741471	Asset Integrati	Renewal	Asset Renewal – Other Road Assets	600,000	-	-	600,000	-	600,000	0.0%
740042	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - Heavy Patching	448,200	221,390	-	669,590	-	669,590	0.0%
740081	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	-	16,728	-	16,728	18,289	35,017	109.3%
741412	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - LRCI 4 - Constitution Road, Meadowbank Footpath	-	17,512	-	17,512	-	17,512	0.0%
741484	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - Bus Stop DDA Compliance - Renewal	-	-	2,532,830	2,532,830	-	2,532,830	0.0%
740120	LibrarySuppServ	Renewal	AM - Libraries Public PC Renewal	-	30,621	(30,621)	-	-	-	-
741350	Parks & Open Sp	Renewal	AM - Field of Mars Reserve Nature Trail	-	731,079	-	731,079	-	731,079	0.0%
741463	Parks & Open Sp	Renewal	Future Design - Parks	75,000	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	0.0%
741486	Parks & Open Sp	Renewal	Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhanc	-	-	200,000	200,000	-	200,000	0.0%
741135	Plant & Fleet	Renewal	Plant & Fleet Purchases	3,655,310	-	-	3,655,310	-	3,655,310	0.0%
740106	Porters ECoMRF	Renewal	AM - Porters Creek Precinct	100,000	198,456	-	298,456	-	298,456	0.0%
741462	Strategic Prope	Renewal	Future Design - Building	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	0.0%
741464	Transport	Renewal	Future Design - Traffic	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	0.0%
741417	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	AM - Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrades Renewal (AIF)	980,000	-	-	980,000	-	980,000	0.0%
741432	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	AM - Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrades (IBF)	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
741461	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	Future Design - Civil Infrastructure Assets	150,000	-	100,000	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
741465	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	Pavement Testing and Design	100,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	-
Total				39,604,250	42,477,347	3,222,510	85,304,107	(1,221,640)	84,082,467	-1.4%

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Proposed Budget Changes**

	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2025 Comments
Grand Total	-	0	0	
Rates and annual charges (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-	314,275	314,275	
Rates & Annual Charges	-	62,110	62,110	Increase in income due to greater than anticipated income received.
Domestic Waste Management Income	-	257,527	257,527	Increase in income to align with year to date results for the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
Stormwater Management Service Charges	-	(5,362)	(5,362)	Decrease in Stormwater Charges due to lower than anticipated income received.
User Charges and Fees (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-	(154,388)	(154,388)	
Activation & Compliance Income	-	85,000	85,000	Increase in income based on year to date results including a provision for forecasted remaining months.
Section 603 Certification Income	-	85,500	85,500	Increase in income due to greater than anticipated income received this Financial Year.
Building Certification & Compliance Services	(108,470)	-	(108,470)	Matching adjustment due to reallocation of income budget to the Building & Development Advisory Services team and the Environmental Health team.
Building & Development Advisory Services	86,940	-	86,940	Matching adjustment due to reallocation of income budget from the Building Certification and Compliance team.
Environmental Health Routine Inspections	21,530	28,470	50,000	Increase in income due to additional clean-up and prevention notices issued. Also includes matching adjustment due to reallocation of income budget from the Building Certification and Compliance team.
Application Fees for Rezoning	-	183,000	183,000	Increase in income based on year to date results already achieved.
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Income	-	(836,358)	(836,358)	Decrease in income due to lower attendance in the Learn to Swim and School Programs at RALC. This adjustment aligns the budget with current participation trends.
Building Compliance Hoarding Fees	-	300,000	300,000	Increase in income is primarily due to additional hoarding income generated from higher-than-anticipated construction activity utilising public land.
Interest and Investment Revenue (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-	1,800,000	1,800,000	
Interest on Investments	-	1,800,000	1,800,000	Increase in income due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated, and higher interest rates being offered as a result of recent economic conditions.
Other Revenues (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-	252,079	252,079	
Bus Shelter Income	-	(272,000)	(272,000)	Decrease in income due to delays in the bus stop advertising roll-out at the start of the financial year. The rollout was completed in December 2024, with minimum guarantees now being met. The adjustment also accounts for the removal of profit share, as Council was not eligible last contract year and eligibility for the current year remains uncertain until August 2025.

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Porters Creek Operations Income	-	207,437	207,437	Increase in income due to an up-trend in sales of recycled construction materials. The income budget has been adjusted to account for this increased activity up to year end.
Building Compliance Infringement Notices	-	74,000	74,000	Increase in income to recognise additional income collected from fines and penalties imposed for breaches of building regulations due to building compliance infringements.
Parking Fines	-	(675,000)	(675,000)	Decrease in income due to various factors, including wet weather, staffing resourcing challenges, and economic conditions affecting the collection of outstanding fine tickets.
Utility Recovery Income from Council Buildings	-	98,600	98,600	Increase in income to reflect additional utility recovery from Council-owned rental properties. This adjustment aligns the budgeted utility recovery income with lease agreements and ensures accurate reporting of the Council's utility usage across its facilities.
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Sales	-	29,513	29,513	Increase in income due to higher than anticipated sales of swim related merchandise and goods.
Stockpiling of Material on Council Assets	-	90,000	90,000	Increase in income due to higher than anticipated use of Council's roads and parks for stockpiling of materials.
Porters Creek Lease	-	686,145	686,145	Increase in income as per the schedule of rates in the executed lease agreement.
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Lease	-	13,384	13,384	Increase in income in line with the adjusted rental fee for the current financial year.
Grants and Contributions - Operating (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	74,210	28,070	102,280	
NSW Government Fresh Start Program	29,543		29,543	Increase in grant income from the NSW Government's Fresh Start for Local Government Apprentices, Trainees, and Cadets Program.
Local Small Commitments Allocation	44,667		44,667	Increase in grant income from the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant funded by the NSW Premier's Department. The funding will support bush regeneration works at the Field of Mars and the purchase of plants, supplies, and small equipment to enhance the Biodiversity Corridor in North Ryde.
M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure	-	(61,930)	(61,930)	Decrease in grant income as funding will be reallocated into the 2025-26 financial year for the delivery of a larger footpath capital project.
Emergency Services Levy	-	90,000	90,000	Increase in grant income due to additional funding received from the State Government for the Emergency Services Levy contribution.
Grants and Contributions - Capital (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-	10,865,039	10,865,039	
Voluntary Planning Agreement	-	446,139	446,139	Increase in voluntary planning agreement (VPA) developer contributions related to 9-13 Waterloo Road. It is proposed to transfer funds to the VPA Reserve.
Wicks Road Footpath Upgrade		(366,300)	(366,300)	Decrease in VPA Developer Contribution related to 9-13 Waterloo Road to swap the funding source from Voluntary Planning Agreement Income to the Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Development Contributions for S7.11 & S7.12	-	10,205,000	10,205,000	Increase in developer contributions due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
Roads to Recovery - Khartoum Rd Road Resurfacing Renewal	-	166,200	166,200	Increase in budget due to additional grant allocated from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for the Roads to Recovery Program.

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Walking & Riding Routes to School Non-Competitive Grants Program	-	50,000	50,000	Increase in grant income due to additional grant received from the Transport for NSW Walking and Riding Routes to Ryde Public School project.
Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant				
Memorial Park Basketball Court Upgrade & Seating	-	60,000	60,000	Increase in grant income due to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
ELS Hall Baseball Amenities Upgrade	-	34,000	34,000	Increase in grant income due to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
Marsfield Park Amenities Upgrade	-	110,000	110,000	Increase in grant income due to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
Waterloo Park Playground Upgrade	-	160,000	160,000	Increase in grant income due to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
Employee benefits and on-costs (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	(900,984)	(264,842)	(1,165,826)	
Salary Savings Across Various Programs	-	(482,919)	(482,919)	Decrease in budget predominantly due to vacant positions.
Termination & Redundancy	-	124,675	124,675	Increase in budget due to additional redundancy payments.
Temporary Contractors & Agency Staff	(930,527)	-	(930,527)	Reallocation of budget to fund temporary contractors using salary savings.
Casual Waste Administrative Officer & Trainee	-	93,402	93,402	Increase in budget due to casual Waste Administrative Officer and Trainee. It is proposed to be funded by the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
NSW Government Fresh Start Program	29,543		29,543	Increase in budget due to commencement of trainees and apprentices. It is proposed to be funded by the NSW Government Fresh Start program.
Materials and contracts (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	975,194	1,980,029	2,955,223	
Organisational Restructure Resource	-	118,719	118,719	Increase in budget to fund external consultancy support required for the Organisational Reform project.
Governance and ethical oversight initiatives	-	150,000	150,000	Increase in budget to fund governance and ethical oversight initiatives.
Councillor Budget Allocation	-	(94,000)	(94,000)	Reallocation to cover the shortfall for the Capital Project: Shared User Path between Wilga Park and Macquarie Park, in accordance with the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy form received. This reallocation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Legal Service Provisions		31,800	31,800	Increase in budget due to a best value review conducted for legal service provisions.
Devlin Street Site Options		354,460	354,460	Increase the budget for the 1 Devlin Street, Ryde – Site Options project in accordance with the Council Resolution dated 10th December 2024. The proposed increase is to be funded from the Ryde Central Reserve.
Ticket to Ryde Event	-	(67,846)	(67,846)	Decrease in budget as the event has been postponed from March/April to September 2025. This event will be funded from next year's budget allocation.

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Secured Physical Offsite Storage of Records & Associated Services	-	141,000	141,000	Increase in budget to support the transition of records storage and retrieval services to a new supplier. This adjustment includes an exit fee associated with the termination of services with the existing supplier, and additional funding to cover extended service costs incurred whilst finalising the new contract.
Integrated Planning & Reporting (IPR)	-	(20,000)	(20,000)	Decrease in budget due to projected savings after completion of most of the annual reporting documents for the current financial year period.
Health & Building Application & Search Fees	-	3,200	3,200	Increase budget primarily due to additional clean-up and prevention notices issued and therefore additional company search is required to ensure that notices are legally valid and will hold up should they be court elected.
Street Tree Planting Program	-	129,670	129,670	Reclassification of street tree planting program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Enhancement to the Biodiversity Corridor in North Ryde	44,667		44,667	Increase in budget to support bush regeneration works at the Field of Mars and the purchase of plants, supplies, and small equipment to enhance the Biodiversity Corridor in North Ryde. It is proposed to be funded by the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant.
Street Lighting Utilities	-	(120,700)	(120,700)	Decrease budget due to savings from LED Upgrade program - remaining residual payment less than budgeted.
M2 Upgrade Consent Public Infrastructure		(61,930)	(61,930)	Decrease in budget as funding will be reallocated into the 2025-26 financial year for the delivery of a larger footpath capital project.
Putney Swim Site Netting	-	10,000	10,000	Increase budget for new asset to fund diving contractors to inspect and maintain the Putney swim site.
Local Distribution Authority & State Significant Development Projects	-	(100,000)	(100,000)	Decrease in expenditure due to a reduced volume of construction certificate applications for both LDA and State Significant Development (SSD) projects. These projects typically require upgrades to multi-function poles and street lighting infrastructure. As a result, there will be fewer assessments and a reduced need for external consultant referrals to complete this work.
City Transport Membership Fees	-	(52,470)	(52,470)	Decrease in budget as membership fees have been paid in the prior financial year.
Rates & Revenue Valuation Fees		9,228	9,228	Increase in budget due to valuation fees coming in higher than anticipated.
Tender & Contract Management	110,500	-	110,500	Increase for temporary procurement Specialist budget to assist with the increased workload and backlog with undertaking the organisations current procurement requirements. Partially funded by saving from Contracts Administrator position.
Implementation of Procurement RFQ/RFT Database	-	70,000	70,000	Increase in budget for the Sourcing & DocOne implementation project.
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Operations	-	(217,913)	(217,913)	Decrease in budget due to operational savings in gas and electricity utilities. This is offset by reduced RALC income.
Disposal & Collections Waste Contract	-	(400,000)	(400,000)	Decrease in budget due to a capped processing rate of 45% for the mixed waste organic outputs (MWOO), which is lower than the originally budgeted 70% under the disposal and processing waste contract. It is proposed to be returned to the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
Errant Domestic Waste	-	38,000	38,000	Increase in budget to fund additional landfill gas assessment work at Magdala Park following recommendations from the NSW EPA. It is proposed to be funded by the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
Community Problem Waste Recycling Centre	-	30,214	30,214	Increase in budget to align with 2024–25 leasing costs for the North Sydney Council Community Recycling Centre facility. It is proposed to be funded from the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
Porters Creek Operations	-	636,000	636,000	Increase in budget for the Porters Creek Construction Waste Recycling Facility to allow for additional processing of raw construction materials to be turned into saleable products. Adjustment also recognises the loss from internal activity for soil (road reserve) due to EPA ruling surrounding storage of public excavated road material. It is proposed to be partly funded from increased income under the Porters Creek operations.

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Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case	-	1,352,487	1,352,487	Reclassification of Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Footpath & Nature Strip Maintenance	-	40,110	40,110	Increase in budget for reactive safety works to address sinkholes formed on crib wall at 40 Terry Road Denistone.
Gross Pollutant Traps & Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices	90,000	-	90,000	Matching transfer of budget from salary savings to contractor costs to support increased servicing of gross pollutant trap (GPT) devices and an enhanced cleaning schedule.
Street Trees Maintenance	163,000	-	163,000	Matching transfer of budget from salary savings to tree maintenance contractor costs as vacancies have resulted in higher utilisation of external contractors.
Temporary Staff & Labour Hire across various programs	567,027	-	567,027	Transfer of budget to fund temporary resources due to vacant positions. This is offset by salary savings.
Other expenses (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	-	109,227	109,227	
Street Tree Planting Program	-	240	240	Reclassification of street tree planting program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Community Heritage Grant Scheme	-	108,987	108,987	Increase in Heritage Grants/donations provided as per Council Resolution dated 25th March 2025 for Round 7 and upcoming Round 8. It is proposed to be funded from Heritage Reserve.
Reserves Drawdown for Operating (-ve is an increase in Reserve Drawdown)	-	11,066,761	11,066,761	
Externally Restricted Reserve	-	12,741,785	12,741,785	
Section 7.12 Plan - Fixed Development Consent				
Section 7.12 Developer Contributions	-	5,000	5,000	Transfer to Section 7.12 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
Section 7.11 Plan - Admin Reserve				
Section 7.11 Developer Contributions	-	100,000	100,000	Transfer to Section 7.11 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
Section 7.11 Plan - Roads & Traffic Management				
Section 7.11 Developer Contributions	-	900,000	900,000	Transfer to Section 7.11 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
Section 7.11 Plan - Open Space & Recreation Facilities				
Section 7.11 Developer Contributions	-	6,000,000	6,000,000	Transfer to Section 7.11 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
Investment Income	-	1,530,000	1,530,000	Increase primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions.

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2025 Comments
Section 7.11 Plan - Community & Cultural Facilities				
Section 7.11 Developer Contributions	-	3,200,000	3,200,000	Increase in developer contributions due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
Voluntary Planning Agreement				
Voluntary Planning Agreement	-	446,139	446,139	Increase in VPA Developer Contribution related to 9-13 Waterloo Road. It is proposed to transfer t Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve.
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserves				
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserves	-	(25,163)	(25,163)	Decrease in Rates and Annual Charges due to lower than anticipated income received.
Stormwater Management Reserve				
Stormwater Management Service Charge	-	5,362	5,362	Decrease in Stormwater Charges due to lower than anticipated income received.
Infrastructure Special Rate Levy				
Infrastructure Special Rate Levy	-	64,536	64,536	Increase in Rates and Annual Charges due to greater than anticipated income received.
Domestic Waste Management (DWM) Reserve				
Domestic Waste Management Income	-	257,527	257,527	Increase in budget to align income with year to date actuals for the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
Home Waste & Resilience	-	20,000	20,000	Transfer to the DWM Reserve due to salary scooping.
Disposal & Collections Waste Contract	-	400,000	400,000	Transfer to the DWM Reserve due to a capped processing rate of 45% for the mixed waste organic outputs (MWOO), which is lower than the originally budgeted 70% under the disposal and processing waste contract.
Errant Domestic Waste	-	(63,684)	(63,684)	Transfer from the DWM Reserve to fund additional landfill gas assessment work at Magdala Park and a casual Waste Administrative Officer.
Litter & Illegal Dumping Prevention	-	(36,376)	(36,376)	Transfer from the DWM Reserve to fund two Waste Administrative Officers.
Waste Business Administration Traineeship	-	(31,342)	(31,342)	Transfer from the DWM Reserve to fund a Business Administration Trainee.
Community Problem Waste Recycling Centre	-	(30,214)	(30,214)	Transfer from the DWM Reserve to align with 2024–25 leasing costs for the North Sydney Council Community Recycling Centre facility.
Internally Restricted Reserve	-	(1,675,024)	(1,675,024)	

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2025 Comments
Assets Replacement Reserve				
Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case	-	(1,352,487)	(1,352,487)	Reclassification of Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Councillor Budget Allocation	-	94,000	94,000	Reallocate from the Councillor Budget Allocation to cover the shortfall for the Capital Project: Shared User Path between Wilga Park and Macquarie Park, in accordance with the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy form received. This reallocation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Street Tree Planting Program	-	(136,090)	(136,090)	Reclassification of street tree planting program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Heritage Reserve				
Heritage Grant Scheme	-	(108,987)	(108,987)	Increase in Heritage Grants/donations provided as per Council Resolution dated 25th March 2025 for Round 7 and upcoming Round 8. It is proposed to be funded from Heritage Reserve.
Ryde Central Reserve				
Devlin Street Site Options	-	(354,460)	(354,460)	Increase the budget for the 1 Devlin Street, Ryde – Site Options project in accordance with the Council Resolution dated 10th December 2024. The proposed increase is to be funded from the Ryde Central Reserve.
Planning Proposal Reserve				
Planning Proposal Income	-	183,000	183,000	Increase income budget based on YTD result already achieved
Capital Expenditure (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	-	(1,221,640)	(1,221,640)	
Street Tree Planting Program	-	(136,090)	(136,090)	Reclassification of street tree planting program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Byron Park Playground Renewal Program	-	(35,000)	(35,000)	Decrease due to project being completed with no variations or contingencies. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Section 7.11 Reserve.
Braemar Park Playground Renewal Program	-	17,500	17,500	Increase due to site environmental constraints and subsequent constructability requirements such as inability to excavate in environmental areas. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Bowden Street Trunk Drainage Maintenance & Investigation Works	-	18,289	18,289	Increase due to dewatering of the stormwater drainage cells and cleaning out sedimentation/debris, and collection of CCTV footage of stormwater drainage cells to confirm the conditions of the stormwater drainage system. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing Works	-	12,316	12,316	Increase due to relocation of the Optus cable and additional costs for network energisation was beyond the initial estimate provided by Ausgrid. It is proposed to be funded from Asset Replacement Reserve.
Cambridge Street Road Kerb Renewal	-	(200,605)	(200,605)	Decrease due to cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered less than the budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Goodwin Street Stormwater Asset Replacement & Renewal	-	35,000	35,000	Increase due to additional costs for design changes to meet the project objective including relocating the ramp and extending the stormwater pipe. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Wicks Road Stormwater Asset Replacement & Renewal	-	9,000	9,000	Increase due to the reallocation of over accrued savings in previous QBR. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2025 Comments
West Parade Stormwater Asset Replacement & Renewal	-	(9,000)	(9,000)	Decrease due to cost savings from selecting a competitive quote. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Constitution Road & Belmore Street Culvert Replacement	-	(100,000)	(100,000)	Decrease due to the competitive nature of the selected quote, which was the most cost-effective among all submissions. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Kissing Point Park Foreshore Protection Works	-	20,000	20,000	Increase due to the post construction activities including development and registration of easement plans, review and acceptance of 'Works as Executed' (WAE) documentation, and issuance of the Completion Certificate for final completion of the project. It is proposed to be funded from Asset Replacement.
Memorial Park Basketball Court Upgrade & Seating	-	60,000	60,000	Increase due to additional grant income from the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
ELS Hall Baseball Amenities Upgrade	-	34,000	34,000	Increase due to additional grant income from the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
Community Facilities Building Preschool Renewal Program	-	20,000	20,000	Increase due to hazardous materials being found during excavation works. Additional costs will cover decontamination of site and disposal of materials. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Marsfield Park Amenities Upgrade	-	110,000	110,000	Increase due to additional grant income from the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
Waterloo Park Playground Upgrade	-	160,000	160,000	Increase due to additional grant income from the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grant from NSW Premier's Department.
Olympic Park Playground Renewal Program	-	1,699	1,699	Increase due to additional scope such as concrete pavement outside the playground due to safety risks. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Adventure Park Playground Renewal Program	-	17,500	17,500	Increase due to additional excavation and soil disposal costs. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Church Street Car Park Renewal Works	-	150,000	150,000	Increase due to additional items as part of the retaining wall works, including carpark resurfacing and new layout, and additional works along the footpath, kerb and gutter. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve
Conservation Management Plan for Heritage Buildings Renewal Works	-	(20,000)	(20,000)	Decrease due to cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered less than the budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve
Walking & Riding Routes to School Non-Competitive Grants Program	-	50,000	50,000	Increase in due to additional grant received from the Transport for NSW Walking and Riding Routes to Ryde Public School project.
Wilga Park Shared User Path	-	94,000	94,000	Increase in budget to ensure that the shared user path and lighting work can be delivered in full by the end of the financial year. This increase will be offset by a reduction in the Councillor Budget Allocation.
Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case	-	(1,352,487)	(1,352,487)	Reclassification from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Ryde Central Expansion Project	-	(177,762)	(177,762)	Decrease the budget in accordance with the Council Resolution dated 25th June 2024. It is proposed that the remaining budget be returned to the Ryde Central Reserve.
Reserves Drawdown for Capital (-ve is an Increase in Reserve Drawdown)	-	1,435,540	1,435,540	
Externally Restricted Reserve				
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve				

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2025 Comments
Bowden Street Trunk Drainage Maintenance & Investigation Works	-	(18,289)	(18,289)	Increase due to dewatering of the stormwater drainage cells and cleaning out sedimentation/debris, and collection of CCTV footage of stormwater drainage cells to confirm the conditions of the stormwater drainage system. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Khartoum Road (Talavera Rd - Waterloo Rd) Road Resurfacing Renewal	-	166,200	166,200	Return the funding to the reserve due to additional grant allocated from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for the Roads to Recovery Program.
Cambridge Street Road Kerb Renewal	-	200,605	200,605	Decrease due to cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered less than the budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Goodwin Street Stormwater Asset Replacement & Renewal	-	(35,000)	(35,000)	Increase due to additional costs for design changes to meet the project objective including relocating the ramp and extending the stormwater pipe. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Constitution Road & Belmore Street Culvert Replacement	-	100,000	100,000	Decrease due to the competitive nature of the selected quote, which was the most cost-effective among all submissions. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Community Facilities Building Preschool Renewal Program	-	(20,000)	(20,000)	Increase due to hazardous materials being found during excavation works. Additional costs will cover decontamination of site and disposal of materials. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Olympic Park Playground Renewal Program	-	(1,699)	(1,699)	Increase due to additional scope such as concrete pavement outside the playground due to safety risks. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Braemar Park Playground Renewal Program	-	(17,500)	(17,500)	Increase due to site environmental constraints and subsequent constructability requirements such as inability to excavate in environmental areas. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Adventure Park Playground Renewal Program	-	(17,500)	(17,500)	Increase due to additional excavation and soil disposal costs. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Church Street Car Park Renewal Works	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	Increase due to additional items as part of the retaining wall works, including carpark resurfacing and new layout, and additional works along the footpath, kerb and gutter. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve
Conservation Management Plan for Heritage Buildings Renewal Works	-	20,000	20,000	Decrease due to cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered less than the budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve
Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhance	-	(200,000)	(200,000)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Waterloo Park - Amenities Upgrade	-	(814,720)	(814,720)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Ryde Park - Upper Amenities Upgrade	-	(70,300)	(70,300)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Byron Park - Neighbourhood	-	(225,000)	(225,000)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 3 Variations	March Quarter 2025 Comments
Pioneer Park - District	-	(60,000)	(60,000)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Putney Park Regional Playground	-	(33,630)	(33,630)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery	-	(2,528,492)	(2,528,492)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Minor Upgrade Ryde Library	-	(56,234)	(56,234)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Major Upgrade West Ryde Library	-	(130,530)	(130,530)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Section 7.11 Plan - Open Space & Recreation Facilities				
Street Tree Planting Program	-	36,740	36,740	Reclassification of street tree planting program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Byron Park Playground Renewal Program	-	260,000	260,000	Decrease for Byron Park Playground Renewal Program (\$35,000) due to project being completed with no variations or contingencies. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Section 7.11 Reserve. In addition, A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhance	-	200,000	200,000	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Waterloo Park - Amenities Upgrade	-	814,720	814,720	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Ryde Park - Upper Amenities Upgrade	-	70,300	70,300	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.

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Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery	-	2,528,492	2,528,492	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. According to Clause 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be used for the provision, extension, or augmentation of public amenities and services. Specifically, the Development Contributions Practice Note 2005 (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) clearly states that contributions cannot be used to fund maintenance or renewal works. This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
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Stormwater Management Reserves				
Wicks Road Stormwater Asset Replacement & Renewal	-	(9,000)	(9,000)	Increase due to the reallocation of over accrued savings in previous QBR. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.
West Parade Stormwater Asset Replacement & Renewal	-	9,000	9,000	Decrease due to cost savings from selecting a competitive quote. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Voluntary Planning Agreement				
Wicks Road Footpath Upgrade	-	(366,300)	(366,300)	A funding swap is proposed to fund the project from the Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve (changing from Voluntary Planning Agreement Income). This variation will have no impact on the Council's overall budget.
Internally Restricted Reserve				
Assets Replacement Reserve				
Street Tree Planting Program	-	99,350	99,350	Reclassification of street tree planting program from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

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Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing Works	-	(12,316)	(12,316)	Increase due to relocation of the Optus cable and additional costs for network energisation was beyond the initial estimate provided by Ausgrid. It is proposed to be funded from Asset Replacement Reserve.
Kissing Point Park Foreshore Protection Works	-	(20,000)	(20,000)	Increase due to the post construction activities including development and registration of easement plans, review and acceptance of 'Works as Executed' (WAE) documentation, and issuance of the Completion Certificate for final completion of the project. It is proposed to be funded from Asset Replacement
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Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case	-	1,352,487	1,352,487	Reclassification from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Ryde Central Reserve				
Ryde Central Expansion Project	-	177,762	177,762	Decrease the budget in accordance with the Council Resolution dated 25th June 2024. It is proposed that the remaining budget be returned to the Ryde Central Reserve.

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Financial Performance Indicators

	Revised Budget	Benchmark
Operating Performance Ratio ⁽¹⁾	-0.81%	>0.00%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	75.62%	>60.00%
Debt Service Cover Ratio	32.07x	>2.0x
Asset Renewals Ratio	147%	>=100%

(1) The Operating Performance Ratio of -0.81% has not met the benchmark as at the March Quarter. It has increased from -1.08% from December Quarter to -0.81% after March Quarterly Budget Review. The improvement is mainly due to Investment Income is increasing by \$1.8m. It is anticipated that during the year, savings in expenditure and additional income generated will result in improvements in this ratio. This will continue to be monitored and reported to Council in future quarterly budget review.

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Contracts Awarded - Third Quarterly Review Report January 2025 to March 2025

Contractors Name	Purpose of Contract	Contract Form	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Contract Options	Duration of the Contract	End Date	Included in Budget?	Is this a lease under AASB 16
Dapcor Building Services	Glen Street Car Park Defect Remediation Works	MW21	\$ 550,000	21/03/2025		4 months	31/07/2025	Yes	No
EzyPave	Road kerb and footpath renewal work at Cambridge Road	LGP420	\$ 134,102	17/03/2025		1 month	31/05/2025	Yes	No
Grace Records Management (Australia) Pty Ltd	Secured Physical Offsite Storage and Services	Services Agreement	\$ 89,000	1/03/2025	2 years	5 years	28/02/2030	Yes	No
Rangedale Drainage & Industrial Services Pty Ltd	Stormwater Pipe CCTV Inspection and Cleaning	Minor Works Contract	\$ 113,550	20/01/2025		4 months	15/05/2025	Yes	No
Shell Energy	Gas Supply to the Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre	Procurement Australia	\$ 1,300,000	1/01/2025		3 Years	31/12/2027	Yes	No
Peter Nicholas Vickers	Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) Opening Night & Exhibition	Exemption	\$ 56,000	28/03/2025		4 years	31/12/2028	Yes	No

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Legal & Consultancy Expenses as at 31 March 2025

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Legal Fees	\$ 390,548	Y
Consultancy Fees	\$ 1,866,170	Y

4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION - Councillor and Mayoral fees for 2025/2026

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLR/07/8/24 - BP25/158

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council to advise of the recent determination made by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal with respect to Councillor and Mayoral fees. The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined an increase of 3% per annum to Mayoral and Councillor fees for the 2025-2026 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2025.

In accordance with Section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Tribunal is required to undertake a review of the categories at least once every three (3) years. As the last review was conducted in 2023, the next review by the Tribunal will be undertaken in 2026.

As part of the 2025 Annual Review process, Council lodged a submission requesting that the City of Ryde be re-categorisation from its existing category of "Metropolitan Large" to "Metropolitan Major". The Tribunal determined not to re-categorise City of Ryde as Council did not satisfy the population threshold criteria required for "Metropolitan Major". The City of Ryde therefore remains in the "Metropolitan Large" category.

At its meeting on 28 May 2024, Council resolved not to adopt any increase to the Councillor and Mayoral fees for the period of 2024/2025 (effective from 1 July 2024).

Council is therefore requested to consider the options set out in this report, noting there is sufficient provision for payment of the increase in the 2025/2026 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider the options set out below:-

- (a) That Council adopt the following increases to Councillor and Mayoral fees effective from 1 July 2025 in accordance with the decision of the Tribunal:-
 - i. Increase to Councillor fee from \$31,020 to \$34,820 per annum.
 - ii. Increase to Mayoral fee from \$90,370 to \$101,470 per annum; in addition to the Councillor fee.

OR

- (b) That Council decline the option to increase Councillor and Mayoral fees.

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OR

- (c) That Council adopt a partial increase to the Councillor and Mayoral fees.

OR

- (d) That Council adopt a reduction to the Councillor and Mayoral fees.

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- 1** Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination -
17 April 2025 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Context

Section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) provides for the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to determine the categories of Councils and to place each Council into one of those categories. The categories are to be determined at least once every three (3) years. In accordance with the Act, the Tribunal last undertook a review of categories and allocations of Councils in 2023 with the next review to be undertake in 2026.

Section 241 of the Act provides for the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to determine, not later than 1 May each year, for each of the categories determined under Section 239, the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid during the following year to Councillors and Mayors. It is then up to individual Councils to fix the annual fee for Councillors and Mayors.

At its meeting on 28 May 2024, Council resolved not to adopt any increase to the Councillor and Mayoral fees for the period of 2024/2025 (effective from 1 July 2024).

Discussion

Categorisation of Councils

The “*Annual Report and Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal*” dated 17 April 2025 is provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**.

As part of the 2025 Annual Review process, Council lodged a submission requesting that the City of Ryde be re-categorisation from its existing category of “Metropolitan Large” to “Metropolitan Major”. The Tribunal determined not to re-categorise City of Ryde as Council did not satisfy the population threshold criteria required for “Metropolitan Major”. The City of Ryde therefore remains in the “Metropolitan Large” category.

Review of Mayoral and Councillors Fees

The Tribunal considered a range of factors in determining the amount to increase the minimum and maximum fees payable to Councillors and Mayors. This included a wide range of economic data such as:

- Consumer Price Index for the 12 months to December each year.
- Wage Price Index for the 12 months to December each year.
- Full-time average weekly ordinary time earnings for the 12 months to November each year.
- NSW Public Sector Salaries increases.
- Local Government State Award increases.
- IPART Rate Peg Base Cost Change.

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- Public Service Senior Executive remuneration determinations, by the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal.
- State Members of Parliament Basic Salary remuneration determinations by the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.

The Tribunal has determined that a 3% per annum increase will apply to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to existing categories.

The table below provides a summary of the minimum and maximum fees determined by the Tribunal.

Tribunal Fee Range for 2025/2026

	Minimum Fee Determined by the Tribunal	If only 3% increase	Maximum Fee Determined by the Tribunal (recommended)	CoR 2024/2025 Current Annual Fee
Councillor fee (per annum)	\$21,120	\$31,950	\$34,820	\$31,020
Mayoral additional fee * (per annum)	\$44,840	\$93,081	\$101,470	\$90,370

* Note: The Mayor receives a Mayoral fee in addition to the Councillor fee.

Based on the table above, the total annual cost of paying the maximum Councillor and Mayoral fees from 1 July 2025 will be \$554,130. There is provision for this amount in the 2025/2026 Budget.

Critical Dates

The new fees are payable as from 1 July 2025.

Financial Impact

There is provision in the 2025/2026 Budget to fund the recommended fees and therefore endorsing the recommendation will have no impact on Council's budget.

Policy Implications

Under Sections 239 and 241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determines the category of each Council and the fee range for Councillors and the Mayor. Within that range, Council then determines the fee which will be paid.

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Options

The following options are available:-

1. That Council adopt the maximum Councillor and Mayoral fees.
2. That Council adopt a partial increase to the Councillor and Mayoral fees.
3. That Council adopt no increase to the Councillor and Mayoral fees.
4. That Council adopt a reduction to the Councillor and Mayoral fees.

This report notes that there are sufficient funds in the 2025/2026 Budget.

5 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES - 1 JULY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Report prepared by: Acting Civic Support Officer
File No.: CLM/24/1/1/2 - BP25/361

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, a detailed report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors is required to be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website.

This report covers the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 and includes expenditure summarised by individual Councillors and a total for all Councillors

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the report and Attachment 1 regarding Councillor expenses and facilities for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Councillor Expenses - 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

Report Prepared By:

Amy Woodhams
Acting Civic Support Officer

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Context

In accordance with the *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy – Better Practice Model Template* released by the Office of Local Government (OLG), Council at its meeting on 25 July 2023 adopted a revised copy of its Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy which includes the following under Part 18:-

18. REPORTING

- (1) *Council will report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors as required in the Act and Regulations.*
- (2) *Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website. These reports will include expenditure summaries by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.*

Discussion

In accordance with Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, a detailed report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors is required to be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website.

This report includes expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.

All expenditure is in accordance with Council's adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy with expenses being reported as provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1** covering the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Financial Implications

Expenditure associated with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy is included in Council's budget.

Policy Implications

In accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, Council is complying with the Policy by presenting this report to Council and tabling this information.

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ATTACHMENT 1

COUNCILLOR EXPENSES 1 JULY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Total for all Councillors

Account Description	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$0
Professional Development	\$1848.00
Communication Expenses	\$8871.03
Information Technology (IT) Equipment	\$2842.00
Accommodation	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$0

Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors Additional \$2,380 for Mayor	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor Additional \$3,000 for Mayor	\$2460.64
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$2275.00
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Shweta Deshpande

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$644.45
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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Councillor Daniel Han

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$354.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Meals and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$152.50
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Justin Li

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$254.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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Councillor Roy Maggio

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$1504.66
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$69.00
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Penny Pedersen

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$120
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Jordan Lane (1 July 2024 – 14 September 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$603.49
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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ATTACHMENT 1

Councillor Katie O'Reilly(1 July 2024 – 14 September 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$60
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Bernard Purcell(1 July 2024 – 14 September 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$417
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Charles Song(1 July 2024 – 14 September 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$300.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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Councillor Sarkis Yedelian (1 July 2024 – 14 September 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$1640.29
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Keanu Arya (15 October 2024- 31 Dec 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$60
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Lyndal Howison (15 October 2024- 31 Dec 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$60
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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Councillor Tina Kordrostami (15 October 2024- 31 Dec 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$1848.00
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$60
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Cameron Last (15 October 2024- 31 Dec 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$60
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Councillor Felix Lo (15 October 2024- 31 Dec 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	An incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$60
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$0
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

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ATTACHMENT 1

Councillor Kathy Tracey (15 October 2024- 31 Dec 2024)

Account Description	Annual Cap	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024
Travel within the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Travel outside the LGA	As incurred	\$0
Conferences and Seminars	\$30,400 total for all Councillors	\$0
Professional Development	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Communication Expenses	\$3,600 per Councillor	\$60.00
Information Technology Equipment	\$5,000 per Councillor per term	\$498.00
Accommodation	\$0	\$0
Carer Expenses	\$4,000 per Councillor	\$0
Dinners and Non-Council Functions	\$300 per Councillor	\$0

Note: Above expenses reflect time of reimbursement noting that Councillor reimbursements can be made up to three (3) months after an expense is incurred in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

6 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - VIMIERA ROAD FOOTPATH AND MARSFIELD PARK CAR PARK

Report prepared by: Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/363

REPORT SUMMARY

This report outlines an application from Mayor Trenton Brown (refer to **ATTACHMENT 1**) to complete the footpath extension works on Vimiera Road, Marsfield and to install sandstone blocks to the remainder of the Marsfield Park car park.

Currently, the balance of Mayor Brown's discretionary fund is \$41,000.

The project aligns with the objectives of the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy. Funds may be allocated in a financial year however it is noted that the funded project may not be completed in that financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the allocation of \$40,000 excluding GST from the Councillor Discretionary Fund to the 2024/2025 Capital Works Program and Footpath Expansion Capital Works Program for the completion of the missing footpath on Vimiera Road and installation of sandstone blocks to the car park at Marsfield Park.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Mayor Brown Discretionary Fund Application - Vimiera Road

Report Prepared By:

Michelle Lister
Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 6 (continued)

Discussion

Vimiera Road in Marsfield is located in the West Ward and serves as a key connection to Marsfield Park. The existing footpath on the southern side of Vimiera Road terminates at the park boundary, creating a gap in pedestrian access to the park's car park.

Councillor Li had previously used his discretionary funds to partially fund the construction of the missing footpath.

Mayor Brown would like to fund the remaining footpath works (approximately 16m long, identified in blue in **Figure 1**).

Mayor Brown would also like to complete the installation of sandstone blocks bordering the car park at Marsfield Park. The placement of the thirteen sandstone blocks will complete this additional project (identified in red in **Figure 1**).



Figure 1: Scope of works on Vimiera Road at Marsfield Park

ITEM 6 (continued)

Policy Compliance

The project has been assessed under the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy, particularly clause 4.10, which requires that discretionary funds be used for projects that benefit the wider community.

The footpath completion will improve accessibility for all community members, ensuring safer community access to Marsfield Park and aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan objective "Our Connected and Accessible City".

The extension of sandstone blocks will visually complete the delineation of the park from the car park and provide additional informal seating.

Financial Implications


The estimated cost for the footpath completion and installation of thirteen sandstone blocks to the car park at Marsfield Park is \$40,000 excluding GST. The funding is proposed to be sourced from Mayor Brown's Councillor Discretionary Fund.

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**Councillor Discretionary
Funds Policy**

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Appendix A
Application Form: Councillor Discretionary Fund Project: Minor Works or Project

1. Councillor details	
Councillor sponsoring the application:	Mayor Trenton Brown
Councillors in support of this Discretionary funding application (if applicable):	
2. Proposed Minor Works or Project details	
Name and location of project / purpose of funding:	Complete the concrete southeth, & on Vinnia Rd, from the bus stop outside Nagany University Village toward the car park at Mansfield Park.
Details of funds requested:	
Attach scope of estimating the requested funding	Add sandstone blocks to the northern end & the car park, in a similar type of
3. Declaration of conflict of interest and compliance	
<p>Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>, I hereby declare that regarding the above application for funds through the Councillor Discretionary Fund that I have: <u>the southern end of NP.</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict of interest (<i>whether perceived or actual</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest*</p>	
<p>*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:</p>	
<p>I declare that this application complies with the intent and conditions of the City of Ryde Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: <u>10/3/25</u></p>	

➤ When completed and signed, the form should be scanned with any supporting documentation to the City of Ryde Councillor helpdesk email (DHelp@ryde.nsw.gov.au).

➤ If there are any questions concerning the completion of the application, please contact the Manager Business Assurance and Governance at Governance@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Councillor Discretionary Funds		
Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance
CM Reference: D24/32383	Initial: June 2024	Next review date: June 2028

7 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - SEATING AT MORRISON BAY PARK BASKETBALL COURT

Report prepared by: Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/359

REPORT SUMMARY

This report outlines an application by Councillor Roy Maggio (refer **ATTACHMENT 1**) to use monies from his discretionary funds to purchase and install 3 bench seats adjacent to the basketball court at Morrison Bay Park.

Currently, the balance of Councillor Maggio's discretionary funds is \$35,274.04.

The project aligns with the objectives of the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy. Funds may be allocated in a financial year however it is noted that the funded project may not be completed in that financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the allocation of \$8,290.00 from Councillor Roy Maggio's Discretionary Fund to the 2024/2025 Capital Works Program for the purchase and installation of 3 bench seats adjacent to the basketball court at Morrison Bay Park.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Councillor Maggio Discretionary Fund Application - Seating at Morrison Bay
- 2** Councillor Maggio Discretionary Funds - Quotation and preferred location of 3 bench seats at Morrison Bay Park

Report Prepared By:

Michelle Lister
Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Discussion

Site Description

Morrison Bay Park is located in East Ward and the basketball court is located within the park near the intersection of Morrison Road and Frances Road, Putney.

The location of the 3 bench seats will be close to the Councillor's preferred location as outlined in **ATTACHMENT 2**.



Policy Compliance

The application has been assessed under the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy, particularly Clause 3.2 and Clause 4.10, which requires that discretionary funds be used for projects that benefit the wider community.

The provision of seating at this location will provide amenity to park users and in particular those who use the basketball court.

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Financial Implications

The estimated cost of the three bench seats is \$8,290.00 which includes the purchase and installation of the seats. The funding is proposed to be sourced from the Councillor Maggio's Discretionary Fund.


ITEM 7 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

**Councillor Discretionary
Funds Policy**

Appendix A

Application Form: Councillor Discretionary Fund Project: Minor Works or Project

1. Councillor details	
Councillor sponsoring the application.	<i>ROY MADGOLD</i>
Councillors in support of this Discretionary funding application (if applicable):	
2. Proposed Minor Works or Project details	
Name and location of project / purpose of funding:	<i>3 ALUMINIUM BENCHES AT THE BASKETBALL COURTS NEAR RIM.</i>
Details of funds requested:	<i>\$8,290.00</i>
Attach scope of estimating the requested funding	
3. Declaration of conflict of interest and compliance	
Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , I hereby declare that regarding the above application for funds through the Councillor Discretionary Fund that I have:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict of interest (<i>whether perceived or actual</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest*	
*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:	
	
I declare that this application complies with the intent and conditions of the City of Ryde Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy	
Signature: _____	Date: <i>21.4.25</i>

- When completed and signed, the form should be scanned with any supporting documentation to the City of Ryde Councillor helpdesk email (DHelp@ryde.nsw.gov.au).
- If there are any questions concerning the completion of the application, please contact the Manager Business Assurance and Governance at Governance@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Councillor Discretionary Funds		
Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance
CM Reference: D24/32383	Initial: June 2024	Next review date: June 2028

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ATTACHMENT 2

Quotation and preferred location of 3 bench seats at Morrison Bay Park

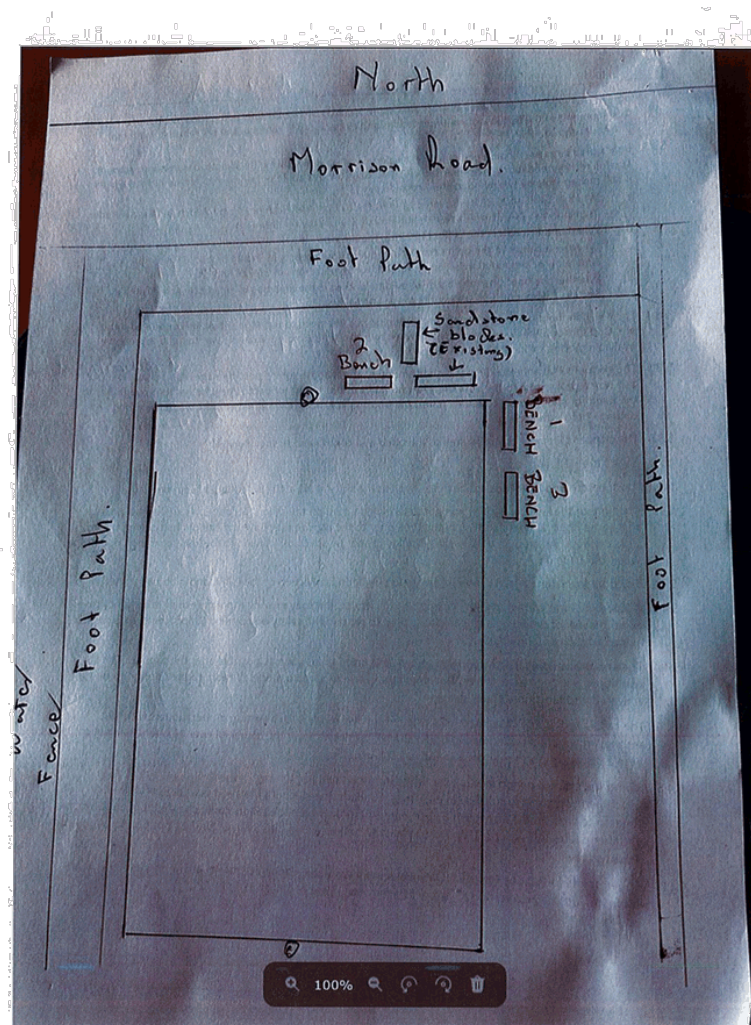
The costings are as follows:

Avenue bench		Price = \$1,430 each Total = \$4,290.00 (excl GST) Concrete slab & earth works= \$3,000.00 Contingency = \$1,000.00 Total cost = \$8,290.00
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Preferred location:

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ATTACHMENT 2



8 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - DICKSON AVENUE FOOTPATH EXTENSION

Report prepared by: Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/373

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is prepared following an application from Councillor Roy Maggio (refer to **ATTACHMENT 1**) to extend the existing footpath on the southern side of Dickson Avenue, West Ryde from 38 Dickson Avenue to 44 Dickson Avenue (approximately 50 lineal metres).

Currently, the balance of Councillor Maggio's discretionary fund is \$35,274.04.

The project aligns with the objectives of the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy. Funds may be allocated in a financial year however it is noted that the funded project may not be completed in that financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council approves the allocation of \$30,000 excluding GST from the Councillor Discretionary Fund to the 2025/2026 Footpath Expansion Capital Works Program for the construction of the Dickson Avenue footpath extension subject to recommendation part (b).
- (b) That the project be funded from Councillor Maggio's 2024/2025 discretionary funds. If there is slight shortfall in funds, the balance of the project will be funded from the current Footpath Expansion Capital Works Program.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Councillor Maggio Discretionary Fund Application - Dickson Avenue Footpath Extension

Report Prepared By:

Michelle Lister
Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Discussion

Dickson Avenue, West Ryde is located in the West Ward. A continuous footpath along the entire southern side of Dickson Avenue, from Bellevue Avenue to Shaftsbury Road, is currently proposed for inclusion in the 2028/2029 capital works program under the draft four-year Delivery Plan, currently on public exhibition until 1 June 2025.

Following requests by residents, a small section of footpath (12 metres in length) and a pram ramp was constructed on the corner of Bellevue Avenue and Dickson Avenue to connect the driveway at 38 Dickson Avenue with the existing footpath on Bellevue Avenue. This was constructed and completed in April 2025.

At the completion of this construction, it was suggested that the footpath be extended from the driveway of 38 Dickson Avenue to 44 Dickson Avenue, a length of approximately 50 lineal metres.



Policy Compliance

The application has been assessed under the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy, particularly Clause 3.2, which requires that discretionary funds be used for projects that benefit the wider community.

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Financial Implications

The cost estimate for the construction of the footpath on the southern side of Dickson Avenue between 38 and 44 Dickson Avenue is \$30,000, as costed by Council staff.

The funding is proposed to be sourced from Councillor Maggio's Discretionary Fund. If there is slight shortfall in funds, the balance of the project will be funded from the current Footpath Expansion Capital Works Program.


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Application Form: Councillor Discretionary Fund Project: Minor Works or Project

1. Councillor details	
Councillor sponsoring the application.	ROY MARSHALL
Councillors in support of this Discretionary funding application (if applicable):	
2. Proposed Minor Works or Project details	
Name and location of project / purpose of funding:	38 DICKSON AVE AND 441 DICKSON AVE WEST RYDE FOOTPATH EXTENSION
Details of funds requested:	\$25,000.
Attach scope of estimating the requested funding	
3. Declaration of conflict of interest and compliance	
Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , I hereby declare that regarding the above application for funds through the Councillor Discretionary Fund that I have:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict of interest (<i>whether perceived or actual</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest*	
*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:	
 I declare that this application complies with the intent and conditions of the City of Ryde Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy Signature: _____ Date: 21.4.25	

➤ When completed and signed, the form should be scanned with any supporting documentation to the City of Ryde Councillor helpdesk email (DHelp@ryde.nsw.gov.au).

➤ If there are any questions concerning the completion of the application, please contact the Manager Business Assurance and Governance at Governance@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Councillor Discretionary Funds		
Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance
CM Reference: D24/32383	Initial: June 2024	Next review date: June 2028

9 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - WATER STATIONS AT NORTH RYDE PARK AND MONASH PARK

Report prepared by: Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/375

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is prepared following a joint application from Councillor Keanu Arya and Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson (refer to **ATTACHMENT 1**) to install water stations (bubblers) at North Ryde Park and Monash Park. The installation of these water stations will provide improved amenity for park users and sporting groups.

Currently, the balance of Councillor Lara-Watson's Discretionary Fund is \$50,000.

Currently, the balance of Councillor Arya's Discretionary Fund is \$50,000.

The project aligns with the objectives of the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy. Funds may be allocated in a financial year however it is noted that the funded project may not be completed in that financial year.

This report should be considered in conjunction with Item 17 on this Agenda – Installation of Water Stations (Bubblers) within Council Sportsgrounds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the allocation of \$33,000 excluding GST from the Councillor Keanu Arya's and Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson's Discretionary Fund (\$16,500 each) for the installation of one water station at North Ryde Park and one water station at Monash Park.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Councillor Arya and Councillor Lara-Watson Discretionary Funds Application - Water Stations at North Ryde Park and Monash Park

Report Prepared By:

Michelle Lister
Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 9 (continued)

Discussion

North Ryde Park located on Cressy Road, North Ryde and Monash Park located on Ryde Road, Gladesville are both in the East Ward and serve as key locations for both active recreational users and sporting clubs. The location of the water stations within the parks will be determined by Council staff based on existing services and appropriate location for users.

In the 2026-2029 Operational Plan both parks are scheduled to have water stations installed, however the uplift of these installations to these parks will improve the amenity for park users and sporting groups.

Policy Compliance

The project has been assessed under the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy, particularly clause 3.2, which states that funds can be allocated to minor works or projects and will supplement Council's existing capital works program and maintenance program.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost of the installation of the water stations is \$33,000 for both locations. The funding will be sourced from Councillor Arya's and Councillor Lara-Watson's Discretionary Fund.

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ATTACHMENT 1

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Appendix A

Application Form: Councillor Discretionary Fund Project: Minor Works or Project

1. Councillor details	
Councillor sponsoring the application:	KEANU ARYA / Sophie Lara Watson
Councillors in support of this Discretionary funding application (if applicable):	
2. Proposed Minor Works or Project details	
Name and location of project / purpose of funding:	NORTH RYDE PARK AND MONASH PARK Installation of filtered water stations
Details of funds requested:	
Attach scope of estimating the requested funding	
3. Declaration of conflict of interest and compliance	
Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , I hereby declare that regarding the above application for funds through the Councillor Discretionary Fund that I have:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict of interest (whether perceived or actual) <input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest*	
*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:	
I declare that this application complies with the intent and conditions of the City of Ryde Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy	
Signature:	Date: 14/3/25

➤ When completed and signed, the form should be scanned with any supporting documentation to the City of Ryde Councillor helpdesk email (DHelp@ryde.nsw.gov.au).

