

Meeting Date: Tuesday 25 February 2025
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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MAYORAL MINUTE

MM1/25 PHYSICAL DISABILITY COUNCIL OF NSW AWARD - Mayor Trenton Brown

File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP25/63

On behalf of Council, I was pleased to accept the Silver level award granted to Council by the Physical Disability Council of NSW.

The award presentation and photo shoot will now be included in an article highlighting the work by City of Ryde which will appear in the Disability Council's e-newsletter.

By way of background, the Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCNSW) received a grant from Department of Communities and Justice to conduct Disability Inclusion Benchmarking for all Councils in NSW.

The Disability Council was very impressed with the work of City of Ryde in the field of disability awareness and noted some of the projects undertaken by Ryde including the Supporting Inclusive Volunteers program, Ryde Shine Ability program, Inclusive Employment projects, and Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

PDCNSW also reviewed the City of Ryde website and projects undertaken and noted that Council has achieved Silver level award status. This is quite rare with many councils in NSW not yet reaching Bronze level.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the work of relevant staff in achieving a Silver level award and supporting the efforts of the Physical Disability Council of NSW be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Trenton Brown
Mayor

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

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

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 10 December 2024

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/25/1/1/2 - BP25/3

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 15/24, held on 10 December 2024 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Council Meeting - 10 December 2024

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ATTACHMENT 1



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Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 15/24

Meeting Date: Tuesday 10 December 2024
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.20pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Lo, Maggio, Pedersen and Tracey.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Han.

Apologies: Nil.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 9.12pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on Confidential Item 22.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Chief Property Officer, City Architect, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Executive Officer – City Resilience, Executive Officer – City Economy, Executive Officer – City Transport, Communications Coordinator, IT System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Reverend Seung Jae Yeon of the Eastwood Uniting Church was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Arya requested a Leave of Absence for the period 2 January 2025 to 17 January 2025 inclusive.

Councillor Tracey requested a Leave of Absence for the period 3 January 2025 to 14 January 2025 inclusive.

Councillor Deshpande requested a Leave of Absence for the period 11 December 2024 to 15 December 2024 inclusive.

Minutes of the Council Meeting No. 15/24, dated 10 December 2024.

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Lo)

- (a) That Councillor Arya's Leave of Absence for the period 2 January 2025 to 17 January 2025 inclusive be approved.
- (b) That Councillor Tracey's Leave of Absence for the period 3 January 2025 to 14 January 2025 inclusive be approved.
- (c) That Councillor Deshpande's Leave of Absence for the period 11 December 2024 to 15 December 2024 inclusive be approved.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 5 – Investigation into Sunlight Glare at Ryde Community Sports Centre for the reason that she lives close to ELS Hall and plays in the hall.

Councillor Tracey disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 4 – Investigation and Potential Upgrade of Sportsground Lighting at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 for the reason that Christie Park is the home ground of football for the team/club her sons play at and she is also on the Committee of the Club that hires this field from Council.

Councillor Kordrostami disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 2 – Recognise and Support the Iranian Community in the City of Ryde and Establish Annual Iranian New Year Celebrations for the reason that she is an Iranian member of the community and will be benefiting from this recognition and celebration.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

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ATTACHMENT 1

PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAM

A representative of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea Sydney's GAROK Office, Ms Young Cha, presented the Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown with an award for Council's International Relations Program.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

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

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 45/24, Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 6, Item 7, Item 8, Item 9, Item 10, Item 11, Notice of Motion 1 and Notice of Motion 6 on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the Reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTE

**MM45/24 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Mayor,
Councillor Trenton Brown**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the need for ongoing work to support victims of domestic and family violence.
- (b) That Council support work which educates the community about domestic and family violence and how to seek assistance.
- (c) That a minute's silence be observed to pay respect to the 84 people who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence in the last 12 months.

COUNCIL REPORTS

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 26
November 2024**

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 14/24, held on 26 November 2024 be confirmed.

Minutes of the Council Meeting No. 15/24, dated 10 December 2024.

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

3 ADOPTION OF THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That in accordance with Section 419 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council receive and note the Auditor's Reports on the 2023/24 Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.
- (b) That any public submissions about the FY23/24 Financial Statements be referred to the Auditor in accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

4 2024-2025 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION:

That Council, pursuant to Section 351(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, temporarily appoints Michael Galderisi, General Manager – City Shaping as Chief Executive Officer for the period between 12.00am on 19 December 2024 to 12 midnight on 12 January 2025, while the incumbent Chief Executive Officer is on annual leave.

6 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

RESOLUTION:

That the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns be noted.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council considers and endorses the lodgment of the attached submission to the Local Government Remuneration for recategorisation of City of Ryde (ATTACHMENT 3).
- (b) That the submission is lodged with the Tribunal by the due date of 20 December 2024.

8 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DANIEL HAN REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

RESOLUTION:

That Council receive and note the report.

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ATTACHMENT 1

9 DRAFT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse proceeding with a 60-day public exhibition of the Draft Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, as provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, allowing for submissions to be received from the community.

10 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

RESOLUTION:

That Council receives and notes the tabling of the City of Ryde's Community Engagement Strategy (CES) as provided in ATTACHMENT 1.

11 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPEN SPACE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the current status of the park masterplans listed under the Council resolution "Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement (MM37/24)," dated 22 October 2024, potential project timelines for the delivery of these masterplans, and funding sources identified in the report.
- (b) That Council allocates a budget of \$200,000 from the Section 7.11 Open Space and Public Domain reserve to commence preliminary planning for the following projects:
 - *Christie Park; Stages 3 and 4*
 - *Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC); multi-deck car park and tennis courts*
 - *ELS Hall expansion – courts and car parking*
 - *Putney Park Masterplan; implementation*
 - *Ryde Park Masterplan; implementation*
 - *Field of Mars Masterplan; implementation*
 - *Brush Farm Park – Irrigation and Netball Courts*
 - *Shrimpton's Creek Corridor Masterplan; implementation.*
- (c) That a further report is provided to Council by the June 2025 Council meeting with the outcome of the preliminary planning identifying recommended priorities and project deliverables within this term of Council.

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ATTACHMENT 1

NOTICES OF MOTION

**1 EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING OUR COMMUNITY CENTRES –
Councillor Tina Kordrostami**

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Prioritises the updating of the City of Ryde Halls and Facilities Strategy as part of preparing the 2025/2026 Operational Plan.
- (b) As part of the update of the City of Ryde Halls and Facilities Strategy, undertake community engagement, including with the Mayor and Councillors, to understand the types of halls and facilities required to meet the current and future needs of the community.
- (c) Consider the need to improve and expand our places and spaces that can be used to support our local communities as the Integrated Open Space Plan, Social Plan and Creativity Strategy are finalised.

6 COUNCIL'S CHIPPING AND MULCHING SERVICE – Councillor Lyndal Howison

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council staff explore the feasibility and costs of an electronic customer satisfaction survey of future and recent past users of Council's chipping and mulching service to determine their satisfaction with the service level delivered, including the volume of returned mulch.
- (b) That this survey be promoted in appropriate Council communications and users proactively invited to provide feedback.
- (c) That the results of this survey should be included as a consideration when the tender is next reviewed.
- (d) That Council's chipping and mulching service be included in its online booking services to improve take-up, and to improve access to those residents who find it difficult to make personal phone calls during business hours.

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ATTACHMENT 1

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM44/24 MEET THE MAYOR - LOCAL PARK VISITS - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

- (a) That Council endorse the conduct of three "Meet the Mayor" events to be held in local parks during early 2025.
- (b) That the cost of the events be funded from the Mayor's Councillor Discretionary Fund.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM45/24 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

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

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024

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4 2024-2025 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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ATTACHMENT 1

5 DETERMINATION OF WORKING GROUPS

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Arya)

- (a) That the following Working Groups be convened for the 2024 – 2028 term of Council:-
- Festival and the Arts Working Group
 - Heritage Working Group
 - Inclusion and Wellbeing Working Group
 - Multicultural Working Group
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Small and Family Business Working Group
 - Sport, Recreation and Leisure Working Group
 - Sustainability Working Group
- (b) That all Councillors are eligible to attend and participate in each City of Ryde Working Group, without formal membership, in accordance with their Terms of Reference noting that the position of Chairperson on each of the Working Groups (with the exception of Ryde Youth Council) is to be held by the appointed staff convenor.
- (c) That all Working Group meetings are to be hybrid meetings with attendance either in person or via remote audio-visual attendance.
- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community, to become members of each of the Working Groups.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Working Groups' Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Working Group's first meeting and then reported back to Council.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

- (a) That city of Ryde endorse the following Working Groups for the 2024 – 2028 term of Council:-
- **Status of Women Working Group**
 - Festival and the Arts Working Group
 - Heritage Working Group
 - Inclusion and Wellbeing Working Group
 - Multicultural Working Group
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Small and Family Business Working Group
 - Sport, Recreation and Leisure Working Group
 - Sustainability Working Group

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- (b) That all Councillors are eligible to attend and participate in each City of Ryde Working Group, without formal membership, in accordance with their Terms of Reference noting that the position of Chairperson on each of the Working Groups (with the exception of Ryde Youth Council) is to be held by the appointed staff convenor.
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- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Working Groups' Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Working Group's first meeting and then reported back to Council.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was five (5) For and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Arya)

- (a) That the following Community Committees be convened for the 2024 – 2026 term of Council:-
 - Festival and the Arts Community Committee
 - Heritage Community Committee
 - Inclusion and Wellbeing Community Committee
 - Multicultural Community Committee
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Small Business Community Committee
 - Sport, Recreation and Leisure Community Committee
 - Sustainability Community Committee
- (b) That all Councillors are eligible to attend and participate in each City of Ryde Community Committee, without formal membership, in accordance with their Terms of Reference noting that the position of Chairperson on each of the Community Committees (with the exception of Ryde Youth Council) is to be held by the appointed staff convenor.

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- (c) That all Community Committee meetings are to be hybrid meetings with attendance either in person or via remote audio-visual attendance.
- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community, to become members of each of the Community Committees.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Community Committees Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Community Committee's first meeting and then reported back to Council.
- (f) A mid-term review of the performance of all Community Committees be conducted in mid-2026 and a report presented to Council prior to December 2026 outlining any recommended changes to enhance the membership, and / or performance of these committees.

Note: The Mover and Seconder of the Motion, Councillor Deshpande and Councillor Arya accepted the Amendment. The Amendment therefore became the Motion.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the following Community Committees be convened for the 2024 – 2026 term of Council:-
 - Festival and the Arts Community Committee
 - Heritage Community Committee
 - Inclusion and Wellbeing Community Committee
 - Multicultural Community Committee
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Small Business Community Committee
 - Sport, Recreation and Leisure Community Committee
 - Sustainability Community Committee
- (b) That all Councillors are eligible to attend and participate in each City of Ryde Community Committee, without formal membership, in accordance with their Terms of Reference noting that the position of Chairperson on each of the Community Committees (with the exception of Ryde Youth Council) is to be held by the appointed staff convenor.
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- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community, to become members of each of the Community Committees.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Community Committees Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Community Committee's first meeting and then reported back to Council.
- (f) A mid-term review of the performance of all Community Committees be conducted in mid-2026 and a report presented to Council prior to December 2026 outlining any recommended changes to enhance the membership, and / or performance of these Committees.

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Lo, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Pedersen

6 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

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

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL SUBMISSION

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8 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DANIEL HAN REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE - 29 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

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9 DRAFT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

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

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10 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

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

11 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPEN SPACE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT

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

12 UPDATE - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Tracey)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge the economic importance of the Macquarie Park Innovation District and the fact that its economic functions – education, R&D, health services, and knowledge-intensive industries – are global in their outlook.
- (b) Acknowledge the economic centres of Eastwood, West Ryde-Meadowbank, and Gladesville are also economically diverse and growing.
- (c) Acknowledge the City of Ryde's international relations activities play a critical role in:
 - (i) Strengthening local business connections with international markets
 - (ii) Supporting student numbers at Macquarie University, and thus the pipeline of talent feeding into businesses across the City of Ryde
 - (iii) Attracts international investment into new businesses and jobs within the Macquarie Park Innovation District
 - (iv) Attracts international investment into R&D within the Macquarie Park Innovation District
 - (v) Contributes to State and National policy agendas, such as the 'Future Made in Australia' agenda and the NSW Government's \$96 million RNA Research and Pilot Manufacturing Facility in the Macquarie Park Innovation District, and
 - (vi) Improves social outcomes for our City's culturally diverse community.

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- (d) Acknowledge the efforts of Council staff in having their International Relations program acknowledged by leading domestic and international academics, peak bodies, and most recently by the Consulate of the Republic of Korea.
- (e) Acknowledge the critical importance of hosting and participating in international delegations to secure international cooperation on investment and trade.
- (f) Approve Council staff working with local businesses, consulates, peak bodies, and Macquarie University to develop cost-effective plans for international delegations to and from Taiwan, the Republic of Korea, and Japan in 2025 and that these cost-effective plans and budgets be brought to Council for endorsement.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

INFORMATION REPORTS

13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

14 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT ON CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Li)

That the Information Report be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

15 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

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16 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

17 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

18 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

19 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 LETTER TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES, THE HON. PAUL SCULLY MP REGARDING MACQUARIE PARK TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) ACCELERATED PRECINCT REZONING

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

That the correspondence be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING OUR COMMUNITY CENTRES - Councillor Tina Kordrostami

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

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2 RECOGNISE AND SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION OF NOWRUZ IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Tina Kordrostami and Councillor Keanu Arya

Note: The title of this Notice of Motion was amended and updated at the meeting by Councillor Kordrostami and Councillor Arya.

Note: Councillor Kordrostami disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is an Iranian member of the community and will be benefiting from this recognition and celebration.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Arya)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges Nowruz as a symbol of peace, unity, and renewal, promoting cultural diversity and community engagement.
- (b) Acknowledge Nowruz, the Persian New Year, as an important cultural celebration in the City of Ryde, encourage residents to honour the traditions associated with it, and display this recognition on Council's website and other platforms, and include a ceremony to welcome the New Year on 20 March 2025.
- (c) Investigate hosting an annual Nowruz celebration in the City of Ryde with community representatives who can coordinate and share their cultural knowledge and contribute to the celebration of the New Year.
- (d) Convene a Councillor workshop to explore the delivery of the first annual Nowruz celebration, noting that the City of Ryde Council will lead the planning, coordination, and execution of the event, with input from relevant community organisations to ensure the event is inclusive and representative of all communities who observe Nowruz.
- (e) Provide an update on the outcome of the investigation of this event to Council via a Councillor Information Bulletin including funding sources.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 COMMUNITY HALLS IN RYDE - Councillor Kathy Tracey

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Howison)

That Council:

- (a) Provide an overview of Councils current leased and hired Community Facilities through a Councillor Workshop by March 2025 (noting that staff are currently reviewing the licensing policies for community halls and leased buildings which will come back to Council later in 2025).

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- (b) Bring a report back to Council that includes, but is not limited to, the following details:
- i. A summary of feedback from Councillors.
 - ii. A summary of identifiable improvements and amendments to the Councils Policies and Procedure for the Management of Community Facilities.
 - iii. Identification of potential suitable locations for an additional hall in each of the City of Ryde wards.
 - iv. Supporting information to assist in the planning, financing and development of each potential facility for consideration by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 INVESTIGATION AND POTENTIAL UPGRADE OF SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING AT CHRISTIE PARK FIELDS 1 AND 2 - Councillor Kathy Tracey

Note: Councillor Tracey disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that Christie Park is the home ground of football for the team/club her sons play at and she is also on the Committee of the Club that hires this field from Council.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

- (a) That Council conduct an investigation into the current performance of sportsground lighting at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 (CP1 and CP2). That this work be included as part of the investigations and designs when planning for the Stage 2b and Stage 3 MasterPlan implementation works.
- (b) That the investigations include the following:-
- i. Assess the adequacy of the lighting at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 to ensure it effectively supports night time games for both grassroots Association matches and National Premier League (NPL) club games. This evaluation should include consideration of an energy-efficient LED lighting upgrade, factoring in both the improved performance and the long-term cost savings associated with reduced energy consumption and maintenance.
 - ii. Ensure that any lighting upgrades at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 comply with safety standards.

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- iii. Given proximity to Lane Cove National Park which is habitat for threatened nocturnal wildlife, that a biodiversity and Environmental impact study be included in the investigation report.

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio, Pedersen and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Lo

5 INVESTIGATION INTO SUNLIGHT GLARE AT RYDE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she lives close to ELS Hall and plays in the hall.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council staff work with YMCA staff to investigate the current conditions in relation to sunlight glare and the lack of fans and ventilation on the indoor courts at Ryde Community Sports Centre and assess the feasibility of installing shutters or shade sails, to manage sunlight glare issues.
- (b) That Council staff provide a cost estimate for the proposed infrastructure works and identify suitable funding sources, including grants from state or federal governments.
- (c) That Council staff table a report by the April 2025 Council meeting, detailing the findings of the investigation, cost estimates, timeline and potential funding options.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 COUNCIL'S CHIPPING AND MULCHING SERVICE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

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

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CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 20 - 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE - SITE OPTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND (d) (ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; AND (d) (iii) information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

ITEM 21 - TG MILLNER ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

Confidential

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

ITEM 22 – ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

ITEM 23 – CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2023-2024

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

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

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 7.59pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Last and Tracey)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 8.00pm:-

- **Item 20** – 1 Devlin Street, Site Options
- **Item 21** – TG Millner additional funding allocation
- **Item 23** – CEO Performance Review – 2023-2024
- **Item 22** – Organisational Structure – Ryde for the Future

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE - SITE OPTIONS

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Engage a suitably qualified company to seek Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 1 Devlin Street, Ryde (known as Ryde Central), to:
 - Test the market potential of the site for long-term leasehold,
 - Identify suitably interested and appropriately qualified parties, and
 - Test other options put forward by the market (where Council retains ownership of the site) and ensure the approach is supported by Council.
- (b) Be informed of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest.
- (c) Support progressing with the schematic design and related investigations (including Carpark utilisation study) for a potential Town Hall and any additional cultural and community facilities located at 150-156 Blaxland Road, Ryde.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

- (a) That Item 20 be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting in March 2025.
- (b) That a report and recommendations be brought back to an open (not confidential) Council meeting with all 'commercial in confidence' information redacted.
- (c) That the report includes an investigation, identifying funding, for running a thorough community consultation with workshops on the proposed options.
- (d) That all proposed options for the use of land at the old Civic Centre site at 1 Devlin Street and surrounds, be put on exhibition for a period of 60 days until a mandate is achieved and endorsed by the full Council to move forward on a plan for the use of the site.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was four (4) For and nine (9) Against. The Amendment was LOST. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED.**

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Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo and Pedersen

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

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Engage a suitably qualified company to seek Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 1 Devlin Street, Ryde (known as Ryde Central), to:
 - Test the market potential of the site for long-term leasehold,
 - Identify suitably interested and appropriately qualified parties, and
 - Test other options put forward by the market (where Council retains ownership of the site) and ensure the approach is supported by Council.
- (b) Be informed of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest.
- (c) Support progressing with the schematic design and related investigations (including Carpark utilisation study) for a potential Town Hall and any additional cultural and community facilities located at 150-156 Blaxland Road, Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

21 TG MILLNER ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Tracey)

That Council resolve to allocate the funding detailed in this report for the purpose of compulsory acquisition of the TG Millner Fields, being the property at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield. The funding amounts as detailed in the report be allocated from the following internal reserves:

- i. Ryde Central Reserve
- ii. Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve

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AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Pedersen)

Note: Councillor Pedersen moved an Amendment in relation to this Item. The Mayor, Councillor Brown ruled that implementation of the Amendment would be unlawful and accordingly ruled the Amendment Out of Order.

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Howison)

Note: Councillor Howison moved a Further Amendment in relation to this Item. The Mayor, Councillor Brown ruled that the Amendment was unlawful and accordingly ruled the Amendment Out of Order.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Tracey)

That Council resolve to allocate the funding detailed in this report for the purpose of compulsory acquisition of the TG Millner Fields, being the property at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield. The funding amounts as detailed in the report be allocated from the following internal reserves:

- i. Ryde Central Reserve
- ii. Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Howison and Lo abstained from voting and accordingly, their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

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

Note: All staff with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Manager – People and Business, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance and Civic Services Manager (Administration Officer) left the meeting at 8.57pm.

23 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That Council notes the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel Report 2023-2024 and an overall performance rating of Very Satisfactory.

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- (b) That Council endorses the Performance Panel's recommendation contained within the report with regard to the Chief Executive Officer's Annual Total Remuneration Package.
- (c) That the Mayor notify the Chief Executive Officer of the outcome of this performance review and the feedback provided and confirm any changes for the CEO's Performance Agreement.

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Lo, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Pedersen

Note: The Executive Manager – People and Business left the meeting at 9.12pm. The Chief Executive Officer, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance and Civic Services Manager (Administration Officer) remained in the meeting for consideration of Item 22.

22 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE – Ryde for the Future

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 9.12pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Last)

- (a) That Council endorse, pursuant to Section 332 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Chief Executive Officer to consult with staff and unions regarding implementation on the proposed new structure as recommended in this report.
- (b) That Council endorse the creation of a role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer in the organisational structure, in line with the previous term of office.
- (c) That Council endorse the appointment of the General Manager – City Shaping, Mr Michael Galderisi to the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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23 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2023-2024

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

OPEN SESSION

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Deshpande)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the Minutes of the Closed Session be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 9.28pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

Chairperson

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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/25/1/1/2 - BP25/4

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 16/24, held on 16 December 2024 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 16 December 2024

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

Meeting Date: Monday 16 December 2024
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 7.06pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Howison, Kordrostami, Last, Pedersen and Tracey.

Councillors Present Online via Audio Visual: Councillors Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson and Li.

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 7.33pm and did not return. She was not present for consideration or voting on Mayoral Minute 46/24.

Note: Councillor Howison left the meeting at 7.33pm and did not return. She was not present for consideration or voting on Mayoral Minute 46/24.

Apologies: Councillor Lo.

Absent: Councillor Maggio.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, IT Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No petitions were tabled.

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ATTACHMENT 1

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 20 - 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE - SITE OPTIONS - Councillor Lyndal Howison, Councillor Penny Pedersen, Councillor Dr Felix Lo

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Pedersen)

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 20 – 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE – SITE OPTIONS, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 December 2024, namely:-

20 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE – SITE OPTIONS

That Council:

- (a) *Engage a suitably qualified company to seek Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 1 Devlin Street, Ryde (known as Ryde Central), to:*
- *Test the market potential of the site for long-term leasehold,*
 - *Identify suitably interested and appropriately qualified parties, and*
 - *Test other options put forward by the market (where Council retains ownership of the site) and ensure the approach is supported by Council.*
- (b) *Be informed of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest.*
- (c) *Support progressing with the schematic design and related investigations (including Carpark utilisation study) for a potential Town Hall and any additional cultural and community facilities located at 150-156 Blaxland Road, Ryde.*

FORESHADOWED MOTION:

Note: Councillor Pedersen foreshadowed a Motion in relation to this Item. The Mayor, Councillor Brown ruled that the Foreshadowed Motion was unlawful and accordingly ruled the Foreshadowed Motion Out of Order.

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MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Pedersen)

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 - *Test other options put forward by the market (where Council retains ownership of the site) and ensure the approach is supported by Council.*
- (b) *Be informed of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest.*
- (c) *Support progressing with the schematic design and related investigations (including Carpark utilisation study) for a potential Town Hall and any additional cultural and community facilities located at 150-156 Blaxland Road, Ryde.*

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Kordrostami abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Motion was two (2) votes For and nine (9) votes Against. The Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Howison and Pedersen

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM46/24 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE – MOVING FORWARD WITH RYDE'S CIVIC CENTRE – Mayor, Trenton Brown

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 7.33pm and did not return. She was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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Note: Councillor Howison left the meeting at 7.33pm and did not return. She was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

That Council:-

- Notes the Mayor was elected with an overwhelming mandate from the community to deliver on the commitments made during the election campaign, particularly resolving the future of the 1 Devlin Street site in the best interests of the community.
- Continues to ensure maximum transparency and engagement by sharing detailed information about the 1 Devlin Street proposal through all available media channels and committing to keeping local residents fully informed. This will include inclusion of a Mayor's message in the community newsletter in April and investigating either a letter with the rates notice or a letterbox drop to all properties, providing comprehensive details of the proposal. The associated costs will be funded as part of the 1 Devlin Street communications project.
- Calls upon all Councillors to collaborate constructively, setting aside political differences to prioritise the community's interests and achieve the shared goal of delivering a Ryde Town Hall during this term of office.
- Notes with disappointment that some Councillors who sought to overturn the resolution regarding 1 Devlin Street failed to attend the Councillor workshop briefing session or the on-site inspection of the Devlin Street/Blaxland Road complex during the Councillors' induction program, demonstrating a lack of engagement in this critical project.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY FEBRUARY 2025

Chairperson

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4 DECEMBER QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW & QUARTER TWO PROGRESS REPORT

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Management Accounting and Business Strategy
File No.: FIM/23/99/1 - BP25/18

REPORT SUMMARY

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

Council's financial position is satisfactory, and the December 2024 Quarterly Review shows that actuals are on track to meet the results forecasted in the Revised Budget.

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- ✓ Unrestricted cash is projected to be maintained at **\$8.5m**
- ✓ Budgeted Infrastructure Spend of **\$85.3m** to renew and replace assets
- ✓ Cash & Investments earning above benchmark rates of return
- ✓ Rates and Annual Charges collected on track at **57.9%**
- ✓ Debt service ratio well above benchmark
- ✓ Maintaining current levels of service

QUARTER TWO PROGRESS REPORT – Delivery program and Operational Plan FY2024-2025

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

ITEM 4 (continued)

In accordance with the legislative requirements and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the published Office of Local Government NSW IP&R Guidelines September 2021, the Quarterly Progress Report covering the period from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 will be tabled for endorsement at a Council meeting, and then publicly released to the Community via the City of Ryde's website.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- (a) Endorses the proposed budget variations as detailed in **ATTACHMENT 1**.
- (b) Receives, notes and endorses the Operational Plan 2024-2024 Quarter Two Progress Report October to December 2024 as provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 QBR2 Review Reports
- 2 Final Q2 Quarterly Progress Report (October to December 2024) -
CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

Jifeng Huang
Senior Coordinator - Management Accounting and Business Strategy

Report Approved By:

Steven Harris
Chief Financial Officer

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Discussion

Budget 2024/2025

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

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

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

It is expected that Council will spend a total of **\$252.9m** this Financial Year on both recurrent expenditure for the provision of a range of services to the community and for capital expenditure for community assets including loans and leases.

Operating Budget

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

Capital Budget

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

With the addition of carryover funds from FY23/24 and September Quarterly Review, the Capital Works Budget increased from **\$42.1m** to **\$87.7m**.

Variations proposed in this Review of **\$98k** will result in an increase in the Capital Works Budget to **\$87.8m**, this is mainly due to an increase in funding for new projects which have brought forward from next Financial Year and new projects where Council has received grant funding.

ITEM 4 (continued)

Cash & Investments

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

Due to movements as a result of the original budget for FY24/25, carryover funds from FY23/24 and September Quarter Review cash and investments have decreased from **\$310.5m** to **\$284.3m**.

It is projected that following this review, cash & investments will increase to **\$290.7m** and this is mainly due to the additional investment income of \$3.5m and additional Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 Developer Contributions received of \$4.1m.

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

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

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

Statutory Format		Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)									Ref
Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Matching Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)	
Income From Continuing Operations												
115,569	115,763	Rates and annual charges	115,569	-	-	115,569	115,763			-	115,569	
18,937	10,118	User charges and fees	18,937	-	-	18,937	10,118		(176)	(176)	18,762	2
9,987	8,158	Interest and investment revenue	9,987	-	-	9,987	8,158		3,500	3,500	13,487	1
12,923	6,156	Other Revenue	12,911	-	12	12,923	6,156				12,923	
2,575	1,084	Grants and Contributions - Operating	6,293	169	(3,888)	2,575	1,084	10		10	2,584	3
34,325	10,988	Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-	-				-	-
638	926	Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	-	-	-	-	-				-	-
-	-	- Trf From Internal Restrictions	2,141	1,757	4,043	7,940	7,940		222	222	8,162	25
-	-	- Trf From External Restrictions	27,759	600	-	28,359	28,359		213	213	28,571	25
194,954	153,193	Total Revenue	193,597	2,526	166	196,290	177,577	10	3,759	3,769	200,059	
Expenses from Continuing Operations												
66,887	34,648	Employee benefits and on-costs	67,122	-	(234)	66,887	34,648	(316)	268	(48)	66,839	4, 5, 9
82	11	Borrowing costs	82	-	-	82	11				82	
60,913	28,223	Materials and contracts	58,203	2,526	184	60,913	28,223	326	724	1,050	61,962	6, 7, 10-26
29,874	13,902	Depreciation and Amortisation	29,874	-	-	29,874	13,902				29,874	
6,556	3,510	Other expenses	6,556	-	0	6,556	3,510		(233)	(233)	6,324	8
164,313	80,293	Total Expenditure	161,837	2,526	(51)	164,313	80,293	10	759	769	165,082	
30,641	72,900	Operating Result (Surplus)/Deficit	31,760	-	217	31,977	97,284	(0)	3,000	3,000	34,977	
Add back Non Cash Items:												
		- Depreciation and Amortisation	29,874	-	-	29,874	13,902				29,874	
	72,900	Budget Surplus before Transfer to Reserves	61,634	-	217	61,851	111,186	(0)	3,000	3,000	64,851	
		- Transfer to Asset Related Reserves	(34,200)	-	(183)	(34,383)	(34,383)		(3,000)	(3,000)	(37,383)	25
		- Transfer to Other Reserves	(27,384)	-	-	(27,384)	(27,384)				(27,384)	
30,641	72,900	Budget Result (Surplus)/Deficit	50	-	34	84	49,419	(0)	0	0	84	

ITEM 4 (continued)**Operating Income – Net Increase \$3.3m:****1. Investment Income – Increase \$3.5m**

The increase in Investment Income is primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions. of this \$3.0m relates to interest earned on Externally Restricted Funds for Section 7.11 Contributions and is proposed to be transferred to the respective Section 7.11 Reserves.

2. Aquatic Entry Fees and Charges – Decrease \$176k

The decrease in Aquatic Entry Fees and Charges is due to increase in swim and spa entries under the RALC Pensioner Entries Subsidy program. This adjustment reflects higher than anticipated demand.

3. Meadowbank First World War Memorial Condition Assessment Grant – Increase \$10k

This increase is due to a grant received from the Department of Communities & Justice for Meadowbank First World War Memorial Condition Assessment project.

Operating Expenditure – Net Increase \$769k:**4. Termination and Redundancy Expenditure – Increase \$767k**

The increase is due to Termination and Redundancy expenditures being higher than anticipated.

5. Salaries and Wages for various program – Net Decrease \$698k

A decrease in Salaries and Wages is mainly due to vacant positions in various program. Of this \$398k is offset by increase in Temporary & Agency Staff budget.

6. ICT Strategy Implementation project – Decrease \$400k

A decrease in ICT Strategy Implementation project is due to transferring the budget to fund Electronic Time & Attendance Change Request 13, Hardware Refresh Windows 11 Upgrade, Leisure & Facility Management Software, Spatial Data Services Software, and Content Manager Improvement projects.

7. Integrated Transport Strategy Review Model project – Increase \$322k

The increase in expenditure is required for Integrated Transport Strategy Review Model project, due to reclassification of Integrated Transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116-Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

8. Emergency Services Levies (FRNSW, SES, RFS) – Decrease \$233k

A saving from budget due to emergency services levy being lower than anticipated in FY24/25.

ITEM 4 (continued)**9. Recruitment – Increase \$200k**

An increase is required in the Recruitment budget to support the engagement of specialist recruitment services to fill critical roles within Council. The increase ensures that Council can attract and secure skilled professionals in key areas, maintaining continuity of operations and service delivery.

10. IT - Software Licence Fees – Increase \$170k

The increase in funding is required due to Software Licence Fees rising and evolving Council requirements.

11. Tenders & Contracts Management Program – Net Increase \$130k

An increase required for a temporary procurement Specialist to assist with the increased workload and backlog with undertaking the organisations current procurement requirements. Of this, \$70k is related to Capital Projects.

12. Spatial Data Services Software Replacement – Increase \$125k

An increase in budget due to the need to replace the spatial data services software. It is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program as per Note 6 above.

13. Leisure and Facility Management Software – Increase \$110k

An increase in budget is required to replace the bookings system for the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC), as the current system is out of contract. It is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program as per Note 6 above.

14. Content Manager Improvement project – Increase \$90k

A further \$90k to enable a change request within the TAMBLA system implementation project to automate compliance with Council requirements. Variation is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program as per Note 6 above.

15. CFO Office operational savings – Decrease \$60k

A \$60k decrease in reallocate operational savings to fund TechOne Supply Chain Module project as per Note 16 below.

16. TechOne Supply Chain Module Implementation – Increase \$60k

\$60k increase budget due to the implementation of the Contract Management System (CMS). It is offset by the saving from Finance Controlled Account as per Note 15 above.

17. EUC Hardware Refresh - Windows 11 Upgrade – Increase \$55k

\$55k increase in budget has for the replacement of end-user computing devices. This upgrade involves deploying new laptops with a Windows 11 Standard Operating Environment. It is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program as per Note 6 above.

ITEM 4 (continued)**18. Household Problem Waste Collection Service – Increase \$55k**

\$55k increase in budget to continue to provide a 'hard-to-recycle' waste collection service. This is a result of Council Resolution on 26 November 2024. Variation is proposed to be funded from the Domestic Waste Management Reserve as per Note 27 below.

19. Audit Fees – Increase \$44k

\$44k increase budget due to auditor fees are higher than anticipated.

20. Organisational Restructure Resource project - \$25k

\$25k increase in budget due to engagement of a temporary People & Culture Business Partner resource.

21. Transactional Research Program – Decrease \$22k

\$22k decrease budget due to Transactional Research Program not undertaken for the December Quarter.

22. Electronic Time and Attendance project – Increase 20k

\$20k increase in budget to allow for change request within the TAMBLA system implementation project to automate compliance with Council requirements. Variation is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program as per Note 6 above.

23. Councillor Budget Allocation – Decrease \$17k

\$17k decrease in expenditure due to reallocation of \$8k from Councillor Budget Allocation to fund for Putney Christmas Tree as per Council Resolution date on 22 October 2024 and \$9k for Meet the Mayor event according to the councillor discretionary funds policy form received. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget as per Note 25 Note 26 below.

24. Meadowbank First World War Memorial – Increase \$10k

\$10k increase in expenditure due to additional grant received from the Department of Communities & Justice for Meadowbank First World War Memorial condition assessment as per Note 3 above.

25. Mayor's Public Forum – Increase \$9k

\$9k increase in expenditure for Meet the Mayor event. This is offset by a reduction in Councillor Budget Allocation as per Note 23 above.

26. Town Centre & Public Domain Operational Program – Increase \$8k

\$8k increase in expenditure due to transferring budget from Councillor discretionary fund for Putney Christmas Tree as per Council resolution date 22 October 2024 as per Note 23 above.

ITEM 4 (continued)**27. Internally & Externally Restricted Reserves (Operating):**

It is proposed to/from External Reserves an amount of **\$2.8m** for the following:

- \$3.0m Investment Income to transfer to Section 7.11 Reserve as per Note 1 above.
- \$100k Transfer from Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserves due to Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines as per Note 7 above.
- \$57k Transfer from Domestic Waste Management Reserve due to realignment of Environmental Engineer Waste responsibilities between Domestic Waste Management (60%) and environmental management functions relating to Council's former landfill site Porters Creek (40%) and realignment of Manager Circular Economy responsibilities between Domestic Waste Management (90%) and Porters Creek Operation (10%) activities.
- \$55k Transfer from Domestic Waste Management Reserve to fund Household Problem Waste Collection Service project as per Council Resolution date 26 November 2024 as per Note 18 above.

It is proposed to/from Internal Reserves an amount of **\$222k** for the following:

- \$143k Transfer from Asset Replacement Reserve due to Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines as per Note 7 above.
- \$79k Transfer from Asset Expansion Reserve due to Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines as per Note 7 above.

ITEM 4 (continued)

Capital Budget

Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability

Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)						
	Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)
Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability							
Capital - Expansion	11,937	34,871	2,472	49,280	6,863	(2,605)	46,674
Capital - Renewal	27,668	7,607	653	35,927	10,848	2,703	38,630
Capital - Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayment	52	-	-	52	47	-	52
Lease Payment	2,426	-	-	2,426	1,454	-	2,426
Total Expenditure	42,083	42,477	3,125	87,685	19,212	98	87,783
Capital Funding							
Transfer from Internally Restricted Reserve	(10,794)	(8,589)	290	(19,093)	(19,093)	222	(18,870)
Transfer from Externally Restricted Reserves							
Development Contributions Reserves	(4,077)	(10,460)	(1,369)	(15,907)	(15,907)	(579)	(16,485)
Voluntary Planning Agreement	-	(18)	-	(18)	(18)	-	(18)
Other Contribution	-	(596)	-	(596)	(596)	-	(596)
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	-	(765)	-	(765)	(765)	-	(765)
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Rese	(42)	(311)	-	(353)	(353)	100	(253)
Stormwater Management Reserve	(1,038)	(188)	-	(1,226)	(1,226)	240	(986)
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	(15,704)	(3,762)	(147)	(19,613)	(19,613)	(210)	(19,823)
Grants and Contributions	(10,427)	(17,789)	(1,899)	(30,115)	(2,837)	129	(29,986)
Total Capital Funding	(42,083)	(42,477)	(3,125)	(87,685)	(60,408)	(98)	(87,783)

Variations proposed to Capital Works Budget will result in a net increase of capital expenditure by **\$98k**. These variations are detailed below:

New projects – Net Increase \$531k

- \$250k increase for Monash Road Gladesville Pedestrian Refuge due to additional grant received from Department of Transport NSW for the design and construction of a new pedestrian refuge on Monash Road under the 2024/25 - 2025/26 Road Safety Program.
- \$200k increase for Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement project due to additional budget of \$200K to commence preliminary Planning for the following projects: Christie Park, RALC, ELS Hall, Putney Park, Ryde Park, Field of Mars, Brush Farm Park, Shrimpton's Creek Corridor. It is proposed to be funded from Section 7.11 Reserve.
- \$70k increase for 4 Woodbine Crescent, Ryde - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal due to stormwater pipe located under the roadway was found to be in a poor structural condition. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.
- \$11k increase for Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Program due to site conditions (encountered rocks during excavation). It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.

ITEM 4 (continued)**Increased funds for Existing Projects – Increase \$290k**

- \$220k increase for 'Pipe Lining Treatment Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Program due to the delivery of additional stormwater relining projects for assets identified to be in poor structural condition. It is proposed to be funded from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$70k increase for Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program to allow all stages of this project to be completed in the FY 2024/25 in its entirety. Stage 1-2 are currently under construction with a completion date end of January 2025. Stage 3 works if approved can be completed in April School Holidays, and will allow project to be closed this Financial Year. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.

Decreased funds for Existing Projects – Decrease \$724k

- \$323k decrease for Integrated Transport Strategy Review Model due to Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116- Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget as per Note 7 above.
- \$220k decrease for Wicks Road, Macquarie Park - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Program due to the savings resulted from selecting an appropriate methodology (point structural patching instead of full relining), while still achieving project objectives. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
- \$90k decrease for Westminster Road, Gladesville - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Program due to the savings were generated from effective management of the remediation components from the specialised contractor. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
- \$70k decrease for Conservation Management Plan Program Heritage Buildings Renewal Program due to the cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered under-budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
- \$11k decrease for Melba Drive, East Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Program due to the project is completed under budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
- \$10k decrease for West Ryde Community Centre Waterproof L2 Balcony Commercial Buildings Renewal Works due to the project being undertaken out of maintenance. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.

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Source Funding for Capital Projects:

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

+ is Transfer to Resv / - is Transfer from Reserve	EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES				INTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES			
	Infrastructure Special Rate	S7.11 Open Space & Rec	Developer Contributions	Grants	Stormwater Management Levy	Asset Expansion	Asset Replacement	Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate
New Projects								
Monash Road Gladesville Pedestrian Refuge	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-
Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement	-	200	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde - Stormwater Assets Replacement Program	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
4 Woodbine Crescent, Ryde - Stormwater Assets Replacement Program	-	-	-	-	70	-	-	-
Increased funds for Existing Projects								
Meadowbank Park - LH Waud - Synthetic Playig Surfaces Expansion Program	-	379	-	(379)	-	-	-	-
Community Facilities Preschool Renewal Program	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pipe Lining Treatments – Combined	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	290	579	0	(129)	81	0	0	0
Decreased funds for Existing Projects								
Integrated Transport Strategy Review Model	-	-	-	-	-	(79)	(144)	(100)
Westminster Road, Gladesville - - Stormwater Assets Replacement Program	-	-	-	-	(90)	-	-	-
Wicks Road, Macquarie Park - - Stormwater Assets Replacement Program	-	-	-	-	(220)	-	-	-
Melba Drive, East Ryde - - Stormwater Assets Replacement Program	-	-	-	-	(11)	-	-	-
Conservation Management Plan Program	(70)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WRCC - Waterproof L2 Balcony - Commercial Renewal Program	(10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(80)	-	0	0	(321)	(79)	(144)	(100)
NET MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES	210	579	0	(129)	(240)	(79)	(144)	(100)

Other transfers to Externally/Internally Restricted Reserves:

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

- \$4.1m Transfer to various Section 7.11/7.12 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received December Quarter.

Financial Implications

As a result of the Quarterly Review as at 31 December 2024, Council's available Unrestricted Cash balance is projected to increase to **\$8.5m** as at 30 June 2025. These funds are held to cover day to day operational needs and is considered Council's working capital. In addition, these funds are required to meet any unknown or unexpected costs and should not to be reallocated for other purposes.

ITEM 4 (continued)**Conclusion**

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

“It is in my opinion that the Budget Review Statement for City of Ryde for the period ended 31 December 2024 indicates that the Council’s projected financial position as at 30 June 2025 is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure”.

