

COUNCIL AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

27 October 2020



You are hereby notified that an **Ordinary Council Meeting** of Liverpool City Council will be held online on **Tuesday, 27 October 2020** commencing at 6.00pm.

Liverpool City Council Meetings are livestreamed onto Council's website and remain on Council's website for a period of 12 months. If you have any enquiries, please contact Council and Executive Services on 8711 7584.

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Dr Eddie Jackson

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Reason: Item CONF 04 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(d i) (d ii) (d iii) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed reveal a trade secret.

CONF 05 Woodward Place Master Plan

Reason: Item CONF 05 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(c) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CONF 06 Liverpool Animal Shelter **(to be provided in Addendum Booklet)**

Reason: Item CONF 06 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(c) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Close



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT:

Mayor Wendy Waller
 Councillor Ayyad
 Councillor Balloot
 Councillor Hadchiti
 Councillor Hadid
 Councillor Hagarty
 Councillor Harle
 Councillor Kaliyanda
 Councillor Karnib
 Councillor Rhodes
 Councillor Shelton
 Dr Eddie Jackson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
 Mr George Hampouris, Acting Director City Corporate
 Ms Tina Sangiuliano, Acting Director City Community and Culture
 Mr David Smith, Acting Director City Economy and Growth
 Mr Peter Patterson, Director City Presentation
 Mr Raj Autar, Director City Infrastructure and Environment
 Mr John Milicic, Manager Property Services
 Ms Nada Mardini, Manager Community Standards
 Mr Chris Guthrie, Acting Manager City Economy
 Mr George Georgakis, Manager Council and Executive Services
 Ms Maree Stewart, Coordinator Council and Executive Services (minutes)

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING OF MEETING

The Mayor reminded everyone that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the meeting is being livestreamed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY, PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND AFFIRMATION TO BE READ BY

The prayer of the Council was read by the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Dr Eddie Jackson.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONDOLENCES

Mr Bob Ingham AO (read by Mayor Waller)

Tonight, we pause to remember one of Liverpool's most highly respected and accomplished sons.

Bob Ingham AO, the son of farmer Walter Ingham, was born in Casula in 1931.

On his father's death in 1953, Bob and his older brother Jack took over the family's poultry breeding business, which was founded in 1918.

Bob and Jack were a formidable team. They transformed Inghams Enterprises into the largest producer of chickens and turkeys in Australia.

Bob continued to run the company until after Jack's death in 2003. He sold Inghams Enterprises in 2013.

Bob and Jack had also inherited the broodmare Valiant Rose from their father. They used Valiant Rose to begin building the largest thoroughbred horse racing and breeding operation in Australia at the time.

They raced, among others, champions Octagonal and Lonhro, with their distinctive cerise colours becoming well known on the racing circuit.

In 2004, Bob was inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame.

Bob sold the racehorse breeding operation in 2008.

The respected philanthropist was well-known for his wish to establish an independent health and medical research institute in his hometown of Liverpool. His vision was realised in 2012 when the world-class Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research was opened.

Today, the Institute is home to more than 350 researchers who are leading advanced medical breakthroughs and clinical discoveries, with a commitment to saving lives and improving outcomes.

Bob's philanthropic gifts to the Institute exceed \$15 million, ranking him among Australia's most generous supporters of health and medical research.

Bob also received a number of awards for his service to the Liverpool community, including the Centenary Medal in January 2001.

In January 2003, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to the poultry industry, as a pioneer in research and development, and to the community through his support of a range of charities and health care facilities.

Bob died on Tuesday 22 September at his home, aged 88, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Bob's wife Norma died 10 years ago.

In a statement, Bob's family said his hard work, commitment and philosophy of 'Doing the right things and doing things right' underpinned everything he did.

On behalf of Liverpool City Council, I express my deepest condolences and well wishes to Bob's family and friends during this difficult time.

May he rest in peace.

Yousra Ahmad Karnib (by Mayor Waller)

On behalf of all at Liverpool City Council, I humbly express my deepest condolences to Deputy Mayor Karnib on the loss of his sister, Yousra.

Yousra Ahmad Karnib passed away on 16 September 2020 after a brief period of illness.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Yousra's family and friends at this difficult time, in particular her six children.

I am sure that Yousra's spirit will live on in all those whom had the pleasure of knowing her.