➤ If there are any questions concerning the completion of the application, please contact the Manager Business Assurance and Governance at Governance@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Councillor Discretionary Funds		
Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance
CM Reference: D24/32383	Initial: June 2024	Next review date: June 2028

10 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - SHADE SHELTERS AT ELS HALL PARK

Report prepared by: Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/395

REPORT SUMMARY

This report outlines a joint application by Councillor Shweta Deshpande and Councillor Daniel Han (refer **ATTACHMENT 1**) to use monies from their discretionary funds to install shade shelters at ELS Hall Park, North Ryde.

Currently, the balance of Councillor Deshpande's Discretionary Fund is \$50,000.

Currently, the balance of Councillor Han's Discretionary Fund is \$50,000.

The project aligns with the objectives of the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy. Funds may be allocated in a financial year however it is noted that the funded project may not be completed in that financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the allocation of \$34,500 excluding GST from Councillor Shweta Deshpande's and Daniel Han's Discretionary Fund (\$17,250 each) for the installation of shade shelters at ELS Hall Park, North Ryde.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Councillor Deshpande and Councillor Han Discretionary Funds Application - Shade Shelters ELS Hall Park, North Ryde

Report Prepared By:

Michelle Lister
Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Discussion

Site Description

ELS Hall Park is located in Central Ward and the shade shelters will cover the two exercise areas within the park as shown in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1 – Location of proposed shade shelters in ELS Hall Park

Policy Compliance

The application has been assessed under the Team Discretionary Funds Policy, particularly Clause 3.2 and Clause 4.10, which requires that discretionary funds be used for projects that benefit the wider community.

The installation of shade shelters at this location will provide amenity to park and exercise equipment.

Financial Implications

The funding of \$34,500 for the shade shelters will be sourced from Councillor Deshpande's and Team Han's Discretionary Fund.

ITEM 10 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



**Councillor Discretionary
Funds Policy**

Appendix A

Application Form: Councillor Discretionary Fund Project: Minor Works or Project

1. Councillor details	
Councillor sponsoring the application.	Shweta Sunil Deshpande & Daniel Han
Councillors in support of this Discretionary funding application (if applicable):	

2. Proposed Minor Works or Project details	
Name and location of project / purpose of funding:	Meadowbank Park & ELS hall -
Details of funds requested:	Costings to be provided
Attach scope of estimating the requested funding	Location for ELS over the exercise equipment, Meadowbank - please suggest best place

3. Declaration of conflict of interest and compliance	
Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , I hereby declare that regarding the above application for funds through the Councillor Discretionary Fund that I have:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO No conflict of interest (<i>whether perceived or actual</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest*	
*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:	
I declare that this application complies with the intent and conditions of the City of Ryde Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy.	
Signature: _____	Date: 10/03/2025

- When completed and signed, the form should be scanned with any supporting documentation to the City of Ryde Councillor helpdesk email (DHelp@ryde.nsw.gov.au).
- If there are any questions concerning the completion of the application, please contact the Manager Business Assurance and Governance at Governance@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Councillor Discretionary Funds		
Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance
CM Reference: D24/32383	Initial: June 2024	Next review date: June 2028

11 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - EROSION MITIGATION AT SHRIMPTONS CREEK, NORTH RYDE

Report prepared by: Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/399

REPORT SUMMARY

This report outlines an application by Councillor Lyndal Howison (refer **ATTACHMENT 1**) to use monies from her discretionary funds to undertake erosion mitigation and other associated works in Shrimptons Creek between Kent Road and Trevitt Road, North Ryde.

Currently, the balance of Councillor Howison's Discretionary Fund is \$50,000.

The project aligns with the objectives of the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy. Funds may be allocated in a financial year however it is noted that the funded project may not be completed in that financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the allocation of \$50,000 from Councillor Lyndal Howison's Discretionary Fund for the erosion mitigation and associated works in Shrimptons Creek between Kent Road and Trevitt Road, North Ryde.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Councillor Howison Discretionary Funds Application - Shrimptons Creek Erosion Mitigation

Report Prepared By:

Michelle Lister
Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Discussion

Residents including Greenwood Park Bushcare Group are concerned with the water erosion at Shrimptons Creek. The banks of the waterway are noticeably steeper in recent years and bare of vegetation and protection in some areas between Kent Road and Trevitt Road, North Ryde. Council installed erosion-mitigation materials such as coconut matting and vegetation have been swept away over the past 18 months.

The area identified is within the Central Ward of the Ryde Local Government Area.

Council staff have undertaken site inspections and have identified the following remediation works required to mitigate erosion and improve wildlife preservation and pedestrian safety along this riparian corridor:

- Replacement of an existing failed retaining wall (including geotechnical assessments)
- Stormwater upgrades
- Removal of fallen trees in the creek (which is changing the flow of water, directing it to the western bank, causing erosion)
- Repositioning of sandstone blocks from the creek back to the bank
- Replacement and additional planting of shrubs and groundcovers - these planting works will complement the ongoing works of the Greenwood Park Bushcare Group.

Policy Compliance

The application has been assessed under the Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy, particularly Clause 3.2, which states funds can be allocated to minor works or projects and will supplement Council's existing capital works program and maintenance program.

Financial Implications

The funding of \$50,000 for erosion mitigation will be sourced from Councillor Howison's Discretionary Fund.

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ATTACHMENT 1

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Application Form: Councillor Discretionary Fund Project: Minor Works or Project

1. Councillor details	
Councillor sponsoring the application.	Clr Lynneal Howison
Councillors in support of this Discretionary funding application (if applicable):	Clrs Pedersen & Lo
2. Proposed Minor Works or Project details	
Name and location of project / purpose of funding:	Erosion Mitigation Materials for Shrimpton's Creek
Details of funds requested:	\$50,000 for vegetation and/or matting to be installed with assistance of local bushcare group.
Attach scope of estimating the requested funding	See NOM
3. Declaration of conflict of interest and compliance	
Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , I hereby declare that regarding the above application for funds through the Councillor Discretionary Fund that I have:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict of interest (whether perceived or actual) <input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest*	
*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:	
I declare that this application complies with the intent and conditions of the City of Ryde Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy	
Signature: _____	Date: 15/04/25

- When completed and signed, the form should be scanned with any supporting documentation to the City of Ryde Councillor helpdesk email (DHelp@ryde.nsw.gov.au).
- If there are any questions concerning the completion of the application, please contact the Manager Business Assurance and Governance at Governance@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Councillor Discretionary Funds		
Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance	Owner: Business Assurance & Governance
CM Reference: D24/32383	Initial: June 2024	Next review date: June 2028

12 PLANNING PROPOSAL (SECTION 3.22 EXPEDITED AMENDMENT) – DUAL OCCUPANCY HOUSING

Report prepared by: Strategic Planner; Strategic Planner
File No.: LEP2025/1/6 - BP25/376

REPORT SUMMARY

This Planning Proposal seeks to amend the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* (RLEP) via an expedited amendment using section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) to apply the existing planning provisions for attached dual occupancy to all types of dual occupancy.

This amendment to the RLEP is a response to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy (LMR Housing Policy), implemented by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). The LMR Housing Policy has permitted dual occupancy development in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone across New South Wales under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (Housing SEPP).

Dual occupancy can either be attached or detached. Currently, the RLEP only permits attached dual occupancy. Therefore, the RLEP does not have any planning provisions for detached dual occupancy, which presents issues when assessing development applications for such development. This Planning Proposal seeks to address this by applying the existing development standards for attached dual occupancy to all types of dual occupancy.

Additionally, the complying development pathway for detached dual occupancy will commence on 1 July 2025. This approval pathway permits lots larger than 400m² (61% of the R2-zoned lots in Ryde) to be eligible for the development of a detached dual occupancy. This will allow a significant increase in dwellings and population in Ryde's low-density neighbourhoods. However, the RLEP provision for minimum lot sizes can supersede this, if it is greater. Therefore, this Planning Proposal seeks to apply the minimum lot size for dual occupancy (attached) of 580m² to all dual occupancy. This could prevent up to 5,909 unplanned dual occupancy dwellings from development in the City of Ryde.

The following sections in the RLEP are proposed to be amended to apply existing provisions for attached dual occupancy to apply to all dual occupancy, by deleting '(attached)' from 'dual occupancy (attached)' whenever it occurs in the following sections:

- Land Use Table
 - Zone R2 Low Density Residential
 - Zone R3 Medium Density Residential
 - Zone R4 High Density Residential
- Section 4.1(A) Dual occupancy (attached) subdivisions
- Section 4.1(B) Minimum lot sizes for dual occupancies
- Section 4.3A Exceptions to height of buildings
- Section 4.6 Exceptions to development standards

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This Council report recommends these LEP amendments are to be made via an expedited amendment pathway using Section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. This is a special type of basic planning proposal which allows minor amendments to environmental planning instruments to be made quickly.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the Planning Proposal via an expedited amendment using Section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to amend the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* to apply the existing planning provisions for dual occupancy (attached) to all dual occupancy.
- (b) That Council endorse the amendments to the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* to be submitted as a section 3.22 expedited amendment for consideration by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Minister for Planning.
- (c) That Council support that if the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure advise they do not accept the proposed LEP amendment as a section 3.22 Amendment, Council officers will explore the option to pursue a full planning proposal in response to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Section 3.22 EP&A Act Submission Form + Attachment 1
- 2 Letter from Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) dated 29 June 2024

Report Prepared By:

Helen Lee
Strategic Planner

Jenny Leung
Strategic Planner

Report Approved By:

Jeremy Giacomini
City Architect

Michael Galderisi
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 12 (continued)

HISTORY

2025

The City of Ryde Councillors have recently been informed of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy at the Councillor Workshop on 13 May 2025, with a presentation titled *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy – Potential Impacts on Ryde*. The presentation gave an overview of both stages of the policy reform, analysed potential impacts, and discussed this planning proposal.

Additionally, a Councillor Information Bulletin, circulated 25 March 2025 also partially discussed the effects of the LMR Housing Policy on the Coxs Road neighbourhood, titled *Coxs Rd Shopping Precinct – Past Actions, Future Plans, and the Anticipated Effects of State Government’s Housing Reforms*.

2024

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 13 February 2024, the City of Ryde Councillors endorsed a submission in response to DPHI’s *Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to Create Low- and Mid-Rise Housing* (EIE). City of Ryde opposed the EIE in its current form because it did not provide any evidence-based plans on how increasing housing density would be serviced by existing infrastructure and other essential services. The gazetted Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy has some differences from the EIE. A media release was published on City of Ryde’s website on 15 February about the submission.

Prior to this submission, a presentation was given at the 10 February 2024 Councillor Workshop, titled *EIE Diverse and Well-Located Housing*.

There have been no other previous resolutions on this topic.

CONTEXT

The Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 and the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy

This amendment is required due to the loophole in the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* (RLEP) formed because of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy (LMR Housing Policy) introduced by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

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The LMR Housing Policy is one of State Government's programs in response to the 'housing crisis'. It seeks to increase housing supply and diversity in well-located areas. The planned amendments described in the EIE titled *Changes to Low- and Mid-Rise Housing*, published December 2023, have now been finalised as the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy*, which include amendments of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (Housing SEPP) and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* (Codes SEPP). The policy was implemented in two stages, Stage 1 was gazetted on 1 July 2024, and Stage 2 on 28 February 2025.

Stage 1 of the LMR Housing Policy mandates the permissibility of dual occupancies and semi-detached dwellings in all R2 Low Density Residential land state-wide, except certain hazardous areas, through amendments to Housing SEPP. Stage 2 introduced the 'low and mid-rise housing area' (LMR Housing area), and mandates new permissibility and non-discretionary standards for additional low and mid-rise typologies. This Planning Proposal is a response to impacts under Stage 1 of the Policy.

Presently, the RLEP currently only permits 'dual occupancy (attached)' and only has development standards for specifically 'dual occupancy (attached)'. This includes permissibility, minimum lot size for development and subdivision etc. The minimum lot size for development is 580m² (with at least 15m primary road frontage). This means consent may only be granted for the purposes of developing an attached dual occupancy if the lot is 580m² or greater. There are no existing provisions (such as development standards or controls) for 'dual occupancy' or 'dual occupancy (detached)' in the RLEP.

Due to the lack of corresponding development standards in RLEP, the LMR Housing Policy changes will enable detached dual occupancy to be delivered on land with an area of 400m² or greater via. the Complying Development Certification (CDC) pathway, which is regulated by the Codes SEPP. CDC offers a fast-track assessment process in which the development proposal could be assessed and approved by private certifiers, which would bypass Council assessment and the RLEP.

Development approval pathways

Developers seeking to construct a dual occupancy can apply for either a Development Application (DA) with Council, or a Complying Development Certification using the provisions and development standards in Codes SEPP, Part 3B Low Rise Housing Diversity Code.

Since the commencement of Stage 1 of the LMR Housing Policy on 1 July 2024, all types of dual occupancy were permitted on all land zoned R2 Low Density Residential. Therefore, detached dual occupancy development became newly permitted in the Ryde Local Government Area (LGA).

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CDC pathway for attached dual occupancy

Development of an attached dual occupancy can be approved via either a DA or CDC pathway. The Codes SEPP requires a lot to have a minimum size of 400m² for all types of dual occupancy development. However, Clause 3B.8(1)(b) of the Codes SEPP requires Council's minimum lot area specified for dual occupancies to take precedence over the 400m² minimum, if it is greater. Presently, the RLEP only has a minimum lot size standard of 580m² for attached dual occupancy. Therefore, only lots over 580m² can pursue a Complying Development Certification for attached dual occupancies, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Codes SEPP. This Planning Proposal does not seek to amend the existing provisions for attached dual occupancy.

CDC pathway for detached dual occupancy

The Codes SEPP is currently blocking detached dual occupancy developments from pursuing the CDC pathway. Clause 1.19(3B)(c) of the Codes SEPP does not allow development of dual occupancy as complying development unless it is already permitted in a Council's LEP. As the RLEP prohibits any type of dual occupancy apart from attached dual occupancy, developers are currently unable to pursue the CDC pathway for the purposes of developing detached dual occupancy.

However, DPHI has advised that Clause 1.19(3B)(c) will be repealed on 1 July 2025, which will enable the CDC pathway for detached dual occupancy developments (**ATTACHMENT 2**). As the RLEP only has a minimum lot size control for attached dual occupancy, this means lots over only 400m² will be able to lodge for CDC for detached dual occupancies (subject to compliance with the provisions of the Codes SEPP).

In summary, the development approval pathways for dual occupancy developments R2-zoned land outside of the low and mid-rise housing areas will be as follows, commencing 1 July 2025:

- Approval pathway for lots between 400-580m²:
 - CDC for detached dual occupancy
- Approval pathway options for lots over 580m²:
 - CDC for detached dual occupancy
 - CDC for attached dual occupancy
 - DA for attached dual occupancy

DA pathway for detached dual occupancy

Since 1 July 2024, dual occupancy has been permitted via the Housing SEPP on all Zone R2 land and applicants have been able to lodge a DA for this building type.

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Those that lodge a DA for an attached dual occupancy development (permitted in the RLEP) are subject to a Council assessment in accordance with the principal development standards in the LEP (or non-discretionary standards in Housing SEPP if the development is within LMR Housing area) and the development controls in the relevant Development Control Plan (DCP).

If a DA is lodged for detached dual occupancy development within LMR Housing Area, the non-discretionary standards under Housing SEPP will apply. However, if a DA is lodged for detached dual occupancy development outside LMR Housing Area, there are no development standards or controls that apply to this building type, as detached dual occupancy is prohibited across all zones in the RLEP. All planning provisions in RLEP specifically refer to 'dual occupancy (attached)' only.

Therefore, any DAs received by Council for a detached dual occupancy outside LMR Housing area are not able to be assessed through typical Council DA assessment process. This makes the assessment of the DA difficult for both the Council officer and the applicant. The Council officer may undertake an assessment using state or national planning and building framework, such as the National Construction Code, which are not reflective of the LGA's planning priorities. They may also conduct a merit-based assessment on site-specific issues, based on the assessing officer's discretion. This is not an efficient or sustainable method of assessment and may result in disputes between Council, the proponent, and even other affected parties such as neighbours.

This Planning Proposal will seek to implement principal development standards for all types of dual occupancy, and a review of the DCP will be programmed.

RLEP Amendment

The following sections in the RLEP are proposed to be amended to apply existing provisions for attached dual occupancy to apply to all dual occupancy, by deleting '(attached)' from 'dual occupancy (attached)' whenever it occurs in the following clauses:

- Land Use Table
 - Zone R2 Low Density Residential
 - Zone R3 Medium Density Residential
 - Zone R4 High Density Residential
- Section 4.1(A) Dual occupancy (attached) subdivisions
- Section 4.1(B) Minimum lot sizes for dual occupancies
- Section 4.3A Exceptions to height of buildings
- Section 4.6 Exceptions to development standards

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Timeframe and Process

A minimum lot size for detached dual occupancy should ideally be finalised in the LEP by 1 July 2025. This is when the complying development pathway will commence for dual occupancy development on R2 zone land state-wide. Therefore, we have elected to pursue the expedited amendment pathway, under section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

Section 3.22 of the EP&A Act allows certain types of minor amendments to be made to environmental planning instruments, including local environment plans, without following the usual plan-making procedures. The section 3.22 amendment is a special form of a 'basic' planning proposal as per DPHI's LEP Making Guidelines. Notably, public exhibition is not required, and the proposal is not required to be submitted to Council or DPHI for consideration twice, only once. As such, the timeframes for section 3.22 amendments are much shorter than regular planning proposals.

According to the LEP making guidelines, the Minister may dispense with all or part of the LEP making process in expediting an amendment of an LEP, if the purpose of the amendment is to:

- correct an obvious error in the principal LEP
- address matters that are minor in nature
- deal with matters that the Minister considers do not warrant compliance LEP making process because they will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment or adjoining land

The proposed amendments may be considered as minor in nature because the permissibility and planning controls for dual occupancy (attached) already exist in RLEP. Attached and detached dual occupancies are very similar typology. It is therefore reasonable to consider extending the existing permissibility and planning controls on attached dual occupancies to all types of dual occupancies as an expedited amendment

Council officers are currently seeking preliminary advice from DPHI to confirm if Council can make these LEP amendments under this Section 3.22 amendment pathway.

The process of a section 3.22 amendment is as follows:

1. City Places staff will submit the proposed amendment via the NSW Planning Portal, which requires Council endorsement.
2. DPHI will review the information and decide if it is acceptable to be considered as a section 3.22 amendment. If not, DPHI will return the application in writing and advise of any changes needed.

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3. If the matter is considered appropriate for amendment under section 3.22, DPHI's legal team will arrange the preparation of a draft LEP to give effect to the amendment.
4. DPHI will confirm with council it wishes to proceed with the amendment.
5. DPHI will then forward the draft LEP, along with our application to the Minister.
6. The Minister will decide whether to make the amending LEP.
7. If the Minister decides to make the amending LEP, public notification will occur through the publication of the amending LEP on the NSW Legislation website.

It is expected the section 3.22 minor amendment process will allow the LEP amendment to be made before 1 July 2025.

Consultation with relevant external bodies

In a letter dated 29 June 2024 (**ATTACHMENT 2**), DPHI advised Councils to implement a minimum lot size for dual occupancy. However, they did not specifically invite City of Ryde Council to nominate a minimum lot size through a special process. This invitation was only granted to 13 councils across NSW where dual occupancies are completely prohibited in their LEPs. Comparatively, attached dual occupancy are already permitted in our R2 zone, to which a minimum lot size standard applies.

No further consultation with external bodies is proposed.

DISCUSSION

Analysis of impacts on dwellings and population

The LMR Housing Policy will allow different development approval pathways for dual occupancy commencing on 1 July 2025 and can lead to an unprecedented increase in number of dwellings and population, as more sites will be able to be developed into dual occupancies. Across 23,930 R2 lots in City of Ryde, 61% will become eligible for dual occupancy development (i.e. area $\geq 400\text{m}^2$) on 1 July 2025 using Codes SEPP standards, compared to only 42% being eligible under RLEP controls (i.e. area $\geq 580\text{m}^2$). This implies an additional of 4,386 lots will become eligible for dual occupancy development, which corresponds to an increase in net capacity of 4,331 dwellings.

If assuming the average household in City of Ryde is 2.5 persons (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021), City of Ryde could expect an additional population increase of up to 10,828 people if all sites over 400m^2 were developed into dual occupancy, compared to only sites over 580m^2 were developed into dual occupancy. While it is highly unlikely that all sites over 400m^2 will develop into dual occupancy, this figure has not accounted that larger lots will be developed into higher density typologies as enabled under Stage 2 of the Policy.

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The unprecedented population increase raises concerns in relation to the supply and demand of local infrastructure. Such increase in population will lead to higher demand for infrastructure (including open spaces, social and community facilities, and civil infrastructure), which may not be able to adequately service the demand. If we 'do nothing', the potential dwelling and population increase will cause considerable strain on existing local infrastructure. Notably, City of Ryde is facing significant shortfalls in open space and recreation facility, as identified in the *Open Space Provision Strategy 2021*. Further additional population will cause Council to fail to service the needs of the community. The existing and future community of the City of Ryde would suffer from insufficient and poor-quality infrastructure.

Arguably, such increase is not anticipated under the LMR Housing Policy as well. It is not the intention of the LMR Housing Policy to enforce complying development controls for councils. The non-discretionary standards for dual occupancies in the LMR Housing Area stipulated under the Housing SEPP (i.e. minimum lot size of 450m²) is more restrictive than the complying development controls (minimum lot size of 400m²). Furthermore, as outlined in the letter from DPHI (APPENDIX C), Councils are invited to consider and implement a suitable minimum lot size for dual occupancies.

If left as is, the changes resulting from the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy will lead to significant increases in dwellings and population in City of Ryde that is not intended by the LMR Housing Policy or anticipated by local planning. Thus, there is a need to apply a minimum lot size for detached dual occupancies in the RLEP.

Effects on residential amenity

The development of attached dual occupancy has been permitted in the City of Ryde on a lot with a minimum area of 580m² since 1995. The minimum lot size requirements as specified in RLEP is time-tested and has enabled such development to integrate into a low-density residential zone.

Between 2015 to 2020, only around 5-7% out of all dwellings approved (via development application or complying development) in City of Ryde are in the form of dual occupancy. Moreover, City of Ryde's adopted Local Housing Strategy 2020 (LHS) investigated the issues of permitting dual occupancy development with the RLEP controls at that time (Lot size of at least 580m², street frontage of at least 20m). While recognising that permitting dual occupancy development has allowed for limited densification of low-density areas (before Part 3B of Codes SEPP commenced) and generally maintained the character of low-density character, this housing type has resulted in the following issues:

- Dwellings not addressing the street, resulting in mixed design outcomes
- Corner lot developments lacking appropriate private open space
- Side-facing dwellings overlooking neighbouring properties
- High amount of non-permeable surfaces (i.e. driveways)
- Reduction in urban canopy due to clearing

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- Increase in pressure on infrastructure and services (e.g. parks, roads and waste collection).

These issues have become more prevalent as the popularity of dual occupancy development has surged since Part 3B of Codes SEPP commenced in City of Ryde in July 2020, which enabled the complying development pathway for dual occupancy (attached). Between 2020 to 2024, at least 25% of all dwelling approvals are in the form of dual occupancy, except in 2023. Most recently in 2024, dual occupancy developments made up 55% of all dwellings approved in Ryde.

If the development of detached dual occupancies on smaller lots with area between 400–580m² is permitted, it will result in development of increased visual bulk and scale that are inconsistent with existing low-density residential area. Development will have insufficient landscaping area and setbacks, which will worsen urban heat island effect and increase likelihood of overlooking and overshadowing issue of neighbouring properties. This would alter the character and neighbourhood amenity of low-density residential area.

Planning controls for assessing development applications

As discussed, both attached and detached dual occupancies became permissible typologies in Zone R2 in the City of Ryde under Stage 1 of the LMR Housing Policy. Applicants can now lodge a development application for the development of detached dual occupancy for Council's assessment. However, there are currently no development standards for detached dual occupancy development in RLEP.

Although Stage 2 of the LMR Housing Policy introduced non-discretionary standards that apply to DAs for dual occupancy development in LMR Housing areas, these standards do not statutorily apply for detached dual occupancy development applications outside LMR Housing areas. These non-discretionary standards also do not apply to CDC applications.

If a DA is lodged for detached dual occupancy developments outside the low and mid-rise housing areas in the City of Ryde, there are no statutory development standards available for Council to conduct assessment. As previously discussed, Council's assessment officers will have to resort to state or national development and building standards. These standards are very broad, not specific to the Ryde LGA, which may result in undesirable outcomes as well as inefficient Council assessments. Additionally, the lack of development standards opens opportunity for disputes and conflicts between Council and the proponents.

Reasons for the proposal

Enacting this Planning Proposal may allow the amendments to be made quickly through the minor amendment pathway. Overall, this Planning Proposal aims to prevent up to 5,909 unplanned dwellings on 3,902 lots between 400m² and 580m² from being developed on R2 lots outside the LMR Housing areas in the Ryde LGA.

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Moreover, this Planning Proposal will ensure development of all types of dual occupancies outside LMR Housing areas will only be permitted on lots greater than 580m², and there will be statutory standards available in RLEP to assess the DAs for such development (Note: for dual occupancy development inside LMR Housing area, the non-discretionary standards under Housing SEPP will take precedence over RLEP).

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

Options

Option 1 (Recommended): Endorse the LEP to be amended via an expedited amendment using Section 3.22 of the EP&A Act

- (a) That Council endorse the Planning Proposal via an expedited amendment using Section 3.22 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to amend the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 to apply the existing planning provisions for dual occupancy (attached) to all dual occupancy.*
- (b) That Council endorse the amendments to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 to be submitted as an expedited amendment for consideration by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Minister for Planning.*
- (c) That Council support that if the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure advise they do not accept the proposed LEP amendment as a Section 3.22 Amendment, Council officers will explore the option to pursue a full planning proposal in response to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy.*

This option is recommended as it would allow the LEP to be amended expeditiously and be made before the 1 July 2025. This would eliminate the risk of unplanned CDC-approved detached dual occupancy developments on unsuitable sites in Ryde's low-density neighbourhoods.

The risk with this option is that there is no opportunity for community public consultation. This process will only go to Council once, and will not undergo a public exhibition, which is ordinarily required for all planning proposals. Therefore, the community are not able to provide their opinion on the subject matter. While this Planning Proposal simply seeks to apply existing controls for attached dual occupancy to detached dual occupancy it will potentially affect the property value of lots with an area of 400-580 m², as these lots will no longer be eligible for dual occupancy development. Therefore, it is considered the lack of public consultation may be contentious.

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Moreover, the existing controls for attached dual occupancy may not be appropriate for detached dual occupancy. Detached dual occupancy developments generally require larger lot area than attached dual occupancy to enable sufficient separation between the two dwellings. Imposing a larger minimum lot size requirement for detached dual occupancy would be more suitable for local streetscape and character. In Greater Sydney region, 17 Councils permit all types of dual occupancy and have minimum lot size controls for dual occupancy in their LEPs. 10 Councils require a larger minimum lot size for detached than attached dual occupancy.

While this option could act as a band-aid solution to prevent detached dual occupancy development on smaller lots (i.e. 400 – 580m²) by applying statutory standards in a short time frame, it may preclude Council from making a planning proposal in near future that proposes a larger minimum lot size for detached dual occupancy. DPHI might not grant Gateway determination to such a planning proposal that seeks to impose further restrained development standards, which may impact housing delivery.

If the implemented statutory development standards are inappropriate for the typology, it will be more difficult for Council's development assessment officers to take those standards into further consideration during assessment and limit the ability to deliver good planning outcomes. Again, this may result in an undesirable change in Ryde's low-density neighbourhoods.

Whether the proposed amendments could be pursued via the Section 3.22 expedited amendment pathway is at the discretion of DPHI. City Places are currently seeking initial advice from DPHI on the matter. As of 15 May 2025, we are yet to receive a response.

Next steps

Council staff will prepare the s.3.22 submission package and submit it to DPHI for their immediate consideration.

If DPHI do not accept the Section 3.22 expedited amendment, Option 2 will be pursued, which is to amend the LEP via a full Planning Proposal.

Option 2: Resolve that the LEP should be amended via a full Planning Proposal

- (a) *That Council do not endorse the Planning Proposal via an expedited amendment using Section 3.22 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to amend the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 to apply the existing planning provisions for dual occupancy (attached) to all dual occupancy, but to pursue LEP amendments through a full Planning Proposal instead, the scope of which is to be determined.*

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This option is not recommended as this would result in a delay in the LEP amendment of up to two years (according to the LEP Making Guidelines). This delay may allow numerous CDC approvals for detached dual occupancy development on lots between 400-580m², resulting on unplanned intensification. The development of unplanned detached dual occupancies on lots smaller than 580m² may lead to poor outcomes and adverse effects on the streetscape, infrastructure, and overall residential amenity.

However, this option will allow for Council and DPHI to deliberate on this matter twice and the community can provide their comments on the proposal for our consideration at the public exhibition. Section 3.22 expedited amendments only go to Council and the Department once, and do not undertake a public exhibition. Conducting a public exhibition will allow more transparency into Council's decision making regarding our response to the Department's housing policy.

Additionally, the scope of the planning proposal could be broadened to consider other principal development standards and provisions for dual occupancy, including subdivision, minimum lot width, and differing minimum lot sizes. This may include exploring a larger minimum lot size for detached dual occupancy. The planning proposal may also proceed in conjunction with a revision of the related Ryde Development Control Plan chapter: *Part: 3.3 Dwelling Houses and Dual Occupancy (attached)*.

Next Steps

The scope of the planning proposal will be determined, which may require supporting information. Subsequently, the planning proposal will seek advice from the Ryde Local Planning Panel and subsequently report back to Council to seek endorsement to proceed to Gateway determination for DPHI's consideration. The Gateway determination conditions will advise on the number of days the proposal should be exhibited for, and Council staff will prepare the proposal for public exhibition. After public exhibition, Council staff will consider the submissions and prepare another report to Council.

Option 3: Resolve that the LEP amendment is not supported

- (a) *That Council do not endorse the proposed amendment to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 to apply the existing planning provisions for dual occupancy (attached) to all dual occupancy*

This option is NOT supported as this will result in unprecedented increase in dwelling capacity and population. This will result in significant strain on Council's infrastructure, as these sites are not sufficiently serviced, nor has Council's infrastructure planned for a dwelling and population increase of this scale. This will also cause a loss in character and significant impacts on streetscape and residential amenity in the low-density neighbourhoods in Ryde.

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Next Steps

Council would need to specify the concerns which would consider the specified concerns against the relevant legislated assessment considerations.

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Circular	PS 21-014
Issued	2 December 2021 ¹
Related	Replaces PS06-014

Minor amendments to local environmental plans using section 3.22

This circular provides guidance on the process for making minor amendments to local environmental plans in accordance with section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Introduction

Section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) allows certain types of minor amendments to be made to environmental planning instruments (EPIs) without following the usual plan-making procedures (particularly public exhibition) under Part 3 of the EP&A Act.

This circular provides guidance on the process to be followed when a council wishes to prepare an amendment to a LEP in accordance with section 3.22.

What is a section 3.22 amendment?

Section 3.22 may be used to prepare a LEP to amend or repeal another LEP to:

(a) correct an obvious error in the principal instrument consisting of a misdescription, the inconsistent numbering of provisions, a wrong cross-reference, a spelling error, a grammatical mistake, the insertion of obviously missing words, the removal of obviously unnecessary words or a formatting error, or

(b) address matters in the principal instrument that are of a consequential, transitional, machinery or other minor nature, or

(c) deal with matters that the Minister considers do not warrant compliance with the conditions precedent for the making of the instrument because they will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment or adjoining land.

Unless the amendment is clearly a matter that falls within (a) or (b) above, the expectation is that (c) will be relied upon for most section 3.22 amendments. This limb of section 3.22(1) requires the Minister to

form the requisite view under that provision, which is appropriate in most instances.

The ability to make an amendment in accordance with section 3.22 will need to be assessed on the facts of each individual case. While judgement will need to be exercised in such assessments, the consequence of an amendment being made in accordance with section 3.22 should be that:

- there is no need for exhibition of the draft instrument (e.g. public exhibition has previously occurred, and gazettal of the section 3.22 amendment will be sufficient notification), and
- the amendment will not have a significant impact on the environment or adjoining land.

Types of amendments that might be permitted using section 3.22

Some examples of the types of amendments that might be permitted using section 3.22 are outlined below. These examples are intended as a guide only and, as mentioned above, proposed amendments will need to be considered on the facts of each individual case.

- The correction of a minor typographical error.
- The minor correction of text relating to the intent of a provision or descriptions of land to which a provision applies.
- An amendment to resolve a minor discrepancy between the map and the written instrument.

¹ Revised 10 August 2023 to include updated reference to the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline*

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Process for making a section 3.22 amendment

The Department processes requests under section 3.22 of the EP&A Act as follows:

1. Council should advise the Department of the proposed amendment by submission of the **attached** submission template 'Section 3.22 EP&A Act Submission' via the NSW planning portal with Part A completed. This will inform the Department's decision as to whether the matter is appropriate for a section 3.22 amendment. It will also inform the Minister's decision to make any resulting instrument.
2. The Department will check the information submitted by the council and, if it agrees that all the relevant information has been provided and that the proposed matter is appropriate for amendment under section 3.22, the relevant regional or place team within the Department will assess.
3. If the Department does not agree that the matter is appropriate for amendment under section 3.22, the Department will inform the council of this in writing. This advice may identify any issues to be addressed before the Department will reconsider the matter.
4. If the matter is considered appropriate for amendment under section 3.22, the Department's legal team will arrange the preparation of a draft LEP to give effect to the amendment.
5. Once the amending LEP is finalised, the Department will confirm with council that it wishes to proceed with the amendment.
6. The Department will then forward the amending LEP, along with the completed s3.22 submission form, to the Minister.
7. The Minister will decide whether to make the amending LEP under section 3.36(2) of the EP&A Act and in accordance with section 3.22.

8. If the Minister decides to make the amending LEP, public notification will occur through the publication of the amending LEP on the NSW Legislation website.

Further information

The **Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline** provides advice on the various stages in the plan-making process including details of plan-making functions undertaken by councils.

This guide and information on the planning proposal process is available on the Department's website at planning.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

Department of Planning and Environment circulars are available at:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/planning-system-circulars/>

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Department of Planning and Environment

Important note: This circular does not constitute legal advice. Users are advised to seek professional advice and refer to the relevant legislation, as necessary, before taking action in relation to any matters covered by this circular.

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DPE file no:

Section 3.22 EP&A Act submission

Part A. Council to complete
Subject: <i>Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014</i> (Insert name of amending LEP) Report requesting the making of an amending local environmental plan under sections 3.22 and 3.36(2) of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> .
Background: <i>City of Ryde Council</i> (Insert name of council) resolved on to amend <i>Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014</i> (Insert name of LEP) and to request that the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces make the plan under sections 3.22 and 3.36(2) of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> . The draft amending plan is attached. The land to which this amendment applies is <i>All land within R2, R3 or R4 zone in the Ryde Local Government Area</i> (Specify area. Attach map if appropriate)
Why there is a need for the amendment: <i>See Attachment 1</i> (Please attach a separate sheet if necessary)

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<p>What the amendment does:</p> <p><i>See Attachment 1</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>(Please attach a separate sheet if necessary)</p>
<p>Why the amending plan is suitable to be made in accordance with section 3.22:</p> <p><i>See Attachment 1</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>(Please attach a separate sheet if necessary)</p>
<p>The council requests that the Minister agree to make draft <i>Ryde LEP 2014</i>.....(Name of amending LEP)</p> <p>Signed: Date:</p> <p>Name: Position:</p> <p>On behalf of: <i>City of Ryde Council</i>..... (Name of council)</p>
<p>Part B. Department use only</p>
<p>Date deemed adequate or returned to Council as inadequate:</p>
<p>Department position:</p>
<p>Opinion that instrument may be legally made:</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>

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Date:

Signed:

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Attachment 1 – Responses to Section 3.22 EP&A Act submission

Why there is a need for the amendment:

Stage 1 of Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy, which commenced on 1 July 2024, permitted dual occupancies and semi-detached in all R2 Low Density Residential zones in NSW, except certain hazardous areas. In a letter from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure dated on 29 June 2024, Council was instructed to consider a minimum lot size for dual occupancies. Otherwise, the complying development pathway and controls will automatically commence on 1 July 2025.

Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 only permits dual occupancy (attached) but prohibits dual occupancy (detached). It also has no development controls for dual occupancy (detached). Therefore, there is a need for the amendment to ensure that development controls for all types of dual occupancies are provided in *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014*.

What the amendment does:

The amendment seeks to replace all reference of 'dual occupancy (attached)' by 'dual occupancy' in *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014*, with the following changes in red text:

1. Land use table for Zone R2, R3, and R4

<p>Zone R2 Low Density Residential</p> <p>3 Permitted with consent</p> <p>Bed and breakfast accommodation; Business identification signs; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Dual occupancies (attached); Dwelling houses; Environmental protection works; Group homes; Health consulting rooms; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Hospitals; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Pond-based aquaculture; Recreation areas; Residential care facilities; Respite day care centres; Roads; Secondary dwellings; Tank-based aquaculture</p>
<p>Zone R3 Medium Density Residential</p> <p>3 Permitted with consent</p> <p>Attached dwellings; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boarding houses; Business identification signs; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Dual occupancies (attached); Dwelling houses; Environmental protection works; Group homes; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Multi dwelling housing; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Residential flat buildings; Respite day care centres; Roads; Secondary dwellings; Seniors housing; Serviced apartments; Tank-based aquaculture</p>
<p>Zone R4 High Density Residential</p> <p>3 Permitted with consent</p> <p>Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boarding houses; Business identification signs; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Dual occupancies (attached); Dwelling houses; Environmental protection works; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Multi</p>

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dwelling housing; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Residential care facilities; Residential flat buildings; Respite day care centres; Roads; Secondary dwellings; Serviced apartments; Shop top housing

2. Clause 4.1A Dual occupancy (attached) subdivisions

4.1A Dual occupancy (attached) subdivisions

Despite clause 4.1, development consent may be granted for the Torrens title subdivision of a lot or subdivision of a lot under the [Strata Schemes Development Act 2015](#) if—

(a) before the day [Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 \(Amendment No 28\)](#) commences, a development application for a **dual occupancy (attached)** has been approved and an occupation certificate has been issued for that development, and—

- (i) the lot to be subdivided has an area of at least 580 square metres, and
- (ii) 1 dwelling will be situated on each lot resulting from the subdivision, and
- (iii) each resulting lot will have an area of not less than 290 square metres, or

(b) on or after the day [Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 \(Amendment No 28\)](#) commences, a development application made for a **dual occupancy (attached)** has been approved for the lot, and—

- (i) the lot has an area of at least 580 square metres, and
- (ii) 1 dwelling will be situated on each lot resulting from the subdivision, and
- (iii) each resulting lot will have an area of not less than 290 square metres, and
- (iv) the primary road frontage of each resulting lot will be equal to or greater than 7.5 metres.

3. Clause 4.1B Minimum lot sizes for dual occupancies

4.1B Minimum lot sizes for dual occupancies

(1) The objective of this clause is to achieve planned residential density in certain zones.

(2) Development consent may be granted for development on a lot in Zone R2 Low Density Residential for the purposes of **dual occupancy (attached)** if—

- (a) the area of the lot is equal to or greater than 580 square metres, and
- (b) the primary road frontage of the lot is equal to or greater than 15 metres.

4. Clause 4.3A(2) Exceptions to height of buildings

4.3A Exceptions to height of buildings

(2) Despite clause 4.3, the maximum height of a **dual occupancy (attached)** and a multi dwelling housing on land in Zone R2 Low Density Residential is 5 metres for any dwelling that does not have a road frontage.

5. Clause 4.6(8)(cb) Exceptions to development standards.

4.6 Exceptions to development standards

(8) This clause does not allow development consent to be granted for development that would contravene any of the following—

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(cb) clause 4.1A, to the extent that it applies to the Torrens title subdivision of a **dual occupancy** **(attached)**.

Why the amending plan is suitable to be made in accordance with section 3.22:

The proposed amendments are considered as minor in nature. Dual occupancy (attached) is currently permitted in *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014*, with principal development controls applying to this development typology. According to the definition, Dual occupancy (attached) is one of the types of Dual occupancy. It is therefore reasonable to extend the existing permissibility and planning controls on Dual occupancy (attached) to all types of dual occupancies, as they are referring to the same development typology.

As per the LEP Making Guidelines, the Minister may dispense with all or part of the LEP making process in expediting an amendment of an LEP, if the purpose of the amendment is to address matters that are minor in nature. Therefore, the amending plan is suitable to be made in accordance with section 3.22.

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29 June 2024

Subject: Low- and Mid-Rise Housing SEPP

Dear Michael

I would like to provide you with an update on the proposed Low- and Mid-Rise Housing (LMR) SEPP following a decision by the NSW Government commencing today. I would also like to thank you for your invaluable contribution to the development of the policy.

The LMR SEPP is a key component of the NSW Government's planning response to the National Housing Accord. The policy aims to encourage the development of dual occupancies in low-density zones state-wide, as well as multi dwelling housing and low to mid-rise apartment buildings in well-located areas across Sydney, the Central Coast, Illawarra-Shoalhaven, and the Hunter. An Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) for the policy was exhibited from December 2023 to February 2024. Around 8,000 submissions were received, including 49 council submissions.

After reviewing all submissions, the Department conducted an extensive engagement process that included consultation on a policy refinement paper and one-on-one workshops with each affected council.

We greatly appreciate the information and feedback you provided in your submission and in the workshop process which has been crucial in developing the policy. The LMR SEPP will be implemented over two stages:

- **Stage 1** (commencing on Monday 1 July 2024) will permit dual occupancies and semi-detached dwellings in all R2 low density zones in NSW. This results in a permissibility change in the R2 zone in your LGA. This will not apply on certain lands, to manage hazards, constraints, and evacuation risks.
- **Stage 2** (to be notified later in 2024) is for the remainder of the LMR SEPP, which will expand permissibility and introduce non-discretionary standards within the nominated 'station and town centre precincts'. The same land exclusions introduced in Stage 1 will continue to apply.

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Importantly, under Stage 1, complying development for dual occupancies will be switched off until 1 July 2025 to allow your council time to consider a minimum lot size. If council does not introduce a minimum lot size for dual occupancies, the complying development pathway and controls will automatically commence on 1 July 2025. Under Stage 2 non-discretionary standards will be introduced for dual occupancies in well-located areas, however outside these areas, your minimum lot sizes will apply.

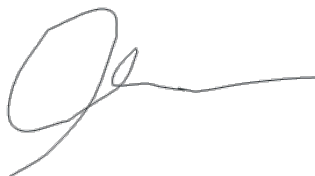
In relation to Stage 2, further consultation is being undertaken on the nominated 'station and town centre precincts' and the policy settings for these areas. It is important to note that stage 2 of the policy is only relevant to Six Cities councils. I want to assure you that we will continue to work closely with Six Cities councils in the finalisation of Stage 2, to support local planning efforts or assist in preparing for the implementation of the LMR policy.

A summary of the policy, FAQs, fact sheets and other resources are available on the Department's [webpage](#).

Should you have any further questions regarding the LMR SEPP or the broader housing reform work, please contact myself or Dan Cutler, Director, Housing Policy and Codes at lowandmidrisehousing@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your continued collaboration with the Department.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tom Loomes".

Tom Loomes
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13 UPDATE TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2014 - TREE PRESERVATION - Outcome of Public Exhibition

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Parks Planning
File No.: GRP/25/9 - BP25/347

REPORT SUMMARY

City of Ryde reviewed its Development Control Plan Part 9.5 –Tree Preservation (DCP Part 9.5) to update the objectives, controls, and guidelines for tree preservation. The amendments made will align Council's Policy with updated State Government legislation relevant to tree and vegetation management. The updates and amendments will also support Council's commitment to increasing tree canopy as detailed in the Ryde Urban Forest Strategy (2023).

The draft amendments to DCP Part 9.5 - Tree Preservation were placed on public exhibition to seek community comment between Monday 16 September and Sunday 27 October 2024. Staff have considered these submissions and undertaken a further review of the draft Policy, with a few minor amendments made to the document provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, for Council's consideration and adoption.

Many respondents expressed strong support for strengthening tree preservation regulations, highlighting the importance of maintaining and expanding the urban canopy. Many comments received supported the proposed 3:1 tree replacement requirement within the policy, however emphasized that Council must ensure compliance through rigorous enforcement and follow-up inspections. Concerns were raised about the impact of new developments, particularly duplexes, which often result in the complete removal of existing trees from the site. Some respondents urged Council to ensure that replacement plantings are substantial, diverse, and capable of restoring lost canopy coverage. A small number of submissions raised concerns that the controls were too onerous and made it difficult for residents to manage trees on private land. A table is included in the body of this report detailing the issues raised in submissions made during the exhibition period. A summary of the feedback received and the response from Council staff is provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

Over the next few months the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is also proposing further changes to the planning system to discourage people and industry from illegally clearing trees and vegetation. The reforms aim to improve the operation of Chapter 2 (Vegetation in non-rural areas) of State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 – also known as BC SEPP, Chapter 2. Under section 2.10(4) of the BC SEPP, councils can issue permits to clear vegetation subject to conditions. As part of issuing permits, some councils, including City Ryde require that that landowners must replace any trees they remove with equivalent ones.

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As such, this report recommends the adoption of the amended DCP Part 9.5 - Tree Preservation – **ATTACHMENT 1** for the reasons outlined in the body of this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council adopt the updated Development Control Plan Part 9.5 - Tree Preservation, provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**.
- (b) That staff write to thank all residents who participated in the City of Ryde public exhibition and inform them of Council's resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Updated Development Control Plan 2014 - Tree Preservation
- 2** Submissions - DCP Tree Preservation

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Background

The City of Ryde is committed to maintaining and enhancing the urban forest to support environmental sustainability, urban aesthetics, and community wellbeing. For City of Ryde the relevant strategies, controlling documents and application process is identified and legislated in the following documents:

- Urban Forest Strategy – Increasing tree canopy cover to 40% by 2030 to improve climate resilience.
- Development Control Plan (DCP) – Part 9.5 Tree Preservation – Setting guidelines for tree protection on public and private land.
- Tree Management Application (TMA) Process – Formal application and review process for tree removal and pruning.
- Tree Management Technical Manual – Providing technical guidance to ensure consistent and scientifically grounded assessments.

The updated DCP Part 9.5 Tree Preservation places a focus on proactive retention and preservation of existing trees as well as the planting of new trees. This approach is due to Council's aim to foster a view that trees provide amenity to the broader community and improve liveability with significant retention value. The amendments also address the requirements of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP 2021 and adopt a landscape approach to vegetation and tree management as recommended in the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's guidelines; Managing Vegetation with a Development Control Plan. The proposed controls in the draft updated DCP Part 9.5 are aimed at optimising the retention of trees while facilitating appropriate tree pruning and removals consistent with safety issues, impact on infrastructure, and other relevant factors as assessed by a qualified arborist.

The long-term objectives of the updated DCP Part 9.5 - Tree Preservation are to:

- Maintain and enhance the City's amenity via a thriving urban forest and urban landscape,
- Prevent unapproved pruning or removal of trees and other vegetation, consistent with the aims and objectives of the Biodiversity SEPP, other relevant planning instruments and the controls of this DCP,
- Recognise and protect the City's mature tree canopy and other vegetation considered significant due to heritage, cultural, social, and ecological value,
- Preserve and enhance species diversity through the retention of habitat connectivity,
- Increase tree canopy (via existing tree maturation) on public and private land to mitigate urban heat island effects,

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- Facilitate the removal of priority weeds, immature vegetation with nil or low amenity, heat mitigation and/or biodiversity values, and replace with suitable species,
- Provide a consistent framework to assess applications that require a permit for clearing vegetation and pruning or removal of trees.

The table below outlines the amendments made to the Development Control Plan Part 9.5 – Tree Preservation prior to placing on exhibition.

Current	Proposed
No reference to Biodiversity SEPP	Ensure alignment to Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP (2021)
No reference to updated Urban Forest Strategy	Ensure alignment and reference to Urban Forest Strategy (2023)
Technical references included	Language simplified and noted where technical references are within other documents
Replacement plantings for approved removals required on a 1 for 1 basis	Replacement plantings for approved removals required on a 3 to 1 basis
Tree is exempt if it is 4m from an enclosing wall	Tree is exempt if it is within 3m from building structure over 25m ²
Tree is exempt if it is within 4m of outside edge of pool coping	Deleted
Tree is exempt if it is within 4m of the outside edge of a carport	Deleted
Tree is exempt if stem circumference measured at 1.4m height is 450mm or smaller	Tree is exempt if stem circumference measured at 1.4m height is 150mm or smaller
Exclusions from Exempt Works	Expanded to indicate Council must be satisfied included proposed works meet exemption requirements
Lack of clarity in relation to tree works associated with Complying Development	Language clarified for tree works requirements relating to development sites
Removal of dead or dying requires an application	Expanded to include protection for trees with habitat hollows and clarity around tree risk assessment requirements
Camphor Laurel species included on exempt species list	Camphor Laurel tree greater than 10m in height are no longer exempt (subject to permit application)

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Council Resolution

Council considered the draft DCP at its meeting held 27 August 2024 and resolved:

- (a) *That Council endorse the amended draft Ryde Development Control Plan, 2024 - Part 9.5 Tree Preservation as provided in ATTACHMENT 1, and that the document be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the provisions of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.*
- (b) *That the Public Exhibition occur for an extended period of a total of 42 days.*
- (c) *That a further report come back to Council following the exhibition period, outlining the feedback received and any amendments proposed for the document*

Public Exhibition

In accordance with part (b) of Council's resolution, the draft Strategy was placed on public exhibition on 16 September 2024 and remained on display for a total of 6 weeks until 27 October 2024. Consultation included posting Councils Have Your Say page, social media posts, e-newsletters and advertisement in The Weekly Times.

Interested residents and others were invited to have their say on the Draft DCP by providing comments or submissions via an on-line submission form, e-mail or post. A total of 52 submissions were received during the exhibition period. Of these, 44 Have Your Say (HYS) page comments were received and 8 written submissions

Generally, the comments during the Have your say period supported the proposed amendments to the policy, however there was feedback on further improvements. This included to the draft amendments include concerns that the 3m rule allows arbitrary tree removal without considering ecological, heritage, or aesthetic value, a lack of individual tree assessments based on risk, inadequate protection for trees on development sites, weak enforcement and penalties for illegal tree removal, insufficient public education on tree value, and a failure to ensure that existing trees are integrated into new building designs.

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A summary of the key issues raised is provided in the following table.

Issue/concern	No. of submissions related to issue
Support for the DCP Tree Preservation updates	20
Concern with tree removal in Ryde / trees should be retained	15
Concerns re Complying development legislation and tree removal	9
Concerns re 3:1 replacement being achieved / on private lands	6
More follow up on trees in years after development to ensure canopy achieved	5
Correct species selected for replacement	5
Expand Council's Street tree planting program	4
Opposition to removing exemptions (e.g, Camphor Laurels)	4
Do not support tightening Tree Preservation	4
Increased use of Technology and mapping, resources to assist the Community to support tree preservation	3
Do not support tightening Tree Preservation	4
Prevent developers from removing neighbor's trees	2
Duplex developments remove most trees	2
Increase fines to deter tree removal	1
Risk increasing natural disasters to nearby properties from Trees	1

A summary of the submissions and Council's proposed response is provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

Most respondents expressed strong support for strengthening tree preservation regulations, highlighting the importance of maintaining and expanding the urban canopy. Many commended the 3:1 tree replacement policy but emphasized that Council must ensure compliance through rigorous enforcement and follow-up inspections. Concerns were raised about the impact of new developments, particularly duplexes, which often result in the complete removal of existing trees.

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Respondents urged Council to ensure that replacement plantings are substantial, diverse, and capable of restoring lost canopy coverage.

A significant number of respondents questioned capacity to monitor and enforce the proposed regulations effectively, especially given the current volume of developments. Some suggested that Council consider mandatory inspections during and after construction to ensure compliance with approved tree management plans.

Mixed opinions were received regarding tree removal exemptions. Some respondents supported the removal of certain exemptions (e.g., trees within 4m of a dwelling or pool), arguing that this would better protect the urban canopy. Others opposed these changes, particularly for trees like Camphor Laurels, and argued for maintaining the right to remove trees on private property without Council interference. There was also a strong call for clear, consistent criteria for assessing tree removal applications, including species selection for replacement plantings.

Several submissions highlighted the critical role of trees in supporting urban biodiversity, providing habitat for native wildlife, and mitigating urban heat. Concerns were raised about the practice of replacing mature trees with small or inappropriate species, which fail to provide comparable ecological benefits. Respondents called for a focus on planting locally appropriate species, enhancing habitat corridors, and ensuring the long-term survival of newly planted trees through maintenance requirements.

