

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

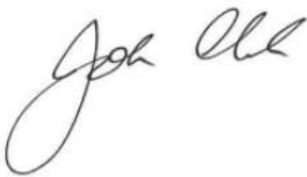
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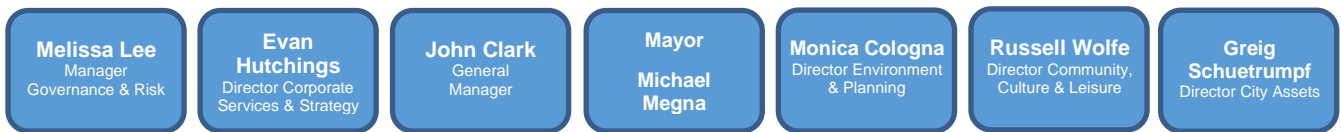
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Tuesday, 19 March 2024

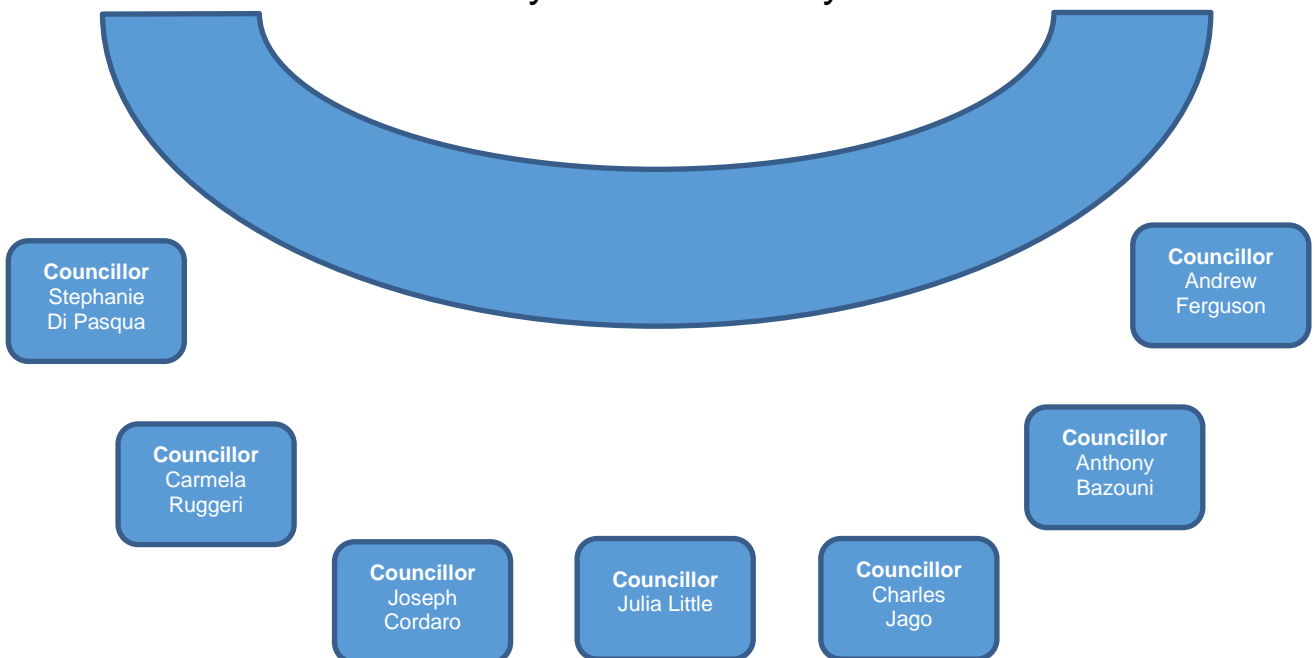
Beginning at 6:00 PM for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.



John Clark
General Manager



**Councillors
City of Canada Bay**



Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Canada Bay and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

It is also a requirement that the Mayor and Councillors disclose conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

Agenda for an Ordinary Council Meeting

to be held on Tuesday 19 March 2024

at the Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne

Commencing at 6:00 PM

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canada Bay acknowledges the Wangal clan, one of the 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

The City's Council pays respect to Elders past and present and extends this respect to all Aboriginal people living in or visiting the City of Canada Bay.

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

In accordance with clauses 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, apologies must be received and accepted from absent Councillors and a leave of absence from the Council Meeting may be granted.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20 FEBRUARY 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 February 2024 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

In accordance with Part 16 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, all Councillors must disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - DRUMMOYNE DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTION

That Council:

1. Congratulate the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club on its 150th anniversary.
 2. Promote the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club's 'Festival of Rugby' 150th anniversary celebrations through Council's communications channels
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BACKGROUND

Not many sporting clubs can boast a history spanning 150 years. Some of the world's most storied and iconic clubs like Manchester United, the Boston Red Socks and Barcelona FC have not reached this milestone. So, it is with immense pride that our local 'Dirty Reds', the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club, celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary.

As a local, amateur and community-based sporting club, Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club has played a major role in the development of rugby in Sydney since 1874.

The Club's origins began in 1874 when the Balmain RUFC formed. In 1889, a rugby club was founded in neighbouring Glebe, soon to become famous as 'the Dirty Reds'.

Following a merger in 1919, and the depression-era project to construct Drummoyne Oval in 1931, the relocated Glebe-Balmain Club decided to change its name to the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club. Although it changed its name, it kept its long-held traditions: the scarlet jumpers of Glebe, its nickname 'the Dirty Reds', and the black and gold of Balmain – still worn proudly by today's players on their socks.

To commemorate the Club's extraordinary history and to capture the spirit of this significant occasion, the Club is hosting a 'Festival of Rugby' from 28–30 June.

The Drummoyne Festival of Rugby will incorporate:

- **Friday, 28 June: Doltone House Hyde Park**
 - Gala Dinner
- **Saturday, 29 June: Drummoyne Oval**
 - Minis, Juniors and regular club fixtures
 - First Grade or First Grade Colts under lights
- **Sunday, 30 June: Drummoyne Oval**
 - Classic Wallabies junior clinic
 - Women's 10s Rugby fixtures
 - Classic Wallabies v Mayor's Dirty Red Invitational XV

The Club's aim is to highlight Sunday 30th as a "whole of community event" and is encouraging as many local families, kids and anyone wanting a great day out to come down to Drummoyne Oval.

The club will provide entertainment, food and drinks, and a great time for our whole community, not just rugby fans or those associated with the club.

I ask Council to join me in celebrating this significant anniversary and in congratulating the Club, it's players, officials and many passionate supporters and volunteers.

ITEM 5.2 **MAYORAL MINUTE - CASHMAN'S CORNER**Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTION

That Council install a plaque which acknowledges the history of Cashman's Corner on Great North Road, Five Dock

BACKGROUND

I wish to shed light on the historical significance of Cashman's Corner in Five Dock, and to call on Council to establish a permanent acknowledgement of the landmark's importance.

Cashman's Corner, established by Norman Aloysius Cashman in 1917, holds a unique place in our community's history.

Norman Cashman, born in Normanton, Queensland, was part of the Cashman family who relocated to our area, where they became influential figures in the local real estate scene.

In 1917, Norman ventured out on his own and established 'Norman A Cashman & Co, Real Estate Agents, Valuers & Auctioneers'. He erected a new building at the corner of Ramsay Road and Great North Road in Five Dock, known as 'Cashman's Corner'.

This corner quickly became more than just a real estate office. During World War I, it served as a recruiting point for the Australian Imperial Force, embodying the community's commitment to the war effort.

The landmark has stood at this location since 1917 as Five Dock has grown into one of Sydney's most beloved and bustling local town centres.

I propose that Council install a plaque at Cashman's Corner to commemorate its history, including its role during the war.

With a new Metro Station on the way, Five Dock will continue to grow and it's important that locals now and into the future can reflect on and celebrate the area's wonderful history. This plaque will ensure that future generations understand the importance of this site in our town's heritage.

ITEM 5.3**MAYORAL MINUTE - ROZELLE INTERCHANGE**

Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTION

That:

1. The Mayor write again to the Minister for Roads, the Hon. John Graham MLC, reiterating Council's request for a meeting with the Mayor, Council's General Manager, and the Director City Assets to discuss the impact of the opening of the Rozelle Interchange on residents and businesses.
 2. Council continues to advocate for better outcomes for our local community on this matter.
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BACKGROUND

The Drummoyne community has suffered considerably from the failures surrounding the planning, construction and recently, the opening of the Rozelle Interchange.

Unfortunately, it seems Council's concerns about this project's impact on our community were not heard in the planning phase, and we were ignored during construction when road closures led to a standstill on Drummoyne's roads.

Now the Interchange has opened, and the problems have been compounded.

In addition to the standstill on our main roads, rat-running has resulted in bumper-to-bumper traffic on streets north and south of Victoria Road, and east and west of Lyons Road.

The band-aid solution after outcry from the Rozelle-Balmain Peninsula was to amend the light sequencing for eastbound traffic onto the Iron Cove Bridge, holding back traffic on Victoria Road to ease congestion further east.

As the Department would have understood, this change has merely exacerbated the problem in our area and shifted traffic further west.

What were once 10-minute journeys around our LGA have become odysseys. The Department and the State Government must identify and roll out immediate fixes and look to invest in long-term solutions.

Last month, a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry was established to inquire into and report on the impact of the Rozelle Interchange.

Recently, I wrote to the local community, advising them of the inquiry and calling on individuals who have been impacted by these changes to make a submission.

In addition to working closely with Transport for NSW on this matter, Council has also made a public submission to the inquiry.

Our local community does not want anyone playing party politics over this matter, they do not care who is responsible – they just want to be able to get to work, to take their children to school and for the gridlock to be alleviated from local roads that have never experienced traffic like this before.

6 PUBLIC FORUM

In accordance with Part 5 of the Code of Meeting Practice, residents, ratepayers, applicants or other persons may request to address Council in relation to any one matter related to the general business of Council but not the subject of a report on the agenda (Public Forum) and no more than two matters listed for consideration on the agenda (Public Address).

7 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Nil

In accordance with Part 13 of the Code of Meeting Practice, items that are dealt with by exception are items where the recommendations contained in the staff reports in the agenda are adopted without discussion.

8 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

9 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 DA DETERMINATIONS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL AND STAFF UNDER DELEGATION

Reporting Manager Manager Statutory Planning

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That Council receive and note the information contained in the report on development application determinations by the Local Planning Panel, and Staff, under delegation for the period 1 February 2024 and 29 February 2024.

PURPOSE

This report outlines development application (DA) determinations by the Canada Bay Local Planning Panel (CBLPP) and Staff under delegation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Development Application statistical data in accordance with Council's resolution of 6 February 2018 on applications received, determined, and applications considered by the Canada Bay Local Planning Panel (CBLPP).

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 4: Ensure the built environment respect the unique neighbourhood character and responds deftly to evolving community needs

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This report provides DA statistical data in accordance with Council's resolution of 6 February 2018 on applications received, determined and applications considered by the Canada Bay Local Planning Panel (CBLPP).

Items for CBLPP Meeting on 28 February 2024

The following applications were listed for consideration at the CBLPP meeting on 28 February 2024:

- DA2023/0178 – 34 Walker Street, Rhodes – Fit-out and use of part of Level 01 (ground floor) of 34 Walker Street, Rhodes as a centre-based childcare centre (including trading hours) – *approved subject to conditions.*
- DA2023/0236 – Cintra Park, 2 Gipps Street, Concord – Continuation of temporary use of land as a training facility for a further five years to allow for the continued use by the Wests Tigers Rugby League Club, Wests Tigers National Women's Rugby League (NRLW) team, and the Junior Wests Tigers teams including use of existing temporary structures and associated temporary office facility – *approved subject to conditions.*

Items for CBLPP Meeting on 27 March 2024

The following applications are listed for consideration at the CBLPP meeting on 27 March 2024:

- MOD2023/0165 – The Croation Club - 1 Nullawarra Avenue, Concord – Section 4.55(2) to DA2022/0223 including minor internal changes to the layout, as noted on the plans: replacing the existing front sign with a new sign and extension of approved hours.
- DA2023/0243 - 8 Thompson Street Drummoyne - Partial demolition of existing detached structure to rear. New rear single storey studio.
- DA2023/0295 – 1D Homebush Bay Drive, Rhodes - Alterations and additions to Building D in Rhodes Corporate Park, involving the enclosure of two (2) currently underutilised terrace spaces.