Steven Harris

Chief Financial Officer
Responsible Accounting Officer

02 February 2025

ITEM 4 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

**Quarterly Review Report October - December 2024
 Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - December 2024**

Statutory Format		Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)									Ref
Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)		Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Matching Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Variations (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)	
Income From Continuing Operations												
115,569	115,763	Rates and annual charges	115,569	-	-	115,569	115,763				115,569	
18,937	10,118	User charges and fees	18,937	-	-	18,937	10,118		(176)	(176)	18,762	2
9,987	8,158	Interest and investment revenue	9,987	-	-	9,987	8,158		3,500	3,500	13,487	1
12,923	6,156	Other Revenue	12,911	-	12	12,923	6,156				12,923	
2,575	1,084	Grants and Contributions - Operating	6,293	169	(3,888)	2,575	1,084	10		10	2,584	3
34,325	10,988	Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-	-				-	
638	926	Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	-	-	-	-	-				-	
-	-	Trf From Internal Restrictions	2,141	1,757	4,043	7,940	7,940		222	222	8,162	27
-	-	Trf From External Restrictions	27,759	600	-	28,359	28,359		213	213	28,571	27
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30,641	72,900	Operating Result (Surplus)/Deficit	31,760	-	217	31,977	97,284	(0)	3,000	3,000	34,977	
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		- Depreciation and Amortisation	29,874	-	-	29,874	13,902				29,874	
	72,900	Budget Surplus before Transfer to Reserves	61,634	-	217	61,851	111,186	(0)	3,000	3,000	64,851	
		- Transfer to Asset Related Reserves	(34,200)	-	(183)	(34,383)	(34,383)		(3,000)	(3,000)	(37,383)	27
		- Transfer to Other Reserves	(27,384)	-	-	(27,384)	(27,384)				(27,384)	
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ATTACHMENT 1

Quarterly Review Report October - December 2024
Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - December 2024

Description	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)						
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Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability							
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Capital - Renewal	27,668	7,607	653	35,927	10,848	2,703	38,630
Capital - Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayment	52	-	-	52	47	-	52
Lease Payment	2,426	-	-	2,426	1,454	-	2,426
Total Expenditure	42,083	42,477	3,125	87,685	19,212	98	87,783
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Transfer from Internally Restricted Reserve	(10,794)	(8,589)	290	(19,093)	(19,093)	222	(18,870)
Transfer from Externally Restricted Reserves							
Development Contributions Reserves	(4,077)	(10,460)	(1,369)	(15,907)	(15,907)	(579)	(16,485)
Voluntary Planning Agreement	-	(18)	-	(18)	(18)	-	(18)
Other Contribution	-	(596)	-	(596)	(596)	-	(596)
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	-	(765)	-	(765)	(765)	-	(765)
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Rese	(42)	(311)	-	(353)	(353)	100	(253)
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Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve	(15,704)	(3,762)	(147)	(19,613)	(19,613)	(210)	(19,823)
Grants and Contributions	(10,427)	(17,789)	(1,899)	(30,115)	(2,837)	129	(29,986)
Total Capital Funding	(42,083)	(42,477)	(3,125)	(87,685)	(60,408)	(98)	(87,783)

Quarterly Review Report October - December 2024
Cash and Investment Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - December 2024

Description	Opening Balances (\$'000)	Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	Approved Budget Balance (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget Balance (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)
Internally Restricted Reserves									
Employee Leave Entitlements Reserves	5,315	-	-	-	-	5,315	-	5,315	5,315
Refundable Deposits Reserves	18,790	-	-	-	-	18,790	-	18,790	18,790
Interest on Refundable Deposits Reserves	436	-	-	-	-	436	-	436	436
Asset Replacement	12,449	2,338	(7,136)	698	(4,100)	8,350	-	8,350	8,350
Plant Replacement	7,667	(398)	-	-	(398)	7,269	-	7,269	7,269
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre	500	500	-	-	500	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Council Election	1,205	(490)	-	-	(490)	715	-	715	715
Investment Property	17,482	134	-	-	134	17,616	-	17,616	17,616
Ryde Central	8,927	-	(250)	-	(250)	8,677	-	8,677	8,677
Carryover Works	608	-	(608)	-	(608)	0	-	0	0
Accommodation	11,639	(654)	(67)	-	(721)	10,917	-	10,917	10,917
Public Art	18	-	-	-	-	18	-	18	18
Community Grants	128	-	-	-	-	128	-	128	128
Synthetic Sports Surface	1,184	260	-	-	260	1,443	-	1,443	1,443
Transport & Pedestrian Initiatives MP	241	-	-	-	-	241	-	241	241
Insurance Fluctuation	491	100	-	-	100	591	-	591	591
Risk Mgmt, WHS & Injury Mgmt	482	-	(68)	68	-	482	-	482	482
Planning Proposal	262	-	-	-	-	262	-	262	262
Affordable Housing	2,037	508	-	-	508	2,545	-	2,545	2,545
Workers Compensation	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Heritage	342	-	-	-	-	342	-	342	342
Asset Expansion Reserves	6,832	(905)	(2,216)	(346)	(3,467)	3,365	-	3,365	3,365
Financial Assistance Grant	3,990	-	-	(3,990)	(3,990)	-	-	-	-
Revolving Energy Fund	129	-	-	-	-	129	-	129	129
Information Technology Reserves	2,395	200	-	-	200	2,595	-	2,595	2,595
Legal	392	100	-	-	100	492	-	492	492
Total - Internally Restricted Reserves	106,942	1,692	(10,345)	(3,570)	(12,223)	94,718	-	94,718	94,718
Externally Restricted Reserves									
S7.11 Stormwater Mgmt Facilities Reserves	586	-	-	-	-	586	-	586	586
S7.12 Plan 2020 Fixed Development Consent	3,096	10	-	-	10	3,106	67	3,173	3,106
S7.11 Plan 2020 Plan Admin Reserves	1,163	(37)	-	-	(37)	1,126	-	1,126	1,126
S7.11 Plan 2020 Roads & Traffic Mgmt	5,852	650	-	-	650	6,502	-	6,502	6,502
S7.11 Plan 2020 Open Space& Rec Facilities	67,083	1,781	(10,550)	(1,369)	(10,138)	56,945	4,566	61,511	56,945
S7.11 Plan 2020 Comm & Cultural Facilities	33,321	1,069	(56)	-	1,013	34,334	1,925	36,259	34,334
Voluntary Planning Agreement	14,685	-	(18)	-	(18)	14,667	-	14,667	14,667
Other Contribution	596	-	(596)	-	(596)	0	-	0	0
Domestic Waste Mgmt Reserves	24,269	-	(850)	-	(850)	23,419	(113)	23,306	23,419
Macquarie Park Corridor Spcl Rate Reserves	5,417	1,769	(311)	-	1,458	6,875	-	6,875	6,875
Stormwater Mgmt Reserves	1,086	138	(557)	-	(419)	667	240	907	667
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserves	15,359	(1,279)	(3,762)	(147)	(5,188)	10,171	(210)	9,961	10,171
Consolidated Grant Reserves	22,708	-	-	-	-	22,708	-	22,708	22,708
Total - Externally Restricted Reserves	195,219	4,102	(16,700)	(1,516)	(14,114)	181,105	6,475	187,580	181,105
Unrestricted Cash (ie. available after the above Restrictions) ⁽¹⁾	8,366	50	-	34	84	8,450	-	8,450	8,450
Unspent Restricted Cash									41,720
Total - Cash & Investments	310,527	5,844	(27,045)	(5,051)	(26,253)	284,273	6,475	290,749	325,993

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

**Quarterly Review Report October - December 2024
Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - December 2024**

Statutory Format	Management Reporting Format (Matching Principles)								
	Approved Budget (\$'000)	Description	Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over Budget (\$'000)	September Review (\$'000)	Approved Budget (\$'000)	YTD Actual (\$'000)	Proposed Changes (\$'000)	Revised Budget (\$'000)
Income from Continuing Operations									
6,638	City Development	2,614	-	1	2,615	1,515	-	2,615	
8,409	Community Safety and Amenity	8,410	-	(1)	8,409	3,850	-	8,409	
25,449	City Sports and Recreation	9,314	242	-	9,556	4,739	(166)	9,390	
990	Library	498	50	100	648	632	-	648	
-	City Economy	107	-	-	107	107	-	107	
835	Resilience and Sustainability	449	85	-	534	514	-	534	
1,732	Catchment Waterway	-	804	-	804	805	-	804	
29,198	Waste and Recycling	55,374	161	-	55,535	54,435	138	55,673	
9,327	Traffic and Transport	2,317	-	-	2,317	1,145	322	2,639	
3,418	Roads	3,602	174	24	3,799	2,775	-	3,799	
3,130	Paths and Cycleways	418	-	-	418	182	-	418	
903	Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	903	152	-	1,055	655	-	1,055	
331	Community Connectedness and Engagement	331	-	-	331	373	-	331	
3,181	Strategic Property	3,611	67	-	3,678	2,218	-	3,678	
1,658	Service Delivery Support	1,726	-	-	1,726	1,273	(26)	1,700	
99,756	Governance & Corporate Services	103,923	791	43	104,757	102,360	3,500	108,257	
194,954		193,597	2,526	166	196,290	177,577	3,769	200,059	
Expenses from Continuing Operations									
6,494	City Development	6,657	-	-	6,494	3,103	(51)	6,443	
7,003	Community Safety and Amenity	7,003	-	-	7,003	3,648	8	7,012	
22,081	City Sports and Recreation	21,882	242	(42)	22,081	10,862	(224)	21,858	
8,355	Library	8,203	50	101	8,355	4,192	47	8,402	
1,759	City Economy	1,750	-	9	1,759	836	(6)	1,753	
4,239	Resilience and Sustainability	4,154	85	-	4,239	1,879	1	4,240	
8,567	Catchment Waterway	7,772	804	(9)	8,567	3,802	-	8,567	
28,398	Waste and Recycling	28,236	161	-	28,398	11,696	56	28,454	
5,906	Traffic and Transport	5,906	-	-	5,906	2,892	305	6,211	
12,944	Roads	12,897	174	(126)	12,944	5,867	2	12,946	
4,262	Paths and Cycleways	4,212	-	50	4,262	3,279	14	4,276	
5,619	Community Inclusion and Wellbeing	5,515	152	(48)	5,619	2,109	(106)	5,513	
6,036	Community Connectedness and Engagement	6,136	-	(100)	6,036	3,197	1	6,037	
8,002	Strategic Property	7,905	67	29	8,002	2,971	-	8,002	
5,402	Service Delivery Support	5,402	-	-	5,402	2,682	216	5,618	
29,246	Governance & Corporate Services	28,206	791	86	29,246	17,279	505	29,752	
164,313		161,837	2,526	(51)	164,313	80,293	769	165,082	

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Proposed Budget Changes**

	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 2 Variations	December Quarter 2024 Comments
Grand Total	0	(0)	0	
User Charges and Fees (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-	175,650	175,650	
Aquatic Entry Fees and Charges		175,650	175,650	Increase in swim and spa entries under the RALC Pensioner Entries Subsidy program. This adjustment reflects higher than anticipated demand.
Interest and Investment Revenue (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	-	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	
Investment Income		(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	Increase budget primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions. of this \$3.0m relates to interest earned on Externally Restricted Funds for Section 7.11 Contributions and is proposed to be transferred to the respective Section 7.11 Reserves.
Grants and Contributions - Operating (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	(9,677)	-	(9,677)	
Grant for Meadowbank First World War Memorial condition assessment.	(9,677)		(9,677)	Additional grant received from the Department of Communities & Justice for Meadowbank First World War Memorial condition assessment.
Grants and Contributions - Capital (+ve is an increase in Revenue)	378,570	(4,386,649)	(4,008,079)	
Section 7.11 & Section 7.12 Developer Contributions		(4,136,649)	(4,136,649)	Increase budget in Developer Contributions due to greater than anticipated income received to date. It is proposed to transfer these funds to the respective S7.11 and S7.12 Reserves.
Meadowbank Park - LH Waud	378,570		378,570	Returning the grant income claimed in Financial Year 2023-24 due to ineligibility following the grant acquittal for the LH Waud Field Meadowbank Park Field Upgrade from the Office of Sport. It is proposed that the funding be sourced from the Section 7.11 Plan - Open Space & Recreation Facilities Reserve.
Monash Road Gladesville Pedestrian Refuge		(250,000)	(250,000)	Grant funding received from Department of Transport NSW for the design and construction of a new pedestrian refuge on Monash Road under the 2024/25 - 2025/26 Road Safety Program
Employee benefits and on-costs (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	(316,286)	268,353	(47,933)	
Salary savings to date in various programs	(398,434)	(698,323)	(1,096,757)	Salary Savings from Vacancies used to top up Contractors. More Contractor services have been engaged due to shortage of internal resources.
Termination and Redundancy		766,676	766,676	Increase budget due to Termination and Redundancy expenditures are higher than anticipated.
Recruitment		200,000	200,000	Increase in budget to support the engagement of specialist recruitment services to fill critical roles within Council. The increase ensures that Council can attract and secure skilled professionals in key areas, maintaining continuity of operations and service delivery
Casual Salaries in Development Assessment program	82,148		82,148	Reallocation of consultancy budget available within the department to backfill staff resourcing needs.

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 2 Variations	December Quarter 2024 Comments
Materials and contracts (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	325,963	723,690	1,049,653	
Tenders & Contracts Management Program		130,000	130,000	Increase for temporary procurement Specialist budget to assist with the increased workload and backlog with undertaking the organisations current procurement requirements. Of this \$70k is related to Capital Projects
Temporary & Agency Staff in various programs	398,434		398,434	Increase temporary labour hire due to vacancies and variation is offset by salaries savings to date
Development Assessment Consultant	(82,148)		(82,148)	Reallocation of consultancy budget available within the department to backfill staff resourcing needs.
Councillor Budget Allocation	(16,500)		(16,500)	Reallocate from Councillor Budget Allocation to fund Putney Christmas Tree as per Notice of Motion 6 from October 2024 Council Meeting & Meet the Mayor event according to the councillor discretionary funds policy form received; This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Town Centre & Public Domain Operational Program	7,500		7,500	Transfer budget from Councillor discretionary fund for Putney Christmas Tree as per Notice of Motion 6 from October 2024 Council Meeting.
Mayor's Public Forum	9,000		9,000	Increase for Meet the Mayor event. This is offset by a reduction in Councillor Budget Allocation.
CFO Office operational savings	(60,000)		(60,000)	Reallocate the operational savings to fund TechOne Supply Chain Module project
Techone Supply Chain Module Implementation	60,000		60,000	Increase budget due to the implementation of the Contract Management System (CMS). It is offset by the saving from Finance Controlled Account.
Electronic Time and Attendance project	20,000		20,000	Increase in budget to allow for change request within the TAMBLA system implementation project to automate compliance with Council requirements. Variation is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program.
EUC Hardware Refresh - Windows 11 Upgrade	55,000		55,000	Increase in budget has for the replacement of end-user computing devices. This upgrade involves deploying new laptops with a Windows 11 Standard Operating Environment. It is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program.
Leisure and Facility Management Software	110,000		110,000	Increase due to the need to replace the bookings system for the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC), as the current system is out of contract. It is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program.
Spatial Data Services Software Replacement	125,000		125,000	Increase due to the need to replace the spatial data services software. It is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program.
Content Manager Improvement	90,000		90,000	Increase in budget to allow for change request within the TAMBLA system implementation project to automate compliance with Council requirements. Variation is proposed to be funded from the ICT Strategy Implementation Program.
ICT Strategy Implementation	(400,000)		(400,000)	Transfer budget to fund Electronic Time & Attendance Change Request 13, Hardware Refresh Windows 11 Upgrade, Leisure & Facility Management Software, Spatial Data Services Software, and Content Manager Improvement projects.
Organisational Restructure Resource		24,640	24,640	Increase in budget due to engagement of a temporary People & Culture Business Partner resource.
Integrated transport strategy review model		322,435	322,435	Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116-Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 2 Variations	December Quarter 2024 Comments
Household Problem Waste Collection Service		55,000	55,000	Increase in budget to continue to provide a 'hard-to-recycle' waste collection service. This is a result of Council Resolution on 26 November 2024. Variation is proposed to be funded from the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
Meadowbank First World War Memorial Condition Assessment.	9,677		9,677	Increase in budget due to additional grant received from the Department of Communities & Justice for Meadowbank First World War Memorial condition assessment.
Audit Fees		43,580	43,580	Increase budget due to auditor fees are higher than anticipated
IT - Software Licence Fees		170,000	170,000	Increase in budget due to rising licensing costs and evolving Council requirements.
Community Engagement - Transactional Research Program		(21,965)	(21,965)	Decrease budget due to Transactional Research Program not undertaken for the December Quarter
Other expenses (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	-	(232,650)	(232,650)	
Emergency Services Levies (FRNSW, SES, RFS)		(232,650)	(232,650)	Decreased budget due to emergency services levy is lower than anticipated in FY24/25
Reserves Drawdown for Operating (+ve is an increase in Reserve Drawdown)	-	6,701,606	6,701,606	
Externally Restricted Reserve	-	6,924,041	6,924,041	
Section 7.12 Plan 2020 Fixed Development Consent				
Section 7.12 Developer Contributions		67,469	67,469	Transfer to Section 7.12 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received this Financial Year.
Section 7.11 Plan - Open Space & Recreation Facilities				
Section 7.11 Developer Contributions		2,144,243	2,144,243	Transfer to Section 7.11 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received this Financial Year.
Investment Income		3,000,000	3,000,000	Increase budget primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated and higher interest rates being offered reflective of recent economic conditions. of this \$3.0m relates to interest earned on Externally Restricted Funds for Section 7.11 Contributions and is proposed to be transferred to the respective Section 7.11 Reserves.
Section 7.11 Plan 2020 Community & Cultural Facilities				
Section 7.11 Developer Contributions		1,924,937	1,924,937	Transfer to Section 7.11 Reserves due to greater than anticipated income received this Financial Year.
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserves				

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 2 Variations	December Quarter 2024 Comments
Integrated transport strategy review model		(100,000)	(100,000)	Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116-Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Domestic Waste Management Reserves				
Household Problem Waste Collection Service		(55,000)	(55,000)	Increase in budget to continue to provide a 'hard-to-recycle' waste collection service. This is a result of Council Resolution on 26 November 2024. Variation is proposed to be funded from the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
Salaries and Wages related to DWM		(57,608)	(57,608)	Realignment of Environmental Engineer Waste responsibilities between Domestic Waste Management (60%) and environmental management functions relating to Council's former landfill site Porters Creek (40%) and realignment of Manager Circular Economy responsibilities between Domestic Waste Management (90%) and Porters Creek Operation (10%) activities.
Internally Restricted Reserve	-	(222,435)	(222,435)	
Integrated transport strategy review model		(222,435)	(222,435)	Transfer from Financial Assistance Grant Reserve due to prepayment received in FY23/24
Capital Expenditure (+ve is an increase in Expenditure)	-	97,565	97,565	
Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement		200,000	200,000	Additional Budget of \$200K to commence preliminary Planning for the following projects: Christie Park, RALC, ELS Hall, Putney Park, Ryde Park, Field of Mars, Brush Farm Park, Shrimpton's Creek Corridor. It is proposed to be funded from Section 7.11 Reserve.
Monash Road Gladesville Pedestrian Refuge		250,000	250,000	Grant funding received from Department of Transport NSW for the design and construction of a new pedestrian refuge on Monash Road under the 2024/25 - 2025/26 Road Safety Program
Integrated transport strategy review model		(322,435)	(322,435)	Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116-Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Westminster Road, Gladesville - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		(90,000)	(90,000)	Decrease for Westminster Road, Gladesville Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to the savings were generated from effective management of the remediation components from the specialised contractor. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Wicks Road, Macquarie Park - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		(220,000)	(220,000)	Decrease for Wicks Road, Macquarie Park Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to the savings resulted from selecting an appropriate methodology (point structural patching instead of full relining), while still achieving project objectives. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Melba Drive, East Ryde - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		(11,000)	(11,000)	Decrease for Melba Drive, East Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to the project is completed. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		11,000	11,000	Increase for Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to site conditions (encountered rocks during excavation). It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.
Pipe Lining Treatment - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		220,000	220,000	Increase for Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined project due to the delivery of additional stormwater relining projects for assets identified to be in poor structural condition. It is proposed to be funded from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
4 Woodbine Crescent, Ryde - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		70,000	70,000	Increase for 4 Woodbine Crescent Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to stormwater pipe located under the roadway was found to be in a poor structural condition. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 2 Variations	December Quarter 2024 Comments
Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program		70,000	70,000	Increase for Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program to allow all stages of this project to be completed in the FY 2024/25 in its entirety. Stage 1-2 are currently under construction with a completion date end of January 2025. Stage 3 works if approved can be completed in April School Holidays, and will allow project to be closed this Financial Year. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
WRCC - Waterproof L2 Balcony - Commercial Buildings Renewal		(10,000)	(10,000)	Decrease for West Ryde Community Centre Waterproof L2 Balcony Commercial Buildings Renewal Works due to the project being undertaken out of maintenance. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Conservation Management Plan Program - Heritage Buildings Renewal		(70,000)	(70,000)	Decrease for Conservation Management Plan Program for Heritage Buildings Renewal due to the cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered under-budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Reserves Drawdown for Capital (-ve is an increase in Reserve Drawdown)	(378,570)	152,435	(226,135)	
Externally Restricted Reserve				
Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve				
Pipe Lining Treatments – Combined		(220,000)	(220,000)	Increase for Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined project due to the delivery of additional stormwater relining projects for assets identified to be in poor structural condition. It is proposed to be funded from the Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program		(70,000)	(70,000)	Increase for Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program to allow all stages of this project to be completed in the FY 2024/25 in its entirety. Stage 1-2 are currently under construction with a completion date end of January 2025. Stage 3 works if approved can be completed in April School Holidays, and will allow project to be closed this Financial Year. It is proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
WRCC - Waterproof L2 Balcony - Commercial Buildings Renewal		10,000	10,000	Decrease for West Ryde Community Centre Waterproof L2 Balcony Commercial Buildings Renewal Works due to the project being undertaken out of maintenance. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Conservation Management Plan Program - Heritage Buildings Renewal		70,000	70,000	Decrease for Conservaton Management Plan Program for Heritage Buildings Renewal due to the cost savings and value engineering have resulted in the works being delivered under-budget. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve.
Section 7.11 Plan - Open Space & Recreation Facilities				
Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement		(200,000)	(200,000)	Additional Budget of \$200K to commence preliminary Planning for the following projects: Christie Park, RALC, ELS Hall, Putney Park, Ryde Park, Field of Mars, Brush Farm Park, Shrimpton's Creek Corridor. It is proposed to be funded from Section 7.11 Reserve.
Meadowbank Park - LH Waud	(378,570)		(378,570)	Increase for LH Waud Field Meadowbank Park Field Upgrade is required as council is required to return the grant income claimed in Financial Year 2023-24 due to ineligibility following the grant acquittal lodged with the Office of Sport.I. It is proposed to be funded from the Section 7.11 Reserve.
Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserves				
Integrated transport strategy review model		100,000	100,000	Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116-Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.
Stormwater Management Reserves				

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	Matching Variations	Proposed Variations	Total Qtr 2 Variations	December Quarter 2024 Comments
Westminster Road, Gladesville - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		90,000	90,000	Decrease for Westminster Road, Gladesville Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to the savings were generated from effective management of the remediation components from the specialised contractor. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Wicks Road, Macquarie Park - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		220,000	220,000	Decrease for Wicks Road, Macquarie Park Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to the savings resulted from selecting an appropriate methodology (point structural patching instead of full relining), while still achieving project objectives. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Melba Drive, East Ryde - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		11,000	11,000	Decrease for Melba Drive, East Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to the project is completed. It is proposed to transfer these funds to Stormwater Management Reserve.
Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde		(11,000)	(11,000)	Increase for Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to site conditions (encountered rocks during excavation). It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.
4 Woodbine Crescent, Ryde - Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal		(70,000)	(70,000)	Increase for 4 Woodbine Crescent Ryde Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal Works due to stormwater pipe located under the roadway was found to be in a poor structural condition. It is proposed to be funded from Stormwater Management Reserve.
Internally Restricted Reserve				
Assets Replacement Reserve				
Integrated transport strategy review model		143,500	143,500	Reclassification of Libraries Public PC Renewal project from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines.
Asset Expansion Reserve				
Integrated transport strategy review model		78,935	78,935	Reclassification of Integrated transport Strategy Review Model from capital expenditure to operational expenditure as per AASB 116-Property, Plant and Equipment guidelines. This variation will have no impact on Council's overall budget.

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Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended - December 2024
Projects with proposed changes

Note: Capital Works Listing below excludes lease and loan

Project No.	Business Team	Project Type	Project Description	Original Budget	Carry Overs	QTR Review	Current Budget	Proposed Variations	Revised Budget	% Increase from Approved Budget
741313	BldLibraries	Expansion	AM - Eastwood Library Planning and Design	-	105,976	-	105,976	-	105,976	0.0%
740919	Cycleways	Expansion	AM - Chatswood to Burwood (RR-04) - Stage 1	-	214,766	-	214,766	-	214,766	0.0%
741398	Cycleways	Expansion	AM - Hermitage Road Shared Path, West Ryde	-	1,489,278	-	1,489,278	-	1,489,278	0.0%
741399	Cycleways	Expansion	AM - Regional Route 03 - Cycleway	-	1,512,467	-	1,512,467	-	1,512,467	0.0%
741267	Eastwood Central	Expansion	AM - Preliminary Eastwood Central Business Case	-	1,411,755	-	1,411,755	-	1,411,755	0.0%
741400	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Cosimo St (Quarry Road - Cul-de-sac)	100,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	-
741401	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Napier Crescent (David Ave - 350 Lane Cove Rd)	40,000	-	(40,000)	-	-	-	-
741414	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Truscott Street (Cox's Road - Edmondson Street)	-	108,220	-	108,220	-	108,220	0.0%
741445	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Sutor Avenue (Belmore Street - Church Street)	180,000	-	(180,000)	-	-	-	-
741446	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Wicks Road (Halifax St - M2 Motorway)	366,300	-	-	366,300	-	366,300	0.0%
741448	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Olive Street (Ronald Avenue - Bridge Road)	-	-	320,000	320,000	-	320,000	0.0%
741482	Footpaths	Expansion	AM - Vimiera Road Footpath Extension (Marsfield Park)	-	-	49,000	49,000	-	49,000	0.0%
741311	OldLandfills	Expansion	AM - Meadowbank Park - Remediation	-	765,000	-	765,000	-	765,000	0.0%
741054	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Catherine Hamlin Park	-	3,935,623	-	3,935,623	-	3,935,623	0.0%
741059	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Wilga Park - Shared user path	350,000	-	-	350,000	-	350,000	0.0%
741166	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Memorial Park Flagpoles	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	0.0%
741403	PassiveParks	Expansion	AM - Metropolitan Green Space Program Catherine Hamlin	-	449,998	-	449,998	-	449,998	0.0%
741287	SprtsfidLight	Expansion	AM - LH Waud - Sportsfield Lighting	-	157,114	92,000	249,114	-	249,114	0.0%
741375	StormwaterAsst	Expansion	AM - Smalls Road Public School Drainage & Easement Upgrad	656,000	-	-	656,000	-	656,000	0.0%
741070	SynthPlaySurf	Expansion	AM - Meadowbank Park - LH Waud	-	4,116,707	333,293	4,450,000	-	4,450,000	0.0%
741457	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Traffic Infrastructure	522,900	-	-	522,900	-	522,900	0.0%
741477	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Waterloo Road Marsfield (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	130,000	130,000	-	130,000	0.0%
741478	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Quarry Road Ryde (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
741479	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Denistone Road at Ryde Hospital (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	300,000	300,000	-	300,000	0.0%
741480	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Chatham Rd and West Pde Denistone (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	460,000	460,000	-	460,000	0.0%
741481	TrafficFacil	Expansion	AM - Parkes St (Falconer St-Lee Av) Ryde (BlackSpot 24-25)	-	-	260,000	260,000	-	260,000	0.0%
740030	City Fabric	Expansion	AM - Planning Embellishment Program - Macquarie Park	42,100	-	-	42,100	-	42,100	0.0%
740151	City Resilience	Expansion	AM - Putney Beach Activation 8443056	-	524,113	-	524,113	-	524,113	0.0%
741409	City Spaces	Expansion	AM - Korean War Memorial - Memorial Park	-	120,000	-	120,000	-	120,000	0.0%
740070	City Transport	Expansion	AM - ITS Implementation	277,000	581,128	-	858,128	-	858,128	0.0%
741122	City Transport	Expansion	AM - Integrated transport strategy review model	50,000	272,435	-	322,435	(322,435)	-	-100.0%
740091	EM City Infrast	Expansion	AM - Ryde Central	-	250,000	-	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
740040	InfrastructServ	Expansion	AM - Bus Stop DDA compliance	1,782,830	1,599,125	-	3,381,955	(2,532,830)	849,125	-74.9%
740049	InfrastructServ	Expansion	AM - Pedestrian Crossing Lighting Upgrade	905,000	95,742	-	1,000,742	-	1,000,742	0.0%
741329	InfrastructServ	Expansion	AM - 100 - 104 Rowe St Stormwater Drainage Upgrade	-	1,595,864	-	1,595,864	-	1,595,864	0.0%
740088	Parks & Open Sp	Expansion	AM - Macquarie Park, Waterloo Rd	-	5,009,620	-	5,009,620	-	5,009,620	0.0%
741338	Parks & Open Sp	Expansion	AM - Gannan Park - Masterplan Delivery	-	4,792,629	-	4,792,629	-	4,792,629	0.0%
741406	Parks & Open Sp	Expansion	AM - Meadowbank Park Masterplan Delivery AIF	6,370,400	835,900	-	7,206,300	-	7,206,300	0.0%
740002	Payroll	Expansion	AM - Electronic Time and Attendance	-	32,563	(32,563)	-	-	-	-
740071	Transport	Expansion	AM - Road Safety Upgrades and Improvement	58,000	-	-	58,000	-	58,000	0.0%
741315	Transport	Expansion	AM - Constitution Rd/Bowden St Meadowbank-Traffic Control S	-	3,925,386	-	3,925,386	-	3,925,386	0.0%
741411	Transport	Expansion	AM - Constitution Rd West Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-	90,114	35,000	125,114	-	125,114	0.0%
741473	Transport	Expansion	AM - Constitution Rd/Bank St Meadowbank - Traffic Control Si	-	284,678	-	284,678	-	284,678	0.0%
741474	Transport	Expansion	AM - See Street Meadowbank Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-	299,500	10,500	310,000	-	310,000	0.0%
741475	Transport	Expansion	AM - Argyle Avenue Raised Pedestrian Crossing	-	295,000	15,000	310,000	-	310,000	0.0%
741476	Transport	Expansion	AM - Eastwood Town Centre HFPA	-	570,000	-	570,000	-	570,000	0.0%
741483	Transport	Expansion	AM - Monash Road Gladesville Pedestrian Refuge	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	100.0%
740126	Tree Management	Expansion	AM - Street Tree Planting Program	136,090	-	-	136,090	-	136,090	0.0%
741421	BldgComercial	Renewal	AM - Putney Tennyson - Roof Replacement	260,000	-	-	260,000	-	260,000	0.0%
741422	BldgComercial	Renewal	AM - Putney Tennyson - Investigative Works	35,000	-	-	35,000	-	35,000	0.0%
741423	BldgComercial	Renewal	AM - WRCC - Waterproof L2 Balcony	10,000	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-100.0%

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741424	BldgComercial	Renewal	AM - Lachlans Line - Water & Sewer Connection	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	0.0%
741425	BldgComercial	Renewal	AM - Denistone Bowling Club	265,000	-	-	265,000	-	265,000	0.0%
741170	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - Community Facilities Preschool Renew Program	60,000	80,748	120,000	260,748	70,000	330,748	26.8%
741171	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - Community Facilities Access/Capacity Program	120,000	-	-	120,000	-	120,000	0.0%
741173	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - Community Facilities Lifecycle replacement Program	176,800	-	30,000	206,800	-	206,800	0.0%
741354	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - North Ryde School of Arts Renewal Works	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	-
741415	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - North Ryde Community Hall HVAC	240,000	-	(200,000)	40,000	-	40,000	0.0%
741416	BldgCommunity	Renewal	AM - North Ryde School of Arts Awning Replacement	100,000	-	50,000	150,000	-	150,000	0.0%
741185	BldgHeritage	Renewal	AM - Conservation Management Plan Program	160,100	-	-	160,100	(70,000)	90,100	-43.7%
741029	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Library Enhancements	57,000	-	(57,000)	-	-	-	-
741113	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Minor upgrade Ryde Library	-	208,264	-	208,264	-	208,264	0.0%
741187	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Major Upgrade West Ryde Library	687,000	590,174	(110,174)	1,167,000	-	1,167,000	0.0%
741312	BldLibraries	Renewal	AM - Accessibility Upgrade Gladesville Library	170,000	-	-	170,000	-	170,000	0.0%
741426	BldOperatiol	Renewal	AM - OPS - Fencing	17,000	-	-	17,000	-	17,000	0.0%
741427	BldOperatiol	Renewal	AM - OPS - Gantry	48,000	-	-	48,000	-	48,000	0.0%
741428	BldOperatiol	Renewal	AM - Porters Creek Replacement	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
740558	Bridges	Renewal	AM - Bridge Rehabilitation Works	-	82,052	-	82,052	-	82,052	0.0%
741218	Car Parks	Renewal	AM - Church Street Car Park	114,780	-	-	114,780	-	114,780	0.0%
741219	Car Parks	Renewal	AM - Glenn Street Car Park Defect Remediation Works	665,000	-	-	665,000	-	665,000	0.0%
740909	Cycleways	Renewal	AM - Minor works for Cycleways	25,000	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	0.0%
740479	Footpaths	Renewal	AM - Defects List - Condition 4 & 5	499,200	-	-	499,200	-	499,200	0.0%
741291	Footpaths	Renewal	AM - Denman Street/Brush Road staircase	200,000	-	-	200,000	-	200,000	0.0%
741220	Kerb&Gutter	Renewal	AM - Kerb and Gutter condition 4 and 5	236,900	-	-	236,900	-	236,900	0.0%
741048	PassiveParks	Renewal	AM - Blenheim Park - Masterplan Delivery	4,509,230	419,262	-	4,928,492	-	4,928,492	0.0%
740799	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Santa Rosa Park	-	31,235	-	31,235	-	31,235	0.0%
741178	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Byron Park - Neighbourhood	260,000	-	-	260,000	-	260,000	0.0%
741179	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Olympic Park - Neighbourhood	-	19,800	-	19,800	-	19,800	0.0%
741181	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Braemar Local Playground	132,500	-	-	132,500	-	132,500	0.0%
741367	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Pioneer Park - District	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	60,000	0.0%
741368	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Putney Park Regional Playground	177,000	-	-	177,000	-	177,000	0.0%
741429	Playgrounds	Renewal	AM - Adventure Playground	132,500	-	-	132,500	-	132,500	0.0%
741167	RALC Asset	Renewal	AM - RALC Building Renewal	-	101,735	-	101,735	350,000	451,735	344.0%
750012	RALC Asset	Renewal	LTFP - RALC Asset RENEWAL	350,000	-	-	350,000	(350,000)	-	-100.0%
740525	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - SRV - Cambridge Street	1,142,000	-	-	1,142,000	-	1,142,000	0.0%
740537	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Cressy Road (Higginbotham Road - Holly Avenue)	-	412,804	-	412,804	-	412,804	0.0%
740538	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Cressy Road (Holly Avenue - Buffalo Road)	-	404,179	-	404,179	-	404,179	0.0%
741213	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Pavement testing and design for 2023/24	-	417,529	-	417,529	-	417,529	0.0%
741467	Road Kerb	Renewal	AM - Culloden Road (Waterloo Road - Marsfield Park)	900,000	-	-	900,000	-	900,000	0.0%
740307	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Ethel Street (Blaxland Road - Railway Parade)	348,640	-	-	348,640	-	348,640	0.0%
740313	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Dyson Street (Pellissier Road - Cul De Sac (S))	83,600	-	-	83,600	-	83,600	0.0%
740323	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Westminster Road (Elitham Street - Albert Street)	212,900	-	-	212,900	-	212,900	0.0%
740358	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Cutler Parade (Edmondson Street - Chauvel Street)	154,000	-	-	154,000	-	154,000	0.0%
740361	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Cressy Road (Magdala Road - Cox's Road)	139,700	-	-	139,700	-	139,700	0.0%
740368	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Moira Avenue (Morvan Street - Mimos Street)	101,200	-	-	101,200	-	101,200	0.0%
740372	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Ruth Street (Kelley Street - Cul De Sac (E))	67,100	-	-	67,100	-	67,100	0.0%
740373	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Star Street (Fonti Street - Cul De Sac (S))	69,300	-	-	69,300	-	69,300	0.0%
740381	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Allan Avenue (Belmore Street - Addington Avenue)	133,100	-	-	133,100	-	133,100	0.0%
740386	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Bell Avenue (Winbourne Street - Farnell Street)	130,000	-	-	130,000	-	130,000	0.0%
740392	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - SRV - Wicks Road (Piltwater Road - End)	201,000	-	-	201,000	-	201,000	0.0%
740395	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Bass Street (Morrison Road - Cul De Sac (S))	100,000	-	70,000	170,000	-	170,000	0.0%
740396	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Bellamy Street (House Number 9/11 - Corunna Road)	85,800	-	-	85,800	-	85,800	0.0%
740410	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Hillview Lane (West Parade - Coolgun Lane)	63,800	-	-	63,800	-	63,800	0.0%
740411	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Hillview Lane (Coolgun Lane - The Avenue (Eastwood))	61,600	-	-	61,600	-	61,600	0.0%
740412	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Hillview Lane (The Avenue (Eastwood) - Shaftsbury Road)	173,800	-	-	173,800	-	173,800	0.0%
740434	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Rowe Lane (Blaxland Road - Station Lane)	222,200	-	-	222,200	-	222,200	0.0%
740456	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Grove Lane (Grove Street - Orange Street)	70,000	-	(70,000)	-	-	-	-
740460	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Lancaster Avenue (Andrew Street - Parer Street)	-	100,453	-	100,453	-	100,453	0.0%

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740470	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Rowe Street (The Avenue (Eastwood) - Shaftsbury Road)	450,000	-	-	450,000	-	450,000	0.0%
741201	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Dunshea Street (Cul De Sac (E) - Allans Street)	96,190	-	-	96,190	-	96,190	0.0%
741206	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Kharoum Road (Talavera Road - Waterloo Road)	516,200	-	299,830	816,030	-	816,030	0.0%
741590	RoadResurfac	Renewal	AM - Meta Street (Norang Street - Cul De Sac(E))	59,400	-	-	59,400	-	59,400	0.0%
740649	Seawalls	Renewal	AM - Kissing Point Park - Foreshore protection works	-	110,037	(90,000)	20,037	-	20,037	0.0%
741217	Seawalls	Renewal	AM - Putney Park Seawall Rehabilitation Work	-	2,228,391	90,000	2,318,391	-	2,318,391	0.0%
740773	SprtsfidAmnts	Renewal	AM - Waterloo Park - Amenities Upgrade	524,720	-	290,000	814,720	-	814,720	0.0%
740775	SprtsfidAmnts	Renewal	AM - Rydie Park - Upper Amenities Upgrade	200,000	-	170,000	370,000	-	370,000	0.0%
740776	SprtsfidAmnts	Renewal	AM - Dunbar Park - Amenities Upgrade	-	508,725	-	508,725	-	508,725	0.0%
741458	SprtsfidAmnts	Renewal	AM - Parks Amenities Buildings - compliance works	90,000	-	180,680	270,680	-	270,680	0.0%
741165	SprtsfidGen	Renewal	AM - Meadowbank Park Field 3	317,500	-	-	317,500	-	317,500	0.0%
740574	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - Future Design and Planning	-	34,573	-	34,573	-	34,573	0.0%
740596	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Pit/Pipe Small Reconstructions	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	60,000	0.0%
740604	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Pit Replacement	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	0.0%
740615	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined	-	61,474	-	61,474	-	61,474	0.0%
740625	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - High Street, Gladesville	105,000	-	-	105,000	-	105,000	0.0%
740627	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Goodwin Street, West Ryde	528,600	-	-	528,600	-	528,600	0.0%
740629	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - Westminster Road, Gladesville	320,000	-	-	320,000	(90,000)	230,000	-28.1%
740640	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - Wicks Road, Macquarie Park	270,000	-	-	270,000	(220,000)	50,000	-81.5%
741223	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - 201 Ryde Road, Gladesville	70,000	-	-	70,000	-	70,000	0.0%
741223	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - west parade, West Ryde	63,000	-	-	63,000	-	63,000	0.0%
741275	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - 1 Constitution Rd & Belmore St Culvert Replacement	-	297,312	-	297,312	-	297,312	0.0%
741377	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - Melba Drive, East Ryde	-	127,018	-	127,018	(11,000)	116,018	-8.7%
741378	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - Bronhill Avenue, East Ryde	-	-	-	-	11,000	11,000	100.0%
741468	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - SRV - Pipe Lining Treatments - Combined	160,000	-	-	160,000	220,000	380,000	137.5%
741485	StormwtrAsst	Renewal	AM - 4 Woodbine Crescent, Ryde	-	-	-	-	70,000	70,000	100.0%
740846	StormwtrWrks	Renewal	AM - CCTV investigations	-	125,000	-	125,000	-	125,000	0.0%
740848	StormwtrWrks	Renewal	AM - Future Design and Planning	-	30,095	-	30,095	-	30,095	0.0%
741232	StormwtrWrks	Renewal	AM - 6 Colvin Crescent, Denistone East	110,000	-	50,000	160,000	-	160,000	0.0%
741384	StormwtrWrks	Renewal	AM - Doing Avenue Denistone East	467,860	-	-	467,860	-	467,860	0.0%
741387	TrafficFacil	Renewal	AM - Traffic Facilities Renewal (Local & Regional Roads)	222,900	-	-	222,900	-	222,900	0.0%
741469	Asset Integrati	Renewal	Asset Renewal - Buildings	600,000	-	(90,000)	510,000	-	510,000	0.0%
741470	Asset Integrati	Renewal	Asset Renewal - Stormwater	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	0.0%
741471	Asset Integrati	Renewal	Asset Renewal - Other Road Assets	600,000	-	-	600,000	-	600,000	0.0%
740042	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - Heavy Patching	448,200	221,390	-	669,590	-	669,590	0.0%
740081	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - 146 Bowden St Trunk Drainage	-	16,728	-	16,728	-	16,728	0.0%
741412	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - LRCl 4 - Constitution Road, Meadowbank Footpath	-	17,512	-	17,512	-	17,512	0.0%
741484	InfrastructServ	Renewal	AM - Bus Stop DDA Compliance - Renewal	-	-	-	-	2,532,830	2,532,830	100.0%
740120	LibrarySuppServ	Renewal	AM - Libraries Public PC Renewal	-	30,621	(30,621)	-	-	-	-
741350	Parks & Open Sp	Renewal	AM - Field of Mars Reserve Nature Trail	-	731,079	-	731,079	-	731,079	0.0%
741463	Parks & Open Sp	Renewal	Future Design - Parks	75,000	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	0.0%
741486	Parks & Open Sp	Renewal	Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhanc	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	100.0%
741135	Plant & Fleet	Renewal	Plant & Fleet Purchases	3,655,310	-	-	3,655,310	-	3,655,310	0.0%
740106	Porters ECoMRF	Renewal	AM - Porters Creek Precinct	100,000	198,456	-	298,456	-	298,456	0.0%
741462	Strategic Prope	Renewal	Future Design - Building	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	0.0%
741464	Transport	Renewal	Future Design - Traffic	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	0.0%
741417	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	AM - Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrades (AIF)	980,000	-	-	980,000	-	980,000	0.0%
741432	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	AM - Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrades (IBF)	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
741461	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	Future Design - Civil Infrastructure Assets	150,000	-	100,000	250,000	-	250,000	0.0%
741465	Engineering&Proj	Renewal	Pavement Testing and Design	100,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	-
Total				39,604,250	42,477,347	3,124,945	85,206,542	97,565	85,304,107	0.1%

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Financial Performance Indicators

	Revised Budget	Benchmark
Operating Performance Ratio ⁽¹⁾	-1.08%	>0.00%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	79.46%	>60.00%
Debt Service Cover Ratio	25.98x	>2.0x
Asset Renewals Ratio	146%	>=100%

(1) The Operating Performance Ratio of -1.08% has not met the benchmark as at the September Quarter 2024. It has increased from -2.7% from September Quarter to -1.08% after December Quarterly Budget Review. The improvement is mainly due to Investment Income is increasing by \$3.5m. It is anticipated that during the year, savings in expenditure and additional income generated will result in improvements in this ratio. This will continue to be monitored and reported to Council in future quarterly budget review.

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Contracts Awarded - Second Quarterly Review Report October 2024 to December2024

Contractors Name	Purpose of Contract	Contract Form	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Contract Options	Duration of the Contract	End Date	Included in Budget?	Is this a lease under AASB 16
Woolacotts Consulting Engineers	Putney Park Regional Playground Structural Services	LGP1208-4 option 2 – consultancy agreement	\$ 29,000.00	23/12/2024		6 months	23/06/2025	Yes	No
Tesseract Cyber Services Pty Ltd	Managed Security Operations Center (SOC) and Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) Services	Supplier Contract Agreement	\$ 402,089.60	20/12/2024	3+1+1+1	3 Years	20/12/2027	Yes	No
Optus Networks Pty Ltd	MS TEAMS CLOUD CALLING OPERATOR CONNECT SERVICE	Supplier Contract Agreement	\$ 63,011.16	19/12/2024	3+1+1	3 Years	19/12/2027	Yes	No
Tesseract Cyber Services Pty Ltd	COR-RFQ-10-24 Managed Security Services Contract Renewal	Core & One for AS-A-Service	\$ 740,476.00	6/12/2024		6 Years	6/12/2030	Yes	No
Oracle Customer Management Solutions	After Hours and Emergency Call Centre Services	LGP 115-2 IT&C	\$ 125,000.00	19/11/2024	3+1+1	3 years	18/11/2027	Yes	No
Northmore Gordon Pty Ltd	RALC Decarbonisation Strategy	General Consultancy Agreement	\$ 59,669.00	14/11/2024		6-12 mths	14/05/2025	Yes	No
Cred Community Pty Ltd	Social Plan 2025-2030 and Creativity Strategy 2025-2030	General Consultancy Agreement	\$ 35,486.00	9/10/2024		<3Months	9/12/2024	Yes	No
State Civil	RFT-2022 Road Surfacing, Patching and Associated Works	AS4000	\$ 1,000,000.00	9/10/2024		6-12 mths	9/04/2025	Yes	No
TPG Network Pty Ltd	Managed Wi-Fi Services-Outdoor & Indoor Sites.	Supplier Contract Agreement	\$ 100,422.00	1/10/2024	3+1+1	3 Years	1/10/2027	Yes	No
Avant Constructions	Putney Tenneyson Bowling Club Building Rectification Works	Minor Works Contract	\$ 106,500.00	3/02/2025		1 month	4/03/2025	Yes	No
Shell Energy	Gas Supply to the Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre	Supplier Contract Agreement	\$ 1,300,000.00	1/01/2025		2 years	31/12/2027	Yes	No
Mils Group	Waterloo Park Amenities Block	MW21	\$ 518,000.00	4/10/2024		3 months	31/01/2025	Yes	No

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Legal & Consultancy Expenses as at 31 December 2024

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Legal Fees	\$ 268,722	Y
Consultancy Fees	\$ 1,498,670	Y

5 DRAFT AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT CHARTER

Report prepared by: Senior Business Assurance Officer
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/65

REPORT SUMMARY

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Charter is a critical document that outlines the purpose, authority, and responsibilities of the ARIC Members in the City of Ryde. The charter ensures that the Committee operates effectively and in accordance with the best practices and guidelines provided by the Office of Local Government.

The proposed ARIC Charter was developed in consultation with O'Connor, Marsden & Associates (OCM) and reviewed and supported by the ARIC at their meeting on 15 April 2024.

The draft charter was submitted to Council on 25 June 2024 and subsequently endorsed by Council. However, as a result of an administrative error the version that was presented to Council on the 25 June 2024 was not the final draft that was supported by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter which was endorsed by the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee at their meeting held on 15 April 2024 be approved by Council.

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- 1 Draft - Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter 2025

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Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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It is believed the version control issue arose because, at the time, documents were stored on both the external OCM system and council IT systems, however, when Council staff prepared the report, an incorrect version was inadvertently selected from the Council system.

The attached draft charter has been reviewed against the document that was presented to ARIC on 15 April 2024 and incorporates the recommendations from the Committee.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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**Audit Risk and Improvement
Committee Charter**

Adopted: xxx
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. City of Ryde has established an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (the Committee) in compliance with section 428A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, *Local Government (General) Amendment (Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees) Regulation 2023* and the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for risk management and internal audit for local government in NSW. These terms of reference set out the committee's objectives, authority, composition and tenure, roles and responsibilities, reporting and administrative arrangements.