Many respondents offered constructive suggestions to enhance the DCP. These included increasing penalties for unauthorized tree removal, ensuring developers cannot remove trees on neighboring properties without consent, and implementing incentives for residents to retain trees on their land. There were also calls for expanding Council's Street tree planting program, particularly in areas where recent developments have significantly reduced tree cover.

A small number of respondents considered that the proposed controls were to onerous and made it difficult for residents to manage trees on private land.

Complying Development

Tree removal under Complying Development Certificates (CDCs) is regulated by the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (SEPP). While the SEPP permits certain tree removals as part of complying development, specific criteria must be met. Trees may only be removed if they are not listed on the City of Ryde's register of significant trees, are located within 3 meters of a building or structure larger than 25 square meters, have a height of less than 8 meters for new dwelling houses or 6 meters for other developments, and are not required to be retained as a condition of subdivision consent. Protected trees, including those within heritage conservation areas, cannot be removed under a CDC without separate approval from the City of Ryde.

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Further Changes to deter illegal tree and vegetation clearing

The NSW Government has released an Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) outlining several proposed changes to improve enforcement and compliance related to illegal tree clearing. These changes include increasing fines and penalties for illegal clearing, empowering Councils to issue orders for unauthorized clearing and enforce the replacement of cleared trees and mandating that instances of illegal tree clearing be disclosed on 10.7 certificates to inform potential property buyers. The reforms also aim to close existing loopholes related to the removal of dead, dying, or dangerous vegetation, introduce conditions on tree clearing permits requiring vegetation replacement, clarify criteria for removing trees deemed an 'imminent risk', and suggest adjustments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act).

These adjustments include exploring a civil penalty framework with a lower burden of proof and considering the introduction of jail terms for severe offences. The EIE is available for public exhibition until 4 June 2025.

Discussion and Recommended Amendments

The purpose of Part 9.5 – Tree Preservation of the DCP is to protect the City's urban forest through retention of its mature tree canopy as detailed in the City of Ryde Urban Forest Strategy 2023, the Ryde Biodiversity Plan, 2016 and the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030.

Based on a detailed assessment of the issues raised in the submission's further refinement of the policy has also occurred. In addition, some editorial errors (e.g. outdated weblinks) and typos have been updated.

These include comments from The Biodiversity Policy and Greener Neighbourhoods team at Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, Ryde- Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society and submissions from residents

The proposed changes to the post consultation are summarised below:

- 1. Clarification of Exempt Tree Criteria (Section 4.0 (ii), p7):** The current wording of Section 4.0 (ii) defining an exempt tree is ambiguous, leaving it unclear whether both dimensions (height and trunk diameter) must be met, or if meeting one dimension is sufficient. This ambiguity may reduce enforceability.

Recommendation: Clarify the wording of this provision by explicitly specifying whether the exemption applies to trees that meet both (height AND trunk diameter) or either (height OR trunk diameter) of the criteria.

Council Response: The DCP has been updated with and/or is for clarity.

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2. **Update Non-Functional Link (Section 6.2):** The web link provided in Section 6.2 is currently non-functional.

Recommendation: Replace the non-working link with an updated and functional URL that directs users to the correct page for tree application and fee information.

Council Response: The weblinks have been updated in the DCP to align with the City of Ryde website.

3. **Removal of Reference to Repealed Clause (Section 1.3(1), p5):** Section 1.3(1) references Clause 5.9 (Preservation of Trees or Vegetation) of the City of Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (LEP 2014). This clause has been repealed and replaced by Chapter 2 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation).

Recommendation: Remove the reference to Clause 5.9 of the Ryde LEP and replace it with a reference to Chapter 2 of the SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation).

Council Response: Reference to references Clause 5.9 (Preservation of Trees or Vegetation) of the City of Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (LEP 2014) has been removed and a reference to Chapter 2 of the SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation) has been added.

4. **Alignment with SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation) Provisions (Section 4.0(i)):** The exemptions listed in Section 4.0(i) conflict with Section 2.7 of the SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation), which does not require a permit for vegetation removal deemed a risk to human life/property or vegetation that is dead/dying and not habitat.

Recommendation: Amend Section 4.0(i) to align with the exemptions in Section 2.7 of the BC SEPP, clearly distinguishing these cases without conflicting conditions.

Council Response: No revision is required Section 4.0(i) refers to clause 2.7 of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP aligns with Councils current tree management application process and it is not recommended to change the DCP.

5. **Clarification of Clearing Exemption for Development (Section 4.0(ix)):** The current wording of Section 4.0(ix) seems to exempt clearing for developments requiring consent, regardless of whether the necessary consent has been obtained.

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Recommendation: Amend Section 4.0(ix) to state that clearing is only exempt if it is “authorised by a development **consent** under Part 4 of the EP&A Act.”

Council Response: The word **consent** has been added to clarify

6. **Removal of Invalid Clearing Reference (Section 4.0(x)(a)):** Section 4.0(x)(a) refers to clearing authorized under the Codes SEPP, which does not grant such authorization.

Recommendation: Remove Section 4.0(x)(a) entirely to prevent misinterpretation.

Council Response: Reference has been removed to clearing authorised under the Codes SEPP. The Biodiversity Policy Team at DPHI has confirmed It's a widespread misconception that clause 3.33 and similar clauses (3A.7, 3B.61, 3C.36, 3D.64, and 5A.5) of the Codes SEPP authorise clearing even if a council permit under Chapter 2 of the BC SEPP would otherwise be required. Regardless of these provisions in the Codes SEPP, if a permit is required under Chapter 2 of the BC SEPP (i.e. Council's DCP), it must be obtained before the vegetation can be cleared.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications should the recommendations of the report be adopted. Any change to funding to implement the recommendations and actions of the DCP and linked documents including the Urban Forest Strategy will be considered during Council's business planning process and is subject to funding availability.

Conclusion

The final **Development Control Plan Part 9.5 – Tree Preservation** provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** is recommended for adoption for the following reasons.

The update supports Council's Urban Forest Strategy (2023) and provides achievable and legitimate actions to improve its' scale and resilience. The update is informed by community engagement and predominantly positive feedback received during the public exhibition period.

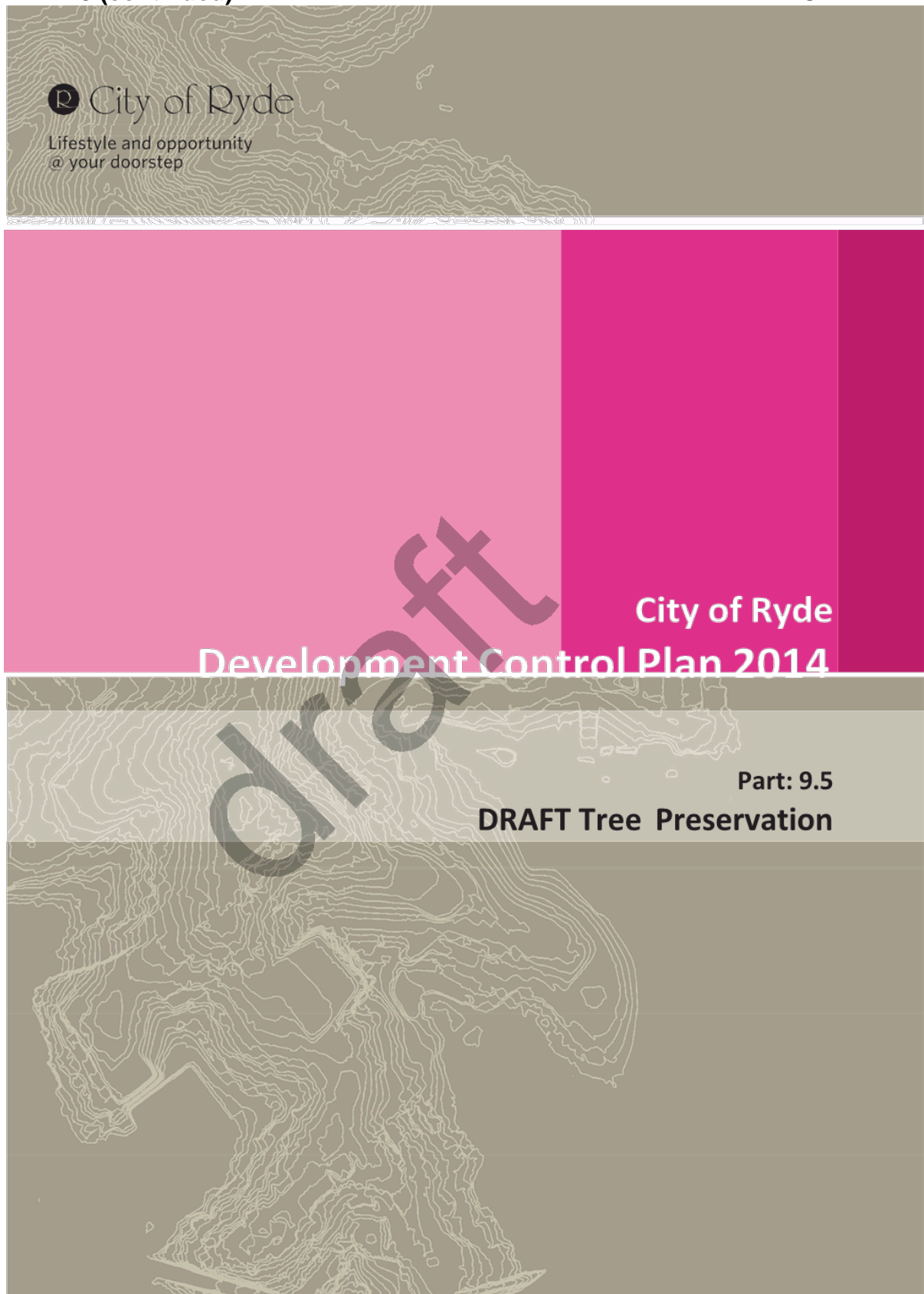
Upcoming State Government legislation changes may further support Council's DCP and aim to strengthen tree protection by increasing fines for illegal clearing, enhancing council enforcement powers, and improving compliance clarity. They may include enforcing existing restrictions on complying development after illegal clearing, closing loopholes for removing dead or dangerous vegetation, mandating replacement planting for cleared trees, and requiring councils to disclose illegal clearing on 10.7 certificates.

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In conclusion, enhancing the current DCP controls around trees on private land is crucial for strengthening urban forest protection and aligning with Council's broader sustainability goals. By introducing mandated canopy targets, tightening tree removal criteria, and reconsidering exemptions like the 4m rule (reduced to 3m), the Council can ensure better preservation of mature trees. This approach will not only enhance community resilience but also ensure that future DCP amendments are consistent with the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), promoting a greener, more sustainable urban environment.

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Amend. No.	Date approved	Effective date	Subject of amendment
2	May 2025		Revised and updated to align with current legislative and policy settings: Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP 2022; Urban Forest Strategy 2021; Ryde Biodiversity Plan; Ryde Resilience Plan; Ryde LSPS

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1.1 Context – Preservation of the Urban Forest

As detailed in the City of Ryde *Urban Forest Strategy 2023*, the City's trees and urban forest are a critical part of the urban environment and form the foundation of the City's character, identity, and resilience to climate change.

More specifically, the urban forest's trees and other vegetation provide a multitude of social, cultural, economic, and environmental benefits, including improved health (from shade, improved air quality and urban heat mitigation), enhanced landscape amenity and property values protection of biodiversity and heritage values and improved well-being¹.

Moreover, these benefits grow in value over time as the trees grow and mature – with larger trees providing greater benefits than small trees and those in poor health or condition.

Tree removals – whether on private or public land - reduce the tree canopy and the benefits of the urban forest. This is so even if removed trees are replaced due to the length of time to maturity and benefits derived from replacement trees.

Accordingly, Council's tree management priorities focus both on the proactive retention and preservation of existing trees and the planting of new trees.

In the development application context, Council's approach is to foster an ethos that views trees as development assets and opportunities with significant retention values rather than as 'problems' to be removed.

The controls in this section are therefore aimed at optimising the retention of trees on private land while also facilitating appropriate tree pruning and removals consistent with safety issues, economic imperatives, and other relevant factors.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this section of the DCP is to protect the City's urban forest through retention of its mature tree canopy on private land and as summarised above and detailed in the City of Ryde *Urban Forest Strategy 2023*, the *Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016*, and the *Ryde Resilience Plan 2030*.

The section is framed in accordance with the purposes and requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 (*Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP*) and adopts a landscape approach to vegetation and tree management as recommended in the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's *Managing Vegetation with a Development Control Plan*.

1.3 How to use this Part

I. This Part is to be read in conjunction with:

- The City of Ryde Tree Management Technical Manual (Technical Manual) and Application Guide (Guide) which provide instructions on:
 - i. requirements for arboriculture and other technical reports

¹ The NSW Department of Planning and environment has documented canopy cover, heat vulnerability and the heat island effect across metropolitan Sydney at the suburb level (as assessed in September 2022). The data clearly demonstrates the sub-optimal achievement of these potential tree and urban forest benefits. <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-10/average-tree-canopy-cover-heat-vulnerability-heat-islands.pdf>

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- ii. technical arboricultural information
- iii. requirements as to the protection of trees on development sites
- iv. how to make an application under this Part
- v. dealing with trees on adjoining properties

Both documents can be viewed at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

- Chapter 2 of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP - State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation)
- 2. The controls in this Part, to the extent of any inconsistency in relation to trees, take precedence over the controls in other Parts of the City of Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 (DCP 2014).
- 3. All references to Acts, Regulations, Codes, Australian Standards, Plans, policies, the Technical Manual, and the Guide are to those documents as amended from time to time.

1.4 Aims

The specific aims of this section are to:

- i. Declare vegetation that requires a landholder to seek a permit for tree removal and pruning works on private land under Clause 2.9 and 2.10 of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP
- ii. Promote sustainable vegetation management best practice on development sites
- iii. The trees and vegetation prescribed in this section of the DCP are protected under Part 2.3 of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP and consent from Council or other approving authority must be obtained before any works can occur to a tree/vegetation as specified in these controls

1.5 Objectives

The declaration of trees/vegetation, and their protection under this section of the DCP, has the following long-term objectives:

- i. Maintain and enhance the City's amenity via a thriving urban forest and urban landscape
- ii. Prevent unapproved pruning or removal of trees and other vegetation on private land, consistent with the aims and objectives of the Biodiversity SEPP, other relevant planning instruments and the controls of this DCP
- iii. Recognise and protect the City's mature tree canopy and other vegetation considered significant due to heritage, cultural, social, and ecological value
- iv. Preserve and enhance species diversity through the retention of habitat connectivity
- v. Increase tree canopy (via existing tree maturation) on public and private land to mitigate urban heat island effects
- vi. Facilitate the removal of priority weeds, immature vegetation with nil or low amenity heat mitigation and/or biodiversity values, and replace with suitable species
- vii. Provide a consistent framework to assess applications that require a permit for clearing vegetation and pruning or removal of trees

2.0 DECLARATION OF PRESCRIBED TREES AND VEGETATION

All vegetation in the City is declared to be prescribed vegetation to which Part 2.3 of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP applies, subject to the exemptions listed in section 4.0 below.

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The clearing, pruning, ringbarking, cutting down, topping, lopping, removing, poisoning, injuring or willful destructions of prescribed trees and vegetation is prohibited without the written consent of the relevant approval authority which varies depending on the scale and/or location of the proposed works, as summarised in section 3.0 below.

3.0 APPROVAL PATHWAYS

3.1 Vegetation clearing not linked to development consent and below the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) thresholds

A Council Tree Pruning and Removal Permit is required for the clearing/pruning of prescribed trees and vegetation, as defined in section 2.0, above.

The requirements and process for obtaining a permit is detailed in section 6.0.

3.2 Vegetation clearing linked to development

A Development Application and consent is required for tree works where the tree or vegetation works are ancillary to works requiring development consent. This includes any tree work on public land associated with a complying development.

Note: Controls for vegetation clearing on development sites are detailed in section 7.0.

3.3 Vegetation clearing within heritage areas

"Development consent (via DA or IDA) is required for tree works where the tree or vegetation forms part of a heritage item or Aboriginal object or is located in a heritage conservation area or Aboriginal place of heritage significance".

Note: State Heritage Listed properties will also require separate approval (e.g., Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit) or (standard or site-specific) exemption from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure under subsection 57(1) of the Heritage Act 1977.

Exemptions may be standard or, where agreed with the Department, site specific. Standard exemptions include:

- pruning up to 30% of the tree canopy on a State Heritage Register listed site within a 2-year period but only if the work is 'performed by a qualified arborist, horticulturist or tree surgeon and must be necessary for the health of those plants'
- Removal of non-significant diseased, dying, dead and/or dangerous trees, but only where the removal does not disturb archaeological relics

3.4 Vegetation clearing exceeding BOS thresholds

Under Part 2.4 of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP, clearing of vegetation above the bio-diversity offsets scheme (BOS) threshold triggers an alternate approval pathway through the Native Vegetation Panel and requires a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by an accredited assessor using the Biodiversity Assessment Method. The BOS thresholds are:

- The clearing of any native vegetation in areas that have been mapped on the Department of Planning and Environment's Biodiversity Value map (<http://www.lmhc.nsw.gov.au/BVMap>)
- Clearing an area that exceeds the BOS thresholds as follows:

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Minimum lot size associated with the property	Threshold for clearing, above which BDAR is required
Less than 1 ha	0.25 ha or more
1 ha to less than 40 ha	0.5 ha or more
40 ha to less than 1000 ha	1 ha or more
1,000 ha or more	2 ha or more

4.0 EXEMPT TREES AND VEGETATION WORKS

A permit or development application to carry out clearing of vegetation, pruning or removal of a tree is not required if:

- i. Council is satisfied that the vegetation or tree is dying or dead (from natural causes) and is not a hollow-bearing tree required as habitat for native animals and is a risk to human life or property, as per clause 2.7 of the *Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP*.

To provide Council with sufficient evidence to make this determination, proponents must comply with the following process:

- Undertake a tree risk assessment (evaluating 'likelihood of failure', 'likelihood of impacting a target' and 'consequences of impact') to identify the level of risk to human life or property by a suitably qualified arborist (AQF5).
- Provide evidence that the tree is dead or dying from natural causes.
- Commence works only after receiving written confirmation from Council that the tree is exempt from the requirement for a tree permit and that tree works may be undertaken.

Note: If Council is not satisfied that the tree has died of natural causes, a Council investigation will be undertaken. Penalties will be issued where the investigation identifies illegal removal or harm with intent to kill an existing tree or trees.

- ii. Trees/vegetation have the following dimensions:
 - a height less than 4m ; and/or
 - trunk diameter less than 150mm measured at breast height (1.4m above ground level)
- iii. Removal of deadwood/ pruning of less than 10 per cent of the crown of a tree in a 12- month period provided the branches to be pruned do not have hollows required as habitat for native animals, the branch does not exceed 60mm diameter, and the work is carried out in accordance with Australian Standard 4373 –2007 Pruning of amenity trees and Safework NSW Code of Practice: *Amenity Tree Industry 1998*.

Note: Consistent with the Biodiversity SEPP's core aim "to protect the biodiversity values of trees and other vegetation in non-rural areas of the State", existing hollows in trees to be removed or pruned must be reviewed and identified prior to undertaking any tree works.

² The term 'legally constructed' means built in compliance with environmental & planning legislation and instruments in force within the City of Ryde at the time of construction.

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- iv. Tree Works on a tree where the stem of the tree at ground level is within three (3) metres of:

- the outside enclosing wall of legally constructed dwelling or outbuilding of over 20m²

Note: This exemption does not apply to trees on adjoining land. The Tree and the dwelling house or other structure referred to above must both be on the same land for the exemption to apply.

- v. Tree Works on any tree on the following list:

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Golden Wreath Wattle
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box Elder
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven
<i>Alnus jorulensis</i>	Evergreen Alder
<i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i> (syn. <i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>)	Cocos Palm
<i>Bambusa spp.</i>	Rhizomatous Bamboo
<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Hackberry
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (less than 10m)	Camphor Laurel (less than 10m)
<i>Cotoneaster sp.</i>	Cotoneaster
<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i>	Cockscomb Coral Tree
<i>Erythrina x sykesii</i>	Indian Coral Tree
<i>Ficus benjamina</i>	Weeping Fig
<i>Ficus elastica</i>	Rubber tree
<i>Lagunaria patersonii</i>	Norfolk Island Hibiscus
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	Broad leaf Privet
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Narrow leaf Privet
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander
<i>Olea europaea africana</i>	African Olive
<i>Populus spp.</i>	Poplars
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Golden Robinia or Golden Locust
<i>Salix spp.</i>	Willows
<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	Umbrella tree
<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Athel tree
<i>Toxicodendron spp.</i>	Rhus tree

- vi. Tree works on a tree on land owned or under the care, control, and management of Council where the tree works are carried out by Council.

Note: For tree works on land owned or under the care, control & management of Council:

- Council or its agents may carry out the pruning or removal of trees in compliance with relevant Australian Standards and specifications and legislation,
- Where non-essential tree works on Council land are requested by a resident and agreed by Council, and where those works are of a minor nature consistent with the aims of the Biodiversity SEPP, Council's Urban Forest Strategy and this DCP, the cost of the works

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- will be the responsibility of the applicant. (Note: this does not include situations where a Council tree is causing proven damage to adjoining property assets).
- Where a Council public works project requires trees to be pruned/removed, consent from Council's Parks and Open Spaces unit is required. Removed trees are to be offset by replacement plantings at a ratio of 3:1 to maintain canopy cover.
- vii. Tree works on a tree on land owned by private schools, the Macquarie University, or the State Government and carried out by the agency or their contractor.
 - viii. Any State or regional priority weeds listed in the Greater Sydney Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan or local priority weeds listed in the Ryde Local Priority Weed Management Plan,
 - ix. The clearing of vegetation, pruning or removal of trees due to authorised by a development consent under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
 - x. The clearing of vegetation, pruning or removal of trees authorised under other legislation:
 - a. Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
 - b. Biosecurity Act 2015
 - c. Rural Fires Act 1997
 - d. Electricity Supply Act 1995 (trees on public land affecting power lines are managed by Ausgrid and works must only be carried out by Ausgrid and cannot be carried out by residents or arborists not engaged by Ausgrid).
 - e. State Emergency Services Act 1989
 - f. Water Management Act 200
 - g. Roads Act 1993
 - h. NSW Rural Fire Service 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code Of Practice

5.0 EXCLUSIONS FROM EXEMPTIONS

The exemptions listed in section 4.0 do not apply where:

- i. The trees/vegetation forms part of a heritage item, heritage conservation area, Aboriginal object or Aboriginal place of significance, and Council is not satisfied that the proposed works fall within the standard exemptions and/or the site-specific exemptions agreed by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure, as noted in Section 3.3.
(Note: as required Section 2.10(3) of the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP)
- ii. The trees/vegetation are a threatened species or habitat for threatened fauna species or part of an endangered ecological community (for which a Biodiversity Conservation License (BCL) is required from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water).
- iii. Tree/s are required to be retained by a condition of development consent or a Section 88B restriction to user instrument.
- iv. Tree/s are listed on the City of Ryde Significant Tree Register.

² <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/vf3/forms-and-documents/2023-07-tree-permit-heritage-properties-application-form.pdf>

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6.0 OBTAINING A PERMIT OR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

6.1 Development application for tree works

Where tree/vegetation works are proposed for trees listed as a Heritage Item or within a *Heritage Conservation Area*, is an *Aboriginal Object* or is within an *Aboriginal Place of Heritage Significance*, the applicant must complete the Development Application for Tree Removal on Heritage Properties form (downloadable from Council's website³) and lodge it via the NSW Planning Portal.

6.2 Tree permit application

For most other tree works – those below the BOS thresholds and not requiring development consent – applicants are required to submit a Tree Management Application form (also downloadable from Council's website⁴).

The steps for submitting applications – including fees, timelines, authorisations, and Council's criteria for assessing individual applications – are detailed in the 'How to Apply for Permit for Vegetation Maintenance and Tree Removal' on Council's website at

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Trees/Tree-Applications-and-Fees>

Tree Permits are valid for 12 months from the date of issue or until works have been completed. A copy must be held on site during the works and shall be produced by the person carrying out the works on request by a Council Officer.

Note: Council will not consider a Tree Management Application for the sole purpose of removing trees that pose a site constraint to allow for a Complying Development build.

6.3 Tree replacement requirements

Council will require replacement trees of min 75 litre to be planted at a rate of 3:1 for any tree approved for removal. Where there is insufficient space for replacements on the applicant's land, Council will require payment of a fee for Council to undertake tree replacement on Council owned/managed land on behalf of the applicant.

7.0 BEST PRACTICE TREE WORKS ON DEVELOPMENT SITES

The following controls apply to the clearing of vegetation on development sites:

- i. The clearing of vegetation, pruning or removal of trees due to development that requires a consent (e.g., use of land, subdivision, erection, or demolition of a building) must be assessed as part of the development application.
- ii. Unless the clearing of vegetation or the pruning and removal of trees is exempt under Clause 4.0 of this plan, consent must be granted to clear, prune, or remove vegetation or trees. The proposed development is to be sited and designed to retain and minimise the impact on any trees or any other significant vegetation or surrounding environment such as ability to increase erosion or flooding issues if removed.
- iii. Where an applicant demonstrates to Council's satisfaction that there is no other reasonable alternative design and removal of trees and vegetation is warranted, suitable replacement planting will be required if consent is provided.
- iv. The landscape and/or architectural plans must identify the type and species of trees and vegetation to be retained or proposed to be removed, including those on adjoining sites within 5m of the boundary.

³ <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/4/forms-and-documents/2024-07-tree-permit-heritage-properties-application-form.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/12/forms-and-documents/2024-07-tree-management-application.pdf>

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- v. An arborist report prepared by a suitably qualified Arborist must be provided to justify clearing vegetation, pruning or removal of trees
- vii. Where trees and vegetation proposed to be retained may be affected by construction works, including any trees or vegetation on public land, a Tree Protection Plan must be submitted with the development application and must include the measures detailed in Chapter 3 of Council's Tree Management Technical Manual

8.0 TREE MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL MANUAL (TMTM)

The Tree Management section of the DCP is supported by the TMTM⁵. The Manual provides additional information to assist applicants and their consultants to provide the appropriate level of information to satisfy the aims and objectives of the Section.

9.0 DEFINITIONS

Aboriginal Object means any deposit, object, or material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non- Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.⁶

Aboriginal Place of Heritage Significance means one of Council's 62 existing Aboriginal heritage sites and any other place in the City of Ryde subsequently identified in:

- the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) or
- a local Aboriginal heritage study and adopted by Council.

Arborist (project and consulting) must have obtained through training and completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Level 5, Diploma of Arboriculture.

Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) is the framework, established under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, for offsetting unavoidable impacts on biodiversity from development with biodiversity gains through landholder stewardship agreements. Applications for development or clearing approvals must set out how impacts on biodiversity will be avoided and minimised. Residual impacts can be offset by the purchase and/or retirement of biodiversity credits or payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund.⁷

Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) threshold means the biodiversity offsets scheme threshold referred to in section 7.4 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Clearing of trees and vegetation has the same meaning as in the Vegetation SEPP:

- a) cut down, fell, uproot, kill, poison, ringbark, burn, or otherwise destroy the vegetation, or
- b) lop or otherwise remove a substantial part of the vegetation.

Damage means to impair the value or usefulness or weaken the health or the normal function of a tree or vegetation.

Dangerous tree means a tree that will inflict imminent liability or harm to human life or property.

Dead tree means no functional cambium (tissue) and no green foliage and that the tree is no longer capable of performing living functions.

Dying tree means a tree in a state of decline where it is unlikely to recover. Generally, this may be represented by only ≤ 20% live canopy.

⁵ <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/publications/environment/tree-management-technical-manual.pdf>

⁶ National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 – sect

⁷ <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/biodiversity-offsets-scheme/about-the-biodiversity-offsets-scheme>

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Environmental protection works has the same meaning as Ryde City Local Environment Plan including actions such as bush regeneration and erosion protection works.

Exempt refers to tree works not subject to protection by Council's DCP controls.

Habitat has the same meaning as in the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and includes hollow bearing trees, nests, and logs.

Height means the distance measured vertically between the horizontal plane of the lowest point of the base of the tree which is immediately above ground and the horizontal plane of the uppermost point of the tree.

Heritage Conservation Area means an area of land of heritage significance shown on a heritage map and described in a heritage schedule in a LEP and includes any heritage items situated on or within that area.

Heritage Item means a building, work, place, relic, place, tree, object, or archaeological site the location and nature of which is identified in a Heritage Study, described in a heritage schedule in a LEP or the NSW State Heritage Register.

Imminent risk refers to a tree which is about to fall over, a tree which is heaving (moving at the base/ground level), or a large part of a tree which is broken and/or hanging, about to fall and injure persons or property (and is to be determined through the application of industry- recognised risk assessment methodology such as QTRA, TRAQ).

Legally constructed means built in compliance with environmental and planning legislation and instruments in force within the City of Ryde at the time of construction.

Native vegetation has the same meaning as in Part 5A of the Local Land Services Act 2013, with the exclusion of 60B (4) for the purposes of including marine vegetation in the definition of native vegetation. Native vegetation means any plants native to New South Wales including:

- i. tree (including sapling and immature stages)
- ii. understory plants
- iii. groundcovers (all herbaceous vegetation)
- iv. plants occurring in a wetland.

Owner has the meaning ascribed to it in the Local Government Act 1993.

Remove has the same meaning as clearing in this DCP.

Prescribed tree are those trees protected by this DCP (as per section 2.0).

Prescribed vegetation is native vegetation that is protected by this DCP (as per section 9.2) **Prohibited activities** has the same meaning as "Clearing" as per this DCP when unauthorised and "Damage."

Prune means to selectively remove branches.

Tree is defined as a long lived woody perennial plant with one or relatively few main stems with the potential to grow to a height greater than 3 metres.

Tree works means any pruning of a tree crown, removal of a tree, pruning or removal of roots (greater than 30mm diameter) and any alteration (excavation, compaction, or fill) to the natural ground and soil level within the Tree Protection Zone of a tree on the land or on adjoining land.

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) means the area above or below ground at a given distance from the trunk calculated in accordance with AS 4970 - 2009 set aside for the protection of a tree's roots and crown to provide for the viability and stability of a tree.

Urban Forest means all trees and vegetation (both naturally occurring and planted) that occur within or near urban areas.

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Suburb	Comments	Council Response
1 Macquarie Park	As an AGF5 Consulting Arborist, I say thankyou for strengthening the DCP with regards to trees. I am concerned however with the proposed 3:1 replacement planting ratio which I feel is going to be a challenge for Council to police with consideration of the number of new developments currently underway and the density of development proposed. For exempt works, the wording of the DCP implies Council will be adopting a "fast-track" application approach similar to KMC. Is this understanding correct? If so, this is likely to cause a considerable workload increase for Council officers & therefore application delays due to red tape. I would be happy to discuss the DCP with Council representatives should they desire further feedback - give me a call.	Noted. No change as process allows for payment to be made for replacement plantings to occur on public land. No application is required for exempt works, residents are encouraged to contact Council to confirm works are considered exempt.
2 RYDE	Every tree to be retained. Stop cutting trees across all country. They are very vital to everything. This planet is burning to the ground, stop cutting any tree.	Noted. No change, not feasible to have zero tree removal.
3 North Ryde	I'm all for saving trees - if for a genuine reason one has to be removed - one has to be planted to replace it - if not in the removed spot somewhere else.	Noted. No change, replacement planting required.
4 Ryde	Revised wording appears to change "development applications" however "compliant development" (eg "CDC work" doesn't appear to be mentioned at all despite being mentioned on summary page as being clarified	Noted. No change. As CDC's are approved under State Legislation, it overrides Council policy in respect to Tree Preservation.
5 Tennyson Point 2111	This is timely, and in fact overdue. Can Council consider how to ensure appropriate additions to the tree canopy in the case of replacement trees for development sites? In particular, our area is seeing many duplex builds where every tree on the site is removed, shrinking the urban canopy, and post-build a single small grass tree planted in a pot in the front garden to tick the box of a "replacement tree". This only ensures shrinkage of shade canopy and wildlife habitat corridors. Is it possible to stipulate for diverse plantings so the developer doesn't simply tick the replacement plantings box with 3 potted grass trees. The increasingly bare holes in urban plantings requires some leadership from Council to ensure biodiversity and canopy increases.	Noted. No change, feedback provided to Council's Development Assessment Team.
6 Eastwood	These amendments are long overdue but better late than never. Trees do so much for urban heat reduction, run off mitigation and significantly, they add greatly to an area's aesthetic appeal. Ryde has already lost far too many trees.	Comments noted, no changes.
7 Denistone	I like the proposed key amendments listed above, especially replacing a tree which must be cut down with three others. I totally endorse Council's move to increase the number of trees and the canopy in our area.	Comments noted, no changes.
8 West Ryde	Agree with proposed amendments	Comments noted, no changes.
9 Denistone	This is great. Please do it straight away. We need more canopy cover. Operations Team manage tree plantings on Council land. One thing that needs to be done is follow up as well. So many trees are planted to tick a box and then neglected to die. There should be a 1y, 5y, 10y follow up on plantings.	Noted. No changes, feedback provided to relevant Council Teams regarding tree planting monitoring.
10 Eastwood	This is great news, but you haven't mentioned if there is also an increase to the fines to deter developers from removing protected trees. We are sandwiched between two new developments, both of which removed all vegetation, even trees along the back fences which did not encroach on the build area. Our trees are now at risk of death from roots being severed by builders on both sides of our property. And also due to all the refuge possums forced to relocate to our property our tree canopy, particularly our larger deciduous trees, is being eaten at an alarming rate, our arborist has flagged at least two of our established trees will most likely die soon if we do not cull the possum population/refuges. We are in this predicament of trying to protect the trees and fauna on our property from native fauna because the current control plan is woefully insufficient and the infringements fines are only loose change to the developers.	The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is proposing changes to the planning system to discourage people and industry from illegally clearing trees and vegetation improving the penalty and compliance framework. No amendment to the DCP.
11 Ryde	Hi The tree preservation fails to address the right tree in the right location https://www.gardeningaustraliamag.com.au/choose-plant-right-tree/ . This plan does not adequately cover hazardous risk assessments of trees as per the https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/CEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Policy-and-law/tree-risk-management-procedures-150589.pdf . Arborists may not be trained in hazardous risk assessments. Property owners should be able to remove trees on their property in high traffic areas.	Councils Urban Forest Strategy advocates for best practice approaches and national standards that underpin the selection of species, preparation of planting sites, and management of tree assets. Trees and risks in high traffic areas assessed using the framework detailed in the Tree Management Technical Manual No amendment to the DCP.
12 West Ryde	If a tree is on my property and I want to remove it, I should be able to. Council should not have any involvement whatsoever. It is already far too difficult to remove dangerous / nuisance trees, and removing large camphor laurel trees from the exempt list is pure illogy.	In NSW, the standard LEP makes it illegal to ringbark, cut down, top, lop, remove, injure or wilfully destroy any prescribed trees or other vegetation without permission (pest species are exempt). Council sets controls that support the broader communities value of trees. No changes to the DCP made.
13 East Ryde	Yes we so need Ryde to encourage tree planting and especially retaining established trees when building. This is long overdue as much of Ryde has been decimated. In East Ryde Shops when the lovely paving and seating was added there are now more trees however 2 established bird attracting trees were removed. In their place was put 2 supposedly fast-growing trees that still look nearly dead and tiny after about 2 years. Please look into replacing this canopy. Also wherever there are units proposed retain green space for the residents and the planet. And more street planting would be great.	Noted. No changes made, information referred to relevant Council Teams to consider as part of their operational function.
14 Meadowbank	The destruction of Camphor laurels needs to be stopped. They are a beautiful tree that does not suddenly drop branches as gums do. They are part of our Sydney scene and not an allergy tree like so many native flowering trees.	Camphor Laurels over 10 metres or included in Council's significant Tree Register are not exempt. Balanced approach is recommended to replace with more suitable species whilst retaining mature trees. Camphor Laurels are now listed as Noxious in many areas of NSW. No changes to the DCP made.
15 meadowbank	I don't agree with tightening up tree preservation. It makes people not want to plant trees... makes people hate trees, and not want any trees on or near the properties... if people are aware of these changes they will make sure no trees will exist on their property.	Comments noted. Council allows pruning of trees of up to 10% of the tree canopy without application to help reduce the burden on residents to manage trees. Council sets controls that support the broader communities value to protect trees. No amendments to the DCP made.
16 North Ryde	Supportive of councils plans	Support noted.
17 Denistone	Tree preservation how about have all these new developments plant trees. So many have fake grass and no gardens at all	Comments noted, no changes made.
18 Ryde	Input clear policies related trees and fences.	Fences are treated the same as any structure impacted by trees. No amendment to the DCP made.
19 North Ryde	These amendments will assist in greater clarity and provide better/broader protection of existing trees within RYDE LGA and I whole heartedly agree with and endorse these amendments. My only concern is council's availability of resources to police and maintain this policy when there are so many DA approvals and works in place and trees are cut down almost daily (not all approved by council and not all reported to council in order to apply fines.)	Support noted. No amendment to the DCP made.
20 Mairfield	Retention and preservation of existing trees as well as the planting of new trees in Ryde Council area is a must do. You should also be more involved with the preservation of trees on private land as well... with less exemptions and more enforcement of those owners who do not act to preserve our trees.	Support noted.

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21	North Ryde	Thank you. My only concern with this document is section 6.3 concerning replacement of trees. It states that where the 3:1 replacement of trees is unable to be achieved on private land, the owner is to pay a sum for replacement trees to be planted on council land. My concern is that developers /owners will continue to build massive home that encompass the entire block of land and the street canopy will continue to suffer. Is there some provision for new dwellings to plant/retain sustainable trees?	Council seeks to retain trees where feasible in the developments that it approves. A significant number of developments will utilise State Legislation for approval and it is intended that the updated DCP at least achieves a reasonable amount of replacement planting. No amendment to the DCP made. Councils Tree Management Technical Manual 6.2 addressed right tree for right place criteria Council will regularly update undesirable tree species in the Technical manual.
22	Ryde	Section 6.3 - could council please add the requirement that replacement species trees be chosen from the same stratum (mid-storey, canopy) of the Plant Community Type in the area being cleared? Part 4.0, point v. - could the list of species in this table also refer to any 'priority weed species' for Ryde council area identified on NSW Weedwise (e.g. weeds of national significance)?	
23	North Ryde	I strongly support the tightening of controls around tree removal. The urban tree canopy cover in Ryde LGA is too low and unwarranted tree removal must be avoided. Note the reference to the Office of Environment and Heritage in the document should be changed to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.	Support noted. Amendment to the DCP made, reference updated to be - NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
24	Denistone	Good to see more being done for tree preservation. Understand the need to increase density but this needs to not reduce trees AND soft surfaces. Too many developments cover all usable land in hard surfaces where soft water penetrating option could have been used. Also there should be greater setbacks in developments to allow for green spaces. West Ryde is an example of what NOT to do.	Noted. No changes. Feedback provided to relevant Council Team to consider.
25	NSW	Good initiative: no tree anywhere should be cut, except there is a very significant documented risk. We must leave this planet a much better place for our grandchildren to live, at the moment this planet is burning to the ground.	Support noted
26	Denistone East	While I think this is a positive step in the right direction in addressing the current ongoing loss of the tree canopy in Ryde, it is the lack of any checks by authorities that is and will continue to be the problem. At present the main cause is the size and placement of new builds on the block. Huge two story dual occupancies that make up a very high percentage of new developments in Ryde, all done under a CDC with private certification are built so close to all three fences that there is no yard space left to accommodate a tree of any size. Most are surrounded by hard surfaces and white pebbles adding to the problem. Complying Development under the State Government introduced scheme is allowing this to happen bypassing local councils. While this is allowed to keep happening as it is now we will continue to lose significant trees and the suburban tree canopy leaving behind substandard builds on plots with little to no vegetation. A tree might be planted to appease a development condition but sadly a lot never live long enough to get to any great height. I am in full support of whatever can be done to address this situation and to protect existing trees from damage from neighbouring properties.	Support noted. No changes. Feedback provided to relevant Council Team for consideration.
27	Ryde	Ryde tree preservation laws are woeful. They do not follow up nor do they take action. I have seen so many trees cut down	Comments Noted. No changes. DCP is being updated to ensure alignment with State Legislation and assist with Tree Preservation in the future.
28	East Ryde	As a resident of East Ryde, I totally support the improvement/increased regulation and amendments to the tree preservation plan for Ryde LGA to maintain our important tree canopy. From living in East Ryde for the past 17 years under the current regulations, I have seen the wilful destruction and removal of mature healthy trees under complying development to make way for concrete and McMansions. From my observation this has led to loss of native animal and birdlife and is at detriment to the community's health and wellbeing. We need to do better rather than the focus on individual needs of a developer or individual house owner, the Ryde tree development plan has to reflect what is best for the community and society. On a personal note, when I first moved to East Ryde the tree canopy was extensive and you could not see the city because of the beautiful tree coverage. My garden was frequented by tawny frogmouths and kookaburras. Not so now. Only in the last two weeks a large tree in Elliot Street was removed to make way for a large house. The sound of chain saws is a frequent occurrence in East Ryde and the surrounding Ryde areas and the developers, private certifiers and new home owners know they can get away with removing the trees under Ryde's current tree preservation control plan and regulations. We live in a beautiful area and I am really hoping (that with improved regulation) that we can protect our trees for our current residents and our future residents and be more in line with our neighbouring councils. Finally thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the draft amendments and hoping that the improved amendments are adopted by our elected councillors. In addition, I support universal tree planting by council on all local street verges (without approval or request by homeowners), outside all homes to increase the tree canopy.	Comments noted. No changes made. Feedback provided to relevant Council teams for consideration.
29	Ryde	I support the proposed changes except for changes to exemptions for camphor laurel trees.	Camphor Laurels over 10 metres or included in Council's significant Tree Register are not exempt. Balanced approach is recommended to replace with more suitable species whilst retaining mature trees. Camphor Laurels are now listed as Noxious in many areas of NSW.
30	Ryde	These changes are pretty stupid if you remove one tree why would you need to replant 3 considering you've allowed so much over development of course people need to take put trees there's two many ugly duplexes granny flats and studios so you actually need to remove more trees all your own fault for allowing such small yards.	Where development sites do not have space trees can be planted as part of Councils Street Tree planting program. No changes made.
31	North Ryde	I fully support these changes and they are much needed. Too many trees being removed at present for new dwellings.	Support noted
32	West Ryde	Replacement plantings on 3:1 basis may not be possible due to size of land - I don't agree with this amendment. Camphor Laurel over 10M should not be taken off the exemption list as it produces seeds that can be carried in bird waste. The seeds germinate easily, spreading the growth of camphor laurel - I don't agree with taking it off the exemption list. I don't agree with removing the existing tree exemptions close to swimming pool and carports.	Replacement planting requirements provides options when trees cannot be planted on the land to be developed. Councils have been proposed that reflect the broader communities desire for tree protection. No changes made.

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33	North Ryde	<p>Living in the Gladesville-Ryde area from the 1950s, I have always appreciated the natural wildlife – animals and their habitat – in what is now the City of Ryde, and I am actively involved in organisations and activities including City of Ryde Bushcare to enhance it and promote its preservation.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.1 of the draft amendment states that the controls are "aimed at optimising the retention of trees on private land while also facilitating appropriate tree pruning and removals consistent with safety issues, economic imperatives, and other relevant factors."</p> <p>Section 4(iv) of the draft amendments to the DCP concerns me. It provides for removal of trees without Council's consent solely on the basis of location; I would like that section to be deleted.</p> <p>It states that the following are exempt trees and therefore do not require Council approval to remove: "...a tree where the stem of the tree at ground level is within three (3) metres of the outside enclosing wall of legally constructed dwelling or outbuilding of over 20m²." This permits the removal of a tree based solely on its location and does not consider the amenity value of the tree, its natural heritage value or its value for local biodiversity.</p> <p>Section 5 of the draft amendment specifies certain cases where this rule may not apply (e.g. the trees/vegetation forms part of a heritage item, heritage conservation area, Aboriginal object or Aboriginal place of significance) but such provisions would not apply to most trees located on private property.</p> <p>Arbitrary removal of any tree where the stem of the tree at ground level is within three (3) metres of the outside enclosing wall of legally constructed dwelling or outbuilding of over 20 square metres is not necessarily consistent with safety and economic issues and is not necessarily a relevant factor. These trees should be subject to a risk assessment and environmental impact assessment and mitigation works taken where it is reasonable to reduce any identified risks. The priority should be to retain the tree and removal being a rare event. Many trees have been lost where such arbitrary rules apply. Retaining and improving tree cover on private property is essential to maintain and improve biodiversity in urban areas. Rules should not allow arbitrary removal of trees with amenity, natural heritage and biodiversity values because of their location.</p> <p>A further issue is the removal of trees and shrubs on development sites. Normal practice within the City of Ryde appears to be the total clearing of land where residential and commercial buildings are to be replaced. This occurs on sites where I know the approved plans provide for preservation and replacement of existing flora.</p> <p>Section 7 is headed "Best practice..." but there is no indication that the controls are mandatory; nor is there any encouragement to consider existing trees within the design of new buildings. Indeed, it seems acceptable for developments to be approved when appropriate paperwork is completed, but it is evident that there is no consistency, follow-up or enforcement of conditions, even when neighbours bring issues to Council's attention.</p> <p>There are many examples of this; to cite a specific instance which occurred some years ago, a builder working next door entered the yard at 75 Trivett Rd North Ryde and removed trees and bushes in the vicinity of the property where he was working. The owners reported to Council that their trees and bushes had been destroyed but no action was taken by Council staff; the situation was resolved only after it was reported on TV in the Channel 7 News. Media coverage of infringements ought not to be needed to protect trees and shrubs.</p>	<p>Council has adopted a Local Strategic Planning Statement and an Urban Forest Strategy, all of which identified a 40% canopy target for the LGA. These documents have set the strategic direction for the management of trees within the LGA. An update to the DCP – Tree Preservation is required to ensure it reflects the current legislative environment and aligns to the relevant Council adopted plans and strategies. The DCP aims to balance tree preservation and provide the ability for residents to manage private trees effectively. No changes made.</p>
34	Denistone East	<p>I strongly support all the significant upgrades to the tree preservation Plans in Ryde. Rather than increasing to meet the needs, our tree coverage has been drastically reduced over recent years and we need action, even stronger than the changes in this proposal, in order to reverse this trend. The goal of increasing tree coverage is currently nonsense.</p> <p>I have seen street trees removed, in particular related to housing construction, when they should not have been removed, and they have not been replaced. The same applies to trees on residential blocks. In one nearby case 11 mature trees were removed which were close to a property boundary and could have been retained when developed.</p> <p>I often see and hear trees being lopped, or removed on weekends when Council staff are unavailable to rapidly respond. I suggest that all tree approvals for lopping and removal just be posted on-site, as is the situation with development applications, for at least 30 days prior to action. Also that all tree contractors in the City be examined and trained in the value of trees, rather than their current attitudes. I'd suggest that only certain contractors be permitted to operate in Ryde.</p> <p>The current rules on lopping of trees means that over a number of years a major tree can essentially be cut down bit by bit. The new controls need to ensure that this can't happen. Lopping of 10% of canopy must be limited to dead or dangerous limbs only as identified by Council Staff and must be limited to once every 10 years.</p> <p>The biggest culprits for tree removals are multiple residences such as duplex and villa development. In most cases all trees are removed and never replaced, even though this is not supposed to happen. This is completely unacceptable and we need to change our tree rules and our policing of the tree rules. We need more Council tree inspectors out there all the time.</p> <p>Our City has significantly reduced tree cover which affects amenity, wildlife habitat and shading. Nearby areas, such as Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai have significantly more trees which are better protected. The property values in those areas are higher because they are more attractive due to the trees. Ryde needs to emulate those areas and start a massive replanting project.</p> <p>While Council has a street tree planting program it is completely insufficient. I often see trees planted under power/data wires which will be cut to pieces in years to come. At the same time the side of the street with no wires gets no trees. The program should be expanded to plant trees on every street in Ryde. On the wires side they should be major trees and on the other side they should be minor trees or shrubs.</p> <p>Also residents should not have a veto on trees planted on the street near their homes, and there must be incentives to plant trees on residential blocks. For example either grants or rebated reductions based on tree planting, and importantly review of this coverage each year to continue to receive the incentives. I suggests rates be raised by a tree levy which is rebated if particular sizes and type of trees are planted and maintained each year. There should be very strong preference to locally endemic trees in the entire City for all planting.</p> <p>I understand that there are sections of our community who do not favour trees but the value of trees must be paramount in all City communication to all citizens and in all situations, most particularly for development whether that be Complying or DA.</p> <p>Please protect our dwindling numbers of existing trees and embark on a significant project of tree planting, in parks, on streets and on residential blocks.</p> <p><i>The future residents of our City will thank us.</i></p>	<p>Controls have been proposed that provide a balance between allowing residents to effectively manage private trees and providing controls to protect trees.</p> <p>The City of Ryde is committed to enhancing the urban greenery, increase canopy cover, and support biodiversity through the implementation of the adopted Urban Forest Strategy and Street Tree Masterplan.</p> <p>Improving the current DCP controls around trees on non-Council owned and managed land was identified as a key area for improvement.</p> <p>Other comments noted and referred to relevant Council teams for consideration. No changes to the DCP made.</p>
35	West Ryde	<p>All these amendments do is further punish people who own trees. Instead of using sticks to punish tree owners council should be encouraging owners to keep trees with carrots.</p> <p>Tree owners need to pay council \$80 for permission to prune dangerous, large trees and then thousands of dollars more to tree pruning companies. Tree owners get complaints from neighbours about their trees and trespass by neighbours who hack their trees. In my experience council does nothing if illegal pruning is reported.</p> <p>Residents who have 25 % or more of their land covered by trees should get reduced rates to cover some of the cost of the trees which benefit everyone else.</p> <p>This might reward people who bear the cost of having trees on their land i.e. carrots not sticks.</p> <p>Furthermore, tree owners should not need to pay more fees to council for additional, necessary pruning.</p> <p>It is obvious that over development such as is occurring in Sydney and tree retention are incompatible. It is unjust to punish tree owners who are bearing the cost of the remaining trees any further.</p> <p>All these policies do is punish tree owners who try to do the correct thing.</p> <p>Is the privacy notification clause designed to stifle comments ??</p>	<p>Policy provides options where replacement trees cannot be planted on land to be developed. Controls aim to provide a balance between tree protection and providing the ability for residents to manage trees when required.</p> <p>Identified in the Urban Forest Strategy - Action 2.3 - Incentives may be considered to support owners who retain trees. No changes to the DCP made.</p>
36	Gladesville	<p>I replacement trees changes from 1 for 1 to 3 for 1, is too extreme as it needs to relate to how much soft permeable garden area exists and room to plant.</p> <p>Exemption if tree removal permit required for trees within 3 metres should be for any building no matter the size building.</p> <p>Trees within 4 metres if post need to be exempt to avoid damages to post and plumbing if same.</p> <p>Tress circumference to stay as current 1.4 height 450mm.</p> <p>Camper Laurel need to be exempt at any size as seeds enter water ways and regenerate.</p>	<p>Policy provides options where replacement trees cannot be planted on land to be developed. Controls aim to provide a balance between tree protection and providing the ability for residents to manage trees when required.</p> <p>No amendment to the DCP. made.</p>
37	Denistone	<p>More effort needs to be made to keep current mature trees, even if they are within 4m of new property being built. The problem now is houses are being built boundary to boundary with no space, and mature trees that are on the boundary are now being forced to be removed. These trees should be made to stay, as not only do they provide habitat for animals, they also keep the area cool and is good for peoples mental health.</p> <p>More needs to be done to encourage people to plant more trees, especially on the nature strip/s.</p>	<p>Comments noted and provided to the relevant Council Team for consideration. No changes to the DCP made.</p>
38	North Ryde	<p>With the increasing number of natural catastrophes and more extreme weather, large trees pose a significant risk to nearby properties. It should not be made harder to obtain an exemption to remove a tree that is becoming a growing threat to our homes. It feels as though the council is focused on heavily urbanising certain areas within the Ryde Council, particularly around Macquarie Park, while expecting other areas to compensate in order to meet green space quotas.</p>	<p>Council's Urban Forest Strategy and Biodiversity Plan Council recognizes that extreme weather events, including heatwaves, storms, floods, and fires, can significantly impact tree health and condition.</p>
39	North Ryde	<p>Six beautiful, healthy large gum trees will be cut down on New Link Road property in North Ryde to make way for proposed Stockland BTR units. Residents in Ryde Gardens 1-5 Network Place are fighting and lobbying to stop this. Please help us to stop these beautiful gum trees cut down.</p>	<p>Refers to an individual development application. Council considers existing tree retention in the development process or SSDA.</p>