Development Applications - Determined

The following Development Applications have been determined by staff under delegation between 1 February 2024 and 29 February 2024:

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
DA2023/0215	10.10.2023	14 Salt Street, Concord	New carport	Approved 01.02.2024
DA2023/0252	27.11.2023	5 Breakfast Point Boulevard, Breakfast Point	Construction of an awning	Approved 02.02.2024
DA2023/0254	22.11.2023	1 Alice Avenue, Russell Lea	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling	Approved 07.02.2024
DA2022/0338	08.12.2022	17 Thompson Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and first floor additions to existing dwelling, including pool, replacement garage and landscaping	Approved 08.02.2024
DA2023/0031	17.02.2023	56 Bowman Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling resulting in a change-of-use to an attached two-storey dual occupancy, with strata subdivision	Approved – Court 08.02.2024
DA2023/0212	04.10.2023	115 Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne	Minor alterations and additions to existing dwelling	Approved 08.02.2024
DA2024/0002	12.01.2024	155 Cabarita Road, Cabarita	Metal framed deck and metal pergola	Approved 08.02.2024
DA2023/0141	05.07.2023	34 St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	Proposed re-construction of	Approved

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
			Boatshed and Workshop Facility for President Shipwright Services and repairs to damaged portion of jetty structures and sliprails, with associated minor demolition of remaining damaged elements from original structure	08.02.2024
DA2023/0135	12.07.2023	5 Stanley Street, Concord	The proposed development will comprise demolition of existing structures, construction of a new combined facility catering for administration, staff areas, General Learning Spaces, Support Classrooms, Specialty Classrooms, a new Hall and Canteen, refurbishment of the existing library, landscaping and perimeter fencing as well as supporting transport infrastructure	Approved SCEPP 12.02.2024
DA2023/0285	22.12.2023	1A Edward Street, Concord	Proposed skillion awning to the rear of dwelling	Approved 14.02.2024
DA2023/0227	23.10.2023	3 Hinkler Court, Drummoyne	Addition and alteration to the existing dwelling for creation of extended habitable space	Approved 14.02.2024
DA2023/0207	27.09.2023	8 Campbell Street, Abbotsford	Demolition of existing single storey dwelling house and erection of new two storey dwelling house with basement	Approved 15.02.2024
DA2024/0014	25.01.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	New fit-out of Hugo Boss store at Tenancies 36-38 at Birkenhead Point	Approved 16.02.2024
DA2024/0015	30.01.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	This application seeks consent for minor internal fit outworks	Approved

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
			involving the relocation of the Centre Management Office for the Birkenhead Point Shopping Centre	16.02.2024
DA2024/0025	15.02.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor alterations to shop fitout for shop 180, inside Birkenhead Point Shopping Centre	Approved 16.02.2024
DA2023/0194	28.09.2023	8 Broughton Street, Concord	Alteration and Additions to dwelling including first floor addition of two bedrooms and a bathroom over the rear of the building	Approved – Deferred Commencement 20.02.2024
DA2023/0277	12.12.2023	21 King Street, Concord West	Proposed demolition of existing detached garage and swimming pool and proposed boundary adjustment	Approved 20.02.2024
DA2023/0294	10.01.2024	5 The Crescent, Russell Lea	Alterations and additions to approved CDC two storey dwelling, including balcony and windows	Approved 20.02.2024
DA2023/0244	17.11.2023	22 Sutton Street, Five Dock	Proposed new carport to existing single dwelling	Approved 21.02.2024
DA2023/0004	18.01.2023	43 Dorking Road, Cabarita	Erection of a retaining wall and to place a privacy screen on top of the wall along the northern side boundary of number 43	Approved – Court 22.02.2024
DA2023/0186	05.09.2023	138 Cabarita Road, Cabarita	Construct a new pontoon (with an attenuator) to replace demolished pontoon	Approved 23.02.2024
DA2022/0215	28.07.2022	27 Undine Street, Russell Lea	Demolition of existing structures and a proposed two storey dwelling house with basement and swimming pool	Approved 26.02.2024

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
DA2023/0137	03.07.2023	136 Lyons Road, Drummoyne	Demolition of dwelling house with existing detached garage to remain and a construction of a two (2) storey dwelling house with basement	Approved – Deferred Commencement 26.02.2024
DA2023/0178	24.08.2023	34 Walker Street, Rhodes	Fit-out and use of part of Level 01 (ground floor) of 34 Walker Street, Rhodes as a centre-based childcare centre (including trading hours)	Approved – LPP 28.02.2024
DA2023/0236	31.10.2023	Cintra Park, 2 Gipps Street, Concord	Continuation of temporary use of land as a training facility for a further five years to allow for the continued use by the Wests Tigers Rugby League Club, Wests Tigers National Women's Rugby League (NRLW) team, and the Junior Wests Tigers teams including use of existing temporary structures and associated temporary office facility	Approved – LPP 28.02.2024
DA2024/0028	23.02.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor upgrades to Shop 158 Gozleme Turkish House	Approved 29.02.2024
DA2024/0024	19.02.2024	321 Victoria Place, Drummoyne	Strata subdivision of existing dual occupancy	Approved 29.02.2024
DA2024/0030	23.02.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor upgrades to Shop 157 Kubi's Kebab House	Approved 29.02.2024

Total Number of DAs Determined = 28

Development Applications - Lodged

The following Development Applications were lodged with Council during the same period, 1 February 2024 and 29 February 2024:

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA2024/0010	01.02.2024	6/162F Burwood Road, Concord	Installation of Vergola louvered roof system to top floor terrace area of multi-level strata unit
DA2024/0017	02.02.2024	23A Ada Street, Concord	Alteration to existing ground floor and addition of first floor
DA2024/0018	02.02.2024	95 Lyons Road, Drummoyne	Internal modifications, addition of rear verandah, construction of an inground swimming pool
DA2024/0019	02.02.2024	58 Burns Crescent, Chiswick	Demolition and construction of new dwelling house, swimming pool and landscaping
DA2024/0009	05.02.2024	27 Rowley Road, Russell Lea	Demolition of existing dwelling, two storey dual occupancy with basement parking, inground swimming pool, landscaping and associated works and strata subdivision
DA2023/0293	05.02.2024	109 Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne	Proposed basement garage with garbage room and a second driveway
DA2024/0020	06.02.2024	18/162F Burwood Road, Concord	Installation of vergola louvered roof system to top floor terrace area of multi-level strata unit
DA2024/0022	07.02.2024	131 Lower St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	DA to modify approved DA2023/0003 including adding additional pools, powder rooms and BBQ area above level 1 terrace
DA2024/0021	13.02.2024	51 Renwick Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling house
DA2024/0023	14.02.2024	21 Potter Street Russell Lea	Construction of a double storey residential dwelling
DA2024/0013	14.02.2024	29 Ada Street, Concord	Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and construction of a two-storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls
DA2024/0025	15.02.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor alterations to shop fitout for shop 180, inside Birkenhead Point Shopping Centre
DA2024/0024	19.02.2024	321 Victoria Place, Drummoyne	Strata subdivision of existing dual occupancy
DA2024/0026	21.02.2024	84 Russell Street, Russell Lea	Demolition of all Existing Structures and Torrens Title Subdivision of one (1) Lot into Two (2)
DA2024/0029	22.02.2024	192 George Street, Concord West	Construction of a custom double storey dwelling

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA2024/0028	23.02.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor upgrades to Shop 158 Gozleme Turkish House
DA2024/0030	23.02.2024	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Minor upgrades to Shop 157 Kubi's Kebab House
DA2024/0031	26.02.2024	3 Hamilton Street, North Strathfield	A hardstand in the front setback and new driveway crossing including changes to the front fence
DA2024/0032	26.02.2024	38 Links Avenue, Concord	Demolition of all existing structures, construction of a two-storey dwelling with basement, swimming pool and related landscaping
DA2024/0033	26.02.2024	24 Edwin Street, Drummoyne	Tree removal
DA2024/0027	28.02.2024	1 Ramsay Road, Five Dock	Proposed change of use comprising a vehicle sales or hire premises with detached office and conversion of an office to a toilet
DA2024/0035	28.02.2024	62 Wareemba Street, Wareemba	Ground floor and first floor alterations and additions

Total Number of DAs Lodged = 22

Variations to development standards

There were no variations made to a development standard (e.g. Building Height, Floor Space Ratio) under the provision of Clause 4.6 of the *Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan, 2013* for the period 1 February 2024 and 29 February 2024.

Land and Environment Court Appeals

The following provides an update on Land and Environment Court appeals as at 1 March 2024:

DA/APPEAL NO	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	CURRENT STATUS
DA2023/0064	30-34 Leicester Avenue, Strathfield	Class 1 appeal against the deemed refusal of development application for alterations and additions to existing DA2021/0089, comprising amendments to the unit mix, and addition of 3 levels to result in an 8-storey building comprising 58 residential apartments.	No agreement reached at s34 conciliation conference. Matter listed for hearing 16-17 April 2024.
DA2022/0316	52-56 Ramsay Rad, Five Dock	Class 1 appeal against the deemed refusal of development application for the demolition of existing structures and construction of a new shop top housing	Amended proposal addressing streetscape, privacy, form and massing approved by the Court 1 March 2024.

DA/APPEAL NO	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	CURRENT STATUS
		development containing two basement levels, ground level commercial tenancies, 4 levels of residential apartments, and related landscaping.	
DA2023/0004	43 Dorking Road, Cabarita	Class 1 appeal against the deemed refusal of development application for the construction of a retaining wall and boundary fence between 43 and 45 Dorking Road.	Amended proposal with a reduced boundary fence approved by the Court 22 February 2024.
DA2023/0031	56 Bowman Street, Drummoyne	Class 1 appeal against the actual refusal of development application for alterations and additions to a dwelling and the construction of a new dwelling resulting in attached dual occupancy.	Amended proposal with a reduced floor area, lowered built form and removal of parking spaces approved by the Court 8 February 2024
DA2023/0168	53 Burnell Street, Russell Lea	Demolition of existing dwelling and vegetation, and construction of a new dwelling house with associated landscaping.	Matter listed for a s34 conciliation conference on 22 and 23 April 2024.
DA2023/0241	5 The Esplanade, Drummoyne	Integrated development (Water NSW) for the construction of an attached dual-occupancy and strata subdivision	Appeal recently lodged. Matter listed for first directions hearing 13 March 2024

Of the above 6 listed matters before the Land and Environment Court, there are currently 3 active appeals.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This report is provided for Council's information in response to the Council resolution of 6 February 2018.

ITEM 9.2 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**Reporting Manager** Manager Strategic Planning

- Attachments:**
1. **Terms of Reference - Parliamentary Inquiry into the Transport Oriented Development Program (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)**
[⇒](#)
 2. **Draft Council Submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Transport Oriented Development Program (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)** [⇒](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That Council endorse the draft Submission to the *Parliamentary Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program*, provided at Attachment 2 of the report, to be forwarded to the NSW Parliament by 28 March 2024.

PURPOSE

To seek endorsement of a draft Submission prepared in response to the *NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program*, including impacts arising from the State government's Diverse and Well-Located Housing Reform.

REPORT

On 23 February 2024, the NSW Parliament established an inquiry into the development of the Transport Oriented Development Program (TOD Program), including the impacts of the reform for Diverse and Well-Located Homes Program (Low and Mid-Rise SEPP).

The Terms of Reference of this Parliamentary Inquiry is at **Attachment 1**.

The NSW Government's TOD Program and Low and Mid-Rise SEPP were publicly exhibited in December 2023 and proposes to increase housing density within 800 metres of public transport hubs and/or a local centre containing a full-line supermarket, shops and restaurants, along with other changes.

Under the reforms, terraces, town houses, manor houses and mid-rise apartment blocks will be permitted in low and medium density residential areas via State Government Planning Policies which override local environmental planning instruments. The reforms are likely to apply to a significant area of the Canada Bay local government area as shown in Figure 1 of **Attachment 2**.