2. Objective

- 2.1. The objective of Council's Committee is to provide independent assurance to Council by monitoring, reviewing and providing advice about the Council's governance processes, compliance, risk management and control frameworks, external accountability obligations and overall performance.

3. Independence

- 3.1. The Committee is to be independent to ensure it has no real or perceived bias or conflicts of interest that may interfere with its ability to act independently and to provide council with robust, objective and unbiased advice and assurance.
- 3.2. The Committee is to have an advisory and assurance role only and is to exercise no administrative functions, delegated financial responsibilities or any management functions of the Council. The Committee will provide independent advice to the Council that is informed by the Council's internal audit and risk management activities and information and advice provided by staff, relevant external bodies and subject matter experts.
- 3.3. The Committee must always ensure it maintains a direct reporting line to and from the Council's internal audit function and act as a mechanism for internal audit to report to the Council and the CEO on matters affecting the performance of the internal audit function.

4. Authority

- 4.1. Council authorises the Committee, for the purposes of exercising its responsibilities, to:
 - 4.1.1. access any information it needs from the Council.
 - 4.1.2. use any Council resources it needs.
 - 4.1.3. have direct and unrestricted access to the CEO and senior management of the Council.
 - 4.1.4. seek the CEO's permission to meet with any other Council staff member or contractor.
 - 4.1.5. discuss any matters with the external auditor or other external parties.
 - 4.1.6. request the attendance of any employee at Committee meetings, and
 - 4.1.7. obtain external legal or other professional advice in line with Council's procurement policies and after seeking advice and approval from the CEO.

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4.2. Information and documents pertaining to the Committee are confidential and are not to be made publicly available. The Committee may only release Council information to external parties that are assisting the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities with the approval of the CEO, except where it is being provided to an external investigative or oversight agency for the purpose of informing that agency of a matter that may warrant its attention.

5. Composition and tenure

5.1. The Committee consists of an independent chairperson and two independent members who have voting rights and one non-voting councillor as required under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

5.2. The Council is to appoint the chairperson and members of the Committee. Committee members are:

Independent chairperson (voting)
Two Independent members (voting)
Councillor member (non-voting)

5.3. All Committee members must meet the independence and eligibility criteria prescribed under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

5.4. Members will be appointed for up to a four-year term. Members can be reappointed for one further term, but the total period of continuous membership cannot exceed eight years. This includes any term as chairperson of the Committee. Members who have served an eight-year term (either as a member or as chairperson) must have a two-year break from serving on the Committee before being appointed again. To preserve the Committee's knowledge of the Council, ideally, no more than one member should retire from the Committee because of rotation in any one year.

5.5. The terms and conditions of each member's appointment to the Committee are to be set out in a letter of appointment. New members will be thoroughly inducted to their role and receive relevant information and briefings on their appointment to assist them to meet their responsibilities.

5.6. Prior to approving the reappointment or extension of the chairperson's or an independent member's term, the Council is to undertake an assessment of the Chairperson's or Committee member's performance. Reappointment of the Chairperson or a Committee member is also to be subject to that person still meeting the independence and eligibility requirements prescribed under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

5.7. Members of the Committee must possess and maintain a broad range of skills, knowledge and experience relevant to the operations, governance and financial management of the Council, the environment in which the Council operates, and the contribution that the Committee makes to the Council. At least one member of the Committee must have accounting or related financial management experience with an understanding of accounting and auditing standards in a local government environment. All members should have sufficient understanding of the Council's financial reporting responsibilities to be able to contribute to the Committee's consideration of the Council's annual financial statements.

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6. Role

6.1. As required under section 428A of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), the role of the Committee is to review and provide independent advice to the Council regarding the following aspects of the Council's operations:

- compliance
- risk management
- fraud control
- financial management
- governance
- implementation of the strategic plan, delivery program and strategies
- service reviews
- collection of performance measurement data by the Council, and
- internal audit.

6.2. The Committee must also provide information to the Council for the purpose of improving the Council's performance of its functions.

6.3. The Committee's specific audit, risk and improvement responsibilities under section 428A of the Act are outlined in Schedule 1 to this Charter.

6.4. The Committee will act as a forum for consideration of the Council's internal audit function and oversee its planning, monitoring, and reporting to ensure it operates effectively.

6.5. The Committee has no power to direct external audit or the way it is planned and undertaken but will act as a forum for the consideration of external audit findings.

6.6. The Committee is directly responsible and accountable to the Council for the exercise of its responsibilities. In carrying out its responsibilities, the committee must at all times recognise that primary responsibility for management of the council rests with the Council.

6.7. The responsibilities of the Committee may be revised or expanded in consultation with, or as requested by, the Council from time to time.

7. Responsibilities of Members

7.1. Independent members

7.1.1. The chairperson and members of the Committee are expected to understand and observe the requirements of the Office of Local Government's *Guidelines for risk management and internal audit for local government in NSW*. Members are also expected to:

- make themselves available as required to attend and participate in meetings
- contribute the time needed to review and understand information provided to it
- apply good analytical skills, objectivity and judgement

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- act in the best interests of the Council
- have the personal courage to raise and deal with tough issues, express opinions frankly, ask questions that go to the fundamental core of the issue and pursue independent lines of inquiry
- maintain effective working relationships with the Council
- have strong leadership qualities (chairperson)
- lead effective Committee meetings (chairperson), and
- oversee the Council's internal audit function (chairperson).

7.2. Councillor Member

7.2.1. To preserve the independence of the Committee, the councillor member of the Committee is a non-voting member. Their role is to:

- relay to the Committee any concerns the Council may have regarding the Council and issues being considered by the Committee
- provide insights into local issues and the strategic priorities of the Council that would add value to the Committee's consideration of agenda items
- advise the Council (as necessary) of the work of the Committee and any issues arising from it, and
- assist the Council to review the performance of the Committee.

7.2.2. Issues or information the councillor member raises with or provides to the Committee must relate to the matters listed in Schedule 1 and issues being considered by the Committee.

7.2.3. The councillor member of the Committee must conduct themselves in a non-partisan and professional manner. The councillor member of the Committee must not engage in any conduct that seeks to politicise the activities of the Committee or the internal audit function or that could be seen to do so.

7.2.4. If the councillor member of the Committee engages in such conduct or in any other conduct that may bring the Committee and its work into disrepute, the chairperson of the Committee may recommend to the Council, that the councillor member be removed from membership of the Committee. Where the Council does not agree to the Committee chairperson's recommendation, the Council must give reasons for its decision in writing to the chairperson.

7.3. Conduct

7.3.1. Independent Committee members are required to comply with the Council's code of conduct.

7.3.2. Complaints alleging breaches of the Council's code of conduct by an independent Committee member are to be dealt with in accordance with the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*. The CEO must consult with the Council before taking any disciplinary action against an independent Committee member in response to a breach of the Council's code of conduct.

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7.4. Conflicts of interest

7.4.1. Once a year, Committee members must provide written declarations to the Council stating that they do not have any conflicts of interest that would preclude them from being members of the Committee. Independent Committee members are 'designated persons' for the purposes of the Council's code of conduct and must also complete and submit returns of their interests.

7.4.2. Committee members and observers must declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest they may have in a matter being considered at the meeting at the start of each meeting or as soon as they become aware of the conflict of interest. Where a Committee member or observer declares a pecuniary or a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest, they must remove themselves from Committee deliberations on the issue. Details of conflicts of interest declared at meetings must be appropriately minuted.

7.5. Standards

7.5.1. Committee members are to conduct their work in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors and the current Australian risk management standard, where applicable.

8. Work plans

8.1. The work of the Committee is to be thoroughly planned and executed. The Committee must develop a strategic work plan every four years to ensure that the matters listed in Schedule 1 are reviewed by the Committee and considered by the internal audit function when developing their risk-based program of internal audits. The strategic work plan must be reviewed at least annually to ensure it remains appropriate.

8.2. The Committee may, in consultation with the Council, vary the strategic work plan at any time to address new or emerging risks. The Council may also, by resolution, request the Committee to approve a variation to the strategic work plan. Any decision to vary the strategic work plan must be made by the Committee.

8.3. The Committee must also develop an annual work plan to guide its work, and the work of the internal audit function over the forward year.

8.4. The Committee may, in consultation with the Council, vary the annual work plan to address new or emerging risks. The Council may also, by resolution, request the Committee to approve a variation to the annual work plan. Any decision to vary the annual work plan must be made by the Committee.

8.5. When considering whether to vary the strategic or annual work plans, the Committee must consider the impact of the variation on the internal audit function's existing workload and the completion of pre-existing priorities and activities identified under the work plan.

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9. Assurance Reporting

- 9.1. The Committee must regularly report to the Council to ensure that it is kept informed of matters considered by the Committee and any emerging issues that may influence the strategic direction of the Council or the achievement of the Council's goals and objectives.
- 9.2. The Committee will provide an update to the Council and the CEO of its activities and opinions after every Committee meeting.
- 9.3. The Committee will provide an annual assessment to the Council and the CEO on the Committee's work and its opinion on how the Council is performing.
- 9.4. The Committee will provide a comprehensive assessment every Council term of the matters listed in Schedule 1 to the Council and the CEO.
- 9.5. The Committee may at any time report to the Council or the CEO on any other matter it deems of sufficient importance to warrant their attention. The mayor and the chairperson of the Committee may also meet at any time to discuss issues relating to the work of the Committee.
- 9.6. Should the Council require additional information, a request for the information may be made to the chairperson by resolution. The chairperson is only required to provide the information requested by the Council where the chairperson is satisfied that it is reasonably necessary for the Council to receive the information for the purposes of performing its functions under the Local Government Act. Individual Councillors are not entitled to request or receive information from the Committee.

10. Administrative Arrangements

10.1. Meetings

- 10.1.1. The Committee will meet at least four times per year, including a special meeting to review the Council's financial statements.
- 10.1.2. The Committee can hold additional meetings when significant unexpected issues arise, or if the chairperson is asked to hold an additional meeting by a Committee member, the CEO or the Council.
- 10.1.3. Committee meetings can be held in person, by telephone or videoconference. Proxies are not permitted to attend meetings if a Committee member cannot attend.
- 10.1.4. A quorum will consist of a majority of independent voting members. Where the vote is tied, the chairperson has the casting vote.
- 10.1.5. The chairperson of the Committee will decide the agenda for each Committee meeting. Each Committee meeting is to be minuted to preserve a record of the issues considered and the actions and decisions taken by the Committee.

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- 10.1.6. The Mayor, CEO and the Principal Internal Auditor should attend Committee meetings as non-voting observers. The external auditor (or their representative) is to be invited to each Committee meeting as an independent observer. The chairperson can request the CEO, CFO, Manager Business Assurance and Governance, Senior Council Staff members, any Councillors, any employee of the Council and any subject matter expert to attend Committee meetings. Where requested to attend a meeting, persons must attend the meeting where possible and provide any information requested. Observers have no voting rights and can be excluded from a meeting by the chairperson at any time.
- 10.1.7. The Committee can hold closed meetings whenever it needs to discuss confidential or sensitive issues with only voting members of the Committee present.
- 10.1.8. The Committee must meet separately with the Principal Internal Auditor and the Council's external auditor at least once each year.

11. Dispute Resolution

- 11.1. Members of the Committee and the Council's management should maintain an effective working relationship and seek to resolve any differences they may have in an amicable and professional way by discussion and negotiation.
- 11.2. In the event of a disagreement between the Committee and the CEO or other senior managers, the dispute is to be resolved by the Council.
- 11.3. Unresolved disputes regarding compliance with statutory or other requirements are to be referred to the Departmental Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government in writing.

12. Secretariat

- 12.1. The CEO will nominate a staff member to provide secretariat support to the Committee. The secretariat will ensure the agenda for each meeting and supporting papers are circulated after approval from the chairperson at least 1 week before the meeting and ensure that minutes of meetings are prepared and maintained. Minutes must be approved by the chairperson and circulated within a reasonable time of the meeting to each member.

13. Resignation and dismissal of members

- 13.1. Where the chairperson or a Committee member is unable to complete their term or does not intend to seek reappointment after the expiry of their term, they should give at least four weeks' notice to the chairperson and the Council prior to their resignation to allow the Council to ensure a smooth transition to a new chairperson or Committee member.

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13.2. The Council can, by resolution, terminate the appointment of the chairperson or an independent Committee member before the expiry of their term where that person has:

- breached the Council's code of conduct
- performed unsatisfactorily or not to expectations
- declared, or is found to be in, a position of a conflict of interest which is unresolvable
- been declared bankrupt or found to be insolvent
- experienced an adverse change in business status
- been charged with a serious criminal offence
- been proven to be in serious breach of their obligations under any legislation, or
- experienced an adverse change in capacity or capability.

13.3. The position of a Councillor member on the Committee can be terminated at any time by the Council by resolution.

14. Review Arrangements

14.1. At least once every council term, the Council must review or arrange for an external review of the effectiveness of the Committee.

14.2. This Charter must be reviewed annually by the Committee and once each council term by the Council. Any substantive changes are to be approved by the Council.

Reviewed by chairperson of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

[signed]

[date]

Reviewed by Council in accordance with a resolution of the City of Ryde Council.

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[date]

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Next review date: [date]

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Schedule 1 – Audit, risk and improvement committee responsibilities

Audit

Internal audit

- Provide overall strategic oversight of internal audit activities
- Act as a forum for communication between the Council, CEO, senior management, the internal audit function and external audit
- Coordinate, as far as is practicable, the work programs of internal audit and other assurance and review functions
- Review and advise the Council:
 - on whether the Council is providing the resources necessary to successfully deliver the internal audit function
 - if the Council is complying with internal audit requirements, including conformance with the International Professional Practices Framework
 - if the Council's internal audit charter is appropriate and whether the internal audit policies and procedures and audit/risk methodologies used by the Council are suitable
 - of the strategic four-year work plan and annual work plan of internal audits to be undertaken by the Council's internal audit function
 - if the Council's internal audit activities are effective, including the performance of the internal audit coordinator and the internal audit function
 - of the findings and recommendations of internal audits conducted, and corrective actions needed to address issues raised
 - of the implementation by the Council of these corrective actions
 - on the appointment of the internal audit coordinator and external providers, and
 - if the internal audit function is structured appropriately and has sufficient skills and expertise to meet its responsibilities

External audit

- Act as a forum for communication between the Council, CEO, senior management, the internal audit function and external audit
- Coordinate as far as is practicable, the work programs of internal audit and external audit
- Provide input and feedback on the financial statement and performance audit coverage proposed by external audit and provide feedback on the audit services provided
- Review all external plans and reports in respect of planned or completed audits and monitor Council's implementation of audit recommendations.
- Provide advice to the Council and/or CEO on action taken on significant issues raised in relevant external audit reports and better practice guides

Risk

Risk management

Review and advise the Council:

- if the Council has in place a current and appropriate risk management framework that is consistent with the Australian risk management standard
- whether the Council is providing the resources necessary to successfully implement its risk management framework

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- whether the Council's risk management framework is adequate and effective for identifying and managing the risks the Council faces, including those associated with individual projects, programs and other activities
- if risk management is integrated across all levels of the Council and across all processes, operations, services, decision-making, functions and reporting
- of the adequacy of risk reports and documentation, for example, the Council's risk register and risk profile
- whether a sound approach has been followed in developing risk management plans for major projects or undertakings
- whether appropriate policies and procedures are in place for the management and exercise of delegations
- if the Council has taken steps to embed a culture which is committed to ethical and lawful behaviour
- if there is a positive risk culture within the Council and strong leadership that supports effective risk management
- of the adequacy of staff training and induction in risk management
- how the Council's risk management approach impacts on the Council's insurance arrangements
- of the effectiveness of the Council's management of its assets, and
- of the effectiveness of business continuity arrangements, including business continuity plans, disaster recovery plans and the periodic testing of these plans.

Internal controls

Review and advise the Council:

- whether the Council's approach to maintaining an effective internal audit framework, including over external parties such as contractors and advisors, is sound and effective.
- whether the Council has in place relevant policies and procedures and that these are periodically reviewed and updated
- whether appropriate policies and procedures are in place for the management and exercise of delegations
- whether staff are informed of their responsibilities and processes and procedures to implement controls are complied with
- if the Council's monitoring and review of controls is sufficient, and
- if internal and external audit recommendations to correct internal control weaknesses are implemented appropriately.

Compliance

Review and advise the Council of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's compliance framework, including:

- if the Council has appropriately considered legal and compliance risks as part of the Council's risk management framework
- how the Council manages its compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, procedures, codes, and contractual arrangements, and
- whether appropriate processes are in place to assess compliance.

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Fraud and corruption

Review and advise the Council of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's fraud and corruption prevention framework and activities, including whether the Council has appropriate processes and systems in place to capture and effectively investigate fraud-related information.

Financial management

Review and advise the Council:

- if the Council is complying with accounting standards and external accountability requirements
- of the appropriateness of the Council's accounting policies and disclosures
- of the implications for the Council of the findings of external audits and performance audits and the Council's responses and implementation of recommendations
- whether the Council's financial statement preparation procedures and timelines are sound
- the accuracy of the Council's annual financial statements prior to external audit, including:
 - management compliance/representations
 - significant accounting and reporting issues
 - the methods used by the Council to account for significant or unusual transactions and areas of significant estimates or judgements
 - appropriate management signoff on the statements
- if effective processes are in place to ensure financial information included in the Council's annual report is consistent with signed financial statements
- if the Council's financial management processes are adequate
- the adequacy of cash management policies and procedures
- if there are adequate controls over financial processes, for example:
 - appropriate authorization and approval of payments and transactions
 - adequate segregation of duties
 - timely reconciliation of accounts and balances
 - review of unusual and high value purchases
- if policies and procedures for management review and consideration of the financial position and performance of the Council are adequate
- if the Council's grants and tied funding policies and procedures are sound.

Governance

Review and advise the Council regarding its governance framework, including the Council's:

- decision-making processes
- implementation of governance policies and procedures
- reporting lines and accountability
- assignment of key roles and responsibilities
- committee structure
- management oversight responsibilities
- human resources and performance management activities
- reporting and communication activities
- information and communications technology (ICT) governance, and
- management and governance of the use of data, information and knowledge

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Improvement

Strategic planning

Review and advise the Council:

- of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's integrated, planning and reporting (IP&R) processes
- if appropriate reporting and monitoring mechanisms are in place to measure progress against objectives, and
- whether the Council is successfully implementing and achieving its IP&R objectives and strategies.

Service reviews and business improvement

- Act as a forum for communication and monitoring of any audits conducted by external bodies and the implementation of corrective actions (for example, NSW government agencies, Commonwealth government agencies, insurance bodies)
- Review and advise the Council:
 - If the Council has robust systems to set objectives and goals to determine and deliver appropriate levels of service to the community and business performance
 - if appropriate reporting and monitoring mechanisms are in place to measure service delivery to the community and overall performance, and
 - how the Council can improve its service delivery and the council performance of its business and functions generally

Performance data and measurement

Review and advise the Council:

- if the Council has a robust system to determine appropriate performance indicators to measure the achievement of its strategic objectives
- if the performance indicators the council uses are effective, and
- of the adequacy of performance data collection and reporting.

6 DRAFT MACQUARIE PARK CORRIDOR SECTION 7.12 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

Report prepared by: Development Contributions Coordinator
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REPORT SUMMARY

On 27 November 2024, the NSW Government finalised the rezoning of the Macquarie Park corridor. This rezoning will facilitate significant growth which must be supported by appropriate infrastructure.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has prepared the Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025 (Draft Plan), with input from Council staff. The Draft Plan will be Council's primary mechanism to fund local infrastructure in the Macquarie Park corridor.

The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (the Minister) has directed the City of Ryde (Council) to exhibit and adopt the Draft Plan by 2 May 2025.

The Draft Plan is projected to have a significant positive financial benefit within the Macquarie Park Corridor for Council, estimated to be an additional \$96 million over 20 years, when compared to the current approach under Council's adopted Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020 (S7.11 Plan).

If supported, the Draft Plan will be placed on public exhibition from 1 March to 30 March 2025, in accordance with the Minister's directions and all statutory requirements. Minor amendments to the S7.11 Plan will also be exhibited by way of the Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2025. These minor amendments are required to ensure that the S7.11 Plan does not apply to the same land that is covered by the Draft Plan.

The outcomes of the public exhibition will be reported back to Council for consideration.

The creation of a new externally restricted financial reserve will be required for income under the Draft Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council supports the public exhibition of the following documents in accordance with all statutory requirements, from 1 March to 30 March 2025:
 - i. Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025, and
 - ii. Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2025.

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- (b) That the outcomes of the public exhibition be reported to Council for consideration.
- (c) That an externally restricted financial reserve be created for future income to the Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025.

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- 1 Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025
- 2 Letter from the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces - 22 November 2024
- 3 Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2025 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Background

Development contributions are the primary mechanism used by local councils to fund the delivery of new or augmented local infrastructure. Development contributions are a critical funding source for the City of Ryde.

There is a strict regulatory framework governing the management of development contributions. Councils can only levy a contribution if it is consistent with an adopted contributions plan that has been prepared in accordance with all legislative requirements.

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) provides two options to levy development contributions:

1. A strategy based on a clear and demonstrated nexus between additional development and the resulting additional demand for infrastructure, in accordance with section 7.11 of the EP&A Act.
2. A fixed rate levy based on the value of development, in accordance with section 7.12 of the EP&A Act.

Council has two adopted contribution plans that apply to different development types and various land within the local government area (LGA), one under each approach. These plans are summarised in Table 1.

Name	Land to which it applies	Development levied	Contribution rates
<p><i>Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Version 1.1)</i></p> <p>Adopted 24 August 2021</p>	All land in the City of Ryde LGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All residential development that creates an additional dwelling or allotment. • Commercial development in Macquarie Park 	<p>1-bed dwelling: \$13,729 - \$16,658</p> <p>2-bed dwelling: \$19,582 - \$20,000</p> <p>3-bed dwelling: \$20,000</p> <p>Non-residential development: \$15-\$74/m² depending on development type</p> <p>Note - Different residential rates are applied to development inside/outside of Macquarie Park.</p>

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			Different rates apply to secondary dwellings and senior living.
<i>Fixed Rate Levy Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2020</i>	All land within the LGA excluding Macquarie Park.	Non-residential development if the cost of works is greater than \$350,000.	1% of the cost of development (as set by the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021</i>).
Adopted 24 March 2020			

Table 1 – Summary of Council’s adopted contribution plans

Since 2019/20, Council has received the following annual income from its adopted contribution plans:

- 2019/20 – \$8,105,817
- 2020/21 – \$8,418,433
- 2021/22 – \$5,913,910
- 2022/23 – \$16,831,530
- 2023/24 – \$43,551,082

This represents a five-year annual average of \$16,564,154. As of 22 January 2025, Council had received \$8,397,452 in the 2024/25 financial year. These monetary contributions fund the delivery of critical local infrastructure identified in the plans’ works schedules.

Macquarie Park rezoning

The rezoning of the Macquarie Park precinct was a NSW Government-led project. In November 2023, DPHI exhibited the Stage 1 rezoning. In 2024, the NSW Government identified Macquarie Park as a key growth area and included the precinct within the Transport Orientated Development (TOD) Program Stage 2. In July 2024, DPHI exhibited a comprehensive rezoning package for the Stage 1 and Stage 2 areas in the Macquarie Park precinct.

DPHI’s Finalisation Report, dated November 2024, states:

The Macquarie Park Rezoning Proposal (the Rezoning Proposal) seeks to:

- *Focus new development on land closest to the stations to maximise the number of residents and workers within an easy walk of the stations and shops.*

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- *Provide for taller buildings with smaller footprints so that a better public domain, more public open space and high quality streetscapes can be delivered.*
- *Plan for a mix of building heights to provide variety and interest and increase housing choice.*

On 27 November 2024, the rezoning was gazetted which resulted in amendments to the planning controls in the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (RLEP)*. DPHI anticipate that the rezoning will facilitate up to 9,600 new homes and capacity for 100,000 jobs. These DPHI calculations do not include the potential for up to an additional 11,300 build-to rent (BTR) dwellings which are permissible in the E2 Commercial Centre zone under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*.

Discussion

DPHI's suite of published rezoning documents includes the Macquarie Park Corridor Infrastructure Deliver Plan (IDP), dated November 2024. The IDP identifies the infrastructure required to support the anticipated growth facilitated by the Macquarie Park rezoning, who is responsible for providing it, and the funding/delivery mechanisms that can be used.

The IDP identifies that total infrastructure cost are estimated to be \$6.8 billion, of which Council is responsible for approximately \$801.6 million. This Council infrastructure comprises:

- Local road improvements, pedestrian crossings, and cycleways,
- Local and district park upgrades,
- Local and district community facilities,
- Public domain works, and
- Recreation and sporting facilities.

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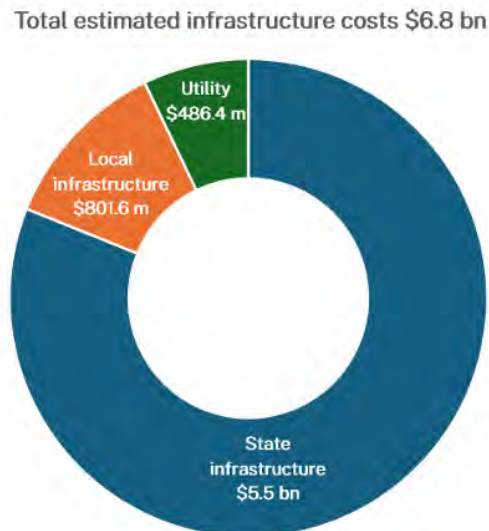


Image 1 – Excerpt from the Macquarie Park Corridor Infrastructure Deliver Plan, dated November 2024, prepared by DPHI (p25).

The State infrastructure funding allocation comprises approximately 81% of total infrastructure costs to support the anticipated growth facilitated by the Macquarie Park rezoning. However, this (State) allocation includes projects that have already been delivered or funded such as the Sydney Metro, upgrade of the Ryde Fire Station and Ryde Hospital. These projects have a tenuous nexus to the anticipated future population and workforce in Macquarie Park.

Council's current primary mechanism for funding local infrastructure in Macquarie Park is the *Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Version 1.1)* (the S7.11 Plan). The S7.11 Plan was adopted by Council on 24 August 2021 and applies to all land within the LGA. This plan does not account for the additional infrastructure demand that will be generated by the Government's recent rezoning of Macquarie Park. Accordingly, an updated infrastructure strategy must be implemented to support the additional residents and workers that are now anticipated under the rezoning.

DPHI determined that the most appropriate mechanism to fund the delivery of local infrastructure in Macquarie Park was a fixed-rate contributions plan in accordance with section 7.12 of the EP&A Act, with an increased levy above the existing maximum rate of 1%.

Directions from the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

DPHI have prepared the *Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025 (Draft Plan)*, with input from Council staff (refer **ATTACHMENT 1**).

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On 22 November 2024, the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (the Minister) wrote to Council regarding the Draft Plan (refer **ATTACHMENT 2**). The correspondence states:

I am therefore directing Council, under section 7.19 of the EP&A Act to approve a Contributions Plan in substantially the same terms as the attached draft. Council is directed to:

- *Progress the Plan to public exhibition for a period of 28 days by 10 March 2025,*
- *Approve the Plan (and any consequential amendments to the existing 7.11 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan) after considering any submissions made during the period of public exhibition and making any alterations Council considers appropriate prior to, or by 2 May 2025...*

If Council considers it is unable to meet the timeframes specified in my direction, Council can consent, in writing, to my making the Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan under section 7.19(2)(b) of the EP&A Act.

The exhibition and adoption of the Draft Plan is critical to achieving the coordinated delivery of new and upgraded infrastructure alongside anticipated growth. Progressing the exhibition and adoption of the Draft Plan presents Council with the best opportunity to make minor amendments that will improve the future administration and operation of this Draft Plan, whilst still meeting the Minister's requirements that the Plan be 'in substantially the same terms' as the provided draft. On 28 January 2025, the CEO wrote to the Minister to confirm that Council would exhibit and adopt the Draft Plan as directed.

Draft Macquarie Park Section 7.12 Contributions Plan

The Draft Plan will apply to the Macquarie Park corridor and will replace the existing S7.11 Plan which currently applies to this land. The land to which the Draft Plan will apply is shown in Image 2.

The Draft Plan will levy a fixed rate contribution on all new development, based on the cost of works. The maximum fixed rate levy under a section 7.12 plan is set by the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (EP&A Regulation) at 1%. However, a higher levy may be permitted if agreed by the Minister.

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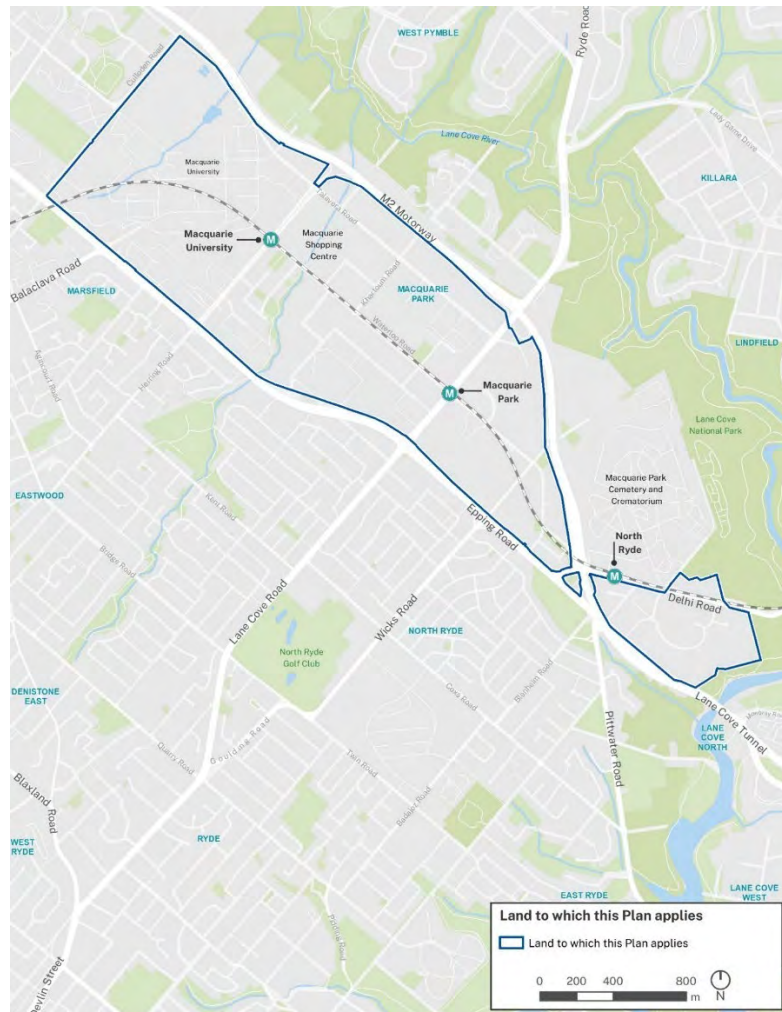


Image 2 – Land to which the Draft Plan will apply

On 27 November 2024, the Minister amended clause 209 of the EP&A Regulation to allow the Draft Plan to exceed the maximum levy of 1%. Council staff advocated for a 5% levy for both residential and non-residential development which was not supported. DPHI have advised Council that any further increase to the levy amounts will not be supported. The proposed levy amounts in the Draft Plan are shown in Image 3.

Development type and proposed development cost	Levy
Up to but not including \$250,000	Nil
\$250,000 or more if the development is for the purposes of residential accommodation or mixed-use development including residential accommodation	4%
\$250,000 or more for all other development (excluding residential accommodation and mixed-use development including residential accommodation)	1.5%

Image 3 – Excerpt from the Draft Plan, 7.12 levy rates (p8)

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The Draft Plan is one of only 14 contribution plans in NSW which exceed the maximum levy of 1%. The proposed 4% levy for residential and mixed-use development is the third highest in NSW, exceeded only by the Aerotropolis (between 4.6-5.6%) and part of the Parramatta CBD (4-5%).

However, Council can only impose the increased levy once the Draft Plan has been exhibited, adopted, and comes into force. The Draft Plan contains savings and transitional provisions. These provisions ensure that the Draft Plan only applies to planning applications submitted after the Draft Plan is in force. Existing applications submitted before this time will be assessed under the existing S7.11 Plan. It is therefore imperative that the Draft Plan is exhibited and adopted as soon as possible.

The Draft Plan contains a works schedule of infrastructure that will be funded by the plan. This schedule has been developed by DPHI with input provided by Council staff. Early iterations of DPHI's works schedule totaled approximately \$300 million. The projects in the Draft Plan currently total \$649,797,917, and comprise 54 items across the following categories:

- Community facilities
- Open space and recreation
- Public domain
- Transport

Some of these infrastructure items will be delivered outside of the Macquarie Park corridor boundary. This reflects the difficulty of accommodating new infrastructure, particularly land, within an established high-growth area.

Several infrastructure items have been incorporated from the existing S7.11 Plan, including:

- Macquarie Centre library and creative hub
- Ryde Central regional community facility
- ELS Hall Park upgrades
- ELS Hall Park youth space
- Christie Park stage 3 upgrades
- Christie Park stage 2 upgrades
- Marsfield Park and Waterloo Park upgrades
- Pioneer Park upgrades
- Tuckwell Park amenities upgrades
- Traffic signals – intersection Waterloo Rd and Eden Park/Thomas Holt Drive
- Traffic signals – intersection Waterloo Rd and Khartoum Rd
- Traffic signals – intersection Waterloo Rd and Byfield St

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The cost of several items in the Draft Plan are apportioned to reflect the demand generated from the Macquarie Park corridor. For example, the cost of the Ryde Central regional community facility is 40% apportioned under the Draft Plan. This is a regional facility, and the apportionment reflects that 40% of the demand will be generated from development in the Macquarie Park corridor. Council will need to find an alternative funding source for the remaining 60% of un-apportioned costs which are not funded by the Draft Plan. In this example, the remaining funding could be derived from the existing S7.11 Plan.

Council has made minor administrative amendments to the Draft Plan that was provided by the Minister. These changes are administrative in nature and generally seek to improve the readability and clarity of the Draft Plan. Council's changes include:

- Minor typographic changes.
- Adding State Significant Development as an application type that will be subject to the Draft Plan.
- Simplifying the exemptions to ensure that they are consistent with existing Ministerial Directions and confirming that exemptions for affordable housing are only applicable if affordable housing is provided in perpetuity.
- A clarifying statement to confirm that build-to-rent housing is residential development.
- Clarifying that prior to determination, the cost of development will be indexed from the date of the quantity surveyors report.
- Confirming that refunds are at the absolute discretion of Council and will only be considered where a consent has lapsed or been surrendered, and no works have commenced.
- Minor changes to the phasing of several infrastructure items in the works schedule to align with the draft Operational Plan 2025/26.

These changes have been agreed by DPHI staff and incorporated into the Draft Plan at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The Draft Plan will be constantly monitored and reviewed at a maximum of every five (5) years to ensure that assumptions are still relevant, and the works schedule remains appropriate.

Analysis of impacts

As with any contributions plan, the collection of income is dependent on development activity. Monetary contributions are generally required prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate. Income will only be received if developers follow through on their approvals to the construction phase.

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Financial modelling has been undertaken to compare estimated revenue projections between the Draft Plan and the existing S7.11 Plan. This analysis has assessed two different development scenarios over a 20-year period. A 40% development uptake scenario is consistent with Council's REMPLAN population projections and is a reasonable 'base case'.

A 100% development uptake scenario has also been assessed to identify a possible (yet unrealistic) upper limit. This is an extremely unlikely scenario for any precinct, particularly in the Macquarie Park where full development capacity will require the direct delivery of infrastructure or site amalgamation by developers. There is also uncertainty regarding development timeframes due to the current economic cycle negatively impacting development feasibility.

Table 2 identifies the revenue projections for each plan under the two scenarios.

Scenario	S7.11 Income	S7.12 Income	Difference
40% development uptake by 2045	\$167 million	\$263 million	\$96 million
100% development uptake by 2045	\$377 million	\$883 million	\$506 million

Table 2 – Revenue projections

In the most likely 'base case' (40% development uptake) scenario, the modelling indicates that Council will collect an estimated additional \$96 million under the Draft Plan. This significant increase in infrastructure funding supports the recommendation to adopt the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan, prepared under section 7.12 of the EP&A Act, is the best mechanism to levy local infrastructure in Macquarie Park.

As identified earlier, revenue will only be realised as development occurs. The 40% uptake scenario essentially means that Council can only fund 40% of the works schedule. If development occurs at a faster rate, more income will be collected and more infrastructure can be provided. It is expected that development of the precinct will extend past 20 years.

The revenue modelling is based on high-level assumptions including dwelling numbers and construction costs. The Draft Plan will be reviewed at least every five (5) years to ensure these assumptions remain accurate, and that income/expenditure aligns with development activity and community infrastructure needs.

In addition to the clear financial incentive, provided under the Draft Plan, there are other benefits to adopting the Plan, including:

- The Draft Plan is not subject to the existing \$20,000 cap on residential rates imposed by the Ministerial Direction, dated 21 August 2012. This cap prevents contribution rates in the S7.11 Plan from increasing past this threshold which has not been indexed since it was implemented 13 years ago.

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- Eliminates the risk of developers lodging legal challenges to the S7.11 Plan in the NSW Land and Environment Court. These challenges incur significant legal costs and can result in the reduction or removal of contributions income for Council. The provisions of the EP&A Act do not allow the reasonableness of a condition imposed under a section 7.12 plan to be challenged in court.
- A fixed rate levy is easier to administer and simpler for the community to understand.
- Provides more flexibility in the preparation of the works schedule as infrastructure items do not need a clear and demonstrated nexus between additional development and the resulting additional demand for infrastructure.

However, the adoption of the Draft Plan may also have several disadvantages:

- There may be limited capacity to fund future plan administration costs which are currently calculated as 1.5% of income under the S7.11 Plan. This income will continue for up to five (5) years until all consents issued under the S7.11 Plan have been enacted or lapse. The exhibited draft DPHI Practice Note on Development Contributions advises that councils should generally not collect plan administration under a section 7.12 plan. However, this is not a definitive prohibition and might be overcome where Council could demonstrate significant and ongoing costs in the monitoring and review of the Draft Plan. Regardless, the increased revenue realisable under the Draft Plan and the reduced administrative complexity associated with this approach means that Council will realise a significant net financial benefit in transitioning to the new Draft Plan.
- The Draft Plan must be regularly reviewed every five (5) years in consultation with DPHI to maintain the higher 4% contribution rate. This will require Council to seek DPHI agreement to any substantial changes, particularly to the infrastructure items in the works schedule.

Required changes to the existing S7.11 Plan

The EP&A Regulation stipulates that a development may be subject to either a section 7.11 contribution or a section 7.12 contribution, but not both. The adoption of the Draft Plan will require an amendment to the S7.11 Plan to ensure that the plans do not apply to the same land within the Macquarie Park corridor.

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A Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2025 (the Draft S7.11 Plan) is provided in Attachment 3. The Draft S7.11 Plan incorporates the following amendments:

- Chapter 2.6 – update to text clarifying that the plan excludes land in the Macquarie Park corridor covered under the Draft Plan.
- Update to the maps in Figure 1 and 2 which identify the land to which the S7.11 Plan applies.

A more comprehensive review of the S7.11 Plan will be commenced in late-2025 to ensure the plan remains contemporary. The future review will include an opportunity to revise the works schedule to reflect the community's changing needs and Council's infrastructure priorities.

Public exhibition

It is recommended that the Draft Plan and Draft S7.11 Plan be placed on public exhibition from 1 March to 30 March 2025, in accordance with the Minister's instruction and all statutory requirements. If supported, the outcomes of the public exhibition will be reported back to Council's 29 April 2025 meeting for consideration.

Financial Implications

Adopting the Draft Plan will have a significant positive financial impact for Council within the Macquarie Park Corridor. The estimated financial benefit is projected to be an additional \$96 million over the next 20 years, in comparison to continuing with the existing S7.11 Plan.

If adopted, revenue under the Draft Plan will slowly increase over the first five (5) years of the plan's life due to the inevitable time delay between planning applications being lodged and the payment of monetary contributions. However, during this time, revenue under the S7.11 Plan will continue to be received from existing approvals which will offset any transitional time lag. The adoption of the Draft Plan will not adversely impact infrastructure delivery as funds can be allocated to identified projects from both the (S7.12) Draft Plan and the existing S7.11 Plan.

The EP&A Act stipulates that development contributions cannot fund the maintenance, renewal or replacement of infrastructure. The delivery of the new infrastructure identified in the Draft Plan will have implications for Council's operating costs over the life of the development. These costs are unknown at this early stage but will need to be planned for as new infrastructure is delivered.

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If the Draft Plan is not exhibited and adopted in accordance with the Minister's instructions, the Minister will use his powers under the EP&A Act to make the plan on Council's behalf. This will disregard Council's administrative amendments which have been agreed by DPHI.

The removal of the Macquarie Park corridor from the existing S7.11 Plan will reduce the flexibility to fund infrastructure projects across the wider LGA, outside of Macquarie Park. The future review of the S7.11 Plan will consider the revised income assumptions and determine the optimal strategy for infrastructure funding in these areas.

The IDP doesn't accurately account for population growth associated with BTR developments. Council estimates that the Macquarie Park Corridor could account for up to 11,300 additional BTR dwellings in the E2 Commercial Centre zone. There are currently three (3) BTR applications within Macquarie Park, in the State Significant Development pathway, under assessment by DPHI. These applications comprise approximately 1,757 units. If the build-to-rent typology continues to be favored by developers over commercial/retail, the infrastructure schedule in the Draft Plan will need to be increased to account for the additional infrastructure demand created by these new dwellings. This underscores the importance of regularly reviewing the Draft Plan.

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February 2025



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Acknowledgement of Country

City of Ryde acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wallumedegal people of the Darug nation. Council also pays respect to Elders past and present and extends that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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1 Key information

This part of the Plan contains key information including the date it commences, the land and development it applies to and the section 7.12 levy percentages.

1.1 Name of this Plan

The *Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan* (the Plan).

1.2 Commencement of this Plan

This Plan commences on [date to be inserted].

1.3 Purpose of this Plan

This Plan authorises Council, registered certifiers and other consent authorities when determining an application for development (DA), State Significant Development (SSD) or an application for a complying development certificate (CDC) on land to which this plan applies, and subject to other provisions of this Plan, to impose a condition requiring a levy to be paid under section 7.12 of the EP&A Act. In relation to an application made to a registered certifier for a CDC, if the complying development is subject to this Plan, the certifier must:

- impose a levy condition on the CDC in accordance with this Plan, and
- calculate the levy amount using the precise method included in this Plan.

Levies collected will fund the local infrastructure identified in this Plan to support development in the Macquarie Park Precinct.

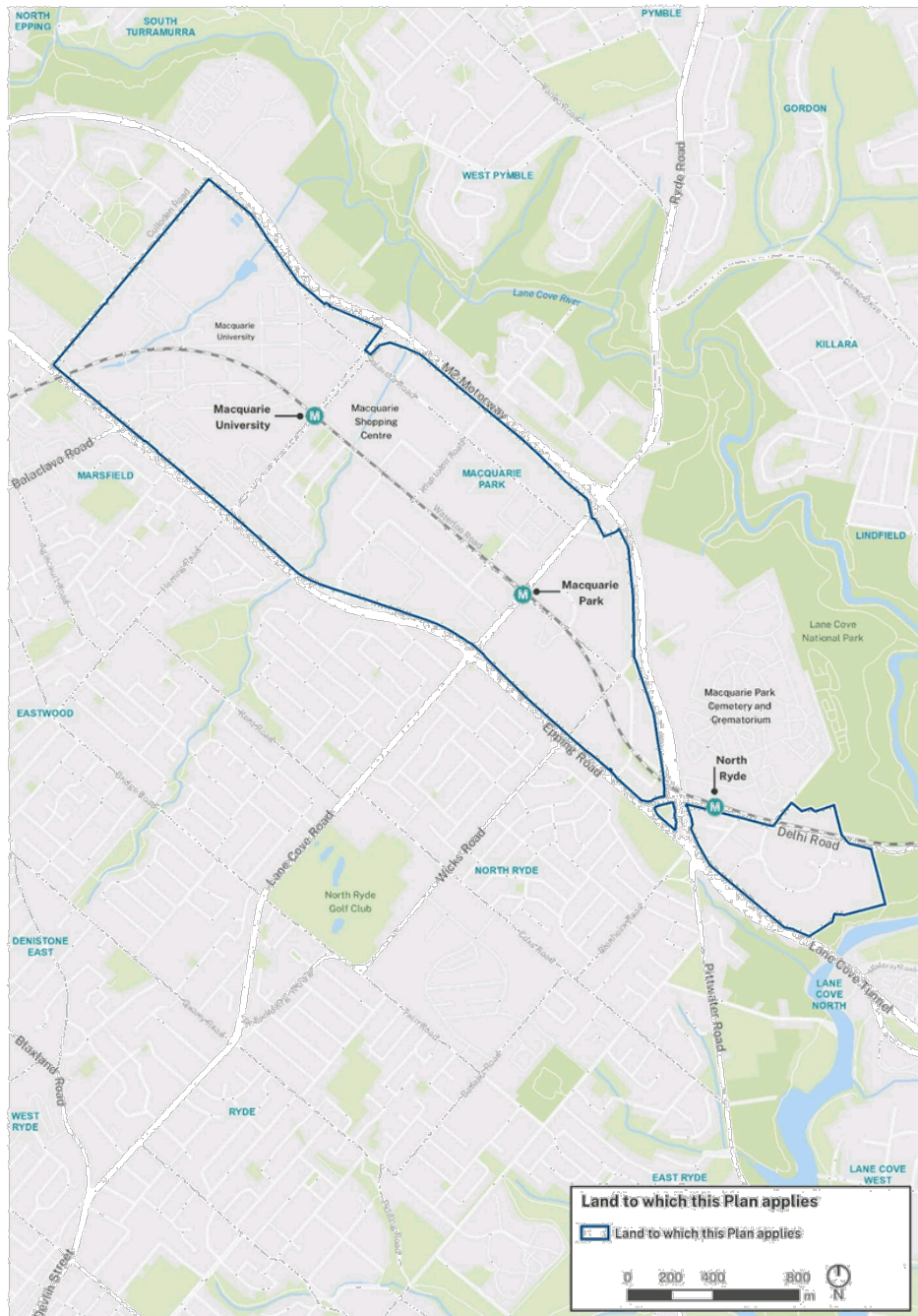
1.4 Land to which this Plan applies

This Plan applies to all land shown in the below map, Figure 1.