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40	East Ryde	<p>1. Draft 6.3 is to be commended but there is no indication of checks to be carried out. From my observations it is evident that street trees are often removed and a replacement, under terms of consent, is not planted on the nature strip. Checks need to be stated in the plan and undertaken rigorously. The 3 for 1 requirement is a step in the right direction for fulfilling Council's often-stated Urban Forest Strategy.</p> <p>2. Tree Management must be enforced to protect trees not to be removed during demolition and construction work. Again from observations some trees, on private and Council land, are protected and others not. Why are all trees not protected. The reality should reflect the stated policy. Will this be the case once the new plan is in place?</p> <p>3. I note the mention of 'vegetation and trees' when referring to removal that requires consent. There is no mention of complying developments. It is apparent that when many DAs are implemented every skerrick of vegetation and all bushes and trees are removed. This has disastrous effects for the environment and all living things involved; one could even say it has consequences for people. What provision will be made for complying developments, under private certifiers.</p> <p>4. The value of every tree should be ascertained in all areas, not only heritage, significant and HCA trees. Location alone should not be the determinant for retention/removal. Biodiversity, urban forest and lifestyle need to be considered within the parameters of safety and infrastructure restrictions.</p>	<p>Policy provides options where replacement trees cannot be planted on land to be developed. Controls aim to provide a balance between tree protection and providing the ability for residents to manage trees when required.</p> <p>No amendment to the DCP, required</p>
41	Eastwood	<p>I generally support the amendments as they are an improvement. Including but not limited to the changes summarised on https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay/Have-Your-Say/Draft-Amendments-to-Development-Control-Plan-2014-Tree-Preservation: "Key amendments to the DCP Part 5.5 can be seen below: [...] - Ensure alignment to Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP (2021) - Ensure alignment and reference to Urban Forest Strategy (2023) - [INCREASE TO] Replacement plantings for approved removals required on a 3 to 1 basis - [REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION] Tree is exempt if it is 4m from an enclosing wall - [REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION] Tree is exempt if it is within 4m of outside edge of pool coping Deleted - [REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION] Tree is exempt if it is within 4m of the outside edge of a carport Deleted - [DEFINITION OF TREE MADE SMALLER] Tree is exempt if stem circumference measured at 1.4m height is 150mm or smaller - Exclusions from Exempt Works Expanded to indicate Council must be satisfied included proposed works meet exemption requirements - Language clarified for tree works requirements relating to development sites - Removal of dead or dying requires an application Expanded to include protection for trees with habitat hollows and clarity around tree risk assessment requirements - Camphor Laurel tree greater than 10m in height are no longer exempt (subject to permit application)"</p> <p>However the proposed protections do not go far enough.</p> <p>- It is unacceptable that the proposed rules give no protection of trees on Private land not owned by the developer.</p> <p>Currently, if a developer decides to develop a property and deems to 'need' to remove trees on adjacent private property, these trees can be removed if this is 'needed' for the proposed development. Since the advent of "complying developments", (https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/planning-approval-paths/complying-development) an adjacent property can be developed without the neighbour able to dispute or even be informed of planned adjacent development. (https://p.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlinecds)</p> <p>"1. Pre-approval notification</p> <p>Talking to your neighbours about your development proposal, big or small, is always a good idea and often saves a lot of trouble down the track. The Department encourages talking to your neighbours as early as possible in the design process to help ensure the development process is as smooth as possible for all involved and doesn't come as a surprise.</p>	<p>Support noted. No changes made.</p> <p>For complying development, under the current regulations, trees or vegetation may be removed as part of a complying development for residential purposes if they are within three meters of a building or structure larger than 25 square meters, are not listed on Council's register of significant trees, do not exceed eight meters in height for new houses (unless required to be retained as a condition of consent for the subdivision), and do not exceed six meters in height for alterations or additions to an existing house.</p> <p>All trees that are required to be retained on a development site must be protected in accordance with the Australian Standard (AS) 4970 - 2009 Protection of trees on development sites. Tree protection measures must be in place before any works commence on the site. These must be in good condition and remain in place for the entire duration of the construction works.</p>
42	East-Ryde	<p>I broadly support the amendments. I would like to see some more information on the 3:1 tree replacements and a shortlist of space the council would plant trees if there was not space as listed in 6.3.</p>	<p>Support noted. No changes made.</p> <p>Councils street tree masterplan and individual Park Masterplans provide guidance on current programs in both streets and Council parks.</p>
43	East Ryde	<p>I support the 'Draft Amendments to Development Control Plan 2014 - Tree Preservation', as this will support Ryde Council commitment to increasing tree canopy as detailed in the Ryde Urban Forest Strategy.</p> <p>The benefits of an urban tree canopy are widely recognised, and it is important that Ryde Council places a focus on proactive retention and preservation of existing trees as well as the planting of new trees, like other councils, such as Lane Cove Council. Managing tree removals and plantings will require strong resolve and commitment, as there will no doubt be opposition from lobby groups and self-interest development entities. There has been too much focus on the development aspects or urban living and not enough focus on the environmental aspects of urban living. Now is the time change.</p>	<p>Support noted. No changes made.</p>
44	Ryde	<p>Is there any provision for follow up of replacement plantings to ensure they remain viable after planting. It is noted that replacement plantings are often removed at a later date or die due to lack of care.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Bonds are required as part of Development conditions to ensure tree plantings are maintained. No changes required.</p>
Written		Comments	Council Response
1		<p>Biodiversity Policy Team, Resilience and Sustainability - Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure</p> <p>Amendments and suggestions to improve the legibility of the DCP and changes relevant to the SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation)</p>	<p>Some Suggestions and Clarifications included in updated DCP in referencing legislation have been addressed in the DCP placed for adoption.</p>
2		<p>Ryde - Hunter's Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society</p> <p>Introduction and Purpose:</p> <p>The Society is an environmental group with over 56 years of experience, focused on nature conservation, environmental education, and sustainable land use.</p> <p>Main Concern:</p> <p>Objection to Section 4(iv) of the Draft Amendments to Development Control Plan 2014, which allows tree removal without Council consent based solely on proximity to buildings (within 3 meters).</p> <p>Critique of Section 4(v):</p> <p>The rule permits arbitrary tree removal based on location, disregarding the tree's ecological, heritage, and biodiversity value.</p> <p>Exceptions listed in Section 5 (heritage or culturally significant trees) are too limited to protect most trees.</p> <p>Recommended Approach:</p> <p>Trees should only be removed following a risk assessment and environmental impact assessment, with a focus on retaining them.</p> <p>The arbitrary distance rule (3 meters) should be removed.</p>	<p>DCP provides options where replacement trees cannot be planted on land to be developed. Controls aim to provide a balance between tree protection and providing the ability for residents to manage trees when required. No changes made.</p>

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3	Eastwood	<p>I support the draft amendments to the Development Control Plan 2014 - Tree Preservation. They are a good start to better preserving the remaining tree canopy in Ryde, but the proposed changes do not go far enough. I recommend the following additional actions are taken by City of Ryde Council to protect our trees and way of life in Ryde:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council considers making payment to property owners supporting significant native trees to help with maintenance costs to keep the trees healthy (e.g. occasional dead wooding). Everyone benefits from these lovely trees, but owners bear the cost alone. This could be a cause behind why so many people cut down trees illegally on their property 2. Council tree teams need to be better resourced so that Council officers will attend the site promptly when neighbours alert Council to an illegal tree removal underway or a tree's health is at risk, rather than say that someone from Council will inspect the site in 2-3 weeks time. This agility is particularly required on weekends, when many trees are removed because people know Council's response is limited. Maybe a tree incident officer role is necessary within Council to respond nimbly to these calls. 3. Council tree officers need to be trained to detect willful tree poisoning. The drilling of holes and injecting with poison can kill a tree quickly with little evidence. This technique is often used by people wanting to develop their property in the near future. 4. The management of Complying Development requirements needs to align to the Tree Preservation document or there will be little improvement. Compliance teams must liaise with tree preservation teams when Complying Developments are approved. This may require changes to the powers of Council in terms of development sites which have Independent Certifiers. Please refer to the current Complying Development on 3 Miriam Road Denistone (Application ID: CDP2023/0602) of an example of how better collaboration between Council teams (e.g. knowing that an illegal tree removal investigation was being conducted by Council on a site where a Complying Development application was subsequently submitted) would have provided greater protection for the remaining Critically Endangered Blue Gum High Forest on 3 Miriam Road - including a mature Sydney Blue Gum with nesting hollow. 5. Council should develop a map of all trees with nesting hollows located on private property for cross checking when development applications are submitted or requests to remove trees are received. 	<p>Support noted</p> <p>Controls have been proposed that provide a balance between allowing residents to manage private trees and providing controls to protect trees.</p> <p>The City of Ryde is committed to enhancing the urban greenery, increase canopy cover, and support biodiversity through the implementation of the adopted Urban Forest Strategy and Street Tree Masterplan.</p> <p>Improving the current DCP controls around trees on non-Council owned and managed land was identified as a key area for improvement.</p> <p>Current tree planting programs are delivered primarily by in-house crews and occasionally external contractors. Approximately 600-700 trees are planted annually, depending on the amount of grant funding available in particular years.</p>
4		NSW EPA - no comment	Noted
5	Denistone East	<p>Myself and many neighbours I speak with are deeply concerned about the continuing loss of trees and vegetation in Ryde LGA.</p> <p>The proposed draft Amendments to Development Control Plan 2014 - Tree Preservation are an improvement to the previous policies, but should be stronger.</p> <p>The previous 4m rule that is now proposed to be reduced to 3m (a tree where the stem of the tree at ground level is within three (3) metres of the outside enclosing wall of legally constructed dwelling or outbuilding of over 20m²) that exempts trees from the policy and therefore do not require Council approval to remove should be changed. This arbitrary distance still leaves large parts of Ryde's urban forest in the hands of private owners and under the influence of people who may not have the whole LGA in their motivations.</p> <p>How many irreplaceable trees were removed under the previous 4m rule? The change to 3m will still leave large numbers of important trees vulnerable to removal on a whim, regardless of risk or need. As you would know, there are many who would remove a tree for very minor reasons and disregard the many benefits of retaining it. The 3m rule is simply arbitrary and doesn't do justice to the decades or even centuries of time that it takes to 'create' a tree. It also allows important trees to be removed because someone will be willing to take the risk to remove a tree 3m+ with the understanding that proving absolutely that a removed tree was not within 3m might be too hard to prosecute.</p> <p>I would urge Council to improve the Tree Preservation DCP by removing arbitrary exemptions and giving more emphasis on individual assessments of trees. Even old exotic trees, some exempt under the DCP, can be the last refuges and points of beauty in the increasingly deforested Ryde landscape. In congratulate Council for its street tree planting, such as along North Road near my street. Most trees seem to be going well and the new trees will provide important benefits from climate change amelioration, habitat, cooling, sound dampening, aesthetics and more. However, it will be many, many years before they are mature, and meanwhile more trees are lost every week. It is a constant distress to hear chainsaws and not knowing what it is for - illegally felled trees? I'm not the only one who dreads the sound and feels powerless to stop the destruction of Ryde's environmental assets. Two neighbours in Hailg Ave wished have similar concerns and would have put in a submission, but have had health issues that have prevented them.</p>	<p>Comments noted, no changes made. Controls have been proposed that try to provide a balance between tree preservation and effectively managing trees on private property. Industry benchmarking was utilised to identify the 3m distance and is consistent with State Government approved developments.</p>
6	Not stated	<p>I am particularly concerned about Section 4(b) of the draft amendments to the DCP which allows the removal of trees without Council's consent solely on the basis of location. I would like to see that section deleted.</p> <p>It is important that trees are retained on private land to improve biodiversity and protect habitat for birds and animals. In fact, paragraph 1.1 of the draft amendment states that the controls are "...aimed at optimising the retention of trees on private land while also facilitating appropriate tree pruning and removals consistent with safety issues, economic imperatives, and other relevant factors."</p> <p>However, Section 4(b) of the draft amendment, allows removal of a tree, without Council permission, "...where the stem of the tree at ground level is within three (3) metres of the outside enclosing wall of legally constructed dwelling or outbuilding of over 20m²." This permits the removal of a tree based solely on its location and does not consider the amenity value of the tree, its natural heritage value or its value for local biodiversity.</p> <p>These trees should be subject to a risk assessment and environmental impact assessment and mitigation works taken where it is reasonable to reduce any identified risks. The priority should be to retain the tree and removal being a rare event.</p> <p>Section 7 is headed "Best practice," but there is no indication that the controls are mandatory nor is there any encouragement to consider existing trees within the design of new buildings. Indeed, it seems acceptable for developments to be approved when appropriate paperwork is completed, but it is evident that there is no follow-up or enforcement of conditions, even when neighbours bring issues to Council's attention.</p> <p>A further issue is the removal of trees and shrubs on development sites. Normal practice within the City of Ryde appears to be the total clearing of land where residential and commercial buildings are to be replaced.</p> <p>In my street two large developments have taken place where every single tree was removed. On one of the sites, healthy trees were removed even though they were known to be homes for possums. When challenged by local residents as to why the trees were removed, the owner claimed that they would replace the removed trees with mature trees. Based on the size of the development, it is difficult to see how this will happen. This same owner also cut down a healthy tree on the verge, which is Council land, despite being told by the council it was not to be removed.</p> <p>The section should include mandatory inspections during works from site preparation to completion, with action to ensure preservation and replacement of flora as specified in the approved plans. Builders or contractors who do not follow these plans must be held to account. Much higher fines need to be applied as a deterrent to developers who remove trees illegally.</p>	<p>Comments noted, no changes made. Controls have been proposed that try to provide a balance between tree preservation and effectively managing trees on private property.</p>

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7	<p>Gladesville</p> <p>Living in the Gladesville-Ryde area from the 1950s, I have always appreciated the natural wildlife – animals and their habitat – in what is now the City of Ryde, and I am actively involved in organisations and activities including City of Ryde Bushcare to enhance it and promote its preservation.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.1 of the draft amendment states that the controls are "aimed at optimising the retention of trees on private land while also facilitating appropriate tree pruning and removals consistent with safety issues, economic imperatives, and other relevant factors."</p> <p>Section 4(iv) of the draft amendments to the DCP concerns me. It provides for removal of trees without Council's consent solely on the basis of location. I would like that section to be deleted.</p> <p>It states that the following are exempt trees and therefore do not require Council approval to remove: "...a tree where the stem of the tree at ground level is within three (3) metres of the outside enclosing wall of legally constructed dwelling or outbuilding of over 20m²." This permits the removal of a tree based solely on its location and does not consider the amenity value of the tree, its natural heritage value or its value for local biodiversity.</p> <p>Section 5 of the draft amendment specifies certain cases where this rule may not apply (e.g. the trees/vegetation forms part of a heritage item, heritage conservation area, Aboriginal object or Aboriginal place of significance) but such provisions would not apply to most trees located on private property.</p> <p>Arbitrary removal of any tree where the stem of the tree at ground level is within three (3) metres of the outside enclosing wall of legally constructed dwelling or outbuilding of over 20 square metres is not necessarily consistent with safety and economic issues and is not necessarily a relevant factor. These trees should be subject to a risk assessment and environmental impact assessment and mitigation works taken where it is reasonable to reduce any identified risks. The priority should be to retain the tree and removal being a rare event.</p> <p>Many trees have been lost where such arbitrary rules apply. Retaining and improving tree cover on private property is essential to maintain and improve biodiversity in urban areas. Rules should not allow arbitrary removal of trees with amenity, natural heritage and biodiversity values because of their location.</p> <p>A further issue is the removal of trees and shrubs on development sites. Normal practice within the City of Ryde appears to be the total clearing of land where residential and commercial buildings are to be replaced. This occurs on sites where I know the approved plans provide for preservation and replacement of existing flora.</p> <p>Section 7 is headed "Best practice..." but there is no indication that the controls are mandatory; nor is there any encouragement to consider existing trees within the design of new buildings. Indeed, it seems acceptable for developments to be approved when appropriate paperwork is completed, but it is evident that there is no consistency, follow-up or enforcement of conditions, even when neighbours bring issues to Council's attention.</p> <p>There are many examples of this; to cite a specific instance which occurred some years ago, a builder working next door entered the yard at Trevitt Rd North Ryde and removed trees and bushes in the vicinity of the property where he was working. The owners reported to Council that their trees and bushes had been destroyed but no action was taken by Council staff; the situation was resolved only after it was reported on TV in the Channel 7 News. Media coverage of infringements ought not be needed to protect trees and shrubs.</p>	<p>Comments noted, no changes made. Controls have been proposed that provide a balance between allowing residents to manage private trees and providing controls to protect trees.</p> <p>The NSW Government has released an Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) outlining several proposed changes to improve enforcement and compliance related to illegal tree clearing.</p>
8	<p>Trees of Compassion</p> <p>The proposed draft Amendments to Development Control Plan 2014 - Tree Preservation that reduce the exemptions that put the control of Ryde's urban forest into the hands of landowners and developers is welcomed, however, Council should go further.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the Tree Policy to provide increased protection to trees and shrubs. • Remove the arbitrary 3m rule and give all trees protection. • Create online register for all tree removal/pruning for easier checking and peace of mind. • Tell the real estate, property and developer industries that trees are respected in Ryde. • Demand state government do more with exempt and complying developments. • Demand private certifiers make tree protection a priority. • Increase staffing – compliance, permits, planting, bush regeneration, education. • Increase public education about the benefits of trees. • Celebrate trees – best tree in the street, best tree in Ryde, creative writing competitions about trees, residents' recollections. 	<p>Comments noted, no changes made. Controls have been proposed that provide a balance between allowing residents to manage private trees and providing controls to protect trees.</p> <p>The City of Ryde is committed to enhancing the urban greenery, increase canopy cover, and support biodiversity through the implementation of the adopted Urban Forest Strategy and Street Tree Masterplan, in line with current resources.</p> <p>The NSW Government has released an Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) outlining several proposed changes to improve enforcement and compliance related to illegal tree clearing.</p>

14 DRAFT RYDE KEY WORKERS AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

Report prepared by: Senior Strategic Planner

File No.: URB/22/62/6 - BP25/224

REPORT SUMMARY

Council's Affordable Housing Policy 2016 (**ATTACHMENT 1**) has been reviewed and a new *Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy* (**ATTACHMENT 2**) is proposed to replace it. The new *Draft Key Worker Affordable Housing Policy* is focussed on supporting and facilitating the provision of affordable housing through various existing planning mechanisms. It also emphasises the importance of attracting and retaining "key workers" that provide essential services to the City of Ryde and support its economy.

The current policy is written as a strategy with aspirational goals for achieving an increase of affordable housing in City of Ryde. In contrast, the new policy is not written as a strategy and does not set a difficult to achieve affordable housing percentage goal based on the total housing numbers constructed in the LGA. Instead, the new Policy is focussed on an aspirational target of 1000 Key Worker Affordable Housing dwellings to be created over the next 10 years based on existing housing construction targets. The new target represents a significant increase in the creation of affordable housing dwellings compared to what Council has achieved in the recent past.

This report recommends that the Council resolve to exhibit the Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy for public comment for six weeks.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy for a period of 42 days.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council on the submissions received during the exhibition period and any recommended amendments to the Policy.

ATTACHMENTS – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

- 1 Ryde Affordable Housing Policy 2016
- 2 Key Worker Affordable Housing Policy 2025
- 3 Key Findings from Consultations

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Introduction

Council's current Affordable Housing Policy was adopted in 2016. Since that time, the issues of housing availability and affordability has continued to be a public policy issue that has not been resolved by successive State and Federal governments. Affordable Housing was recognized as an ongoing housing issue for Council in its Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) in 2020. The LSPS identified the need to update its affordable housing policy by 2024.

This paper outlines the process of a revision of Council's existing Affordable Housing Policy and proposed changes to update its applicability to prevailing housing circumstances and improve the provision and management of affordable housing in Ryde.

Context

Council adopted an Affordable Housing Policy in 2016 with a target of 5% of new homes being affordable rental housing by 2021. Since that time about 75 dwellings constructed in the City of Ryde have been affordable rental housing. This represents about 0.6 % of all constructed dwellings over the same time period.

At present there are three planning mechanisms available to Council to entice developers to deliver affordable housing dwelling units:

- The Affordable Housing SEPP (2009) (and its successor the Housing SEPP (2021)) provides an incentive to developers to produce affordable housing units in exchange for floor space and height bonuses on land zoned for residential purposes.
- Voluntary Planning Agreements between Council and developers – may provide infrastructure or affordable housing, or both.
- Affordable Housing Scheme requirements embedded in a Local Environmental Plan – only recently included in the Macquarie Park Transit Orientated Development Precinct of the Ryde LEP 2014.

Council unsuccessfully pursued an affordable housing contribution scheme with the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure in 2019. A Planning Proposal amendment to the Ryde LEP2014 was prepared and a Gateway Determination was requested from the Department to exhibit a draft LEP amendment for a fixed contribution rate. Ultimately, after a lengthy period of consideration, the Department decided to not to issue a Gateway Determination.

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The growth of affordable housing in Ryde has been disappointingly low in Ryde since the adoption of its Affordable Housing Policy (2016). This may be partly due to the inability of Council to make affordable housing contributions either by money or 'in-kind' mandatory in areas that have received planning uplift. Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020A (LSPS) acknowledged the low rate of affordable housing construction and the lack of a mandatory planning contribution requirement and supports the pursuit of more affordable housing for the City of Ryde.

The Current Policy

The present Affordable Housing Policy is written as a strategy document with objectives, actions and targets to be achieved rather than as a policy providing a framework for decision making. This is reflected in its large size (63 pages) which analyses the supply and demand for affordable housing and provides a full planning contextual information. This approach in 2016 is understandable given affordable housing was an emerging local government issue and that sufficient justification was required to underpin Council's new position on housing provision.

A more concise and direct affordable housing policy that is focused on increasing the supply of housing targeted to key workers is now proposed as the preferred approach.

Consultation Process

The new draft policy has tried to incorporate the ideas and experience of a diverse range of organisations involved with the provision of housing for households on low to moderate incomes. A broad range of external stakeholders were contacted and interviewed for relevant information to guide the preparation of Council's new policy. The stakeholders contacted included the Housing Industry Association, community housing providers and accommodation support agencies.

Internal consultations were also undertaken to understand issues associated with Council's involvement with the provision of affordable housing.

Councillors were consulted during the preparation of the new policy at Councillor Workshops held on 13 August 2024 and 19 November 2024.

The key findings from the internal and external consultations that were considered for incorporation into the new policy are summarised in **ATTACHMENT 3**.

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Draft Key Worker Affordable Housing Policy

The new draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy was prepared to encourage the construction of new affordable housing for rent. Its title reflects the ambition of Council to better focus on the cohort of individuals (and their families) that Council is seeking to encourage to work and reside in the Ryde LGA. It also aligns more closely with the Council's existing Local Strategic Planning Statement and Housing Strategy objectives.

Housing is affordable where households pay no more than 30% of their gross pre-tax household income on rent or mortgage payments. Above this figure and households are at risk of having insufficient income to meet other living costs and deemed to be in "housing stress".

Affordable housing is not the same as social housing. Social housing is rental housing that is partly or fully funded by State or Federal Government and let to eligible persons on very low incomes.

The Affordable Housing Needs Snapshot appended to the Policy shows that there is a large and growing demand for affordable housing to provide services that are essential to the functioning of the City of Ryde.

The new *Draft Key Worker Affordable Housing Policy* is focused on providing rental housing for low to moderate income households that include at least one key worker. Criteria and examples of key workers are provided in the Policy.

A key goal of the Policy is to increase the number of affordable housing rental units from the current 75 dwellings to 1000 dwellings by 2035. The goal is based on the Ryde housing targets to be delivered over the same period and the recent affordable housing scheme included as part of the Macquarie Park Transport Orientated Development Accelerated Precinct rezoning.

The affordable housing goal is underpinned with a clear policy agenda to create affordable housing contribution schemes in all areas receiving planning uplift, requiring affordable housing in voluntary planning agreements and forming partnerships with community housing providers and developers. An Action Plan is included in the Policy to monitor the increase in affordable housing in Ryde and that it meets the physical and social needs of the tenants. This monitoring extends to ensuring that Council's affordable housing performance is included in its public annual reporting

Public Exhibition

It is recommended that the draft policy is exhibited for public comment for a 42-day period. All public feedback will be reported to Council together with any proposed changes to the draft policy arising from the exhibition.

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Next Steps

1. Council organises and exhibits the policy.
2. Feedback from the exhibition is reported to Council.
3. The draft policy is adopted by Council and replaces the existing Affordable Housing Policy (2016).
4. The new policy is posted on Council's website.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

15 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025 ROUND 1

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Grants and Community Facilities
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/351

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 1 of the 2025 Community Grants Program opened on 20 January 2025 and closed on 28 February 2025. The round consisted of the following five categories:

1. Community Wellbeing (Major, Medium and Minor Projects)
2. Events (Major, Medium and Minor)
3. Arts and Creativity
4. Community Facilities and Equipment
5. Sport and Recreation

44 eligible grant applications were received and assessed in this grant round. 43 grant applications are recommended with the total amount of funding being \$245,449. One grant application is not recommended for funding. There are sufficient funds in the Community Grants Program budget to support these projects.

In addition to the Community Grants Program, Council provides a Minor Donations Program to support the community, as per the Grants and Donations Policy and the Minor Donations and Awards Guidelines. There have been no Meet Your Neighbour or Representative Donations awarded to date in 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for the City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 1, 2025.

Community Wellbeing – Major

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
1	CWMaj-01	Planetshakers	\$14,850	\$14,850	Community mentoring program for disadvantaged families with children	
2	CWMaj-05	CCA NSW	\$15,000	\$8,592	"She Employment" skills development	Partial funding, excluding budget items ineligible under

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					and business opportunities for CALD women	Guidelines, such as Case manager costs;
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Community Wellbeing – Medium

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
3	CWMed-01	CASS Care	\$5,500	\$5,500	Strengthening the inclusion of CALD Youth	
4	CWMed-02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	\$7,500	\$7,500	Music and dance for elderly and cancer patients	
5	CWMed-03	Armenian Relief Society Araz Chapter	\$5,000	\$5,000	Armenian Senior Women's health and Wellbeing Seminar	
6	CWMed-05	Royal Life Saving NSW	\$5,500	\$5,500	Lifesaving skills for vulnerable communities	
7	CWMed-06	Epilepsy Action Australia	\$7,500	\$7,500	Epilepsy Allies: Navigating Epilepsy Together	
8	CWMed-08	Rosemont Chamber Orchestra	\$7,500	\$7,500	Accessible community concerts for people experiencing physical and psychological challenges	
9	CWMed-09	AASHA Australia Foundation	\$7,500	\$7,500	Rhythm Wellbeing workshops for older people	
10	CWMed-10	Empowering Parents In Crisis (EPIC)	\$4,980	\$4,980	Your Voice Matters: Advocating for Your Young Person webinars	
11	CWMed-11	Differently Abled People Association	\$6,900	\$6,900	Multicultural Inclusive Social Gatherings connecting people with disabilities and the wider community	
12	CWMed-14	Korean Harmony Culture Group	\$5,000	\$5,000	Multicultural community activities, incl.	

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					food, fashion, dance	
13	CWMed-15	Parents of Deaf Children	\$7,500	\$7,500	Creative Academy workshops for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children	
14	CWMaj-09	Yimiri	\$15,000	\$7,500	Ryde Corroboree cultural & wellness gatherings	re-classified to Medium category, as matching funding for Major category not demonstrated

Community Wellbeing- Minor

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
15	CWMin-01	OZ Neulbom Social Welfare Association	\$2,500	\$2,500	Digital literacy training to marginalized seniors, promoting social inclusion, connectivity, and independence	
16	CWMin-03	Giant Steps Australia	\$2,500	\$2,500	Community Access Program for Autistic Individuals and Families	
17	CWMin-05	K-Cultural Education n Training Centre	\$2,500	\$2,500	Empowering Seniors in Ryde program: mobile usage, translation and AI	

Events – Major

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
18	EventsMaj-01	Rotary Club of Macquarie Pk	\$20,000	\$20,000	Rotary Carols on the Common	

Events – Medium

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
19	EventsMed-01	Captivate Presbyterian Church	\$7,500	\$7,500	Christmas Carols in West Ryde 2025	

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20	EventsMaj-02	Indian Ocean Society of Australia	\$15,000	\$7,500	Ryde Garba Festival 2025 – Dance, Celebrate, Connect!	Does not meet criteria for Major category ; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500
21	EventsMaj-03	Melrose Park Football Club	\$10,000	\$7,500	Street Football World Cup and Community Festival	Does not meet criteria for Major category ; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500
22	EventsMaj-04	ASAF / SAFAL Fest	\$20,000	\$7,500	South Asian Film Arts Literature Festival (SAFAL Fest)	Does not meet criteria for Major category ; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500

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23	EventsMaj-07	Ryde Indian Association	\$20,000	\$7,500	Diwali Fair	Does not meet criteria for Major category ; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500
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Events – Minor

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
24	EventsMin-01	Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association	\$2,500	\$2,500	Traditional Korean cultural craft and food community workshops	
25	EventsMin-02	Multicultural Arts and Performance Network	\$2,500	\$2,500	All age, all ability, multicultural inclusive concert	
26	EventsMin-03	Distinguished Citizens Society International Of NSW Australia	\$2,500	\$2,500	Double Tenth Basketball Championships	
27	EventsMin-04	Macquarie Anglican Church	\$2,500	\$2,500	Carols@Kings community carols	

Arts

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
28	Arts-01	Kalakars Club Ryde	\$5,000	\$5,000	"A dream," Indian musical theatre production	
29	Arts-03	Ample Abilities	\$4,855	\$4,855	Linkup with Art project for people with disabilities	

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					from CALD backgrounds	
30	Arts-04	Lady of Grace Fraternity	\$4,900	\$4,900	"Bonegilla," a multimedia show of post-war migrants' journey	
31	Arts-06	City of Ryde Eisteddfod	\$5,000	\$5,000	Ryde Eisteddfod Cultural Community outreach	
32	Arts-09	Louisa Chan	\$5,000	\$5,000	Creative Art Healing Workshops: A Community Wellness Initiative	
33	Arts-10	Pure Korean Traditional Art Music Performance and Academy Australia	\$5,000	\$5,000	Beyond the Melodies: The Story of Korean Instruments workshops & performances	
34	CWMaj03	Ebenezer Mission	\$9,500	\$5,000	Diverse Art Studio providing employment and training opportunities for people with disabilities	Assessed and re-classified in the Arts category where the maximum funding available is \$5,000

Community Facilities and Equipment

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
35	FE-01	Cycling Without Age Sydney North	\$3,700	\$3,700	Marquee for Cycling Without Age Ride Days	
36	FE-02	Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church	\$5,000	\$5,000	Community accessible laptops and iPads	
37	FE-05	Australia STEM and Advancement Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	GPU for AI training and machine learning training	
38	FE-06	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$4,295	\$4,295	GRN 2640 Eastwood Marsfield Scout Group Equipment	
39	FE-09	Ryde Multicultural Center	\$10,880	\$5,000	Audio visual system for the RMC hall	Maximum funding available in

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						this category is \$5,000
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Sport

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
40	Sport-02	Stryder Ltd	\$5,000	\$5,000	School Student Transport to RDA	
41	Sport-07	Ryde Dragon Boat Club Incorporated	\$2,489	\$2,489	Growing Leadership Capability for Increased Capacity training	
42	Sport-08	Sydney United Sports Club	\$4,500	\$4,500	Club Support - Women/Girls Cricket Program	
43	Sport-09	Ryde Water Polo Club	\$2,388	\$2,388	Marquee for junior & senior tournaments	

- (b) That funding of \$245,449 is awarded in this grant round from the Community Grants budget.
- (c) That Council note that the following applications are not recommended for funding:

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
1	Arts-11	The Stage Theatre Production and Education	\$5,000	\$0	Ryde Theatre Hub - Supporting local artists and emerging talent	Proposed project is a duplication of existing programs and therefore ineligible under the Guidelines

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- 1 Community Grants Guidelines 2024

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Discussion

Round 1 of the Community Grants Program 2025 was promoted extensively. This included advertisements in the local and culturally specific newspapers, social media posts, Council's website and information disseminated through the Northern Sydney inter-agency meetings, working groups and networks. Announcement of the grant round was also circulated to previous applicants over the last three years.

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

- One online and one in-person grant writing workshops.
- 153 one-on-one meetings/contacts, with a member of the grants team. 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 program.

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

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

All applications were assessed in line with the Community Grants Policy 2024 and the Community Grants Guidelines 2024. Each grant application was reviewed by a minimum of two Council officers.

A total of 44 eligible applications were received in this round and formally assessed. 43 applications are recommended for full or partial funding totaling \$245,449.

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

1. Community Wellbeing

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

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

17 applications are recommended for funding in this category totaling \$108,822.

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2. Events

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

This category provides funding of up to \$20,000 matched contribution for major events (for every dollar of grant funding the organization must contribute at least one dollar of funding or in-kind support), \$7,500 for medium events and \$2,500 for minor events.

Ten (10) applications are recommended for funding totaling \$67,500.

3. Arts and Creativity

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

The Arts and Creativity category provides funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant.

Seven (7) applications are recommended for funding totaling \$34,755.

4. Community Facilities and Equipment

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

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

Funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant is available in this category.

Five (5) applications are recommended for funding totaling \$19,995.

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.

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

Funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant is available in this category.

Four (4) applications are recommended for funding totaling \$14,377.

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 \$3,000 is available for this category.
- General Donations, funding of up to \$500, for projects that do not align with the timing of the Community Grant rounds. A total funding pool of \$10,000 is available for this funding category.
- Meet Your Neighbour Donations, funding up to \$250, for projects that support residents in high density living. A total funding pool of \$4,000 is available for this funding category.

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

During this period there have been no Representative, Meet Your Neighbour or General donations awarded.

Financial Implications

The total amount of funding recommended for the Community Grants Program Round 1, 2025 is \$245,449. There are sufficient funds available in the Community Grants Program budget.

The amount of funding available in the Minor Donations budget for 2025 is \$20,000 being \$3,000 for Representative Donations, \$10,000 for General Donations, \$4,000 for Meet Your Neighbour Donations and \$3,000 for School Excellence Awards.

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Aim of City of Ryde grants

The City of Ryde Community Grants provide opportunities for not-for-profit organisations, community groups and in some instances individuals to receive funding for projects which align to Council's plans and benefit the community.

What Council is looking for from Grant Applications

- Projects which align closely with City of Ryde Plans including the Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, Events Plan, Live Music Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan and the Community Strategic Plan
- Collaboration with others to deliver your project
- Evidence the project will increase your capacity to provide benefits to people in the City of Ryde
- Projects that are not reliant on ongoing Council funding
- Projects that are inclusive of all members of the City of Ryde community.

If you are considering applying it is recommended that you

- Thoroughly read the guidelines
- Discuss your project plan with the Community Grants Team Ph: 9952 8222 or email: commgrants@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Attend a grant writing information session www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Grants

**See specific category eligibility criteria for further information.*

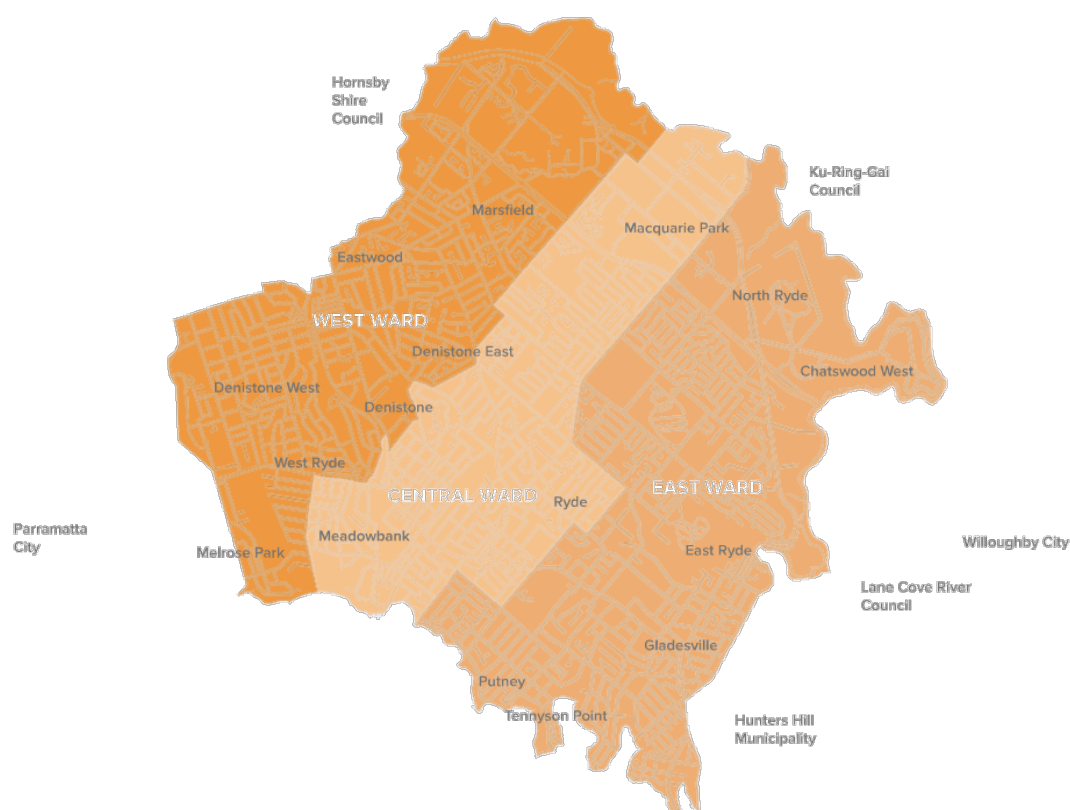
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Grant rounds and categories

Two grant rounds are available each year.

Grant category	Amount per applicant	Recommended funding pool
Community Wellbeing (Major, Medium, Minor)	Up to \$15,000 matched contribution*	\$160,000
Events (Major, Medium, Minor)	Up to \$20,000 matched contribution*	\$130,000
Arts and Creativity	Up to \$5,000	\$50,000
Community Facilities and Equipment	Up to \$5,000	\$25,000
Sport and Recreation	Up to \$5,000	\$25,000



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General eligibility criteria

- Project must be located in Ryde or primarily service Ryde residents
- Project must be open to the general public, inclusive and not discriminatory
- Project must comply with the City of Ryde Waste Wise Guidelines
- Applicant must have acquitted previous City of Ryde grant funding and have no outstanding debts to the City of Ryde
- Project must commence after the grant round has been awarded. Grants cannot provide retrospective, recurrent or ongoing funding
- Applicants must have suitable public liability insurance or demonstrate that they can obtain this (generally \$20 million public liability)
- Applicants can submit one grant application per round
- Organisations can submit one grant application and auspice up to one application per round.

Ineligibility

- Projects that duplicate existing programs
- Projects where grant funded activities are already funded from another source
- For-profit activities (sole-traders are only able to apply in the Arts and Creativity category for projects that directly benefit the community)
- Fundraising, sponsorship or projects seeking prize money or gifts for attendees
- Religious activities that promote a single faith
- Political parties, schools (including P&C activities that benefit a particular school), tertiary institutions or government organisations
- Attendance at conferences or academic courses
- Funding for ongoing operational expenses (includes ongoing staff wages, standard office equipment, rental of premises, annual insurance etc). Promotion or development of websites can be included
- Applicants that have not complied with the Waste Wise Guidelines
- Applicants that have already been funded for the same project within the previous 12 months.

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Process overview

1. Visit website for round opening dates
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Grants
2. Apply online prior to grant closing date.
(An interpreter or assistance with computer is available on request)
3. Applications are assessed – note this can take up to four months
4. Applicants are notified of the outcome
 - a. Successful applicants will be asked to complete a funding agreement
 - b. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to seek feedback
5. Acquittal is due within 12 months of receiving the grant funding.



Acquittal requirements

- Acquittals must be completed within 12 months of the grant commencement date
- Applicants must publicly acknowledge the City of Ryde's funding contribution.

Grant amount	Acquittal/Evaluation requirements
For grants below \$7,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Ryde Grant acquittal form • Proof of project (e.g. photographs, promotional flyers, survey data) • Receipts and proof of budget expenditure • Proof of acknowledgement of City of Ryde support (e.g. Supported by City of Ryde logo on promotional material).
For grants between \$7,500 and \$14,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Ryde grant acquittal form • Report against City of Ryde outcomes listed in the grant acquittal form • Proof of project (e.g. photographs, promotional flyers, survey data) • Receipts and proof of budget expenditure, including a financial report (does not need to be audited) • Proof of acknowledgement of City of Ryde support (e.g. Supported by City of Ryde logo on promotional material) • Activities that include fundraising require proof of donation.
For grants \$15,000 and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Ryde grant acquittal form • Report against City of Ryde outcomes listed in the grant acquittal form • Proof of project (e.g. photographs, promotional flyers, survey data) • Provide an audited financial report as proof of budget expenditure and provide receipts or other expenditure proof • Proof of acknowledgement of City of Ryde support (e.g. Supported by City of Ryde logo on promotional material) • Activities that include fundraising require proof of donation.

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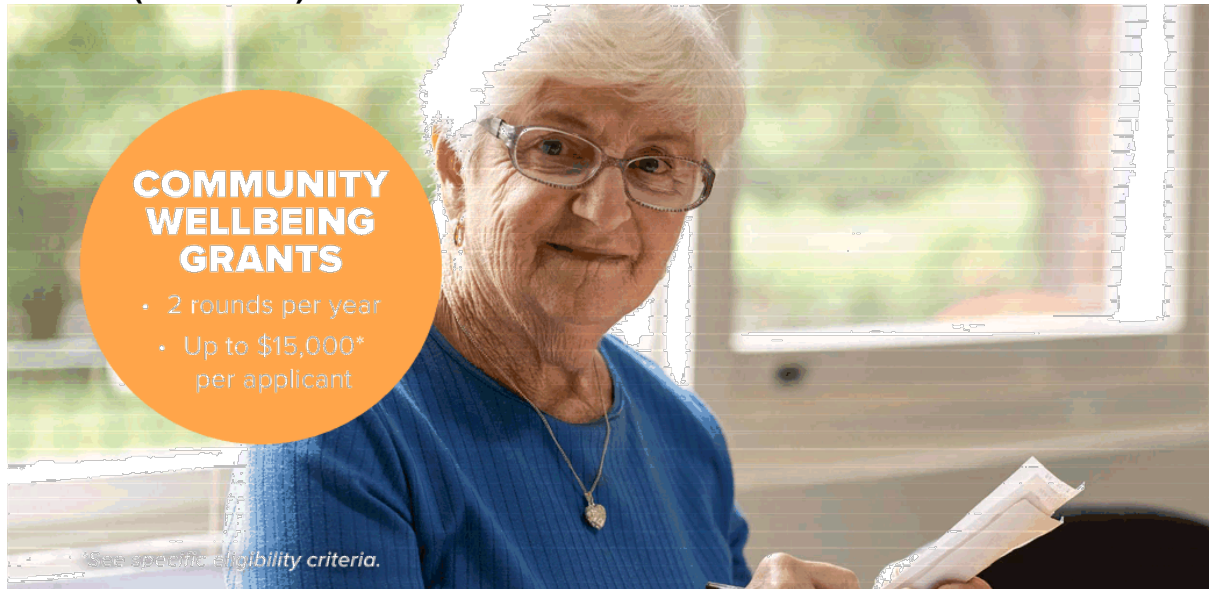


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Community Wellbeing Grants are designed to develop a connected and inclusive community and to support activities that promote health, community safety, accessibility and liveability in the area.

Aims

- Maximise participation, connections and a sense of belonging
- Promote inclusion and accessibility for a diverse range of community members
- Increase the capacity of the community to address issues related to community safety, health and wellbeing
- Increase physical, social or employment access
- Maximise access to services
- Create partnerships between community members and organisations to address needs
- Maximise the broader communities understanding of access and inclusion.

Relevant Council documents

Projects should align with at least one of the following:

Social Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Resilience Plan and Community Strategic Plan

Suggested outcomes

- Number of participants
- Number of new members
- Increased diversity of participants
- Number of partnerships between individuals, groups and organisations
- Feedback regarding people's access to services
- Feedback regarding people's sense of safety, wellbeing or connection to their community.

Eligibility criteria

(Also refer to general eligibility/ineligibility criteria on page 4)

- Must be an incorporated not-for-profit community organisation
- Unincorporated groups can apply if they have an incorporated organisation acting as an auspice
- Projects must align with areas of identified need including health, community safety, accessibility and inclusion
- Funding for small scale equipment must demonstrate how it is related to the project (the grant cannot solely fund equipment)
- Venue hire can be considered where there is a demonstrated community benefit.

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Sub-categories

1. Major Projects – Up to \$15,000

Matched contribution is required (for every dollar of grant funding the organisation must contribute at least one-dollar of funding or in-kind support)

Your Project may be Major if it:

- Clearly demonstrates that it can build the capacity of the sector
- Demonstrates that it is sustainable beyond the grant funding period
- Demonstrates how it will address disadvantage. This should include supporting data/research
- Provides clear measurable outcomes for the project
- Clearly demonstrates confirmed matched contribution (this includes funding, sponsorship or in-kind support)
- Engages one or more partner organisations
- The project has not already received funding in the Community Wellbeing – Major Projects category.

2. Medium Projects – Up to \$7,500

Your Project may be Medium if it:

- Can demonstrate that it builds the capacity of the sector
- Provides evidence of community need
- Provides clear measurable outcomes for the project
- Demonstrates collaboration with other organisations, community groups.

3. Minor Projects – Up to \$2,500

Your Project may be Minor if it:

- Primarily run by volunteers
- Provides informal evidence of community need
- Provides minimal evidence of sustainability and could require additional funding in the future
- Provides support to a specific cohort – generally less than 200 people per year
- Is an initial pilot or trial program.

Ineligibility criteria

- Funding for capital works is not eligible
- Funding for catering cannot exceed 25 percent of total grant budget
- Equipment or IT infrastructure which is considered part of the ongoing day to day operation of the organisation is not eligible
- Ongoing venue hire which is not part of a community wellbeing project.

Assessment criteria

1. **Evidence of a clear project which addresses City of Ryde's vision – 25 percent**
 - a. Aligns with relevant Council documents and the objectives of the Community Wellbeing Grant category
 - b. Clearly defined project with aims, activities and timeframes listed
 - c. Evidence of the impact and benefit of the project for the local community is provided.
2. **Outcomes – 25 percent**
 - a. Evidence of measurable, achievable outcomes
 - b. The project includes evidence of how the outcomes will be evaluated
 - c. There is demonstrated evidence of how the benefit to the community will be measured.
3. **Capacity building – 15 percent**
 - a. Evidence of increased capacity and growth within the sector/community.
4. **Budget – 20 percent**
 - a. Evidence of a well-researched and realistic budget
 - b. Evidence of costing for all items required to deliver the project
 - c. The budget is realistic and represents value for money.
5. **Capacity to manage project – 25 percent**
 - a. Evidence of an organisation's ability to manage a project is demonstrated. This includes a listing of the applicant's prior project experience
 - b. Evidence of support for the project is included e.g. partnerships, volunteer engagement, in-kind and other funding contributing to project.

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Event grants support not-for-profit organisations to deliver community-based events and festivals which showcase the diversity and rich culture of the City of Ryde. The events should provide a community, cultural, creative and/or economic benefit to the area. Events should activate public areas, connect people to place and promote community celebration.

Aims

- Enhance community identity
- Maximise community participation in the City of Ryde
- Promote a sense of identity, belonging and connection to place for people in the City of Ryde
- Promote inclusion and accessibility for a diverse range of community members
- Showcase the diversity and cultural aspects of the area
- Strengthen local businesses and local organisations.

Suggested outcomes

- Number of people attending,
- Diversity of attendees,
- Feedback regarding people's sense of connection and engagement in the community,
- Feedback regarding people's sense of being able to share their culture,
- Number of partnerships between individuals, groups and organisations,
- Evidence that the event is accessible and open to the public.

Relevant Council documents

Events Plan, Social Plan, Creativity Strategy, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Resilience Strategy, Reconciliation Action Plan and Community Strategic Plan.

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There are three sub-categories of event grants.

- 1. Major Event category – Up to \$20,000 (Matched contribution is required)**
- 2. Medium Events category – Up to \$7,500**
- 3. Minor Events category – Up to \$2,500**

Specific eligibility criteria

(Also refer to general eligibility/ineligibility criteria on page 4)

- Incorporated not-for-profit community organisation,
- Unincorporated groups can apply if they have an incorporated not-for-profit organisation acting as an auspice
- A detailed budget must be submitted containing evidence of the “Eligible Budget Items” (see list below). Grant funding is for specified budget costs only
- Applicants must provide a risk assessment and other required documentation
- Events must be free or require participants to pay no more than a nominal fee to attend. Where there are ticketed components of an event a significant proportion of the event must be free or have a nominal fee to attend.
- Waste removal, security, advertising, venue/park hire, road closures will not be provided in-kind by Council. Applicants must include these activities as part of their budget costs. They can be applied for as part of the grant.
- For Major Events, City of Ryde can contribute 50 percent of the total budget to a maximum of \$20,000. At least 50 percent of the matched contribution must be funding. Up to 50 percent (no more than \$10,000) of the matched contribution can be in-kind support as per items listed in the “Sponsorship and In-Kind Donations” section.
- For any Major size Event the applicant/event organiser must engage a suitability qualified and experienced professional events manager to provide safety and risk advice in the planning stages of the event and to assist the applicant/event organiser to manage the event site from a safety perspective on event day(s).

- For any Major or Medium size Event requiring road closures, the applicant/event organiser must engage a suitably qualified and experienced, professional to coordinate the application process and manage the road closure(s) before, during and after event.

Eligible budget items

- Venue or park hire costs
- Equipment hire for running event (eg. stage, stalls)
- On-costs including waste management, traffic control, security, cleaning, first aid etc.
- Publicity
- Performers/entertainers (Up to 25 percent of overall grant budget)
- Catering (Up to 25 percent of overall budget)
- Decorations.

Sponsorship and in-kind donations

Quotes or written evidence of sponsorship is required.

Cash sponsorships are encouraged. Eligible in-kind donation items are listed below.

- Venue hire
- Advertising/promotion (up to the value of \$2,500)
- Hire of equipment
- Staging related expenses.

Volunteer hours and performance fees cannot be included as an in-kind expense in this category.

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1. Major Event – Up to \$20,000

Matched contribution is required (for every dollar of grant funding the organisation must contribute at least one-dollar of funding or in-kind support).

Your event may be Major if it is similar to the conditions below:

- An event targeted to the broader City of Ryde community
- Held in a large outdoor area such as a park
- Is open to the public
- An event partnering with several businesses and/or community groups
- An event celebrating a day of cultural significance
- Involves significant event infrastructure such as staging and stalls, road closures
- Likely to have over 3,000 people attend
- Clearly demonstrates confirmed matched funding/contribution (at least 50 percent of the matched contribution must be in the form of funding. The remainder of the matched contribution can be provided as in-kind or sponsorship contribution)
- Any sponsorship or in-kind contribution must be directly related to the running of the event. Refer to the list of eligible in-kind donations.

2. Medium Event – Up to \$7,500

Your event may be Medium if it is similar to the below conditions:

- An event targeted to a Major segment of the community
- Held in a large outdoor area such as a park
- Open to the public
- Likely to have between 1,000 and 3,000 attendees
- Partners with several businesses or community groups
- Involves some event infrastructure such as staging and stalls.



3. Minor Event – Up to \$2,500

Your event may be Minor if it is similar to the below conditions:

- An event targeted to a specific or niche demographic of the community
- Held in a hall, indoor venue or small park/reserve
- An event including a complimentary sit-down meal or finger food
- Likely to have less than 1,000 attendees.