Council made two formal submissions to the NSW Government on these reforms (one in January and one in February) this year. A third submission (based on these two submissions), has now been prepared in response to the NSW Government's Parliamentary Inquiry into the TOD Program and Low and Mid-Rise SEPP. The draft submission is at **Attachment 2**.

The draft submission raises concerns relating to the Terms of Reference, specifically the:

- lack of community and Council engagement during the reform processes;
 - cumulative impact of the two new State Environmental Planning Policies;
 - impact on heritage buildings and places;
 - lack of planning for infrastructure; and
 - potential for unintended amenity impacts.
- It is recommended that Council endorse the draft Submission at **Attachment 2** to be forwarded to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 1: Creative vibrant local village centres and community hubs

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The Parliamentary Inquiry is open for Council and community feedback until 28 March 2024.

There are no identified risks associated with the submission to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration. The draft submission at Attachment 2 reflects the issues raised and position provided in Council's earlier submissions to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure submitted in January and February this year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial implications or considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Parliamentary Inquiry has been established by the upper house Committee for Planning and Environment. The Parliamentary Committee intends to publish its final report by 27 September 2024.

ITEM 9.3 OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN**Reporting Manager Manager Strategic Planning****Attachments:**

1. **Draft Community Participation Plan (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)** [⇒](#)
2. **Summary of Amendments to the Draft Community Participation Plan (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)** [⇒](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That Council adopt the updated draft *City of Canada Bay Community Participation Plan*, provided at Attachment 1 to the report.

PURPOSE

To report on the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft City of Canada Bay Community Participation Plan and provide a review of the submissions received.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *City of Canada Bay Community Participation Plan* was reviewed in late 2023 to incorporate statutory changes and implement recommendations arising from the Faster Local Assessment Grant Program (FLAG), a NSW Government program that sought to improve development application assessment processing times.

The draft *City of Canada Bay Community Participation Plan* (draft Plan) was placed on public exhibition between 29 January and 25 February 2024 for a period of 28 days. The draft Plan was exhibited on Council's Collaborate website and information about the public exhibition was included in an edition of City of Canada Bay eNews during the exhibition period.

Council received a total of 5 individual submissions to the draft Plan. The review of submissions has not substantiated changes to the draft Plan and it is recommended that the draft City of Canada Bay Community Participation Plan, as at **Attachment 1**, be adopted.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 4: The City of Canada Bay community is well informed and eager to engage in issues and decisions that impact them

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the Council Meeting of 5 December 2023, Council resolved to publicly exhibit the draft City of Canada Bay Community Participation Plan for a period of 28 days.

The draft Plan was placed on public exhibition from 29 January and 25 February 2024 on Council's Collaborate website and included in the edition of the City of Canada Bay eNews that was scheduled for release during the period of public exhibition.

A total of 5 individual submissions to the draft Plan were received during the exhibition period, with comments and feedback set out in the table below.

Submitter Concerns	Specifics of Concern	Response
<p>Removal of reference to place advertisements in a local newspaper.</p>	<p>Notifications in local newspaper should be retained as not everyone accesses online information.</p> <p>Notification should be placed in weekly papers such as the Weekly Times, and the City of Canada Bay News.</p>	<p>The NSW <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i> was amended in 2020 to require various notices to be published on a website instead of in a newspaper. This was in response to the closure of local newspapers and the diminishing circulation of other printed press, accompanied by a surge in readership of online media.</p> <p>In 2020, following the closure of the Inner West Courier newspaper, Council established the City of Canada Bay News and eNews, to provide additional non-statutory sources of news for the benefit of the community. These further avenues of communication continue to provide additional contact points and avenues for information sharing with the community.</p>
<p>Change of notification period for certain development applications from 21 days to 14 days.</p>	<p>The 21 days of notification should be retained so that affected residents have time to comment and seek professional advice on the impacts of development.</p> <p>The 21 days of notification should be retained for Modification of Consent applications under Section 4.55 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i>.</p> <p>Proposed changes to <i>Local Environmental Plan</i> and <i>Development Control Plans</i> should be notified to all ratepayers across the local government area.</p>	<p>The draft Plan proposes to only reduce the notification period to 14 days for certain development applications and modification applications.</p> <p>Developments that are typically larger in scale, or have greater potential impact, or contain sensitive uses will continue to be notified for 21 days, as set out in Table 5 of the draft Plan.</p> <p>The <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i> require Councils to undertake a 14 day notification period only. The 21 day notification represents an additional 7 days to the statutory obligations. The change to 14 days will improve efficiency for landowners and residents seeking a determination of their development application in lower impact development categories.</p>
<p>Notifications are to be sent in writing</p>	<p>All notifications should be sent in writing to neighbouring properties on either side of the development. Council should not have discretion as to the extent of the notification base.</p> <p>Development applications specifically for demolition should be notified to neighbouring properties in writing. Council officers to contact all neighbouring properties personally, to understand individual personal circumstances of each</p>	<p>Council continues to send notifications in writing to neighbouring properties. This practice is not proposed to change.</p> <p>It is important for Council officers to determine the extent of notification, dependent on the size, nature and impact of the proposed development to ensure relevant affected properties are notified.</p> <p>Apart from heritage items and buildings in Heritage Conservation Areas, applications for demolition are not notified to neighbours as demolition is a permissible form of development where impacts can be</p>

Submitter Concerns	Specifics of Concern	Response
	neighbour prior to making an assessment.	<p>managed through the imposition of appropriate conditions.</p> <p>It is not feasible for Council officers to individually call upon every neighbouring property. It is important for Council officers to remain impartial throughout the process, and enable consistent assessment against the <i>Local Environmental Plan</i>, <i>Development Control Plan</i>, criteria set out in <i>State Environmental Planning Policies</i> and other relevant instruments.</p>
Notification signs	Placement of development notification signage on the development site should not be the responsibility of the applicant; concerns that signage will not be maintained on the property for an appropriate length of time.	<p>Council officers will investigate whether there are improvements that can be made in relation to the display of notification signage on development sites. Updates to this requirement shall be proposed in a future iteration of the Community Participation Plan where relevant or necessary.</p> <p>Erection of signage is the responsibility of the applicant. Where signage is not erected, this will require renotification.</p>
Inadequate public exhibition of the draft Community Participation Plan	Information about the draft Plan public exhibition was published in the February 2024 edition of the eNews and submitter raised concern that this provided inadequate time for community to respond to the public exhibition.	<p>The public exhibition was held between 29 January and 25 February 2024 for a period of 28 days on the Council Collaborate website, in accordance with requirements under Part 1 Division 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i>.</p> <p>The February 2024 edition of the eNews fell within the relevant public exhibition period and was the most appropriate edition to include this information. The intent of this eNews information was to increase community awareness, it also went beyond the statutory requirement for notification.</p>

The review of feedback received through the public exhibition has not resulted in any further updates to the draft Plan than the document exhibited. One amendment that increases the exhibition period timeframe of 'Applications in connection with a draft planning agreement' from the proposed 21 days to 28 days, consistent with the Canada Bay Planning Agreement Policy was made to the draft Plan, post the exhibition period.

The final changes recommended for adoption are outlined in **Attachment 2** to this report.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The draft City of Canada Bay Community Participation Plan was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The draft Plan ensures that Council will continue to meet its obligations under the Faster Local Government Assessment Grant Program whilst providing a service above the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* in relation to the notification period for developments which may have greater potential impact or involve more sensitive land uses.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial impacts associated with this report and the recommendation to adopt the draft Community Participation Plan.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The draft Community Participation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*.

ITEM 9.4 ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 29 FEBRUARY 2024**Reporting Manager** Manager Sustainability and Waste**Attachments:** 1. [Environment Advisory Committee Minutes - 29 February 2024](#) 

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held on 29 February 2024, attached to the report, be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to present the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 February 2024.

REPORT

This report provides Council with the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Environment Advisory Committee from the meeting held on 29 February 2024.

The Committee's role is to advise and make recommendations on sustainability and waste issues as they relate to Council's operations, with a focus on the implementation of and achievement of targets in Council's Community Strategic Plan, *Our Future 2036*.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment

Goal STE 1: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Goal STE 2: Increase urban tree canopy

Goal STE 3: Reduce waste to landfill through avoidance and increased recycling and reuse

Goal STE 4: Enhance and protect native flora and fauna to support local biodiversity

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 3: Council works with partners to actively shape the City's future

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

There are no timing/consultation and/or risk considerations associated with this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council has adopted an *Environmental Strategy* and *Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy*.



Environment Advisory Committee Agenda

Thursday 29 February 2023 6.30pm – 8.15pm

Drummoyne Civic Centre - Halliday Room

Dinner Provided (from 6.30pm)

DISTRIBUTION LIST: David Mansford (DM), Sally Ash (SA), Rolf Muller (RM), Robyn Ann Lindner (RL), Tailoi Ling (TL), Mavis Clements (MC), Danny Ruspandini, Kate Egan (KE)

APOLOGIES: Alyssa Brown (AB), (DR) Sahar Khalili (SK), Christina Rojas (CR), Councillor Joseph Cordaro (JC), Belinda Koytz (BK)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE STAFF: Monica Cologna (MKC), Ilona Islam (II), Emma Tang (ET)

CHAIR: Councillor Charles Jago (CJ)

GUEST: Meloni Muir (MM)

ITEMS:

6.55pm Acknowledgement of Country Clr Jago

6.58pm Announcements and Introductions Clr Jago

7.00pm Waste Presentation Emma Tang

ET Coordinator Resource Recovery Officer presented on waste programs and upcoming sessions and asked committee to vote on top items that Waste team needs to focus on for collection. RM suggested that waste problems can differ from location to location.

Top 3 waste types: Committee voted soft plastics as #1, polystyrene as #2 and bikes as #3. ET confirmed that soft plastics are a low hanging fruit.

Buildings Network: ET promoted the Buildings Network Meeting. MC spoke about BASIX plan and omission of high-rise buildings below 5 levels. MC expressed concern that this can negatively impact the 4-5 level buildings to be built around the stations. ET confirmed that a lawyer will be present at Building Network Meeting to present on strata by-laws.

Homecycle: ET presented on the Homecycle service. ET confirmed there is no limitation on how many bags can be picked up. There was a discussion about the limitations, benefits and financial considerations regarding this service. The committee provided input into ways this service could be promoted and connected with other services/networks.

ACTION: II to share MC's email address with ET

APR Plastics: ET presented on APR plastics as part of Homecycle service, a soft plastics recycler.

ACTION: II to follow up with ET regarding APR location – BK to send details to CJ

**7:50pm Inner West Community Energy****Meloni Muir**

MM presented on Innerwest Community Energy. CJ will speak to BK about promoting this subsidy with residents. RM asked whether IWCE installers do more than just installations. MM confirmed that installers will do the paperwork to deduct rebates from quotes.

8.13pm Council Update**Monica Cologna**

MKC provided council update on Clean Up Australia Day, Electrify Everything Information Night, Flora and Fauna Survey, Community Planting Day, Business and Sustainability Awards and Community Environmental Grants, and asked EAC members for Schools contacts. KE enquired about what will be done with data from the Flora and Fauna survey.

ACTION: II to send information about what will be done with the Flora and Fauna survey data

MM enquired about whether Canada Bay allows kerbside charging for residents outside their home.

ACTION: II to send MM more information on charging EVs from home on kerbside

8:21pm General Business**Clr Jago**

CJ proposed stormwater plastic issue to be left for next meeting. MKC gave a reminder that there will be EAC meetings in April and June, but not August. Committees will reset after election. MM expressed great appreciation for Ju'eta's work at council.

RM shared information on Cumberland City Council's proposed bike trail between Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe Train Station which is open for submission. TL expressed that walking is an active form of transport and that safe walking needs to become an agenda for Council.

DM shared that new houses are still being built with gas fittings.