May she rest in peace.

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Waller** **Seconded: Cllr Hadid**

That Council writes to the family of Mr Ingham and Yousra Ahmad Karnib expressing our condolences for their loss.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Item: COM 01 Grants, Donations and Corporate Sponsorship

Reason: Cllr Hadchiti's children attend karate lessons with an organisation that is involved in the 29th ISKA NSW Open but his children are not competing.

Cllr Hadchiti remained in the meeting for the duration of the item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Presentation – items not on agenda

Nil

Representation – items on agenda

1. **Wayne and Lorelai Burns** made a submission on the following item which was circulated to Councillors:

Item EGROW 04 Issues and Options Report - Potential amendment to Liverpool Local Environmental Plan to permit a Recreation Facility (Outdoor) at 25 Dwyer Road, Bringelly

MAYORAL MINUTE**ITEM NO: MAYOR 01****SUBJECT: Support to flood relief appeal for Sudan**

Since July 2020, widespread and heavy rain has been falling across Sudan, in North-East Africa, causing unprecedented flooding in 17 of its 18 states.

The disaster has claimed at least 100 lives. More than 500,000 people are in urgent need of shelter, water, food, hygiene, healthcare and other basic needs. An estimated 100,000 homes have been carried away by the flood waters. Crops have been destroyed. A lack of clean drinking water is increasing the risk of exposure to water-borne disease.

On 4 September, the Sudanese Government declared a three-month national state of emergency.

The Nile River and some of its tributaries have also reached their highest levels in 100 years.

Sennar, Khartoum and Al Gezira are the most affected states.

Teams of volunteers in Sudan are providing emergency support, shelter and food to people affected by the disaster and helping them move to higher and safer ground.

The number of people of Sudanese ancestry in Liverpool is larger than the Greater Sydney average and many Sudanese-Australians in the Liverpool Local Government area are deeply concerned about the floods and their impact on Sudan. These residents also have concerns for the safety and welfare of their family members and friends who remain in Sudan.

On behalf of Liverpool City Council, I express my sympathy and support to the people of Sudan during this difficult time. Council values the contribution Sudanese Australians have made to the rich fabric of Liverpool.

Motion: Moved: Mayor Waller

That Council:

1. Donates \$10,000 to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Emergency Appeal for Sudan.
2. Writes to the Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan in Australia to express Council's sympathy and support, and to advise of the donation.
3. Writes to the Liverpool Australian Sudanese Community organisation to express Council's sympathy and support, and to advise of the donation.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: CEO 02
FILE NO: 242015.2020
SUBJECT: Election of Deputy Mayor

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Hadchiti** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That:

1. Council proceeds with the election of the Deputy Mayor to be conducted by the Returning Officer for the 30 September 2020 – 4 September 2021 period; and
2. The method of election for the position of Deputy Mayor of Liverpool City Council for the term 30 September 2020 – 4 September 2021 be determined by Open Vote.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Mayor by the Acting Chief Executive Officer as the Returning Officer.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that 2 nominations had been received, being for Cllr Hadid and Cllr Hagarty.

VOTING

	CLR HADID	CLR HAGARTY
Cllr Ayyad	X	
Cllr Balloot	X	
Cllr Hadchiti	X	
Cllr Hadid	X	
Cllr Hagarty		X
Cllr Harle	X	
Cllr Kaliyanda		X
Cllr Karnib		X
Cllr Rhodes	X	
Cllr Shelton		X
Mayor Waller		X

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Hadchiti** **Seconded: Cllr Hadid**

That:

1. Cllr Hadid be declared the Deputy Mayor of Liverpool City Council for the term 30 September 2020 to 4 September 2021;

2. Council's Register of Delegations be amended accordingly; and
3. Council thank the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cllr Karnib for his three years of service to the role.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Motion: **Moved:** Clr Hadchiti **Seconded:**Clr Shelton

1. Appoint Councillors as representatives to the following Committees for the period to September 2021:

Aboriginal Consultative Committee	
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and one Councillor
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Mayor Waller and Cllr Shelton
<i>Representatives for 2020-21</i>	Mayor Waller and Cllr Shelton

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee	
<i>Representatives</i>	Deputy Mayor and one Councillor
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Deputy Mayor Karnib and Clr Shelton
<i>Representatives for 2020-21</i>	Deputy Mayor Hadid and Clr Shelton

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre Board	
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate), Deputy Mayor, and one Councillor
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Mayor Waller and Cllr Kaliyanda.
<i>Representatives for 2020-21</i>	Mayor Waller and Cllr Kaliyanda.