Figure 1 Plan area where a section 7.12 levy applies

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1.5 Relationship to other contributions plans

Where another section 7.11 or section 7.12 contributions plan applies to the same land or development, this Plan will take precedence. For the area to which this Plan applies, this Plan supersedes the operation of plans that may have previously applied, including:

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

This Plan does not affect any condition of consent imposing a local infrastructure contribution under a previous plan that applied to this land before the date of commencement of this Plan. Applications to modify a consent will be assessed in accordance with the contributions plan in force at the time of the original approval.

Any contributions that have been, or will be, paid for development within this Plan area under conditions of consent imposed in accordance with a previous plan may be pooled with levies paid under this Plan and applied to the local infrastructure in this Plan works schedule.

A consent authority cannot impose as a condition of the same development consent a condition under section 7.12 as well as a condition under section 7.11 of the EP&A Act. A condition requiring a contribution under section 7.11 may not be imposed for any development on land this Plan applies to.

1.6 Development to which this Plan applies

This Plan applies to all development that:

- is subject to a DA, SSD or CDC application under Part 4 of the EP&A Act; and
- is located within the land to which this Plan applies under section 1.4; and
- is not exempt from a levy under section 1.7 of this Plan; and
- has a cost of development in line with Table 1 in section 1.8 of this Plan.

1.7 Development exempted from a section 7.12 levy

Development for any of the following purposes is exempt from paying a section 7.12 levy under this Plan:

- Seniors housing other than a group of independent living units, if carried out by or on behalf of a social housing provider within the meaning of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021.
- Affordable housing within the meaning of the EP&A Act that is managed as affordable housing in perpetuity.
- Supportive accommodation (within the meaning of section 34 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021) that is managed for this purpose in perpetuity.
- Specialist disability accommodation (within the meaning of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 of the Commonwealth) that is managed for this purpose in perpetuity.

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- Public educational establishments (excluding universities).
- Boarding houses that will be used for affordable housing in perpetuity as referred to in section 26 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021.
- Group homes that are managed for this purpose in perpetuity.
- Development that is the subject of a Crown development application (within the meaning of Division 4.6 of the EP&A Act) and for the purposes of health services facilities, emergency services facilities or public administration buildings.
- Development for the purposes of local infrastructure submitted by or on behalf of Council.

In addition, there are certain costs that cannot be considered in determining the cost of development for section 7.12 levies. These are detailed further under section 2.1.3 of this Plan.

Under *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Local Infrastructure Levies) Direction 2015 (dated 14 April 2016)*, consent authorities must not impose a section 7.12 condition on development where a section 7.11 contribution was made for the initial subdivision for that land. However, a condition may still be imposed where the new development is likely to increase the demand for relevant local infrastructure beyond the initial subdivision.

The imposition of levies in accordance with this Plan is also subject to any direction given by the Minister administering the EP&A Act after the commencement of this Plan from time to time. Council may, at their discretion, choose to exempt other forms of development on a case-by-case basis.

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1.8 Section 7.12 levy rates

Development listed as exempt under section 1.7 of this Plan is not charged a section 7.12 levy.

The section 7.12 levy amount is calculated by multiplying the levy rates in the following table by the proposed cost of development. Table 1 identifies the percentage levy rates that will apply to all development.

Table 1 Section 7.12 levy rates

Development type and proposed development cost	Levy
Up to but not including \$250,000	Nil
\$250,000 or more if the development is for the purposes of residential accommodation or mixed-use development including residential accommodation	4%
\$250,000 or more for all other development (excluding residential accommodation and mixed-use development including residential accommodation)	1.5%

Note – if the development contains any form of residential accommodation, the 4% levy will apply to the whole development, including any non-residential component. Residential development includes build-to-rent housing.

1.9 Savings and transitional arrangements

This Plan applies in relation to all DAs, SSDs and CDC applications to carry out development under Part 4 of the EP&A Act made on or after the date of commencement of this Plan.

Applications made prior to the commencement of this Plan will be determined in accordance with the applicable contributions plan in force at the date the application was made. These applications are subject to the rates in the repealed or superseded plans.

Modification applications will be assessed in accordance with the contributions plan in force at the time of the original approval.

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2 How the plan works

This part of the Plan contains information on the operation of the Plan including how levy amounts are calculated and imposed as conditions of consent, how levies can be paid and any alternatives to payment.

2.1 Calculating the levy amount

2.1.1 Calculating the section 7.12 levy amount

A section 7.12 levy amount is calculated by multiplying the relevant levy rates shown in table 1 by the proposed cost of development. Section 208 of the EP&A Regulation sets out how the proposed cost of carrying out development is determined, including what costs must be excluded.

2.1.2 Worked Examples

Worked example 1:

A development application is proposed for the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of a mixed-use development comprising ground floor retail, three commercial floors and 150 residential units above. The proposed cost of development, including demolition, submitted with the application is \$86 million and was completed by a registered quantity surveyor.

As the proposed development is mixed-use including residential accommodation and has a proposed cost over \$250,000, the development levy that applies is 4%.

The contribution amount will be calculated as follows:

$$\$86,000,000 \times 4\% = \$3,440,000$$

Subsequently the consent will condition the payment of \$3,440,000 in monetary contributions to Council.

Worked example 2:

A development application is proposed for the demolition of an existing commercial building and the construction of a residential building comprising a mix of private and affordable housing units. The proposed cost of development has been submitted with the application and was completed by a registered quantity surveyor. The QS report provides that the total cost of the development is \$105 million. Further, the proposed cost to provide the affordable housing component is \$16 million. The cost summary report has been prepared in accordance with section 208 of the Regulation.

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The proposed development is residential accommodation and has a proposed cost over \$250,000, therefore, the development levy that applies is 4%. As affordable housing is exempt from development levies under this Plan, the cost to provide the affordable housing is to be excluded from the development levy calculation.

The revised proposed cost of development is \$89,000,000 (i.e. \$105,000,000 less \$16,000,000).

The contribution amount will be calculated as follows:

$$\$89,000,000 \times 4\% = \$3,560,000$$

Subsequently the consent will condition the payment of \$3,560,000 in monetary contributions to Council.

Worked example 3:

A development application is proposed for the construction of a new commercial building on a vacant allotment. The proposed cost of development submitted with the application is \$63 million and was completed by a registered quantity surveyor.

As the proposed development does not include residential accommodation and has a proposed cost over \$250,000, the development levy that applies is 1.5%.

The contribution amount will be calculated as follows:

$$\$63,000,000 \times 1.5\% = \$945,000$$

Subsequently the consent will condition the payment of \$945,000 in monetary contributions to Council.

2.1.3 Determining the cost of development

Section 208(4) of the EP&A Regulation outlines costs that must be excluded from the cost of development. This includes:

- a) *the cost of the land on which the development will be carried out,*
- b) *the costs of repairs to a building or works on the land that will be kept in connection with the development,*
- c) *the costs associated with marketing or financing the development, including interest on loans,*
- d) *the costs associated with legal work carried out, or to be carried out, in connection with the development,*
- e) *project management costs associated with the development,*

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- f) the cost of building insurance for the development,*
- g) the costs of fittings and furnishings, including refitting or refurbishing, associated with the development, except if the development involves an enlargement, expansion or intensification of a current use of land,*
- h) the costs of commercial stock inventory,*
- i) the taxes, levies or charges, excluding GST, paid or payable in connection with the development by or under a law,*
- j) the costs of enabling access by people with disability to the development,*
- k) the costs of energy and water efficiency measures associated with the development,*
- l) the costs of development that is provided as affordable housing,*
- m) the costs of development that is the adaptive reuse of a heritage item.*

Development may combine different development types. Where this is proposed, any listed exemption under section 1.7 of this Plan or costs to be excluded will only apply to that component of the development. For example, a DA may propose a residential flat building with a portion of affordable housing. In determining the cost of development, the consent authority is to exclude any costs related to the affordable housing component only.

Any costs to be excluded should be specifically identified in the cost report submitted with the application. Prior to determination, the consent authority may index the estimated cost from the date of the cost report using the Producer Price Index (Building Construction, NSW) as released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

2.1.4 Cost summary report required

All development is to provide a cost summary report with the application prepared at the applicant's cost, setting out an estimate of the proposed cost of carrying out the development.

The costs report must be prepared by the following:

- Where the estimate is at or below \$2,000,000 – any building industry professional.
- Where the estimate is above \$2,000,000 – a Quantity Surveyor who is a registered member of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.

The consent authority will validate all Cost Summary Reports before they are accepted using a standard costing guide or other generally accepted costing method. A consent authority may, at its sole discretion and at the applicant's cost, engage a person referred to above to review a cost report submitted by an applicant.

In all cases, the determination of the proposed cost of development by the consent authority is final.

2.2 Complying development

Registered Certifiers are responsible for calculating the contributions for which a complying development certificate (CDC) is sought including indexation in accordance with this Plan and imposing a condition on the CDC requiring the contribution as provided for by section 156 of the EP&A Regulation.

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The condition imposed must be consistent with the standard condition included in Appendix A-3 of this Plan.

It is the professional responsibility of registered certifiers to accurately calculate the contribution and to apply the section 7.12 levy condition correctly.

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3 Paying a section 7.12 levy

This part of the Plan provides detail on how the section 7.12 levy condition should be expressed, including when the levy is to be paid and how indexation will be applied.

3.1 Timing of payment

The condition of consent should set out the timing of payment for a levy. Applicants must pay the levy at the time specified. If no time is specified, payment must be made before obtaining the relevant certificate under Part 6 of the EP&A Act as detailed below.

A condition must provide for payment as follows:

- **Development involving building work** – prior to the release of the first construction certificate.
- **Development involving subdivision** – prior to the release of the subdivision certificate.
- **Development involving building work and subdivision** – prior to the release of the construction certificate or subdivision certificate, whichever occurs first.
- **Development authorised by complying development certificates** – prior to the commencement of any building or subdivision work authorised by the certificate.

At the time of payment, it will be necessary for levy amounts to be indexed in accordance with section 3.2 of this Plan.

3.2 Indexation

This Plan authorises the proposed cost of development to be indexed between the granting of consent and the date of payment in accordance with quarterly movements in the Australian Bureau of Statistics *Producer Price Index (Building Construction, NSW)*¹. This is to account for increases in construction costs over time.

The cost of development, as required by conditions of consent, will be indexed at the time of payment in accordance with the below formula:

$$\text{indexed cost of development} = \text{cost of development at consent} \times \frac{\text{current index figure}}{\text{base index figure}}$$

¹ The series ID for this index is: A2333670K

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- **Current index figure** is the last published *Producer Price Index (Building Construction, NSW)* figure as at the date of payment.
- **Base index figure** is the last published *Producer Price Index (Building Construction, NSW)* figure as at the date of determination.

If the adjusted contributions amount at payment is less than the contributions amount in the condition of consent, then the contributions will not be amended.

3.3 Deferred and periodic payments

Deferred or periodic payments may be permitted, at the discretion of council, in the following circumstances:

- deferment will not prejudice the timing or the manner of the provision of public facilities included in the works program,
- there are circumstances justifying the deferred or periodic payment of the contributions, and
- There is a public benefit

3.4 Alternatives to monetary contributions

Section 7.12 levies can only be made as monetary contributions. A section 7.12 condition cannot require the dedication of land.

Council may accept an offer, in connection with a development, by an applicant to enter into a planning agreement to provide works-in-kind, dedication of land or other material public benefit but is not required to do so. A planning agreement must be entered into before the grant of a development consent that imposes section 7.12 levies in accordance with this Plan.

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4 Plan administration

This part of the Plan details the administrative processes council will undertake once the Plan has been made and contributions start being collected from development.

4.1 Pooling of levies

This Plan authorises pooling of levies paid for different purposes and applied progressively for those purposes. The priorities for the expenditure of pooled levies are set out in the works schedule.

4.2 Reporting and accounting requirements

Council is required to comply with all requirements in the EP&A Regulation for accounting and reporting in relation to this Plan. This includes:

- Keeping a contributions register in accordance with section 217 of the EP&A Regulation.
- Accounting for funds received under this Plan within its annual financial report in accordance with section 218 of the EP&A Regulation.
- Providing details about projects funded using levies collected under this Plan in its annual reports in accordance with section 218A of the EP&A Regulation.
- Disclosing receipt and expenditure of contributions in annual financial statements in accordance with section 219 of the EP&A Regulation.

Council must publish, in accordance with sections 218A and 220 of the EP&A Regulation, the following on the NSW Planning Portal and its website:

- This Plan.
- The levy rates.
- Contributions register.
- Annual statements.
- Information relating to the use of levies required to be included in its annual reports.

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4.3 Review of this plan

The Plan will be reviewed by Council as needed to incorporate any changes to the items and staging of works specified in the works schedule. At a minimum, Council will review this Plan every 5 years from the date of its commencement.

4.4 Repeal of this plan

Conditions of consent are not affected by the repeal of this Plan. Money collected from consents approved under this Plan but paid after this Plan has been repealed will be transferred to the subsequent contributions plan applicable to the area defined in Figure 1.

4.5 Formation of a local infrastructure governance committee

Council may establish a local infrastructure governance committee or, alternatively, add additional functions to an existing group to meet the aims of this committee. The primary aim of the committee will be to oversee contributions within the precinct and ensure the infrastructure needed to support the precinct is delivered.

At a minimum, the committee should:

- Be chaired by an appropriate Council executive and consist of executives from finance, asset management and strategic planning.
- Receive reports on revenue received.
- Receive reports on anticipated future revenue, using modelling of expected development.
- Make decisions on timing of delivery, including tracking expenditure, borrowing and pooling of levies and completed projects.
- Provide oversight and advice on proposed planning agreements to provide works in kind instead of the payment of section 7.12 levies.
- Oversee the reporting of levies.
- Receive recommendations and make decisions on the review of the Plan.

Council should keep minutes, tracking any actions and noting decisions of the committee. These documents will be made available on request.

4.6 Refunds

Refunds are at the absolute discretion of Council. Refunds will only be considered where the consent has lapsed or been surrendered, and works have not commenced.

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5 Growth projections

This part of the Plan describes expected growth in the Macquarie Park Corridor and the relationship with the infrastructure required to service that growth.

5.1 Future demand

The Macquarie Park Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Precinct Rezoning Proposal implements the vision of the Macquarie Park Place Strategy to drive the transformation of Macquarie Park into an innovation precinct by restructuring movement across and within the area, making it easier for people to access and a perfect location for sharing, collaboration and innovation. Building on this vision through the detailed master planning of seven new neighbourhoods is the delivery of more homes in well-located areas.

The Macquarie Park Precinct will join international best-practice for contemporary innovation precincts in introducing a mixture of residential and non-residential uses to create a level of interest and 18-hour vibrancy equal to that of a central business district.

Macquarie Park has also been identified as a priority high growth area by the NSW Government due to having capacity to support an increase in population and additional housing growth, close to major transport hubs and other essential amenities.

The development projected in the Macquarie Park Corridor, on which the need for local and regional infrastructure is based – is shown in the table below.

Table 2 Macquarie Park population and dwelling projections 2021-2036

	2021	2023*	2036	Growth 2023-36
Dwellings	5,450	6,000	17,750	11,750
Residents	12,800	14,000	38,050	24,050
Workers	72,850	73,500	83,500	10,000

Source: Macquarie Park Strategic Infrastructure and Services Assessment, p26 and *DPHI estimate

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5.2 Infrastructure costs

The table below identifies the total costs for local infrastructure to be funded by section 7.12 levies under this plan. Refer to Appendix A-2 for the detailed works schedule.

Table 3 Infrastructure costs

Infrastructure category	Total costs
Community facilities	\$188,832,745
Open space and recreation	\$174,730,893
Public domain	\$132,584,753
Stormwater	\$69,925,928
Transport	\$83,673,598
Total	\$649,747,917

For further information on the infrastructure needs, please refer to the studies in Appendix A-1.

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Terms used in this Plan

In this Plan, the following words and phrases have the following meaning:

Term	Definition
Council	City of Ryde Council
Consent Authority	Has the same meaning as section 4.5 of the EP&A Act and includes a registered certifier within the meaning of that Act
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
EP&A Regulation	Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021
LGA	Local Government Area
Local infrastructure	The public amenities and public services that are traditionally the responsibility of local government, excluding water supply or sewerage services
Planning agreement	A voluntary agreement as described in section 7.4 of the EP&A Act
Registered certifier	A person who is registered under the <i>Building and Development Certifiers Act 2018</i> and who may exercise the functions of a certifier under the EP&A Act

Except as provided for above, words and phrases used in this Plan have the same meanings as they have in the EP&A Act and the standard instrument set out in *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006*.

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Appendices

The Appendices provide detail as to how the infrastructure needs have been determined in this plan and what are the infrastructure items that the contributions will fund. It also includes links to the technical studies, reports and materials used in the preparation of this plan.

A-1 Studies and strategies

Name of study or strategy	Infrastructure Category	Author	Year	WebLink
Halls and Facilities Strategy 2020 - 2041	Community facility	Elton Consulting on behalf of City of Ryde Council	2020	https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/publications/community-services/halls-and-facilities-strategy.pdf
Open Space Future Provision Strategy	Open space and recreation	SGS Economics on behalf of City of Ryde Council	2021	https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/publications/parks-open-space/open-space-future-provision-strategy-adopted-may-2021.pdf
Children's Play Plan 5 Year Review and Update	Open space and recreation	AECOM on behalf of City of Ryde Council	2019	https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/publications/parks-open-space/children%E2%80%99s-play-plan-5-year-review-and-update.pdf
Waterloo Road Master Plan	Public domain	Hassell on behalf of City of Ryde Council	2020	https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/development/waterloo-road-active-street-master-plan-final-master-plan.pdf
Macquarie Park Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan	Stormwater	Bewsher on behalf of City of Ryde Council	2011	https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/publications/environment/flood-studies/mpc/mac-park-floodplain-risk-mgmt-plan-cover-page.pdf
Integrated Transport Strategy 2041	Transport	City of Ryde Council	2021	https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/integrated-transport-strategy-2041.pdf

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Name of study or strategy	Infrastructure Category	Author	Year	WebLink
Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan 2022 – 2030	Transport	City of Ryde Council	2022	https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Plans-and-Publications/City-of-Ryde-Bicycle-Strategy-2022-2030
Macquarie Park Strategic Infrastructure and Services Assessment	Various	Greater Cities Commission	2022	
Macquarie Park Corridor Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Various	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure	2024	

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A-2 Works schedule and infrastructure map

Map ID	Project name	Project description	Estimated total project cost	Attributable cost % to plan	Estimated attributed cost to plan	Estimated year of delivery	Priority
Community facilities							
1	Northern catchment community hub	A new community hub, indicative location, of around 2500sqm	\$54,900,000	100%	\$54,900,000	2037	Medium
2	Macquarie Centre Library and Creative Hub	Fit out of the Macquarie Centre Library and Creative Hub at the Macquarie Shopping Centre	\$30,000,000	100%	\$30,000,000	2030	High
3	Ryde Central Regional Community Facility	Ryde Central Regional Community Facility (1 Devlin St, Ryde)	\$37,237,863	40%	\$14,895,145	2034	High
4	Indoor leisure & aquatic centre	New Indoor leisure & aquatic centre, location to be confirmed. Or upgrade an existing facility to indoor leisure & aquatic centre scale	\$61,132,000	50%	\$30,566,000	2035	High
5	Macquarie Park Community Centre	A new community centre, indicative location, of around 500sqm	\$10,810,000	100%	\$10,810,000	2035	Medium
6	Macquarie Park Creative Gallery	A new creative gallery with production and event space	\$9,756,000	100%	\$9,756,000	2037	Low

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7	Creativity-enabling and Indigenous gathering spaces	New creativity-enabling and indigenous gathering spaces in indicative locations in the Macquarie Park precinct, totalling 2,000sqm. To accommodate mini-events, indigenous and culture connection space, temporary public art, and associated public domain works	\$2,800,000	100%	\$2,800,000	2030	Medium
8	Multipurpose community hub	Fit out of a new multipurpose indoor community facility (5,300 sqm) located at 44-50 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park. To include large hall with indoor courts and community space – makerspaces and community tech lounge	\$35,105,600	100	\$35,105,600	2031	Medium
Open space and recreation							
9	New Magdala Park natural full-size field	Masterplan delivery - optimisation of existing space to create one new natural full-size field	\$18,780,559	50%	\$9,390,279	2031	Low
10	ELS Hall Park upgrades	Masterplan delivery - implement upgrades from ELS Hall Park masterplan, including passive recreation embellishment and car parking	\$13,696,000	50%	\$6,848,000	2027	Medium
11	ELS Hall Park youth space	Regional youth space includes bike pump track, passive recreation area and outdoor multipurpose courts	\$4,015,500	50%	\$2,007,750	2030	Medium

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12	Christie Park stage 3 upgrades	Suspended slab with 3rd synthetic football field on top of car parking and a fitness facility/gym	\$19,713,323	50%	\$9,856,662	2031	Low
13	Christie Park stage 2 upgrades	Six futsal/5-side pitches with a car park extension	\$5,000,000	50%	\$2,500,000	2028	Low
14	Marsfield Park and Waterloo Park upgrades	Masterplan delivery - passive recreation improvements and amenities building upgrades	\$1,851,202	50%	\$925,601	2025	Medium
15	Pioneer Park upgrades	Masterplan delivery - passive recreation improvements and addition of sport field lighting	\$1,851,202	50%	\$925,601	2030	Medium
16	Tuckwell Park amenities upgrade	Construction of new fit for purpose amenities building in park	\$2,100,000	50%	\$1,050,000	2028	Medium
17	Street tree planting	Planting of street trees in the Macquarie Park precinct within road reserves and public spaces where it cannot be conditioned as part of a development	\$500,000	100%	\$500,000	2028	Medium
18	Additional access points to parks	Provide additional access points to existing parks in the Macquarie Park precinct, particularly the UAP neighbourhood	\$65,000	100%	\$65,000	2027	Medium
19	Two new sports fields (indicative location near Porters Creek)	Creation of two new senior sports fields at a location to be confirmed, indicative site near Porters Creek. Embellishment to include two fields 100m x 70m, amenities building, sports field lighting, irrigation and drainage	\$8,300,000	50%	\$4,150,000	2033	High

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Map ID	Project name	Project description	Estimated total project cost	Attributable cost % to plan	Estimated attributed cost to plan	Estimated year of delivery	Priority
20	Children's playgrounds	Additional or expansion of existing children's playgrounds in the Macquarie Park precinct to maintain play provision consistent with that currently provided	\$3,000,000	100%	\$3,000,000	2030	Low
21	Multipurpose outdoor sports courts	Creation of new multipurpose outdoor sports courts to maintain provision consistent with that currently provided. Locations to be confirmed	\$3,562,000	100%	\$3,562,000	2030	Medium
22	Regional Park embellishments	Embellishment of land for active recreation public open space (including 144 Wicks Road ('Wicks Park') if this key site is realised)	\$130,000,000	100%	\$130,000,000	2031	Medium
Public domain							
23	Waterloo Road masterplan upgrades	Masterplan delivery - implement the Waterloo Road boulevard concept prioritising pedestrians, improving shared user spaces, active connections and increasing cool spaces (planted and meeting spaces) along Waterloo Road	\$21,473,003	100%	\$21,473,003	2030	Medium
24	Waterloo Road upgrades area 1	From Byfield Street to Khartoum Road, full road reserve width upgrade including road pavement, roundabouts, granite footway, street trees, bus stops, MFPS and utility relocation or adjustment as required	\$16,875,000	100%	\$16,875,000	2030	Medium

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Map ID	Project name	Project description	Estimated total project cost	Attributable cost % to plan	Estimated attributed cost to plan	Estimated year of delivery	Priority
25	Waterloo Road upgrades area 2	From Wicks Road to Lane Cove Road, full road reserve width upgrade including road pavement, roundabouts, granite footway, street trees, bus stops, MFPS and utility relocation or adjustment as required	\$27,000,000	100%	\$27,000,000	2030	Medium
26	Wicks Road upgrades	From Waterloo Road to Pittwater Road, upgrade of turfed footway to full width granite paving and new kerb and gutter	\$1,181,250	100%	\$1,181,250	2030	Medium
27	Talavera Road upgrades area 1	From Herring Road to Christie Road, full road reserve width upgrade including road pavement, roundabouts, granite footway, street trees, bus stops, MFPS and utility relocation or adjustment as required	\$9,450,000	100%	\$9,450,000	2031	Low
28	Talavera Road upgrades area 2	From Christie Road to Culloden Road, full road reserve width upgrade including road pavement, roundabouts, granite footway, street trees, bus stops, MFPS and utility relocation or adjustment as required	\$27,675,000	100%	\$27,675,000	2031	Low
29	Culloden Road upgrades	From Talavera Road to Epping Road, upgrade to road and public domain including pavement, full width granite footway, kerb and gutter and MFPS	\$28,930,500	100%	\$28,930,500	2033	Low
Stormwater							

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Map ID	Project name	Project description	Estimated total project cost	Attributable cost % to plan	Estimated attributed cost to plan	Estimated year of delivery	Priority
30	Drainage improvements precinct wide	Drainage improvements across the Macquarie Park precinct to reduce flooding and improve stormwater quality	\$47,298,543	100%	\$47,298,543	2031	Low
31	Pittwater Road drainage improvement	Improve Pittwater Road drainage by lowering downslope ground levels adjacent to the Pittwater Road sag point, Blenheim Road to Warwick Street	\$2,393,770	50%	\$1,196,885	2030	Medium
32	Porters Creek culvert upgrades	Realignment of culvert (162 Wicks Road, Macquarie Park) around Porters Creek to improve drainage	\$42,861,000	50%	\$21,430,500	2030	Low
Transport							
33	Dedicated cycle & micro-mobility connections	Deliver comprehensive network of dedicated cycle & micro-mobility connections in the Macquarie Park precinct	\$11,960,000	100%	\$11,960,000	2030	Medium
34	Land acquisition for connection of Optus Drive to Drake Avenue	Acquire land for connection of Optus Drive to Drake Avenue (project for civil works still needs to be scoped and costed)	\$7,210,000	100%	\$7,210,000	2031	High
35	Publicly accessible bicycle parking	Deliver increased publicly accessible bicycle parking in the Macquarie Park precinct	\$1,500,000	100%	\$1,500,000	2028	Low
36	Traffic signals - intersection Waterloo	Construction of traffic signals to replace roundabout at the intersection of Waterloo Road, Eden Park Drive and Thomas Holt Drive	\$3,621,715	100%	\$3,621,715	2034	Medium

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	Road and Eden Park/Thomas Holt Drive						
37	Traffic signals - intersection Waterloo Road and Khartoum Road	Construction of traffic signals to replace roundabout at the intersection of Waterloo Road and Khartoum Road	\$3,313,067	100%	\$3,313,067	2030	Medium
38	Traffic signals - intersection Waterloo Road and Byfield Street	Construction of traffic signals to replace roundabout at the intersection of Waterloo Road and Byfield Street	\$2,421,417	100%	\$2,421,417	2030	Medium
39	Roundabout - intersection Lyonpark Road and Wilcannia Way	Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Lyonpark Road and Wilcannia Way (the new road to access Ivanhoe Estate)	\$368,540	100%	\$368,540	2030	High
40	Traffic signals - intersection Khartoum Road and Banfield Road	Construction of traffic signals at the intersection of Khartoum Road and Banfield Road	\$4,371,481	100%	\$4,371,481	2034	Medium
41	Upgrade Talavera Road and Khartoum Road intersection	Upgrade of Talavera Road and Khartoum Road intersection to provide additional turning lanes	\$23,285,052	100%	\$23,285,052	2030	Low
42	Upgrade pedestrian refuge at Coolinga Street and Waterloo Road intersection	Upgrade of pedestrian refuge on Coolinga Street at Waterloo Road intersection into a raised pedestrian crossing	\$301,481	100%	\$301,481	2027	Low

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Map ID	Project name	Project description	Estimated total project cost	Attributable cost % to plan	Estimated attributed cost to plan	Estimated year of delivery	Priority
43	New pedestrian crossing on Hyundai Drive	New raised pedestrian crossing on Hyundai Drive near Giffnock Avenue	\$301,481	100%	\$301,481	2027	Low
44	Upgrade Kent Road and Herring Road intersection	Traffic signals and lane adjustments at the intersection of Kent Road and Herring Road	\$3,621,715	50%	\$1,810,858	2034	Medium
45	Whiteside Street shared path	A new shared path (pedestrian and cyclist) along the eastern side of Whiteside Street between Epping Road and Parklands Road	\$151,170	50%	\$75,585	2027	Low
46	North Ryde and Putney regional cycling route	Construction of a regional cycle route connecting North Ryde and Putney, comprising a mix of on-road and off-road facilities (project RR04 of Ryde's Bicycle Strategy & Action Plan 2022 - 2030)	\$2,361,125	50%	\$1,180,563	2030	Low
47	E-bike hubs at metro stations	E-bike hubs at the three metro stations in the Macquarie Park precinct to accommodate a minimum 10 docked e-bikes and associated charging infrastructure	\$1,100,000	100%	\$1,100,000	2028	Low
48	Eastwood and Macquarie Park regional cycling route	Construction of a regional cycling route connecting Eastwood and Macquarie Park, comprising a mix of on-road and off-road facilities (project RR12 of Ryde's Bicycle Strategy & Action Plan 2022 - 2030)	\$1,082,718	50%	\$541,359	2030	Low

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Map ID	Project name	Project description	Estimated total project cost	Attributable cost % to plan	Estimated attributed cost to plan	Estimated year of delivery	Priority
49	Shrimptons Creek bridge	Pedestrian bridge over Shrimptons Creek connecting to Wilga Park (Between 2A Cottonwood Crescent and 6-8 Byfield Street, Macquarie Park)	\$2,718,000	100%	\$2,718,000	2030	Medium
50	Land acquisition for Waterloo Road widening	Acquire land for Waterloo Road widening to facilitate bike lanes & footpaths. Both sides of Waterloo Road between Byfield Street and Land Cove Road (project for civil works still needs to be scoped and costed)	\$6,493,000	100%	\$6,493,000	2030	High
51	Land acquisition for Waterloo Road widening	Acquire land for Waterloo Road widening to facilitate bike lanes & footpaths. Both sides of Waterloo Road between Lane Cove Road and roundabout at Eden Park Drive (project for civil works still needs to be scoped and costed)	\$3,396,000	100%	\$3,396,000	2030	Medium
52	Land acquisition for Khartoum Road widening	Acquire land for Khartoum Road widening at 8 Khartoum Road (project for civil works still needs to be scoped and costed)	\$552,000	100%	\$552,000	2035	Low
53	Land acquisition for Drake Avenue extension	Acquire land for Drake Avenue critical link extension at 61-65 Epping Road (project for civil works still needs to be scoped and costed)	\$5,712,000	100%	\$5,712,000	2030	Low
54	Land acquisition for Julius Avenue widening	Acquire land for Julius Avenue widening at 3 and 5-11 Julius Avenue (project for roads works still needs to be scoped and costed)	\$1,440,000	100%	\$1,440,000	2037	Low

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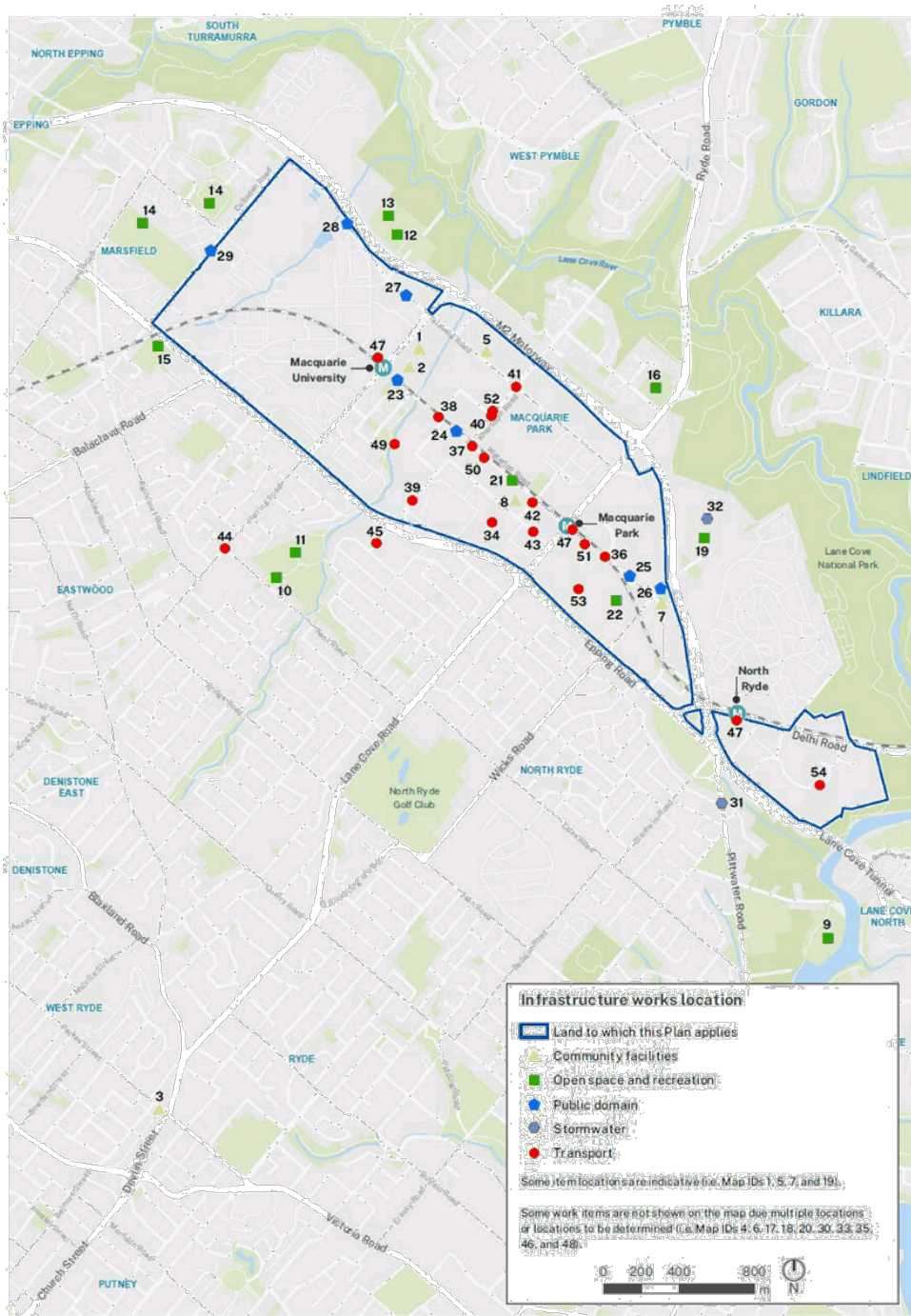
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Total cost to plan					\$649,797,917		

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A-3 Standard condition for complying development

A levy is to be paid to City of Ryde Council in the amount of \$ [insert amount] for the purposes of the local infrastructure identified in the Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024.

Indexation

The monetary contribution is based on a proposed cost of carrying out the development of \$ [insert amount]. This cost (and consequently the levy) must be indexed between the date of this certificate and the date of payment in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{indexed cost of development} = \text{cost of development at consent} \times \frac{\text{current index figure}}{\text{base index figure}}$$

- *Current index figure is the last published Producer Price Index (Building Construction, NSW) figure as at the date of payment.*
- *Base index figure is the last published Producer Price Index (Building Construction, NSW) figure as at the date of determination.*

NB: If the adjusted levy amount at payment is less than the levy amount specified in the consent, then the levy amount specified in the consent is payable.

Timing of payment

The levy must be paid prior to the commencement of any work authorised by this certificate, as required by section 156 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021

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The Hon Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



Ref: IRF24/639

Mr Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer
City of Ryde Council
1 Pope Street
Ryde NSW 2112
CEO@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Rylands

I write regarding finalisation of the Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan (the Plan).

As you know, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has prepared the Plan on behalf of City of Ryde Council to support the growth anticipated in Macquarie Park. The Plan proposes higher fixed rate levies for development in the Macquarie Park Corridor of 4% of the cost of residential accommodation and mixed-use development including residential accommodation and 1.5% of the cost of all other development.

I am advised representatives of the Department and Council collaborated on the preparation of the Plan as part of the Project Working Group for the Stage 1 Rezoning Proposal. As both Macquarie Park Stage 1 and Stage 2 Rezoning Proposals have been exhibited and have been finalised as the Macquarie Park Transport Oriented Development Precinct Rezoning Proposal, additional infrastructure must be scaled and timed to support the growing population of the Macquarie Park Corridor. Finalising the Plan for the Macquarie Park Corridor is critical to achieving the coordinated delivery of new and upgraded infrastructure alongside growth, especially as new planning controls are commencing.

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (Regulation) has been amended as part of the Rezoning Proposal, and will enable Council to impose a 4% and 1.5% fixed rate levies when Council has exhibited and adopted the Plan.

I am therefore directing Council, under section 7.19 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) to approve a Contributions Plan in substantially the same terms as the attached draft. Council is directed to:

- progress the Plan to public exhibition for a period of 28 days by **10 March 2025**,
- approve the Plan (and any consequential amendments to the existing 7.11 Local Infrastructure Contributions plan) after considering any submissions made during the period of public exhibition and making any alterations Council considers appropriate prior to, or by **2 May 2025**.
- publish notice of Council's decision to approve the plan on its website within 5 business days of its decision.

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I appreciate that Council must also satisfy the requirements of its Community Participation Plan, as well as applicable requirements of the EP&A Act and Regulation.

If Council considers it is unable to meet the timeframe specified in my direction, Council can consent, in writing, to my making the Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan under section 7.19 (2) (b) of the EP&A Act. This would include the Department exhibiting the Plan prior to it being made. I would appreciate an indication of Council's position in this regard as soon as possible.

If Council proceeds to take the necessary steps in line with my direction, I request you keep me informed of progress to make sure all components of the proposals to facilitate the development of Macquarie Park Corridor are coordinated in an effective manner.

By way of background to this direction, I am advised that in July 2023, Council officers requested amendments to the Plan and indicated that a further comprehensive review would be undertaken when the plan was on exhibition. In November 2023, the Department provided Council with the draft Plan, incorporating updates in response to feedback from Council, and requested Council to progress and finalise the plan. However, in December 2023, Council officers advised the Department that they could not provide an estimated timeframe for the exhibition. The Department and Council met in February 2024 to discuss progressing the Plan to finalisation.

Should you have any questions, Brendan Metcalfe, Director, State Rezoning, at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure can be contacted on (02) 9860 1442 or brendan.metcalfe@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
Encl: Macquarie Park Corridor Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan

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7 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION - SHRIMPTONS CREEK WILDLIFE CORRIDOR SANTA ROSA PARK

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Parks Operations
File No.: GRP/24/36 - BP24/558

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Shrimpton's Creek Wildlife Corridor, Santa Rosa Park which was discussed at the Council Meeting held on 23 May 2023.

Council resolved that the City of Ryde:

- a) *Acknowledge the importance of Shrimpton's Creek and what it offers wildlife as well as community members. That there is interruption of vegetation and wildlife due to sporting activities and off leash dog activity in Santa Rosa Park causing disruption and damage to the flora and fauna along the banks of the creek.*
- b) *Implement signage along the path on the South/East side of the creek stating that the pathway is an "on leash" path area. That these signs be located at either end of the path at Bridge Road and Quarry Road, at both side street access paths at Zola Avenue and Neville Street, as well as at the two informal creek crossings.*
- c) *Staff to investigate the opportunity to implement interpretive signage at suitable locations on the paths on both sides of the creek for creating an awareness of the small bird habitat corridor and acknowledging the work of the Habitat Network and their efforts in protecting this natural area. The report back to Council to include an appropriate funding source.*
- d) *Staff to investigate the opportunity for installation of additional water bubblers within the park with features like a dog bowl to reduce the need for dogs to seek water from the creek. The report back to Council to include an appropriate funding source.*

Santa Rosa Park features a high-use active recreation area, Shrimptons Creek wildlife corridor, spaces for passive recreation, a dog off-leash area, a community nursery and garden.

Shrimptons Creek runs along the eastern side of Santa Rosa Park and contains a wide range of naturally occurring vegetation that provides an effective wildlife corridor that is identified in the Ryde Biodiversity Plan and enjoyed by the community.

Council has been working with volunteers from The Habitat Network to maintain this corridor and investigate the opportunity to implement interpretive signage at the entries to the walking paths from Bridge Rd, Quarry Rd, Zola Ave and Neville St.

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The aim of the interpretive signage is to highlight the importance of the wildlife corridor and to re-enforce that dogs must be on-leash, except at the designated off-leash area.

Council can install interpretive signage in the 2024 / 2025 financial year at a cost of \$5,000 which can be accommodated in the existing bushland maintenance budget.

Council have investigated installing additional water bubblers in Santa Rose Park. Although there are existing water refill stations with dog bowls, adding more bubblers would require significant plumbing work and expenses due to the need for distance separation from other park features. The estimated cost of \$30,000 is not covered by the current Passive Parks or Sportsground maintenance budgets,

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- (a) Endorse Option 1 for the installation of dog “on leash” signage at Santa Rosa Park, in accordance with the Companion Animals Act 1988.
- (b) Endorse Option 2 for the installation of interpretive signage at Santa Rosa Park.
- (c) Recommends the installation of an additional water bubbler at Santa Rosa Park on the north west side of Santa Rosa Park and that this project is included as part of the 2025/26 One Year Operational Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Executive Manager - City Infrastructure

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Background

Santa Rosa Park features a high-use active recreation area, Shrimptons Creek bushland corridor, spaces for passive recreation, a dog off-leash area and a community nursery and garden.

Shrimpton's Creek (see Figure 1) runs along the eastern side of Santa Rosa Park and contains a wide range of naturally occurring vegetation that provides an effective bushland and wildlife corridor that is identified in the Ryde Biodiversity Plan and is enjoyed by the community.

To effectively manage and protect the Shrimptons Creek bushland corridor, Council works with volunteers from The Habitat Network and engages bush regeneration contractors.

At times there is a conflict of use, with off-leash dogs outside the designated area entering the bushland corridor and having potential to cause significant disruption to native wildlife and cause damage to areas where native plants are regenerating.

In addition to the signage, this report investigates the ability to install water bubblers within the park with features like a dog bowl to reduce the need for dogs to seek water from the creek.



Figure 1 – Aerial map of Santa Rosa Park

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Discussion & Option Considerations

Signage at Santa Rosa Park

In response to parts (b) and (c) of the resolution, Council has investigated options for appropriately designed signage to be installed along the eastern side of the creekline, at the entries to the walking paths from Bridge Road, Quarry Road, Zola Avenue and Neville Street, Ryde.

To achieve this Council collaborated with volunteers from The Habitat Community Nursery and Garden to develop signage options that highlight the wildlife corridor's importance for native animals and addresses off-leash dog issues. These options included:

Option 1: Installation of signage along the path on the South/East side of the creek indicating that it is an "on leash" dog area in accordance with the Companion Animals Act 1988. These signs should be placed at both ends of the path (Bridge Road and Quarry Road), at the side street access paths (Zola Avenue and Neville Street), and at the two informal creek crossings.

Option 2: Installation of interpretive signage on the paths on both sides of the creek for creating awareness of the small bird habitat corridor and acknowledging the work of the volunteers to protect the area.

Option 3: Installation of signage along the pathway on the South/East side of the creek to serve dual purposes. The signs will designate the area as "on leash" and also feature interpretive information about the small bird habitat corridor. These combined signs will be strategically placed at Bridge Road and Quarry Road entrances, side street access paths (Zola Avenue and Neville Street), and the informal creek crossings.

Additional Water Bubblers Investigation

There is an existing water refill station with dog bowl located at the northeastern end of Santa Rosa Park (see Figure 2), that is currently providing water to the off-leash area, general park and sportsfield users.

Members of the community have also placed a dog bowl under the tap adjacent to the large tree northeast of the playing field (see Figure 2), which is used by Council to undertake field watering if required.

In the southwestern end of the park, Council has constructed a district level playground between the Scout Hall and off-leash area and a standard water bubbler has been delivered as a part of this project.

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Figure 2 – location of existing infrastructure and proposed infrastructure at Santa Rosa Park

The feasibility of installing a water bubbler with a dog bowl is dependent on several considerations, such as the need for separation between off-leash dogs, the future playground and bushland areas and the proximity of the existing water bubbler and any addition infrastructure that is required.

The proposed location is to the northeastern side of the playing field (see Figure 2)

Financial Implications

Interpretive signage

The result of the investigation indicates the installation of interpretive signage is anticipated to cost \$5,000 and this can be accommodated within the existing 2024 / 2025 Bushland Maintenance base budget.