8.27pm Meeting Closed

1. Meeting dates for 2024
 - o Thursday 18th April
 - o Thursday 27th June

Standing Items**Next Meeting – Thursday 18th April 2024**

10 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES - 22 FEBRUARY 2024

Reporting Manager Manager Roads and Traffic

Attachments: 1. **City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 22 February 2024 (Provided in Attachment Booklet)** [⇒](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That the minutes and recommendations of the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee Meeting held 22 February 2024, attached to the report, be adopted.

PURPOSE

To report the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee minutes of 22 February 2024 to Council.

REPORT

This report contains the minutes for the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee held on 22 February 2024 for Council's adoption.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 4: Infrastructure and Transport

Goal IT 2: Manage traffic and parking to minimise congestion and increase road safety

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with the report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee meetings are held in line with Transport for NSW guidelines.

ITEM 10.2 URBAN TREE CANOPY STRATEGY SIX MONTHLY UPDATE - JULY TO DECEMBER 2023**Reporting Manager Manager Open Space****Attachments: Nil**

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy Six Monthly Update report for the period July to December 2023 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

This report provides Council with a six month update on progress and responds to the following resolution of Council made on 18 May 2021 that:

Council introduces a regular, ongoing report to Council on trees known to have been removed from public and private land across the Canada Bay LGA with reports at least half-yearly, beginning in July 2021. This report should also highlight any public planting which has occurred within that period.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of trees planted and removed across the City of Canada Bay for the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 and net gain / loss for the period.

On public and private land, 781 trees were planted, with 640 of these being on public land. On combined public and private land, 269 trees were removed. The net gain in trees planted across the city for the reporting period was 512 trees.

Council has adopted the use of advanced tree sizes due to the costs/benefits involved compared to planting smaller sized trees.

Council has engaged an Urban Forest consultant to conduct a mid-term (5 year) review into the strategic goals, operational challenges, and targets outlined in the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy.

In late 2023, the NSW Government released current canopy cover data for the LGA. This is being assessed compared to previous data and as part of the strategic review to identify trends and improvements on how we manage and report on our tree canopy.

The outcomes from both of the above processes will be communicated to Council in coming months.

Council is in the process of recruiting two new roles in Open Space Team related to ongoing urban forest management.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

- Direction 1: Connected Community
- Goal CC 4: Promote a community where residents feel safe and enjoy good health
- Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment
- Goal STE 1: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Goal STE 2: Increase urban tree canopy
- Goal STE 4: Enhance and protect native flora and fauna to support local biodiversity
- Direction 4: Infrastructure and Transport
- Goal IT 1: Manage local assets to ensure they continue to meet community needs and address climate adaptation

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Increased canopy has many scientifically proven benefits for the community and environment such as: reducing heat; providing clean air; improved amenity, biodiversity and habitat and many others.

Council's *Urban Tree Canopy Strategy* (2019) is the key strategic framework identifying priorities and actions that need to be undertaken to achieve Council's goal of increasing the canopy from 18% to 25% by 2040.

Regular data analysis and reporting is important to track progress towards meeting our increased canopy cover target. This is an action outlined in the *Urban Tree Canopy Strategy*.

Challenges exist in meeting the increased canopy cover target including:

- climate change
- limited public and private permeable space available for planting
- development and urban densification
- community perceptions and conflicts i.e. blocking views, vandalism, illegal removals, objection to tree litter, understanding of benefits.

To address these challenges, the *Urban Tree Canopy Strategy* has both short and long-term recommendations to achieve Council's goals.

The following table provides a summary of tree planting and removal for the period 1 July – 31 December 2023

Six Month Report Data

	Public Land	Private Land	Type / Reason
Tree Planting	640	135 6	- Street / park – advanced sizes used - Tree giveaways - DA replacements
Total Planted	640	141	781 planted
Tree Removals	35 55	135 26 18	- Poor health / Council projects - Vandalised - Tree permits - DAs - Illegal
Total Removals	90	179	269 Removed
Net Total	550	-38	512 Net Gain

Table 1 – CCBC planting, removal and giveaway numbers for 6-month reporting period July-Dec 2023

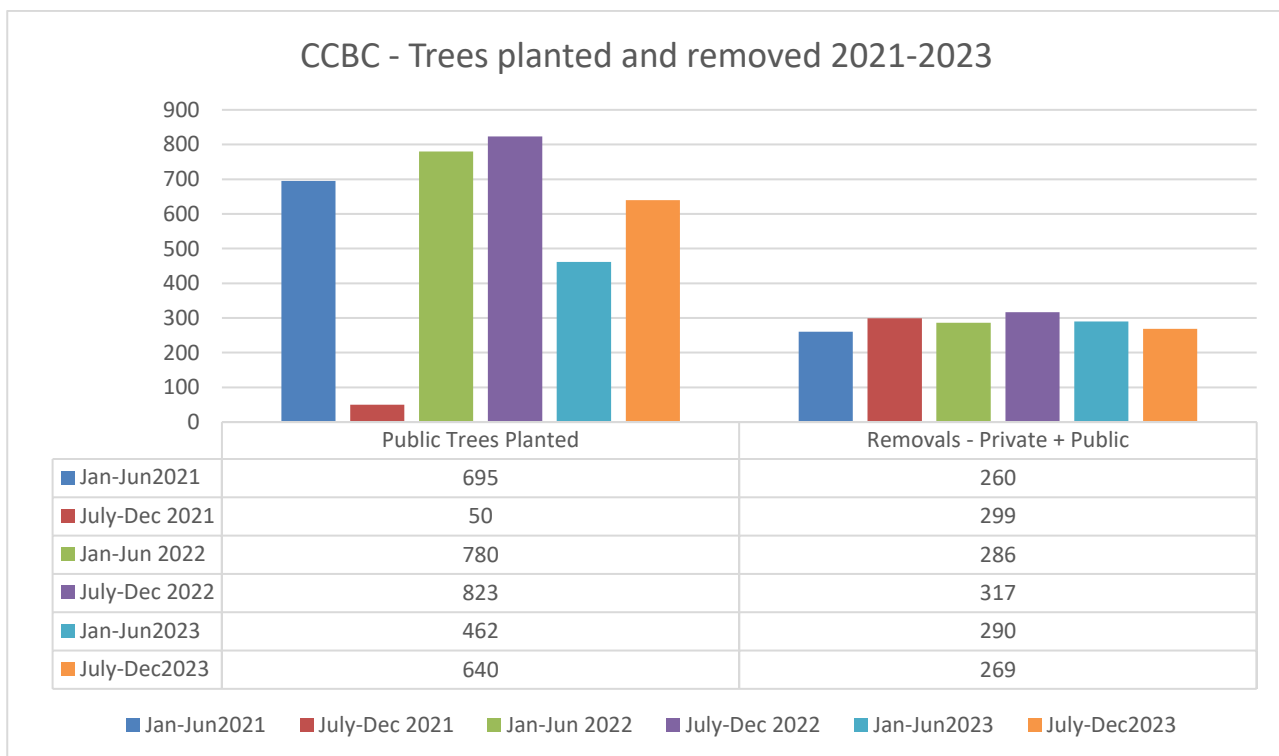


Figure 1 – Public trees planted and removed figures for reporting periods.

Data Limitations

This report assumes trees that are approved for removal and replacement through Developments Applications and Tree Removal Permits are actually removed / planted in line with the stipulated requirements. It is unknown how many trees were removed as part of CDC applications.

Canopy loss or gains from the removal / pruning or planting of trees is not included or recorded. This can be included in future reports with canopy data recently released by NSW Govt.

Tree Planting

Council has been trialling the planting of advanced tree stock in recent projects. Advanced trees, whilst more costly up front, provide benefits including greater canopy cover, “protected” status in a shorter timeframe, and less prone to vandalism and failure due to natural causes. Advanced trees were used in 2023 in Grow Our Canopy Round 4 street and park tree plantings, Goddard Park, Campbell Park, Lysaght Park, Allison Park, and McIlwaine Park plantings.

As part of Council’s campaign to increase private tree plantings, 135 small trees were provided to residents, though the planting of these trees cannot be confirmed.

Tree Removals

A total of 35 public trees were removed from streets or public parks due to their age, location, Council projects and where a safety risk was identified.

Vandalism occurred to 55 trees (9%) of new tree plantings, all of these 55 have been replaced with a new planting.

Council approved 135 tree removals on private land via the Tree Removal permits process. Reasons supporting removals included inappropriate location, age, safety risk and/or infrastructure damage. A further 26 trees were approved for removal for similar supporting reasons as part of Development Applications (DA). It is unknown how many trees were removed as part of CDC proposals. Reports indicate there is a continuing net loss of private trees numbers across the LGA.

Over the period, 18 mature private and public trees were removed without permission. All matters were investigated by tree officers and the compliance team, and in cases where sufficient evidence was ascertained, enforcement action was undertaken.

Current Focus Areas

Council has been mapping all street and park trees within the LGA. This is 95% complete and will inform development of a Street Tree Masterplan and likely generate a private and public Significant Tree Register anticipated 2024/25.

The NSW Government recently released current canopy cover percentages and data for each LGA, enabling councils to commence tracking their actual canopy cover changes. This will be instrumental in gauging canopy gains or losses over time. This data is currently being assessed as part of the mid-term strategic review.

Council will continue community education on canopy goals through the established tree trail, QR codes on new trees, community planting days and tree giveaways, social media posts, working with schools and private communities to increase canopy and having the Urban Forester present to community events and groups.

Council will continue to focus on planting within areas that are lacking in canopy cover and are susceptible to the urban heat island effect.

Conclusion

Council is expecting the final reports for our mid-term strategic review in mid 2024 on the *Urban Tree Canopy Strategy*. This will provide a thorough operational review including modern reliable data to track progress over time across private and public spaces within the LGA.

Trends from the previous 6 reporting periods indicate an overall gain in tree numbers, a net gain in public trees and a net loss of private trees. This is being assessed compared to previous data and as part of the strategic review to identify trends and improvements on how we manage and report on our tree canopy.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Actions proposed are in accordance with the adopted Urban Tree Canopy Strategy.

ITEM 10.3 OUTCOMES FROM THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE PROPOSED NEW FEES FOR BUSINESS PARKING PERMITS IN FIVE DOCK**Reporting Manager Manager Roads and Traffic****Attachments: Nil**

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That Council:

1. Adopt a fee of \$0.00 for Business Parking Permits in the Five Dock Permit Parking Scheme.
 2. Refund the Business Parking Permit fees already paid through the Five Dock Parking Permit Scheme in the 2023/24 financial year.
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PURPOSE

This report presents the outcomes from the public exhibition of the proposed fee change for Five Dock business parking permits.

REPORT

At the meeting of 5 December 2023, Council resolved that:

1. *In accordance with section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993, the proposed new fees for Business Parking Permits in Five Dock be placed on public exhibition for a 28 day period.*
2. *A report be prepared on submissions received in response to the public exhibition and submitted to Council for consideration and including the identification of a funding source for projected forgone revenue.*
3. *Council survey businesses in the Five Dock Parking Scheme area as soon as possible in early 2024 to capture feedback to determine whether extra visitor parking permits for businesses is supported across the business community.*

Item 3. of this resolution is still in progress, with businesses in Five Dock door knocked to seek feedback. The survey for this was also advertised via Collaborate, with feedback closing 18 February 2024. The results of this survey and the resulting recommendations will be the subject of a future report to Council.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 4: Infrastructure and Transport

Goal IT 2: Manage traffic and parking to minimise congestion and increase road safety

TIMING / CONSULTATION

The public exhibition of the proposed fee change for Five Dock business parking permits was conducted over the period 13 December 2023 to 4 February 2024. The exhibition resulted in 641 page views, comprising 362 unique visitors to the web page. Two submissions were made, whilst three people are following for updates.

Both submissions were in support of the proposal with the comments made as follows:

“I'm in favour of the proposed fee change to \$0 for business parking permit fee. Businesses are already struggling with paying rent, employees and all the running costs to keep the

business surviving. Now a huge portion of nearby all-day parking spots have been taken away and we are either being forced to pay a significant fee for reasonably close parking or else be forced to park much further away. Sometimes it's not possible to find parking within a 10 minutes walking distance. With the unpredictable and increased traffic to get to work, we are sometimes running late to open the store for our 9am customers/patients as we are travelling from far. It's also difficult when trying to carry items from the car to the shop”.