Specific Ineligibility criteria

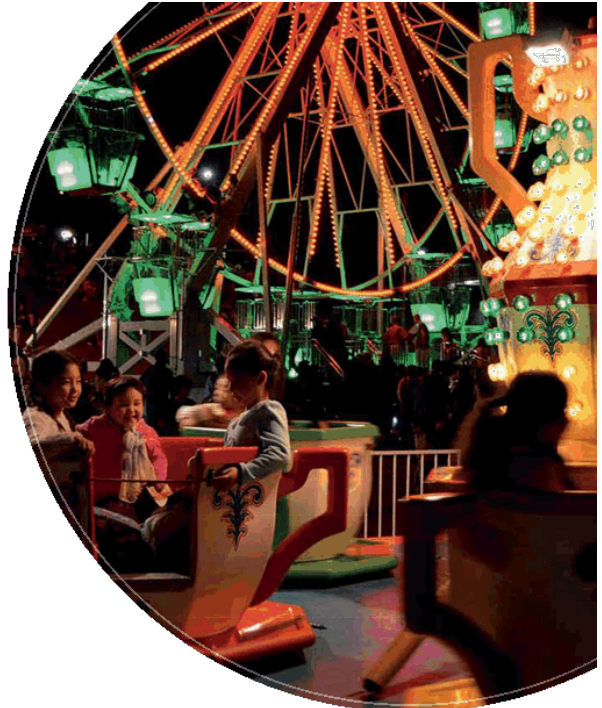
- Events held outside City of Ryde
- Events that do not comply with the Waste Wise Guidelines
- Applicants must demonstrate that they can manage and provide traffic management plans, first aid management plans, risk assessments, bin hire confirmation and venue hire confirmation as required for their event. Funding won't be provided until these elements have been approved.

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Assessment criteria

1. Evidence of a clear project which addresses City of Ryde's vision – 25 percent
 - a. Aligns with Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan and the objectives of the Events grant category
 - b. Clearly defined event with aims, activities and timeframes listed
 - c. Evidence of the impact and benefit for the community is provided.
2. Outcomes – 25 percent
 - a. Evidence of measurable, achievable outcomes
 - b. The project includes evidence of how the outcomes will be evaluated
 - c. There is demonstrated evidence of how the benefit to the community will be measured.
3. Capacity building – 10 percent
 - a. Evidence of increased capacity and growth within the community.



4. Budget – 20 percent
 - a. Evidence of a well-researched and realistic budget
 - b. Evidence of costing for all eligible items required to deliver the event over \$500
 - c. The budget is realistic and represents value for money
 - d. Budget clearly includes a listing of other income streams to support the project
 - e. Budget clearly shows income vs expenditure with \$0 profit.
5. Capacity to manage project – 20 percent
 - a. Evidence of the applicant's ability to manage the project is demonstrated. This includes a listing of the applicant's prior project experience
 - b. Evidence of support for the project is included e.g. partnerships, volunteer engagement, in-kind and other funding contributing to project.

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The Arts and Creativity Grants are designed to support community-led programs and projects, to stimulate creative and cultural expression within the City of Ryde. The grants support individual artists, artistic collectives and not-for-profit organisations in creative outcomes that benefit the community.

Aims

- To empower our community to implement their creative ideas and initiatives
- To support creative projects and programs that celebrate the diverse people and places that make up our City, and foster cross-cultural connection and exchange
- To provide affordable and accessible opportunities for creative participation
- To support and showcase local creatives
- To support creative projects and programs that foster a sense of connection and community cohesion in our City
- To activate Ryde's public spaces through art and creativity.



Suggested outcomes

- Number of audience members or participants in creative activities
- Number of partnerships between local creatives
- Number of local creatives that can showcase their activities
- Feedback measuring people's sense of connection with their community.

Relevant Council documents

Creativity Strategy, Live Music Plan, Community Strategic Plan.

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Eligibility criteria

(Also refer to general eligibility/ineligibility criteria on page 4)

- Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations
- Unincorporated groups can apply if they have an incorporated organisation acting as an auspice
- Individuals over 18 years of age (informal art groups/collectives can apply via a lead individual)
- Sole-traders can apply for activities that demonstrate clear community benefit and are not directly supporting the sole-trader's core or existing creative business
- Creative projects must occur within the City of Ryde
- Venue hire is eligible where there is a demonstrated community benefit
- Activities must be free or require participants to pay no more than a nominal fee to attend.

Ineligibility criteria

- Capital purchase of artwork, musical instruments or equipment (e.g. laptops, cameras or technical equipment)
- Capital works
- Activities that directly support a business or educational requirements of a program/course.

Assessment criteria

1. **Evidence of a clear project which addresses City of Ryde's vision – 25 percent**
 - a. Aligns with Community Strategic Plan, Creativity Strategy and the objectives of the Arts and Creativity grant category
 - b. Clearly defined project with aims, activities and timeframes listed
 - c. Evidence of the impact and benefit of the project for the local community is provided.
2. **Outcomes – 25 percent**
 - a. Evidence of measurable, achievable outcomes
 - b. The project includes evidence of how the outcomes will be evaluated
 - c. There is demonstrated evidence of how the benefit to the community will be measured.
3. **Capacity building – 10 percent**
 - a. Evidence of increased capacity and growth within the sector.
4. **Budget – 20 percent**
 - a. Evidence of a well-researched and realistic budget
 - b. Evidence of costing for all items required to deliver the project
 - c. The budget is realistic and represents value for money.
5. **Capacity to manage project – 20 percent**
 - a. Evidence of an individuals or organisation's ability to manage a project is demonstrated.
This includes a listing of the applicant's prior creative project experience.
 - b. Evidence of support for the project is included e.g. Collective approaches and partnerships, volunteer engagement, in-kind and other funding contributing to project.

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Community Facilities and Equipment grants are designed to provide funding for local, small capital works and equipment. The projects are to maintain, refurbish or improve a community facility or provide equipment to improve inclusion, access or safety. Projects must demonstrate a benefit to the community.

Aims

- Improve community engagement and use of local facilities and programs
- Promote inclusion and accessibility for a diverse range of community members
- Increase the capacity of groups to provide activities that improve community wellbeing
- Maximise access to facilities and activities that create liveable communities
- Improve community safety and the community's perception of safety.

Suggested outcomes

- Number of people utilising the venue/equipment
- Number of new people participating
- Number of people from diverse backgrounds participating
- Feedback measuring participants' sense of safety
- Feedback measuring participants' sense of wellbeing.

Relevant Council documents

Social Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Resilience Plan, Creativity Strategy, Community Strategic Plan.



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Eligibility criteria

(Also refer to general eligibility/ineligibility criteria on page 4)

- Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations
- Unincorporated groups can apply if they have an incorporated group acting as an auspice
- One-off funding
- Capital works must be undertaken on community facilities (cannot be undertaken on Council owned or privately owned facilities)
- Evidence of owner's consent or planning approval must be provided for capital works
- Facilities must be located within the City of Ryde
- Equipment must be used for activities that primarily take place in the City of Ryde.

Ineligibility criteria

- Capital works on Council owned or privately owned facilities is not eligible
- Regular equipment for existing sporting activities is not eligible.



- Musical instruments are not eligible
- Office equipment (e.g. computers, office furniture) for ongoing operational requirements is not eligible
- Equipment for use by a specific individual is not eligible.

Assessment criteria

1. Evidence of a clear project which addresses City of Ryde's vision – 25 percent
 - a. Aligns with Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan and the objectives of the Community Facilities and Equipment grant category
 - b. Clearly defined project with aims, activities and timeframes listed
 - c. Evidence of the impact and benefit of the project for the local community is provided.
2. Outcomes – 25 percent
 - a. Evidence of measurable, achievable outcomes
 - b. The project includes evidence of how the outcomes will be evaluated
 - c. There is demonstrated evidence of how the benefit to the community will be measured.
3. Capacity building – 10 percent
 - a. Evidence of increased capacity and growth within the sector/community.
4. Budget – 20 percent
 - a. Evidence of a well-researched and realistic budget
 - b. Evidence of costing for all items required to deliver the project
 - c. The budget is realistic and represents value for money.
5. Capacity to manage project – 20 percent
 - a. Evidence of an organisation's ability to manage a project is demonstrated. This includes a listing of the applicant's prior project experience.
 - b. Evidence of support for the project is included e.g. partnerships, volunteer engagement, in-kind and other funding contributing to project.

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Sport and Recreation Grants are designed to increase participation in sporting and recreational activities primarily at a “grass roots” or community level. Projects should support inclusive opportunities and address the diverse needs of the community.

Aims

- Maximise participation in sport and recreational activities, primarily for new participants
- Promote inclusion and accessibility for a diverse range of community members
- Increase the capacity of sporting and recreational groups to promote community awareness and build sustainable programs
- Create partnerships with community members, groups and organisations to improve inclusion and participation.

Suggested outcomes

- Number of new people participating
- Number of new people from a diverse background participating
- Feedback measuring participant's sense of wellbeing and connection with the community
- Number of volunteers/retention of volunteers
- Number of partnerships between individuals, groups and organisations.

Relevant Council documents

Social Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Community Strategic Plan.

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Eligibility criteria

(Also refer to general eligibility/ineligibility criteria on page 4)

- Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations
- Unincorporated groups can apply if they have an incorporated not-for-profit group acting as an auspice
- Project can demonstrate how it maximises inclusion and accessibility of sporting or recreational activity
- Small scale equipment which is a demonstrated requirement of the project is eligible (the grant cannot solely fund equipment).

Ineligibility criteria

- Funding for capital works
- Funding for ongoing operational costs including hire of sporting fields or venues, waiving of general club registration fees, regular equipment for existing sporting programs, costs of individuals' uniforms.
- Sponsorship of individuals or teams.



Assessment criteria

1. Evidence of a clear project which addresses City of Ryde's vision – 25 percent
 - a. Aligns with Community Strategic Plan, Social Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan or Sport and Recreational Strategy and the objectives of the Sport and Recreation grant category
 - b. Clearly defined project with aims, activities and timeframes listed
 - c. Evidence of the impact and benefit of the project for the local community is provided.
2. Outcomes – 25 percent
 - a. Evidence of measurable, achievable outcomes e.g. Number of people participating
 - b. The project includes evidence of how the outcomes will be evaluated
 - c. There is demonstrated evidence of how the benefit to the community will be measured.
3. Capacity building – 10 percent
 - a. Priority will be given to new projects i.e. Those that have been funded for 3 years or less
 - b. Evidence of increased capacity and growth within the sport or recreation club/ community.
4. Budget – 20 percent
 - a. Evidence of a well-researched and realistic budget
 - b. Evidence of costing for all items required to deliver the project
 - c. The budget is realistic and represents value for money.
5. Capacity to manage project – 20 percent
 - a. Evidence of an organisation's ability to manage a project is demonstrated. This includes a listing of the applicant's prior project experience
 - b. Evidence of support for the project is included e.g. partnerships, volunteer engagement, in-kind and other funding contributing to project.

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GLOSSARY

Acquittal – A report to be completed at the completion of your project as outlined in your funding agreement. This should include financial details plus evidence and evaluation of your project.

Auspice – This is an agreement where an incorporated organisation applies for funding on behalf of an unincorporated group. The auspice organisation is legally responsible for the funding and grant agreement.

Funding agreement – This is an agreement which successful applicants must sign, which outlines the conditions of the grant. This is a legal document and once signed there is a legal obligation to comply with the conditions.

Insurance – Insurance protects a community organisation against its legal liability to pay damages. Council requires organisations to have \$20 million public liability insurance for use of all Council venues and if holding public events or activities.

Waste Wise Guidelines – Guidelines approved by City of Ryde Council. It includes no single-use plastics at Council supported events.

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16 OFF LEASH DOG AREA - WARRAWONG, BRERETON AND FONTENROY PARK

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Parks Operations
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/369

REPORT SUMMARY

This report has been prepared in response to the resolution endorsed at the Council meeting on 13 December 2022:

- (a) *That the findings of this report be endorsed and Council implements a trial for a 12 month period for the following locations to be managed as unfenced dog off leash area:*
 - Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood
 - Brereton Park, East Ryde
 - Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park (when not used for organised sport)
- (b) *That a report be brought back to Council at the completion of the 12-month trial outlining the community feedback received.*
- (c) *That a further report be brought to Council before June 2023, recommending an additional 3 sites for off-leash trial in Financial Year 2023/24 and a further 3 sites for implementation in FY 2024/25.*

Council resolved at the 13 December 2022 Council meeting to conduct a 12-month trial for unfenced dog off-leash areas at Warrawong Reserve, Brereton Park and Fontenoy Park. The dog off-leash trial commenced on 20 March 2023 and concluded on 20 March 2024. As part of the trial, Council installed a dog bowl, dog waste bin and bag dispenser at each site.

Council conducted community consultation for the duration of the trial and a total of 131 responses were received from the community across the three sites. The community feedback was positive towards the implementation of the dog off leash areas at each of the proposed locations, with some safety concerns that need to be addressed.

Warrawong Reserve - 43% of respondents support the trial to become permanent with changes such as the need for a fence to be installed due to the proximity to Darvall Road; 21% of respondents who support it with no change, compared to 25% who do not support the site being used as a dog off leash Park.

Brereton Park – 48% of respondents support the trial to become permanent, and 17% who support the trial with changes (suggesting the need for a fence to be installed due to the proximity to Pittwater Rd), compared to 35% who do not support the site being used as a dog off leash Park.

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Fontenoy Park – 58% of respondents support the trial to become permanent, 11% who support changes with the installation of a fence to separate the off-leash area and playground, compared to 28% who do not support the trial to become permanent.

Based on the results of the trial and investigation, the creation of dog off leash areas at Warrawong Reserve, Brereton Park and Fontenoy Park, will require Council to declare the public area (by issue of an order) that it is to be an off-leash area (fenced or unfenced) pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1988.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council declares Warrawong Reserve (by issue of future order) to be an enclosed dog off-leash area pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 once works are completed in the 2026/2027 financial year.
- (b) That Council declares Brereton Park (by issue of a future order) to be an unfenced dog off-leash area pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1998.
- (c) That Council declares Fontenoy Park (by issue of a future order) to be a partially fenced dog off-leash area pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 once works are completed in the 2026/2027 financial year and on the condition that the declaration is only in place during times when the Park is not being used for organised sporting activities booked by the Council.
- (d) That funding be identified in 2026/2027 Operational Plan for the installation of fencing at Warrawong Reserve and Fontenoy Park in line with recommendation (a) and (c).

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- 1 Consultation Report - Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023 - Warrawong Reserve, Brereton Park and Fontenoy Park

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Discussion

Background

In July 2022, Council resolved to conduct an analysis of the existing dog off-leash areas in the City of Ryde and to identify new areas as potential dog off-leash sites. A report was brought back to Council at the 13 December 2022 meeting, responding to this resolution, identifying a proposal for an additional three (3) sites. Council resolved at this meeting to implement a trial for a 12-month period for the following locations to be managed as unfenced dog off-leash areas:

- Warrawong Reserve – is located at 68-70 Darvall Road, Eastwood. (Figure 1)
- Brereton Park – is located at 330 Pittwater Road, East Ryde. (Figure 2)
- Fontenoy Park (when not in use for organised sporting activities booked by Council) – is located at 52 Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park. (Figure 3)

The dog off-leash trials ran from 20 March 2023 to 20 March 2024 and included the installation of a dog bowl, waste bin and bag dispensers at each site.

If the results of the trial and investigation support the creation of an off-leash park Warrawong Reserve, Brereton Park and Fontenoy Park, then Council will be required to declare the public area (by issue of an order) that it is to be an off-leash area (unfenced) pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1988.

Site Description

Warrawong Reserve



Figure 1. Displays the location of the trial at Warrawong Reserve (68-70 Darvall Rd, Eastwood).

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The reserve is located between Darvall Road, Clanwilliam Street, Wentworth Road, and Bergin Street, Warrawong Reserve is surrounded by residential properties.

Brereton Park



Figure 2. Displays the location of the trial at Brereton Park (330 Pittwater Rd, East Ryde) The park is situated between Pittwater Road and Bronhill Avenue, Brereton Park is surrounded by bushland and residential properties.

Fontenoy Park



Figure 3. Displays the location of the trial at Fontenoy Park (52 Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park)

This local park is situated between Fontenoy Road and Khartoum Road with residential properties located on the western and northern boundaries. The park is a highly activated area and features a sports ground, amenities, and a playground.

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Community Consultation

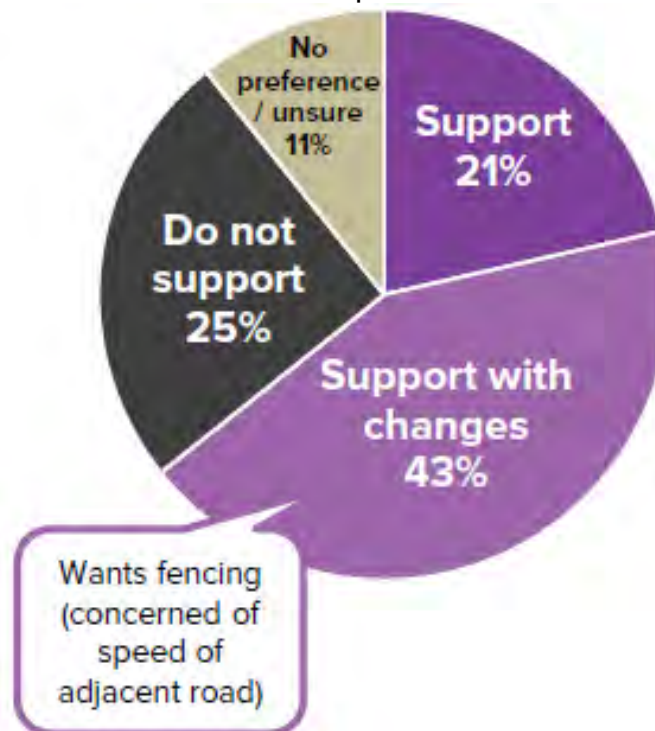
Council conducted an online and written submission consultation for all three sites from 20 March 2023 to 20 March 2024, receiving 131 responses. The trials and consultation period were promoted through the City of Ryde's Have Your Say webpage, flyers to nearby residents, signage at the trial sites, eNewsletters to stakeholders, and listings in both the local newspaper and Your City News eNewsletter.

The Warrawong Reserve Have Your Say page, online survey, and signage were available in four languages: English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Korean.

Warrawong Reserve

At the conclusion of the consultation period, a total of 28 submissions were received from the community.

A summary of the consultation outcomes is provided below:



Forty-three (43%) of respondents support the trial to become permanent with changes (suggesting the need for a fence to be installed due to the proximity to road); compared to 21% who support it as is, and 25% who do not support the trial to become permanent. The top three (3) most liked aspects of the trial were the large size of the park which allows dogs to have adequate exercise space; the natural environment including sloped terrain and trees providing shade; and the convenience and accessibility of the location to local users.

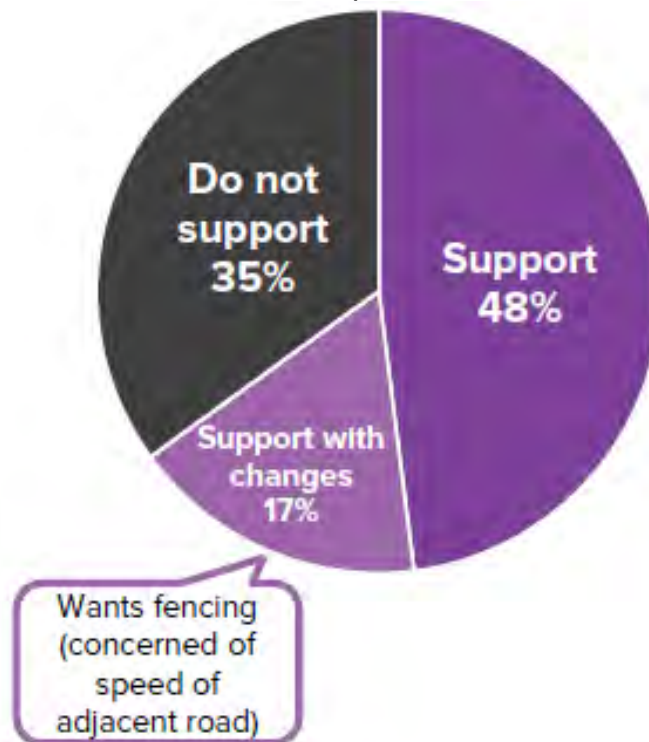
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The biggest concern was the speed of cars travelling down on the adjacent Darvall Road and the suggestion for a fence to be installed to ensure safety.

Brereton Park

At the conclusion of the consultation period, a total of 23 submissions were received from the community.

A summary of the consultation outcomes is provided below:



The largest group of respondents (48%) support the trial to become permanent, with 35% who do not support it. The top three (3) most liked aspects of the trial dog off-leash at Brereton Park were the natural environment including the terrain which provides opportunity to exercise; large open space; and the convenience and accessibility of the location to local users.

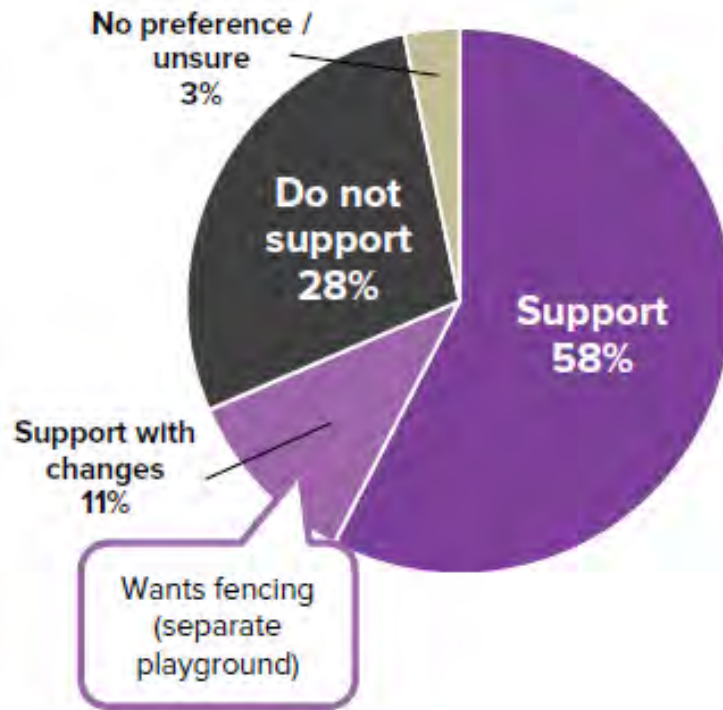
The biggest concern was the danger of dogs running onto Pittwater Road and the suggestion for a fence to be installed. Some suggested for bins, bags, water station to be installed and grass to be maintained.

Fontenoy Park

At the conclusion of the consultation period, a total of 79 submissions were received from the community.

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A summary of the consultation outcomes is provided below:



The largest proportion of respondents (58%) indicated support for the trial to become permanent, followed by 11% who support with changes, and 28% do not support the trial becoming permanent.

Having the opportunity to socialise with others and developing a sense of community was the most liked aspect of the trial at Fontenoy Park (mentioned by almost half of respondents). Other aspects enjoyed by users included the large and uncrowded space; and the convenience and accessibility of the location to local users; the ability to exercise for dogs and owners; and the natural and peaceful environment (including shade).

The top concerns related to the absence of fencing to separate unleashed dogs from the playground, and the impacts dogs will have on the recreational use of the sports field and the fear of unwanted confrontations between dog owners and park users during sporting fixtures and Council run events.

Site Considerations

Nighttime accessibility

The community consultation process for Warrawong Reserve, Brereton Park and Fontenoy Park did not identify an interest for nighttime access.

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Warawong reserve, Brereton Park and Fontenoy Park do not have existing lighting infrastructure that would provide nighttime access for dog walkers.

Based on the size of each park to enable nighttime access it would require similar lighting infrastructure for a sporting field. To realise this outcome, it will require development approval, and Council will need to consider the costs associated with installing and running the lighting.

Safety Concerns

Warrawong Reserve

If Council declares Warrawong Reserve as a permanent dog off-leash area, additional fencing along Darvall Road would need to be installed to manage the safety concerns.

The site will also require additional infrastructure such as dog bag bins and a water bubbler with dog bowl.

Brereton Park

If Council designated Breton Park as a permanent dog off-leash area, partial fencing along Pittwater Road would need to be Installed to manage the safety concerns. The site will also require additional infrastructure such as dog bag bins and water bubbler with dog bowl.

Fontenoy Park

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998, dogs are prohibited within 10 metres of a playground and amenities building.

To be compliant with the companion animals act, the installation of fencing around the playground area will be required.

Fontenoy Park is utilised for junior soccer through the winter season and Council intermittently runs events through the course of the calendar year.

The change in use to becoming a permanent dog off-leash area (*when not in use for organised sporting booked activities and Council events*), it will impact the way the site and the playing surface is used. It will also increase the potential for conflicts to occur between the different park users.

Financial Implications

Should Council resolve to endorse the recommendations outlined in this report, funding for the installation of fencing and associated infrastructure at Warrawong Reserve and Fontenoy Park, there will be a financial impact.

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There is no funding allocated within the adopted 2024/25 financial year.

The fencing project was not identified as part of the 2025-2029 Four-Year Delivery Plan and consideration to install fencing will impact on the project identified for delivery.

The installation of fencing will require consideration to postpone the investigation works for sport field lighting at Morrison Bay Park field number 3 and Santa Rosa Park field number 1 in the 2025/26 one-year delivery plan.

A breakdown of the approximate cost to install fencing at these locations is tabled below:

Off Leash Dog Area	Approximate cost	Contingency (15%)	Approximate total	Funding source
Warrawong Reserve	\$29,000.00	\$4,350.00	\$33,350.00	Future Parks Capital Programme
Brereton Reserve	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Fontenoy Park	\$25,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$28,750.00	Future Parks Capital Programme

The investigation has clarified there is currently no allocated budget for a project to install additional fencing in the 2024/2025 financial year.

Alternatively, the project could be completed a capital project under the Sportsground Amenity Expansion cluster. This approach will require additional funding of \$62,100 as there is no funding identified in the current the current Four-Year Delivery Plan.

The project is planned to be included in the 2026/2027 Operational Plan.

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TRIALS 2023**

- Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood
- Brereton Park, East Ryde
- Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT
APRIL 2024

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Community Consultation Report
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As such, Council commenced a 12-month trial of three new dog off-leash areas. The trial ran from Monday 20 March 2023 – Wednesday 20 March 2024 at the following sites:

- Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood
- Brereton Park, East Ryde
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As part of this trial, Council installed a dog bowl, dog waste bin and bag dispenser at each location.

The trials and consultation period were promoted to the community through the City of Ryde's Have Your Say webpage, flyers to residents surrounding the trial sites, signage at the trial site, eNewsletter to interested stakeholders, and listings in the local newspaper and the Your City News eNewsletter.

The Have Your Say page, online survey and signage for Warrawong Reserve were available to the community in four languages – English, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, and Korean.

In total 131 respondents from the community provided comments. 121 respondents provided survey responses online, 5 respondents provided email submissions, and 5 respondents provided both survey responses and email submissions.

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Community Consultation Methodology



Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
				1,564 page views
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Have your Say Website*	Website users	A project webpage with background information, online survey and project updates.	646 unique page views 65% engagement rate
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Online Survey*	Website users	An online survey where stakeholders could provide feedback on the trials. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage.	126 responses received
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Information phone line and email	All stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone line and email address was provided for the trials and was open for feedback from the community.	10 email submissions received
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	A4 Flyer	Surrounding residents adjacent to park - 200m radius from each trial site	A double sided A4 flyer was letterbox dropped to promote the trials and feedback opportunities.	1710 flyers approx.
Mon 20 Mar 2023 to Wed 20 Mar 2024	Park Signage*	Park users	Park signage was placed at each trial location to promote the trial and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.	6 x A2 signs (2 x signs at each location)

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Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 22 Mar 2023	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Past Dog Off-Leash Trial HYS Submitters	eNewsletter emailed to promote the trials and provide information on feedback opportunities	812 eNewsletters distributed 546 eNewsletters opened
Mar 2023 – Mar 2024	Open community consultations listing in Your City News eNewsletter	Your City News subscribers	Listed in City News open community consultations section to promote the trials and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	4,043 eNewsletters distributed 1,727 eNewsletters opened (March 2024 distribution)
Each Wed from 22 Mar 2023 to 13 Mar 2024	Open community consultations advertisement in The Weekly Times	Newspaper readership	Listed in open community consultation newspaper advertisement to promote the trials and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	38,000 total print readership

* Translations in Chinese Traditional, Chinese Simplified, and Korean were provided for the Have Your Say webpage, Survey, and Signage for the Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood trial site.

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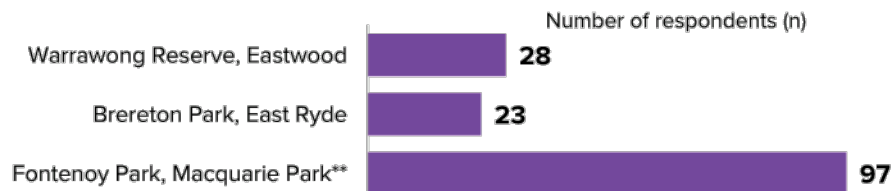


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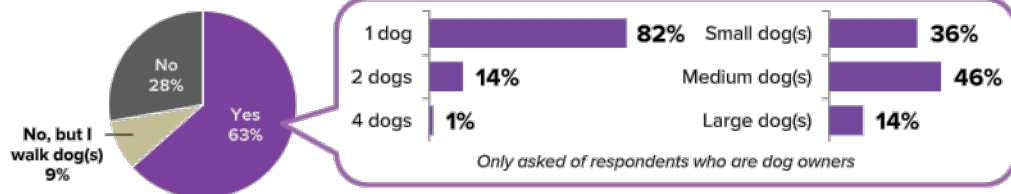
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Feedback by location[^]
(survey responses & email submissions)



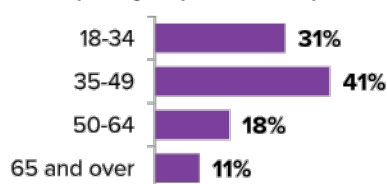
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Dog ownership*
(survey responses, n=115)



Age*

(survey responses, n=114)



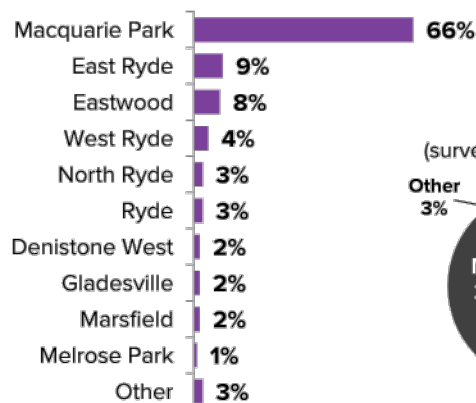
Top 3 Languages Spoken*

(survey response, n=114)

96% English
4% Cantonese
3% Mandarin

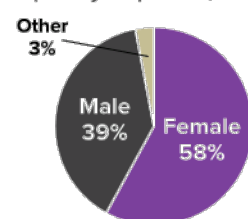
Suburb*

(survey responses, n=116)



Gender*

(survey responses, n=114)



*Note: *Respondents could indicate multiple responses, hence total does not add to 100% * denotes optional questions.*

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Community Consultation Results
Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood

Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood

(Low sample size, results to be used as indicative only)

Half of respondents (50%) visited the trial dog off-leash at Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood with a dog(s), whilst 29% visited without dogs. In total, 57% of respondents visited the park at least once a week or more during the trial period. **43% of respondents supports the trial to become permanent but with changes** (suggesting the need for a fence to be installed due to the proximity to road); compared to **21% who support** and **25% who do not support** the trial to become permanent.

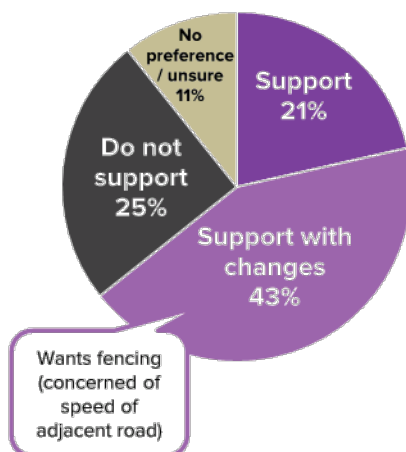


The top three most liked aspects of the trial dog off-leash at Warrawong Reserve were the **large size of the park which allows dogs adequate exercise space; the natural environment including sloped terrain and trees providing shade; and the convenience and accessibility of the location** to local users.

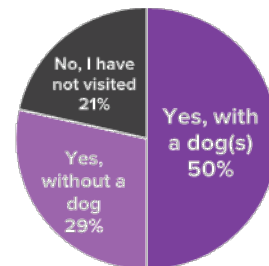


The biggest concern was the **speed of cars travelling down on the adjacent Darvall Road and the suggestion for a fence to be installed** to ensure safety.

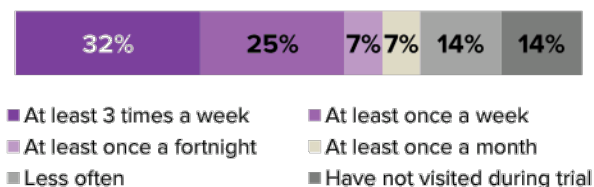
Support / Do Not Support trial to become permanent (n=28)



Visit during trial period (n=28)



Frequency of visits (n=28)



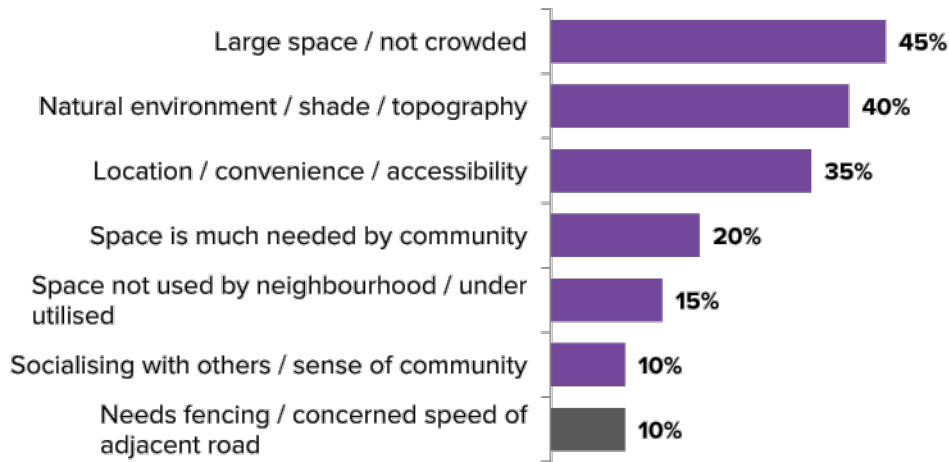
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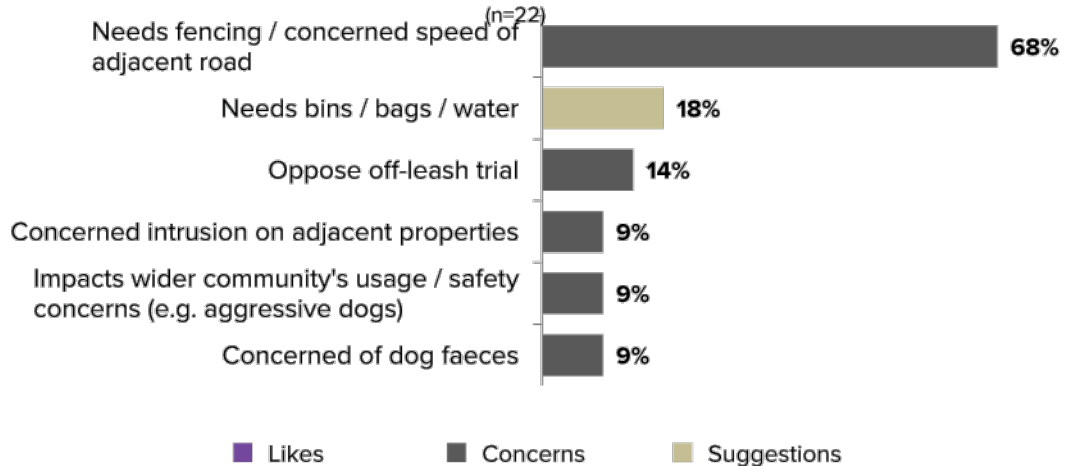
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Like most about the trial at Warrawong Reserve* (n=20)



Ideas or suggestions for improvement regarding the trial at Warrawong Reserve* (n=22)



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Community Consultation Results
Brereton Park, East Ryde

Brereton Park, East Ryde

(Low sample size, results to be used as indicative only)

Over half of respondents (52%) visited the trial dog off-leash at Brereton Park, East Ryde with a dog(s), whilst 26% visited without dogs and 22% did not visit during the trial period. Under 40% of respondents visited the park at least once a week or more, whilst 43% visited it less than a month or did not visit at all during the trial. The largest group of respondents **(48%) supports the trial to become permanent**, with **35% who do not support it**.

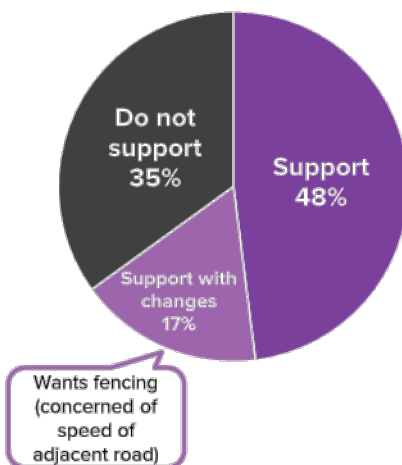


The top three most liked aspects of the trial dog off-leash at Brereton Park were the **natural environment including the terrain which provides opportunity to exercise; large and open space; and the convenience and accessibility of the location** to local users.

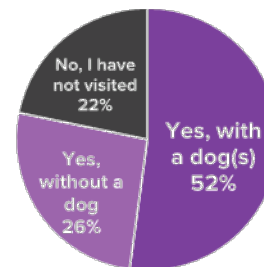


The biggest concern was the **danger of dogs running onto Pittwater Road and the suggestion for a fence to be installed**. Some suggested for bins, bags, water station to be installed and grass to be maintained.

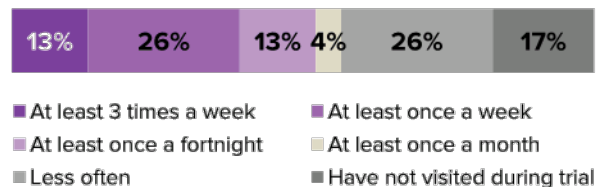
Support / Do Not Support trial to become permanent (n=23)



Visit during trial period (n=23)



Frequency of visits (n=23)



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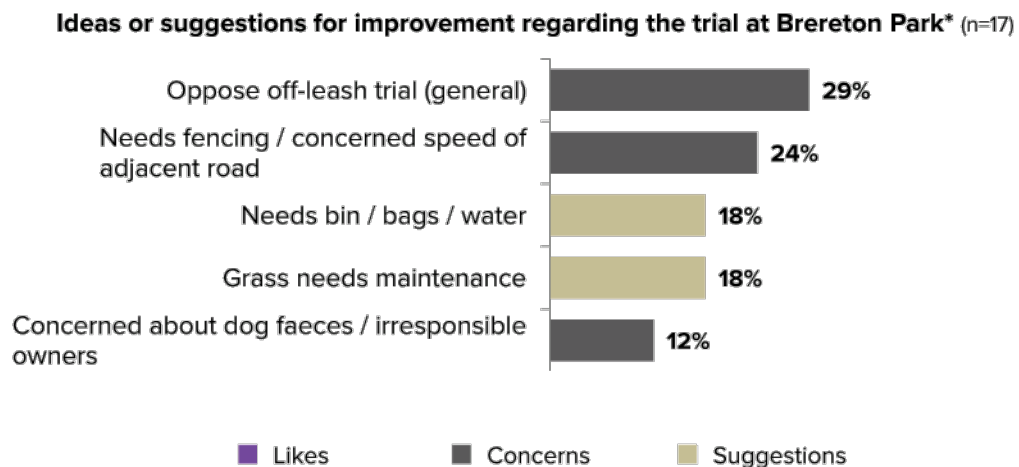
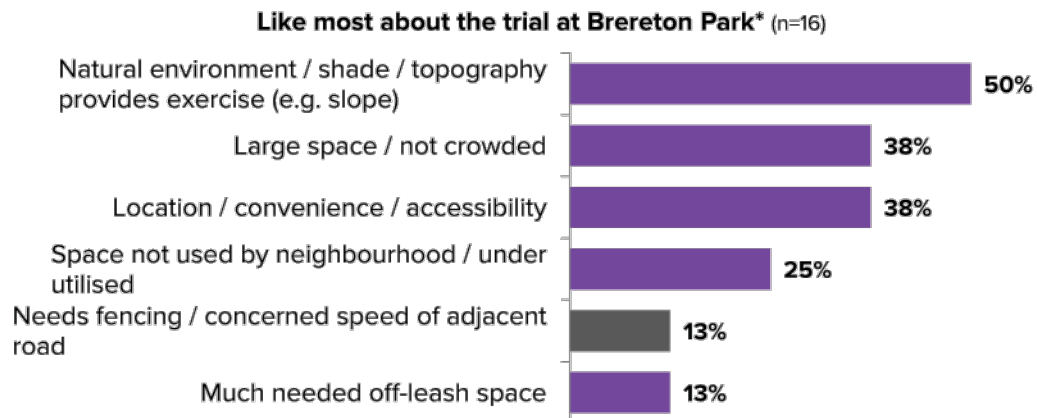
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Community Consultation Results
Brereton Park, East Ryde



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Community Consultation Results
Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park

FONTENOY PARK, MACQUARIE PARK (when not used for organised sport)

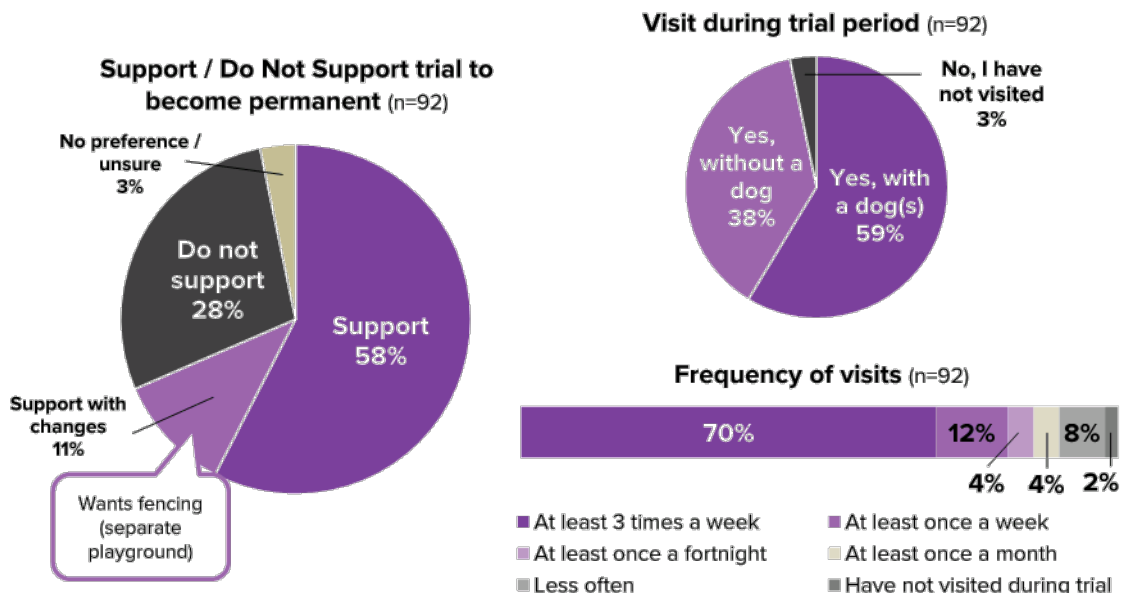
Over half of the respondents (59%) visited the trial dog off-leash at Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park with a dog(s), whilst 38% visited without dogs. A high 70% of respondents visited the park at least 3 times a week during the trial period. The largest proportion of respondents (58%) indicated support for the trial to become permanent, followed by 11% who support with changes. However, 28% do not support the trial becoming permanent.



Having the opportunity to **socialise with others and developing a sense of community** was by far the most liked aspect of the trial at Fontenoy Park (mentioned by almost half of respondents). Other aspects enjoyed by users included the **large and uncrowded space**; and the **convenience and accessibility of the location** to local users; the **ability to exercise for dogs and owners**; and the **natural and peaceful environment** (incl. shade).



The top concerns were relating to the **absence of fencing separating unleashed dogs from the playground and the risk to small children who frequent the park**. Furthermore, concerns were expressed around the impact of having unleashed dogs on the **wider community's recreational activities and fear of unwanted confrontations**.



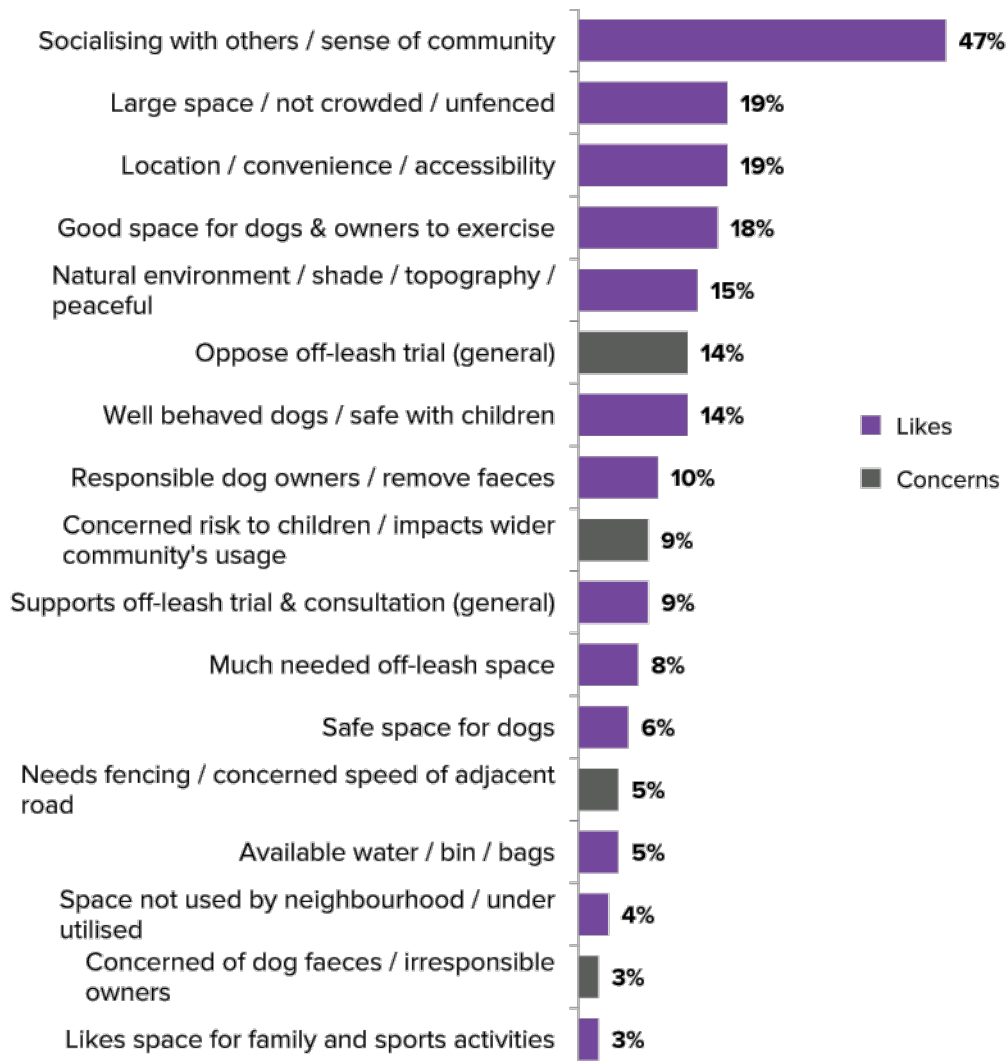
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Like most about the trial at Fontenoy Park* (n=79)



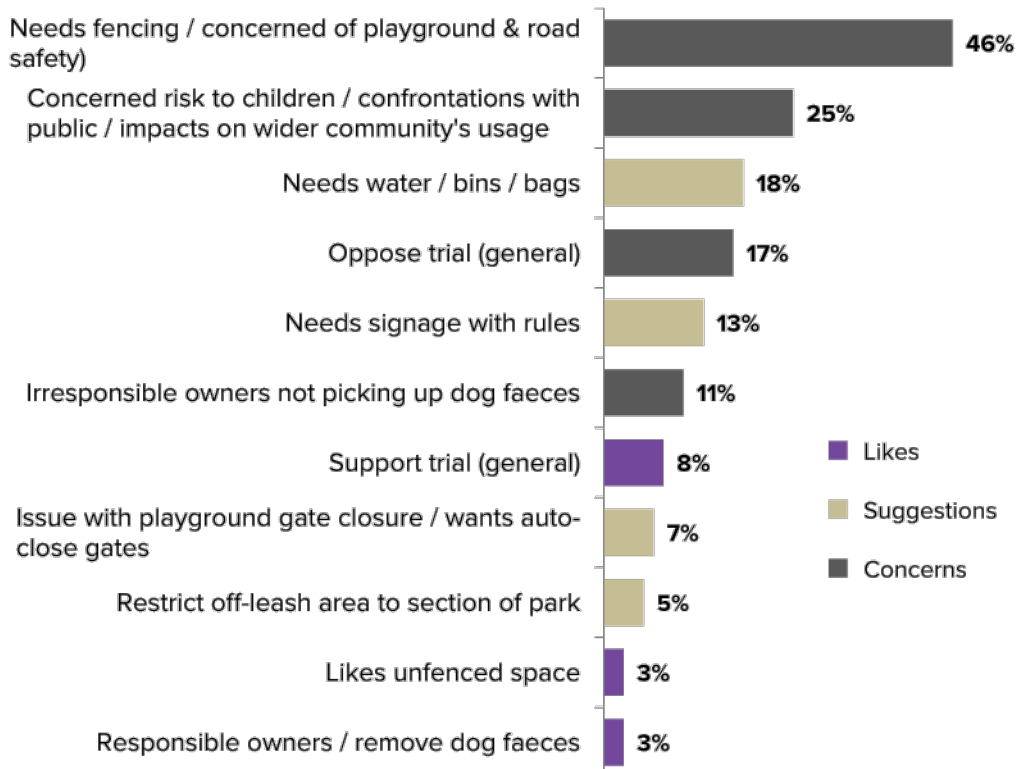
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Ideas or suggestions for improvement regarding the trial at Fontenoy Park* (n=76)



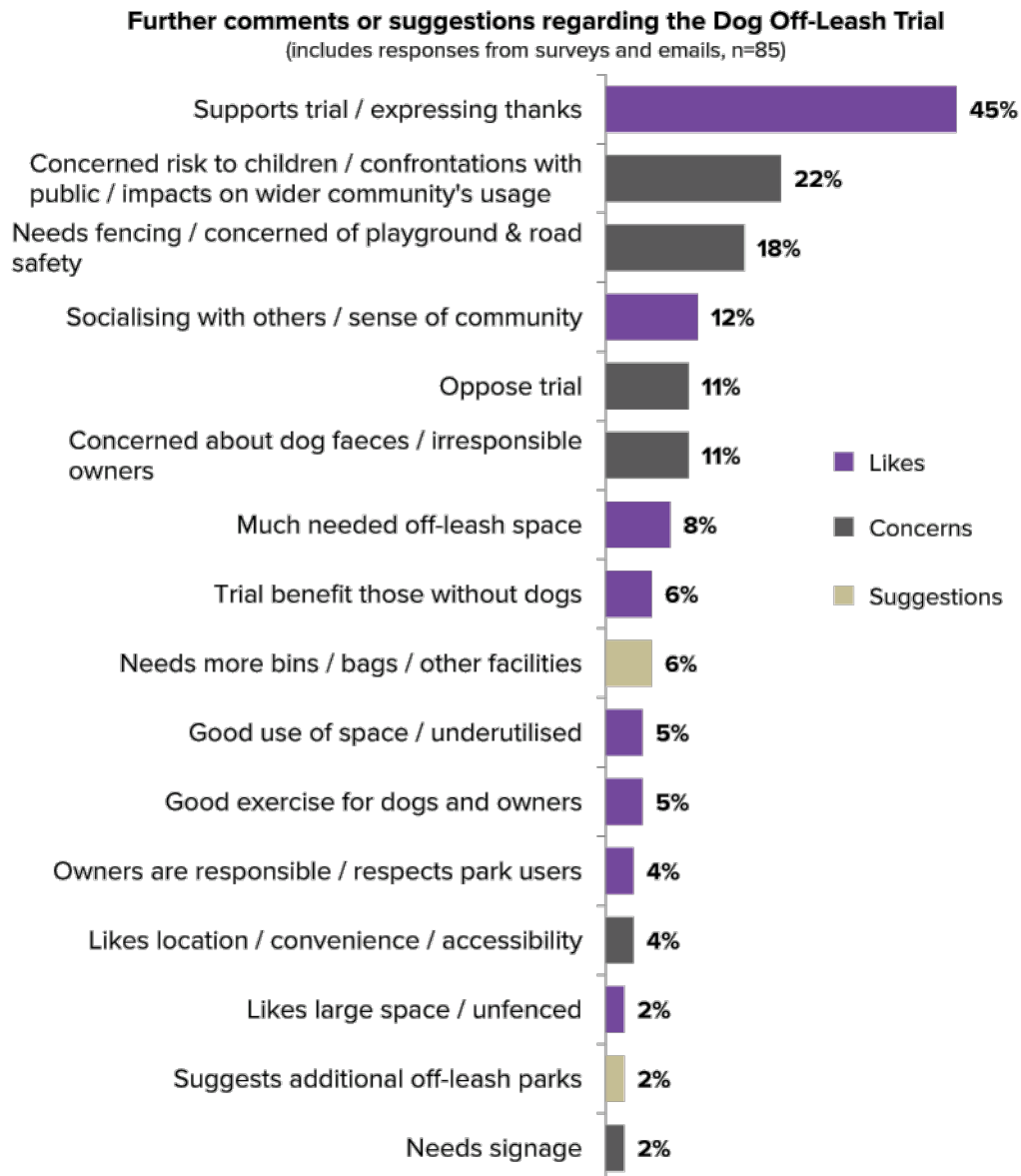
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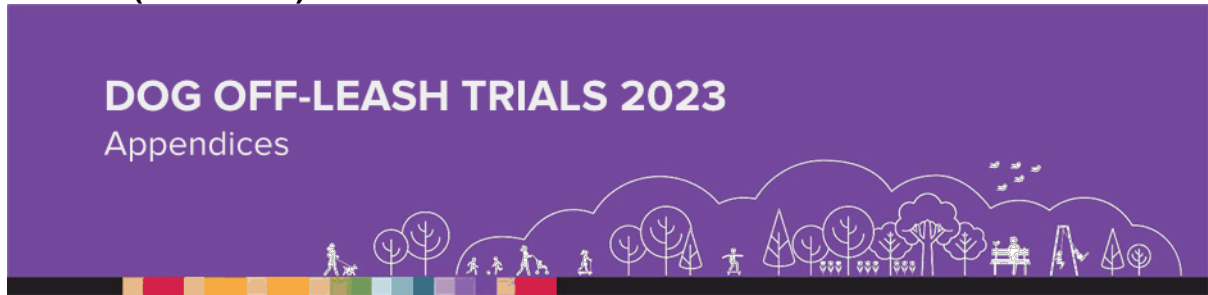
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HAVE YOUR SAY WEBPAGE

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As such, Council is now commencing a 12-month trial of three new dog off-leash areas. The trial will run from Monday 20 March 2023 – Wednesday 20 March 2024 at the following sites:

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As part of this trial, Council will install a dog bowl, dog waste bin and bag dispenser at each location.