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Water Bubblers Installation

The proposed water station model is the Aquafil FlexiFountain 1500BF (see Figure 3), which has been used in numerous parks across City of Ryde. To ensure consistency in maintenance operations, this model is recommended for any future installations.



Figure 3 - Aquafil FlexiFountain 1500BF

To ensure sufficient distance between the bubbler and the new playground or bushland significantly increases plumbing costs, estimated \$30,000. This includes the purchase and installation of the bubbler.

Installation Cost	Proposed Location
Supply of water station	\$8,500.00
Installation & plumbing	\$18,000.00
Subtotal	\$26,500.00
Contingency (15%)	\$3,975.00
Total	\$30,475.00

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These works cannot be funded within the adopted 2024/2025 Sportsground Amenity Expansion cluster and no funding has been identified in the 2025/2026 capital works program or the current 4-year delivery plan.

The additional funding for this project will be required to be included as part of the 2025/2026 One Year Operational Plan.

8 RESPONSE - FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF SOLAR INSTALLATION AT CHRISTIE PARK

Report prepared by: Senior Sustainability and Environment Coordinator
File No.: ENV/24/28 - BP25/25

REPORT SUMMARY

At its Council meeting on 23rd July 2024, a Mayoral Minute moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown, resolved:

- a. *That Council acknowledge that a total of 8 out of 12 solar PV systems have been installed across the City of Ryde since 2016, with the last system completed in 2024. Of the remaining 4 assets, 3 fell outside the adopted site suitability assessment criteria as either they would not provide a reasonable payback, or the future of the asset was still to be determined long term. The fourth system at Christie Park was not installed due to site constraints and economic considerations.*
- b. *That staff undertake an assessment of the Christie Park Amenity Facility roof to determine whether a solar system can be installed that complies with Council's criteria which includes obtaining a return on investment (ROI) in less than 7 years, considers asset ownership, other asset life considerations, utilisation (to achieve a suitable 'payback period') and is based on a whole of cost for installation.*
- c. *That Council be provided an update on the findings as a report at a Council Meeting.*
- d. *That such report is to include an assessment of the Christie Park Amenity facility and provide potential funding sources if it is recommended the project proceed.*

The following report responds to the request for a Council report to assess the Christie Park amenity facility roof to determine whether a solar system can be installed.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council does not proceed with the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Christie Park amenity block, after an assessment confirmed the site to be unfeasible due to unsuitable asset consumption and utilisation patterns, the tenancy utility agreement, and the return on investment duration.
- (b) That Council staff incorporate solar feasibility assessments into the design specification phase of all new infrastructure projects including redevelopments, in alignment with Council's adopted Resource Efficiency Policy (2023).

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Discussion

In response to the Mayoral Minute Council staff provide specific responses to the queries raised by Council regarding the assessment of solar feasibility at Christie Park and potential funding sources, as outlined below:

Solar Assessment Modelling- Energy Usage Pattern:

It is important to consider the operational context of Christie Park. A granular analysis of electricity usage data for the past year at Christie Park indicates a significant spike in consumption during evening hours, between 6:00 to 9:00 pm, due to floodlight usage and sport activities. This shows an increase from a baseline average of 1.2 kWh during off-peak times to 4.1 kWh during evening peak hours, as shown in Figure 1 and Table 1. Night utilisation could be addressed through solar; however, it would require additional investment in a battery to meet nighttime demand. Compared to other Council assets, night utilisation is relatively minor in both priority and value, making the investment in a battery at the site less justifiable.

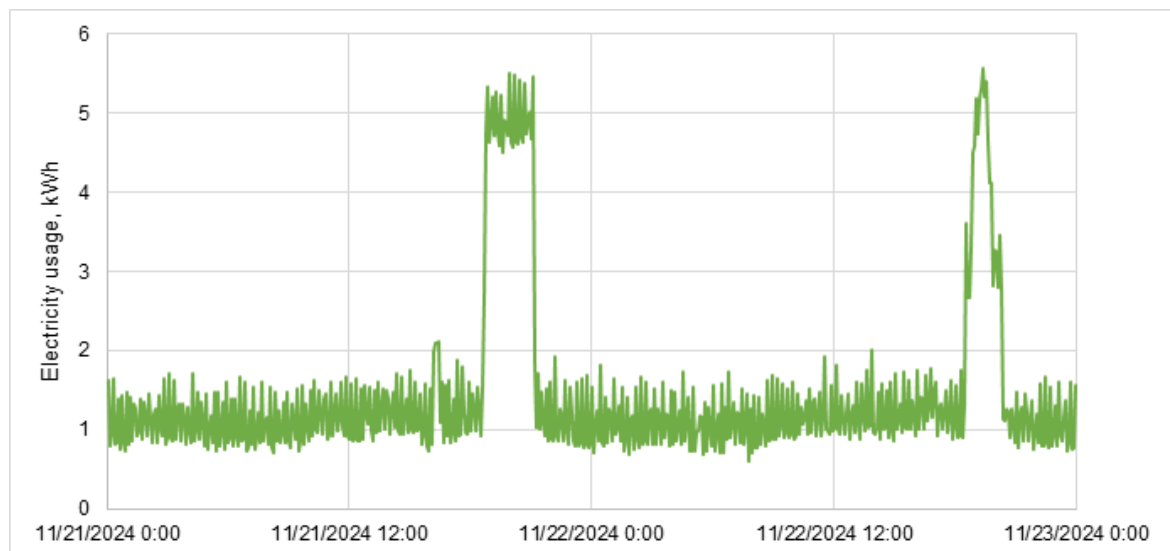


Figure 1 Electricity usage pattern on 21st and 22nd November 2024 at Christie Park showing spike between 6-9 pm

Table 1 A summary of key findings from the energy usage analysis and potential limitations for solar feasibility:

Time of Usage (Monday-Sunday)	Average Usage	Key Consideration
6 am - 6 pm	1.2 kWh	Low demand (when solar is available)
6 pm - 9 pm	4.1 kWh	High demand (when solar is not available for use)
9 pm - 6 am	1.2 kWh	Low demand (when solar is not available for use)

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A detailed feasibility assessment was conducted for three system sizes of 5 kW, 10 kW, and 20 kW for Christie Park. The assessment included roof size and orientation of the amenity building, 5-minute electricity usage real-time data during the past year and actual electricity usage tariffs. The results of the assessment include solar generation, solar used on-site, solar exported to the grid, electricity demand from the grid, annual savings, and payback period. As shown in Figure 2, for the 20kW solar system, which has the shortest payback period of 8.6 years compared to the other sizes, a significant portion of the solar generation is exported to the grid, represented by the orange bars below the 0kW mark in Figure 2. As shown in Figure 2, the primary energy consumption occurs during evening hours after sunset when floodlights are in use, and solar energy generation is limited to daylight hours.



Figure 2 Feasibility assessments for 20 kW solar system at Christie Park

While the installation of a 20kW solar system provides the best return, it does not consider the cost implications to the sporting group (or Council) associated with exporting excess solar energy back into the grid during peak hours. A new solar tariff, introduced in mid-2024 to help balance renewable energy export, will incur annual charges for exporting from the 20kW system. This cost will vary depending on energy retailer charges and individual pricing controls and fluctuations.

The installation of a battery at the site has also been investigated, particularly for the size required to support floodlighting use. However, this would significantly exceed the return on investment for supporting such a system. Given the small consumption, it historically would not qualify as feasible for Council compared to other priority assets.

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Based on this analysis and additional factors, Council does not recommend proceeding with the installation.

Financial Assessments and Green Revolving Fund

In late 2022, Council adopted a “Green Revolving Fund (GRF)” to support funding of eligible energy efficiency and solar installation projects for reducing emissions and improving the energy efficiency of Council assets. The GRF model is a self-sustaining financial mechanism that “revolves” as savings from completed projects are reinvested to finance new initiatives. Projects funded by the GRF generate operational savings, such as reduced energy or water costs with solar projects supported via this mechanism. These savings are used to replenish the fund to support future projects that meet the fund criteria. One of the main criteria for the GRF eligibility is that solar projects must deliver a return on investment within a reasonable time frame, being a maximum of 7 years.

A financial feasibility analysis showed installing a PV system at Christie Park does not meet the return-on-investment requirements of the GRF due to the limited financial benefits associated with various system sizes. As shown in the Table 2, for example, a 5kW system would generate an annual saving of \$801.4, with an approximate upfront cost of \$7,650, resulting in a simple payback period of 9.5 years. This payback period significantly exceeds the Council's GRF criteria, which requires projects to achieve a return on investment within 7 years. Therefore, the 5kW system is not financially viable under current funding guidelines.

Table 2 simple payback time modelling for different solar sizes at Christie Park

Solar size	Annual savings	Estimated upfront cost	Simple payback time
5 kW	\$801.4	\$7,650	9.5 years
10 kW	\$1,509	\$15,710	10.4 years
20 kW	\$2,917	\$25,080	8.6 years

Similarly, larger systems, such as a 10kW, or 20kW installation, also fail to meet the GRF’s payback requirements. While a 10kW system would increase annual savings to \$1,509, the estimated upfront cost of \$15,710 results in a payback period of 10.4 years. Also, a 20kW system, despite providing higher annual savings of \$2,917, would require an investment of \$25,080 and achieve payback in 8.6 years. All options fall outside the acceptable payback period, making them ineligible for GRF funding.

In addition to the payback periods for not meeting the GRF requirements Council does not pay for the electricity used by the community leased facility. The responsibility for electricity usage is paid for by the facility user groups under the lease between North West Sydney Football (NWSF) and Council under a lease agreement which is consistent with other community group leases. Therefore, no financial benefit is gained for Council/ broader community by investing in solar infrastructure at this location, as the user benefits from the cost savings.

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Council recognises that some community groups with utility responsible leases, may wish to investigate options such as solar installation to reduce costs. Council can support suitable community led solar installations which are fully funded by the individual community groups by providing technical guidance, review and support to assess feasibility and risk. To further support this Council has developed a series of solar guidance documents to assist in this process and can work with groups if a request is placed to Council and the group has funding secured.

In relation to Council continuing to reduce carbon emissions from its operations and community, whilst electricity is paid for by the tenant, the energy contract for Christie Park is covered under Council's current power purchasing agreement, which procures 100% renewable energy from existing solar farms across NSW.

Ryde Resource Efficiency Policy- A Clause Related to Solar Installation

A consistent approach for increasing solar and addressing emissions from Council assets can be addressed through the integration of solar feasibility into the design phase of a building. Consideration through the design and business case or scoping phase, is significantly more cost-effective and efficient than retrofitting solar systems after construction is complete. Key structural and electrical considerations can be integrated in design phase to optimise the building for solar installation. This includes ensuring the roof orientation, angle, and load capacity for solar panels, planning for appropriate electrical infrastructure, and identifying any shading or site-specific constraints early on. To address those concerns, Council adopted the Resource Efficiency Policy (24 October 2023), aiming to encourage electrification through solar installations on suitable buildings.

The policy clearly states that solar systems should be incorporated into any new or upgraded buildings where it is feasible and aligns with the following requirements:

E4.1) Incorporate PV into any new or upgraded buildings where:

- *Site is owned or leased for at least the next five years.*
- *Sites with at least 50m² of unshaded, preferably northern aspect roof.*
- *Sites with average electricity consumption greater than 10,000 kWh per year*
- *Return on investment from the installation does not have a payback longer than 7yrs (this to include installation costs)*

Where any new buildings are to have subtenants, suitable metering to be installed to enable billing of tenants by the City of Ryde for mains and solar electricity supply (via an embedded network or other model).

Therefore, the feasibility of any solar installation for new or redevelopment projects should be considered during the design phase by Council's Engineering team.

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Council Progress in Solar Installation to Date

As shown in Table 4, Council has installed eight PV systems across City of Ryde assets since 2016. Additionally, three projects have been put on hold due to uncertainties regarding the future ownership of the assets and/or the energy usage pattern.

Table 4: Assets with Installed or Planned Solar Projects

Asset, location	Installation year	Solar size, kW
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde	2019	300.33
CoR Operations Centre, 1 Constitution Road, Meadowbank	2020	16.69
Eastwood Library, Corner Hillview Road and, W Parade	2024	29.92
Eastwood Hall, 159 Shaftsbury Rd	2017	7.84
Marsfield Hall, 1A Trafalgar Place, Marsfield	2022	8
Meadowbank Park Amenities, Ross Smith Ave, Meadowbank	2022	6
North Ryde Library, 201 Coxs Rd, North Ryde	2016	32.76
West Ryde Community Centre, 3-5 Anthony Rd, West Ryde	2019	26.15
Gladesville Library, 6 Pittwater Rd, Gladesville NSW 2111	On hold- asset confirmation is to be confirmed	
Ryde ECHC, Early Childhood Centre, Argyle Ave, Ryde	On hold- asset confirmation is to be confirmed	
ELS Hall Park, 109A Kent Rd, North Ryde NSW 2113	No- The electricity usage occurs mainly at night for flood lighting, and electricity usage is paid by tenants, not council	

Financial Implications

As shown under the heading “*Financial Assessments and Green Revolving Fund*”, a solar installation on the Christie Park Amenities block has high payback time and would not provide direct savings to justify the initial investment, making it an unfeasible project for Council under the GRF.

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If Council decides to proceed with the solar installation at Christie Park, alternative funding options would need to be found, as this project does not align with the GRF's adopted criteria. In addition, there is no direct financial benefit for the Council as the tenant currently pays the electricity bills. Since the energy savings generated by the solar system would primarily benefit the tenant, who would not pass these savings on to the Council under the current lease, investing in solar infrastructure would not provide a return on investment for the Council.

Finally, if Council did proceed with funding the installation of solar on community-leased assets, there are risks of setting a precedent that could raise equity concerns and create expectations from other community groups requesting solar installations, leading to potential cost implications for Council.

9 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 2024

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Traffic Operations
File No.: GRP/09/3 - BP24/993

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on traffic, transport and/or parking improvements deliberated by the Ryde Local Traffic Committee at its meetings on 28 November 2024. The meeting took place at Council's office in North Ryde. Attendees also had the option to join the meeting via MS Teams. The voting members of the Ryde Local Traffic Committee are listed below:

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
City of Ryde Council	Manager Traffic Services or Rep. (Senior Coordinator Traffic Operations)
Transport for New South Wales	Senior Project Officer (Network & Asset Management), Central River City
NSW Police Force	Ryde Police Area Command Sergeant
State Member for Ryde	Jordan Lane MP or Rep.
State Member for Lane Cove	The Hon Anthony Roberts MP or Rep.

The agendas for the November 2024 Ryde Local Traffic Committee (RTC) meeting consisted of 12 traffic and parking proposals. Each proposal has been comprehensively assessed, with the findings (e.g. rationale, consultation/ notification, etc.) documented in a report, which forms the meeting agenda. Please refer to **ATTACHMENT 1** for the meeting agenda. There was unanimous support for all items by the voting members of the Committee except item H (deferred).

The draft minutes for the November 2024 RTC meeting can be found in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

(A) RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 2025 MEETING DATES

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

The 2025 Ryde Traffic Committee meetings to be held on the following dates:

1. 27 February 2025,
2. 27 March 2025,
3. 29 May 2025
4. 30 June 2025
5. 28 August 2025
6. 25 September 2025 and
7. 27 November 2025

ITEM 9 (continued)**(B) CULLODEN ROAD, MARSFIELD - CONVERSION OF PEDESTRIAN REFUGE**

The following measures be considered on Culloden Road, Marsfield:

- a) Consideration be given to replacing the existing pedestrian refuge on Culloden Road, south of the intersection with Taranto Road, Marsfield with a raised pedestrian crossing, subject to available funding and other design requirements.

(C) PEACH TREE ROAD AND COTTONWOOD CRESCENT MACQUARIE PARK- INTERSECTION TREATMENT

The following measures be considered at the intersection of Peach Tree Road and Cottonwood Crescent:

- a) The intersection of Cottonwood Crescent and Peach Tree Road be defined as an altered T – Junction, with priority given to the through movement along Cottonwood Crescent to Peach Tree Road, and the minor leg to be the cul-de-sac area of Peach Tree Road.
- b) That the intersection be marked with double dividing linemarking to define the curve.
- c) That a 'GIVE WAY' sign and hold line (TB) be installed at the cul-de-sac end of Peach Tree Road.

(D) WATTS ROAD AND RONALD AVENUE, RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

The following changes be considered on Watts Road and Ronald Avenue, Ryde:

- a) Two (2) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces be converted to '1/4P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.
- b) Two (2) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces be converted to '1P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.
- c) Four (4) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces be converted to '2P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT'.
- d) The existing 'NO PARKING' across the driveway servicing property no. 17 Watts Road, Ryde be converted to 'NO STOPPING'.
- e) A single unrestricted parking space outside property no. 9 Ronald Avenue, Ryde be converted to '1/4P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.

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**(E) RHODES STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, MEADOWBANK
RELOCATION OF BUS ZONE**

The following changes be considered on Rhodes Street and Macpherson Street, Meadowbank:

- a) Convert 65m of '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Rhodes Street, West Ryde, outside the school frontage to 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS'
- b) Convert the existing 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Macpherson Street, Meadowbank, to '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS'.
- c) Install a 'NO STOPPING' zone at the side frontage of property nos. 96-104 Hermitage Road and outside property nos. 15 – 17 Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) Relocate the double centreline to east on Rhodes Street, West Ryde, to accommodate a legal bus zone on the western side of Rhodes Street outside the school frontage.

(F) BELMORE LANE, RYDE - CONVERSION TO ONE-WAY

The following changes be considered on Belmore Lane, Ryde:

- a) Belmore Lane, Ryde, be converted to one-way southbound between Blaxland Road and Blaxland Lane (Bicycles Excepted).

(G) PARK AVENUE, WEST RYDE - CONVERSION TO ONE-WAY

The following changes be considered on Park Avenue, West Ryde:

- a) Park Avenue, West Ryde be converted to one-way westbound (Bicycles Excepted) between Anthony Road and Chatham Road, West Ryde.
- b) Marked parking bays, with appropriate supporting signage, be installed on Park Avenue, West Ryde.

(H) ADELAIDE STREET, WEST RYDE - KEEP CLEAR PAVEMENT MARKING

- a) No 'KEEP CLEAR' pavement marking be installed on Adelaide Street where it intersects with Hay Street, West Ryde.

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(I) JENNIFER STREET AND CLERMONT AVENUE, RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

The following parking changes be made on Jennifer Street and Clermont Avenue, Ryde:

- a) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the inner side of 90-degree bends on Clermont Avenue at the property frontages of 1, 12 and 24 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- b) A 14m long 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed along the western side of Clermont Avenue across the driveway servicing property nos. 18-20 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- c) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed on the eastern side of Jennifer Street along the frontage of 10 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- d) Statutory 10m 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the intersection of Aeolus Avenue and Clermont Avenue.

(J) 2-6 CHATHAM ROAD, WEST RYDE - CHANGE OF 1P SIGNS ON CHATHAM ROAD

The following changes be considered on Chatham Road, West Ryde:

- a) 2 x 16.7m long "1P 8AM-6AM MON-SUN" zones be installed on the western side of Chatham Road at the property frontage of 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde.
- b) An 8m long "NO STOPPING" zone (between the two 1P zones) be installed on the western side of Chatham Road at the property frontage of 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde.
- c) The proposed signs in recommendations (a) and (b) be installed by the developer at no cost to Council.

(K) 11-17 KHARTOUM ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - CHANGE OF SIGNS AND LINEMARKING ON KHARTOUM ROAD AND TALAVERA ROAD

The following changes be made on Khartoum Road, Macquarie Park:

- a) Existing 12P Parking Area sign (R5-61) on Khartoum Road be relocated to the site boundary, and the existing 12P signs along the site frontage with Khartoum Road be replaced with 2P signs (R5-2).
- b) Linemarking be provided at the bus stop area on Khartoum Road.
- c) Yellow linemarking be provided at the layback of the proposed access road and the completed access road (with Building A).
- d) A Shared Path sign (R8-2) be installed at the intersection of Talavera Road SUP and site pedestrian link.
- e) The proposed signs and linemarking in recommendations (a) to (d) be installed by the developer at no cost to Council.

ITEM 9 (continued)**(L) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS**

- a) The Road Safety report outlining programs and community engagements including child car seat checking day, senior driver workshop, road safety storytimes and school zone safety program be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Agenda - Ryde Traffic Committee - November 2024
- 2 Draft Minutes - Ryde Traffic Committee - November 2024

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ATTACHMENT 1



Ryde Traffic Committee

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are advised of the following meeting:

Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting

Thursday, 28 November 2024

**Meeting Room Landmark, Level 1, North Ryde Office
&
MS Teams**

MEMBERS

City of Ryde (Chair) Senior Coordinator Traffic Operations (for Mgr. Traffic Services)
Transport for New South Wales..... Senior Project Officer, Central River City
NSW Police ForceRyde Local Area Command
Member for RydeThe Hon. Jordan Lane MP
Member for Lane CoveThe Hon. A Roberts MP

ADVISORS

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ATTACHMENT 1



Ryde Traffic Committee

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM(A) - RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 2025 MEETING DATES

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ITEM(C) - PEACH TREE ROAD AND COTTONWOOD CRESCENT MACQUARIE PARK- INTERSECTION TREATMENT

ITEM(D) - WATTS ROAD AND RONALD AVENUE, RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

ITEM(E) - RHODES STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, MEADOWBANK - RELOCATION OF BUS ZONE

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ITEM(H) - ADELAIDE STREET, WEST RYDE - KEEP CLEAR PAVEMENT MARKINGS

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ITEM(J) - 2-6 CHATHAM ROAD, WEST RYDE - CHANGE OF 1P SIGNS ON CHATHAM ROAD

ITEM(K) - 11-17 KHARTOUM ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - CHANGE OF SIGNS AND LINEMARKING ON KHARTOUM ROAD AND TALAVERA ROAD

ITEM(L) - ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

GENERAL BUSINESS

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ATTACHMENT 1



Ryde Traffic Committee

ITEM (A) RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 2025 MEETING DATES

ELECTORATE: RYDE

WARD: ALL

OFFICER: S ALI

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

PROPOSAL

The RTC meetings for 2025 are proposed to be scheduled to be held on the following dates:

- 1) 27 February 2025,
- 2) 27 March 2025,
- 3) 29 May 2025
- 4) 30 June 2025
- 5) 28 August 2025
- 6) 25 September 2025 and
- 7) 27 November 2025

DISCUSSION

There is a traffic committee meeting proposed every month with the exception of January, April, July, October and December as these periods coincide with school holidays which impact on public consultation, traffic surveys and investigations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

The 2025 Ryde Traffic Committee meetings to be held on the following dates:

1. 27 February 2025,
2. 27 March 2025,
3. 29 May 2025
4. 30 June 2025
5. 28 August 2025
6. 25 September 2025 and
7. 27 November 2025

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ITEM (B): CULLODEN ROAD, MARSFIELD
SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: S ALI

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to replace the existing pedestrian refuge outside 164 Culloden Road, Marsfield, with a raised pedestrian crossing.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

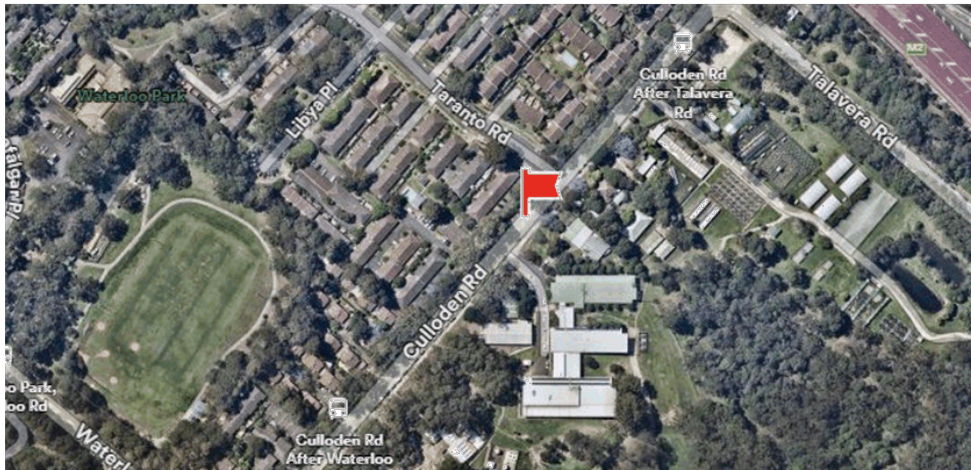


Figure 1: Location Map

DISCUSSION

The existing refuge island on Culloden Road facilitates pedestrian movement to and from Macquarie University. This crossing forms an essential link connecting Macquarie University, Waterloo Park, student accommodation, and other recreational facilities. During peak hours and sporting events at the park, pedestrians often struggle to find safe gaps to cross due to high traffic volumes during these periods.

To enhance pedestrian connectivity and safety in this area, Council is proposing to replace the existing refuge island with a raised pedestrian crossing. This upgrade aims to provide a safer and more accessible crossing for pedestrians, ensuring improved traffic calming and

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prioritizing pedestrian movement during peak times and special events. The location of the new crossing is approximate and may vary slightly based on site conditions determined during the detailed design stage.

Transport for NSW Technical Directions requires statutory 'No Stopping' restrictions on the approach and departure sides of a crossing. In this regard, the proposed pedestrian crossing will not result in any loss of on-street parking on Culloden Road due to existing 'No Stopping'.

Figure 2 shows the proposed changes.

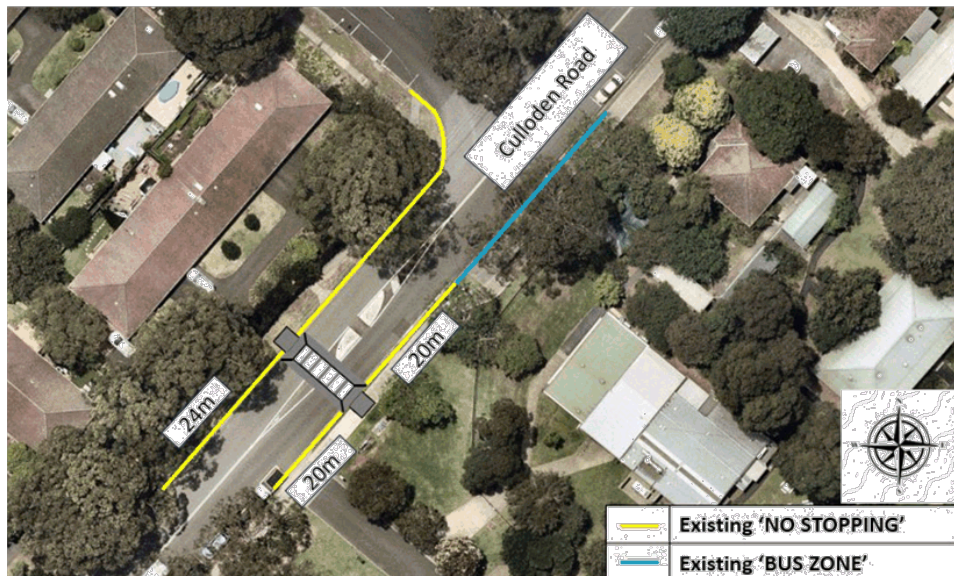


Figure 2. Proposed replacement of pedestrian refuge with raised pedestrian crossing on Culloden Road..

CONSULTATION

The proposed pedestrian crossing does not affect access to adjacent properties or result in the loss of on-street parking. As such, community consultation was not required. However, surrounding residents will be notified prior to construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Consideration be given to replacing the existing pedestrian refuge on Culloden Road, south of the intersection with Taranto Road, Marsfield with a raised pedestrian crossing, subject to available funding and other design requirements.

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ITEM (C): PEACH TREE ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK

SUBJECT: INTERSECTION TREATMENT

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: K WELLS

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to define the priority movements at the intersection of Peach Tree Road and Cottonwood Crescent by installing double dividing linemarking and 'GIVE WAY' signage.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.



Figure 1: Location Map

DISCUSSION

Council has received representations from residents regarding the manoeuvrability of vehicles and associated safety concerns due to unclear vehicle priority movements at the intersection of Peach Tree Road and Cottonwood Crescent, Macquarie Park.

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Council is therefore proposing to redefine the intersection of Peach Tree Road and Cottonwood Crescent by installing double dividing linemarking and 'GIVE WAY' signage. This proposal will give priority to vehicles travelling on Cottonwood Crescent over those on Peach Tree Road. The Cottonwood Crescent is the dominant movement by a significant margin. Currently, Peach Tree Road between Cottonwood Crescent and the cul-de-sac carries a low volume of traffic, and this proposal aims to enhance efficiency for all users at this intersection.

Figure 2 shows the proposed changes.



Figure 2. Proposed change to traffic conditions at Peach Tree Road and Cottonwood Crescent, Macquarie Park

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing three (3) weeks for feedback. No objections were received.

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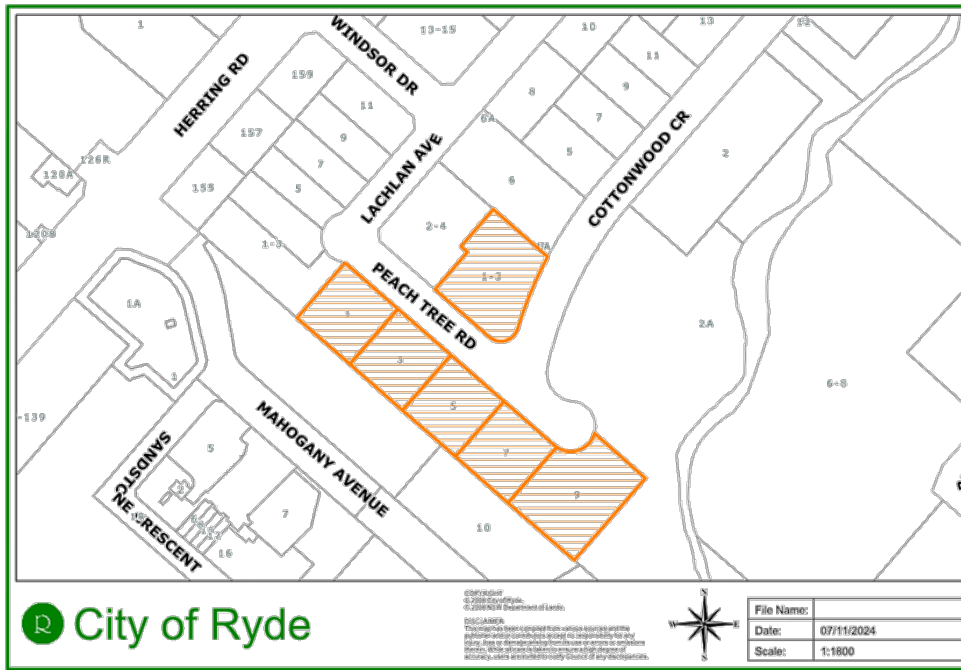


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The intersection of Cottonwood Crescent and Peach Tree Road be defined as an altered T – Junction, with priority given to the through movement along Cottonwood Crescent to Peach Tree Road, and the minor leg to be the cul-de-sac area of Peach Tree Road.
- b) That the intersection be marked with double dividing linemarking to define the curve.
- c) That a 'GIVE WAY' sign and hold line (TB) be installed at the cul-de-sac end of Peach Tree Road.

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ITEM (D): WATTS ROAD AND RONALD AVENUE, RYDE
SUBJECT: PARKING CHANGES

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: K WELLS

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing the following changes on Watts Road and Ronald Avenue, Ryde:

- a) Replace two (2) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces with '1/4P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.
- b) Replace two (2) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces with '1P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.
- c) Replace four (4) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces with '2P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT'.
- d) Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' with 'NO STOPPING' across the driveway servicing property no. 17 Watts Road, Ryde.
- e) Replace a single unrestricted parking space with '1/4P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN' outside property no. 9 Ronald Avenue, Ryde.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

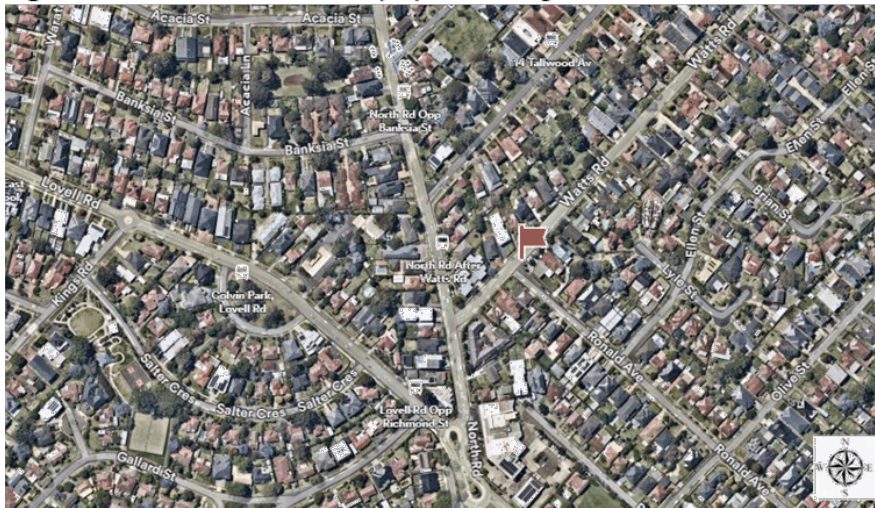


Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

Currently, the existing angled parking is signposted as '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT'. This parking restriction was installed at this location to meet the parking needs of businesses a few years back. The nature of businesses in this commercial zone has changed over time. As a result, their parking requirements have also changed. Recently, Council received concerns regarding a lack of short-term parking for customers and business operators which has affected neighbouring residential properties.

It is therefore proposed that the parking restrictions on Watts Road and Ronald Avenue be altered and clearly defined in order to meet the parking needs of businesses, improve parking efficiency, and minimise the impact on nearby residential properties. Furthermore, these parking changes will provide a variety of parking options for different user groups in addition to improving residential and commercial access.

Figure 2 shows the proposed changes.



Figure 2: Proposed changes to parking on Watts Road and Ronald Avenue, Ryde

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in Figure 3 below, allowing three (3) weeks for feedback. No objections were received.

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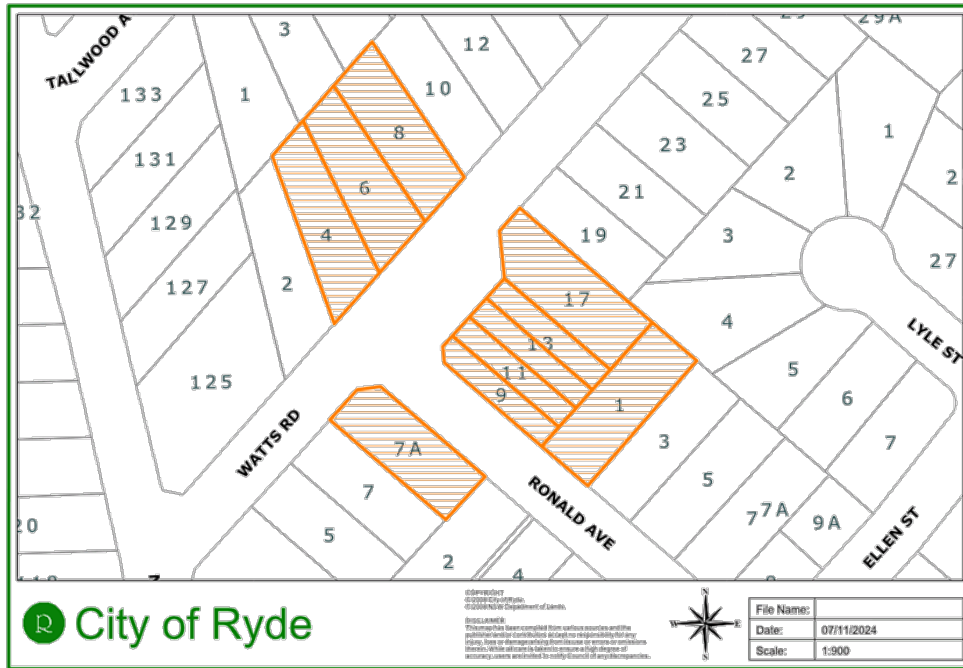


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Two (2) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces be converted to '1/4P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.
- b) Two (2) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces be converted to '1P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.
- c) Four (4) of the existing '2P 8AM-6PM MON-FRI 8AM-12PM SAT' parking spaces be converted to '2P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT'.
- d) The existing 'NO PARKING' across the driveway servicing property no. 17 Watts Road, Ryde be converted to 'NO STOPPING'.
- e) A single unrestricted parking space outside property no. 9 Ronald Avenue, Ryde be converted to '1/4P 6AM-6PM 6AM-12.30PM SAT, SUN'.

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**ITEM (E) RHODES STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET,
MEADOWBANK**

SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF BUS ZONE

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: S ALI

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to relocate the existing bus zone from Macpherson Street to Rhodes Street and proposing the following changes:

- a) Convert 65m of '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Rhodes Street, West Ryde, outside the school frontage to 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS'
- b) Convert the existing 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Macpherson Street, Meadowbank, to '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS'.
- c) A 'NO STOPPING' zone at the side frontage of property nos. 96-104 Hermitage Road and outside property nos. 15 – 17 Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) Relocate the double centreline to east on Rhodes Street, West Ryde, to accommodate a legal bus zone on the western side of Rhodes Street outside the school frontage.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

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Figure 1: Location map

DISCUSSION

Council has received requests from the local community to relocate the bus zone from Macpherson Street to Rhodes Street, which is expected to assist with improving the safety and efficiency of students being picked up and dropped off by buses. Further, this measure is expected to help with improving the efficiency of school bus operations and minimising conflict with school traffic within the existing 'KISS AND RIDE' zone on Rhodes Street. The following measures are therefore proposed to address these safety issues:

- a) Convert 65m of '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Rhodes Street, West Ryde, outside the school frontage to 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS'
- b) Convert the existing 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Macpherson Street, Meadowbank, to '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS'.

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- c) A 'NO STOPPING' zone at the side frontage of property nos. 96-104 Hermitage Road and outside property nos. 15 – 17 Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) Relocate the double centreline to east on Rhodes Street, West Ryde, to accommodate a legal bus zone on the western side of Rhodes Street outside the school frontage.

Figure 2 shows the details of the proposed changes.

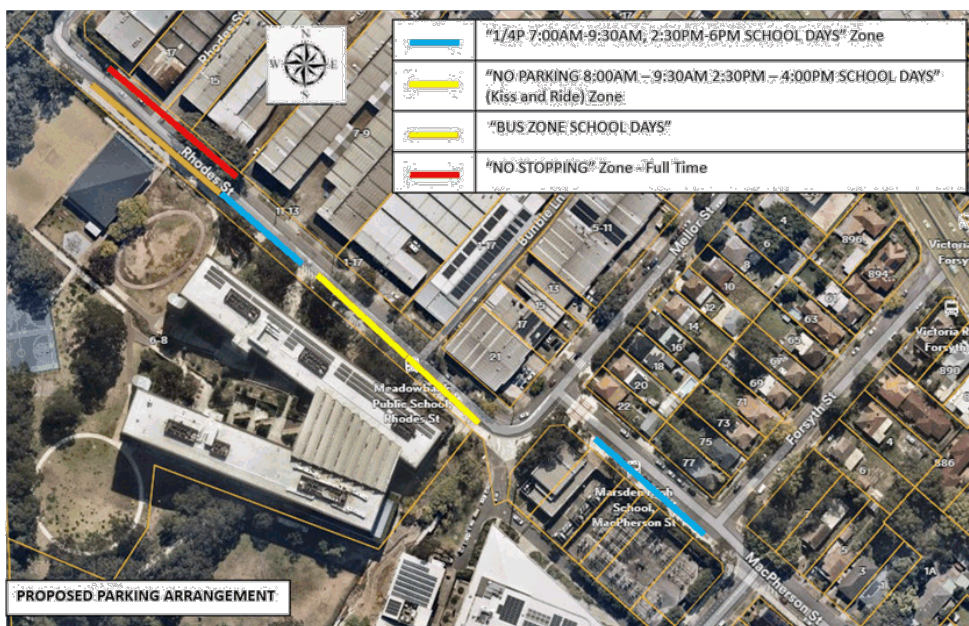


Figure 2: Proposed relocation of the bus zone and parking changes

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in Figure 3 below, allowing three (3) weeks for feedback. The feedback received were generally supportive of the proposed measures.

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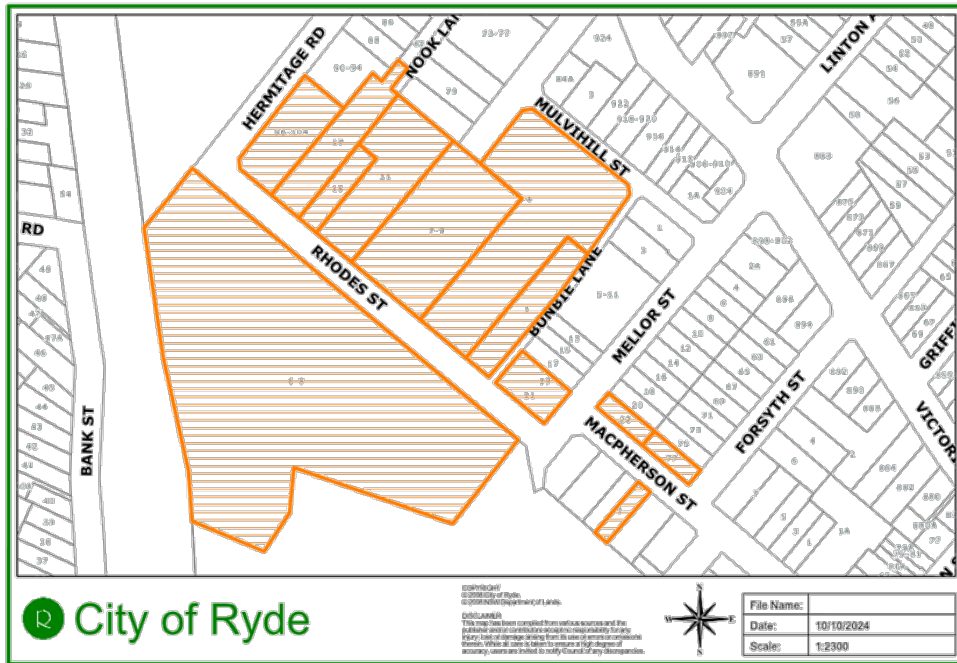


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that the following changes be made on Macpherson Street and Rhodes Street:

- a) Convert 65m of '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Rhodes Street, West Ryde, outside the school frontage to 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS'
- b) Convert the existing 'BUS ZONE SCHOOL DAYS' on the western side of Macpherson Street, Meadowbank, to '1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS'.
- c) Install a 'NO STOPPING' zone at the side frontage of property nos. 96-104 Hermitage Road and outside property nos. 15 – 17 Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) Relocate the double centreline to east on Rhodes Street, West Ryde, to accommodate a legal bus zone on the western side of Rhodes Street outside the school frontage.

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ITEM (F): BELMORE LANE, RYDE
SUBJECT: CONVERSION TO ONE-WAY

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: EAST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: K WELLS

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to convert the section of Belmore Lane between Blaxland Road and Blaxland Lane into a one-way southbound laneway.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.



Figure 1: Location Map

DISCUSSION

The carriageway width of this section of Belmore Lane is approximately 3.9m wide, which is too narrow to accommodate two-way traffic. The current two-way traffic flow arrangement poses the following safety concerns:

- When opposing vehicles are travelling along the laneway, one vehicle is required to reverse a considerable distance or onto an intersection to enable the opposing vehicle to pass. This situation can increase the risk of collisions between the reversing vehicle and other road users on the public road.

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- Vehicles exiting from Belmore Lane to turn left into Blaxland Road have to negotiate multiple lanes of traffic. The congestion observed on Devlin Street and Blaxland Road during weekday peak hour periods increases delay for drivers looking to turn out of Belmore Lane onto Blaxland Road. This has caused impatient drivers to perform unsafe turns, which increases the risk of accidents at the junction of Blaxland Road and Belmore Lane.

Vehicles turning right from Belmore Lane onto Blaxland Road during weekday peak periods have also been observed to obstruct the westbound traffic lane on Blaxland Road, causing queues to extend back onto Devlin Street.

The proposal to convert Belmore Lane between Blaxland Road and Blaxland Lane into a one-way southbound laneway is intended to address the abovementioned traffic safety and efficiency issues caused by the current traffic flow arrangement.



Figure 2: Proposed conversion of Belmore Lane to one-way.

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As this represents a permanent change to the road network this matter must be approved by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Council has created and supplied a TMP to request this change to TfNSW and met all the requirements of advertising the changes and seeking public input.

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in Figure 3 below, allowing three (3) weeks for feedback. No objections were received from the community.