Companion Animal Advisory Committee

<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate), and one Councillor
<i>Current Representatives</i>	A report was submitted to the July 2020 Council meeting to endorse the Terms of Reference. A Councillor representative has not yet been determined.
<i>Representatives for 2020-21</i>	Mayor Waller and Cllr Rhodes

District Forums	
<i>Representatives</i>	One Councillor to chair.
<i>Current Rural District Chairperson</i>	Cllr Harle
<i>Chairperson for 2020-21</i>	Cllr Harle
<i>Current New Release/Established District Chairperson</i>	Cllr Hagarty
<i>Chairperson for 2020-21</i>	Cllr Hadid
<i>Current 2168 District Chairperson</i>	Mayor Waller
<i>Chairperson for 2020-21</i>	Mayor Waller
<i>Current Eastern District Chairperson</i>	Cllr Rhodes
<i>Chairperson for 2020-21</i>	Cllr Rhodes

Environment Advisory Committee	
<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Cllrs Shelton and Harle
<i>Representatives for 2020-21</i>	Cllr Rhodes and Cllr Shelton
Heritage Advisory Committee	

<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Clrs Hadid and Harle
Representatives for 2020-21	Clr Rhodes and Clr Shelton

Intermodal Precinct Committee

<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors (Clrs Hadchiti and Rhodes)
<i>Current Representatives</i>	At its meeting of 26 February 2020 Council adopted the Intermodal Precinct Committee Charter and revoked the Intermodal Committee Charter. At the 27 May 2020 Council meeting, Councillors Hadchiti and Rhodes were appointed a Council's representatives, and as such can continue for the next 12 months. A separate report has been included in this Council Agenda paper relating to nominating a Chair to the Intermodal Precinct Committee. Clr Rhodes to Chair this Committee.

Liverpool Access Committee

<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and one Councillor
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Mayor Waller and Clr Harle
Representatives for 2020-21	Mayor Waller and Clr Rhodes

Liverpool Sports Committee

<i>Representative</i>	Mayor (or delegate)
<i>Current Representative</i>	Clr Kaliyanda
Representative for 2020-21	Clr Kaliyanda

Tourism & CBD Committee

<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and four Councillors
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<i>Current Representatives</i>	Clrs Balloot, Hadid, Hadchiti, Hagarty and Shelton
Representatives for 2020-21	Mayor Waller, Clr Shelton, Clr Rhodes Clrs Balloot, Hadid and Clr Hagarty

Youth Council	
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and two Councillors
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Mayor Waller, Clr Hagarty and Clr Kaliyanda
Representatives for 2020-21	Mayor Waller, Clr Kaliyanda and Clr Hagarty

2. Notes that all Councillors are members of the following Committees, and as such specific appointments are not required:
 - a. Budget Review Panel
 - b. Strategic Panel
 - c. Civic Advisory Committee
 - d. Community & Safety Prevention Committee
3. Appoints Councillors as representatives to the following community committees and affiliated bodies and notifies them of their representatives for the period to September 2021:

Georges River Combined Councils Committee (GRCCC)	
<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Clrs Harle and Shelton
Representatives for 2020-21	Clr Shelton and Clr Harle

Liverpool Pedestrian, Active Transport and Traffic Committee	
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate)

<i>Current Representatives</i>	Clr Hagarty
Representatives for 2020-21	Clr Hagarty

Macarthur Bushfire Management Committee

<i>Representative</i>	One Councillor
<i>Current Representative</i>	Clr Harle
Representative for 2020-21	Clr Harle

NSW Metropolitan Public Libraries Association (NSW MPLA)

<i>Representatives</i>	Two representatives, one of whom shall be an elected Councillor and the other generally being a Library Manager
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Clr Kaliyanda
Representatives for 2020-21	Clr Kaliyanda

South West City Planning Panel

<i>Current Representatives</i>	Mayor Waller and Clr Harle, with Clrs Hagarty, Karnib and Rhodes as alternates
Representatives for 2020-21	Mayor Waller and Clr Harle, with Clr Hagarty, Clr Karnib and Clr Rhodes as alternatives.