“I welcome the fee change.

Thank you to Councillor Carmel for all her help in this issue.

We also need more flexibility with our second permit to assist businesses that have casual staff. This way they can share the permit between them.”

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Adopting a fee of \$0.00 for Business Parking Permits in the Five Dock Permit Parking Scheme will potentially increase parking usage around the Five Dock business precinct with the potential uptake of a total 226 eligible business parking permits (36 issued to date in the current financial year), reducing overall customer parking availability at peak periods.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

A total of 36 applications for Business Parking Permits for Five Dock have been processed this financial year, with fees amounting to \$9,720.00 being received. In the absence of a change to current Fees and Charges, additional revenue would be anticipated in the remainder of this financial year. This revenue was however not budgeted for in the current financial year.

The uptake of Business Parking Permits to date has been relatively low. Under current eligibility criteria, approximately 226 of these permits could be issued for the Five Dock Permit Parking Scheme. Based on the experience in Council's other Permit Parking Scheme areas, adopting a 50% uptake rate and current Fees and Charges would result in a revenue of approximately \$34,220 for this financial year.

This cost of forgone revenue, should Council proceed to apply a nil charge, has been anticipated within the annual budget being prepared for 2024/25. Any future consideration of fees beyond the 2023/24 financial year can be managed through the annual process of setting Council's Fees and Charges.

To ensure that businesses that have already paid for Business Parking Permits are not unfairly disadvantaged, it is recommended that fees paid to date in the 2023/24 financial year be refunded.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993, the proposed fees for business parking permits in Five Dock were placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

11 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 11.1 GAMBLING AND FOSSIL FUELS - ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

Reporting Manager Manager Place Management

Manager Property Strategy and Leasing

Attachments: 1. Sponsorship Policy - June 2023 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE

That:

1. Council's Sponsorship Policy be updated to incorporate the amendments specified in the report.
 2. New and renewed leasing and advertising agreements consider the potential impacts on restricting gambling and fossil fuel advertising, as referred to in the report, as part of the negotiations.
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PURPOSE

To report on the feasibility of implementing a ban on the advertising of fossil fuels and gambling on Council controlled signage and properties and precluding the sponsorship of events by entities that sell fossil fuel or gambling products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to a Council resolution, and following a requested Councillor workshop, this report has been prepared on the feasibility of implementing a ban on the advertising of fossil fuels and/or gambling on Council controlled signage, Council owned or managed property and at Council events. Council's resolution also included that the report should consider precluding sponsorship of Council events by entities that sell fossil fuel or gambling products.

In considering options, this report limits the scope of entities related to fossil fuels to those that sell such products. In relation to gambling, the report limits consideration of entities related to gambling products to those whose primary business is the sale of gambling products as opposed to those that offer gambling products as an ancillary activity.

This report recommends that the potential impacts of restricting advertising of fossil fuels and gambling on Council controlled signage and properties be considered as part of any new and renewed leasing and advertising agreements and contracts.

The report further recommends that Council's Sponsorship Policy be updated to reflect a ban on receiving sponsorship from entities that sell fossil fuel products and clarifies Council's position regarding companies associated with gambling.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

- Direction 1: Connected Community
- Goal CC 4: Promote a community where residents feel safe and enjoy good health
- Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment
- Goal STE 1: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living
- Goal VUL 3: Promote the City as an attractive, welcoming place to do business
- Direction 5: Civic Leadership
- Goal CL 3: Council works with partners to actively shape the City's future

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On 15 November 2022, Council resolved:

That Council notes:

1. *City of Canada Bay endorsed a declaration of climate emergency in September 2019, in response to the risks of climate change and the need for strong action.*
 - a) *The City of Canada Bay endorsed a declaration of climate emergency in September 2019, in response to the risks of climate change and the need for strong action.*
 - b) *Problem gambling contributes to major economic and social damage in the community.*
 - c) *Advertising of gambling and/or fossil fuels on Council property or facilities is inconsistent with Council values.*
2. *The feasibility of, and options for, implementing a ban on advertising of fossil fuels and/or gambling on any Council controlled signage and on signage on any property owned or managed by Council, and at Council events be investigated and presented to a Councillor Workshop following which a report be prepared and submitted to Council.*
3. *The investigation and report referred to in 2. above also include consideration of:*
 - (a) *Precluding the sponsorship of Council events by entities that sell fossil fuel or gambling products.*
 - (b) *Working with other councils, SSROC, Local Government NSW and the Australian Local Government Association to encourage a consistent approach across local government to ban fossil fuel and gambling advertising.*

Scope of Investigation

In assessing options and undertaking a detailed investigation into the feasibility of implementing a ban on advertising of fossil fuels and/or gambling products, consideration has been given to those entities whose primary business is the sale of fossil fuel and gambling related products.

With regards to fossil fuels, the scope of the report is limited to companies who are primary distributors of fossil fuel across the Australian market. In this consideration, automotive manufacturers are not considered primary distributors of fossil fuel.

Regarding gambling related products, the report considers organisations such as manufacturers of poker machines and all online betting agencies as primary sellers of gambling products. Local Clubs

that advertise on-premise gambling facilities within the venue are not considered to be primary sellers of gambling products as these activities are ancillary to the function of the venue.

Advertising & Signage

The following Council buildings and assets have gambling advertising associated with the use of the premises by the lessee. The signage centres around on-premise betting and Poker Tournaments:

- Barnwell Park Golf Club
- Massey Park Golf Club
- Briars Club Carpark
- Concord Bowling Club
- Drummoyne Sailing Club (Council are the Crown Land Manager part of the carpark which is Licenced to the Drummoyne Sailing Club)

Currently there are no provisions within the existing tenure documents that restrict or provide Council a mechanism to prohibit the onsite advertising of gambling and fossil fuel.

In all instances the primary function of the venue is not tied to gambling related activities. Gambling is ancillary to the main purpose and function of the premises which in most cases is community-based sport and recreation.

The functioning and ongoing viability of the venues which house gambling material and/or advertising are important to the community. If restrictions are imposed, there are risks to the ongoing viability of the operator and the benefit that the operation provides to the community.

As of 1 September 2023, the NSW State Government legislated the banning of poker machine advertising outside venues. Fines of more than \$10,000 now apply to any venue that does not comply with the new signage rules.

Any gambling advertising currently installed must be in-line with Local, State and Federal legislation and regulations (i.e. Responsible Conduct of Gambling, Development Application approvals, and Advertising Standards Australia).

Placing conditions or restrictions on advertising material that is currently legal may have a commercial impact for the lessee or site operator. It should be noted that in some instances organisations such as on-premise gambling providers fund signage on and within venues as part of a commercial arrangement.

Aside from leased premises, Council has key contracts with advertising agencies for digital and static media. These include QMS Media for roadside billboard advertising located around the local government area and Ooh Media for bus shelter advertising.

The QMS Media contract is within term and due to expire in January 2029, whilst the Ooh Media contract is due to expire in June 2026.

Any restrictions on the legal advertising of gambling and fossil fuel related material by Council can not be imposed during the current contact terms.

Following analysis of the percentage of advertising sales, gambling and fossil fuel related material represents less than 1.14% for QMS Media in 2023 and less than 2.5% for Ooh Media in 2023.

Sponsorship

The list of sponsorships of events and/or activities not permitted by the City of Canada Bay Council are included in section 5.4 of Council's current Sponsorship Policy (attached).

Council does not have a history of accepting sponsorship from entities that sell fossil fuels, however this is not specifically listed in the Sponsorship Policy as a type of sponsorship that is not permitted.

Several other councils, including City of Sydney, Inner West and Lane Cove Councils have all recently resolved to either investigate or implement a ban on accept sponsorship from entities that sell fossil fuels.

In relation to gambling, Council has not previously accepted sponsorship from entities whose primary business is the sale of gambling products. Council does however accept sponsorship for Council-run events from entities, such as local Clubs, who offer gambling products as an ancillary activity. This is seen as an acknowledgment of the contribution and benefit to the local community provided by these Clubs.

An update to Council's current Sponsorship Policy is recommended to clarify Council's position, that:

- Council will not accept sponsorship from entities that sell fossil fuels.
- Council will not accept sponsorship from primary sellers of gambling products (local Clubs are excluded from this definition).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Should Council choose not to accept sponsorship from local Clubs, this would likely result in a funding shortfall for a number of its major events, such as Ferragosto.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

Gaming Machines Act 2001

City of Canada Bay Sponsorship Policy 2023



CITY OF
CANADA BAY

SPONSORSHIP POLICY

Date of Adoption: 15 August 2023
Effective Date: 15 August 2023

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Sponsorship Policy

1. Introduction

This policy establishes the principles for sponsorship agreements between the City of Canada Bay and other parties. It provides guidelines for incoming financial and in-kind sponsorship and outlines the procedures to be met by both Council and the sponsorship partner. It also provides guidelines for the City of Canada Bay's outgoing sponsorship to community organisations, groups and individuals. The policy has been developed to provide a transparent process in the interests of public accountability.

2. Purpose

The objectives of this Policy are to:

- Outline a framework and general principles for managing Council's inbound and outbound sponsorships, both monetary and non-monetary in nature.
- Outline considerations in identifying, assessing, approving, and managing inbound and outbound sponsorship.
- Ensure that all sponsorship is dealt with in a fair, transparent and equitable manner.
- Outlines responsibilities of all parties involved in a sponsorship arrangement.
- Specifies criteria that guide what sponsorship opportunities can be sought or supported, including considerations for ensuring probity, policy conformity, and avoiding conflicts of interest.
- Enable effective sponsorship that will benefit the community.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all inbound and outbound sponsorship arrangements entered into by the City of Canada Bay Council. It does not apply to outgoing grants which are covered by Council's Community Funding Guidelines. The policy supersedes the Sponsorship and Donations Policy (2017).

This policy applies to all City of Canada Bay Council employees, including permanent, temporary and casual staff, contractors and consultants engaged by Council.

4. Definitions

Term	Definition
Sponsorship	A sponsorship is a commercial arrangement in which a sponsor provides a financial or in-kind contribution to support an activity in return for certain specified benefits. Sponsorship can be provided to or received from the corporate sector, private sector, private individuals as well as community groups and not for profit organisations. Sponsorship does not include the selling of advertising space, joint ventures, partnerships, grant programs, consultancies, grants (in regard to received sponsorship) and unconditional gifts, donations, bequests or endowments.
Outgoing Sponsorship	A financial or in-kind contribution from Council made to an individual, organisation or business.
Incoming Sponsorship	A financial or in-kind contribution to Council made from an individual, organisation or business.
Conflict of Interest	A conflict of interest can arise if it is likely that a private interest could conflict, or be seen to conflict, with carrying out a person's public or professional duties.
Community Benefit	The return or benefit to the community that flows from Council's sponsorship programs and in-kind support.
Council	Council refers to the City of Canada Bay Council.
LGA	Refers to the City of Canada Bay Council local government area.
Grant	A grant is cash or value-in-kind support provided to applicants for a specified project or purpose with terms and conditions defined, but not commensurate with a

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	direct reciprocal benefit received by Council. Grants made by Council are expected to achieve community benefit.
Donation	A donation (including an unconditional gift, bequest or endowment) is a provision of cash or other items of value with no return benefits expected. The person or organisation providing these may request a modest acknowledgement or that the provision be used for a particular purpose. These are not sponsorships or grants. Council, an individual or an organisation may make a donation, except that only an individual can make a bequest.

5. Policy Context

5.1 Sponsorship principles

The City of Canada Bay Council invites and seeks sponsorship for selected Council projects, events, services or activities to maximise financial and in-kind assistance for the benefit of the City of Canada Bay community. Council is also committed to supporting, through partnership agreements, various projects, events, services and activities which provide benefit to the City of Canada Bay community. All sponsorships will be undertaken in accordance with Council's policies and legislative requirements and to the mutual benefit of both parties. Any negotiations will be governed by probity principles: fairness, impartiality, accountability, transparency and value for money. When Council and its officers seek and obtain sponsorship, it will do so in a professional and coordinated manner that will comply with Council's Code of Conduct and Statement of Business Ethics.