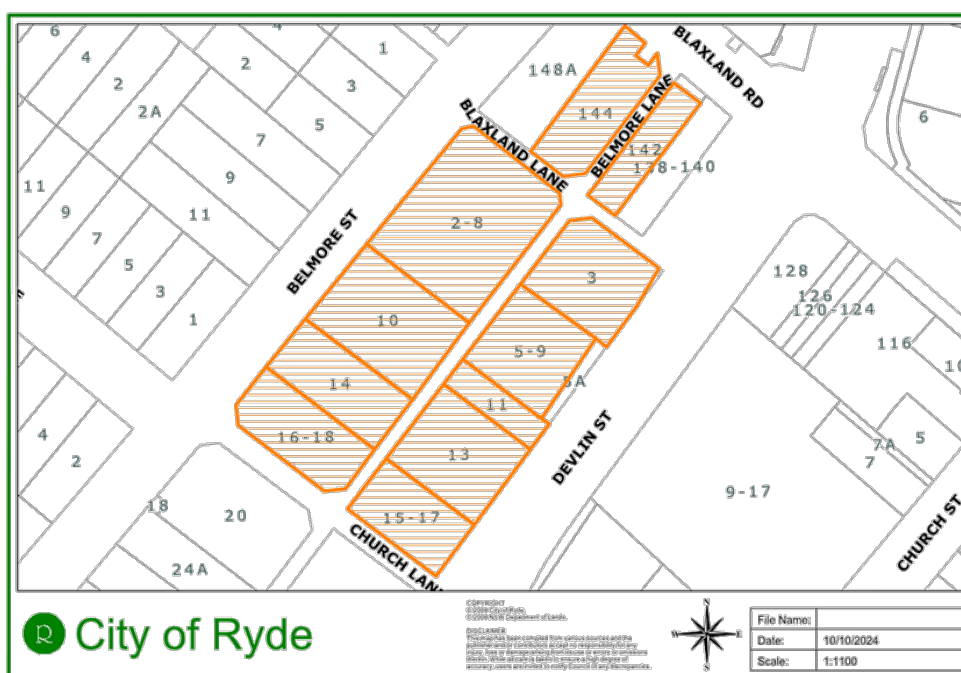


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Belmore Lane, Ryde, be converted to one-way southbound between Blaxland Road and Blaxland Lane (Bicycles Excepted).

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ITEM (G): PARK AVENUE, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT: CONVERSION TO ONE-WAY

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER: K WELLS

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to:

- a) Convert Park Avenue to one-way westbound between Anthony Road and Chatham Road, West Ryde.
- b) Install parking bays and 'PARK IN BAYS ONLY' signage.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.



Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

Council has received numerous requests from residents, including a petition, to address the traffic and parking issues on Park Avenue, West Ryde.

The carriageway of Park Avenue is approximately 5.6m wide, which leads to situations where two vehicles travelling in opposite directions cannot pass each other. Council is therefore proposing to convert Park Avenue to one-way westbound between Chatham Road and Anthony Road, West Ryde.

This change will have the following implications for residents' consideration:

- The residents on the north side (even numbers) of Park Avenue will require to place their waste bins on the southern side for collection.
- Access to Park Avenue will be from Anthony Road only.
- Availability of on-street parking will be decreased.



Figure 2: Proposed conversion of park avenue to one-way

As part of this proposal Council intends to mark parking bays along the length of Park Avenue. These bays will create a serpentine arrangement for the single lane of traffic flow to act as traffic calming and prevent encroachment onto residential driveways. An indicative arrangement is shown in Figure 3 below. The final arrangement of the bays will be subject to further discussions with affected residents.

As this represents a permanent change to the road network this matter must be approved by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Council has created and supplied a TMP to request this

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change to TfNSW and met all the requirements of advertising the changes and seeking public input.



Figure 3: Indicative parking arrangement

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in Figure 3 below, allowing three (3) weeks for feedback. Majority of respondents who are residents of Park Avenue are supportive of the proposal.

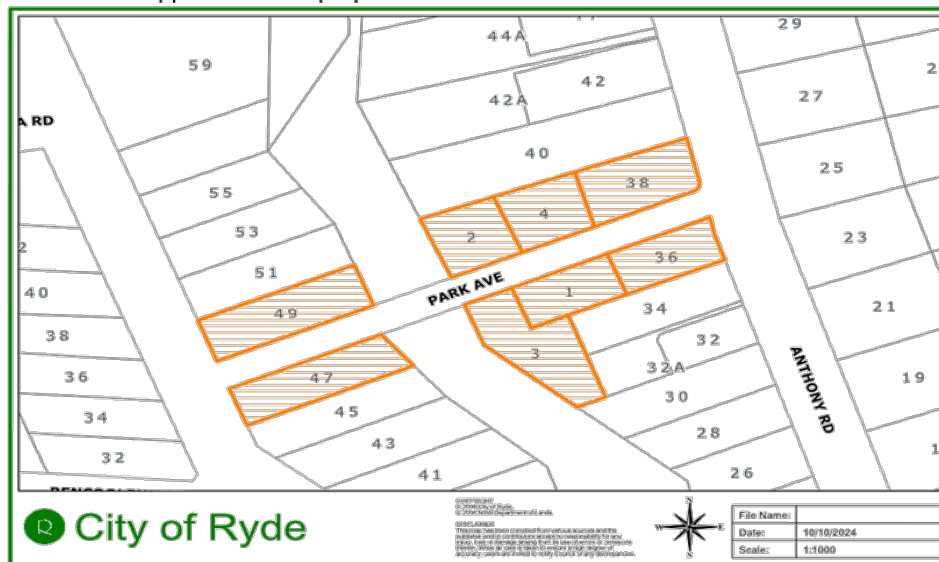


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Park Avenue, West Ryde be converted to one-way westbound (Bicycles Excepted) between Anthony Road and Chatham Road, West Ryde.
- b) Marked parking bays, with appropriate supporting signage, be installed on Park Avenue, West Ryde.

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ITEM (H)	ADELAIDE STREET, WEST RYDE
SUBJECT:	KEEP CLEAR PAVEMENT MARKING
ELECTORATE:	RYDE
WARD:	WEST
ROAD CLASS:	NON-CLASSIFIED
OFFICER:	S ALI

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install 'KEEP CLEAR' pavement marking on the westbound carriageway on Adelaide Street where it intersects with Hay Street, West Ryde.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed markings.



Figure 1: Location plan

DISCUSSION

Site observations have confirmed that during peak times the back of queue for northbound traffic at Adelaide Street and Victoria Road regularly extend past the intersection of Hay Street and Adelaide Street. This affects the ability of Hay Street residents to exit onto Adelaide Street and cause serious delays in accessing the wider road network, specifically for vehicles attempting to turn right from Hay Street onto Adelaide Street.

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It has also been observed when vehicles attempt to enter Hay Street from Adelaide Street, they block the southbound traffic, and the queue length extends all the way to the traffic lights at the intersection of Victoria Road and Adelaide Street.

In order to improve access for residents and efficiency of the traffic lights at the intersection of Victoria Road, Council proposes to install 'KEEP CLEAR' marking on Adelaide Street, as shown in **Figure 2**.



Figure 2: Proposed Keep Clear Marking

CONSULTATION

Council has received feedback from local residents requesting to install 'Keep Clear' marking on Adelaide Street at its intersection with Hay Street, West Ryde.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) No 'KEEP CLEAR' pavement marking be installed on Adelaide Street where it intersects with Hay Street, West Ryde.

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ITEM (I): JENNIFER STREET AND CLERMONT AVENUE, RYDE
SUBJECT: PARKING CHANGES

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

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing the following parking changes on Jennifer Street and Clermont Avenue, Ryde:

- a) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the inner side of 90-degree bends on Clermont Avenue at the property frontages of 1, 12 and 24 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- b) A 14m long 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed along the western side of Clermont Avenue across the driveway servicing property nos. 18-20 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- c) Statutory 10m 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the intersection of Aeolus Avenue and Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- d) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed on Jennifer Street at the entire frontage of 10 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed changes.

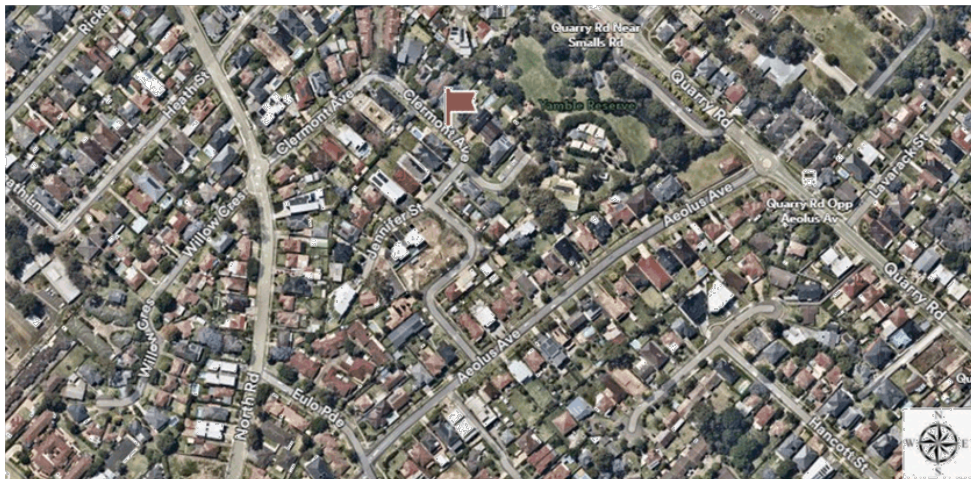


Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

Council has received representation from residents concerning property access, traffic efficiency and restricted sightlines for vehicles travelling on Clermont Avenue and Jennifer Street, Ryde. To address these issues, Council developed two (2) parking options described below and illustrated in **Figure 2**:

Option A

- (i) New 'NO STOPPING' zone along one side of Clermont Avenue and Jennifer Street outside property nos. 41, 39, 37, 35, 31, 33, 29, 27, 25, 23, 21,19,17,15,11,9,7,5,1 Clermont Avenue; 8-14 Jennifer Street; side frontage of 18 Aeolus Avenue and 45 North Road.
- (ii) New 'NO STOPPING' zone on the cul-de-sac at Jennifer Street, outside property nos. 5, 6, 7, 7A, 8 and 9 Jennifer Street.
- (iii) A 14m long 'NO STOPPING' zone along the western side of Clermont Avenue across the driveway servicing property nos. 18-20 Clermont Avenue.
- (iv) Statutory 10m 'NO STOPPING' at the intersection of Aeolus Avenue and Clermont Avenue.

Option B

- (i) 'NO STOPPING' zone at the inner side of 90-degree bends on Clermont Avenue at the property frontages of 1,12 and 24 Clermont Avenue, Ryde
- (ii) Install a 14m long 'NO STOPPING' zone along the western side of Clermont Avenue across the driveway servicing property nos. 18-20 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- (iii) 'NO STOPPING' zone on the cul-de-sac at Jennifer Street, outside property nos. 5, 6, 7, 7A, 8 and 9 Jennifer Street.
- (iv) Install 'NO STOPPING' zone at the bend on Jennifer Street at the frontage of 10 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- (v) Statutory 10m 'NO STOPPING' at the intersection of Aeolus Avenue and Clermont Avenue.



Figure 2: Proposed parking restrictions (Options A and B)

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CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were distributed to all affected properties as shown in **Figure 3** below, allowing three (3) weeks for feedback. The majority of residents were not in favour of option (A) due to removal of excessive on-street parking on Clermont Avenue and Jennifer Street. The residents also opposed the installation of 'NO STOPPING' at the cul-de-sac on Jennifer Street. However, they supported the installation of 'NO STOPPING' signs at the 90-degree bends, across driveways and on Jennifer Street at the frontage of property no. 10 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.

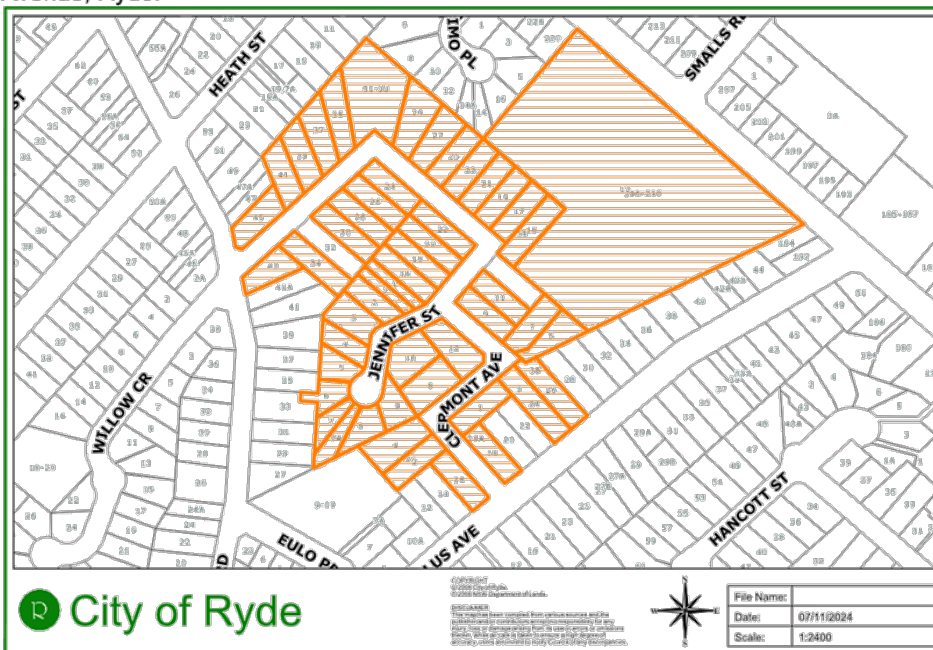


Figure 3: Distribution map for community consultation

Based on the community feedback Council recommends installing:

- a) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the inner side of 90-degree bends on Clermont Avenue at the property frontages of 1, 12 and 24 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- b) A 14m long 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed along the western side of Clermont Avenue across the driveway servicing property nos. 18-20 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- c) Statutory 10m 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the intersection of Aeolus Avenue and Clermont Avenue.
- d) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed on Jennifer Street at the entire frontage of 10 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.

Figure 4 shows the preferred option based on the community feedback.

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Figure 4: Proposed parking restrictions

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the inner side of 90-degree bends on Clermont Avenue at the property frontages of 1, 12 and 24 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- b) A 14m long 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed along the western side of Clermont Avenue across the driveway servicing property nos. 18-20 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.
- c) Statutory 10m 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed at the intersection of Aeolus Avenue and Clermont Avenue.
- d) A 'NO STOPPING' zone be installed on Jennifer Street at the entire frontage of 10 Clermont Avenue, Ryde.

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ITEM (J) 2-6 CHATHAM ROAD, WEST RYDE

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF 1P SIGNS ON CHATHAM ROAD

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: WEST
ROAD CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED LOCAL ROAD
OFFICER: A MOUSAVI

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install 2 × 16.7m long "1P 8AM-6AM MON-SUN" zones and an 8m long "NO STOPPING" zone between the two 1P zones, both on the western side of Chatham Road at the property frontage of 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed parking changes.



Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

The new development at 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde comprises a shop top housing development including 5 retail premises and 62 dwellings. The reconstruction of the subject site will result in redundant of two existing crossovers at the Chatham Road's property frontage.

The provision of 2 x 16.7m long "1P 8AM-6AM MON-SUN" zones and an 8m long "NO STOPPING" zone (between the two 1P zones) within this section of Chatham Road is to formalise the on-street parking on the western side of Chatham Road as a result of the new development at 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde in accordance with the Conditions of Consent and approved plans.

Figure 2 shows the details of the proposed "1P" and "NO STOPPING" signs on Chatham Road, West Ryde.

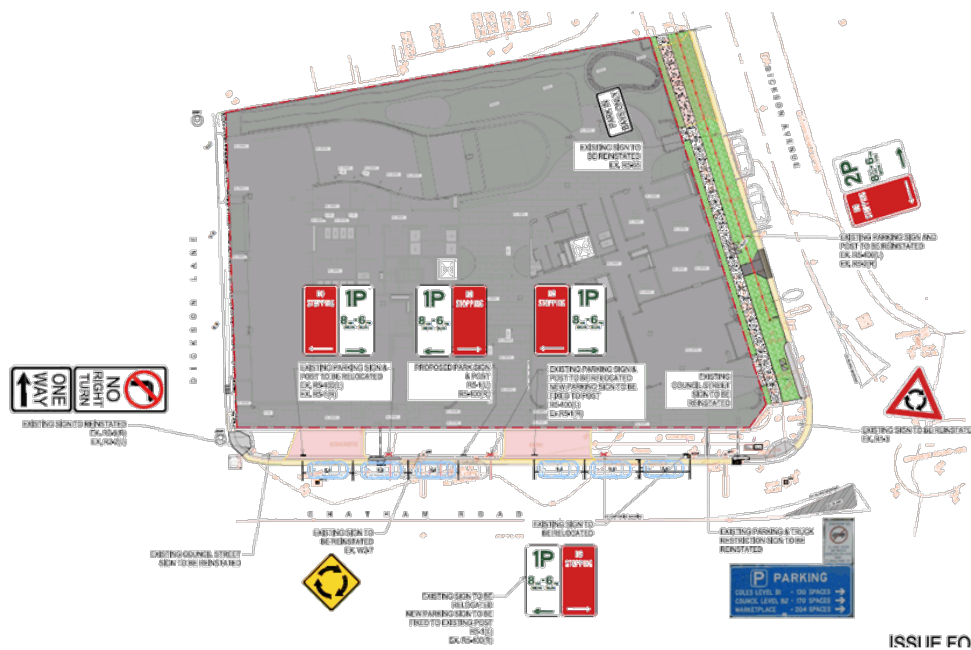


Figure 2 – Proposed signage changes

CONSULTATION

The proposed works form part of the approved development, whereby community consultation was undertaken at the development application stage.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) 2 × 16.7m long “1P 8AM-6AM MON-SUN” zones be installed on the western side of Chatham Road at the property frontage of 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde.
- b) An 8m long “NO STOPPING” zone (between the two 1P zones) be installed on the western side of Chatham Road at the property frontage of 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde.
- c) The proposed signs in recommendations (a) and (b) be installed by the developer at no cost to Council.

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ITEM (K) 11-17 KHARTOUM ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK
SUBJECT: CHANGE OF SIGNS AND LINEMARKING ON KHARTOUM ROAD AND TALAVERA ROAD

ELECTORATE: RYDE
WARD: CENTRAL
ROAD CLASS: DISTRIBUTOR ROAD
OFFICER: J HUANG

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

PROPOSAL

Council is proposing to install the following signs and linemarking at the property frontage of 11-17 Khartoum Road, Macquarie Park:

- a) Relocation of the existing 12P Parking Area sign (R5-61) on Khartoum Road, and replacement of 12P signs on Khartoum Road with 2P signs (R5-2).
- b) Provision of linemarking at the bus stop area on Khartoum Road.
- c) Provision of yellow linemarking at the layback of the proposed access road and the existing access road (with Building A).
- d) Installation of Shared Path sign (R8-2) at the intersection of Talavera Road SUP and site pedestrian link.

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed sign and linemarking changes.



Figure 1: Location Map

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DISCUSSION

This new developments at 11-17 Khartoum Road comprise two seven-storey mixed use (commercial/retail) buildings with retail on the ground floor and commercial above. The existing on-street parking on Khartoum Road adjacent to the development is regulated as 12P to serve previous office buildings. The ground-floor retail shops of the new buildings require 2P regulation to accommodate the parking demand associated with retail activities. The proposed parking signage alterations are shown in **Figure 2**.

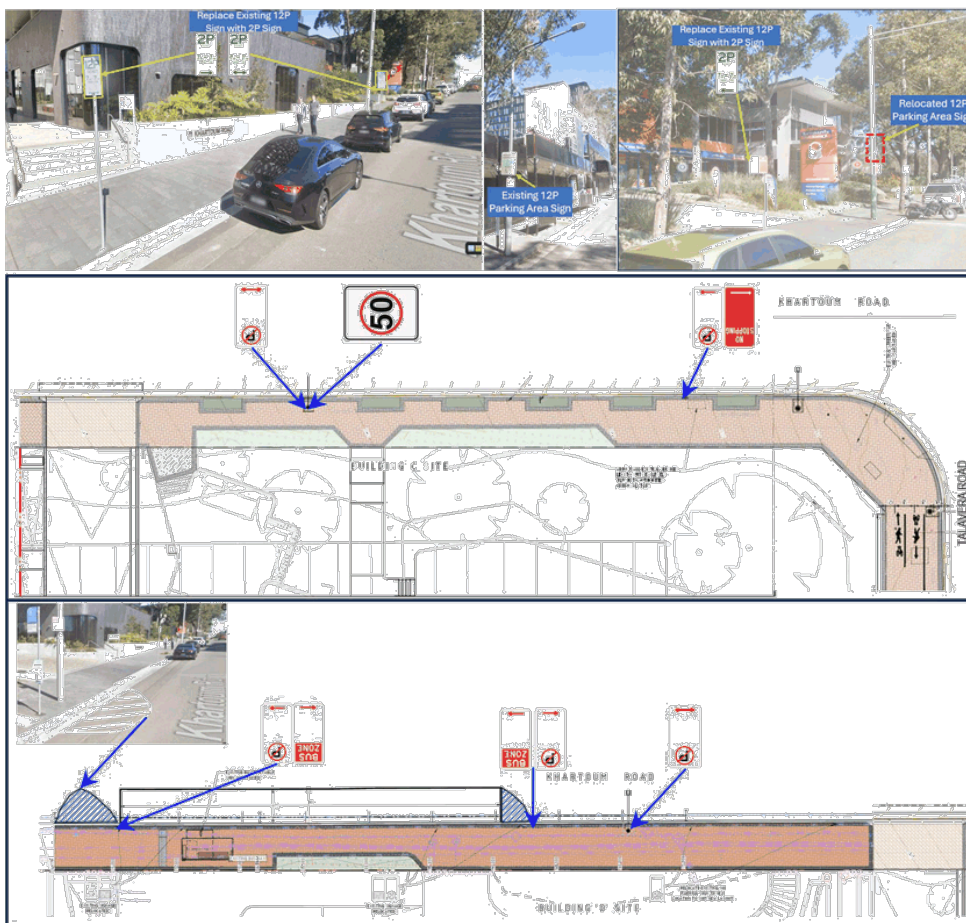


Figure 2 – Proposed signage and linemarking along site frontage with Khartoum Road

In addition, the site access road layback will prioritise pedestrian movement, with entering and exiting vehicles required to give way to pedestrians. However, the completed southern access layback currently matches the footpath's colour, making it less visually distinct. To improve pedestrian safety and emphasise their priority, it is proposed to add yellow line

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markings to the layback area, designating it as a pedestrian crossing and serving as a clear reminder for drivers to give way. Similarly, yellow line markings will be applied to the northern access layback, as illustrated in **Figure 3**. This approach is similar to the measures implemented along the eastern side of Herring Road for vehicles exiting Macquarie Centre, where its sound effects further enhance pedestrian safety.

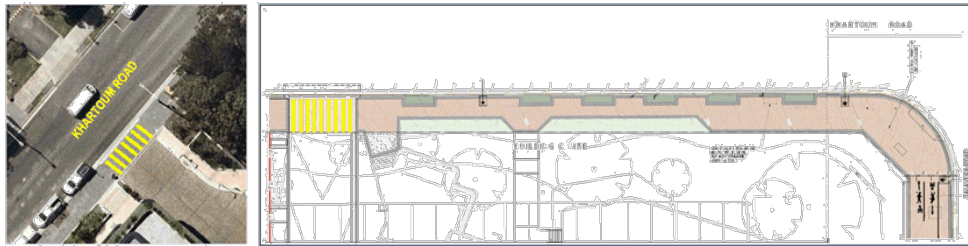


Figure 3 – Proposed yellow linemarking on layback area of side access road off Khartoum Road

Finally, a Shared Path sign (R8-2) be installed on the multi-functional pole located at the intersection of Talavera Road SUP and site pedestrian link is proposed to as shown on **Figure 4**. The sign is facing to the pedestrian link.

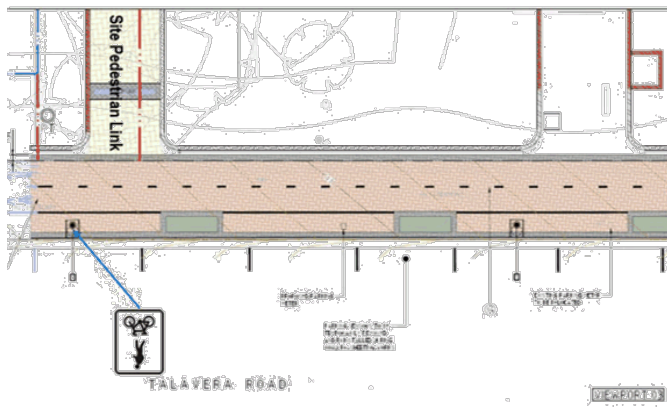


Figure 4 – Proposed Shared User Path Sign along Talavera Road

CONSULTATION

The proposed works form part of the approved development, whereby community consultation was undertaken at the development application stage.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Existing 12P Parking Area sign (R5-61) on Khartoum Road be relocated to the site boundary, and the existing 12P signs along the site frontage with Khartoum Road be replaced with 2P signs (R5-2).
- b) Linemarking be provided at the bus stop area on Khartoum Road.
- c) Yellow linemarking be provided at the layback of the proposed access road and the completed access road (with Building A).
- d) A Shared Path sign (R8-2) be installed at the intersection of Talavera Road SUP and site pedestrian link.
- e) The proposed signs and linemarking in recommendations (a) to (d) be installed by the developer at no cost to Council.

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ITEM (L) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE
SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

ELECTORATE: RYDE / LANE COVE
WARD: ALL
OFFICER: L PEARS

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

TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES (TfNSW) FUNDED PROGRAMS

Council holds free child car seat checking days four times a year for people who live or work in the City of Ryde. Our next checking day is on 28 November. A number of vouchers for a free mobile checking service are also available outside the scheduled checking days. Council promotes vouchers through community support organisations targeting families in need.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS

Family Engagement

Council partnered with Kids & Traffic, an early childhood road safety education program based at Macquarie University, to deliver Road Safety Storytimes at North Ryde Library and Eastwood Library in October. Young children and their parents learned about wearing helmets and seatbelts and holding hands when around roads and traffic.

Seniors Engagement

A Safer Driving for Seniors workshop was held on 19 November in Marsfield, with around 30 attendees refreshing their knowledge of road rules and new car technologies, learning low-risk driving techniques and preparing for the Aged Driving Test. A pedestrian safety presentation was delivered to a falls prevention group at Royal Rehab.

School Zone Safety Program

Council and the Police are currently working with Denistone East Public School on a trial change to traffic and parking conditions at drop-off and pick-up times following a near-miss on Kings Road. A review of traffic and parking is also being undertaken around Truscott Street Public School.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The Road Safety report outlining programs and community engagements including child car seat checking day, senior driver workshop, road safety storytimes and school zone safety program be received and noted.

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Subject:	RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 28 November 2024
Venue:	MS Teams and North Ryde Office, Level 1, Building 0, Riverview Business Park, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde, 2113 – Meeting Room Landmark
Date:	28 November 2024
Time:	11:00am to 11:45am
Chair:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas
Staff Convenor:	Mr Muddasir Ilyas

Attendees

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Mr Muddasir Ilyas	Senior Coordinator – Traffic Operations	City of Ryde
x		Ms Tanmila Islam(voting member)	Senior Project Officer	TfNSW
x		Mr Christopher Kong – representing The Hon. Jordan Lane, MP (voting member)	Member for Ryde	Member of Parliament
x		Mr Robert Gallagher (voting member)	Sergeant	NSW Police Force
x		Mr Ben Cantor	Supervisor	Busways Sydney
x		Mr Shahzor Ali	Junior Traffic Engineer - Traffic Services	City of Ryde

NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED BY THE FOLLOWING RTC MEMBERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING

Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x	Ms Zorica Cai – representing The Hon. A Roberts, MP (voting member)	Member for Lane Cove	Member of Parliament

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2024 traffic committee meeting were confirmed at the meeting.

ITEM (A) - RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 2025 MEETING DATES

RTC COMMENTS: No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

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ITEM (B) - CULLODEN ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - CONVERSION OF PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

RTC COMMENTS:

Busways Comments: Bus Zones on both sides of Culloden Road are redundant.

TfNSW Comments: Tanmila requested to share the detailed design when available.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (C) - PEACH TREE ROAD AND COTTONWOOD CRESCENT MACQUARIE PARK- INTERSECTION TREATMENT

RTC COMMENTS: No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (D) - WATTS ROAD AND RONALD AVENUE, RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

RTC COMMENTS: No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (E) - RHODES STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, MEADOWBANK - RELOCATION OF BUS ZONE

RTC COMMENTS: No Comments

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (F) - BELMORE LANE, RYDE - CONVERSION TO ONE-WAY

RTC COMMENTS:

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The Ryde Traffic Committee is a Technical Committee and, as such, does not have any formal power to make decisions on behalf of Council. Therefore, the Recommendations of the Ryde Traffic Committee contained herein will be referred to Council.

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Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep

TfNSW Comments: The changes are subjected to Traffic Management Plan (TMP) approval. In general TfNSW is happy with the proposal.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (G) - PARK AVENUE, WEST RYDE - CONVERSION TO ONE-WAY

RTC COMMENTS:

TfNSW Comments: The changes are subjected to Traffic Management Plan (TMP) approval. In general TfNSW is happy with the proposal.

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (H) - ADELAIDE STREET, WEST RYDE - KEEP CLEAR PAVEMENT MARKINGS

RTC COMMENTS:

TfNSW Comments: Tanmila requested to defer this item until the information on queue length assessment at the intersection of Adelaide Street and Hay Street has been provided.

RTC RESOLUTION

Council carried out queue length assessment/ survey at the intersection of Adelaide Street and Victoria Road to decide if 'KEEP CLEAR' pavement marking is warranted or not. The survey indicate that when a vehicle waits on Adelaide Street before turning right onto Hay Street, the queue length of vehicles waiting behind the turning vehicle does not extend to the traffic lights at the intersection of Victoria Road and Adelaide Street. The surveys also indicate that there is no impact on the efficiency of the traffic lights due to this manouvre. As such, this item does not meet the warrants and should be deferred.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (I) - JENNIFER STREET AND CLERMONT AVENUE, RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

RTC COMMENTS: No Comment

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

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ITEM (J) - 2-6 CHATHAM ROAD, WEST RYDE - CHANGE OF 1P SIGNS ON CHATHAM ROAD

RTC COMMENTS: No Comment

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (K) - 11-17 KHARTOUM ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - CHANGE OF SIGNS AND LINEMARKING ON KHARTOUM ROAD AND TALAVERA ROAD

RTC COMMENTS: No Comment

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

ITEM (L) - ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

RTC COMMENTS: No Comment

RTC RESOLUTION

That the Ryde Traffic Committee agrees to the proposal.

Voting: **Unanimous**

GENERAL BUSINESS

NSW Police Comments: Robert requested for review of the proposal for NO STOPPING on Jeannette Street, East Ryde.

TfNSW Comments: Tanmila to provide more information to Robert to review the proposal on Jeannette Street.

Busways Comments: Bus stop at the frontage of 201 Morrison Road, Putney to be reviewed.

The next ordinary meeting of the Ryde Traffic Committee will be held on Thursday, 27 February 2025 at 11am.

INFORMATION REPORTS**10 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Financial Reporting
File No.: GRP/24/36 - BP25/10

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 December 2024, and compares it against key benchmarks.

Council's rate of return on investments for the reporting period is 5.02%, which is 0.49% above the benchmark figure of 4.53%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$9.9m and as at 31 December 2024 funds of \$7.9m have been earned.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Barry Gibb
Team Leader - Financial Reporting

Report Approved By:

Steven Harris
Chief Financial Officer

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Background

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

The **preservation of capital is the principal objective** of Council's Cash Investment Policy. Investments are to be placed in a manner that safeguards the investment portfolio and risk tolerances are prescribed to ensure the best financial outcome for residents.

Funds are to be invested at the most favorable interest rate available at the time, whilst having due consideration of the following parameters to mitigate risk:

- **Liquidity:** Investment terms should be sufficient to meet cash flow requirements of Council operations.
- **Legislative Compliance:** Council is guided by both the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government Regulations 2021 and to the most current Ministerial Investment Order that has been issued by the NSW Minister for Local Government.
- **Institutional Limitations:** Council is not permitted to invest in Authorised Deposit taking Institutions (ADI) that is an Australian subsidiary of a foreign bank, all ADI's Council invests with must comply to ratios monitored by Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).
- **Overall Portfolio Limits:** In order to diversify risk of Council's Investment Portfolio, maximum limits apply based on Standard & Poor (S&P) credit rating. Council is not permitted to invest in any ADI which is BBB- or less.
- **Term to Maturity:** maximum limits apply to term deposit terms that are between 1 - 3 years and greater than 3 years.

Standard & Poor (S&P) Rating Scale:

AAA	An obligor has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments
AA+	An obligor has very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. It differs from the highest rated obligors only to a small degree
AA	
AA-	
A+	An obligor has strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher rated categories
A	
A-	
BBB+	An obligor has adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity for the obligor to meet its financial commitments
BBB	
BBB-	

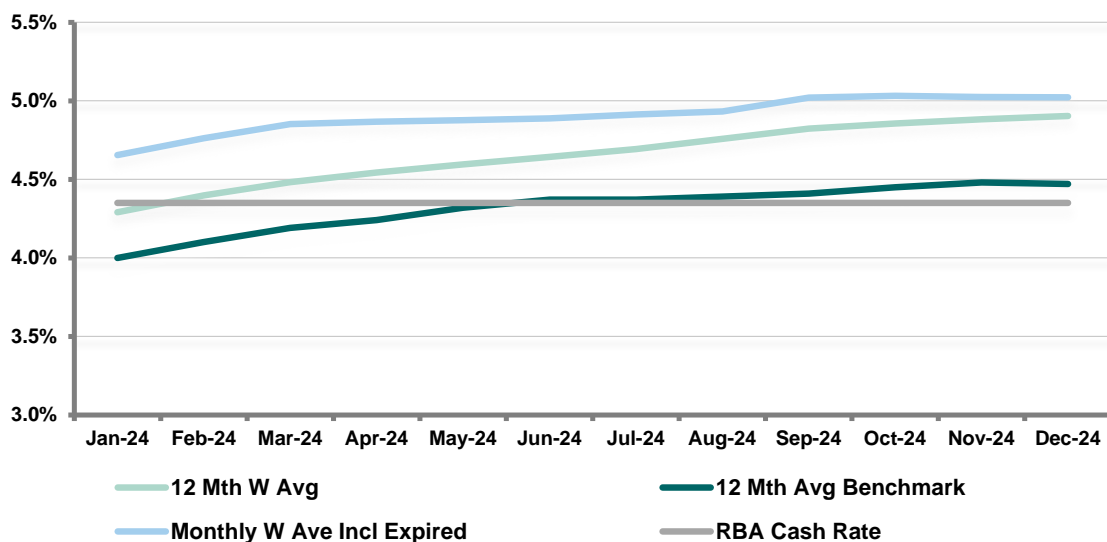
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Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for December 2024 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	December	12 Month	FYTD
Council Return	5.02	4.90	4.97
Benchmark	4.53	4.47	4.50
Variance	0.49	0.43	0.47

Performance - All Investments



Council's investment portfolio as at 31 December 2024 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$164.07m	50.26%
Floating Rate Notes	\$103.66m	31.75%
Fixed Bonds	\$58.71m	17.99%
Total Investments	\$326.44m	

Council continues to utilise the Federal Government's current guarantee (\$250k) investing in Term Deposits with a range of Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions (ADI's) on short to medium term investments (Generally 30 days to 365 days maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

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

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INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Dec-24 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2024	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	1. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,984	3.56	3.54	3.57	1.22	24/08/2026	1593
Bank of Queensland	2. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	Y	1,200	5.61	5.56	5.55	0.37	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	3. BoQ FRN	AAA	Y	2,000	5.61	5.55	5.55	0.61	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	4. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	5.47	5.43	5.44	1.23	11/11/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,199	3.94	3.92	3.90	0.98	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.70	0.61	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,596	2.58	2.57	2.59	1.10	25/01/2027	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. Suncorp Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,924	3.60	3.59	3.61	1.20	25/01/2027	1763
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.08	0.61	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. Suncorp Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,428	5.49	5.48	5.50	0.44	25/01/2027	1683
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	1,200	5.63	5.62	5.67	0.37	24/04/2025	1823
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,581	5.71	5.73	5.77	0.79	25/02/2027	1711
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,200	5.81	5.75	5.77	0.67	14/12/2027	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	14. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	5.42	5.54	5.55	0.37	31/03/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	15. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.59	5.52	5.54	0.92	18/05/2026	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	16. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.48	5.41	5.44	0.86	11/09/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	17. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,000	5.53	5.48	5.49	0.61	19/03/2029	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	14,069	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.31		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	4.30	4.27	4.31	0.92	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,924	5.38	5.36	5.40	1.20	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	21. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	5.69	5.65	5.70	0.74	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	22. CBA	AA-	N	2,500	5.49	5.42	5.43	0.77	17/08/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	23. CBA FRN	AA-	N	1,000	5.40	5.36	5.36	0.31	22/08/2029	1826
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,496	2.98	2.96	2.99	1.07	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	25. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.53	5.49	5.50	0.92	12/05/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	26. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,200	5.56	5.51	5.52	0.98	16/11/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	27. NAB FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.44	5.40	5.42	0.86	22/03/2029	1826
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.95	5.19	5.11	1.23	21/10/2025	364
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.06	5.06	5.06	1.23	21/01/2025	330
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.06	5.16	5.06	1.23	15/07/2025	342
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.02	5.08	5.08	1.23	9/12/2025	364
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.15	5.16	5.15	1.23	19/06/2025	365
National Australia Bank	33. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.37	5.27	5.37	1.23	9/07/2025	363
National Australia Bank	34. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.88	5.08	4.98	1.23	23/09/2025	371
National Australia Bank	35. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.45	5.45	5.45	1.23	22/04/2025	299
National Australia Bank	36. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.02	5.08	5.02	1.23	4/02/2025	301
National Australia Bank	37. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.13	5.13	5.13	1.23	6/05/2025	272
National Australia Bank	38. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	5.15	5.15	5.15	0.61	2/04/2025	238
Westpac Banking Corporation	39. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,600	2.76	2.76	2.75	0.80	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	40. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	2,600	5.27	5.23	5.24	0.80	10/08/2026	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	41. WBC FRN	AA-	N	3,500	5.48	5.42	5.44	1.07	19/09/2028	1827
Westpac Banking Corporation	42. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	3,400	5.39	5.38	5.38	1.04	19/09/2029	1826
Westpac Banking Corporation	43. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.03	5.36	5.30	1.23	11/11/2025	371
Westpac Banking Corporation	44. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	5.31	5.21	1.23	4/11/2025	371
Westpac Banking Corporation	45. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.10	4.81	5.10	1.23	11/03/2025	386
Westpac Banking Corporation	46. Westpac TD	AA-	N	4,000	4.95	5.25	5.23	1.23	17/12/2025	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	47. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	5.34	5.35	5.35	1.23	11/09/2025	372
Westpac Banking Corporation	48. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	5.29	5.29	5.29	1.23	9/09/2026	735
Westpac Banking Corporation	49. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	5.32	5.27	5.27	1.23	9/09/2027	1100
Macquarie Bank	50. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	4,000	1.71	1.72	1.72	1.23	12/02/2025	1827
Macquarie Bank	51. Macquarie Bank FRN	A+	N	3,200	5.39	5.33	5.35	0.98	14/09/2026	1096

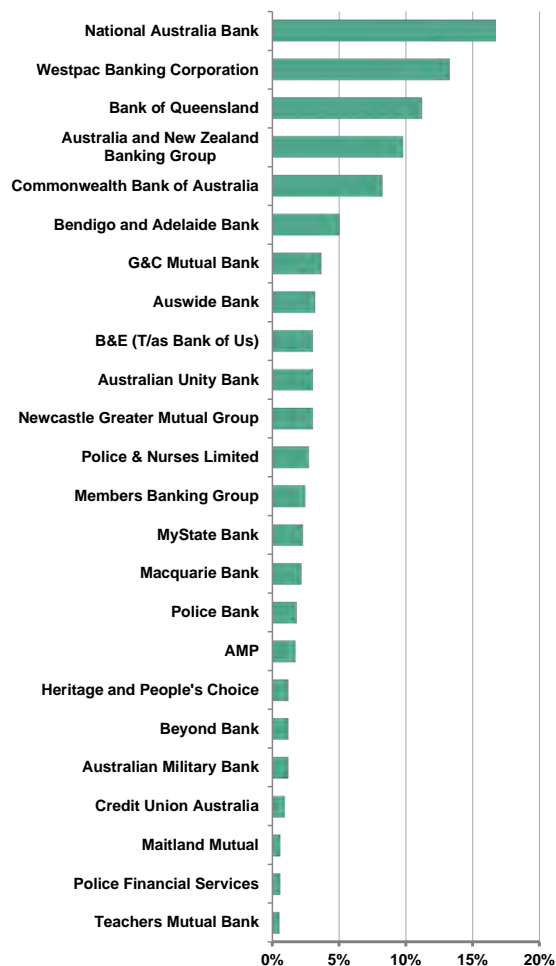
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Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Dec-24 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2024	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	52. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,798	2.14	2.13	2.15	1.16	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	53. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	1,940	4.06	4.06	4.05	0.59	6/05/2026	1496
Bank of Queensland	54. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	763	5.26	5.25	5.27	0.23	27/10/2026	1498
Bank of Queensland	55. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	487	5.22	5.21	5.23	0.15	27/10/2026	1495
Bank of Queensland	56. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	2,587	5.14	5.14	5.13	0.79	6/05/2026	1321
Bank of Queensland	57. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,293	5.44	5.41	5.40	1.01	30/04/2029	1826
Bank of Queensland	58. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,949	5.47	5.39	5.39	1.21	27/01/2027	937
Bank of Queensland	59. BoQ FRN	A-	Y	3,518	5.66	5.66	5.66	1.08	30/04/2029	1712
Bank of Queensland	60. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	3,000	5.04	5.16	5.04	0.92	15/04/2025	364
Bank of Queensland	61. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	2,000	5.10	4.04	5.10	0.61	13/06/2025	365
Bank of Queensland	62. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	5.13	5.21	5.13	1.23	25/03/2025	273
Bank of Queensland	63. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	5.23	5.16	5.16	1.23	17/06/2025	182
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	64. Bendigo Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,749	3.10	3.10	3.09	1.15	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	65. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	A-	Y	999	3.44	3.44	3.44	0.31	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	66. Bendigo Bank FRN	A-	Y	3,500	5.80	5.74	5.74	1.07	15/05/2026	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	67. Bendigo Bank FRN	A-	Y	1,200	5.47	5.47	5.47	0.37	24/10/2028	1461
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	68. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	A-	Y	3,000	4.88	5.02	4.97	0.92	24/07/2025	268
AMP	69. AMP FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.80	6.18	6.23	0.61	29/06/2026	1096
AMP	70. AMP FRN	BBB+	Y	2,700	5.85	5.83	5.83	0.83	13/09/2027	1095
AMP	71. AMP Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	1,000	5.05	5.17	5.08	0.31	4/08/2025	367
Australian Military Bank	72. Australian Military Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.14	5.14	5.14	1.23	14/01/2026	540
Australian Unity Bank	73. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.98	5.45	5.06	1.23	29/10/2025	365
Australian Unity Bank	74. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.94	4.93	4.96	0.61	28/01/2025	92
Australian Unity Bank	75. Australian Unity Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.10	5.10	5.10	1.23	14/01/2025	364
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	76. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.87	5.03	4.96	1.23	15/10/2025	363
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	77. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.32	5.23	5.32	1.23	29/07/2025	364
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	78. Bank of us TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.07	5.05	5.06	0.61	18/11/2025	370
Beyond Bank	79. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	1.23	30/04/2025	184
Credit Union Australia	80. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,200	6.20	6.17	6.18	0.37	9/02/2027	1461
Credit Union Australia	81. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,900	5.55	5.55	5.55	0.58	11/11/2027	1095
G&C Mutual Bank	82. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	0.61	22/07/2025	350
G&C Mutual Bank	83. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.35	5.35	5.35	1.23	24/06/2025	364
G&C Mutual Bank	84. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.10	5.10	5.10	0.61	6/08/2025	365
G&C Mutual Bank	85. G&C Mutual Bank TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.98	4.98	4.98	1.23	12/08/2025	350
Heritage and People's Choice	86. Heritage Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.17	5.46	5.17	1.23	9/01/2025	181
Members Banking Group	87. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.78	5.73	5.73	0.61	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	88. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	6.04	5.99	5.99	0.95	24/02/2026	1096
Members Banking Group	89. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	6.15	6.10	6.12	0.92	5/03/2027	1095
MyState Bank	90. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	5.18	5.12	5.15	0.46	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	91. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.28	5.28	5.28	1.23	10/04/2025	289
MyState Bank	92. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.15	4.57	5.15	0.61	4/03/2025	365
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	93. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.15	5.09	5.12	0.61	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	94. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	3,245	5.31	5.25	5.27	0.99	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	95. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	3,722	5.99	5.95	5.96	1.14	10/02/2027	1720
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	96. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	991	6.10	6.07	6.08	0.30	10/02/2027	1482
Police & Nurses Limited	97. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	1,000	5.13	5.15	5.13	0.31	7/01/2025	280
Police & Nurses Limited	98. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.15	5.15	5.15	0.61	30/01/2025	365
Police & Nurses Limited	99. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.43	5.40	5.43	0.61	7/01/2025	189
Police & Nurses Limited	100. P&N Bank TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.08	5.08	5.08	1.23	17/03/2025	181
Police Bank	101. Police Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	6.06	5.99	6.01	0.61	21/11/2025	1096
Police Bank	102. Police Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	4,000	6.12	6.05	6.06	1.23	17/11/2026	1096
Police Financial Services	103. BankVic Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.27	5.15	5.27	0.61	29/04/2025	363
Teachers Mutual Bank	104. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,100	5.22	5.16	5.18	0.34	16/06/2026	1826
Teachers Mutual Bank	105. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	700	5.86	5.84	5.84	0.21	21/06/2027	1095
Auswide Bank	106. Auswide FRN	BBB	Y	3,000	6.08	6.01	6.04	0.92	17/03/2026	1096
Auswide Bank	107. Auswide FRN	BBB	Y	3,500	6.18	6.13	6.15	1.07	22/03/2027	1095
Auswide Bank	108. Auswide FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	5.91	5.89	5.89	0.61	13/09/2027	1095
Auswide Bank	109. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	5.22	4.89	5.22	0.61	28/01/2025	358
Maitland Mutual	110. The Mutual FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	6.15	6.12	6.12	0.61	10/05/2027	1095
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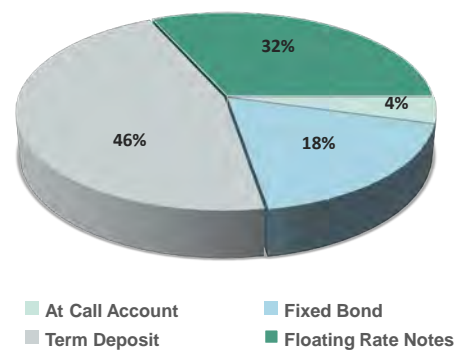
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Cash/TDs	\$152.1M	\$12.0M
FRNs	\$13.9M	\$89.8M
Fixed Bonds	\$21.5M	\$37.2M
	\$187.5M	\$138.9M

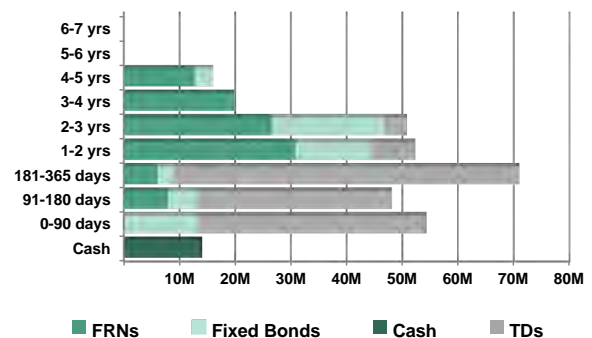
Active Investment by Institution



Summary by Investment Type

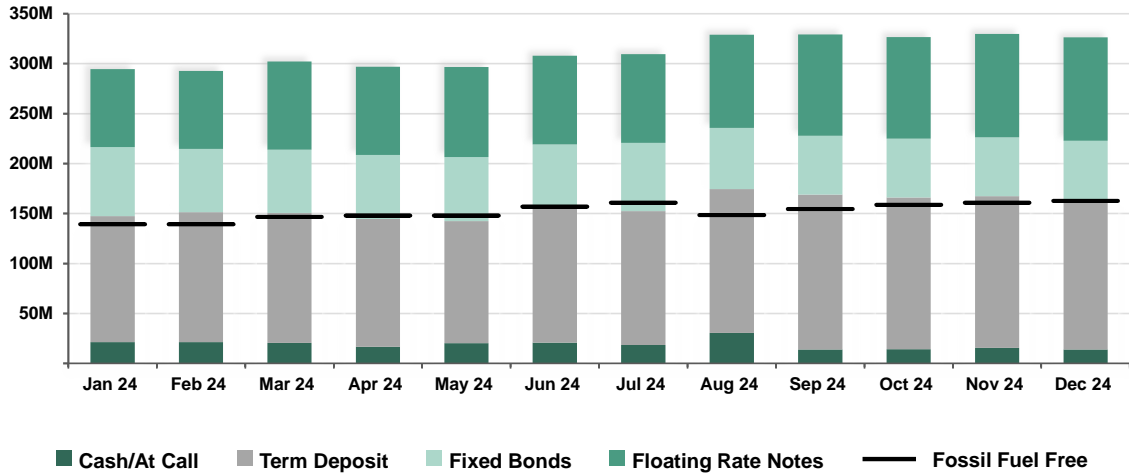


Summary by Duration

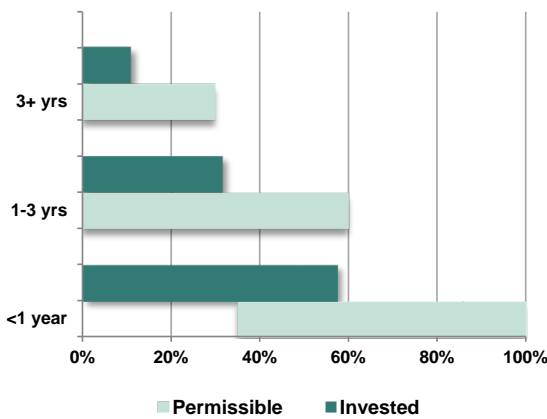


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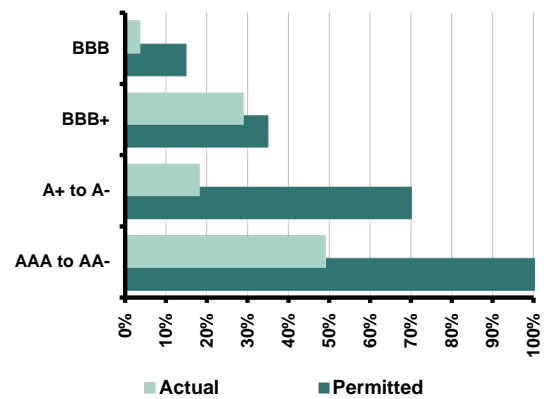
Total Funds Invested



Policy Limits on Maturities



Investment Summary by Rating



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

Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions

Council uses the entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. Market Forces is a publicly available website and is not a contractor that Council has engaged for this information.