During the 12-month trial Council would like to hear your thoughts on the new dog off-leash facilities, what you like and any ideas or suggestions for improvement. See below on how you can Have Your Say.

Will there be fencing for these dog off-leash areas?

As resolved at Council's December Meeting the three sites are to be managed as unfenced dog off-leash areas.

[View the Dog Off-Leash Trial Areas](#) +

[Related Information](#) +

HAVE YOUR SAY

You can Have Your Say on the Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023 in a number of ways including by completing the online survey, e-mail or post.

Online Survey

To Have Your Say, complete the online survey. If you are unable to fill in this survey online or don't have access, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222. Survey responses will be received up until **Wednesday 20 March 2024**.

[Complete the Online Survey](#) >

Written Submissions

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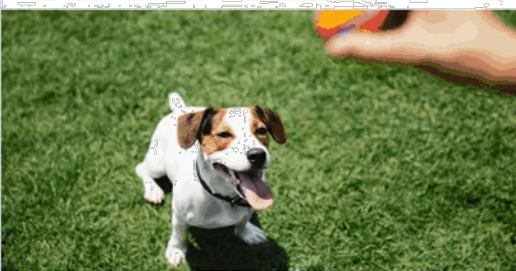
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Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023



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For more information

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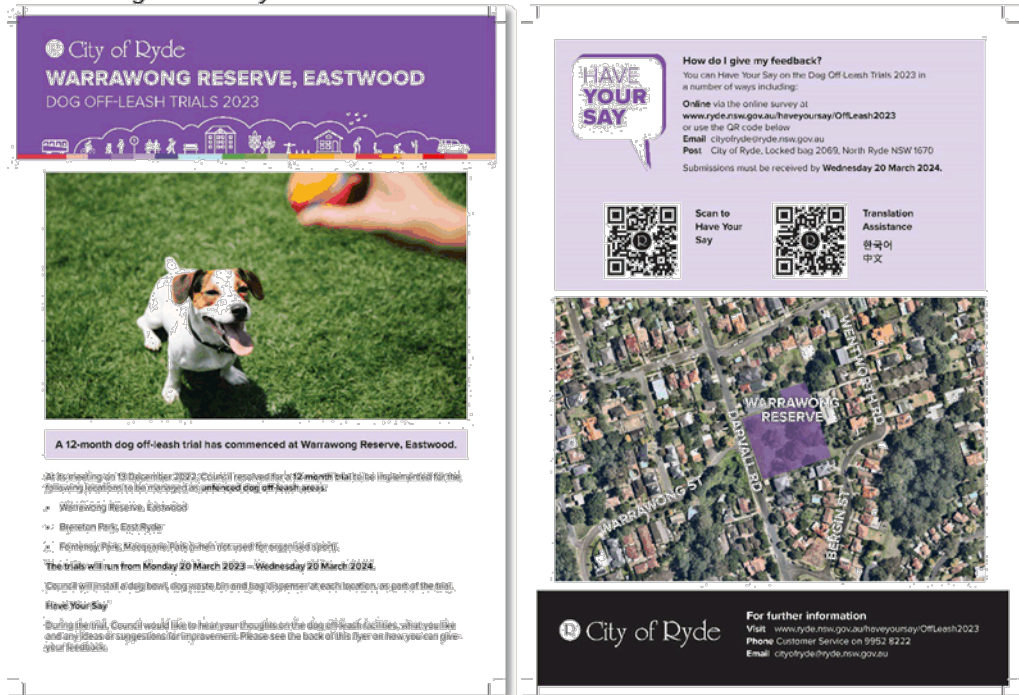
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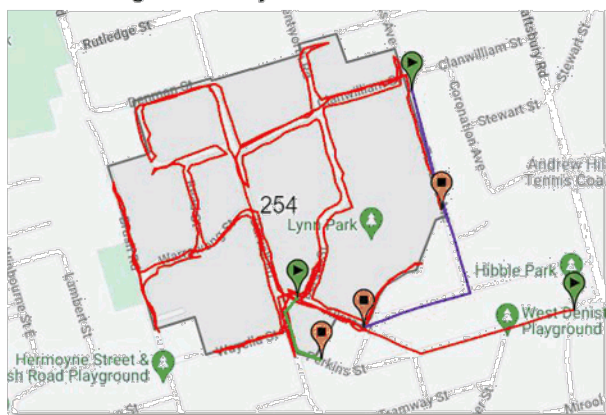
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Warrawong Reserve flyer



Warrawong Reserve flyer distribution area



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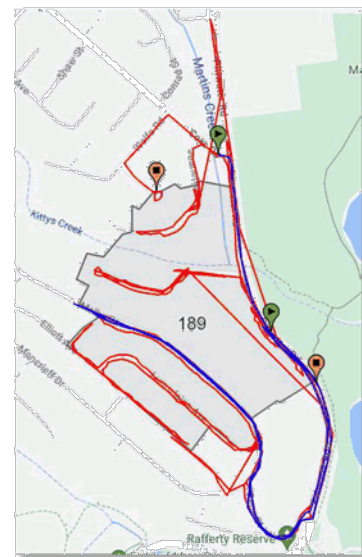
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Brereton Park flyer



Brereton Park flyer distribution area

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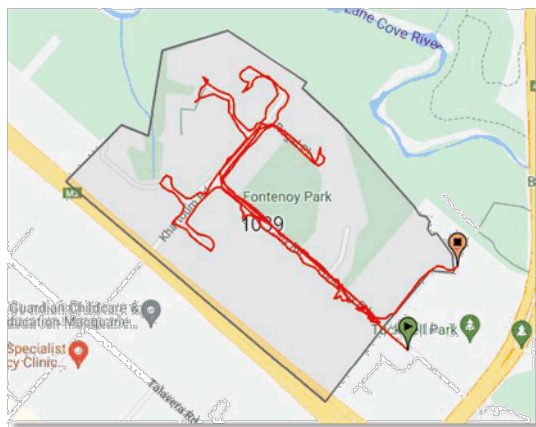
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Fontenoy Park flyer



Fontenoy Park flyer distribution area



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PARK SIGNAGE

Warrawong Reserve

WARRAWONG RESERVE, EASTWOOD

DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023



A 12-month dog off-leash trial has commenced at Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood.

At its meeting on 13 December 2023, Council resolved for the implementation of a 12-month trial for the following locations, to be managed as unenclosed dog off-leash areas:

- Warrawong Reserve, Eastwood
- Brereton Park, East Ryde

The trials will run from Monday 20 March 2023 to Wednesday 20 March 2024.

Council will install a dog bowl, dog waste bin and bag dispenser at each location as part of the trial.



How do I give my feedback?

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Brereton Park

BRERETON PARK, EAST RYDE

DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023



A 12-month dog off-leash trial has commenced at Brereton Park, East Ryde

At its meeting on 13 December 2023, Council resolved for the implementation of a 12-month trial for the following locations, to be managed as unenclosed dog off-leash areas:

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PARK SIGNAGE

Fontenoy Park

FONTENOY PARK, MACQUARIE PARK

DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023



A 12-month dog off-leash trial has commenced at Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park.

At its meeting on 13 December 2022, Council resolved for the implementation of a 12-month trial for the following locations, to be managed as unenclosed dog off-leash areas:

- Warrawang Reserve, Entwood
- Breneton Park, East Ryde
- Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park (when not used for sports/leisure)

The trials will run from Monday 20 March 2023 to Wednesday 20 March 2024.

Council will install a dog bowl, dog waste bin and bag dispenser at each location, as part of the trial.



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TRANSFER OF EXISTING LICENCE OF PART OF ELS HALL PARK (CLOSES 4 MAY)

DRAFT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY - COUNCIL RELATED DAS (CLOSES 11 MAY)

MIDWAY SHOPPING CENTRE - PROPOSED RELOCATION OF DISABLED PARKING SPOTS
(CLOSES 14 MAY)

PUTNEY BEACH SWIM SITE ACTIVATION (CLOSES 14 MAY)

PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES - 2-4 PROGRESS AVE, EASTWOOD (CLOSES 14 MAY)

LITTER PREVENTION STRATEGY (CLOSES 21 MAY)

CHARITY CREEK CASCADES: DOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL (CLOSES 6 SEP)

DOG OFF-LEASH TRIALS 2023 (CLOSES 20 MAR 2024)

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ON EXHIBITION

17 INSTALLATION OF WATER STATION (BUBBLERS) WITHIN COUNCIL SPORTSGROUNDS

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Parks Operations
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/370

REPORT SUMMARY

This report has been prepared in response to Council adopted resolutions at its meetings on 23 April 2024 and 26 March 2025, which are restated below:

Water Stations in Christie Park (26 March 2025)

- (a) *That a report be brought back to the May 2025 Council meeting investigating the reinstatement of the filtered water station and the installation of an extra one at Christie Park, Macquarie Park.*
- (b) *That the report includes options for either a freestanding or a wall mounted water station at a suitable position adjacent to the amenities and outline costings and an appropriate funding source.*
- (c) *That an additional report be prepared and presented to the May Council meeting providing a review of all sportsgrounds that do not currently have water stations available for public use with further investigation of future funding source and outline costings for these grounds for future installation.*

Water Stations in Christie Park (23 April 2024)

- (a) *Staff liaise with relevant user groups as required, to assist with investigating the opportunity for the installation of five water stations (bubblers) at:*
 - *Christie Park*
 - *North Ryde Park*
 - *Monash Park*
 - *Meadowbank Park (on the Western side of Field 13)*
 - *ELS Hall, Field 3 on Kent Road (near the YMCA)*
- (b) *Acknowledge there are no funds allocated in the 2023 / 2024 financial year to undertake these works and as such these works will be considered to be undertaken in the 2024 / 2025 financial year.*
- (c) *Table a report at the June 2024 Council meeting, outlining the findings of the investigation and recommendations.*

Since 2012, the Council has installed over 20 water stations throughout the Ryde LGA, including sportsgrounds and passive parks to provide benefits to the community.

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As outlined in the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 (Attachment 1), the main goal for installing water stations is to promote healthier lifestyle choices, whilst achieving environmental sustainability by reducing disposable plastic bottle use.

Council's Bicycle Action Plan 2022 – 2030 (Attachment 2) identifies that water stations should be situated in high pedestrian traffic areas at pivotal points in a public space where people have the convenience of staying hydrated while engaging in activities.

Location could include sports and recreation areas, commercial and retail areas, playgrounds, walking and cycling trails, open spaces, and transport hubs.

In response to the Notice of Motion's 23 April 2024 and 26 March 2025, Council consulted through e-mail and phone with sporting associations and clubs to gather input and feedback the community requirements on the potential locations for the installation water stations.

The consultation process included to the following sporting associations and clubs associated with each park such as:

- North West Sydney Football Association
- Gladesville Ravens Soccer Club
- Gladesville Ryde Magic Soccer Club
- North Ryde Soccer Club
- Inner West Harbour Cricket Association
- Northern Districts Cricket Association
- Northern HFC
- West Ryde Rovers Football Club

The feedback gathered during the consultation process has assisted Council in determining the appropriate location for the installation of water stations within each of the parks identified in the Council resolution. User groups were supportive of the additional infrastructure that Council was proposed and that this would be an added benefit for their users and the community.

Council recently conducted an audit of all sportsgrounds and identified that 12 out of 27 Council-managed sites do not have public water stations. One ground Cleeves Park was assessed to not require a water station as this is not a seasonal sporting facility and a second field Smalls Road is owned by the Department of Education.

This report outlines the reinstatement of the water bubbler at Christie Park and assesses options for the installation of new water stations at the remaining nine (9) locations: North Ryde Park, Monash Park, Darvall Park, Bremner Park, Magdala Park, Marsfield Park, Meadowbank Park, Pioneer Park, and Westminster Park. The estimated cost for these installations is approximately \$148,575, it is proposed that delivery of the water stations and funding for these works is provided in a staged process in the next iteration of the 2026-2029 Four-Year Delivery Plan.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the reinstatement of a filtered water station at Christie Park. The estimated cost for this project is \$17,250, which can be funded under the 2025/26 Sportsground Maintenance budget, subject to Council's adoption of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan.
- (b) That Council endorse the staged installation of water stations at the following sportsgrounds which will be a future capital project for inclusion in the 2026-2027 iteration of the Four Year Delivery Plan:

2026-2027

- Marsfield Park
- Magdala Park
- North Ryde Park

Note: If the application received from Councillor Arya and Councillor Lara-Watson regarding the use of their discretionary funds to install a water station at North Ryde Park (Item 9) on this Agenda is endorsed by Council then North Ryde Park water station will be removed from the 2026/2027 delivery plan.

2027-2028

- Bremner Park
- Meadowbank Park #13
- Pioneer Park

2028-2029

- Westminster Park
- Monash Park
- Darvall Park

Note: If the application received from Councillor Arya and Councillor Lara-Watson regarding the use of their discretionary funds to install a water station at Monash Park (Item 9) on this Agenda is endorsed by Council then Monash Park water station will be removed from the 2028/2029 delivery plan.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

Background

Since 2012, Council has installed over 20 water stations across the Ryde LGA, including at sportsgrounds and passive parks, to benefit the community. Aligned with the efficiency outcomes on page 15 of the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030, these installations aim to promote healthier lifestyle choices and reduce risk to community from heat and exposure while supporting environmental sustainability by reducing the use of disposable plastic bottles.

To support this, Council's adopted Bicycle Strategy 2022–2030 on page 44 prioritises the installation of complementary infrastructure such as water stations in high pedestrian traffic areas and strategic points within public spaces, enabling convenient hydration for those engaging in various activities. Suggested locations include sports and recreation areas, commercial and retail zones, playgrounds, walking and cycling trails, open spaces, and transport hubs.

This report responds to the Notice of Motion resolution dated 23 April 2024 and the 25 March 2025 and outlines opportunities to install water stations (bubblers) across nominated sportsground in the Local Government Area (LGA).

Consultation

Council conducted a targeted eight-week consultation period from May 2024 until June 2024, using e-mail and phone calls to provide the sporting user groups (Table 1) associated with each park.

Christie Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North West Sydney Football Association • Gladesville Ravens Soccer Club • Gladesville Ryde Magic Soccer Club
North Ryde Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Ryde Soccer Club • Inner West Harbour Cricket Association • Northern Districts Cricket Association
Monash Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner West Harbour Cricket Association • Gladesville Raven Soccer Club • Northern HFC
Meadowbank Park (on the Western side of Field 13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Ryde Rovers Football Club • North West Sydney Hockey Association
ELS Field 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No consultation occurred as an existing water station on site as per diagram 1.

Table 1. Outlines the user groups contacted.

The User groups expressed strong support for the installation of water stations, emphasising the need for convenient access near sporting fields and playgrounds.

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Audit of existing sportsgrounds

Council conducted an audit of its existing sportsgrounds with relation to water stations and the findings are summarised below:

Sportsgrounds with existing water stations

Sportsground	Current Provision	Number of water stations
Bill Mitchell	Yes	1
Brush Farm Oval	Yes	1
Dunbar Park	Yes	1
Eastwood Oval	Yes	2
ELS Hall Park	Yes	1
Fontenoy Park	Yes	1
Gannan Park	Yes	1
Meadowbank Park	Yes	4
Morrison Bay Park	Yes	2
Peel Park	Yes	1
Pidding Park	Yes	1
Ryde Park	Yes	2
Santa Rosa Park	Yes	2
Tuckwell Park	Yes	1
Waterloo Park	Yes	1

Table 2. Sports Grounds with existing water stations.

Sportsgrounds without water stations

Sportsground	Current provision	Action recommended
Bremner Park (see Figure 5)	No	New installation
Christie Park (see Figure 1)	No	To be reinstated
Cleves Park	No	Not recommended as not used for seasonal sport
Darvall Park (see Figure 6)	No	New installation
Magdala Park (see Figure 7)	No	New installation
Marsfield Park (see Figure 8)	No	New installation
Meadowbank Park #13 (see Figure 4)	No	New installation
Monash Park (see Figure 3)	No	New installation
North Ryde Park (see Figure 2)	No	New installation
Pioneer Park (see Figure 9)	No	New installation
Smalls Road	No	Not recommended as a Schools Infrastructure site.
Westminster Park (see Figure 10)	No	New installation

Table 3. Sportsgrounds without water stations

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Proposed Locations and Benefits

For ease all the proposed locations are identified by the blue on the maps provided for each location assessed as part of this report.

A summary of the benefits of these options include:

- Allowing greater access by all users including spectators, sportsground users and pedestrians.
- Improved access to the proximity of water stations to walking and / or cycling paths.
- Closer to amenities and the existing water supply for connection
- Improved sight lines for children and parents accessing the sportsground, playgrounds and facilities

Christie Park

The Christie Park user groups identified a preference for one (1) location near the concourse between field 1 & 2 (see Figure 1) with no preference for standing or wall mounted on the building. The investigation did not identify a suitable location a second water bubbler along the concourse. However, it did realise that a wall mounted option will provide the best outcome for the usergroups.



Figure 1 – Aerial image of Christie Park and the proposed location in blue.

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North Ryde Park

The North Ryde Park user groups identified one (1) location near the amenities and oval exit (see Figure 2)



Figure 2 – Aerial image of North Ryde Park and the proposed location in blue.

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Monash Park

The Monash Park user groups identified one (1) location between the playground and the sportsground (see Figure 3).



Figure 3 – Aerial image of Monash Park and the proposed location in blue

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Meadowbank Park Field 13

The Meadowbank Park Field 13 user groups identified the opportunity to replace an existing water bubbler with a filtered water station (1) location towards the amenities and next to the fenced dog park area (see Figure 4)



Figure 4 - Aerial image of Meadowbank Park Field 13 and the proposed location

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Bremner Park

A proposed water station at Bremner Park has been identified towards the existing amenities (see Figure 5)



Figure 5 – Bremner Park and proposed location

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Darvall Park

A proposed water station at Darvall Park has been identified towards the existing amenities and car park (see Figure 6)



Figure 6 – Darvall Park and proposed location

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Magdala Park

A proposed water station at Magdala Park has been identified towards the existing amenities and car park (see Figure 7)



Figure 7 – Magdala Park and proposed location

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Marsfield Park

A proposed water station at Marsfield Park has been identified towards the existing amenities (see Figure 8)



Figure 8 – Marsfield Park and proposed location

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Pioneer Park

A proposed water station at Pioneer Park has been identified towards the existing amenities and close to the pedestrian pathway (see Figure 9)



Figure 9 – Pioneer Park and proposed location

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Westminster Park

A proposed water station at Westminster Park has been identified towards the existing amenities (see Figure 10)



Figure 10 – Westminster Park and proposed location

Financial implications

The finalisation of cost estimates and installation timeframes was affected by delays in receiving quotations from suppliers and contractors, which subsequently impacted the timely completion of this report.

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The proposed freestanding water station model is the Aquafil FlexiFountain 1500BF, which has been used in numerous parks across City of Ryde. To ensure consistency in maintenance operations, this model is recommended for any future installations.



Aquafil FlexiFountain 1500BF

The proposed option for a wall mounted water station is the Elkay EZH2O Vandal-Resistant Bottle Filling Station with Drinking Fountain.



Elkay EZH2O Vandal-Resistant Bottle Filling Station with Drinking Fountain

A cost estimate for the installation of the water station was provided by a suitably qualified contractor, with an estimated timeframe of 7 working days for installation.

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The below table outlines the projected expense for the installation of additional new water stations is summarised in the table below:

Delivery Year	Location	Supply and install of water station	Contingency (15%)	Total
2025 / 2026	Christie Park (wall mounted)	\$15,000	\$2,250	\$17,250
2026 / 2027	Marsfield Park	\$14,500	\$2,175	\$16,675
2026 / 2027	Magdala Park	\$15,000	\$2,250	\$17,250
2026 / 2027	North Ryde Park	\$15,000	\$2,250	\$16,500
2027 / 2028	Bremner Park	\$14,500	\$2,175	\$16,675
2027 / 2028	Meadowbank Park	\$13,000	\$1,950	\$14,950
2027 / 2028	Pioneer Park	\$15,000	\$2,250	\$16,500
2028 / 2029	Westminster Park	\$14,500	\$2,175	\$16,675
2028 / 2029	Monash Park	\$14,500	\$2,175	\$16,675
2028 / 2029	Darvall Park	\$14,500	\$2,175	\$16,675
	Total	\$145,500	\$21,825	\$165,825

Table 4. Proposed costing for the installation of water bubblers at nominated parks based on the investigation.

The reinstatement of a filtered water station at Christie Park is estimated at \$17,250. This cost could be funded under the 2025/26 Sportsfield Maintenance Budget, subject to the adoption of the 2025/26 Operational Plan by Council.

There is no budget allocated for the installation of the new water stations at the other nine (9) locations listed in Table 4 within the 2025/26 financial year.

The estimated cost for these installations is approximately \$148,575. It is proposed that consideration be given to the staged delivery of these water stations, as a new capital project for inclusion in the 2026-2027 iteration of the Four-Year Delivery Plan.

18 FIXED SPACE CAR SHARE PROGRAM 2025-2026

Report prepared by: Executive Officer - City Resilience
File No.: GRP/25/9 - BP25/284

REPORT SUMMARY

In May 2018, Council adopted the current *Fixed Car Share Guidelines and Policy* as a position to enable and promote car sharing availability across the city. Since the public sharing program commencement, Council now has three car share providers, operating 38 publicly accessible car share spaces to residents and visitors of the City.

With the cost of living pressure impacting households, transport is one area where mode sharing alternatives and car ownership consideration is rising. Car share operator survey data is showing increasing interest people opting not to purchase a second car and join share programs.

Congestion in our city was and continues to be of key concern to our residents as identified in Council's Community Strategic Plan 2028. Car sharing programs assist in reducing the need for private ownership of cars by up to 9 vehicles per 1 car share location improving local traffic and air quality (*GoGet 2022*).

Annual review of the Council program for 2024 has seen a total of 74,011 hours of car share hire across the 38 publicly accessible, Council program spaces.

In 2024, Council approached Car Share operators for the 2025/2026 round of the program inviting applications for spaces across the city with six (6) locations being internally supported and compliant for consideration for approval by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledges the 2025-2026 Car Share Expression of Interest program process and community consultation undertaken to date in alignment with Council's *Fixed Car Share Policy*.
- (b) That Council endorse the below 6 (six) nominated spaces:
 - Location 1 – Windsor Drive, Corner of Herring Road, Macquarie Park
 - Location 2 – 1 Ball Avenue, Eastwood
 - Location 3 – Opposite 10 East Parade, Eastwood
 - Location 4 – 14-16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood
 - Location 5 – 3 Cambridge Street, Gladesville
 - Location 6 – John Wilson Car Park, Pittwater Road, Gladesville

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 March 2025 - Final Methodology Report - Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025

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Background

In late 2024, the City of Ryde invited applications from eligible car share operators to establish and operate fixed car share spaces within the Council area. Submissions closed on 29 September 2024 with Council receiving submissions from three (3) car share operators GoGet, PopCar and Hertz for areas in North Ryde, Macquarie Park, Eastwood, West Ryde and Gladesville Areas. These locations were assessed against Council's current *Fixed Space Car Share Guidelines (2020)* for compliance with roads and safety legislation and considering any future Council public domain plans for suitability.

The program assessment criteria for the Operators include demonstration of local membership, meeting criteria for environmental performance, customer service, provision of utilisation reports, demonstration of financial soundness and insurance. Upon installation operators must demonstrate active utilisation and meet set targets as per the Council Guideline or they may be removed.

As a result of the multi-staged, assessment and consultation process, a total of six car share spaces were deemed supported as possible car share locations. A public consultation process was also undertaken for a period of six weeks to contribute to this process.

If approved, the Operators pay a set-up (and removal) fee which includes line marking and signage then an ongoing annual fee for use. This is outlined in Council's Fees and Charges schedule and the program spaces reviewed annually.

Discussion

Car sharing schemes provide councils an opportunity for positively influencing community-based greenhouse gas emission reductions from transport. Transport represents the second largest source of emissions by community in Ryde LGA (FIGURE 1). As councils cannot directly influence vehicle choices of residents to actively reduce emissions, initiatives such as the Car Share space program provides the opportunity to reduce emissions in this space and additional access for those living in high density communities to access these sharable vehicles reducing single use private ownership.

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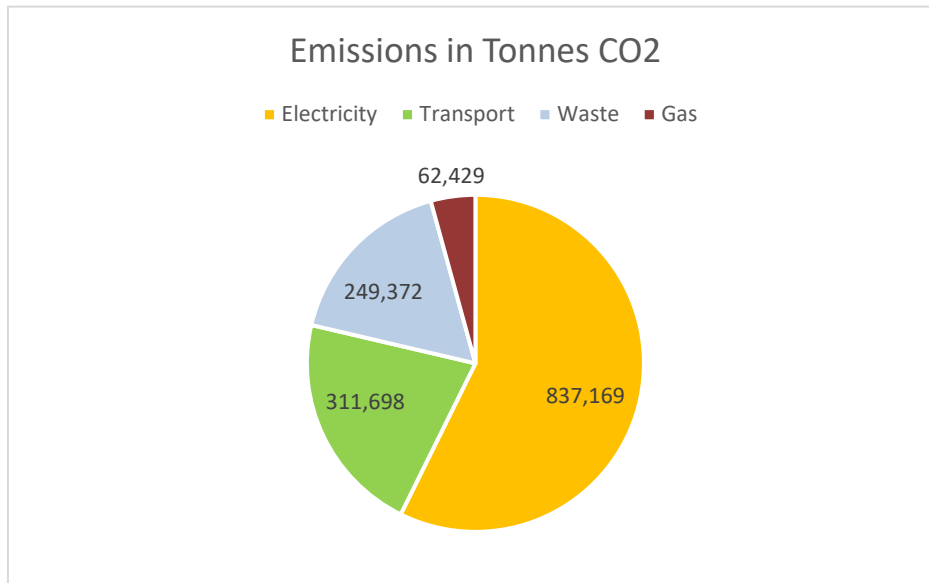


Figure 1: Total community emissions in Ryde (2022/ 2023), *Kinesis Sydney Metro Carbon Platform*

Car Share also provides opportunity for a reduction in localised parking demand which aligns with Council's Community Strategic plan - "A City of Connections", "A City of Liveable Neighbourhoods" and "Our community has the option to safely and conveniently drive, park, cycle or walk around their city."

The objectives and benefits derived from car sharing models include:

- Using on-street parking spaces more efficiently: by reducing the parking demand created by underused private vehicles, freeing up spaces for other users or where parking is constrained;
- Reducing traffic congestion, vehicles trips and greenhouse gas emissions: by reducing vehicle kilometres travelled, and shifting travel to more fuel-efficient vehicles;
- Reducing the growth in private car ownership: by using car share vehicles, car share users defer or reduce their private car ownership;
- Increasing social inclusion: by enabling access to a variety of vehicles to households who could not otherwise afford them;
- Increasing health: as people opt to walk and cycle more.

Car share vehicles serve multiple members and accordingly to the GoGet 2024 City of Ryde Annual Survey with over 2838 residents being a member of the car share program. Of the GoGet member base, over 70% of these respondents do not own a car at all, which before joining GoGet only 50% of respondent had 0 cars.

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As the City of Ryde grows in the high-density living more and more residents are using Car Share vehicles with over 75% of respondents living in apartments, this in turn reducing the need for parking spaces that would otherwise be needed if everyone owned and parked their vehicles on the road.

In 2024, Council approached Car Share operators for the 2025/2026 round of the program inviting applications for spaces across the city with six (6) final locations being internally supported and compliant for Council consideration and adoption.

An initial 21 applications were received and reviewed, after site by site assessment and consultation across Council for review, it was determined that eleven (11) spaces were suitable to proceed to community consultation with a final six (6) spaces approved for installation having met all necessary safety and legislative requirements and considerate of consultation feedback.

Consultation

Council sought community feedback for an initial 11 fixed car share spaces for all locations. The Council 'Have your Say' period occurred from 3 February to 16 March 2025 with community providing feedback via an online survey, email or post. The consultation was promoted through the City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, 2380 direct mailout flyers to adjoining or nearby residents and businesses, City of Ryde's e-newsletters (including Your City News and Smarter, Cleaner, Greener), social media, listings in the local newspaper and signage at each proposed location.

Some of the feedback provided by respondents through the consultation process included:

- Concerns over fixed car share spaces impacting on the already limited on-street parking;
- Car Share spaces are needed to improve access;
- Car share spaces should be installed in public car parks and shopping centres.

The data collected from car share operators such as GoGet supports the increase in members joining the program which assists in reducing individual car ownership and in turn, freeing up on street parking spaces not increasing this issue in the city. Support by community for these models continues to grow showing that people either through individual budgetary constraints or parking, are choosing these over owning their own cars.

In addressing the third point raised regarding Council carparks, the co-location of these vehicles is designed to be placed close to home or transportation nodes. This placement ensures that when community wish to use these, they are within safe, walkable distance which is why these locations are prioritised. Operators apply to Council specifically nominating which locations they seek to apply for. In doing this, they need to justify that they meet the Council adopted Car Share Policy criteria and Guidelines.

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The Community Engagement (Methodology) report (ATTACHMENT 1) provides further details on how community were consulted. It is important to note that respondents were able to select multiple locations to provide feedback on, and it was optional to provide specific comments. The engagement report also includes additional locations applied for by the Operators which were, through individual assessment, ruled out due to lack of compliance with the Roads and Safety legislation compliance or due to future public works at the locations.

A summary of the feedback from the Community consultation period is provided below on the supported locations as supported or not supported. These are cumulative totals from all sources of engagement as noted above.

Space	Location	Support for	No. of Responses	Support against	No. of Responses	Unsure
1	Windsor Drive (Corner of Herring Road), Macquarie Park	50%	6	50%	6	
2	1 Ball Avenue, Eastwood	75%	12	25%	4	
3	(Opposite) 10 East Parade, Eastwood	69%	9	31%	4	
4	14-16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood	54%	7	31%	4	15% / 2 Responses
5	John Wilson Car Park, Gladesville	75%	12	25%	4	
6	3 Cambridge Street, Gladesville	56%	10	44%	8	

*Consultation responses for locations not supported by Council or meeting road safety legislation have not been included.

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Assessment

The 11 locations initially proposed for the current program were assessed by Council's City Resilience, Traffic and Transport teams against Council's current *Fixed Space Car Share Guidelines (2020)* for compliance with roads and safety legislation and individual site suitability such as consideration of known future works at the proposed locations. The program assessment criteria for the Operators include demonstration of local membership, meeting criteria for environmental performance, customer service, provision of utilization reports, demonstration financial soundness and insurance. From this assessment Council proceeded to approve six of these based on legislative compliance and community consultation consideration.

The following location plans refer to 6 (Six) fixed car share spaces that are recommended for approval. Further details on the assessed applications and determinations following community feedback, along with outcomes, is provided below and in the report.

- Location 1 – Windsor Drive, Corner of Herring Road, Macquarie Park
- Location 2 – 1 Ball Avenue, Eastwood
- Location 3 – Opposite 10 East Parade, Eastwood
- Location 4 – 14-16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood
- Location 5 – 3 Cambridge Street, Gladesville
- Location 6 – John Wilson Car Park, Pittwater Rd, Gladesville

Proposed and supported locations

Location 1: Macquarie Park: Windsor Drive at the corner of Herring Road



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Location 2 Eastwood: 1 Ball Avenue



Location 3 Eastwood: Opposite 10 East Parade



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Location 4: Eastwood: 14-16 Lakeside Road



Location 5: Gladesville: 3 Cambridge Street



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Location 6: Gladesville: John Wilson Car Park, Pittwater Road



Council supports the approval of the 6 (Six) locations under this round of application as nominated in the report. This recommendation has been assessed as consistent with Council's *Fixed Space Car Share Guidelines* and legislation to meet the need for providing an additional means of public transportation service at these locations for current and future community.

Whilst Council recognises that some locations are deemed unfavourable by some residents who have raised concerns with loss of one car share space on the street or preferring location to be elsewhere. The recommended locations have demonstrated to Council that they met the needs for approval against the program objective and must consider the broader community use. This criteria has been met by the Operator within the application for the space and assessed by Council officers to consider all of community use and access.

Determination of these fixed car share spaces also considers population growth and potential future users who may have access to use this alternative transport mode by enabling provision of it in these areas. This is consistent with Council's adopted position to provide these services across the city to increase use of these modes as an additional mode of transportation service in these areas.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact to Council. Council's Fixed Car Share Policy and Guideline inform the Application for Fixed Car Share Spaces terms and conditions which include applicable fees. This includes initial set up fee, ongoing annual occupation and removal fees as outlined in Council's Fees and Charges plan which is reviewed annually.

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2025**



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT
MARCH 2025

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Community Engagement Methodology Report
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URBAN HEAT SURVEY 2024 - 2025

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FIXED CAR SHARE SPACES 2025

Background and Summary



Council is considering applications from eligible car share operators for fixed car share parking spaces to be located on-street or within Council-owned car parks.

Our community was invited to provide feedback on the proposed fixed car share spaces to help inform our decision-making process.

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5. John Wilson Car Park, Pittwater Rd, Gladesville
6. 181 Coxs Rd, North Ryde
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8. Opposite 10 East Parade, Eastwood
9. 74 Western Crescent, Gladesville
10. 3 Cambridge Street, Gladesville
11. 14-16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

The Have Your Say period occurred from Monday 3 February 2025 to Sunday 16 March 2025 during which our community could provide feedback via the online survey, email or post.

The community engagement was promoted through the City of Ryde's Have Your Say webpage, flyers to nearby residents and businesses, signage, City of Ryde e-newsletters (including Your City News and Smarter, Cleaner, Greener), social media, and listings in the local newspaper.

There were 143 online survey submissions and 2 email submissions.

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Community Engagement Methodology



Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Mon 3 Feb – Sun 16 Mar 2025	Have Your Say webpage*	Website users	Have Your Say webpage with background information and details on how to provide feedback, including the online survey.	876 total page views 416 users visited the page
Mon 3 Feb – Sun 16 Mar 2025	Online survey	Website users	An online survey for our community to provide their feedback, which was available through the Have Your Say webpage.	143 online survey submissions
Mon 3 Feb – Sun 16 Mar 2025	Council phone line, email and post	All Stakeholders	City of Ryde's main phone line, email and postal address was available for feedback and questions from our community.	2 email submissions
Mon 3 Feb – Sun 16 Mar 2025	Interactive map	Website users	An interactive map displaying the location of each proposed fixed car share space.	11 marked locations
Mon 3 Feb 2025	Flyer	Nearby residents and businesses	An A4 flyer was delivered to residents and businesses near each proposed fixed car share space to promote the Have Your Say and feedback opportunities.	2,380 flyers distributed
Mon 3 Feb – Sun 16 Mar 2025	Sign	Nearby residents, businesses and passersby	A3 corflute signs were installed near each proposed fixed car share space to promote the Have Your Say and feedback opportunities.	11 signs
Each Wed between 3 Feb – 16 Mar 2025	The Weekly Times (TWT) - Have Your Say listing	TWT newspaper readers	Have Your Say listing included within Council's City News page of the TWT to promote the feedback opportunities.	38,000 total print readership approx.

* The Have Your Say page was available in 10 languages (in addition to English) via the City of Ryde website's inbuilt translation tool. Information regarding the Translating and Interpreting Service was also available on the Have Your Say page.

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Community Engagement Methodology



Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Tue 4 Mar 2025	Your City News e-newsletter	Your City News e-newsletter subscribers	Listed in the Your City News e-newsletter to promote the Have Your Say and feedback opportunities.	4,296 e-newsletters delivered 1,775 e-newsletters opened
Wed 19 Feb 2024	Smarter, Cleaner, Greener e-newsletter	Smarter, Cleaner, Greener e-newsletter subscribers	Listed in the Smarter, Cleaner, Greener e-newsletter to promote the Have Your Say and feedback opportunities.	3,572 e-newsletters delivered 1,425 e-newsletters opened
Mon 10 Feb 2025	Social Media (Facebook post; organic)	Facebook users	Social media post to promote the Have Your Say and feedback opportunities.	5,681 views 3,648 users reached 71 link clicks
Thu 13 Mar 2025	Citizenship ceremony flyer	New citizens	Listed on the Have Your Say flyer included in new citizen packs provided at the ceremony.	110 flyers

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HAVE YOUR SAY WEBPAGE

Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025

Closing on 16 March 2025, 11:59 PM



Extended to Sunday 16 March 2025

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Proposed Fixed Car Share Locations

Council is considering applications for 11 proposed fixed car share spaces across the City of Ryde. You can view the proposed fixed car share space locations via our [online interactive map](#) or by clicking on one of the locations listed below.

Contact Us

If you require more information about the Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025, please email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au, or if you are unable to make an online/written submission, please call our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222.

If you require translating assistance, you may call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter to contact Council for you.

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HAVE YOUR SAY WEBPAGE (continued)

Location Number	Address
1.	29-31 Porter Street, Ryde
2.	Network Place (Corner of Rennie Street), North Ryde
3.	Windsor Drive (Corner of Herring Road), Macquarie Park
4.	Dickson Avenue near Chatham Rd, West Ryde
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Next Steps

Following the Have Your Say period, the community engagement outcomes will be presented to Council for endorsement. To learn more about Council Meetings, [click here](#).

Related Information

-  [Fixed Car Share Spaces Interactive Map](#)
-  [Car Share Policy](#) (PDF, 219KB)
-  [Fixed Space Car Share Guidelines](#) (PDF, 325KB)
-  [Council Meetings](#)

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HAVE YOUR SAY WEBPAGE (continued)

HAVE YOUR SAY

You can Have Your Say on the Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025 in a number of ways including by completing the online survey, and via e-mail or post.

All feedback must be received by **Sunday 16 March 2025 (extended)**.

Online Survey

To Have Your Say, complete the online survey via the link below.

[Complete the Online Survey >](#)

If you are unable to fill in this survey online, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222.

Written Submissions

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025' and can be sent to:

- **Email:** cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- **Post:** City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Privacy Notification

Personal information collected from you is held and used by Council under the provisions of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information is voluntary, however if you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council may be unable to process your application or request, or consider your submission. Please note that the exchange of information between the public and Council, may be accessed by others and could be made publicly available under the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (GIPA Act). If you require further information please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222.

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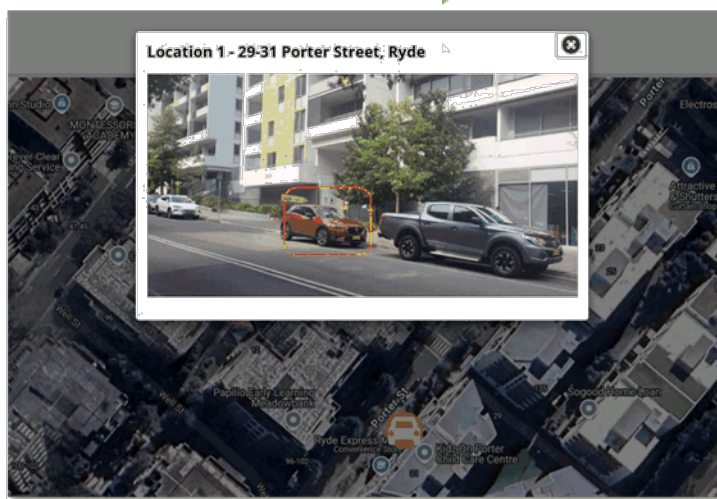
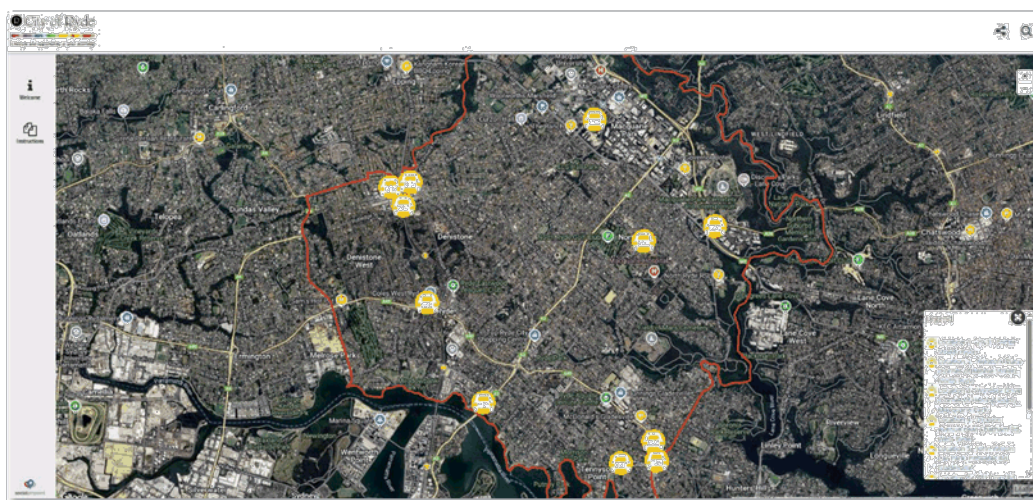
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INTERACTIVE MAP



** Example of pop-out on the interactive map, which shows the proposed fixed car share spaces.*

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FLYER

FIXED CAR SHARE SPACES 2025

Location 1 - 29-31 Porter Street, Ryde

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Email
cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Post
City of Ryde, Locked bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Feedback closes at 11.59pm Sunday 2 March 2025.

Scan to view Proposed Locations and Have Your Say

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For more Information
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* An individual flyer was created for each location.

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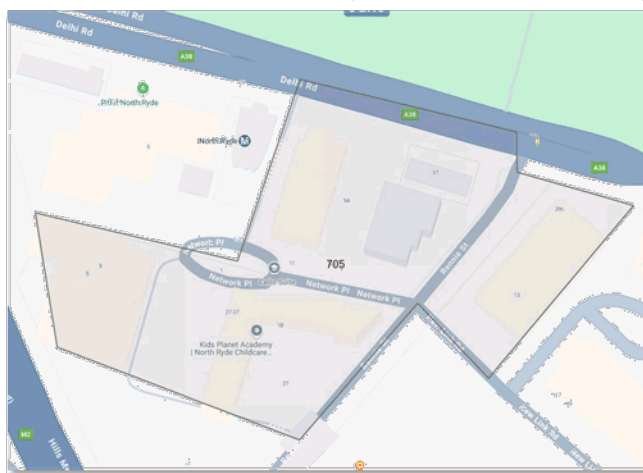


FLYER DISTRIBUTION AREA

Location 1: 29-31 Porter Street, Ryde



Location 2: Network Place (Corner of Rennie Street), North Ryde



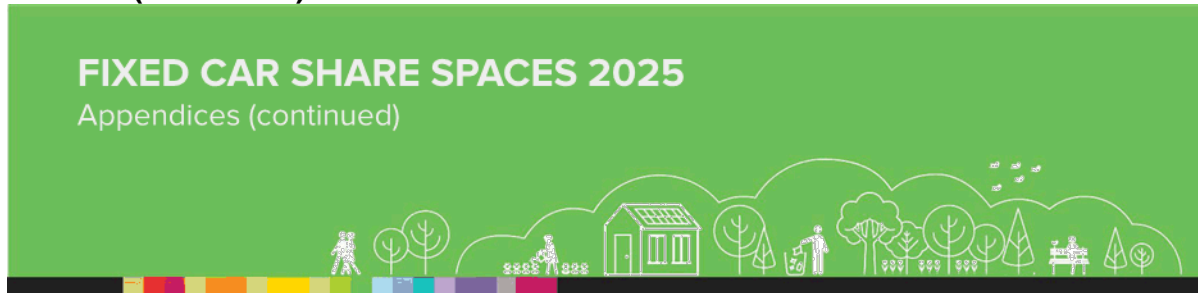
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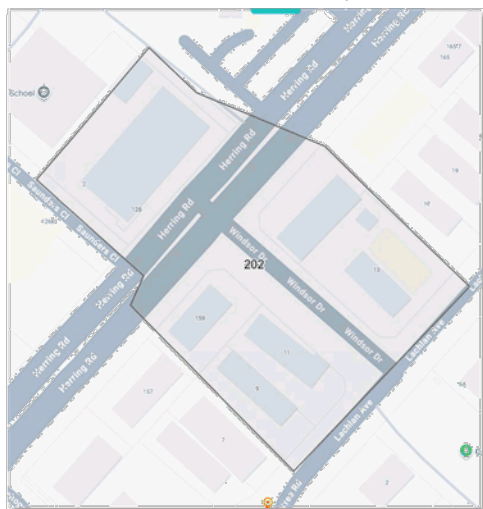
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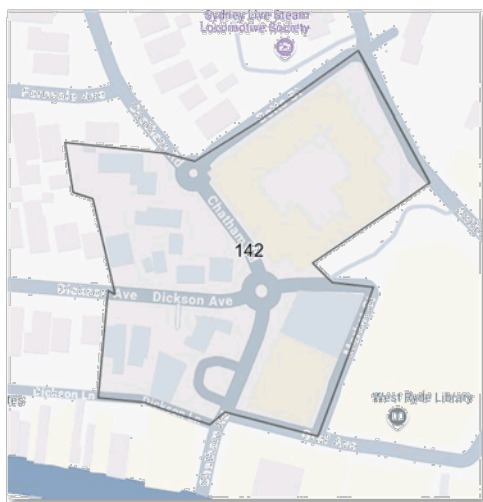


FLYER DISTRIBUTION AREA (continued)

Location 3: Windsor Drive (Corner of Herring Road), Macquarie Park



Location 4: Dickson Avenue near Chatham Rd, West Ryde



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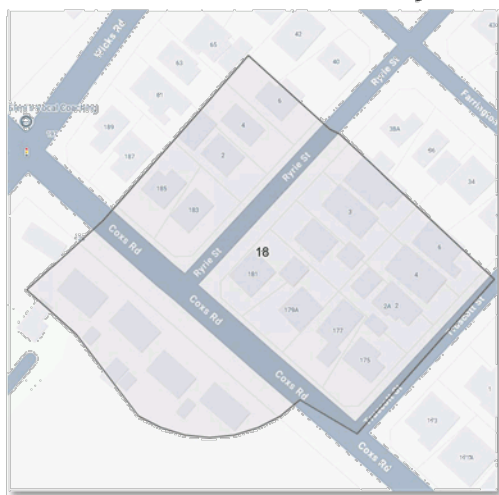


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Location 5: John Wilson Car Park, Pittwater Rd, Gladesville



Location 6: 181 Coxs Rd, North Ryde



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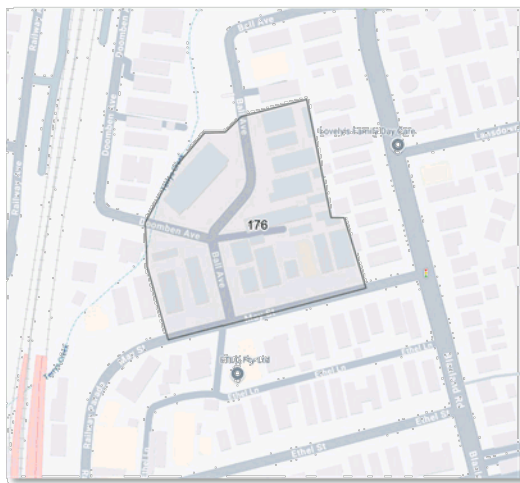
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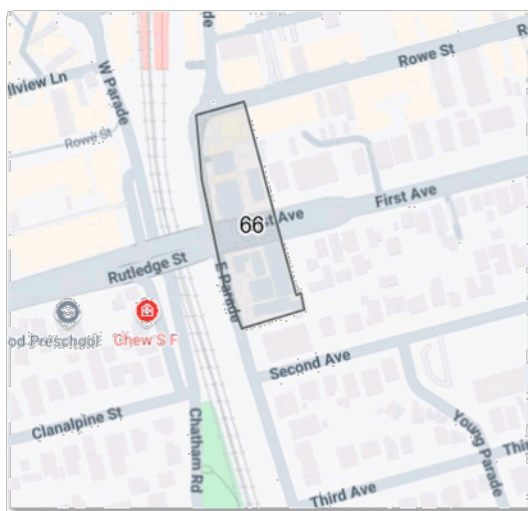


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Location 7: 1 Ball Avenue, Eastwood



Location 8: Opposite 10 East Parade, Eastwood



*An individual flyer was created for each location

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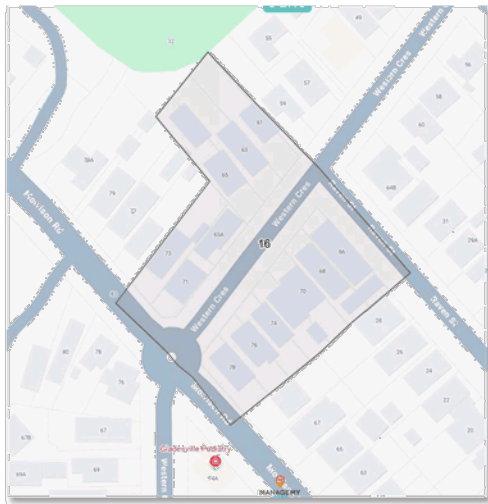
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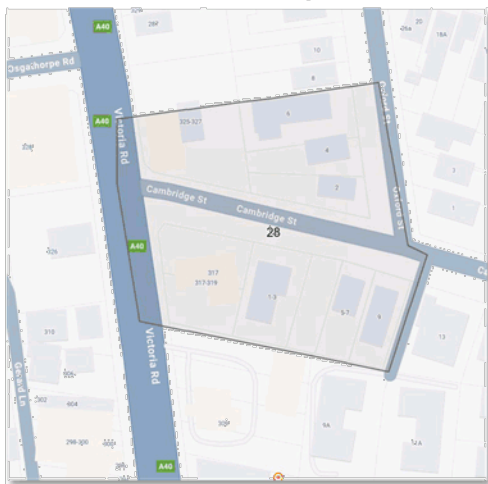


FLYER DISTRIBUTION AREA (continued)

Location 9: 74 Western Crescent, Gladesville



Location 10: 3 Cambridge Street, Gladesville



*An individual flyer was created for each location

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**FLYER DISTRIBUTION AREA (continued)**

Location 11: 14-16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood



*An individual flyer was created for each location

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SIGN

FIXED CAR SHARE SPACES 2025

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THE WEEKLY TIMES (TWT) - HAVE YOUR SAY LISTING

HAVE YOUR SAY

Your views and suggestions are important in shaping the City of Ryde's future. We invite you to have your say on initiatives, plans and proposals that are open for community feedback, including:

- Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2025 (Closes 12 March)
- Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025 (Extended – Closes 16 March)
- Urban Heat Survey 2024 – 2025 (Closes 16 March)
- Boronia Lane, Denistone East – Proposed One-Way for Part of Laneway (Closes 19 March)
- Waste, Recycling and the Circular Economy (Extended – Closes 23 March)
- Seniors Survey (Closes 30 March)
- Draft Macquarie Park Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2025 (Closes 30 March)
- Men's Health and Wellbeing Survey (Closes 30 March)

Want to find out more?