Council will consider engaging in sponsorship agreements where:

- There is benefit to Council, residents, local businesses and/or visitors;
- They help deliver Council's Community Strategic Plan;
- There is no actual or perceived conflict of interest;
- There is no interference with Council's ability to exercise its obligations under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other relevant legislation that Council relies on to perform its duties and deliver services.

5.2. Suitable activities for sponsorship

Sponsorship may be incoming (received by Council), or outgoing (offered by Council). Sponsors are sought for a range of Council activities including community events and festivals, community facilities, educational facilities, recreational and community programs and equipment. Council will consider sponsoring a range of community activities including community events and festivals, community cultural facilities, educational facilities and equipment.

5.2.1 Suitable Activities for Incoming Sponsorship

The types of events/activities that Council may consider suitable for incoming sponsorship generally include short term activities or events such as:

- Public and ticketed events, festivals and event programs;
- Cultural activities and programs of a limited time period or ongoing e.g. exhibitions, cultural programs;
- Public conferences, seminars and workshops e.g. business forums;
- Training and education or opportunities for scholarships;
- Community or industry awards;
- Environmental projects;
- Community awareness and education campaigns;
- Sports, leisure and recreation projects or programs.

5.2.2 Suitable Activities for Outgoing Sponsorship

The types of events/activities that Council may consider suitable for outgoing sponsorship generally include short term activities or events such as:

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- Cultural or community events
- Community education programs
- Community projects
- Sporting projects and programs
- Conferences
- Scholarships
- Awards
- Research and publications.

5.3. Benefits to sponsors from sponsorship agreements

Council may offer a range of benefits to sponsors. Benefits to the sponsor are determined in collaboration and agreement with the City of Canada Bay Council and may be restricted by legislation and public policy. Benefits must be agreed upon in advance and included in the sponsorship agreement. The extent of benefits will depend on the level and nature of the sponsorship and may include:

- (a) ability to use Council's branding, content and imagery in connection with the sponsored activity and the ability to develop co-branded material;
- (b) branding exposure on print materials and collateral, media, social media, digital signage, banners and direct marketing;
- (c) exposure at events through signage and integration into events programmes where feasible and appropriate, acknowledgement by the emcee or speakers;
- (d) opportunity to speak publicly at the sponsored event or activity;
- (e) in-kind event coordination support and event advisory/logistics support;
- (f) event hospitality including invitation to events, invitation to VIP functions, temporary car parking spot for the event and preferential seating;
- (g) naming rights or category sponsorship for major events;
- (h) award or trophy in the sponsor's name and publicly presented;
- (i) designated spaces whether internal or external on a case by case basis (e.g. stalls, parking, storage);
- (j) display of goods and other material merchandising of goods at selected points of sale;
- (k) sponsor's name, logo or other relevant design displayed on Council assets (eg, garbage trucks or other fleet vehicles)
- (l) Council waiving fees or agreeing to meet costs associated with services it would otherwise charge for, as listed in the advertised Fees and Charges (e.g. event design support).

If the sponsorship agreement involves the supply of a product, that product should be evaluated for its fitness for purpose against objective criteria relevant to Council's needs. The sponsorship agreement should not involve explicit endorsement of the sponsor or the sponsor's products.

5.4 Sponsorship not permitted

Council will not undertake sponsorships that:

- (a) Require or imply any Council endorsement of commercial products, services, companies, political parties or individuals;
- (b) Limit Council's ability to carry out its functions fully and impartially;
- (c) Restrict access to the Council's community assets, such as sporting fields, by the widest audience possible;
- (d) Are not consistent with City of Canada Bay Council's Community Strategic Plan, or other plans, strategies and policies;

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- (e) Are not consistent with Council's social justice principles of equity, participation, rights and accessibility for all groups in the community;
- (f) Give rise to an actual or perceived conflict of interest;
- (g) Allow ownership and control of the sponsored asset to be removed from Council;
- (h) Pose a conflict with the broader policies and practices of Council;
- (i) Have the potential to adversely impact City of Canada Bay Council's reputation and brand; and
- (j) Pose a conflict between the objectives and values of Council and those of the Sponsor.

City of Canada Bay Council will not consider entering into sponsorship arrangements with other parties that Council deems:

- (a) to be involved in any current, regulatory or legal matter involving Council, or if it is reasonably known that such matters are likely to arise in the foreseeable future;
- (b) such arrangement could compromise, or be seen to compromise, Council's ability to exercise its regulatory and planning functions. Further, other parties must have a clear understanding that any arrangements have no bearing on Council's capability to exercise such functions;
- (c) have not fulfilled the requirements of a previous sponsorship arrangement;
- (d) to be of a political nature (e.g. political parties);
- (e) to be a "property developer", as defined in the Electoral Funding Act 2018;
- (f) to be a religious organisation;
- (g) are connected with adult services or adult content production or distribution;
- (h) promote or are associated with the sale of tobacco;
- (i) promote or are associated with gambling products;
- (j) promote or are associated with firearms manufacture and sale; or
- (k) discriminate by way of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation including in employment, marketing or advertising practices.

5.5 Conflict of interest

Every sponsorship proposal will be assessed for the possibility of conflict of interest (either real or perceived). Council has the discretion to refuse or terminate such arrangement in any case where, during the life of the sponsorship, the other party (including related parties, parent companies and subsidiaries):

- has a current development application or planning matter before Council, or Council is aware of a possible future application and planning matter;
- is or is likely to be subject to regulation or inspection where Council may impose conditions; or
- may limit Council's ability to carry out its functions fully and impartially or may be perceived to do so.

In addition, there should be no suggestion, either explicitly or implicitly, that any individual, organisation or company will be given any favourable or special treatment as a result of providing sponsorship support to Council. No elected representative, employee or agent of City of Canada Bay Council is to receive, or solicit, a personal benefit from a sponsorship agreement with Council. This would constitute a breach of Council's Code of Conduct and the Gifts and Benefits Policy.

Prospective sponsors will be required to sign a Conflict of Interest Declaration as part of the acceptance and approval process.

5.6 Partner organisations and third-party sponsorship

From time to time, City of Canada Bay Council may partner with an organisation in order to deliver a program or event. Conditions associated with the Partnership arrangement will be outlined in an agreement.

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Partners seeking sponsorship to events and programs run in conjunction with Council should adhere to the criteria outlined in this Policy for assessing the suitability of potential sponsorships. Council must be notified of potential sponsorship arrangements by partner organisations and retains the right to reject potential sponsorship arrangements that it deems to be inappropriate, or to impose conditions of the sponsorship offering and arrangement.

5.7 Retainment of discretion to reject sponsorship

When determining and evaluating a sponsorship proposal, City of Canada Bay Council retains the discretion not to accept a sponsorship proposal. Council will assess proposals according to the criteria it has created and published.

5.8 Guidelines for seeking sponsorship

When Council is seeking sponsorship support a sponsorship proposal should be developed which clearly outlines the nature of the project, why it is being proposed, the benefits to potential sponsors and to the City of Canada Bay, and the type or value of sponsorship sought. The public interest is best served by Council making sponsorship opportunities widely known and using broad based, open processes that are not limited solely to invited sponsors.

Sponsorship opportunities are potentially sought through different approaches, including:

- 1) Expressions of Interest
Expressions of Interest will typically be invited through advertisement (including an annual invitation to sponsor on Council's website) to ensure the business community and other relevant government and non-government organisations have the opportunity to participate in relevant sponsorship opportunities.
- 2) Pitching a sponsorship
Council may identify potential sponsor/s for a specific sponsorship opportunity and may initiate direct contact with the potential sponsor/s where there is a strategic alignment between the prospective sponsor/s and the activity or project for which sponsorship is being sought. In this case a committee will be formed that will establish suitable criteria that ensures the arrangements in place meet probity and transparency requirements.
- 3) Unsolicited proposals
Unsolicited proposals for sponsorship should only be accepted without testing the market for other similar proposals when the offer comes from a person or organisation where a significant strategic alignment exists between the sponsor and the target for sponsorship. In these situations the reasons for accepting the offer and not conducting an open market process must be clearly documented.
- 4) A combination of the above.

When companies/organisations seek sponsorship support from Council, they will be required to provide a sponsorship proposal which clearly outlines the nature of the project, why it is being proposed, the benefits to the Council and the local community, and the type or value of sponsorship sought.

5.9 Approval of Sponsorship

Sponsorship arrangements, whether received as funding or in-kind support must be approved by the General Manager.

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Assessments against the criteria for appropriateness outlined in this policy and will assess and take account of any potential conflict of interest situations.

Any sponsorship arrangement entered into must be formalised with a written agreement. This agreement should be the entire arrangement between the parties, and no privileges for either party shall exist outside the agreement, unless approved by both parties.

Any sponsorship that does not clearly align to this policy can still be considered by the Council at a Council meeting.

5.10 Assessing a sponsorship proposal

Sponsorship proposals must be assessed against the below criteria:

- 1) Evaluation of any previous relationship or dealings between the other party and Council;
- 2) The sponsorship proposal and the other party is compatible with Council's vision, values, strategic objectives, policies, and image, and applicable legislation;
- 3) The other party is not excluded on the basis of criteria outlined in 5.4 of this Policy;
- 4) Agreement with the other party on the sponsorship benefits being offered or received;
- 5) The other party must not be involved in a dispute with Council;
- 6) The sponsorship arrangement is not considered to be a conflict of interest;
- 7) The sponsorship agreement must not impose or imply conditions that could limit, or appear to limit, Council to carry out its functions fully, impartially and ethically;
- 8) The sponsorship arrangement is anticipated to deliver positive reputational benefits to Council;
- 9) Council must be satisfied that the other party has the capacity and intent to fulfil its obligations;
- 10) The sponsorship arrangement must benefit both parties;
- 11) The sponsorship arrangement and agreement must adhere to Council's sponsorship policy;
- 12) The assessment of incoming sponsorship must consider the impact and potential reach of the sponsorship, community benefit, and cost of serving the sponsorship against the benefits and potential for long-term partnerships;
- 13) The value of Incoming sponsorship must be greater than the cost to Council in time and resources of obtaining the sponsorship; and
- 14) Submissions for outgoing sponsorship will be assessed against criteria including any past or present business conducted within Council and the other parties' statement of principal activities (as well as parent or subsidiary company information). Consideration must also be given to budget available to undertake the sponsorship, the resources required to service the agreement and an assessment of these against the benefits provided to Council or the community.

5.11 Managing the Sponsorship

A legally binding agreement must be entered into for each sponsorship arrangement. The sponsorship agreement must not impose or imply conditions that would limit, or appear to limit, Council's ability to carry out its functions fully and impartially.

The agreement will set out:

- The nature of benefits, including economic and in-kind benefits, available to Council and the other party
- The form or forms of sponsorship acknowledgement which will be available
- The term of the sponsorship and any conditions regarding renewal
- Financial accountability requirements
- Provision for termination or suspension of the agreement.

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5.12 Reporting Requirements

All sponsorship arrangements need to be documented through a sponsorship proposal, sponsorship agreement and reported as part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. All incoming and outgoing sponsorships are reported to the community via Council's Annual Report for the respective financial year.

6. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed every three years or as required in the event of legislative changes or requirements. The policy may also be changed as a result of other amendments. Any amendments to a community facing policy must be by way of a Council resolution.

Council staff and members of the public may provide feedback about this document by emailing council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

ITEM 11.2 **RUSTY PRIEST KOKODA SCHOLARSHIP**
Reporting Manager **Manager Library and Community Services**
Attachments: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE

That:

1. Council award the 2024 Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship to Candidate A from Rosebank College to the amount of \$6,750.
 2. A review of the Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship Program be undertaken in consultation with the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Board.
 3. Following the review referred to in 2 above, the findings and recommendations of the review be presented to a future Councillor workshop.
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PURPOSE

This report provides details of the 2024 Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship applications and the recommended recipient. Due to the age of the applicants, the nomination forms of the children referred to in this report as Candidates A, B and C, will be circulated to Councillors under separate cover.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship is awarded annually by Council to senior high school students who live in the City of Canada Bay local government area. The Scholarship was established to provide an ongoing legacy to commemorate Rusty Priest and to recognise the educational benefits of the Kokoda Memorial Walkway.