As at 31 December 2024, Council has a total amount of \$162.6m invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 49.8% of its total investment portfolio.

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Whilst Council has a preference for non-fossil fuel aligned institutions, these institutions are often rated at the lower end of the (S&P) rating scale and in order to manage risk, Council's Investment Policy places limits on BBB+ (35%) BBB (15%) and Council cannot risk investing 100% in these institutions as adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity for the obligor to meet its financial commitments. The Investment Policy ensures that the divestment in these categories are restricted to minimise risk and ensure preservation of capital. Council cannot breach its Policy, and any losses of income experienced as a result of poor investment decisions is ultimately Council's responsibility.

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 5.02%, which is 0.49% above the benchmark figure of 4.53%.

The budget for interest income from investments is \$9.9m and as at 31 December 2024 funds of \$7.9m have been earned.

Summary

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

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)

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

Steven Harris

**Chief Financial Officer
Responsible Accounting Officer**

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

Report prepared by: Team Leader - Financial Reporting
File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/42

REPORT SUMMARY

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 January 2025, and compares it against key benchmarks.

Council's rate of return on investments for the reporting period is 5.03%, which is 0.44% above the benchmark figure of 4.59%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$9.9m and as at 31 January 2025 funds of \$9.2m have been earned.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Background

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

The **preservation of capital is the principal objective** of Council's Cash Investment Policy. Investments are to be placed in a manner that safeguards the investment portfolio and risk tolerances are prescribed to ensure the best financial outcome for residents.

Funds are to be invested at the most favorable interest rate available at the time, whilst having due consideration of the following parameters to mitigate risk:

- **Liquidity:** Investment terms should be sufficient to meet cash flow requirements of Council operations.
- **Legislative Compliance:** Council is guided by both the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government Regulations 2021 and to the most current Ministerial Investment Order that has been issued by the NSW Minister for Local Government.
- **Institutional Limitations:** Council is not permitted to invest in Authorised Deposit taking Institutions (ADI) that is an Australian subsidiary of a foreign bank, all ADI's Council invests with must comply to ratios monitored by Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).
- **Overall Portfolio Limits:** In order to diversify risk of Council's Investment Portfolio, maximum limits apply based on Standard & Poor (S&P) credit rating. Council is not permitted to invest in any ADI which is BBB- or less.
- **Term to Maturity:** maximum limits apply to term deposit terms that are between 1 - 3 years and greater than 3 years.

Standard & Poor (S&P) Rating Scale:

AAA	An obligor has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments
AA+	An obligor has very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. It differs from the highest rated obligors only to a small degree
AA	
AA-	
A+	An obligor has strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher rated categories
A	
A-	
BBB+	An obligor has adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity for the obligor to meet its financial commitments
BBB	
BBB-	

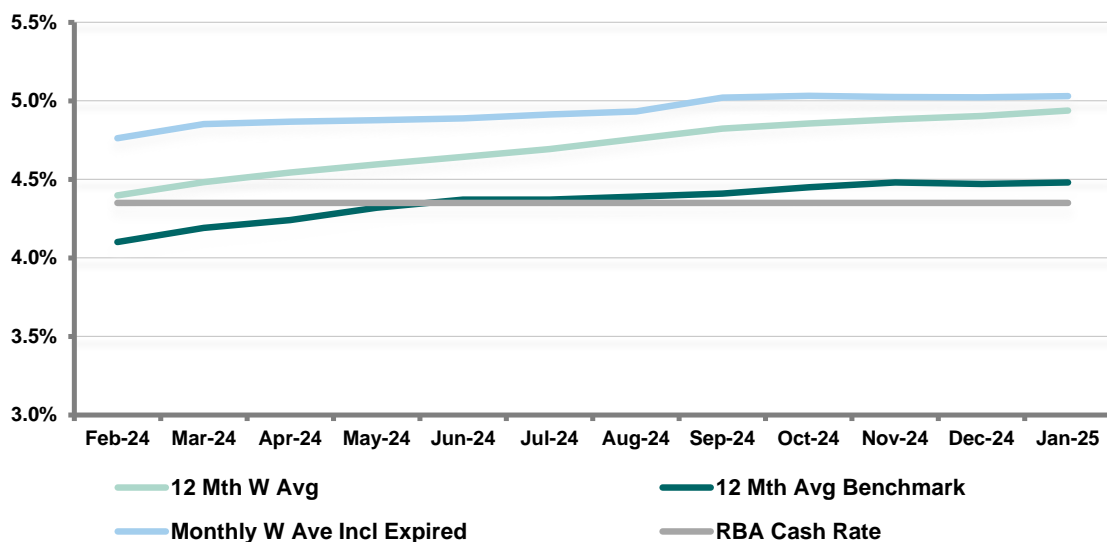
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Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for January 2025 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	January	12 Month	FYTD
Council Return	5.03	4.94	4.97
Benchmark	4.59	4.48	4.51
Variance	0.44	0.46	0.46

Performance - All Investments



Council's investment portfolio as at 31 January 2025 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$157.11m	48.34%
Floating Rate Notes	\$111.16m	34.20%
Fixed Bonds	\$56.74m	17.46%
Total Investments	\$325.01m	

Council continues to utilise the Federal Government's current guarantee (\$250k) investing in Term Deposits with a range of Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions (ADI's) on short to medium term investments (Generally 30 days to 365 days maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

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

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INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Jan-25 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return	Return since 01 July 2024	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	1. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,984	3.56	3.54	3.57	1.23	24/08/2026	1593
Bank of Queensland	2. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	Y	1,200	5.61	5.56	5.56	0.37	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	3. BoQ FRN	AAA	Y	2,000	5.61	5.55	5.55	0.62	14/05/2025	1051
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	4. Bendigo FRN (Covered)	AAA	Y	4,000	5.47	5.43	5.44	1.23	11/11/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,199	3.94	3.92	3.91	0.98	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,596	2.30	2.56	2.55	1.11	25/01/2027	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. Suncorp Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,928	3.30	3.58	3.56	1.21	25/01/2027	1763
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.08	0.62	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. Suncorp Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,431	5.16	5.47	5.45	0.44	25/01/2027	1683
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	1,200	5.61	5.63	5.66	0.37	24/04/2025	1823
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,582	5.70	5.74	5.76	0.79	25/02/2027	1711
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,200	5.83	5.75	5.78	0.68	14/12/2027	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	1,200	5.59	5.56	5.58	0.37	31/03/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	14. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.59	5.53	5.54	0.92	18/05/2026	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	15. ANZ FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.48	5.42	5.45	0.86	11/09/2028	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	16. Suncorp FRN	AA-	N	2,000	5.55	5.48	5.50	0.62	19/03/2029	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	11,112	4.43	4.43	4.43	3.42		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	4.30	4.27	4.31	0.92	18/08/2025	1096
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,926	5.38	5.36	5.39	1.21	18/08/2027	1756
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,400	5.64	5.66	5.69	0.74	13/01/2028	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	21. CBA	AA-	N	2,500	5.49	5.42	5.44	0.77	17/08/2028	1827
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	22. CBA FRN	AA-	N	1,000	5.40	5.37	5.37	0.31	22/08/2029	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	23. CBA FRN	AA-	N	2,000	5.29	5.29	5.29	0.62	9/01/2030	1826
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,496	2.98	2.96	2.99	1.08	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	25. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.53	5.49	5.50	0.92	12/05/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	26. NAB FRN	AA-	N	3,200	5.56	5.51	5.52	0.98	16/11/2028	1827
National Australia Bank	27. NAB FRN	AA-	N	2,800	5.45	5.40	5.43	0.86	22/03/2029	1826
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.95	5.16	5.09	1.23	21/10/2025	364
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.06	5.13	5.06	1.23	15/07/2025	342
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.02	5.08	5.07	1.23	9/12/2025	364
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.15	5.16	5.15	1.23	19/06/2025	365
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.37	5.29	5.37	1.23	9/07/2025	363
National Australia Bank	33. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	4.88	5.06	4.97	1.23	23/09/2025	371
National Australia Bank	34. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.45	5.45	5.45	1.23	22/04/2025	299
National Australia Bank	35. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.02	5.06	5.02	1.23	4/02/2025	301
National Australia Bank	36. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.13	5.13	5.13	1.23	6/05/2025	272
National Australia Bank	37. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	5.15	5.15	5.15	0.62	2/04/2025	238
Westpac Banking Corporation	38. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,600	2.76	2.76	2.75	0.80	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	39. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	2,600	5.27	5.23	5.24	0.80	10/08/2026	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	40. WBC FRN	AA-	N	3,500	5.50	5.43	5.45	1.08	19/09/2028	1827
Westpac Banking Corporation	41. Westpac FRN	AA-	N	3,400	5.42	5.39	5.39	1.05	19/09/2029	1826
Westpac Banking Corporation	42. WBC FRN	AA-	N	3,000	5.27	5.27	5.27	0.92	21/01/2030	1826
Westpac Banking Corporation	43. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.03	5.33	5.26	1.23	11/11/2025	371
Westpac Banking Corporation	44. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.00	5.27	5.18	1.23	4/11/2025	371
Westpac Banking Corporation	45. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	5.10	5.10	5.10	1.23	11/03/2025	386
Westpac Banking Corporation	46. Westpac TD	AA-	N	4,000	4.95	5.23	5.19	1.23	17/12/2025	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	47. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	5.34	5.34	5.34	1.23	11/09/2025	372
Westpac Banking Corporation	48. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	5.31	5.28	5.28	1.23	9/09/2026	735
Westpac Banking Corporation	49. Westpac Floating TD	AA-	N	4,000	5.32	5.30	5.30	1.23	9/09/2027	1100
Macquarie Bank	50. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	4,000	1.71	1.72	1.71	1.23	12/02/2025	1827
Macquarie Bank	51. Macquarie Bank FRN	A+	N	3,200	5.42	5.34	5.36	0.98	14/09/2026	1096

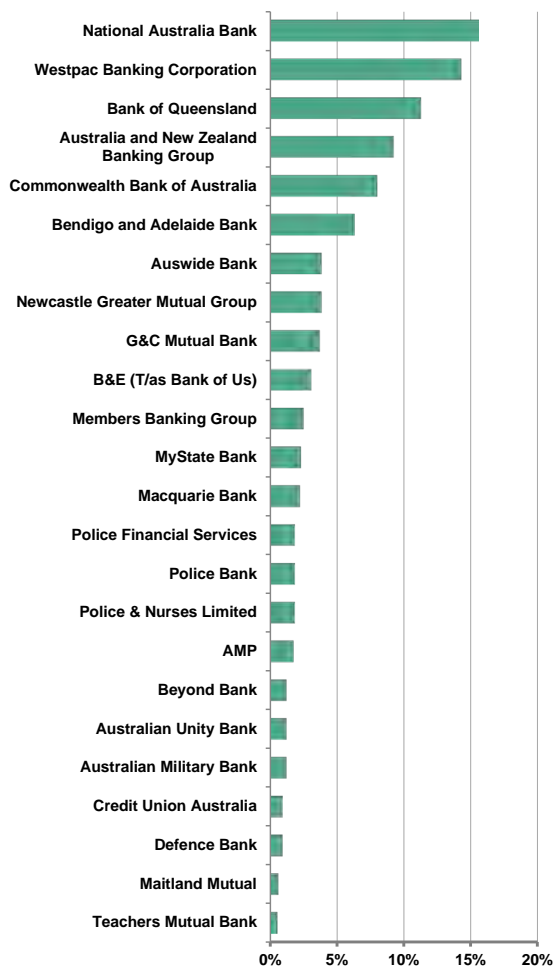
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Bank of Queensland	52. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,798	2.14	2.13	2.15	1.17	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	53. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	1,943	4.06	4.06	4.05	0.60	6/05/2026	1496
Bank of Queensland	54. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	765	5.26	5.25	5.27	0.24	27/10/2026	1498
Bank of Queensland	55. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	488	5.22	5.21	5.23	0.15	27/10/2026	1495
Bank of Queensland	56. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	2,594	5.14	5.14	5.13	0.80	6/05/2026	1321
Bank of Queensland	57. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,293	5.44	5.41	5.40	1.01	30/04/2029	1826
Bank of Queensland	58. BoQ Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,951	5.55	5.41	5.41	1.22	27/01/2027	937
Bank of Queensland	59. BoQ FRN	A-	Y	3,518	5.58	5.64	5.64	1.08	30/04/2029	1712
Bank of Queensland	60. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	3,000	5.04	5.12	5.04	0.92	15/04/2025	364
Bank of Queensland	61. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	2,000	5.10	4.25	5.10	0.62	13/06/2025	365
Bank of Queensland	62. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	5.13	5.20	5.13	1.23	25/03/2025	273
Bank of Queensland	63. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	5.23	5.16	5.17	1.23	17/06/2025	182
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	64. Bendigo Fixed Bond	A-	Y	3,750	3.10	3.10	3.09	1.15	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	65. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	A-	Y	1,000	3.44	3.44	3.44	0.31	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	66. Bendigo Bank FRN	A-	Y	3,500	5.80	5.74	5.75	1.08	15/05/2026	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	67. Bendigo Bank FRN	A-	Y	1,200	5.44	5.46	5.46	0.37	24/10/2028	1461
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	68. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	A-	Y	3,000	4.88	5.00	4.96	0.92	24/07/2025	268
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	69. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Term Deposit	A-	Y	4,000	5.01	5.01	5.01	1.23	22/07/2025	180
AMP	70. AMP FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	6.23	6.23	6.29	0.62	29/06/2026	1096
AMP	71. AMP FRN	BBB+	Y	2,700	5.86	5.84	5.84	0.83	13/09/2027	1095
AMP	72. AMP Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	1,000	5.05	5.15	5.08	0.31	4/08/2025	367
Australian Military Bank	73. Australian Military Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.14	5.14	5.14	1.23	14/01/2026	540
Australian Unity Bank	74. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.98	5.34	5.04	1.23	29/10/2025	365
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	75. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.87	5.00	4.94	1.23	15/10/2025	363
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	76. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.32	5.24	5.32	1.23	29/07/2025	364
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	77. Bank of us TD	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.07	5.05	5.06	0.62	18/11/2025	370
Beyond Bank	78. Beyond Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	4,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	1.23	30/04/2025	184
Credit Union Australia	79. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,200	6.20	6.17	6.18	0.37	9/02/2027	1461
Credit Union Australia	80. Great Southern Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,900	5.55	5.55	5.55	0.58	1/11/2027	1095
Defence Bank	81. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	3,000	4.95	4.95	4.95	0.92	7/01/2026	365
G&C Mutual Bank	82. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.11	5.11	5.11	0.62	22/07/2025	350
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G&C Mutual Bank	84. G&C Mutual Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.10	5.10	5.10	0.62	6/08/2025	365
G&C Mutual Bank	85. G&C Mutual Bank TD	BBB+	Y	4,000	4.98	4.98	4.98	1.23	12/08/2025	350
Members Banking Group	86. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.78	5.73	5.74	0.62	23/05/2025	1096
Members Banking Group	87. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,100	6.04	5.99	6.00	0.95	24/02/2026	1096
Members Banking Group	88. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	3,000	6.17	6.11	6.12	0.92	5/03/2027	1095
MyState Bank	89. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	5.21	5.13	5.15	0.46	16/06/2025	1461
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MyState Bank	91. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.15	4.86	5.15	0.62	4/03/2025	365
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	92. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	5.15	5.10	5.12	0.62	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	93. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	3,246	5.31	5.26	5.28	1.00	4/03/2026	1458
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Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	95. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	991	6.10	6.07	6.08	0.30	10/02/2027	1482
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group	96. NPBS FRN	BBB+	Y	2,500	5.70	5.70	5.70	0.77	21/01/2030	1826
Police & Nurses Limited	97. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.92	5.13	5.12	0.62	29/07/2025	180
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Teachers Mutual Bank	102. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB+	Y	1,100	5.25	5.17	5.19	0.34	16/06/2026	1826
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Auswide Bank	108. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	4.95	4.95	4.95	0.62	30/01/2026	365
Maitland Mutual	109. The Mutual FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	6.15	6.12	6.13	0.62	10/05/2027	1095
Police Financial Services	110. BankVic TD	BBB	Y	4,000	5.05	5.20	5.18	1.23	21/10/2025	273
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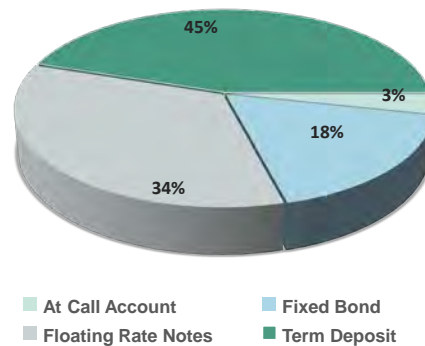
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Cash/TDs	\$149.1M	\$8.0M
FRNs	\$13.9M	\$97.3M
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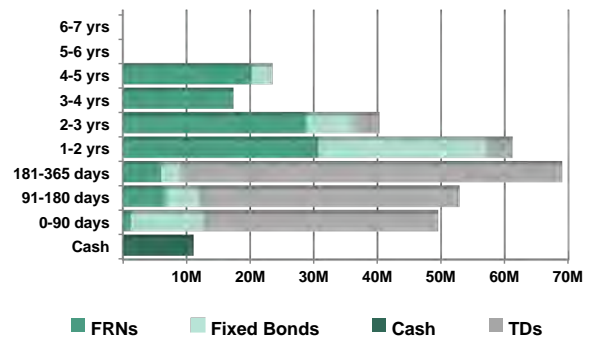
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Summary by Investment Type

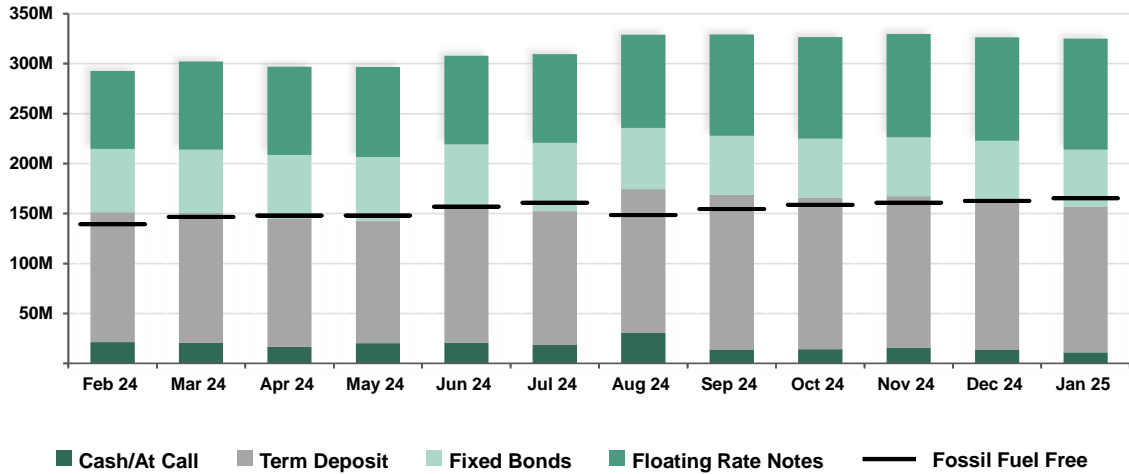


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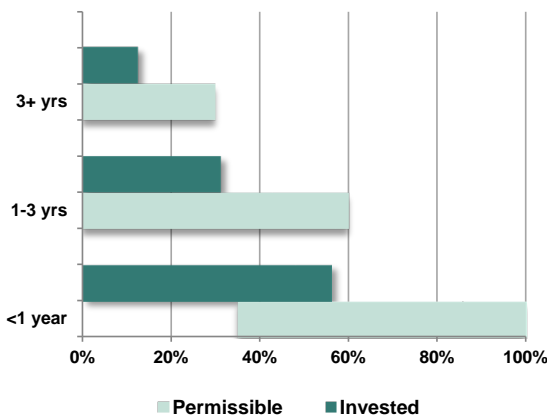


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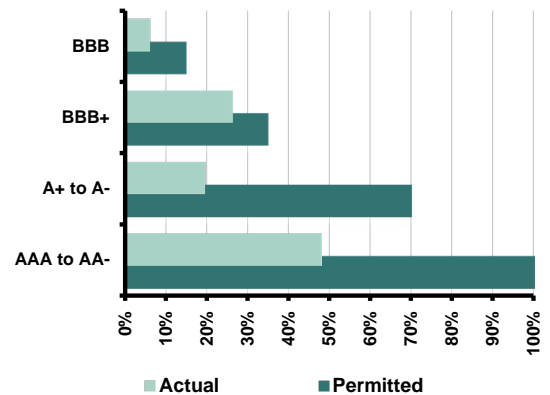
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Policy Limits on Maturities



Investment Summary by Rating



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

Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions

Council uses the entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. Market Forces is a publicly available website and is not a contractor that Council has engaged for this information.

As at 31 January 2025, Council has a total amount of \$165.2m invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 50.8% of its total investment portfolio.

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Whilst Council has a preference for non-fossil fuel aligned institutions, these institutions are often rated at the lower end of the (S&P) rating scale and in order to manage risk, Council's Investment Policy places limits on BBB+ (35%) BBB (15%) and Council cannot risk investing 100% in these institutions as adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity for the obligor to meet its financial commitments. The Investment Policy ensures that the divestment in these categories are restricted to minimise risk and ensure preservation of capital. Council cannot breach its Policy, and any losses of income experienced as a result of poor investment decisions is ultimately Council's responsibility.

Financial Implications

Council's return for the reporting period is 5.03%, which is 0.44% above the benchmark figure of 4.59%.

The budget for interest income from investments is \$9.9m and as at 31 January 2025 funds of \$9.2m have been earned.

Summary

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

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)

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

Steven Harris

**Chief Financial Officer
Responsible Accounting Officer**

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 RESPONSE FROM IPART REGARDING REQUEST TO REVIEW THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATING STRUCTURE FOR BUILD-TO-RENT HOUSING

Report prepared by: Manager - Business Assurance and Governance
File No.: CLM/25/1/1/11 - BP25/102

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from IPART Chair, Carmel Donnelly PSM, dated 3 February 2025, regarding request for IPART to review the local government rating structure for build-to-rent housing.

For a copy of the Final Report for the 2023 Review of the rate peg methodology referred to in the attached IPART letter, please see below link:

https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/cm9_documents/Final-Report-Review-of-the-rate-peg-methodology-August-2023.PDF

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from IPART Chair regarding the local government rating structure for build-to-rent housing - 3 February 2025

Report Prepared By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Report Approved By:

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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ATTACHMENT 1



Our reference: D25/1227

Contact Sheridan Rapmund
T (02) 02 9290 8430
E sheridan.rapmund@ipart.nsw.gov.au

3 February 2025

Councillor Trenton Brown
Mayor, City of Ryde
Mayor's Office
Level 1A, 1 Pope Street
Ryde, NSW, 2112

via email: mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

cc: LindaSm@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mayor Brown,

Request for IPART to review the local government rating structure for build-to-rent housing

Thank you for your letter about the local government rating structure for build-to-rent (BTR) housing. I have provided your letter to the Tribunal, and IPART will give consideration to the issues you have raised. We will also include your letter as an item for discussion at our next [Council Reference Group](#) meeting.

IPART has previously made recommendations on rating structures in our [Final Report](#) for the 2016 Review of the Local Government Rating System and our [Final Report](#) for the 2023 Review of the rate peg methodology. We also made a submission and gave evidence to the NSW Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development's Inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services. The Standing Committee [report](#) on that Inquiry recommended the NSW Government redesign the local government rating system. I have provided your letter to the Deputy Secretary, Office of Local Government, who is coordinating advice to Government on the Standing Committee's recommendations.

Given you have raised concerns about BTR housing in the context of the Accelerated Transport Oriented Development program, I have also provided your letter to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

On behalf of the Tribunal, I would like to thank you for making us aware of this issue. If you have any further questions on this matter, please contact Sheridan Rapmund, Director, on 02 9290 8430.

Yours sincerely,

3/02/2025

X

Signed by: carmel.donnelly@ipart.nsw.gov.au

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2 EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM LYN LANGTRY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Report prepared by: Manager - Business Assurance and Governance
File No.: CLM/25/1/1/11 - BP25/103

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting email correspondence from Lyn Langtry to the Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Rylands dated 5 February 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Email correspondence from Lyn Langtry dated 5 February 2025

Report Prepared By:

Graham Humphreys
Manager - Business Assurance and Governance

Report Approved By:

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

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ATTACHMENT 1

From: [Lyn Landry](#)
To: [City of Ryde](#)
Subject: Attention: CEO Wayne Rylands
Date: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 4:33:36 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Verify the sender, avoid clicking on unknown links and do not open unexpected attachments.

Hi Wayne,

As you will read I have sent this material to all 13 councillors. It was quite an exercise to collate all the material.

Kind regards,

Lyn

Some background to explain my passion for Ryde! I served as an Independent on City of Ryde Council from 1995 to 2001, serving a year as deputy mayor and for some time as chair of the Development Committee. I stood down in 2001 for family reasons but have continued to serve the Ryde community in various voluntary roles. My residency in Ryde extends from 1976 to the present.

The contents of this email is being sent to all councillors and the CEO. Of the 13 councillors I sent congratulatory emails in November 2024, 10 replied which was a pleasing indication of councillors' desire to engage with constituents. Many asked me what my issues and concerns are for our city. At the end of November I consolidated mine but also asked neighbours, friends, acquaintances and various local volunteers to tell me their issues and concerns. This process has continued to the present. Below is a list of the results, in alphabetical order.

Some issues and concerns were mentioned by more than one person and, indeed, some by a considerable number. Some overlap in categories. Responses have been left verbatim to allow you capture the sentiment more fully and to know what perceptions are. Some statements are incorrect, but, I'm sure you will be able to identify them.

It may be that some of the areas below have already been addressed/are being addressed but the overall picture provides a snapshot of what is important to a cross section of your constituents at the beginning of your term of office for this council as councillor.

Resident/ratepayer Issues and Concerns November 2024 – February 2025

Cat control regulations are needed to protect our native fauna

Civic Centre

Build the civic centre as was agreed to and promised; do not waste money any longer on renting office space for staff; give us a space for performing arts – one that befits our local government area; we need a town hall to cease being a laughing stock

Communication

Ratepayers should be able to directly address full council meetings in matters that concern them rather than only a written submission that may, or may not, be read by councillors.

The only record of councillor decision making is the monthly council meeting. If and when

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other meetings of councillors and staff occur the discussion/debate is unknown as there are no minutes

Not everyone is on social media

Lack of community participation now - no addresses to council allowed, no public gallery for committee meetings as there are none, no councillor/members contact at working group meetings as nominated councillors are no longer required to be members

Minutes of some working groups held during last council are not up to date till September 2024. How do constituents know what has happened? Decisions made?

Recommendations made to full council?

Environment

Green space on residential blocks is decreasing with new developments; lack of enforcement of regulations concerning landscaping plans

Why are new buildings and rebuilds not required to install solar panels?

There seems to be a Council team going around cutting down trees, possibly in the name of health and safety hence the unnecessary removal of the Melaleuca with a nesting butcherbird near the Field of Mars Visitor Centre bridge over the creek.

Residents seem to have no say in which species or when/where trees are planted in streets and parks hence the recent planting of a non-indigenous tree in the Field of Mars Reserve.

Why was an Angophora costata planted right beside the flagpole stand in the parade ground outside East Ryde Scout Hall? Or a tree planted where the stage is set up for the Community Carols in North Ryde Common?

After any street tree planting operation there is no follow-up care, so many newly-planted trees die and money is wasted.

Better protection of trees and increase in the tree canopy; street planting funds need to be allocated

Spanish Moss is proliferating in East Ryde and now West Ryde. The report from staff called for towards the end of 2024 has become a matter of urgency. Education about this epiphyte's potential danger to gardens, nature strips, parks/reserves and bushland is essential now. It should not be sold in nurseries in City of Ryde.

Do not allow installation of artificial grass for sports fields

Provide guidelines for people to plant vegetation on their verge and then include that as a new category in the Spring Garden competition. More money for bush regeneration

More public EV charging points. Grants from Federal government for community projects have been refused by council (ie general manager). Ryde has 3 EV locations. Lane Cove Council accepted those grants and now has more than 20 EV public charging locations

Equipment

Electrification of equipment used by parks maintenance groups e.g. battery-powered tools, electric mowers etc

Governance

All councillors and staff should keep in mind the City of Ryde's Vision, Mission and Values but often there is little evidence in all their decisions and actions. Do they know what they are?

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Number of council meetings – one a month listed on the website. Is this correct? Are there no committee meetings for which minutes are taken? How are councillors given information, how do they discuss issues, share information outside of full council meetings once a month?

Online viewing of full council (previous council) meetings indicates that some councillors have not read their papers – they ask questions and the answers are already in the papers. Hopefully, the new council will be diligent in reading their material so they are informed and not wasting time

Some councillors are more concerned with serving their parties than serving their community; how much time is wasted in fighting battles along party lines?

Does a meeting a month allow for proper debate. Do councillors meet at workshops and do they debate there or just get given information? No minutes so the community does not know.

How informed are councillors? How much do they interact in the community? Do all councillors live in Ryde? It is unfortunate that some councillors don't live in the wards they represent and/or the City of Ryde

We need to get back to basics and serve the community; councillors are insulated from their constituents, little contact with the people who put them in their elected office

Management of the City of Ryde

Lack of enforcement of council's published regulations

There is a disconnect between staff in the various sections and this will not be resolved while there are two "General Managers". A general manager by definition oversees the entire operation so why are there two? If they oversee separate parts of the operation, they are managers, not general managers! And how do they relate to the CEO?

Staff in charge of the various sections seem to spend much of their time sitting in offices, hatching reports and not getting out to see what is happening in the real world, or co-ordinating with other sections. Witness the current failure of works managers to timetable the Field of Mars "Nature Trails Project" (aka "Concrete Paths Project") to minimise inconvenience to the EEC and RHHFFPS - and to advise their staff that they would be working on top of an old garbage tip area, as we had forewarned them. Does anyone in the operation realise there are over 22,000 school children visiting the EEC each year? We told them! And they had our events timetable, so we should not now be faced with the inconvenience of grounds blocked off around the Visitor Centre while we are holding our event this Sunday.

Who is running Ryde City Council? The elected councillors or the paid executive staff? Infrequent full council meetings and no committee meetings. If meetings/workshops for councillors are held why are minutes not taken and published for the community to see? Top administration too heavy

CEO raising his profile above the elected mayor - e.g. speaking at last year's City of Ryde Anzac Service and launch of Ryde Heritage Hub and being MC at the Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony

Community assets eg Rockend Cottage, Argyle Centre, Ryde Bowling Club, Putney Bowling

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Club – what is happening with them? What is their condition? what's happening at North Ryde Community Centre?

Failure of Council staff to follow the wishes of the councillors

Number of staff resigning and consequent loss of expertise; what is the ratio of female to male staff members?

Is nine months acceptable when forms are submitted and necessary documentation provided but still no response (February 2025)?

Plans of management

Council seems to rely on grants to fund implementation of plans of management for natural areas such as the Field of Mars. Council should provide adequate funding in its financial plans for timely implementation of high priority action items in these plans of management. Much money is spent on surveys, studies and reports from outside consultants, instead of getting on with implementing the actions specified in plans of management. Very little was done to implement anything in the 2009 Plan of Management (a ten-year document developed over a two-year period from 2007); yet here we are with a new one and little has changed.

Don't change classification of council owned (ie community owned) land to operational. These are community sites that must be preserved.

Staff

This is an issue. Example: when workers installed a parking restriction sign in Whiteside Street, North Ryde, they placed it right in front of, and facing, a "One Way Traffic" sign so nobody could see either sign. Workers told me that they must place signs in the exact location as directed, and would be in trouble if they put them anywhere else! Result: near collisions when cars go the wrong way up the narrow road, encountering traffic turning at speed out of Epping Road. The issue was reported photos sent, but it took the traffic engineers some months to respond. When they did, they said drivers were deliberately ignoring the sign - totally missing the point that the sign could not be seen!

Trained council staff needed; too many outside contractors and consultants; who audits the outsiders?

Who checks material? – see the embarrassing errors on the Piazza Bietola plaque in Coxs Road; street tree planting letter has year 24 on it and not 25 (when issued this year) so not possible to respond by QR code or online survey

Waste

Contract for rubbish collection should now include FOGO (food waste to be put in green bins) as has been done in a number of other councils; allow continuation of RecycleSmart service.

Porters Creek site to be set up as site for community to bring items to be recycled. (like Kimbriki)

Working Groups

We, and the entire Council operation, need not "Working Groups" as in the last council's term, but, as before, Advisory Committees chaired by councillors so staff have direction on

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the needs and desires of all members of the City of Ryde community. The task of community advisory groups (eg Environmental, Festival, Heritage etc) should be chaired by councillors (as they used to be) so that there is direct communication with the community. Volunteers are there to give direction, not do the work.

A more specific locational issue

1. Prince Street Ryde resident

Brush turkeys on roofs due to loss of habitat caused by development. Causing problems.

Lack of parity re parking regulations from one side of the road to the other

I am sending this to you now with a realisation that the first full council meeting is not for another month. Time for you to process this material. As you can see from this email many constituents care for the city.

Kind regards,

Lyn Langtry

5 February 2025

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION

1 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: MAJOR REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY PLAN - Councillor Daniel Han

File Number: CLM/24/1/1/6 - BP24/896

NOTE: This Notice of Motion was deferred from the Council meeting of 10 December 2024.

This Notice of Motion was deferred from the Council Meeting of 10 December 2024, pending preparation of a report regarding the availability of funds for implementing the Motion. The Notice of Motion was deferred in accordance with Clause 3.13(b) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice which reads as follows:-

- 3.13 *A Notice of Motion for the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the Notice of Motion. If the Notice of Motion does not identify a funding source, the Chief Executive Officer must either:-*
- (a) prepare a report on the availability of funds for implementing the Motion if adopted for inclusion in the business papers for the meeting at which the Notice of Motion is to be considered by Council, or*
 - (b) by written notice sent to all Councillors with the business papers for the meeting for which the Notice of Motion has been submitted, defer consideration of the matter by the Council to such a date specified by the notice, pending the preparation of such a report.*

This Notice of Motion should be considered in conjunction with the attached Report provided for at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ryde's Children's Play Implementation Plan (Play Plan), developed in 2012, has been a guiding document for the City's play infrastructure, with an update conducted in 2019. Significant playground upgrades have been made since then. However, with Ryde experiencing rapid population growth with increasing high-density living and young families, the needs of our community evolved substantially.

The 2011 to 2021 census data reveals a 30% increase in the number of families, with approximately 8,000 additional families now residing in Ryde.

Given these changes, there is a strong need for a major review of the 'Play Plan' to ensure it aligns with current community requirements and to meet the evolving needs of Ryde's growing family population to provide safe, accessible, and enjoyable play spaces for all.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Undertakes a major review of the City of Ryde's Children's Play Implementation Plan to:
 - i. Address the impact of increased high-density living and population growth on playground usage demand and accessibility.
 - ii. Conduct a comprehensive audit of playground support facilities focusing on but not limited to:
 - 1. Adequate lighting and shade coverage to meet the minimum 50% shade requirement.
 - 2. Adequate amenities such as cafes, food trucks, BBQ areas, and toilets with baby change facilities, to enhance usability and convenience for the growing number of families.
- (b) Allocates appropriate funding and resources to ensure timely completion and community consultation throughout the review process.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Report responding to Deferred Notice of Motion – Major Review of the Children's Play Plan

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ATTACHMENT 1

REPORT RESPONDING TO DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION - MAJOR REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY PLAN

Report prepared by: Executive Officer – City Spaces
File No.: GRP/25/9 - BP25/66

REPORT SUMMARY

This report has been prepared to provide additional information to Councillors to assist with consideration of the below Notice of Motion which was deferred from the 10 December Council meeting.

Major Review of the Children's Play Plan

That Council:

- (a) Undertakes a major review of the City of Ryde's Children's Play Implementation Plan to:
 - i. Address the impact of increased high-density living and population growth on playground usage demand and accessibility.
 - ii. Conduct a comprehensive audit of playground support facilities focusing on but not limited to:
 - 1. Adequate lighting and shade coverage to meet the minimum 50% shade requirement.
 - 2. Adequate amenities such as cafes, food trucks, BBQ areas, and toilets with baby change facilities, to enhance usability and convenience for the growing number of families.
- (b) Allocates appropriate funding and resources to ensure timely completion and community consultation throughout the review process.

Council undertook a major review of the City of Ryde's Children's Play Implementation Plan (The Plan) through 2018, and an updated document was adopted by Council in 2019. At that time, an audit of all playgrounds was undertaken to identify those locations that did not meet the design requirements framework detailed within The Plan. This framework was developed to be consistent with the NSW Government's 'Everyone Can Play Guidelines' which were prepared in 2018. A Project Reference Group (PRG) was established to guide and inform the preparation of the document with the PRG, including Councillors and members of the community.

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The Plan set out to establish a playground vision, framework and 10-year prioritised capital works program. The need for the document was highlighted as a high priority in the Integrated Open Space Plan (IOSP) for improving the community's recreation needs. The Plan assesses all the City-owned and maintained playgrounds and makes recommendations based on distribution throughout the LGA to achieve accessibility for residents and design to guide the future improvements to the City's playgrounds.

- Playgrounds earmarked for removal at the end of their economic life
- New playgrounds (expansion)
- Playground replacement
- Major refurbishments
- Minor

The Plan aims to ensure the provision of safe, accessible and sustainable, high-quality playgrounds that improve play value in line with international trends, research and the needs of children, young people and their carers. The recommendations of the Play Plan assist the City with future budget planning and programming for playground improvements, replacements and maintenance, while remaining sensitive to population growth and the potential changes to the needs of the community.

A playground hierarchy is identified in The Plan that includes:

- Destination Playgrounds
 - Regional
 - District
- Everyday Playgrounds
 - Neighbourhood
 - Local

This hierarchy is based on a model of play provision which gets more diverse, complex and supported by more infrastructure as the playground size gets larger through the different hierarchies. The Design Framework further develops the characteristics into a set of best practice design recommendations.

Council renews and upgrades between 3 and 4 playgrounds each year, subject to the availability of funding. As these projects are implemented, the infrastructure is designed to meet the design requirements framework identified in The Plan and playgrounds constructed accordingly. This includes aspects of the playground such as shading and lighting, and with the larger projects, supporting infrastructure such as BBQ areas and toilets.

DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION 1 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**

As with the delivery of any piece of infrastructure, elements to be included are required to be prioritised within the available budget. In the current Children's Play Implementation Plan, lighting is identified as a medium priority in Regional and District Playgrounds and no provision is identified for Neighbourhood and Local playgrounds. A minimum of 50% shading is aimed to be achieved to all playgrounds.

A minor review and update of the Plan will be proposed in the 2025-26 Operational Plan. Cost for this project to update the plan (largely around any changes to population forecast since the 2019 version) was expected to be in the vicinity of \$20,000 to cover miscellaneous costs, as the document was predominantly going to be delivered through the utilisation of internal resources. It was expected that the project would be undertaken over a 6-month period during the 2025/26 financial year.

The motion as proposed is seeking a comprehensive audit to be undertaken of playground support facilities, including lighting to meet the 50% shade requirements. An audit of the lighting can be undertaken by either completing a shadow analysis through computer modelling or estimating through the use of aerial images. Computer modelling will be more accurate and identify the amount of shading at different times of the year, however, to complete such an audit for Council's 97 Playgrounds, will take 3 – 6 months and be costly (estimated at \$150,000). Utilising aerial images will provide an estimate only of the playground area covered by shading; however, it can be undertaken at no additional cost through internal resources and be completed over a 1 – 2 month period. Completion of this analysis can be included in the project scope for the minor review of the document recommended in this report.

The cost to implement the motion as proposed would be approximately \$200,000 and may require the deferral of an existing project for these funds to be identified. Should Council wish for staff to commence work on this project immediately, it would require the deferral of current projects being completed, including the update to the Integrated Open Space Plan and preparation of the Synthetic Surface Renewal Strategy. Council would need to resolve that the required funding be consolidated in the next quarterly review and may require funds to be diverted from existing projects.