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YOUR CITY NEWS E-NEWSLETTER

Have Your Say

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CONSTITUTION ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE (CLOSES 05 MAR)

DRAFT FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN 2025 (CLOSES 12 MAR)

FIXED CAR SHARE SPACES 2025 (CLOSES 16 MAR)

URBAN HEAT SURVEY (CLOSES 16 MAR)

BORONIA LANE, DENISTONE EAST - PROPOSED PARTIAL ONE-WAY (CLOSES 19 MAR)

WASTE, RECYCLING AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY (CLOSES 23 MAR)

DRAFT MACQUARIE PARK SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN (CLOSES 30 MAR)

SENIORS SURVEY (CLOSES 30 MAR)

MEN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING SURVEY (CLOSES 30 MAR)

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ON EXHIBITION

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SMARTER, CLEANER, GREENER E-NEWSLETTER

Have Your Say



Proposed Fixed Car Share Spaces

You're invited to have your say on the newly proposed 11 Fixed Car Share Spaces across the City of Ryde. We invite you to provide feedback on the proposed fixed car share spaces to help inform our decision-making process.



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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY FLYER

 **City of Ryde**

Have Your Say





Have Your Say on the future of our community!

Your feedback is important in shaping the future of the City of Ryde.

We invite our community to share their views and suggestions on a variety of plans, proposals and initiatives that may affect your daily life. Community feedback plays an important role in decisions made by Council. So, if you live, work, or play in the City of Ryde, we want to hear from you!

Please visit our Have Your Say page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay or scan the QR code below to see which projects are open for feedback. Be sure to check the Have Your Say page often to view any new consultations.

We are currently inviting your feedback on the following:

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19 BUENA VISTA AVENUE - WASTE COLLECTION CONCERNS AND ENGAGEMENT

Report prepared by: Team Leader Waste

File No.: BIS/20/191/7 - BP25/379

REPORT SUMMARY

On 30 April 2025, Council Resolved to install No Parking and No Stopping signage to ensure safe and efficient waste collection at Buena Vista Avenue, Denistone. The Resolution included nine (9) parts and detailed further action to be taken and reported back to Council.

Following the Council meeting, Council staff have worked towards meeting the actions set out in the Resolution.

In response to Resolution part (B), the Mayor, Councillors, and residents of Buena Vista Avenue Denistone were invited to a Community Session on Tuesday 6 May 2025 to discuss waste collection concerns. The meeting minutes have been included as **ATTACHMENT 1**.

As of 13 May 2025, appropriate signage has been installed in accordance with the Resolution (parts G, H, I). On 14 May 2025, regular waste collection services occurred at Buena Vista Avenue, Denistone without issue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the contents of this report and its attachments.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** Buena Vista Avenue Community Session Minutes - 6 May 2025
- 2** Urgent CEO Correspondence - Buena Vista Avenue - 7 May 2025

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Senior Coordinator - Resource Recovery

Ian Garland
Manager - Circular Economy

Michael Galderisi
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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Discussion

Action Taken

Following the Council meeting (30 April 2025), various actions have taken place to ensure safe and efficient waste collection. This is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Action undertaken between 30 April and 14 May 2025 regarding Buena Vista Ave

Date	Action
3 May 2025	Letters hand distributed to residents inviting them to participate in a Community Session. Councillors also invited.
6 May 2025	Community Session held at Council Chambers meeting room. The Mayor and Councillors were invited to attend.
7 May 2025	Unsuccessful waste collection due to parked cars
7 May 2025	Letter from the CEO emailed to all residents that have provided their email to Council. Councillors were also included in the correspondence that advised residents of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste collection issues • Update on Council resolution • Summary of points raised in Community Session Please see ATTACHMENT 2 .
8 May 2025	Waste collected.
8 May 2025	Installation of signage commenced.
13 May 2025	Signage installation completed.
14 May 2025	Waste successfully collected in a safe and efficient manner with residents complying with installed signage.
19 May 2025	Pruning works completed.

Council Resolution and Response

On 30 April 2025, Council unanimously resolved that Council undertake actions detailed in the Table 2. A short summary of actions taken in relation to each Resolution is provided.

Table 2: Updates in relation to Council Resolution for Buena Vista Ave

Council Resolution	Council's Response
a) That Council acknowledge and validate the concerns of these residents by providing a detailed report on the number of residents and	Council acknowledges the concerns raised by residents of Buena Vista Avenue Denistone. These concerns are reflected in the

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Council Resolution	Council's Response
properties that were in attendance at all the Council and residents meetings.	minutes as per ATTACHMENT 1 following a further Community Session in relation to this matter on Tuesday 6 May 2025.
b) That Council request staff to promptly arrange a follow-up meeting with the affected residents within one week of this Council meeting, with Councillors invited to attend, to ensure open dialogue and collaboration.	All properties along Buena Vista Avenue were hand delivered a letter with session information on 3 May 2025. Staff conducted a Community Session on Tuesday 6 May 2025. Minutes relating to the meeting have been provided as ATTACHMENT 1 .
c) That Council request that Council undertake necessary pruning and maintenance of overgrown trees along Buena Vista Avenue to improve accessibility and facilitate safer waste collection vehicle movement along the entire street.	Pruning has been undertaken on Monday 19 May 2025 to assist in waste collection.
d) That Council request that the outcomes of the residents meeting – including any agreements, proposed solutions, or outstanding concerns – be formally reported back to the next Council meeting to ensure full transparency and accountability.	This report has been prepared in response and as summary of action taken in accordance with the Council Resolution.
e) That Council approve the undertaking of further minor works to create and amalgamate dedicated bin presentation areas ('bin bays') along Buena Vista Avenue to enable safer and more efficient waste collection, funded by the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.	Council staff are working towards erecting and amalgamating bins. The bin amalgamation will be an interim solution and will be in consideration of the future road widening. Currently, bins will continue to be collected if placed along the vegetated median in spaces that aren't directly opposite permitted parking, pending no obstructions which may impact collection safety.
f) That Council request staff to report back to Council with a design QS and funding pathway for the recommended road widening works proposed for Buena Vista Avenue within 3 months,	Council staff are actively undertaking works and investigations regarding pathways with findings proposed to be tabled on 22 July 2025.

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Council Resolution	Council's Response
with the proposal of removal of signage once works are complete.	
g) That Council approve the installation of "NO STOPPING" zone on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue at the property frontages of 14 and 19-23 as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H) (entrance/exit to loop road), funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.	Signs were installed on 13 May 2025 in accordance with the Council Resolution and Ryde Traffic Committee endorsement.
h) That Council approve the installation of "NO STOPPING" zone on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue at the property frontages 47-51 (hairpin bend) as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H), funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.	Signs were installed on 13 May 2025 in accordance with the Council Resolution and Ryde Traffic Committee endorsement.
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Community Session

On Tuesday 6 May 2025, the Mayor, Councillors, and residents of Buena Vista Avenue Denistone were invited to a Community Session to discuss waste collection concerns.

The session was held between 7 PM to 8 PM at Council Chambers Meeting Room (1 Pope Street, Ryde). The meeting was limited to one (1) attendee per property and was attended by twelve (12) residents and seven (7) Councillors.

Minutes with resident details redacted has been provided as per **ATTACHMENT 1**.

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A summation of the minutes is reflected in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Summation of general concerns from Community Session for Buena Vista Ave

Community Session Concerns	Council Response
Directional road painting	Directional road markings were made on 13 May 2025.
Clarification on parking restrictions	<p>The installed No Parking and No Stopping signage is as per the Council Resolution (30 April 2025) and Ryde Traffic Committee endorsement (27 June 2024).</p> <p>No Parking signage during waste collection hours 5AM – 11AM is standard waste collection hours and in accordance with existing signage used across Ryde.</p>
Bin bay locations	<p>Council is undertaking further minor works to install bin bays to formalise bin amalgamation. Current investigations must determine which style of bin bay is most appropriate considering the existing landscape and vegetation.</p> <p>However, until bin bays are erected, bins may be placed in No Parking zones along the vegetated median for collection. Bins must not be placed directly opposite permitted parking zones.</p>
Re-instating No Stopping signage along the inner loop/vegetated median	Signage has been installed in accordance with the Council Resolution (30 April 2025) and Ryde Traffic Committee endorsement (27 June 2024).
Road widening	Council staff are actively undertaking works and investigations regarding pathways with findings proposed to be tabled on 22 July 2025.

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Engagement Undertaken

Prior to the Council meeting 30 April 2025 and Community Session held on 6 May 2025, residents were engaged under two (2) stages of Have Your Say.

During both stages, the following engagement occurred:

- Two hundred and six (206) letters delivered
- Eighteen (18) attendees were present at an onsite demonstration and consultation session.
 - 13 households were represented
- Thirty (32) community feedback submissions.

Frequently asked questions that were developed during the consultation process for Buena Vista Ave, can continue to be viewed on the Have Your Say webpage at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HYS/BuenaVista.

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Community Session Minutes
Buena Vista Avenue
Parking Changes During Waste Collection

Meeting Date: Tuesday 6 May 2025
Location: Council Chambers Meeting Room,
Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 7.00pm

Meeting hosted by **Community Engagement**, City of Ryde.

Councillors present: Mayor – Cllr Trenton Brown, Cllr Keanu Arya, Cllr Daniel Han, Cllr Lyndal Howison, Cllr Tina Kordrostami, Cllr Cameron Last, and Cllr Kathy Tracey.

Residents present:

1		39 Buena Vista Ave
2		22 Buena Vista Ave
3		14 Buena Vista Ave
4		49 Buena Vista Ave
5		30 Buena Vista Ave
6		26 Buena vista Ave
7		43 Buena Vista Ave
8		47 Buena Vista Ave
9		45 Buena Vista Ave
10		24 Buena Vista Ave
11		37 Buena Vista Ave
12		23 Buena Vista Ave

1. Introduction and Meeting Protocols

2. Community Engagement Recap

- Timeline of previous Community Engagement for Buena Vista Ave outlined, including the two stages of Have Your Say, and outcomes of Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting and Council Meeting.

3. Council Resolution

- Key facts:
 - Contractor has made safety declaration.
 - Council is obligated to minimise risk and reasonably address the concerns of collection contractor.
 - In accordance with Heavy Vehicle National Legislation, Council, through employment of the waste collection contractor, is accountable for safety of the heavy vehicles, its driver, and its load throughout the journey.
- Identified each point of the Council Resolution from the Extraordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 30 April 2025.
- Showed map of parking restrictions as shown in the resolution

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Buena Vista Avenue
Parking Changes During Waste Collection

4. Discussion

- Meeting opened for discussion to listen to feedback and questions from residents.
- During the discussion, the following were key items, suggestions and concerns raised:
 - Clarification of parking restrictions endorsed by Council.
 - How locations for retention of parking were determined.
 - Further information on consolidation of bin bays.
 - Support for re-instating 'No Stopping' signage inside the loop.
 - Changes to safety legislation; ensuring actions respond to this.
 - Change to size of waste trucks.
 - Suggested locations for pruning vegetation.
 - Timing of parking restrictions.
 - Parking restriction impacts - tradespeople, Meals on Wheels, Carers and overnight parking.
 - Challenges of topography and direction of Avenue.
 - Investigation of alterations to hairpins and road widening.
 - Request to paint directional arrows on road.
 - Residents collectively working towards resolving issues.
- During the discussion, the following were general questions asked:
 - How does the statutory 'No Stopping' assist with waste truck access and improve safety?
 - How many signs would be installed?
 - Could you provide insights on the bin bay proposal and how it addresses the situation? What are the locations?
 - For the narrow sections, can Council partially widen the road or prune the obstructing vegetation?
 - Why can't a smaller truck be used?
 - Can residents have an opportunity to fix this issue prior to installing the signs?
 - Who is ultimately responsible for determining safety – Council or Contractor
 - Why can't the waste collection window be smaller and start later to limit the parking restriction times?
 - How have the locations of the unrestricted parking spaces been determined?
 - What is the long-term solution?

Meeting formally closed at 8.12pm.

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Resident
Buena Vista Avenue
Denistone NSW 2114

7 May 2025

Our Ref: D25/64829

Dear Resident,

URGENT WASTE COLLECTION NOTICE

On Wednesday 7 May 2025, Council's Waste Collection contractor attempted to collect bins at Buena Vista Ave, Denistone but were unable to due to parked cars obstructing safe access (see photos below – taken this morning during attempted collection). The Contractor advised Council that parked cars increase the risk of damage to property and more importantly increases risk to drivers, residents, and pedestrians.

COUNCIL'S WASTE CONTRACTOR WILL RE-ATTEMPT TO COLLECT BINS ON THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025 AFTER 9AM IF DEEMED SAFE AND THERE ARE NO PARKED CARS ON THE STREET.

PLEASE DON'T PARK ON THE STREET UNTIL ALL BINS HAVE BEEN EMPTIED, IF THE COLLECTION ABOVE GOES AHEAD.



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Community Session Outcomes Buena Vista Avenue – Parking Changes During Waste Collection

On Tuesday 6 May 2025, the Mayor, Councillors, and residents participated in a Community Session to discuss parking changes resolved by Council at its Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 30 April 2025. **A short summary of the Community Session is found on page 5.**

Waste Collection

To ensure continued servicing and achieve safe waste collection arrangements at Buena Vista Avenue, **Council will install “NO PARKING 5AM-11AM WEDNESDAY, WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED” and “NO STOPPING” in approved areas during week commencing 12 May 2025.**

The installation of signage is an immediate temporary mitigation measure required by Council’s Waste Collection contractor to ensure the provision of essential waste services. The proposed location and signage placement has been Resolved by:

- Council at its Extraordinary Meeting on 30 April 2025
- Ryde Traffic Committee on 27 June 2024.

The location of parking restrictions considered community feedback, waste collection contractor’s safety assessment, and the amalgamation of bins to maintain on-street parking in locations considered safe. The on-street parking zones will come into effect once all signs have been installed, and bin bays have been erected. The seven (7) on-street parking zones are detailed green, as per Figure 1 below.

Council is obligated to respond to work health and safety concerns (under NSW Legislation) raised by its contractors and must ensure safe working environments by reasonably mitigating risk. Additionally, Council must abide by Heavy Vehicle National Legislation to ensure work is conducted in a safe and efficient manner.

Road Widening

Through the Council Resolution (30 April 2025), Council has committed to continue investigating pathways to fund the proposed works to widen the road at Buena Vista, Avenue. Currently, concepts of proposed works are estimated to cost approximately \$1.65 million. To assist, Council is also exploring staged funding. However, road widening works are contingent on appropriate and available funding, research and design, and existing scheduled works.

If successfully widened in accordance with service requirements, Council will undertake a review of signage for removal.

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Council Resolution

The Resolution moved by Councillors Deshpande and Han, and unanimously Resolved, is as below and includes a response for relevant matters.

Council Resolution	Council's Response
a) That Council acknowledge and validate the concerns of these residents by providing a detailed report on the number of residents and properties that were in attendance at all the Council and residents meetings.	Council staff will prepare a report proposed to be tabled on 27 May 2025.
b) That Council request staff to promptly arrange a follow-up meeting with the affected residents within one week of this Council meeting, with Councillors invited to attend, to ensure open dialogue and collaboration.	Council staff conducted a Community Session on Tuesday 6 May 2025. Notes provided on page 5.
c) That Council request that Council undertake necessary pruning and maintenance of overgrown trees along Buena Vista Avenue to improve accessibility and facilitate safer waste collection vehicle movement along the entire street.	Council staff have scheduled pruning to occur on week commencing 12 May 2025.
d) That Council request that the outcomes of the residents meeting – including any agreements, proposed solutions, or outstanding concerns – be formally reported back to the next Council meeting to ensure full transparency and accountability.	As per Resolution (a), Council staff will prepare report proposed to be tabled on 27 May 2025.
e) That Council approve the undertaking of further minor works to create and amalgamate dedicated bin presentation areas ('bin bays') along Buena Vista Avenue to enable safer and more efficient waste collection, funded by the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.	Following pruning and signage installation, Council staff will organise the amalgamation of bins and creating of 'bin pads/bays'.
f) That Council request staff to report back to Council with a design QS and funding pathway for the recommended road widening works proposed for Buena Vista Avenue within 3 months, with the proposal of removal of signage once works are complete.	Council staff will prepare a report a responding to available funding pathways proposed to be tabled on 22 July 2025.
g) That Council approve the installation "NO STOPPING" zone on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue at the property frontages of 14 and 19-23 as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H) (entrance/exit to loop road), funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.	Council staff have scheduled installation to occur on week commencing 12 May 2025.
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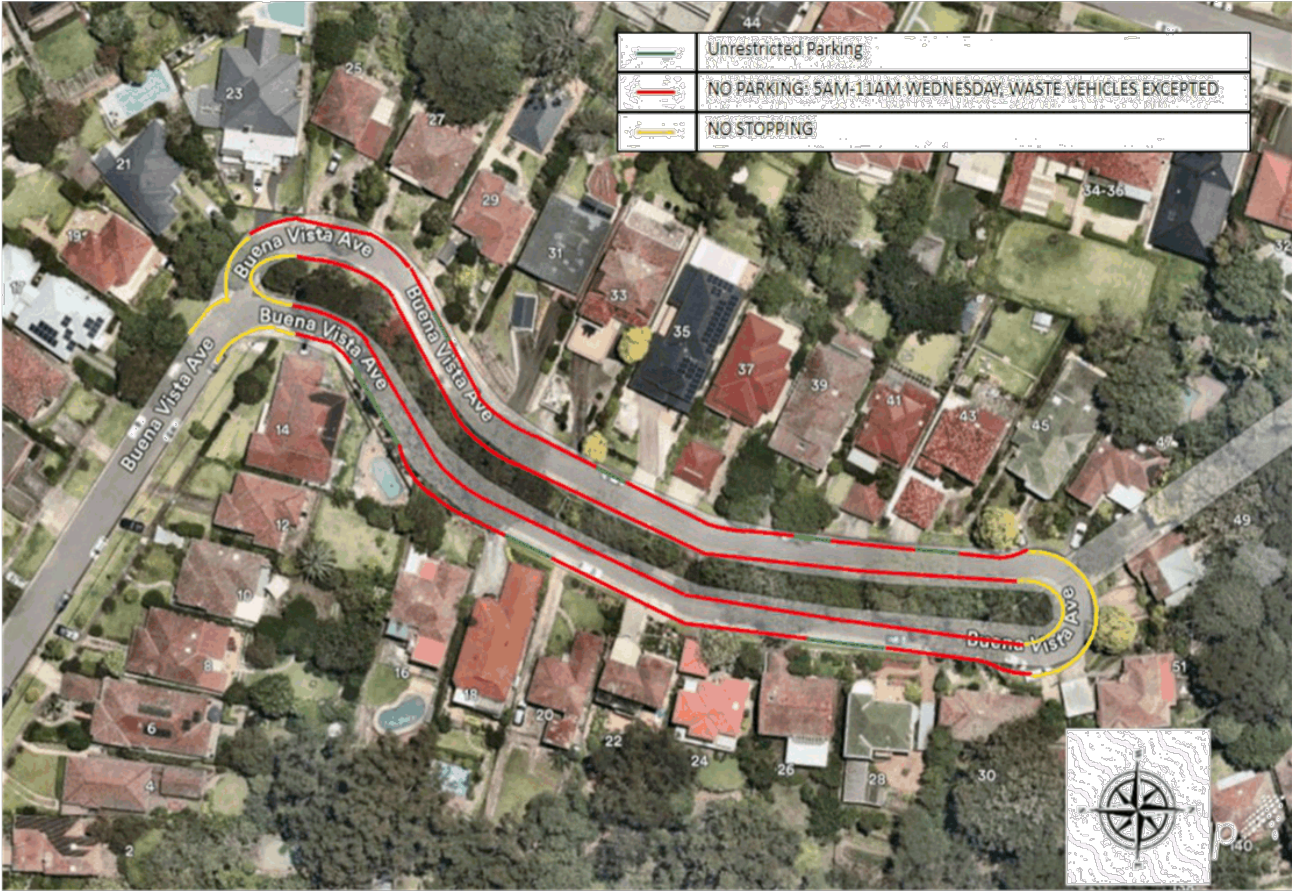


Figure 1: Proposed Signage for Buena Vista Ave, Denistone (Resolved by Council 30 April 2025)

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Community Session – Summary

When Tuesday 6 May 2025
Where Council Chambers – Level 1A, 1 Pope Street
Session 7 pm to 8 pm

There were twelve (12) residents and seven (7) Councillors in attendance. Attendees raised the following items:

- Clarification of parking restrictions endorsed by Council.
- How locations for retention of parking were determined
- Information on consolidation of bin bays
- Re-instating 'No Stopping' signage inside the loop
- Changes to safety legislation; ensuring actions respond to this
- Change to size of waste trucks
- Locations for pruning vegetation
- Timing of parking restrictions
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- Challenges of topography and direction of Avenue
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To access past 'Have Your Say' information, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HYS/BuenaVista

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer



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20 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL 2025

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Traffic Operations
File No.: GRP/25/9 - BP25/246

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on traffic, transport and/or parking improvements deliberated by the Ryde Local Traffic Committee at its meeting on 3 April 2025. The meeting took place at Council's office in North Ryde. Attendees also had the option to join the meeting via MS Teams. The voting members of the Ryde Local Traffic Committee are listed below:

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
City of Ryde Council	Manager Traffic Services or Rep. (Senior Coordinator Traffic Operations)
Transport for New South Wales	Senior Project Officer (Network & Asset Management), Central River City
NSW Police Force	Ryde Police Area Command Sergeant
State Member for Ryde	Jordan Lane MP or Rep.
State Member for Lane Cove	The Hon Anthony Roberts MP or Rep.

The agendas for the April 2025 Ryde Local Traffic Committee (RTC) meeting consisted of Seven (7) traffic and parking proposals. Each proposal has been comprehensively assessed, with the findings (e.g. rationale, consultation/ notification, etc.) documented in a report, which forms the meeting agenda. Please refer to **ATTACHMENT 1** for the meeting agenda. There was unanimous support for all items by the voting members of the Committee.

The draft minutes for the April 2025 RTC meeting can be found in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

(A) MONASH ROAD, GLADESVILLE - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A pedestrian refuge be installed on Monash Road, to the south of College Street at the intersection of College Street/ Eltham Street and Monash Road, Gladesville.
- b) Vehicles over 6m be banned from turning left onto Monash Road from Eltham Street, Gladesville.

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(B) PARKES STREET, WEST RYDE - INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING ZONE

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing 5.4m long NO STOPPING zone be replaced with a NO PARKING STRYDER VEHICLES EXCEPTED zone outside property no. 99 Parkes Street, West Ryde.

(C) RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing 1/2P 8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI 8:30AM-12:30PM SAT parking restriction be changed to 1/2P (at all times) at the frontage of businesses located on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, between Wattle Street and Victoria Road, West Ryde.
- b) The parking bay lines be marked at the parking spaces on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, opposite to the West Ryde train station.

(D) WOLGER ROAD, RYDE - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing NO STOPPING zone on the western side be extended at the property frontages of 30 to 38 Wolger Road, Ryde.
- b) The existing NO STOPPING zone be extended on the eastern side of Wolger Road at the property frontages of 47 to 49A Wolger Road and side frontage of 9 Aeolus Avenue, Ryde.

(E) TERRY ROAD AND BRUSH ROAD, EASTWOOD - LOADING ZONE AND TIMED PARKING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 12.5m long LOADING ZONE 6AM-6PM MON-FRI be installed on Terry Road at the frontage of property no. 64 Terry Road.
- b) The existing BUS ZONE on Terry Road opposite Milton Avenue be extended to 30m (20m approach and 10m departure).
- c) A 26m long 1/2P Parking 8AM-6PM ALL DAYS be installed on Brush Road along the frontage of property no. 64 Terry Road.

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(F) CONVERSION OF ANGAS STREET BRIDGE TO A WALKING AND CYCLING BRIDGE, WEST RYDE

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Repurpose Angas Street bridge in Meadowbank, to accommodate pedestrian and cyclist traffic only (i.e. vehicular traffic will not be permitted to travel across the bridge).
- b) Provide a turnaround facility at the northern and southern ends of Angas Street bridge to enable vehicles to turnaround. These areas will be signposted “NO STOPPING” to assist with the safety of vehicular manoeuvring.

(G) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

- a) The Road Safety report outlining programs and community engagements including child car seat checking program, National Road Safety Week, promoting safety around heavy vehicles, Bus Safety Week, Kids Cycle Safety Program and School Zone Safety Program be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Agenda - Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting - April 2025
- 2 Draft Ryde Traffic Committee Minutes - April 2025

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Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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Ryde Traffic Committee

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are advised of the following meeting:

Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting

Thursday, 3 April 2025

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

MEMBERS

City of Ryde (Chair) Senior Coordinator Traffic Operations (for Mgr. Traffic Services)
Transport for New South Wales..... Senior Project Officer, Central River City
NSW Police ForceRyde Local Area Command
Member for RydeThe Hon. Jordan Lane MP
Member for Lane CoveThe Hon. A Roberts MP

ADVISORS

BuswaysWestern Region

MEETING CONVENOR

Muddasir Ilyas – Senior Coordinator - Traffic Operations
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Ryde Traffic Committee

NOTICE OF BUSINESS

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM(A) - MONASH ROAD, GLADESVILLE - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

ITEM(B) - PARKES STREET, WEST RYDE - INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING ZONE

ITEM(C) - RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

ITEM(D) - WOLGER ROAD, RYDE - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

ITEM(E) - TERRY ROAD AND BRUSH ROAD, EASTWOOD - LOADING ZONE AND TIMED PARKING

ITEM(F) - CONVERSION OF ANGAS STREET BRIDGE TO A WALKING AND CYCLING BRIDGE, WEST RYDE – NOTICE OF MOTION

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

1- VICTORIA ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD INTERSECTION

2- CUTLER PARADE, NORTH RYDE - DISABLED PARKING

3- VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD - EPPING BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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Ryde Traffic Committee

ITEM (A): MONASH ROAD, GLADESVILLE
SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

ELECTORATE: LANE COVE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: S SALEEM

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install a pedestrian refuge on Monash Road, to the south of College Street at the intersection of College Street/ Eltham Street and Monash Road, Gladesville.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

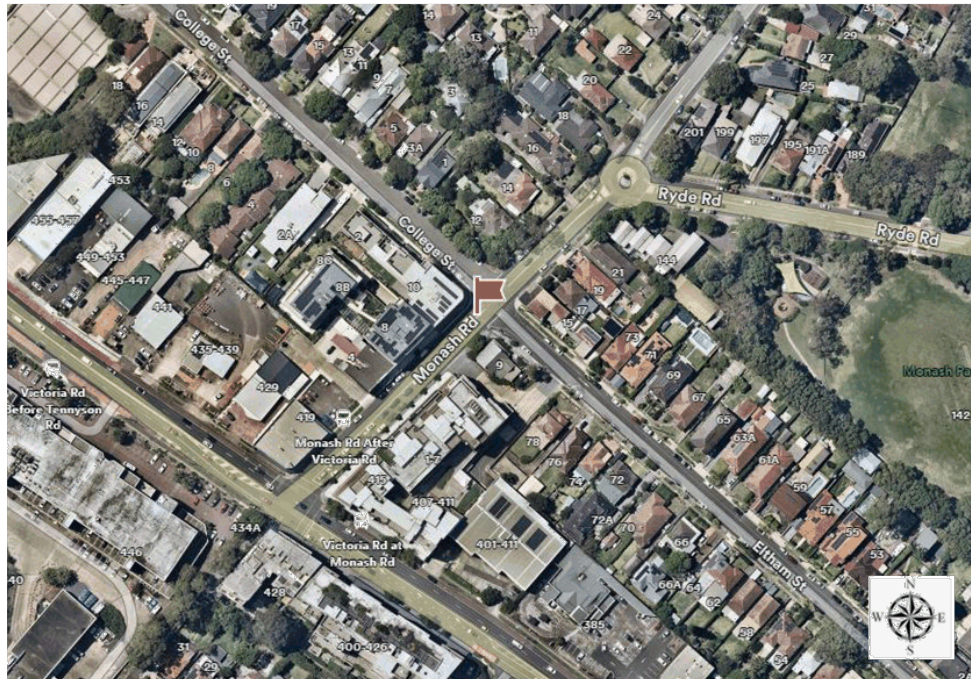


Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

Monash Road between Victoria Road and College Street primarily services a commercial area. Observations have found pedestrians crossing this section of Monash Road without using the signalised crossing at Victoria Road. Based on data from Transport for NSW's *Centre for Road Safety*, there have been two (2) reported pedestrian crashes which resulted in injuries.

In response, Council has identified an opportunity to provide a pedestrian refuge on Monash Road to the south of College Street. This facility will make it safer for pedestrians to cross Monash Road, whilst ensuring no loss of on-street parking. Council submitted this project for funding under Transport for NSW's 2024/25 - 2025/26 Road Safety Program. Council was successful in getting the funding for this project in November 2024. The total funding received for this project is \$250,000.

Please refer to concept design in **Figure 2** showing the proposed pedestrian refuge location.

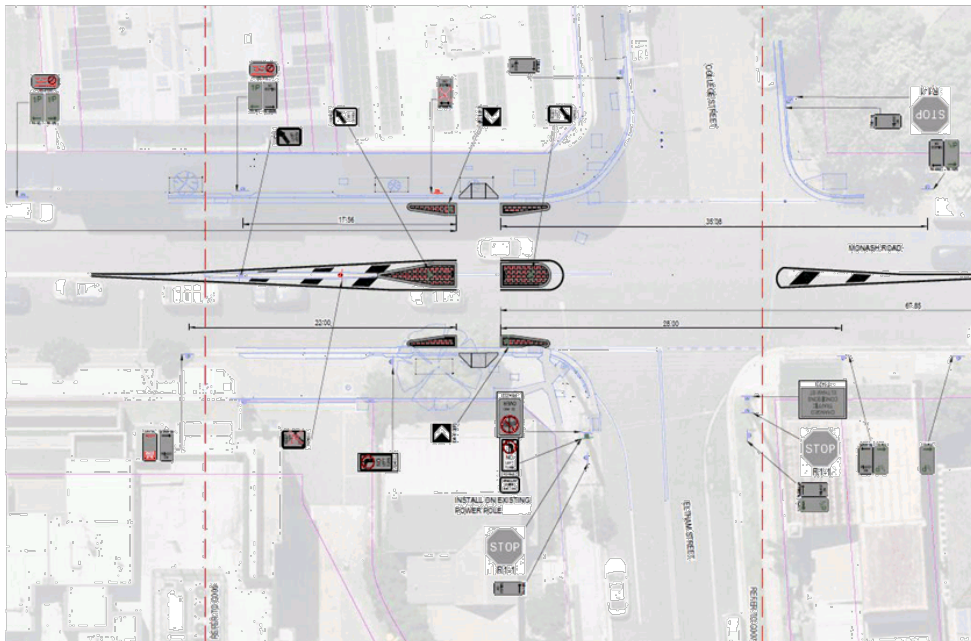


Figure 2: Concept design of a pedestrian refuge on Monash Road, Gladesville

As part of this project, left turn movement from Eltham Street onto Monash Road will be banned for vehicles over 6m to install a compliant pedestrian refuge on Monash Road. **Figure 3** below shows the details of the swept path assessment undertaken to confirm the need for this ban.

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Figure 3: Swept path assessment for a 12.5m long HRV

CONSULTATION

This project does not affect access to abutting developments or results in loss of on-street parking. As such community consultation was not required. However, affected residents will be notified prior to the commencement of any construction activity.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A pedestrian refuge be installed on Monash Road, to the south of College Street at the intersection of College Street/ Eltham Street and Monash Road, Gladesville.
- b) Vehicles over 6m be banned from turning left onto Monash Road from Eltham Street, Gladesville.

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ITEM (B): PARKES STREET, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: S SALEEM

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to replace the existing NO STOPPING zone with a 5.4m long NO PARKING zone at the frontage of property no. 99 Parkes Street, West Ryde.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

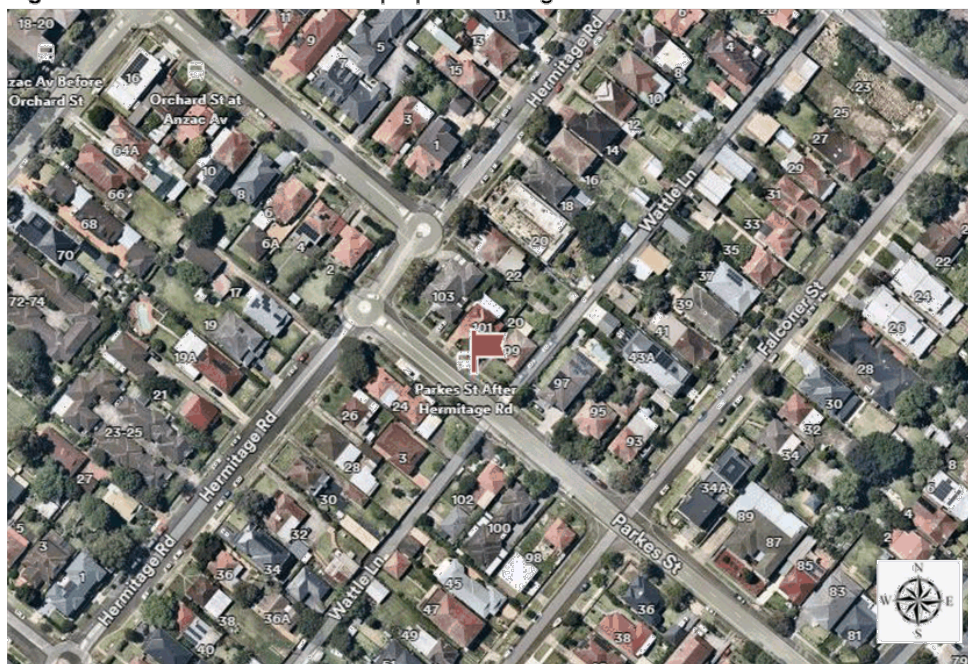


Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

Council has received requests for the provision of a pick-up and drop-off zone near property no. 99 Parkes Street, Ryde. Currently, there is an existing NO STOPPING zone across the frontage of property no. 99 Parkes Street, which is approximately 15m in length.

Council is proposing the existing NO STOPPING zone by 5m to accommodate a 'NO PARKING' zone to cater to pick-up/drop-off activities. Under the Road Rule # 168, a vehicle is permitted to stay within a NO PARKING zone for two (2) minutes (or five (5) minutes with a valid mobility parking permit) to pick-up and drop-off passengers and/or goods. The reduction in length of the NO STOPPING zone is still compliant with the Road Rule # 170 requirement at unsignalised intersections.

Figure 2 shows the proposed changes.



Figure 2: Proposed No Parking zone at 99 Parkes Street, West Ryde

CONSULTATION

The resident at 99 Parkes Street has been notified regarding the proposed parking changes as shown in Figure 3 below, allowing for at least 10 business days (5 March 2025 to 16 March 2025) for feedback. The resident was in support of the proposed changes.

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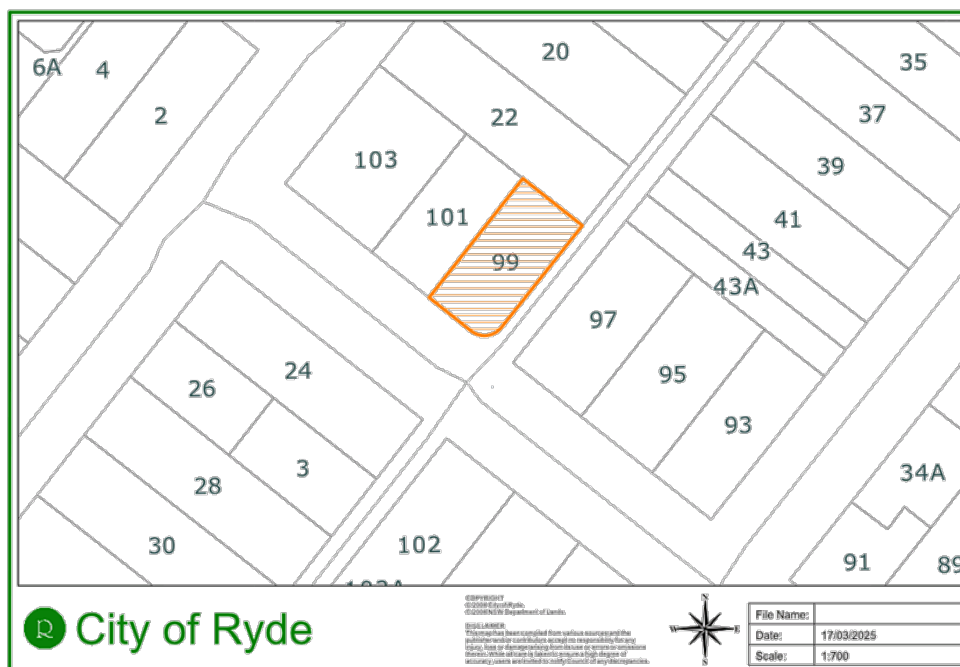


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing 5.4m long NO STOPPING zone be replaced with a NO PARKING STRYDER VEHICLES EXCEPTED zone outside property no. 99 Parkes Street, West Ryde.

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ITEM (C): RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT: PARKING CHANGES

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: S ALI

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to:

- a) Change the 1/2P 8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI 8:30AM-12:30PM SAT parking restriction to 1/2P (at all times) at the frontage of businesses located on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, between Wattle Street and Victoria Road, West Ryde.
- b) Install the parking bay lines at the parking spaces on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, opposite to the West Ryde train station.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.



Figure 1: Location Map

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Ryde Traffic Committee

DISCUSSION

At the meeting held on 27 August 2024, Council resolved:

- a) *Organise lines for car parking to provide drivers with clear guidance on the spots for parking opposite the train station on Ryedale Road.*
- b) *Work with the Traffic Committee to come back with a report within three months on the feasibility of restricting parking to 30 minutes all day rather than the current limit of 30 minutes which only applies to the hours of 8:30am to 3:30pm.*

In response to the above resolution, staff investigated the parking situation on Ryedale Road during different periods of the day. There was a lack of parking spots available along Ryedale Road on weeknights and weekends based on staff's observations. In order to increase parking opportunities in that area, it is proposed that the existing parking restrictions (1/2P 8:30AM – 6:00PM MON–FRI, 8:30AM – 12:30PM SAT) are changed to 1/2P at all times. This change would apply to parking spaces in front of businesses on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, between Wattle Street and Victoria Road, West Ryde.

In addition, Council is also proposing to install parking bay lines at the parking spaces on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, opposite to the West Ryde train station. This measure is expected to assist with drivers accessing and vacating a parking space.

Figure 2 shows the proposed changes.



Figure 2: Proposed changes on Ryedale Road, West Ryde.

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CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected businesses as shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing at least 10 business days for feedback. The consultation period was between 5 March 2025 to 20 March 2025. Council received no objection regarding the proposal.

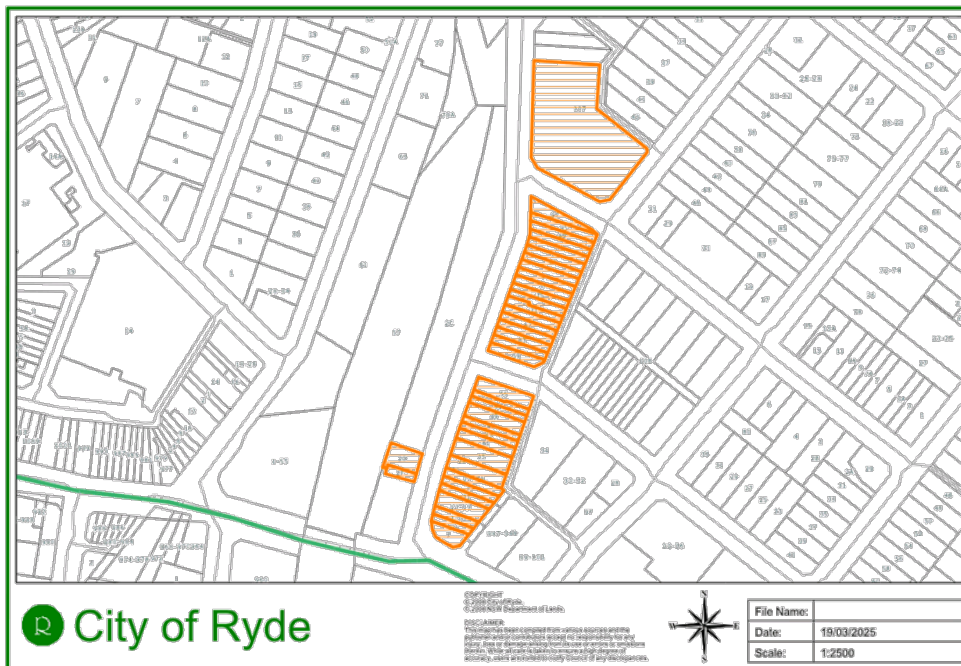


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- The existing 1/2P 8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI 8:30AM-12:30PM SAT parking restriction be changed to 1/2P (at all times) at the frontage of businesses located on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, between Wattle Street and Victoria Road, West Ryde.
- The parking bay lines be marked at the parking spaces on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, opposite to the West Ryde train station.

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ITEM (D): WOLGER ROAD, RYDE
SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: S ALI

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to:

- a) Extend the existing NO STOPPING zone on the western side at the property frontages of 30 to 38 Wolger Road, Ryde.
- b) Extend the existing NO STOPPING zone on eastern side of Wolger Road at the property frontages of 47 to 49A Wolger Road and side frontage of 9 Aeolus Avenue, Ryde.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

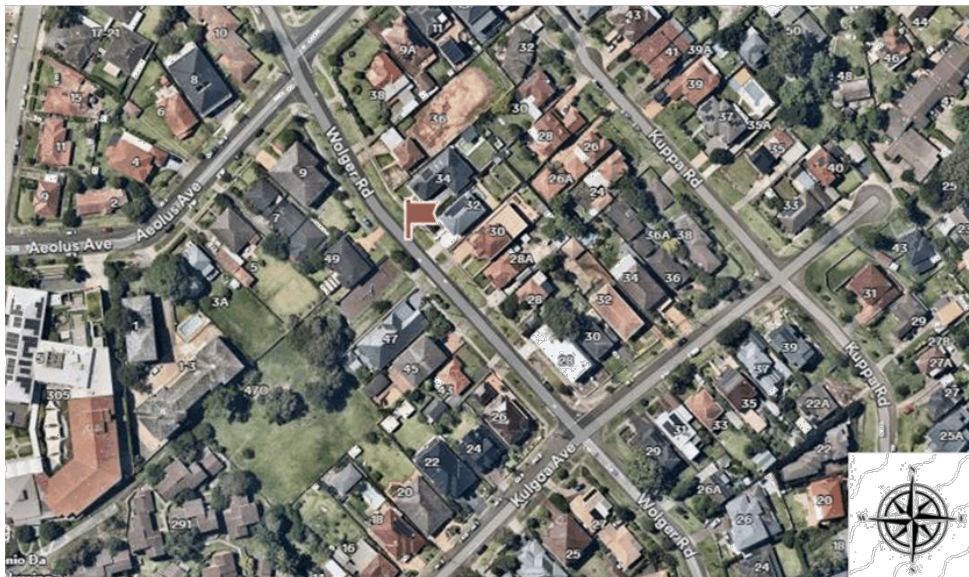


Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

Council has received representation from residents concerning property access, traffic efficiency and obstructed sightlines for vehicles travelling on Wolger Road. Council is therefore proposing to extend the existing NO STOPPING zones on both sides of Wolger Road at the property frontages of 30 to 38 and 47 to 49A Wolger Road, Ryde.

Figure 2 shows the proposed changes.

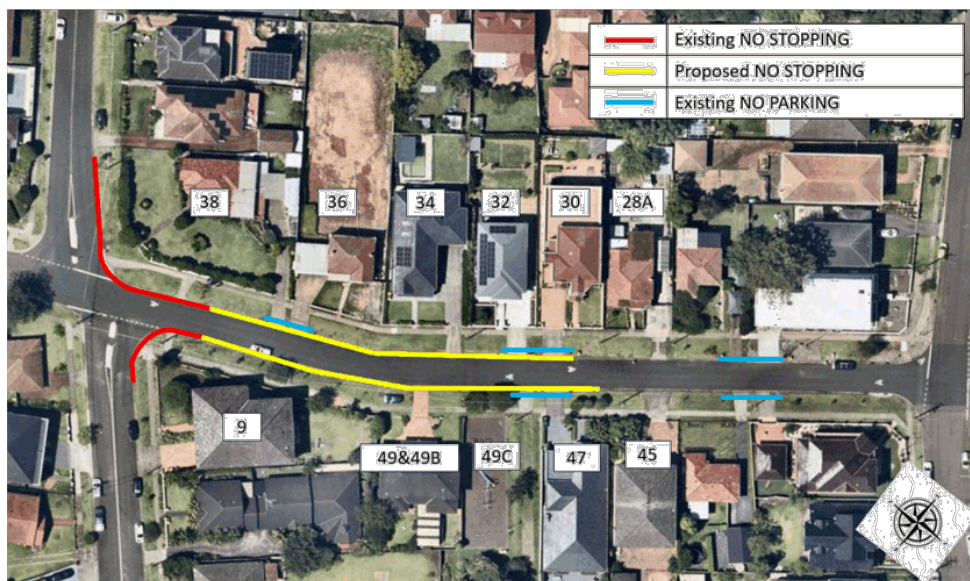


Figure 2: Proposed changes on Wolger Road, Ryde

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing for at least 10 business days for feedback. The consultation period was between 6 March 2025 to 16 March 2025. Council received no objections regarding the proposal.

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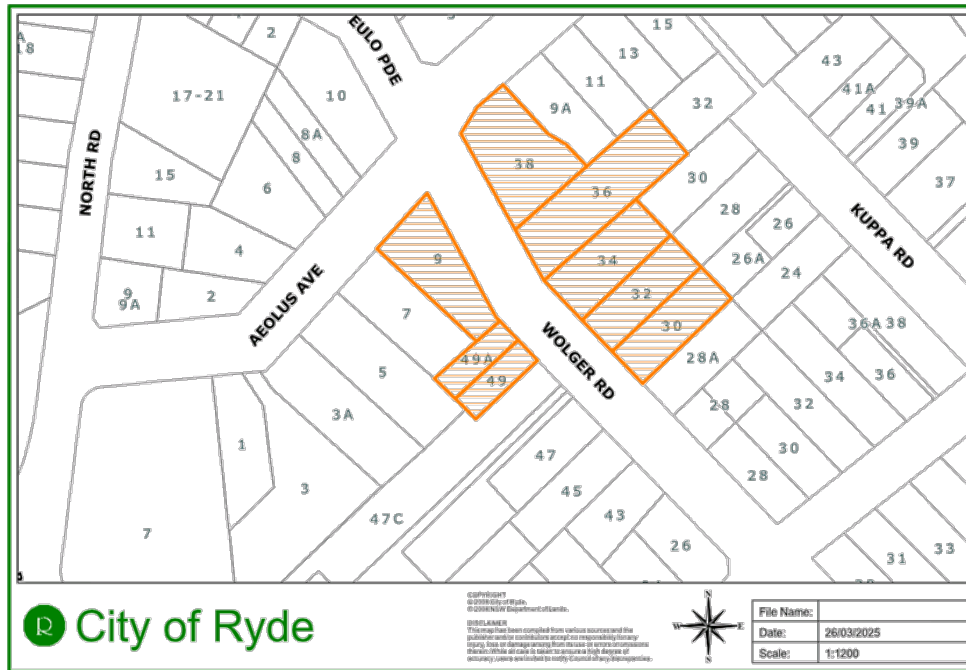


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- The existing NO STOPPING zone on the western side be extended at the property frontages of 30 to 38 Wolger Road, Ryde.
- The existing NO STOPPING zone be extended on the eastern side of Wolger Road at the property frontages of 47 to 49A Wolger Road and side frontage of 9 Aeolus Avenue, Ryde.

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ITEM (E): TERRY ROAD AND BRUSH ROAD, EASTWOOD
SUBJECT: LOADING ZONE AND TIMED PARKING

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

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install:

- a) A 12.5m long LOADING ZONE 6AM-6PM MON-FRI on Terry Road at the frontage of property no. 64 Terry Road.
- b) The existing BUS ZONE on Terry Road opposite Milton Avenue be extended to 30m (20m approach and 10m departure).
- c) A 26m zone of 1/2P Parking 8AM-6PM ALL DAYS be installed on Brush Road along the frontage of No.64 Terry Road.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

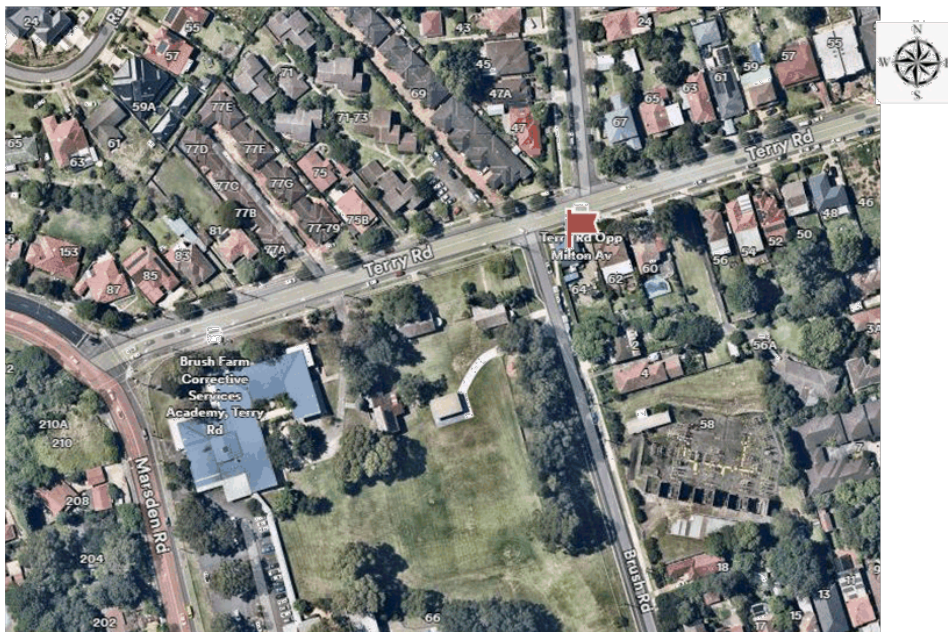


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DISCUSSION

The property at 64 Terry Road is an isolated retail outlet in a residential area. This location has been experiencing issues with loading arrangements and access for customers.

The provision of a new LOADING ZONE and alterations to the existing BUS ZONE on Terry Road are expected to assist with pick-up/drop-off activities in the area. Currently parking in the area restricts bus access and results in the bus tailing into the travel lane, disrupting traffic flow and impeding passenger access.