Three applications were received for the 2024 Scholarship. One applicant is recommended to be awarded the Scholarship based on the assessment process.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 1: Connected Community

Goal CC 3: Provide the community with equitable access to a range of programs, services, and facilities

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On 19 April 2016, Council established the Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship and allocated \$15,000 in annual funding to support local senior high school students to participate in the RSL & Services Clubs, Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge. This includes a 10-day trek along the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea in September 2024.

Applications for the 2024 trek opened on 21 November 2023. Letters were sent to high schools in the City of Canada Bay and surrounding areas. Schools were encouraged to nominate students who are residents of the City of Canada Bay to participate in the 2024 Kokoda Trek.

Due to the limited number of applications received by the original closing date, the application period was extended until 16 February 2024, with a reminder letter sent to schools in the new school year, to ensure all had adequate opportunity to submit applications.

Three applications were received. All applications were from Rosebank College.

ASSESSMENT

Each application was assessed by a panel of three Council officers and in consultation with the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Board. In line with the selection criteria in the Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship 2024 Guidelines and Council governance principles, the following assessments were made:

- Candidate A was assessed as eligible and is recommended for the awarding of the Scholarship.
- Candidate B was assessed as ineligible as they do not reside in the City of Canada Bay.
- Candidate C was assessed as ineligible as they are currently employed by the City of Canada Bay Council.

TIMING

The recommended applicant for the Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship must be submitted to the RSL & Services Clubs Association by April 2024 to be registered for this year's trek.

Council has not received a high number of applications for the Rusty Priest Kokoda Scholarship despite promotion to local schools and an extension of the application period. Accordingly, it is recommended that a review of the program be undertaken in consultation with the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Board, with the findings and recommendations to be presented to a Councillor workshop, prior to the commencement of the 2025 round.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The RSL & Services Clubs Association estimates the trek costs to be \$6,750 per person. It is recommended that the cost for the trek be fully funded for the eligible applicant. \$6,750 is available in the 2023/24 Community Development Team Budget for the Rusty Priest Scholarship.

The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Board had advised they would contribute up to an additional \$15,000 toward the Program in 2024. Due to the low number of applications received, the Board will retain these funds, pending the outcome of the review.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legislative or policy implications.

ITEM 11.3 CITY OF CANADA BAY ACCESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 29 FEBRUARY 2024**Reporting Manager** Manager Library and Community Services**Attachments:** 1. **City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes - 29 February 2024** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee held on 29 February 2024, attached to the report, be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To present the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee, so that they may be noted.

REPORT

This report provides Council with the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee from the meeting held on 29 February 2024.

The Committee's role is to advise and make recommendations on access and inclusion issues as they relate to Council's operations, with a focus on the implementation and achievement of targets in Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 1: Connected Community

Goal CC 1: Foster an inclusive community where diversity is welcomed and celebrated

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Charter was endorsed by Council at the ordinary meeting held on 19 April 2022.

CITY OF CANADA BAY ACCESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Held at Concord Library, Concord.

Thursday, 29 February 2024



Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday, 29 February 2024

At the Concord Library, Concord.

Commencing at 10:00 AM

Present:

Mayor Michael Megna	Chairperson
Jack Nolan	Life Member
Jeanette O'Hara	Life Member
Coral Arnold	Community Member
Nicole Bradshaw	Community Member
Jill Hodder	Community Member
Nehmat Houssami	Community Member (Teams)
Robyn Ryan	Community Member

Officers in attendance:

Fernanda De Barros	Community Development Support Officer
Tania Gamble	Community Development Manager
Stephanie Jardine	Senior Online Communications Officer
Brendan MacGillicuddy	Coordinator - Traffic and Transport
Russell Wolfe	Director - Community, Culture & Leisure

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 10:00am and concluded at 11:16am.



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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canada Bay acknowledges the Wangal clan, one of the 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

The City's Council pays respect to Elders past and present and extends this respect to all Aboriginal people living in or visiting the City of Canada Bay.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES

Cr Julia Little	Councillor
Kim Becherand	Community Organisation – Touched by Olivia Foundation
Min Jung Cha	Community Organisation – Ebenezer Mission
Adam Clark	Community Member

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting held 7 December 2023

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting of 7 December 2023, copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Note: The minutes were acknowledged and adopted.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6 REPORTS**ITEM 6.1 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (DIAP) ACTION 4.4 - WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY**

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Council Access and Inclusion Committee members note the improvements to Council's website accessibility.
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Note: Stephanie Jardine, Senior Online Communications Officer, presented on the accessibility improvements that have been made to the City of Canada Bay website. This relates to Action 4.4 of the DIAP.

An audit of the website was undertaken by an external consultant. This was assessed against the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). The results indicated a score of 62% compliance. Work has since been undertaken and the website now has 78% compliance against WCAG. Next steps are to embed accessibility in the website when future upgrades are undertaken.

ITEM 6.2 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (DIAP) ACTIONS 3.2 AND 3.3 - EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee members note the presentation on employment for people with disability.
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Note: Tania Gamble, Community Development Manager, provided an update from the Pathways to Possibilities Symposium held on 14 February 2024. The symposium provided an update from sector leaders, government, disability and employment experts.

A summary of the symposium, including Federal Government approaches and possible work that could be undertaken locally, was provided to the Committee.

ITEM 6.3 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS MOBILITY PLAN (PAMP)

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee members note the presentation on the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Action Plan (PAMP).
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Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee

Meeting 29 February 2024

Note: Brendan MacGillicuddy, Coordinator Traffic and Transport, provided an overview of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan. The PAMP aims to improve safety, pedestrian accessibility and connectivity and is used to plan and prioritise works in line with Council's annual budget. New requests for works reported to Council are assessed via the PAMP criterium and incorporated into the list of priorities. The PAMP is constantly reviewed as the needs for different areas/ projects can change over time.

Brendan shared the Burwood Council Active Transport Plan, which is open for consultation as this also impacts City of Canada Bay residents.

The planned walk around the area was deferred due to extreme weather conditions.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS**ITEM 7.1 GUEST SPEAKER IDEAS - 2024**

Note: The Committee requested a presentation from Council's Statutory Planning Team on development applications and accessibility.

CHAIRPERSON

ITEM 11.4 CITY OF CANADA BAY RHODES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 29 FEBRUARY 2024**Reporting Manager** Manager Place Management**Attachments:** 1. **City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee Meeting Minutes - 29 February 2024** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE

That:

1. The minutes of the Rhodes Community Committee meeting held on 29 February 2024, attached to the report, be received and noted.
 2. Copies of the following presentations be provided to Rhodes Community Committee Members: Litter Workshop, Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan Review and Place Management Update.
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PURPOSE

To present the minutes of City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee meeting.

REPORT

This report provides Council with the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee from the meeting held on 29 February 2024.

The Committee's role is to facilitate community representation, provide an avenue for two-way communication between Council and community, and to inform strategic matters affecting the Rhodes peninsula.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 1: Creative vibrant local village centres and community hubs

Goal VUL 4: Ensure the built environment respect the unique neighbourhood character and responds deftly to evolving community needs

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee Charter was endorsed by Council at the ordinary meeting held on 19 April 2022.

CITY OF CANADA BAY RHODES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Held in the Meeting Space, The Connection, Rhodes

Thursday, 29 February 2024



Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee Meeting**Held on Thursday, 29 February 2024****At the Meeting Space, The Connection, Rhodes****Commencing at 6:00 PM****Present:**

Mayor Michael Megna	Chair
Cr Joe Cordaro	Councillor
Cr Andrew Ferguson	Councillor
Harvey Baden	Community Member (Online)
Christopher Castley	Community Member
Geoff Coffill	Community Member
Jing Hong	Community Member
John Kipritidis	Community Member
Trevor Oates	Community Member
Chiral Yadava	Community Member (Online)
Nazia Zabin	Community Member

Officers in attendance:

Ju'eta Amir	Senior Environment Officer
Rachel Hensman	Manager – Place Management
Karen Judd	Senior Social Planner
Saskia Vromans	Place Manager Rhodes
Russell Wolfe	Director – Community, Culture & Leisure

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm and concluded at 7.30pm.



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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canada Bay acknowledges the Wangal clan, one of the 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

The City's Council pays respect to Elders past and present and extends this respect to all Aboriginal people living in or visiting the City of Canada Bay.

2 APOLOGIES

Nathan Connor Community Member

Ruiqi Hu Community Member

Uma Srinivasan Community Member

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee meeting held on 7 December 2023.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee meeting of 7 December 2023 are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Note: The minutes were acknowledged and adopted.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 Presentations at the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee Meeting held on 7 December 2023.**

Note: As per the resolution, copies of the presentations on Rhodes Planning, Rhodes Infrastructure Update and Place Management Update were emailed to all Committee Members on 23 February 2024.

6 REPORTS**ITEM 6.1 LITTER WORKSHOP**

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee members note the presentation.
 2. That a copy of the presentation be provided to Rhodes Community Committee members.
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Note: Ju'eta Amir – Senior Environment Officer presented on the Litter Strategy including:

- *Update on previous Litter Strategy*
- *Workshop conducted to assist with drafting the updated Litter Strategy*
- *Participants were asked to provide feedback on what is currently working well and areas that require attention*
- *Feedback was provided regarding litter in specific locations (Phoenix Park, Gauthorpe Street, laneway through to Walker Street)*
- *The availability of garbage bins and the challenges of recycling bins in public spaces was also discussed*

ITEM 6.2 COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION PLAN REVIEW

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee members note the presentation.
 2. That a copy of the presentation be provided to Rhodes Community Committee members.
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Note: Karen Judd – Senior Social Planner presented on the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan review including:

- *The need for a review of the current plan*
- *Importance of community safety and roles and responsibilities*
- *Timeline for drafting of the new Plan*
- *Consultation is scheduled to commence in March 2024*

ITEM 6.3 PLACE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee members note the report.
 2. That a copy of the update be provided to Rhodes Community Committee members.
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Note: Quarterly progress update provided by Saskia Vromans, Place Manager Rhodes, including:

- DJ Nights Under the Bridge on 15 December 2023 - 4,000 attendees
- 2024 Rhodes Lunar New Year Dragon Carnival – acknowledging the efforts of the community volunteer teams and event partners to deliver improved festival experience for the whole community
- Completed works - Uhrs Point Shared Pathway Upgrade and John Whitton Reserve new light pole
- Upcoming works - mural, community art workshops, Shoreline Drive pedestrian crossing, Lewis Avenue LED light pole upgrade
- Community Engagement Update - Under the Bridges, Street Tree Planting Program
- Future Events: Clean Up Australia Day on 3 March, One Wall Community Art Workshops on 15 March & 6 April, ANZAC Day Services
- Burwood Police Community Safety Precinct Committee 2024 meeting dates shared

7 GENERAL BUSINESS**ITEM 7.1 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Note: 6-8pm – 30 May 2024 - The Connection, Rhodes

CHAIRPERSON

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 12.1 AMENDMENT TO 2024 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Reporting Manager Manager Governance and Risk

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That due to the LGNSW Annual Conference being held 17-19 November 2024, the Council Meeting scheduled for 19 November 2024 be brought forward one week to 12 November 2024.

PURPOSE

To amend the November 2024 Council Meeting date.

REPORT

At its meeting on 21 November 2023, Council adopted the ordinary Council meeting schedule for 2024 as follows:

Meeting Type	Meeting Day	Meeting Date (2024)	Meeting Time	Location	Reason for exception
Ordinary	Tuesday	20 February	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	19 March	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	16 April	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	21 May	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	18 June	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	16 July	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	20 August	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	15 October	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	19 November	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	*3 December (1 st Tuesday)	6.00pm	Drummoyne	Christmas break

Subsequent to the adoption of the meeting schedule, advice was received that the annual LGNSW conference is to be held in Tamworth on 17-19 November 2024. Accordingly, it is proposed to bring forward the 19 November Council Meeting to 12 November 2024 to accommodate councillor and officer attendance. Therefore, the amended schedule for ordinary Council meetings for the remainder of 2024 is as follows:

Meeting Type	Meeting Day	Meeting Date (2024)	Meeting Time	Location	Reason for exception
Ordinary	Tuesday	16 April	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	21 May	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	18 June	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	16 July	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	20 August	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	15 October	6.00pm	Drummoyne	
Ordinary	Tuesday	12 November (2 nd Tuesday)	6.00pm	Drummoyne	LGNSW Conference
Ordinary	Tuesday	*3 December (1 st Tuesday)	6.00pm	Drummoyne	Christmas break

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Under Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Clause 4.1 requires Council to adopt a schedule of its ordinary meetings.