Giving consideration to the existing project priorities and financial constraints as outlined above, the recommendation is to complete a minor review of the Children's Play Implementation Plan as proposed for the 2025/26 financial year. This would include an analysis of the existing shading within Council's playground utilising aerial imagery and undertaken with internal resources. It was also recommended to consult with the community to obtain feedback on the current design framework for playgrounds detailed within the existing document. The document would be updated to consider the new population forecasts for the LGA as specified by the State Government and refresh the design requirements framework in line with the State Government's updated Everyone Can Play Guidelines.

DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION 1 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1****RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council include an allocation of \$20,000 in the 2025/26 Operational Plan for the purposes of undertaking a minor review of the Children's Play Plan to address the impact of increased high-density living and population growth on playground usage demand and accessibility.
- (b) Ensure community consultation occurs through the review to obtain feedback on the current design framework identified in the Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Report Approved By:

Michael Galderisi
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

2 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: FUNDING FROM URBAN PRECINCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM - STREAM ONE: PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (UPPP) - Councillor Dr Felix Lo

File Number: CLM/24/1/1/6 - BP24/910

NOTE: This Notice of Motion was deferred from the Council meeting of 10 December 2024.

This Notice of Motion was deferred from the Council Meeting of 10 December 2024, pending preparation of a report regarding the availability of funds for implementing the Motion. The Notice of Motion was deferred in accordance with Clause 3.13(b) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice which reads as follows:-

- 3.13 *A Notice of Motion for the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the Notice of Motion. If the Notice of Motion does not identify a funding source, the Chief Executive Officer must either:-*
- (a) *prepare a report on the availability of funds for implementing the Motion if adopted for inclusion in the business papers for the meeting at which the Notice of Motion is to be considered by Council, or*
 - (b) *by written notice sent to all Councillors with the business papers for the meeting for which the Notice of Motion has been submitted, defer consideration of the matter by the Council to such a date specified by the notice, pending the preparation of such a report.*

This Notice of Motion should be considered in conjunction with the attached Report provided for at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Government's UPPP funding opportunity provides funding to develop a precinct idea through to investment-ready stage. The rationale for UPPP is to recognise that financial constraints can inhibit great concepts being explored further and developed into realistic, well designed and planned projects. For the purposes of UPPP, the project is considered to be a plan for the entire precinct, even if the application is considering future investment in one element of the precinct.

MOTION:

That City of Ryde applies for the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (UPPP) funding of \$5 million for the exclusive use of developing a new Eastwood shopper's carpark.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Report responding to Deferred Notice of Motion – Funding for Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program: Stream One: Precinct Development and Planning (UPPP)

DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION 2 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1****REPORT RESPONDING TO DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION - FUNDING FROM URBAN PRECINCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM - STREAM ONE: PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (UPPP)**

Report prepared by: City Architect**File No.:** GRP/25/9 - BP25/92

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the preliminary assessment of the grant application for the Urban Precincts and Partnership Program (UPPP) funding and whether the new Eastwood shopper's carpark would satisfy the criteria required to obtain that funding.

The UPPP grant – Stream One application criteria includes projects that are a plan of an entire precinct, even if the application is considering future investment in one element of that precinct.

The intended outcomes of Stream One of the UPPP grant are to:

- establish partnerships comprised of relevant government entities, community organisations and businesses that have a shared vision for an urban precinct
- deliver precinct plans that are tailored to their local contexts and based on community feedback and engagement
- support precinct plans to become investment ready.

Council staff are currently completing the research required to deliver the requirements under Notice of Motion 2 from the Council meeting on Tuesday 22 October 2024 titled:- BUILDING OF NEW EASTWOOD CAR PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES which also relates to the deferred Notice of Motion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council staff:

- (a) Progress the Urban Precincts and Partnership Program (UPPP) grant application for exclusive use of developing a new Eastwood shopper's car park.

DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

- (b) Provide a more detailed report at the March 2025 meeting of Council, of both the status of the Urban Precincts and Partnership Program (UPPP) grant application and the Report to Council on Building of the New Eastwood Car Park and Community Facilities.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Report Approved By:

Wayne Rylands
Chief Executive Officer

- 3 **DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTALLATION AT 19 CHURCH STREET, RYDE - Councillor Keanu Arya**
- 4 **DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: REQUEST FOR TAXI ZONE SIGNAGE REMOVAL NORTH OF 19 CHURCH STREET, RYDE - Councillor Keanu Arya**
- 5 **DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SPACES AND ROADS IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Tina Kordrostami**

File Number: CLM/24/1/1/6 - BP24/906

NOTE: These Notices of Motion were deferred from the Council meeting of 10 December 2024.

The below three Notices of Motion were deferred from the Council Meeting of 10 December 2024, pending preparation of a report regarding the availability of funds for implementing the Motions. The Notices of Motion were deferred in accordance with Clause 3.13(b) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice which reads as follows:-

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- (a) *prepare a report on the availability of funds for implementing the Motion if adopted for inclusion in the business papers for the meeting at which the Notice of Motion is to be considered by Council, or*
 - (b) *by written notice sent to all Councillors with the business papers for the meeting for which the Notice of Motion has been submitted, defer consideration of the matter by the Council to such a date specified by the notice, pending the preparation of such a report.*

These three Notices of Motion should be considered in conjunction with the attached Report provided for at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTALLATION AT 19 CHURCH STREET, RYDE**BACKGROUND:**

The installation of the pedestrian crossing at this mid-block point is necessary to address safety concerns raised by local business owners and to reduce the risk of accidents involving pedestrians crossing from the Council carpark to the businesses across the road using existing ramps. Enhancing pedestrian safety in this area is a priority to prevent future incidents.

MOTION:

That the City of Ryde Council Investigate the Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing at 19 Church Street, Ryde:

- (a) Install a pedestrian crossing on Church Street, Ryde, adjacent to the Council car park, to improve safety for pedestrians at this mid-block point.
- (b) Note that shop owners on the opposite side of Church Street have reported instances of cars speeding, with several incidents of pedestrians being struck while attempting to cross.
- (c) Ensure that the crossing is designed to also function as a traffic calming measure, reducing vehicle speeds along this section of Church Street. However, road markings for a crossing at this mid-block point are a priority.
- (d) The attached photo taken on 6 October 2024 shows a potential location for the pedestrian crossing, at existing ramps, without any obstructions or loss to existing street parking space. Existing pedestrian crossings on Church Street at Blaxland Road (to the north) and Victoria Road (to the south) are not close enough for pedestrians crossing from the car park to nearby shops and businesses across the road.
- (e) If a mid-block crossing at this section conflicts with vehicles exiting the carpark or Gowrie Street, the Council should explain the rationale for installing existing ramps that encourage crossing at this location.

REQUEST FOR TAXI ZONE SIGNAGE REMOVAL NORTH OF 19 CHURCH STREET, RYDE**BACKGROUND:**

The removal of the taxi zone signage will allow for better utilisation of parking spaces in an area where there is clear demand, improving access for visitors and patrons of local businesses.

MOTION:

That the City of Ryde Council consider the Removal of Taxi Zone Signage on Church Street, north of the Council Car Park, Ryde:

- (a) Remove the current taxi zone signage on Church Street near the Council car park, which presently applies Monday to Friday after 6:00 pm, Saturday after 12:30 pm, and all day Sunday.
- (b) Acknowledge that this area is rarely utilised by taxis during these times, as noted by surrounding business owners, and there is a higher demand for additional parking spaces.
- (c) This request comes from businesses across the road that need extra parking space for their customers.

IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SPACES AND ROADS IN THE CITY OF RYDE**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Ryde is home to a diverse population, including residents and visitors with various disabilities, who face barriers in accessing public spaces, roads, and facilities within the local government area (LGA). Assistive technology and inclusive infrastructure are crucial for ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their disability, can access and navigate public spaces safely and independently.

The current state of accessibility in some areas of the City of Ryde may not meet the needs of individuals with physical, sensory, or cognitive disabilities, and there is a need for a comprehensive approach to improve access across Ryde.

It is important to identify key roads and public spaces that require immediate attention from an accessibility (neurodiversity and physical disability) perspective and create an inclusive plan to address these needs.

Providing clear guides, maps, and information on the location of existing accessibility features will help individuals with disabilities navigate the LGA more effectively and feel more included in the community.

Engaging the community in the planning process will ensure that the needs and experiences of people with disabilities are considered when developing and implementing solutions.

MOTION:

- (a) That City of Ryde commits to a comprehensive review of its public spaces and roads to identify areas requiring improvements in accessibility for individuals with disabilities, focusing on both high-traffic areas and those most in need of assistive technology solutions.
- (b) That a consultation process be established to involve members of the local community, including individuals with disabilities, carers and advocacy groups, in identifying specific accessibility barriers and contributing to the development of solutions and priorities for action.
- (c) That Council work with urban planners, transportation experts and disability advocates to develop a long-term plan for the installation of assistive technologies and inclusive infrastructure, such as accessible pedestrian crossings, audio signals, tactile paving, ramps and clear signage.
- (d) That a guide and map be created and made publicly available, clearly indicating the locations of existing accessibility features (e.g. accessible parking, ramps, tactile paths) and assistive technologies across the City of Ryde, to help guide users and improve the ease of navigation.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Report responding to Deferred Notices of Motion – Request for Pedestrian Crossing Installation at 19 Church Street Ryde, Request for Taxi Zone Signage Removal North of Church Street Ryde and Improve Accessibility and Assistive Technology in Public Spaces and Roads in the City of Ryde

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

REPORT RESPONDING TO DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION – REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTALLATION AT 19 CHURCH STREET RYDE, REQUEST FOR TAXI ZONE SIGNAGE REMOVAL NORTH OF CHURCH STREET RYDE AND IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SPACES AND ROADS IN THE CITY OF RYDE

Report prepared by: Manager - Traffic Services

File No.: GRP/25/8 - BP25/32

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the financial implications associated with the following deferred Notices of Motions (NoMs) raised at the Council meeting on 10 December 2024:

Pedestrian Crossing on Church Street, Ryde

That the City of Ryde Council investigate the Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing at 19 Church Street, Ryde:

- (a) Install a pedestrian crossing on Church Street, Ryde, adjacent to the Council car park, to improve safety for pedestrians at this mid-block point.*
- (b) Note that shop owners on the opposite side of Church Street have reported instances of cars speeding, with several incidents of pedestrians being struck while attempting to cross.*
- (c) Ensure that the crossing is designed to also function as a traffic calming measure, reducing vehicle speeds along this section of Church Street. However, road markings for a crossing at this mid-block point are a priority.*
- (d) The attached photo taken on 6 October 2024 shows a potential location for the pedestrian crossing, at existing ramps, without any obstructions or loss to existing street parking space. Existing pedestrian crossings on Church Street at Blaxland Road (to the north) and Victoria Road (to the south) are not close enough for pedestrians crossing from the car park to nearby shops and businesses across the road.*
- (e) If a mid-block crossing at this section conflicts with vehicles exiting the carpark or Gowrie Street, the Council should explain the rationale for installing existing ramps that encourage crossing at this location.*

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1***Removal of Taxi Zone*

That the City of Ryde Council consider the Removal of Taxi Zone Signage on Church Street, north of the Council Car Park, Ryde:

- (a) Remove the current taxi zone signage on Church Street near the Council car park, which presently applies Monday to Friday after 6:00pm, Saturday after 12:30pm, and all day Sunday.*
- (b) Acknowledge that this area is rarely utilised by taxis during these times, as noted by surrounding business owners, and there is a higher demand for additional parking spaces.*
- (c) This request comes from businesses across the road that need extra parking space for their customers.*

Improve Accessibility and Assistive Technology in Public Spaces and Roads in the City of Ryde

- (a) That City of Ryde commits to a comprehensive review of its public spaces and roads to identify areas requiring improvements in accessibility for individuals with disabilities, focusing on both high-traffic areas and those most in need of assistive technology solutions.*
- (b) That a consultation process be established to involve members of the local community, including individuals with disabilities, carers and advocacy groups, in identifying specific accessibility barriers and contributing to the development of solutions and priorities for action.*
- (c) That Council work with urban planners, transportation experts and disability advocates to develop a long-term plan for the installation of assistive technologies and inclusive infrastructure, such as accessible pedestrian crossings, audio signals, tactile paving, ramps and clear signage.*
- (d) That a guide and map be created and made publicly available, clearly indicating the locations of existing accessibility features (e.g. accessible parking, ramps, tactile paths) and assistive technologies across the City of Ryde, to help guide users and improve the ease of navigation.*

The following feedback is provided on the above stated NoMs:

- The provision of a mid-block raised (wombat) pedestrian crossing on Church Street adjacent to the at-grade Council car park is estimated to cost around \$200,000. It should be noted that these costs can rise if relocation of underground services are required.

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**

- Currently, the installation of a wombat crossing on Church Street is not a project in the adopted one year (2024/25) operational plan. As such, there is no funding source to facilitate the delivery of this project. It is therefore recommended that consideration be given to seeking external funding sources (e.g. grants) to facilitate progress on this project.
- The installation of a wombat crossing on Church Street would also require a redesign of the driveways servicing the at-grade Council car park to minimise risks to pedestrian safety.
- Removal of the taxi zone on Church Street to the north of the Council car park can be accommodated under the Traffic Infrastructure project bucket. However, it is recommended that public consultation be undertaken to ensure that changes made to the parking area best serve the parking needs of the surrounding community.
- Council is committed to enhancing accessibility and has already made substantial investments in assistive technology and infrastructure, guided by its Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). Existing initiatives include bus shelter upgrades, footpath network expansion, pedestrian crossing lighting improvements, and the development of accessibility maps and guides. Council also provides additional services such as Assisted Bin Collection, a Home Library Service, and the Zero Barriers Initiative to promote inclusivity. These measures align with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT).
- The Notice of Motion (NoM) proposes a comprehensive review and mapping of public spaces. While a full LGA-wide accessibility audit is estimated to cost up to \$500,000, the implementation of recommended works could total up to \$50 million over a decade, inclusive of the \$15 million already committed to current initiatives.
- The total budget for Council's 2024/25 Capital and Non-Capital Works Program is \$41,961,750. Conducting an LGA-wide audit of all public facilities and implementing the recommended improvements for people with disabilities would necessitate deferring the entire Capital and Non-Capital Works Program.
- Given the cost implications and the fact that the objectives of the *"Accessibility and Assistive Technology"* NoM's are already being addressed strategically and incrementally through the current DIAP, it is recommended that Council continue through its established DIAP framework, engaging with the community, and prioritising targeted, high-impact improvements to deliver sustainable and cost-effective accessibility advancements.

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1****RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That consideration be given to the installation of a pedestrian crossing near 19 Church Street, Ryde subject to the availability of future external sources of funding (e.g. external grants, etc.).
- (b) That consideration be given to the removal of the taxi zone on the western side of Church Street to the immediate north of the Council car park at 19 Church Street, Ryde, subject to the outcomes of future public consultation. This work can be funded out of the Operations – Traffic Facilities budget.
- (c) That Council continue to focus on targeted improvements guided by the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP), regularly engaging with the disability community, incorporating feedback, and prioritising areas of greatest benefit to ensure ongoing, cost-effective accessibility enhancements.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1****Discussion****Pedestrian Crossing and Taxi Zone on Church Street**

Church Street performs a local access function between Victoria Road in the south and Blaxland Road in the north. It intersects with Blaxland Road under traffic signals and Victoria Road under 'Give Way' control, with Victoria Road forming the priority route.

Church Street generally accommodates one through lane of traffic in each direction. The road pavement widens on approach to Blaxland Road to accommodate an exclusive left turn lane. Traffic flow within Church Street is governed by a signposted speed limit of 50km/h.

Vehicular access to and from the Council car park to the immediate north of Gowrie Street is currently facilitated by separate ingress and egress driveways.

Current Traffic and Pedestrian Conditions on Church Street

Based on recent traffic volume and speed surveys undertaken on Church Street, the 85th percentile speed (or the speed in which 85% of vehicles travelled at or below) was identified to be 38km/h. The surveys also indicated the peak hour bidirectional traffic demand to be less than 450 vehicles per hour. The Austroads *Guide to Traffic Management* states that the mid-block capacity for an urban road with parking is 600 vehicles per hour. Based on the surveyed peak hour traffic volumes, it is evident that Church Street has sufficient capacity to accommodate additional traffic demand.

Recent observations by Council's traffic engineers have found most pedestrians to be crossing Church Street at its northern end (near Blaxland Road). Pedestrian crossing movements in the immediate vicinity of the Council car park have been observed to be low. It is noted that Transport for NSW's *Pedestrian Crossing Guideline* advises that a pedestrian crossing should only be considered if the pedestrian demand across a public road is equal to or greater than 20 movements per hour.

Other Considerations

The provision of a mid-block wombat crossing would require the southernmost driveway servicing the Council car park to be reconstructed. The entry and exit arrangements would need to be swapped to minimise conflict with pedestrians using the crossing. **Figure 1** shows a concept sketch of the crossing with respect to the surrounding road network.

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



Figure 1 – Aerial view showing potential wombat crossing location and existing taxi zone

Removal of the existing taxi zone shown in **Figure 1** can affect the parking needs of taxi drivers and surrounding businesses and residents. These affected stakeholders would therefore need to be consulted with respect to this parking change in accordance with the adopted Communications and Engagement Strategy. This is to ensure that any parking change in this area best serve the parking needs of the surrounding community.

Accessibility and Assistive Technology in Public Spaces and Roads in the City of Ryde

The City of Ryde is committed to enhancing accessibility through significant investments in assistive technology and infrastructure, guided by its Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). In addressing the above-mentioned Notice of Motion (NoM), it is important to contextualise the term "assistive technology" within public spaces and road service delivery.

According to the **World Health Organisation (WHO)**, assistive technology encompasses products, services, and systems that enhance the functioning and independence of individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to full participation in society. This broad definition recognises the need for a coordinated ecosystem that integrates technology with accessibility policies, urban design, and community services.

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**

Council already employs a range of assistive technologies to support individuals with disabilities in overcoming everyday challenges. These technologies encompass both manual and digital solutions, such as:

- Tactile indicators for visually impaired users,
- Ramps and handrails to facilitate pedestrian movement,
- Audio signals at crossings, and
- Real-time accessible navigation tools, including the Park'n Pay app, which helps users locate mobility parking spaces within the City of Ryde Local Government Area (LGA).

Recent Actions Undertaken by Council

In 2021, Council conducted extensive community consultations to develop the DIAP. The process was promoted across multiple communication channels, including direct outreach via letters and phone calls. Seven consultation forums were held, two for community organisations, three for people with disabilities, and two open to the broader community. Consultations were conducted both in-person and online to ensure accessibility, with alternative feedback methods available through surveys and direct contact with Council. This inclusive process helped identify community priorities and areas for improvement.

Since implementing the DIAP, Council reviews its progress every six (6) months, incorporating feedback from people with disabilities and other stakeholders. The Inclusion and Access Working Group provides ongoing input, and strategies are adapted to align with community needs.

It is noted that there are 23 initiatives in the current DIAP, which directly align with the objectives of the NoM. These actions focus on improving accessibility and inclusivity in public spaces and roads. Examples of these relevant actions include:

- Upgrading bus stops and pedestrian crossings to meet Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements
- Expanding and improving footpath network to enhance pedestrian connectivity and safety
- Providing accessibility resources, such as maps for accessible parking and facilities at major events like Granny Smith Festival.

The majority of these initiatives have been completed, reflecting substantial progress in enhancing conditions and experiences for people with disabilities while fostering an inclusive environment in the public domain. The remaining actions are either on-going or in progress.

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**Infrastructure Investments

Council's infrastructure investments reflect its commitment to accessibility, guided by the DIAP and compliance with the **Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)** and **Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT)**. Recent initiatives include:

- **Bus Stop Upgrades:** Significant amount of the capital program has been allocated for the bus stops and bus shelters to comply with DSAPT, Australian Standards (AS1428), and DDA requirements. New shelters delivered feature clear and level boarding points with tactile indicators, wheelchair-allocated waiting spaces, and priority seating with armrests for elderly users. The ongoing DDA compliance program ensures all bus stops meet the relevant standards.
- **Footpath Network Expansion and Lighting Upgrades:** Council has significantly improved the footpath network and pedestrian crossings to enhance safety and accessibility. Audits identify gaps to ensure better connectivity. Improvements adhere to Australian Standards (AS1428), facilitating mobility for all users. Pedestrian crossing upgrades improve safety by enhancing visibility and formalising crossing points, as outlined in Actions 30 and 31 of the DIAP.
- **Accessibility Maps and Guides:** Council has developed resources to highlight accessible parking and buildings in town centres. Accessibility maps are also provided for events, such as the Granny Smith Festival, to guide attendees on drop-off points and accessible parking. Additionally, Council promotes inclusive volunteering opportunities at events, encouraging volunteers to assist attendees with disabilities.

Additional services provided include:

- **Assisted Bin Collection Service:** Supporting residents with limited mobility.
- **Home Library Service:** Delivering library materials to residents unable to visit in person.

Financial Implications**New Wombat Crossing on Church Street**

The provision of a new mid-block wombat crossing on Church Street near the Council car park is estimated to cost around \$200,000. The scope of works forming the cost estimate include detailed design & investigations (e.g. service scans), civil works (e.g. kerb adjustments), site management, drainage, lighting and temporary traffic management. It should be noted that these costs can rise if relocation of underground services are required.

DEFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION 3, 4 AND 5 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**

Currently, this initiative is not a project in the adopted one year (2024/25) operational plan. As such, there is no funding source to facilitate the delivery of this project. It is therefore recommended that consideration be given to seeking external funding sources (e.g. grants) to facilitate progress on this project.

Removal of the taxi zone on Church Street

This removal of the taxi zone signs has minimal cost implications and can be accommodated under the current Traffic Infrastructure project bucket.

Accessibility and Assistive Technology Initiatives

A comprehensive accessibility audit of the entire LGA is estimated to cost over \$500,000, based on indexed costs from previously conducted Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) studies, adjusted to account for the scale of the City of Ryde. Council's existing DDA compliance programs, including bus stop upgrades and pedestrian crossing lighting improvements, already represent a combined investment of approximately \$15 million. Based on this, it is reasonable to estimate that a comprehensive LGA-wide accessibility study would identify additional works with a total value exceeding \$50 million over the long term, inclusive of the \$15 million already committed.

Given the extensive and costly nature of a whole-of-LGA review, it is recommended that Council continue to focus on targeted improvements guided by the DIAP, regularly engaging with the disability community, incorporating feedback, and prioritising areas of greatest benefit to ensure ongoing, cost-effective accessibility enhancements.

The current DIAP-guided approach ensures that accessibility improvements remain targeted, cost-effective, and aligned with community priorities while fulfilling Council's legislative obligations. This framework allows Council to focus resources on identified needs, avoiding the substantial costs of a full-scale audit while delivering practical enhancements to accessibility.

The DIAP also offers flexibility to incorporate new priorities as they arise, with its conclusion in 2026 providing an opportunity for Council to reassess progress, refine strategies, and address emerging needs.

Given the significant cost and resource implications of a whole-of-LGA audit, alongside the substantial ongoing commitments through the DIAP, it is recommended that Council maintain its targeted approach. By leveraging the DIAP's established processes and actively engaging with the community, Council can ensure meaningful, sustainable, and impactful accessibility improvements.

NOTICES OF MOTION**6 PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL RYDE MUSIC FESTIVAL - Councillor Kathy Tracey****File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/78**

BACKGROUND:

Music has a unique ability to unite people, strengthen community connections, and celebrate cultural diversity. An annual Ryde Music Festival would provide a vibrant platform for residents to come together through shared musical experiences, support local talent, and celebrate the rich diversity of our community. Inspired by successful events like the City of Parramatta's 'Lane Ways' festival held in October 2024, this initiative would further enhance Ryde's cultural and community landscape.

The festival would showcase the incredible talent of local musicians, performers, and schools, while providing a valuable stage for emerging artists and community groups. Beyond entertainment, it would boost the local economy by offering visibility and support for local businesses and vendors, cultivating stronger connections among residents and stakeholders alike.

MOTION:

- (a) That Council undertakes the following steps to support Ryde's night-time economy, promote community engagement, encourage cultural expression, and highlight local talent within the City of Ryde:
1. **Acknowledge the Role of Music in Community Building**
Recognise the vital role music plays in building community connections and enhancing the cultural vibrancy of the Ryde area.
 2. **Explore Options for a 2026 Launch**
Provide a report within six months outlining options to host an annual music event, with a proposed launch in 2026.
 3. **Call for an Expression of Interest to participate in the Ryde Music Festival**
Commence an Expression of Interest process for local artists, musicians, and performers to participate in the Festival and showcase their talents and connect with the community.
 4. **Collaborate with Stakeholders**
Partner with community groups, schools, and local music organisations to ensure diverse participation and representation across various musical genres and cultural expressions.

5. Support Local Businesses and Vendors

Explore opportunities for local businesses and vendors to participate, including showcasing products, offering food and beverage services, and supporting logistical needs such as sound, stage equipment, and vendor spaces.

6. Secure Funding and Grants

Identify appropriate funding sources to cover event costs and explore grant opportunities to offset expenses, ensuring the festival is financially viable and accessible.

- (b) That a report be presented back to Council outlining options regarding the planning and consultation process with community stakeholders, music organisations and local businesses to bring the annual Ryde Music Festival to life. Central to this initiative is the necessity to include and involve the community, ensuring their voices, ideas and participation are integral to the event's planning and success. By incorporating community input, this festival will not only enrich the cultural fabric of Ryde but also strengthen community bonds and boost the local economy through creative and collaborative engagement.

7 IMPROVED RECYCLING WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN STRATA LIVING PROPERTIES - Councillor Kathy Tracey

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/48

BACKGROUND:

The current recycling waste collection schedule for strata living properties in the Ryde area is insufficient and does not fully meet the needs of the growing population. Recycling bins in these complexes are collected only once every fortnight, while general waste bins are collected weekly. This schedule has created significant challenges, including:

- Insufficient recycling bins for the number of residents. For instance, a 25-unit strata complex often has only 10 recycling bins, which are consistently overflowing.
- Excess recycling waste accumulating within homes due to the lack of frequent collection, leading to unsanitary conditions, unpleasant odours, and pest infestations.
- Since Covid there has been a rise in home deliveries, such as Amazon packages and Uber Eats, which has substantially increased waste, packages being scattered by bush turkeys and possums. This contributes to littering on complex grounds and exacerbates health risks, including maggot infestations in warmer months.

The current waste management system needs to be adjusted to reflect the changes in the recycling patterns. Increasing the frequency of recycling waste collection to once a week would significantly reduce these challenges, ensuring cleaner, healthier, and more liveable environments for residents.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) **Call for Investigation**
Request the Council's Waste Management Team to conduct a thorough investigation into the frequency of recycling waste collection for strata living properties, considering the growing demands of residents.
- (b) **Address Specific Areas of Concern**
Highlight specific areas, such as Trafalgar Place in Marsfield and Durham Close in Macquarie Park, where waste management issues are particularly acute, and prioritise areas as these for immediate review and improvement.
- (c) **Comprehensive Review**
Propose a full review of the Council's waste management services, including its current service delivery, policies, and contracts with waste management contractors, to identify gaps and areas for improvement.
- (d) **Trial Period Implementation**
Recommend the implementation of a three-month trial period to increase the frequency of recycling waste collection in selected strata properties, allowing for an evaluation of the impact and feasibility of this adjustment.

By adopting these measures, Council can effectively address the pressing waste management challenges in strata living properties and enhance the quality of life for residents in the Ryde area.

8 INVESTIGATION INTO CHANGES TO THE SIGNALISED INTERSECTION OF VICTORIA ROAD AND HERMITAGE ROAD, WEST RYDE - Councillor Daniel Han

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/86

BACKGROUND:

There are ongoing community concerns with this signalised intersection regarding pedestrian safety and inefficiencies for motorists caused by traffic signal phasing, no dedicated right turn lanes resulting in excessive queueing at the intersection and in surrounding local streets.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Note high traffic volumes utilising the intersection of Hermitage Road and Victoria Road, West Ryde.
- (b) Acknowledges that for some time there has been community concern about risks to pedestrians and inefficiencies for motorists at this intersection and surrounding local streets.
- (c) Supports the need to make this intersection safer for pedestrians and motorists alike.
- (d) Council's Traffic Services writes to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) seeking support for a review / traffic study of this intersection noting the below issues, but not limited to:
 - i. Right turn traffic light from Hermitage Road onto Victoria Road
 - ii. Adjustment to traffic light phasing
 - iii. Improved signage or linemarkings
 - iv. Other suitable measures as identified by staff
- (e) Report back to Council in July 2025 on response from TfNSW.

9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF IMMIGRANTS RESIDING IN RYDE - Councillor Tina Kordrostami

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/58

BACKGROUND:

The recent passing of the anti-immigration bill represents a harmful and discriminatory step that will have a profound negative impact on some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Ryde is home to a rich, diverse population, with refugees and immigrants making up more than half of our residents. These individuals have contributed to the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our society, and they deserve to be recognized and supported, not marginalized.

This bill, by targeting immigrant communities, risks deepening divisions, fostering fear, and leaving those who are already vulnerable in an even more precarious position. Many of these individuals, including refugees who have fled conflict and persecution, rely on the stability and opportunities our community provides. To ignore their needs and experiences is to fail in our duty as a council to represent **all** members of Ryde.

It is imperative that we stand together in ensuring that our policies protect and uplift every person, regardless of their background. We must remain committed to an inclusive, compassionate approach that acknowledges the vital role immigrants and refugees play in shaping Ryde's future. Council must recognize this diversity and work to support all people who call Ryde home.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the efforts and contributions made to the LGA by refugees and immigrants residing in Ryde.
- (b) Reiterates our city's commitment to the human rights of all people to live with freedom, safety, and dignity.
- (c) Acknowledges the anguish and pain that the anti-immigration bill will be causing to many in the Ryde community.
- (d) Asks the Mayor to write to the Minister for Home Affairs, the Shadow Minister for Home Affairs, the Greens Spokesperson for Home Affairs and the Local Member Jerome Laxale conveying this motion and calling on them to work together to protect refugees, respond to global humanitarian needs and provide specialist support for all, and
- (e) Shares this motion and the Mayor's communication on Council's social media platforms.

**10 ELECTRIFICATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS UNDER THE DCP -
Councillor Tina Kordrostami**

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/79

BACKGROUND:

At the 22 August 2023 Council meeting, Council voted on a Notice of Motion to explore changes to its planning policies to electrify newly built homes and businesses in the area to reduce energy costs for residents and eliminate people's exposure to toxic indoor gas pollution.

The motion read:

That staff provide a report to Council by the October 2023 Council meeting that explores the opportunity to emulate the Waverley Council, Parramatta Council and City of Sydney planning changes to achieve all-electric new residential and commercial development across the municipality.

According to the motion, options to electrify new developments were supposed to be reported back to Council at the October 2023 Council meeting, which did not happen. Over the past 12 months, five councils have now fully implemented changes to their Development Control Plans (DCPs) to ensure newly built homes and businesses are electric without gas, including:

1. Waverley
2. Parramatta
3. Lane Cove
4. Newcastle
5. Hornsby

Another seven councils are in the process of implementing similar changes, including:

1. Queanbeyan-Palerang
2. North Sydney
3. Sydney
4. Inner West
5. Blue Mountains
6. Canada Bay
7. Canterbury-Bankstown

It's now been almost one and a half years since Ryde Council passed its original motion to explore planning changes to electrify new builds via its DCP. There has been no formal progress since this date.

The purpose of this Notice of Motion is to expedite Council's investigation into this matter to understand what options are available to Council to deliver healthy, affordable, more sustainable homes and businesses in Ryde.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Notes that Waverley, Parramatta, Lane Cove, Newcastle, and Hornsby Councils have all implemented changes to their Development Control Plans to require the electrification of new homes and/or businesses;
- (b) Notes that Queanbeyan-Palerang, North Sydney, Sydney, Inner West, Blue Mountains, Canada Bay and Canterbury-Bankstown councils are in the process of implementing similar changes to their DCPs; and
- (c) Outlines a clear timeline to update its Development Control Plan to require the electrification of new homes and businesses for implementation before the end of 2025.

**11 CONVERSION OF PEDESTRIAN REFUGE TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
ON BALACLAVA ROAD, EASTWOOD - Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/70**

BACKGROUND:

Eastwood Heights Public School is located on Lincoln Street, Eastwood. A pedestrian refuge is located on Balaclava Road in the immediate vicinity of the intersection of Balaclava Road and Lincoln Street. As the nearest signalised intersections on Balaclava Road are too far apart, the school community require a safe place to cross Balaclava Road.

MOTION:

That Council investigate and consult with all stakeholders to implement a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the intersection of Balaclava Road and Lincoln Street, Eastwood, replacing the existing pedestrian refuge.

**12 INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING ON GREENE AVENUE RYDE -
Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/71**

BACKGROUND:

Greene Avenue, Ryde is a local road where residents report a growing concern of speeding vehicles. The residents of this street have gathered a petition signed by 71 residents requesting installation of traffic calming devices to help improve safety on the street.

MOTION:

- (a) That Council facilitate a meeting in March 2025 with residents of Greene Avenue, Ryde to discuss a detailed plan to overcome speeding issues.
- (b) That a formal submission be submitted to the Ryde Local Traffic Committee based on the feedback of residents.
- (c) That all residents who have signed the petition be notified.

**13 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL 100TH ANNIVERSARY - Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number:** CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/77

BACKGROUND:

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School, is a primary school located on Victoria Road, Gladesville. The site chosen on the corner of Victoria Road and Westminster Road is where the Church and old school (now the Fr Gell Hall) is situated. A Foundation stone reads "This stone was blessed and laid by Most Rev M. Kelly Archbishop of Sydney March 1st 1925".

MOTION:

- (a) That Council acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone by presenting a commemorative plaque.
- (b) That Fr Morgan (Parish Priest) be consulted on the wording for the plaque.
- (c) That the cost of the plaque is anticipated to be minimal and can be funded from the Civic Services budget.
- (d) That the plaque be presented to Fr Morgan by the Mayor and any interested Councillors on Sunday, 9 March 2025.

14 ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS - Councillor Lyndal Howison**File Number:** CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/76

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ryde publishes information for residents on its website on how to report Abandoned Shopping Trolleys. This includes a listing of the online reporting mechanisms for supermarket chains including Coles, Woolworths, Aldi and IGA, alongside advice about the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021.

The Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 was intended to "help protect valuable public spaces across the City of Ryde from abandoned and unattended items". Unfortunately a large volume of shopping trolleys continues to be abandoned across our LGA, infringing on pedestrian and cyclist safety as well as diminishing local amenity.

On its website, CoR's response mechanism for residents wishing to report a potentially dangerous abandoned trolley under the Act is the provision of a landline phone number and an email address.

The City of Canterbury Bankstown is trialling new AI technology to address this issue, with a series of side-mounted cameras on its fleet of street sweepers which record images of abandoned trolleys into a database. They have published a heatmap showing problem areas.

MOTION:

- (a) That a report be brought to Council by July 2025 on the extent to which Council has enacted the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021, including the number and nature of any fines or enforcement orders issued to the owners of abandoned materials including shopping trolleys, and any court matters raised or penalties imposed.
- (b) That the City of Ryde investigate the implementation of a more user-friendly or contemporary response mechanism on its website for the reporting of abandoned shopping trolleys under the Act, in particular an online form which would allow for easy and precise geolocation of dangerously located items.
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer write to his counterpart at Canterbury Bankstown to request information about their Heat Map technology and whether there is any associated improvement in either the rate of abandoned trolleys or their collection by their corporate owners.
- (d) That the City of Ryde include an update about how to report abandoned shopping trolleys in its next resident newsletter, pending implementation of point (b) above.

15 'FRESH START FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES, TRAINEES AND CADETS' PROGRAM - Councillor Lyndal Howison**File Number:** CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/80

BACKGROUND:

The NSW Government is providing \$252.2 million over 6 years to directly support local councils to develop more sustainable workforces through the recruitment of trainees, apprentices and cadets through the 'A fresh start for Local Government Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets' program.

The City of Ryde has staff vacancies at all levels and, with a forecast increase in resident population to 177,222 by 2041, is developing its plans for expanded infrastructure maintenance and renewal. The 'Fresh Start' program has provided the City of Ryde with direct wage support for new apprentices, trainees or cadets, with a focus on in-demand trades including electricians, plumbers, engineers, civil construction workers, mechanics, planning cadets and others.

The first round of funding closed in November 2024. The second round closes on 31 March 2025.

Habitat for Humanity is a global not-for-profit established in the 1970s to deliver “partnership housing” whereby those in need work with volunteers to build houses. Habitat for Humanity Australia manages international activities in Asia and the Pacific, as well as domestic programs in volunteer home maintenance, disaster response and more recently, Habitat Women.

Habitat Women is a local social enterprise that is increasing the workforce participation of women in the building and maintenance industry. Women make up only 11% of the total industry workforce. Their program, which delivers training programs at Meadowbank TAFE, aims to increase female participation within the construction sector by providing women who face barriers to employment with training and career support to pave a pathway into the construction industry.

MOTION:

- (a) The City of Ryde acknowledges that the NSW Government’s Fresh start for Local Government Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets’ program is helping establish trade-based career pathways in local government.
- (b) That appropriate staff from the City of Ryde meet with Habitat for Humanity’s Habit Women representatives to investigate opportunities to collaborate, including employment of H4H graduates from the Habitat Women program potentially under the next round of funding from the Fresh start for Local Government Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets’ program, which closes in March 2025. (Information re: Grant is available on the Office of Local Government website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/programs-and-initiatives/apprentice-and-trainee-program/)

16 AMEND THE CITY OF RYDE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN TO PLACE HEIGHT RESTRICTION ON LOT 307 LANE COVE ROAD MACQUARIE PARK - Councillor Penny Pedersen

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/75

BACKGROUND:

In 2021 Ryde Council rejected a DA by the owner of Eden Gardens on Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park to build an 18 storey office tower and other facilities. This plan was rejected by the Sydney North Planning Panel in 2022. The applicant took the issue to the Land and Environment Court in February 2024 and the application was refused in Sept 2024.

Several representatives with an interest in Lane Cove National Park (LCNP) made presentations to the court hearing such as the NPWS, Friends of Lane Cove National Park, 416 Group, STEP and Aboriginal cultural and heritage representatives. Ryde Council's submission also made several objections to the impacts on Lane Cove National Park.

The submissions stated things like "the development creates an unacceptable interface with LCNP, impacting on fauna habitat values, vegetation integrity, aquatic ecological values with the jarring building height resulting in significant visual impacts upon sensitive surrounding areas. These impacts are inconsistent with the zone objectives of C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves within the Ryde LEP 2014.' The rejection from the court however centred on traffic.

Future applicants will do the same if the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is not amended and take advantage of the fact that there is currently no height limit for the site specified in the Ryde LEP.

MOTION:

That City of Ryde prepare a report for Council that explores:

- (a) The current allowable building heights at lot 307 Lane Cove Road Macquarie Park.
- (b) The process required to amend the LEP and discuss options to put height restrictions in place for the City of Ryde north of the M2 Motorway in Macquarie Park.

**17 COUNCIL TO COMMIT TO FUNDING AND DELIVERING THE
'EVERYBODY DANCE NOW DISCO' AND ASSOCIATED INCLUSIVE
EVENTS - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/88

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ryde Disability and Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) which was developed and is overseen by the CoR Community services team, states that "As a Council, we have a responsibility to look for, and where we can, remove the barriers that stop people from being involved in our community. The need to support inclusion is recognised at many levels of legislation and policy in Australia. We prioritise this through numerous programs and projects undertaken each year to improve how we connect with our disability and support groups."

Listed as a focus area in developing the DIAP was:

- Accessible events that facilitate connection between people with and without disability, as well as some disability-specific events.
- Social groups for people with disability, carers, older people and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities

The plan lists:

- Action 8: Engage with ‘members of the community with disability through specific events to foster inclusion and connections with Council’
- Action 14: ‘Work with organisations to identify opportunities to support innovative and inclusive activities for people with disability’
- Action 15: ‘Promote events that are accessible and inclusive for people with disability.’
- Action 18: ‘Continue to facilitate provision of sport and *recreation* programs for people with disability.’
- Action 19: ‘Integrate key actions from Council’s Social Plan (2019) and other relevant plans and strategies into activities and events”
- Action 21: ‘Continue to deliver inclusive activities as part of the Active in Ryde programs being offered to the community’

EVERYbody Dance Now disco and associated events like picnics/disco on ice and the facebook chat group, are very well known to the community and have been running for close to a decade. It is one of the ways that adults (18+ age group) across Ryde, of *all abilities*, have been able to come together throughout the year.

For many it is their only opportunity to socialise with others outside of their home or place of care.

While council has sponsored (and recently run a couple of these events through the Active in Ryde program) The Discos and other ‘EVERYbody dance now’ events are facilitated by a small group of enthusiastic volunteers who provide their time and donations to ensure everybody has a great time.

The venues have been provided free of charge by North Ryde Golf Club and more recently, North Ryde RSL.

There is generally a minimal charge for individual participants at venue events to cover overheads (normally a snack and drink) and primary carers are free.

During the pandemic lockdown the attendees were so disappointed at not being able to meet, that the volunteers took the event online. It was a huge success and news of the ‘Zoom disco’ was picked up by journalists on ‘The Project’ with many of Ryde’s regular attendees featuring in the televised report.

MOTION:

That City of Ryde, prepare and bring back to Council a report exploring options for Council to:

- (a) Commit to delivering the indoor, inclusive disco 'EVERYbody dance now' events for the rest of the Council term, on a regular basis (not just in social inclusion week) in order to give volunteers and attendees certainty.
- (b) Allocate the running of the event to the appropriate members of staff.
- (c) Provide options for funding the event and associated costs.

**18 PROVIDING DISABILITY ACCESS ON BADAJOZ ROAD AT THE
MACQUARIE HOSPITAL BUS STOP AND CROSSING - Councillor Penny
Pedersen**

File Number: CLM/25/1/1/6 - BP25/89

BACKGROUND:

Users of mobility devices have complained that the pram ramps to the pedestrian refuge on Badajoz road - outside Macquarie hospital and Norfolk way - are causing a 'trip and tip' hazard due to the steep gradient.

Users have also complained that they were told that the current bus stop was due to be upgraded to DDA standards in January but has still not been built.

They report that there is no room to turn a wheelchair on the current cement platform forcing them to 'back out'. This bus stop connects users from Macquarie Hospital and residents from Norfolk way (some of whom use wheeled mobility devices), to the North Ryde Metro.

Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (Transport Standards) 2002 - minimum accessibility requirements were to be met by 2022.

All bus stops must include uninterrupted access paths, tactile ground surface indicators, sufficient circulation space for manoeuvring, a level non-slip boarding point, and have at least two allocated wheelchair spaces where a waiting area is provided.

The city of Ryde Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) includes the following actions:

30. 'Prioritising footpath, road and upgrade and repair of bus routes within asset budget
31. 'Continue the implementation of PAMP items and footpath configuration to improve accessibility and connection within existing asset capital works programs'
- 43: 'Incorporate asset data collected in 2019/2020, such as trip hazards on footpaths and compliance of kerb ramps for Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) standards, in future project development'
44. 'Develop an Access Protocol and Checklist that provides guidance on standards of accessibility for public domain and infrastructure works that reflect Universal Design Principles and best practice not just existing Standards (Access to Premises – Buildings)'
46. 'Review the progress of bus shelter contract renewal. Annual program of accessibility upgrades and renewal for the public domain to support implementation of adaptable lighting to deliver above compliance bus stops in accordance with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002'

MOTION:

That City of Ryde expedite works:

- (a) To make the bus stop outside Macquarie Hospital, opposite Norfolk Way on Badajoz Road, compliant with the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (Transport Standards) 2002*.
- (b) To fix the gradient of the 'pram ramps' from the curb to the road (on both sides) and through the pedestrian refuge on Badajoz Road between Norfolk Way and Third Avenue (Macquarie Hospital).
- (c) That this is funded through the Delivery Plan.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY**1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Lyndal Howison****File Number: CLM/25/1/1/10 - BP25/101**

At the 23 July 2024 meeting, the City of Ryde resolved:

- (a) *That Council conduct an audit of the lighting levels on pathways within the following parks, emphasising pedestrian and passive park user safety:-*
- *Santa Rosa Park path*
 - *Crimea Road access to Epping Road*
 - *The Cascades from Top Ryde to West Ryde*
 - *Anderson Park play area*
 - *Temporary lighting for Blenheim Park until its masterplan is delivered*
 - *Meadowbank Playground*
- (b) *That Council explores funding sources for the necessary improvements in lighting levels on pathways with the aforementioned parks. This investigation should include both internal funding and potential external funding sources.*
- (c) *That staff take into consideration lighting that is acceptable for nocturnal fauna where possible*
- (d) *That a report be presented to Council detailing the findings of the audit and funding investigations as soon as practicable.*

Question 1:

What is the progress of this audit and what staff resource has been allocated to it?

Question 2:

What is the policy framework for the audit, and specifically will this audit consider guidelines such as TfNSW's draft NSW Guide to Gender Inclusive Placemaking?

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12 REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT-08-24 - SPATIAL SOFTWARE - OUTCOME

Report prepared by: Chief Information Officer; Senior Coordinator Spatial Data Services

Report approved by: Executive Manager - People and Business

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13 GARDEN ORGANICS PROCESSING

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Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Resource Recovery; Senior Coordinator – Procurement

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