The timed parking (4 spaces) proposed on Brush Road, adjacent to the retail use is intended to provide more parking opportunities for customers of the adjoining business.

Figure 2 shows the proposed changes.



Figure 2: Proposed parking changes - Terry Road and Brush Road, Eastwood

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing for at least 10 business days for feedback. The consultation period was between 7-16 March. Council only received one (1) submission, which was generally in support of

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the proposal but requesting for a minor adjustment to the parking restrictions to 30minutes, to better support general use by customers.

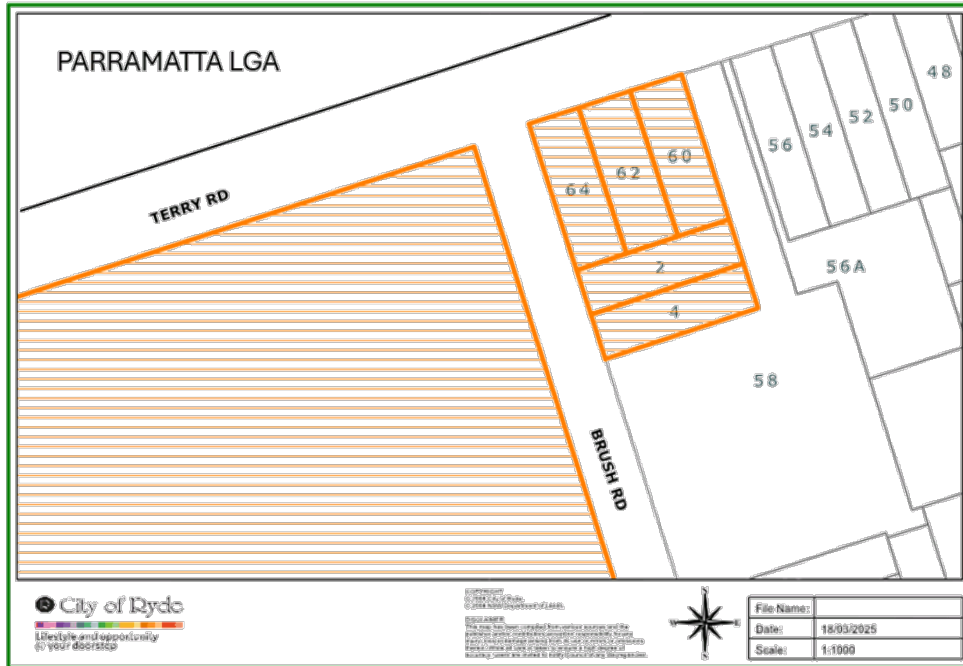


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- A 12.5m long LOADING ZONE 6AM-6PM MON-FRI be installed on Terry Road at the frontage of property no. 64 Terry Road.
- The existing BUS ZONE on Terry Road opposite Milton Avenue be extended to 30m (20m approach and 10m departure).
- A 26m long 1/2P Parking 8AM-6PM ALL DAYS be installed on Brush Road along the frontage of property no. 64 Terry Road.

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ITEM(F): CONVERSION OF ANGAS STREET BRIDGE TO A WALKING AND CYCLING BRIDGE

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: D LEE

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:

- 1) Repurpose Angas Street bridge in Meadowbank, to accommodate pedestrian and cyclist traffic only (i.e. vehicular traffic will not be permitted to travel across the bridge).
- 2) Provide a turnaround facility at the northern and southern ends of Angas Street bridge to enable vehicles to turnaround. These areas will be signposted NO STOPPING to assist with the safety of vehicular manoeuvring.

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Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

Angas Street, between See Street and Underdale Lane, is a local road lined with residential developments, a primary school, a childcare centre, and the Meadowbank Scout Group. It provides access to residential driveways and private apartment parking lots, with restricted on-street parking and a designated 'kiss and ride' zone in front of the primary school. The Angas Street bridge provides connectivity across Constitution Road.

Angas Street bridge is approximately 12m in length and provides a carriageway width of 3m. The width of the bridge is only capable of supporting traffic flow in one direction at a time, under courtesy conditions. The bridge is governed by a signposted speed limit of 10km/h and is restricted for use by vehicles that are 3 tonnes or under.

In recent years, an independent structural assessment was undertaken of the bridge. This study identified that maintaining the bridge in its current state was a high safety risk, with significant renewal and upgrade required to maintain serviceability. Given this assessment, Council explored various options to upgrade and widen the bridge.

Option for replacement with a new bridge supporting both two-way vehicular traffic and pedestrian/cyclist access was considered. The Angas Street bridge project forms part of the broader Stage 2 Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrade works, which is primarily funded by the State Government under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (Round 3). The funding from the grant only supports the 'pedestrianisation' of the bridge (i.e., closing the bridge off to vehicular traffic). Therefore, such upgrade is outside the scope of the funding. Furthermore, it is also estimated that the cost of such upgrade is circa \$7.5M which is cost prohibitive when considering the funding available. Therefore, there is currently no scope or funding available for widening of the bridge.

The refurbishment of the bridge for long-term support of the current operation will continue to retain the existing pedestrian and vehicle conflict. In this regard, there have been several traffic studies undertaken to assess the impact of closing Angas Street bridge to vehicular traffic. These studies concluded that this measure would require traffic to be redirected to other streets such as Bowden Street and See Street. The redistribution of traffic has been assessed to have negligible impact on the operations of the surrounding public road network, as the traffic volumes using Angas Street bridge are low. It is further noted that the upgrade of Constitution Road and Bowden Street involving the provision of traffic lights at this intersection and the future connection of Faraday Lane to Constitution Road is envisaged to result in capacity improvements that will enable the minor redirected traffic that is currently using Angas Street bridge to be absorbed.

The conversion of Angas Street bridge to support walking and cycling trips only contributes to the expansion of the active transport network in Meadowbank, which support safer and more efficient travel for pedestrians and cyclists in particular vulnerable road users such as

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students. This measure is aligned with the objectives specified within the adopted Bicycle Strategy & Action Plan 2022 – 2030 and the Meadowbank/West Ryde Renewal Strategy.

The Angas Street bridge project also involves the provision of a turnaround facility at its northern and southern ends to assist with vehicular manoeuvring at these locations. “NO STOPPING” zones are proposed at these terminating ends to assist with the safety of turnaround movement of vehicles. Figure 2 shows the location of the proposed parking changes.

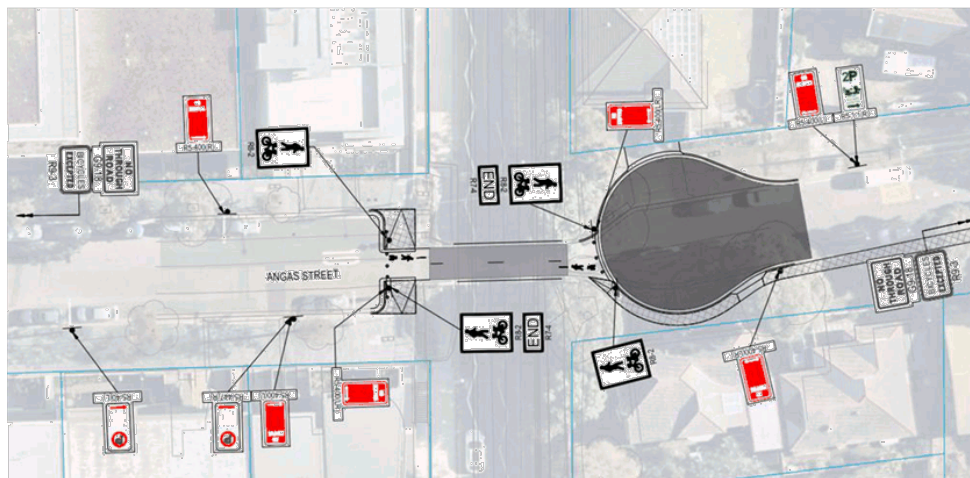


Figure 1 - Proposed Parking Changes

CONSULTATION

Council conducted a comprehensive community consultation process during February and March 2025. The purpose of this consultation was to engage directly with residents and businesses that are impacted by the proposed upgrade works to ensure any impacts are mitigated through the design process. The engagement activities, involving online survey, drop-in sessions, one-on-one meetings and email submissions, were designed to ensure effective communication and engagement with stakeholders to foster positive outcomes for all parties. The engagement plans included necessary processes for the transparent management of all issues identified during the consultation period, which is being used by Council and its technical consultants to inform the final design.

At the conclusion of the community consultation process, there were mixed feedback on the conversion of Angas Street bridge to a walking and cycling bridge only,

Table 1 below summarising the key traffic-related feedback and Council responses to the concerns and suggestions. Notwithstanding, the community has recognised the significant safety benefits of the closure for pedestrians.

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Table 1 - Summary of key feedback

Key feedback, issues, and suggestions	Council response
<p>There was numerous feedback in support of making the Angas Street bridge to be pedestrian and cycle access only, highlighting safety benefits for pedestrians, particularly for children travelling to and from schools. Examples of such feedback are below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>"Having Angas St bridge people and pedals only is a great upgrade. Safe for the huge volume of foot traffic."</i> ▪ <i>"An excellent option as Angas Street is too busy with vehicular traffic especially at school pick up and drop off times."</i> <p>Key concerns included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The impact that restricting vehicle access will have on surrounding residents and people accessing schools and childcare as the road is currently frequently used by vehicles. ▪ Pedestrian access during the construction phase of the project. <p>Key suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Widening the bridge to allow for vehicle access as well as a cycle and pedestrian pathway. ▪ Making the northern part of Angas Street a shared pedestrian zone noting that this is already the case for the southern section of Angas Street. <p>Changing the location of the turning circle or turning head to the southern end of the kiss and ride area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An independent structural assessment was undertaken of the bridge. This study identified that maintaining the bridge in its current state was a high safety risk, with significant renewal and upgrade required to maintain serviceability. ▪ There is currently no scope or funding available for widening of the bridge. ▪ There have been several traffic studies undertaken to assess the impact of closing Angas Street bridge to vehicular traffic. The redistribution of traffic has been assessed to have negligible impact on the operations of the surrounding public road network, as the traffic volumes using Angas Street bridge are low. <p>In view of the above findings, and when considering the existing pedestrian and vehicle conflict that is inherent with the current operations, Council is proposing to prohibit vehicular traffic on Angas Street bridge and convert it into an active travel link exclusively for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>While the suggestion for a shared pedestrian zone is noted, Council will meet this intent by providing an off-road solution, consisting of a continuous and accessible footpath with a width of 2.5m (width of a typical shared user path), where possible.</p> <p>The turning circle will need to be located at the southern end of Angas Street (North) to adequately service all properties. The turnaround areas on both ends of Angas Street bridge will be supplemented by "NO STOPPING" signage enable the safe turnaround movement of vehicles.</p> <p>Council will ensure pedestrian safety (in particular, school-aged children) by implementing safe pedestrian accesses, signage, and traffic controllers (as required).</p>

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FUNDING

The Angas Street bridge project forms part of the broader Stage 2 Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrade works, which is primarily funded by the State Government under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (Round 3).

There is currently no scope or funding available for widening the bridge.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Repurpose Angas Street bridge in Meadowbank, to accommodate pedestrian and cyclist traffic only (i.e. vehicular traffic will not be permitted to travel across the bridge).
- b) Provide a turnaround facility at the northern and southern ends of Angas Street bridge to enable vehicles to turnaround. These areas will be signposted "NO STOPPING" to assist with the safety of vehicular manoeuvring.

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ITEM (G) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE
SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

ELECTORATE: RYDE / LANE COVE
WARD: ALL
OFFICER: L PEARS

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

TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES (TfNSW) FUNDED PROGRAMS

Child Car Seat Check Program

A free Car seat checking day was held on 4 March at Fontenoy Park. 49 car seats were checked and correctly fitted. Parents and grandparents were provided with information and guidance on how to ensure children are correctly secured in their car seats.



Helping Learner Drivers Program

A workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers was held on 5 March with 33 participants. The workshop provides information and

Pedestrian Safety Program

TfNSW's pedestrian safety program which is rolling out new LOOK pavement decals at high-risk or reported pedestrian casualty locations at intersections has been

delayed and Councils are waiting on an update on delivery.

A pedestrian safety presentation was delivered to a falls prevention group at Royal Rehab on 6 March as part of our ongoing program aimed at senior pedestrians.

National Road Safety Week 11-18 May

Council will be supporting National Road Safety Week 2025 with additional messaging and promotion in May, as well as a Road Safety Storytime at Ryde Library. More details will be available closer to the date.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

Community Engagement

Council partnered with Busways on a stall and display for Bus Safety Week on 18 February at the Customer Service foyer at Top Ryde City shopping centre.

Safety Around Heavy Vehicles

Following the success of the Junior Tradies event in the last school holidays, another

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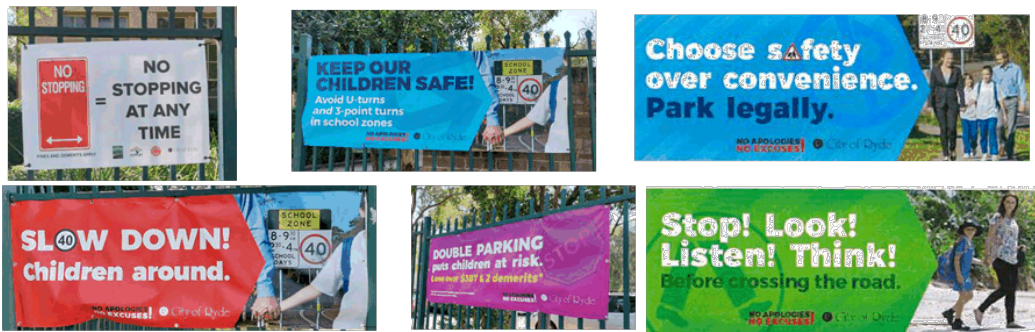
event will be held on 24 April at the Scooter Track in Ryde Park. The event include a talk and display aimed at raising awareness of how to be safe around trucks and buses for both children and parents, while kids can ride miniature construction vehicles and help build a mini house. This event is held in partnership with the Council's Active Recreation team.

Kids Cycle Safety Program

The next cycle program with Bike North will be held on 6 April at Meadowbank Park netball courts. Both the Learn to Ride and Skills Improvement workshops are fully booked.

School Zone Safety Program

New school zone safety resources have been distributed to schools, including fence banners and signs with different road safety messages. Schools were provided an order form and could order signage relevant to issues in their location. Nine schools have so far been provided with the new signage which includes the messages below.



New pavement decals have also been installed around 14 schools at key crossing locations. Additional information to support the STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK message was provided to schools to distribute to parents.



RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- The Road Safety report be received and noted.

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Subject:	RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 April 2025
Venue:	MS Teams and North Ryde Office, Level 1, Building 0, Riverview Business Park, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde, 2113 – Meeting Room Landmark
Date:	3 April 2025
Time:	11:00am to 11:42am
Chair:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
Staff Convenor:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas

Attendees

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Mr Muddasir Ilyas (MI)	Senior Coordinator – Traffic Operations	City of Ryde
x		Ms Tanmila Islam (TI) - voting member	Senior Project Officer	TfNSW
x		Ms Kathy Tracy (KT) - representing The Hon. Jordan Lane, MP - voting member	Member for Ryde	Member of Parliament
x		Mr Robert Gallagher (RG) - voting member	Sergeant	NSW Police Force
x		Mr Ben Cantor (BC)	Supervisor	Busways Sydney
x		Mr Danny Lee (DL)	Field Services Officer	City of Ryde
x		Mr Anand Thakur (AT)	Senior Project Manager	City of Ryde
x		Mr Shahzor Ali (SA)	Junior Traffic Engineer - Traffic Services	City of Ryde
x		Mr Saaqib Saleem (SS)	Junior Traffic Engineer - Traffic Services	City of Ryde

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2025 traffic committee meeting were confirmed at the meeting.

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ITEM(A) - MONASH ROAD, GLADESVILLE - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

RTC COMMENTS:

TI requested to share the detailed design when available.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (B) - PARKES STREET, WEST RYDE - INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING ZONE

RTC COMMENTS: BC requested NO PARKING and BUS ZONE SIGN be installed on the same pole.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (C) - RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

RTC COMMENTS: No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (D) - WOLGER ROAD, RYDE - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

RTC COMMENTS:

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

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**ITEM (E) - TERRY ROAD AND BRUSH ROAD, EASTWOOD - LOADING ZONE
AND TIMED PARKING**

RTC COMMENTS: BC requested for the length of BUS ZONE to be updated to 40m to accommodate articulate buses. MI advised Council will consult impacted stakeholders on this proposal.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

**ITEM (F) - CONVERSION OF ANGAS STREET BRIDGE TO A WALKING AND
CYCLING BRIDGE, WEST RYDE – NOTICE OF MOTION**

RTC COMMENTS:

TI requested to share the detailed design once available.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

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

RTC COMMENTS: No Comment

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. VICTORIA ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD INTERSECTION

TI will provide the updates on RSA recommendation at a later stage.

2. CUTLER PARADE, NORTH RYDE - DISABLED PARKING

At the Council meeting on 27 August 2024, it was resolved *“that City of Ryde explore making the current weddings and funerals parking spot a permanent disability parking space”*, outside the North Ryde Community Church on Cutler Parade, North Ryde. In response, Council’s traffic engineers assessed the feasibility of this proposal. The provision of a disabled parking space at this location was considered to be unsuitable due to safety concerns over the location’s close proximity to Blenheim Lane and the driveway servicing the church. As such, the

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current parking arrangement should remain unchanged. The Traffic Committee members concurred with this assessment.

3. VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD - EPPING BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

KT disclosed non-pecuniary interest on this item. KT raised concerns on the safety of pedestrians and children at the pedestrian refuge on Vimiera Road. KT advised if the existing refuge could be removed, and 5 minutes drop-off and pick-up zone be installed to improve accessibility for parents. MI advised that Council had investigated this location a number of times and made necessary changes at this location in the past to improve safety for children and pedestrians. Council's Road Safety Officer will work with the school to review the location and propose any traffic and parking changes if required.

BC requested update regarding the fencing on median island on Epping Road. TI will update BC when she receives more information.

The next ordinary meeting of the Ryde Traffic Committee will be held on Thursday, 29 May at 11am.

INFORMATION REPORT

21 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Financial Reporting
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/342

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 30 April 2025, and compares it against key benchmarks.

Council's rate of return on investments for the reporting period is 4.99%, which is 0.61% above the benchmark figure of 4.38%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$13.4m and, as at 30 April 2025, funds of \$13.2m have been earned.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Barry Gibb
Team Leader - Financial Reporting

Report Approved By:

Steven Harris
Chief Financial Officer

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Background

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

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

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

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

Standard & Poor (S&P) Rating Scale:

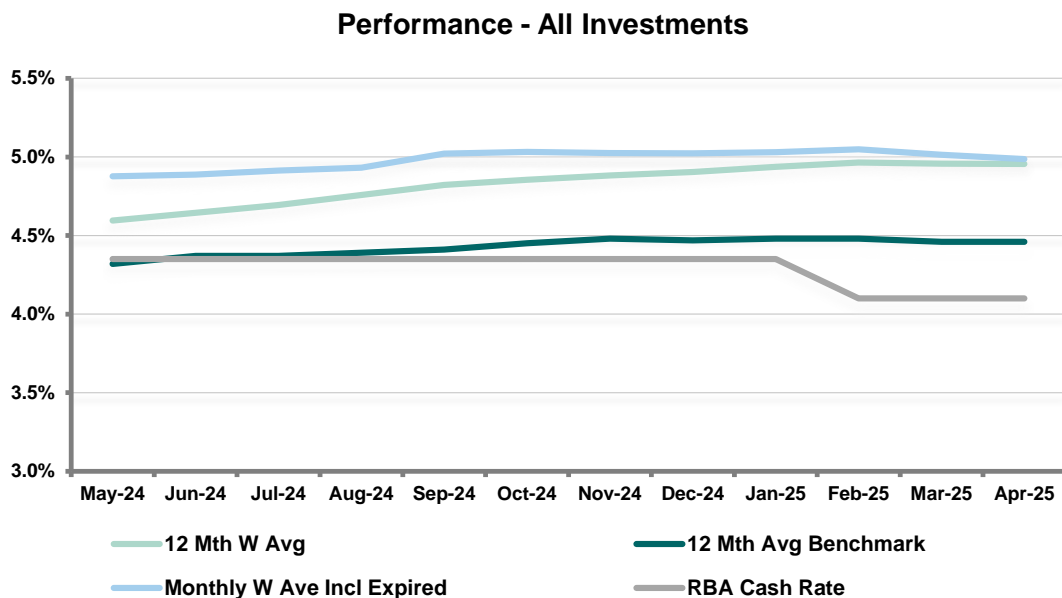
AAA	An obligor has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments
AA+	An obligor has very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. It differs from the highest rated obligors only to a small degree
AA	
AA-	
A+	An obligor has strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher rated categories
A	
A-	
BBB+	An obligor has adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity for the obligor to meet its financial commitments
BBB	
BBB-	

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Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for April 2025 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	April	12 Month	FYTD
Council Return	4.99	4.95	4.95
Benchmark	4.38	4.46	4.46
Variance	0.61	0.49	0.49



Council's investment portfolio as at 30 April 2025 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$167.42m	50.39%
Floating Rate Notes	\$116.45m	35.05%
Fixed Bonds	\$48.39m	14.56%
Total Investments	\$332.26m	

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 365 days maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

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

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INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 30-Apr-25 \$'000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2024	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	1. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,987	3.57	3.57	3.58	1.20	24/08/2026	1593
Bank of Queensland	2. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	Y	1,200	5.37	5.52	5.52	0.36	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	3. BoQ FRN	AAA	Y	2,000	5.35	5.51	5.51	0.60	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	4. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	5.25	5.40	5.39	1.20	11/11/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,200	3.93	3.93	3.92	0.96	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,596	2.58	2.56	2.56	1.08	25/01/2027	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. Suncorp Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,936	3.60	3.58	3.58	1.18	25/01/2027	1763
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.09	0.60	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. Suncorp Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,439	5.49	5.47	5.46	0.43	25/01/2027	1683
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,584	5.58	5.72	5.71	0.78	25/02/2027	1711
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,200	5.47	5.74	5.74	0.66	14/12/2027	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	5.28	5.55	5.55	0.36	31/03/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.32	5.49	5.49	0.90	18/05/2026	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	14. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.15	5.40	5.40	0.84	11/09/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	15. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,000	5.20	5.46	5.47	0.60	19/03/2029	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	16. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	11,422	4.18	4.40	4.38	3.44		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,000	4.29	4.29	4.29	0.90	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,933	5.39	5.38	5.38	1.18	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	5.44	5.64	5.65	0.72	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA	AA-	N	2,500	5.22	5.39	5.39	0.75	17/08/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	21. CBA FRN	AA-	N	1,000	5.10	5.30	5.30	0.30	22/08/2029	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	22. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,000	5.08	5.23	5.23	0.60	9/01/2030	1826
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,497	2.98	2.98	2.98	1.05	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,924	4.81	4.81	4.81	0.88	27/03/2028	1124
National Australia Bank	25. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.31	5.46	5.45	0.90	12/05/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	26. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,200	5.31	5.48	5.47	0.96	16/11/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	27. NAB FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.11	5.39	5.39	0.84	22/03/2029	1826
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.95	5.08	5.05	1.20	21/10/2025	364
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.06	5.06	5.06	1.20	15/07/2025	342
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.02	5.06	5.06	1.20	9/12/2025	364
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.15	5.15	5.15	1.20	19/06/2025	365
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.37	5.34	5.37	1.20	9/07/2025	363
National Australia Bank	33. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.88	4.98	4.94	1.20	23/09/2025	371
National Australia Bank	34. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.80	4.97	4.95	1.20	4/02/2026	365
National Australia Bank	35. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.13	5.13	5.13	1.20	6/05/2025	272
National Australia Bank	36. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	4.60	5.09	5.09	0.60	2/04/2026	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	37. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	2,600	5.04	5.19	5.19	0.78	10/08/2026	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	38. WBC FRN	AA-	N	3,500	5.15	5.41	5.42	1.05	19/09/2028	1827
Westpac Banking Corporation	39. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	3,400	5.06	5.33	5.33	1.02	19/09/2029	1826
Westpac Banking Corporation	40. WBC FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.16	5.24	5.24	0.90	21/01/2030	1826
Westpac Banking Corporation	41. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.03	5.23	5.19	1.20	11/11/2025	371
Westpac Banking Corporation	42. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	5.17	5.12	1.20	4/11/2025	371
Westpac Banking Corporation	43. Westpac TD	AA-	N	4,000	4.95	5.14	5.12	1.20	17/12/2025	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	44. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	5.01	5.27	5.27	1.20	11/09/2025	372
Westpac Banking Corporation	45. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	4.96	5.22	5.22	1.20	9/09/2026	735
Westpac Banking Corporation	46. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	4.98	5.23	5.23	1.20	9/09/2027	1100
Macquarie Bank	47. Macquarie Bank FRN	A+	N	3,200	5.06	5.32	5.32	0.96	14/09/2026	1096
Bank of Queensland	48. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,798	2.18	2.15	2.15	1.14	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	49. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	1,954	4.06	4.06	4.05	0.59	6/05/2026	1496
Bank of Queensland	50. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	770	5.30	5.27	5.27	0.23	27/10/2026	1498
Bank of Queensland	51. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	491	5.26	5.23	5.23	0.15	27/10/2026	1495

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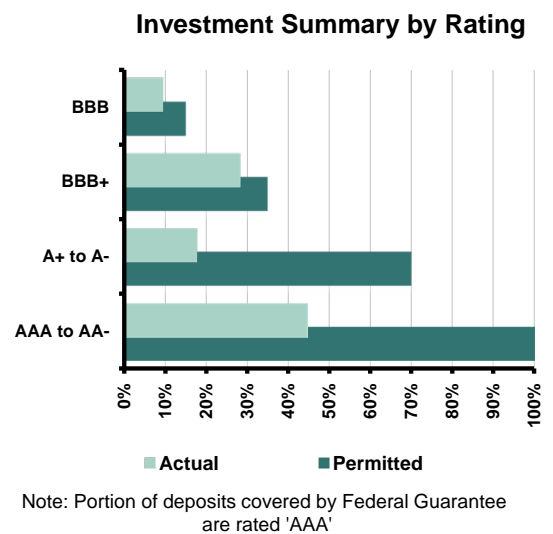
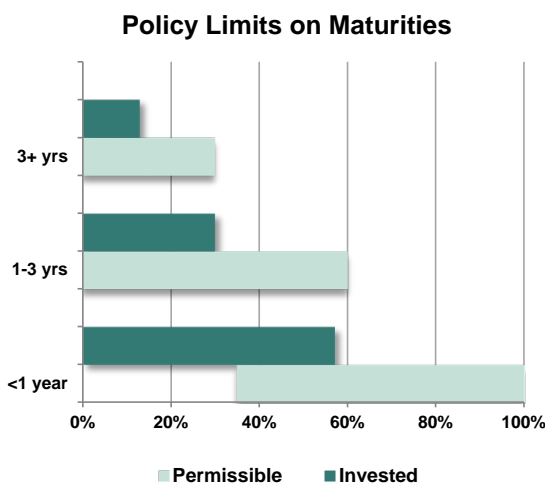
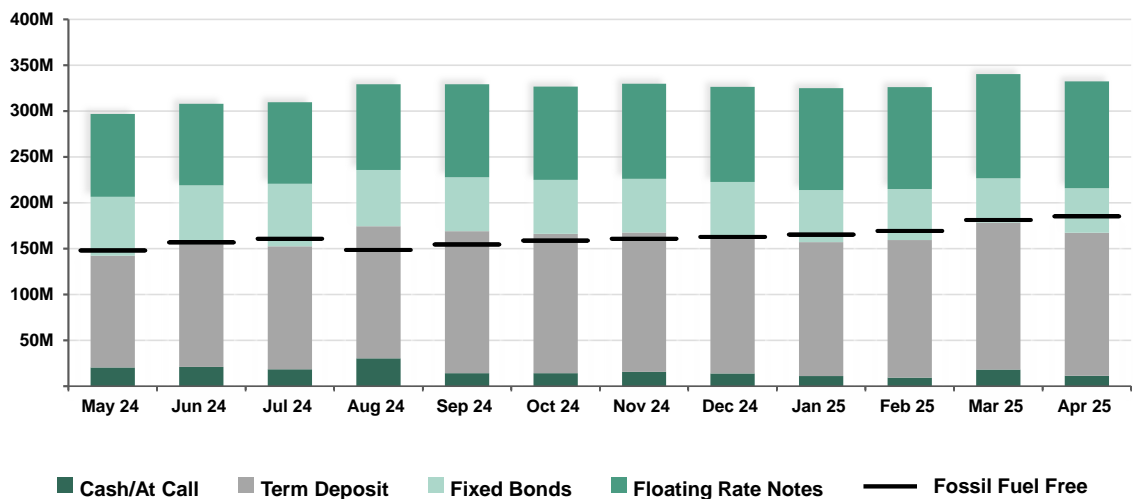
INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 30-Apr-25 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2024	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	52. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	2,615	5.14	5.14	5.13	0.79	6/05/2026	1321
Bank of Queensland	53. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,293	5.71	5.44	5.44	0.99	30/04/2029	1826
Bank of Queensland	54. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,957	5.46	5.43	5.43	1.19	27/01/2027	937
Bank of Queensland	55. BoQ FRN	A-	Y	3,517	5.68	5.61	5.61	1.06	30/04/2029	1712
Bank of Queensland	56. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	3,000	4.79	5.05	5.05	0.90	7/10/2025	175
Bank of Queensland	57. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	2,000	5.10	4.89	5.10	0.60	13/06/2025	365
Bank of Queensland	58. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	4.72	5.08	5.05	1.20	7/01/2026	288
Bank of Queensland	59. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	5.23	5.19	5.20	1.20	17/06/2025	182
Bank of Queensland	60. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	4.70	4.70	4.70	1.20	6/03/2026	364
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	61. Bendigo Bank FRN	A-	Y	3,500	5.54	5.70	5.70	1.05	15/05/2026	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	62. Bendigo Bank FRN	A-	Y	1,200	5.28	5.40	5.40	0.36	24/10/2028	1461
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	63. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	A-	Y	3,000	4.88	4.96	4.93	0.90	24/07/2025	268
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	64. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	5.01	5.01	5.01	1.20	22/07/2025	180
AMP	65. AMP FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.91	6.22	6.24	0.60	29/06/2026	1096
AMP	66. AMP FRN	BBB+	Y	2,700	5.50	5.77	5.77	0.81	13/09/2027	1095
AMP	67. AMP Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	1,000	5.05	5.10	5.07	0.30	4/08/2025	367
Australian Military Bank	68. Australian Military Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.14	5.14	5.14	1.20	14/01/2026	540
Australian Unity Bank	69. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.98	5.11	5.01	1.20	29/10/2025	365
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	70. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.87	4.94	4.92	1.20	15/10/2025	363
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	71. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.32	5.29	5.32	1.20	29/07/2025	364
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	72. Bank of us TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.07	5.06	5.06	0.60	18/11/2025	370
Beyond Bank	73. Beyond Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	2,500	5.36	5.36	5.36	0.75	21/03/2028	1096
Credit Union Australia	74. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,200	5.98	6.13	6.13	0.36	9/02/2027	1461
Credit Union Australia	75. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,900	5.37	5.46	5.46	0.57	1/11/2027	1095
Defence Bank	76. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	4.95	4.95	4.95	0.90	7/01/2026	365
G&C Mutual Bank	77. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	0.60	22/07/2025	350
G&C Mutual Bank	78. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.35	5.35	5.35	1.20	24/06/2025	364
G&C Mutual Bank	79. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.10	5.10	5.10	0.60	6/08/2025	365
G&C Mutual Bank	80. G&C Mutual Bank TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.98	4.98	4.98	1.20	12/08/2025	350
IMB Bank	81. IMB Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.76	5.01	4.85	1.20	1/09/2025	181
IMB Bank	82. IMB Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.71	4.71	4.71	1.20	2/09/2025	179
Members Banking Group	83. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.49	5.69	5.69	0.60	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	84. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	5.75	5.95	5.95	0.93	24/02/2026	1096
Members Banking Group	85. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	5.84	6.08	6.08	0.90	5/03/2027	1095
MyState Bank	86. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	4.86	5.12	5.12	0.45	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	87. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.86	5.24	5.24	1.20	7/10/2025	180
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	88. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.83	5.07	5.07	0.60	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	89. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	3,247	4.98	5.22	5.22	0.98	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	90. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	3,727	5.77	5.92	5.91	1.12	10/02/2027	1720
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	91. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	992	5.88	6.04	6.03	0.30	10/02/2027	1482
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	92. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	2,500	5.58	5.66	5.66	0.75	21/01/2030	1826
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	93. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	3,983	5.35	5.35	5.35	1.20	21/01/2030	1748
Police & Nurses Limited	94. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.92	5.07	5.06	0.60	29/07/2025	180
Police & Nurses Limited	95. P&N Bank TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.86	5.02	5.02	1.20	15/09/2025	182
Police Bank	96. Police Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.77	5.96	5.96	0.60	21/11/2025	1096
Police Bank	97. Police Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.84	6.02	6.02	1.20	17/11/2026	1096
Police Financial Services	98. BankVic Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.27	5.27	5.27	0.60	28/04/2026	364
Police Financial Services	99. BankVic TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.81	4.81	4.81	1.20	9/09/2025	180
Teachers Mutual Bank	100. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,100	4.88	5.15	5.15	0.33	16/06/2026	1826
Teachers Mutual Bank	101. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	700	5.53	5.81	5.81	0.21	21/06/2027	1095
Auswide Bank	102. Auswide FRN	BBB	Y	3,000	5.73	6.00	6.01	0.90	17/03/2026	1096
Auswide Bank	103. Auswide FRN	BBB	Y	3,500	5.84	6.12	6.12	1.05	22/03/2027	1095
Auswide Bank	104. Auswide FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.92	5.90	5.90	0.60	13/09/2027	1095
Auswide Bank	105. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.97	5.14	5.12	0.60	27/01/2026	364
Auswide Bank	106. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.95	4.95	4.95	0.60	30/01/2026	365
Heartland Bank	107. Heartland Bank TD	BBB	Y	4,000	4.58	4.58	4.58	1.20	28/01/2026	273
Maitland Mutual	108. The Mutual FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.93	6.08	6.07	0.60	10/05/2027	1095
Maitland Mutual	109. Maitland Mutual Term Deposit	BBB	Y	4,000	4.70	4.70	4.70	1.20	8/02/2027	732
Police Financial Services	110. BankVic TD	BBB	Y	4,000	5.05	5.13	5.10	1.20	21/10/2025	273
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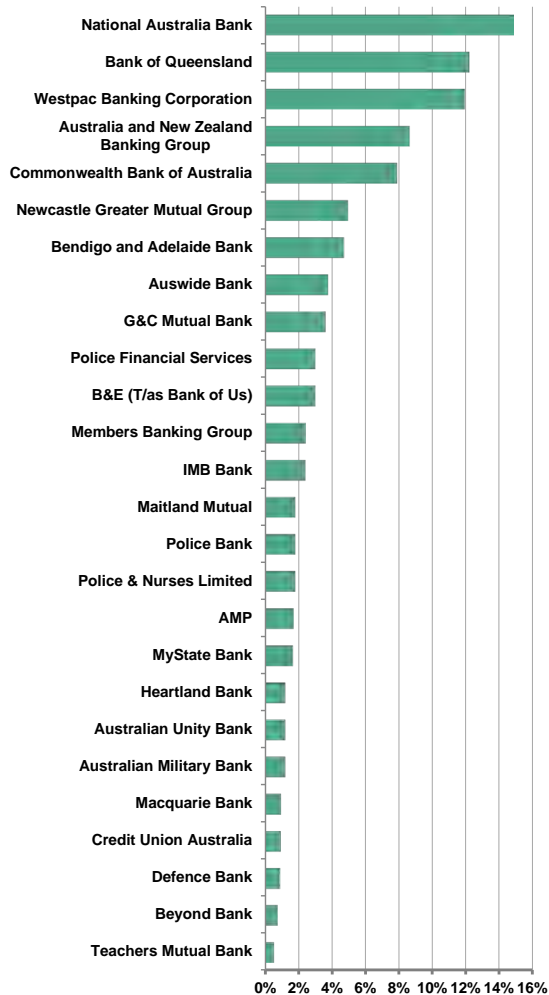
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Cash/TDs	\$155.4M	\$12.0M
FRNs	\$24.0M	\$92.4M
Fixed Bonds	\$8.2M	\$40.2M
	\$187.7M	\$144.6M

Total Funds Invested

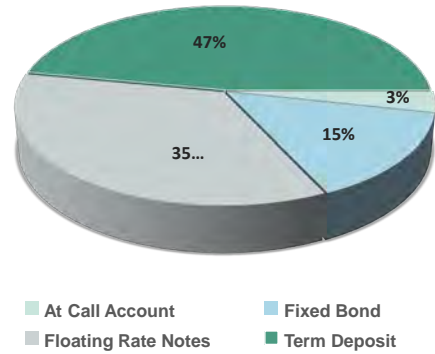


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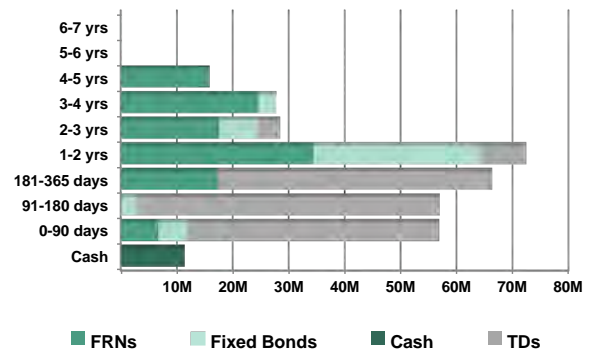
Active Investment by Institution



Summary by Investment Type



Summary by Duration



Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions

Council uses the entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. Market Forces is a publicly available website and is not a contractor that Council has engaged for this information.

As at 30 April 2025, Council has a total amount of \$184.95m invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 55.66% of its total investment portfolio.

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

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 4.99%, which is 0.61% above the benchmark figure of 4.38%.

The budget for interest income from investments is \$13.4m and as at 30 April 2025 funds of \$13.2m 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.

Steven Harris

**Chief Financial Officer
Responsible Accounting Officer**

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 REQUEST FOR URGENT PARKING MANAGEMENT MEASURES - JEANETTE STREET, EAST RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/371

BACKGROUND:

Residents of Jeanette Street, East Ryde, are concerned regarding the ongoing and increasingly disruptive parking issues affecting their street. Despite prior assurances that construction-related parking pressures would ease upon completion of the duplex at number 6 Jeanette Street, residents advise Council that this has not occurred. The problematic parking continues, impacting visibility, safety, and access for residents and service vehicles.

Photos from Sunday, 4 May 2025 showing one example of issues with parking on both sides of the street and extra wide truck obstructing traffic resulted in residents/drivers forced to drive onto the verge to exit the street (see Attachment 1).

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge receipt of a petition signed by 52 Jeanette Street, East Ryde residents and frequent visitors to the street, requesting urgent parking management changes.
- (b) Note that both the Ryde Local Traffic Committee and Council's Traffic and Transport Department have previously recommended parking changes as necessary and appropriate for Jeanette Street.
- (c) Facilitate and convene a meeting in early June 2025 involving all residents of Jeanette Street, together with representatives from Council's Traffic Services department, ensuring that all residents are notified in writing and given the opportunity to voice their concerns and contribute to the development of fair and effective parking solutions.
- (d) Ensure that all concerns, feedback, and preferences expressed by residents during the consultation process are formally documented and incorporated into the decision-making process.
- (e) Report the outcomes of the community consultation to the Ryde Local Traffic Committee for review at the next available meeting.
- (f) Present final recommendations for parking changes to the full Council no later than August 2025 for consideration and implementation.

NOTICE OF MOTION 1 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



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2 FESTIVE DECORATIONS ACROSS THE RYDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/372

MOTION:

- (a) That Council bring back a report on the opportunity to expand the existing festive decorations across the Ryde Local Government Area, in a timeframe that provides for decorations to be sourced and delivered.
- (b) That the report include a Christmas Decoration Action Plan that invests in new decorations for local shopping town centres for 2025 and beyond.
- (c) That consideration is given to creating a festive streetscape (such as decorations on light posts, fairy lights, Christmas tree).

3 CHANGE TO TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LANE COVE ROAD AND BUFFALO ROAD RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/380

BACKGROUND:

In mid-2023, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) completed works at the intersection of Lane Cove Road and Buffalo Road, Ryde. The works included an extension of the right turn bay on Lane Cove Road, adjusted lane and median widths. As part of this intersection upgrade, the phasing of the lights were amended which has resulted in less “green time” for vehicles turning right from Lane Cove Road onto Buffalo Road, and the removal of the “right turn filter”. This has resulted in extended queues for vehicles turning right into Buffalo Road creating congestion and frustration for drivers.

For clarification, the “right turn filter” is a turn where a turning vehicle has a green circular light but no arrow.

Council Traffic Services staff have referred these issues to TfNSW on more than one occasion but have received no response.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Formally calls for the reinstatement of the right turn filter on Lane Cove Road, Ryde at the signalised intersection of Lane Cove Road and Buffalo Road to improve traffic flow and reduce safety risks.
- (b) Write to the Minister for Roads and the Minister for Transport requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) consider the reinstatement of the right turn filter for traffic turning right from Lane Cove Road onto Buffalo Road, Ryde to improve traffic flow at this location.

**4 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CHANGES TO PARK AVENUE WEST RYDE -
Councillor Cameron Last**

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/391

BACKGROUND:

Recently Council staff undertook the conversion of Park Avenue in West Ryde to a one-way street heading in a westerly direction. Consultation resulted in only 7 responses to both a letter box drop located on the street and newspaper advertisement. Since the change has gone into place residents have regularly been seen facing longer queues along Chatham Road to access both Victoria Road and West Ryde Marketplace. This road was the shortest route for ambulances and residents living west of Darvall Park to access Ryde Hospital.

Additionally, the intersection between Park Avenue and Chatham Road has a low visibility from Park Avenue due to the way Chatham Road curves.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Report on any adverse local traffic impacts since making Park Avenue one way.
- (b) Investigate whether traffic flow may improve if Park Avenue was made one way in an easterly direction.
- (c) Investigate any effects on ambulance response times due to the change liaising with NSW Health.
- (d) Investigate ways to improve the safety of the Park Avenue, and Chatham Road generally including the installation of a mirror.

5 ORGANISATION OF A RIVERCARE DAY - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/381

BACKGROUND:

This motion proposes the organisation of a Rivercare Day to clean and preserve our local rivers, inspired by Clean Up Australia. Community members, environmentalists, businesses, and government bodies will participate in maintaining our rivers' health and beauty.

Rivercare Day aims to:

- Remove litter and pollutants from rivers
- Educate the public on river conservation
- Promote sustainable practices

MOTION:

That Council staff:

- (a) Review and bring back a report to Council within 3 months on the feasibility of conducting a Rivercare Day in the City of Ryde.
- (b) Work with local and community organisations to help design and find a suitable date every year to host the event.
- (c) Look for funding opportunities from Government Grants, and Corporate Sponsorships.

6 REVIEW OF PRE-BOOKED COUNCIL CLEAN UPS - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/382

MOTION:

That Council staff:

- (a) Conduct a thorough examination of the Council clean-ups provided to the community, ensuring all aspects of service delivery are evaluated.
- (b) Provide a detailed breakdown comparing the usage of services by strata properties versus stand-alone homes, highlighting any disparities and patterns.
- (c) Solicit feedback from residents on the effectiveness of current services and explore potential improvements by presenting alternative options.

7 REQUEST FOR REPORT ON RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/383

MOTION:

Noting that Council is currently collecting feedback on changes proposed by Council officers on the 2025/26 Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) fees and charges, and in order for Council to make an informed decision at its June meeting, a report be prepared addressing the following matters:

- (a) The impact of the proposed fee adjustments on accessibility and affordability for pensioners and other vulnerable groups within the community, including an estimate of the number of patrons likely to be affected.
- (b) The financial implications of the proposed changes, including:
 - i. The expected additional revenue generated with assumptions.
 - ii. Any associated operational savings.
 - iii. How these figures align with the broader financial strategy of Council.
- (c) A clear explanation of the underlying financial pressures or capital/operational funding requirements that have led to the proposed changes at the RALC.
- (d) An analysis of alternative strategies to ensure the financial sustainability of the RALC, including but not limited to:
 - i. Increased marketing or outreach to attract underrepresented demographic groups.
 - ii. Initiatives to boost membership or off-peak usage.
 - iii. Partnership or sponsorship opportunities.
 - iv. Operational efficiencies that could be pursued before increasing fees.
 - v. Review the status of all swim school contractors operating within the facility, including the possibility of pricing adjustments, the expiry of current contracts, and user satisfaction.

8 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL RUNNING CLUBS COMMUNITY EVENT - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/390

BACKGROUND:

Recent enquiries into holding a one-off running event at Meadowbank Park were met with logistical challenges due to the park's high utilisation by winter sport user groups. While this is understandable, follow-up requests for alternative venue or time suggestions were not initially offered.

This lack of engagement has highlighted concerns around customer service and the responsiveness of Council when residents seek to access and utilise shared community assets. Residents and community groups are entitled to fair and reasonable consideration that make use of public facilities.

Running events have been held in Ryde before such as the Ryde Roller Coaster and the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club charity run. This demonstrates both the capacity and precedent for running-based community events in the City of Ryde.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Liaise with local running clubs to identify suitable dates and venues for the proposed event within one week of this Notice of Motion passing.
- (b) Explore potential parks and reserves within the City of Ryde that can accommodate the event without disrupting scheduled sporting activities, such as changing the time to the afternoon/evening.
- (c) Investigate the potential of an annual running event, similar to the Ryde Roller Coaster.

9 NATURAL VERGES IN RYDE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/384

BACKGROUND:

There is increasing evidence that native landscaping delivers a number of benefits over traditional lawn to local environments including: enhancing biodiversity of flora and fauna; reducing the volume of and pollutant matter within stormwater by acting as a raingarden to absorb and filter surface runoff and reduced need for mowing.

In 2020 Council resolved to create a draft Verge Gardening policy that enables residents to plant on the verge, while maintaining pedestrian, vehicle and utility access.

Council's Verge and Nature Strip Policy was updated in 2021 to allow for Natural Verges, but the process does not encourage this transition, which has numerous environmental benefits and is becoming increasingly common in other LGAs. Ryde's Natural Verges application form is not listed on the webpage: Home / Council/ Forms and Documents Library / Nature Strips.

Further, the policy states "Council will agree to the conversion of grass nature strip areas where it does not adversely impact on access, parking or other situations. The following issues (but not limited to) will be assessed in determining the application and must be specifically addressed in the application..."

The policy then lists 8 matters, all of which residents must address in their natural verges application including, inter alia, "Overall appearance and consistency of the streetscape, alienation of public land, and any other relevant matter."

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Review its Verge and Nature Strip Policy to provide a positive obligation to approve natural verges, except in relation to significant safety or access matters.
- (b) Provide education sessions on conversion to Natural Verges as part of its existing environmental education program.
- (c) Build awareness of the benefits of natural verges for local land and aquatic ecosystems in Ryde.
- (d) Promotes a revised Verge and Nature Strip Policy be promoted to residents through existing community engagement platforms including the Council's website.

10 THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGALLY PLACED POLITICAL MATERIALS DURING THE 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/385

BACKGROUND:

During the 2025 Federal Election campaign, materials used by political parties were mass produced. A large amount of those materials were erected illegally on public land and infrastructure in the City of Ryde.

City of Ryde staff have worked tirelessly to remove and impound materials to make sure the plastic products and digital trailers did not present safety risks, damage property, impose on disability access or negatively affect community amenity.

Staff received many complaints and were quick to respond, reportedly taking rangers away from their normal duties.

City of Parramatta, Lane Cove and Willoughby appeared to have fewer issues with signage. Parramatta imposes fines and Lane Cove moved to ban A-frames across the LGA if they were not attached to a booked street stall in the Plaza.

MOTION:

That Council staff prepare a report that:

- (a) Lists the estimated number of illegally placed political materials collected in the 6 months prior and 2 weeks after the 2025 federal election; noting types (including digital signage trailers); the authorisations and estimated number of these materials attributed to each authorisation.
- (b) Calculates the hours (including after-hours) and labor costs to City of Ryde for handling complaints, collection and storage of illegally placed political materials.
- (c) Where possible, notes any increase in plastic corflute material being collected post-election and sent to landfill by City of Ryde.
- (d) Calculates costs to Council for the towing of any illegally placed digital signage on public property.
- (e) Provides a list of duties put on hold by rangers, in order to carry out works to remove political signage.
- (f) Investigates the framework of rules and fines regarding political signage, used by other NSROC LGA's and the City of Parramatta.
- (g) Brings back recommendations on the introduction of fines and an improved signage regulation framework.

11 EV CHARGING AT MEADOWBANK - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/386

BACKGROUND:

In 2020 City of Ryde commissioned a report from Chargeworks, to identify sites that would be suitable for EV charging across the LGA. 18 sites were identified. To date only 3 have been built by Council and none have been built since 2021.

In 2023 the state government invited the city of Ryde, along with other high density residential areas, to apply for roadside charging grants. The City of Ryde was the only Council not to apply.

On 22 August 2023, there was a resolution of Council to bring back a report on increasing EV charging opportunities across the City of Ryde. This has not come back to Council with recommendations.

There are many thousands of residents who live in high density residential in Macquarie Park, Gladesville, North Ryde and Meadowbank who would benefit from cheaper running costs and lower local emissions if they were able to purchase an EV and charge the vehicle locally.

There is a new park proposed at the old Meadowbank Public school site on Belmore Street, Meadowbank, which would be close to high density residential blocks and appropriate for fast EV chargers.

MOTION:

That City of Ryde bring back the still pending report on EV charging from a resolution of Council made on 22 August 2023. Motion 9. INCREASING ACCESS TO EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE, adding to the report:

- (i) Exploration of the development of EV fast charging in the new Meadowbank Park on Belmore Street, Meadowbank at the old school site.

12 CLEAR PROCEDURE AND MORE REAL TIME ASSESSMENT OF FIELDS AFTER WET WEATHER - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/387

BACKGROUND:

Users of City of Ryde sports fields often complain that fields did not need to be closed due to wet weather and games could easily have been played on the surface, as they have dried up sufficiently from rain the previous day.

It appears that grounds are checked at 2pm on Friday and not again on game day on Saturday morning.

If the weather clears significantly on Friday afternoon and remains dry overnight. The fields may well be in very good condition – and some playable.

One resident points out that: "Council states that assessments are conducted daily, yet game day – the most important day of the week for hundreds of players, families, and volunteers – is seemingly not part of that assessment schedule. "

He states: "Why aren't resources being allocated to inspect the fields on Saturday mornings, when it matters most?"

Making closure decisions on Friday afternoon and not revisiting them, especially when conditions improve, undermines the spirit of community sport."

It appears there is an appetite in our community for Council to revisit its procedures for game-day inspections and give more weight to real-time conditions, which would hopefully lead to less closures.

MOTION:

That Council staff prepare a report that explores adding game day field assessments to the wet weather procedure, if there has been no rain between the Friday 2pm assessment and the game day.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Kathy Tracey

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/10 - BP25/388

Regulation of Street Hawkers in Eastwood Plaza

In recent months, there has been an increase in the number of individuals selling homegrown produce in the outdoor areas of the Eastwood shopping precinct. These informal hawking activities not only detract from the visual appeal of the area but also contribute to littering and raise concerns regarding hygiene, food safety, and public health.

Question 1:

What actions have been taken, or are currently being undertaken, to manage and regulate the sale of goods by street hawkers in this location?

Question 2:

Are Council Rangers actively monitoring and enforcing relevant regulations in relation to this matter?

Question 3:

Has Council identified any language or communication barriers that may be contributing to non-compliance, and if so, are there strategies in place to address this?

2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/10 - BP25/389

Tree Canopy Ryde

Question 1:

What is the current tree canopy cover in Ryde and how does this compare to the figure of 28.90% published in Council's Urban Forest Policy in April 2023?

Question 2:

It was reported in that document that canopy cover was assessed using artificial intelligence (AI) and photogrammetry datasets available through NearMap. What methods are planned for future use in Ryde to measure tree canopy cover?

CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORT

22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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Report prepared by: Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

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