ITEM 12.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024
Reporting Manager Manager Finance

Attachments: 1. **Investment Report February 2024 (Provided in Attachment Booklet)** [⇒](#)
RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That the Cash and Investments Report for February 2024, attached to the report, be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To present Council's Investment portfolio performance for February 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This report incorporates the February 2024 Cash and Investments Reports, for Council's consideration.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer

Evan Hutchings as the Responsible Accounting Officer have certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government General Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS
Summary position as at 29 February 2024

The Cash at Bank and Cash Investments are summarised below:

Month	Cash At Bank	Cash Investments	Total Cash
29 February 2024	\$5,653,770.17	\$145,707,737.14	\$151,361,507.31

The detailed Schedule of Investments held, for February are also provided over the next page.

STATEMENT OF CASH INVESTMENTS							
Maturity Date	Bank/Issuer	Long Term Rating	Fair Value	Term	Interest	Issue Date	Investment Type
14/03/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	73	5.05%	01/03/23	Term Deposits
21/03/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	237	5.35%	28/07/23	Term Deposits
28/03/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	239	5.20%	02/08/23	Term Deposits
02/04/24	ING Bank	A	\$2,000,000.00	22	5.00%	09/03/23	Term Deposits
11/04/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	252	5.46%	03/08/23	Term Deposits
18/04/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	252	5.47%	10/08/23	Term Deposits
24/04/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	237	5.19%	31/08/23	Term Deposits
02/05/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	244	5.19%	01/09/23	Term Deposits
09/05/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	244	5.15%	08/09/23	Term Deposits
16/05/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	251	5.15%	08/09/23	Term Deposits
23/05/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	231	5.14%	05/10/23	Term Deposits
29/05/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	366	5.03%	29/05/23	Term Deposits
06/06/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	244	5.01%	06/10/23	Term Deposits
13/06/24	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	266	5.25%	21/09/23	Term Deposits
20/06/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	266	5.25%	28/09/23	Term Deposits
27/06/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	258	5.07%	13/10/23	Term Deposits
27/06/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	223	5.23%	17/11/23	Term Deposits
04/07/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	279	5.28%	29/09/23	Term Deposits
04/07/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	259	5.19%	19/10/23	Term Deposits
04/07/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	174	4.88%	12/01/24	Term Deposits
11/07/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	252	5.31%	02/11/23	Term Deposits
18/07/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	252	5.30%	09/11/23	Term Deposits
25/07/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	196	5.10%	11/01/24	Term Deposits
01/08/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	195	4.91%	19/01/24	Term Deposits
08/08/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	196	5.15%	25/01/24	Term Deposits
15/08/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	196	5.08%	01/02/24	Term Deposits
22/08/24	ING Bank	A	\$3,000,000.00	365	5.37%	23/08/23	Term Deposits
29/08/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	241	4.99%	29/05/23	Term Deposits
05/09/24	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	274	5.39%	06/12/23	Term Deposits
12/09/24	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	\$3,000,000.00	287	5.40%	30/11/23	Term Deposits
19/09/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	223	5.20%	09/02/24	Term Deposits
26/09/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	217	5.13%	22/02/24	Term Deposits
03/10/24	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	217	5.11%	29/02/24	Term Deposits
21/11/24	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	363	5.39%	24/11/23	Term Deposits
29/11/24	Auswide Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	366	5.67%	29/11/23	Term Deposits
16/02/26	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	731	1.04%	16/02/21	Term Deposits
04/03/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	91	1.68%	04/03/22	ESG TD
21/10/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	638	5.25%	20/10/23	ESG TD
30/10/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	274	5.41%	30/10/23	ESG TD
14/11/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	276	1.62%	12/11/21	ESG TD
02/12/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	364	1.62%	03/12/21	ESG TD
17/02/25	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	364	2.02%	18/02/22	ESG TD
24/02/25	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	455	2.10%	25/02/22	ESG TD
20/11/25	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	640	1.87%	19/11/21	ESG TD
17/02/26	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	729	2.24%	18/02/22	ESG TD
24/02/26	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	820	2.31%	25/02/22	ESG TD
03/03/26	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	820	2.22%	04/03/22	ESG TD
29/08/24	ANZ Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1827	5.11%	29/08/19	Floating Rate Notes
14/11/24	Citibank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1827	5.22%	14/11/19	Floating Rate Notes
12/02/25	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000.00	1827	5.19%	12/02/20	Floating Rate Notes
06/05/25	Royal Bank of Canada	AAA	\$1,000,000.00	1096	5.05%	06/05/22	Floating Rate Notes
17/10/25	Suncorp Metway	AAA	\$1,000,000.00	1096	5.23%	17/10/22	Floating Rate Notes
09/12/25	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000.00	1651	4.84%	02/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/26	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1096	5.25%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
24/02/26	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,300,000.00	1096	5.84%	24/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/05/26	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	BBB+	\$1,000,000.00	1096	5.60%	15/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/06/26	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB	\$850,000.00	1825	5.04%	16/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
19/08/26	ING Bank Covered	AAA	\$500,000.00	1826	4.74%	19/08/21	Floating Rate Notes
14/09/26	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,600,000.00	1096	5.20%	14/09/23	Floating Rate Notes
23/12/26	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1917	4.78%	23/09/21	ESG FRN
18/08/27	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,100,000.00	1826	5.36%	18/08/22	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/28	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1826	5.50%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
19/01/28	Rabobank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1826	5.52%	19/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
16/02/28	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	1826	5.32%	16/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
09/05/28	Bank of Queensland Covered	AAA	\$1,250,000.00	1827	5.54%	09/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
17/08/28	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,250,000.00	1827	5.29%	17/08/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/12/24	NTTC	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1206	1.00%	27/08/21	Fixed Rate Bond
15/06/25	NTTC	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1496	1.10%	11/05/21	Fixed Rate Bond
18/08/25	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1096	4.20%	18/08/22	Fixed Rate Bond
24/08/26	Suncorp Metway	AAA	\$2,000,000.00	1587	3.25%	20/04/22	Fixed Rate Bond
	AMP Bank	BBB	\$4,000,000.00		5.20%		AMP
	AMP Bank	BBB	\$1,000.00		3.30%		AMP
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,007,389.04		4.65%		Macquarie CMA
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,005,800.49		4.15%		Macquarie CMA
	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,843,547.61		4.35%		CBA BOS
	29/02/24		\$145,707,737.14				
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS at 31/01/2024		\$150,209,754.27				
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Investments		(\$4,502,017.13)				

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council's revised Budget for 2023-24 anticipates investment earnings of \$6.2M and is based on current interest rates being maintained for the remainder of the financial year.

The Reserve Bank, will meet on the 19th March 2024. There is mixed opinion as to whether it will change the cash rate, which is currently set at 4.35 per cent. While there are encouraging signs, the economic outlook is uncertain and the Board remains highly attentive to inflation risks.

While recent data indicates that inflation has moderated, it remains high. At its last meeting, the Board indicated that it will be some time yet before inflation is sustainably in the target range. The path of interest rates that will best ensure that inflation returns to target in a reasonable timeframe will depend upon the data and the evolving assessment of risks, and a further increase in interest rates cannot be ruled out.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council's investments are made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy. Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 states:

- (1) The responsible accounting officer of a council:
 - (a) must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented;
 - (i) if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting, or
 - (ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and
 - (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies.
- (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

13 NOTICES OF MOTION**ITEM 13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR FERGUSON - TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RHODES MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (RMCA)**Submitted by: Councillor Andrew Ferguson

MOTION

That Council acknowledges and congratulates the Rhodes Multicultural Community Association on its tenth anniversary.

BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW FERGUSON

The Rhodes Multicultural Community Association (RMCA) was formed on Australia Day 2014. Prior to the formation of the RMCA, a group of Chinese speaking women at Rhodes had informally met and called themselves Hua Yi. This Group had existed for more than one year prior to the formation of the RMCA with about 30 local women meeting, exercising and dancing together regularly.

The decision to form the RMCA was motivated by a commitment to embrace and celebrate multiculturalism on the Rhodes Peninsula. Hua Yi was subsequently incorporated in the RMCA. The Association now has recruited many non-Chinese speaking members and has successfully encouraged Rhodes residents born in Australia or anywhere overseas to join and work with them to make Rhodes an even better place to live. The RMCA celebrates our cultural diversity and supports campaigns for social justice and equity. They dance and exercise most nights of the week. The RMCA has performed at many community events in Rhodes, Wentworth Point and Meadowbank. For the last 10 years they have organised Lunar New Year and Moon Festival Events in Rhodes. They have since inception provided a weekly Basic English as a second language course for residents who want to improve their English.

I believe that special recognition should be made to Shan Gao, Yuehan (Michelle) Zhang, Sandra Zhang, Xishan Tang, Jing Hong and their dedicated team of members and volunteers for the success of the RMCA, and that Council acknowledge and congratulate The Rhodes Multicultural Community Association on its tenth anniversary.

ITEM 13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR FERGUSON - OVERGROWN VERGESSubmitted by: Councillor Andrew Ferguson

MOTION

That Council officers investigate the issue of residents/property owners not mowing and maintaining adjacent verges, and options for potential changes to relevant state and or local government legislation and or regulations and present the findings to a future Councillor workshop.

BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW FERGUSON

Unfortunately, there are a number of property owners and/or residents in our Council area who refuse to mow and or maintain the verge adjacent to their residence. There are some notable 'hot spots' in our local area.

This lack of co-operation creates disappointment and frustration for the overwhelming majority of our residents who dutifully with a sense of pride and commitment to our community undertake this maintenance. Often the end result of overgrown verge is safety issues, and inconvenience to other residents. It also creates an eyesore for neighbours and more broadly impacts upon the appearance of our local area.

This problem is also noticeable when sites are designated for development or abandoned. I believe that potential changes to relevant state and or local government legislation and or regulations should be considered to provide sanctions/mechanisms to assist councils to require better maintenance of verges by residence/property owners.

ITEM 13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR FERGUSON - MORTLAKE FORESHORE ACCESSSubmitted by: Councillor Andrew Ferguson

MOTION

That Council:

1. Officers be authorised to enter into negotiations with Transport for NSW for the creation of an easement on the Depot site at the end of Hilly Street Mortlake to provide for access and connectivity to the foreshore.
 2. Make representations to the Minister for Transport reiterating its interest in receiving future ownership of the depot site for the purposes of a foreshore park to ensure the preservation of the heritage of the site and expand parkland on the foreshore of our magnificent Paramatta River.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW FERGUSON

The site on the Parramatta River at the end of Hilly Street Mortlake that was formerly used to service the Mortlake to Putney Punt is an underutilised asset of Transport for NSW.

Council has previously unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the NSW Government to transfer ownership of the site to Council for the purposes of a foreshore park to ensure the preservation of the heritage of the site and expand parkland for our local community.

In response to Council's representations the previous NSW Government did not agree to Council's proposal. It should be noted that more than 1,000 people have now signed a community petition calling for this depot to become a foreshore park.

It is further noted that Development Consent has been granted for the 'Jemena' site with a condition of consent requiring public foreshore access (measuring eight metres in width from the top of the seawall, and inclusive of the three metre wide public pathway). In relation to the Transport for NSW site, advice from Council officers indicates that discussions are occurring in relation to the creation of an easement on the Depot site. Upon acquisition of that easement and the establishment of the easement over the Jemena site, access and connectivity to the foreshore pathway from Breakfast Point to Wangal Reserve would be created.

14 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

Nil

15 MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

16 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

18 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with Part 14 of the Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the chairperson as soon as practicable. The resolution must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.