South West Sydney Academy of Sport (SWSAS)

<i>Representative</i>	One Councillor
<i>Current Representative</i>	Clr Kaliyanda
Representative for 2020-21	Clr Kaliyanda

Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC)	
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor and one Councillor
<i>Current Representatives</i>	Clr Rhodes and Clr Balloot
<i>Representatives for 2020-21</i>	Clr Rhodes (as the Mayor's delegate) and Clr Balloot, with Clr Harle and Clr Kaliyanda as alternates.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: CEO 04
FILE NO: 246500.2020
SUBJECT: Mayoral Direction pursuant to Section 226(d) of the Local Government Act 1993

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved:** Clr Hadchiti **Seconded:** Clr Hadid

That Council note and endorse the Mayoral Direction dated 28 August 2020 attached to the report.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: CEO 05
FILE NO: 239029.2020
SUBJECT: Adoption of new Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Procedures

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Hagarty Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council:

1. Adopt the Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Procedures attached to this report;
2. Retain the maximum \$50 cap on the acceptance of gifts and benefits;
3. Retain the position that all gifts and benefits no matter the monetary value are declared;
4. Request the Chief Executive Officer to arrange appropriate training for the Mayor and Councillors concerning recent changes to the Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Procedures; and
5. Note that Council's Governance team will provide appropriate training and resources in regard to the Code of Conduct for Council staff, members of Council advisory committees, Council volunteers and Council contractors.
6. Note that the maximum cap for State Members of Parliament is \$500 and is discretionary.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

CITY ECONOMY AND GROWTH REPORT

ITEM NO: EGROW 01

FILE NO: 196421.2020

SUBJECT: Planning proposal request to amend development standards and Schedule 1 of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 to facilitate a mixed use development in the B6 zone at 146 Newbridge Road, Moorebank

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Ayyad

Seconded: Cllr Rhodes

That Council:

1. Notes the advice of the Liverpool Local Planning Panel;
2. Endorses in principle the planning proposal request;
3. Delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer authority to prepare the formal planning proposal including any typographical or other editing amendments if required;
4. Notes that negotiations will occur with the proponent on a potential voluntary planning agreement for the provision of affordable housing;
5. Forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment pursuant to Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, seeking a Gateway determination with a request that Council be authorised as the local plan making authority and that the Gateway determination be conditioned requiring relevant technical documents be updated, that Section 9.1 Direction 2.6 (Remediation of Contaminated Land) be updated and a site specific DCP be prepared prior to public exhibition;
6. Subject to Gateway determination, undertakes public exhibition and community consultation in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway determination and Council's Community Participation Plan; and
7. Receives a further report on the outcomes of public exhibition and community consultation.
8. Forward the planning proposals for the Flower Power site and Concrete Crushers site to the Local Planning Panel and then receive a further report back to Council by the earliest possible Council meeting in 2020.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ayyad** **Seconded: Clr Rhodes**

1. Note the advice of the Liverpool Local Planning Panel;
2. Endorses in principle the planning proposal request;
3. Delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer authority to prepare the formal planning proposal including any typographical or other editing amendments if required;
4. Forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment pursuant to Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, seeking a Gateway determination with a request that Council be authorised as the local plan making authority and that the Gateway determination be conditioned requiring a site specific DCP be prepared prior to public exhibition;
5. Subject to Gateway determination, undertakes public exhibition and community consultation in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway determination and Council's Community Participation Plan; and
6. Receives a further report on the outcomes of public exhibition and community consultation.
7. Negotiate a possible VPA with the developer.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: EGROW 03
FILE NO: 209517.2020
SUBJECT: Planning proposal request to rezone land and amend development standards at 1370 Camden Valley Way, East Leppington

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Hadchiti** **Seconded: Cllr Hadid**

That Council:

1. Notes the advice of the Liverpool Local Planning Panel;
2. Endorses in principle the planning proposal request, subject to the proponent finalising the required amendments to the Liverpool Growth Centres Precinct DCP;
3. Delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer authority to prepare the formal planning proposal including any typographical or other editing amendments if required;
4. Delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer authority to negotiate a Voluntary Planning Agreement with the proponent, agree the terms of the offer with the proponent and report back to Council the details of the VPA prior to exhibition of the planning proposal, consistent with the Council's Planning Agreements Policy;
5. Endorses in principle the potential public benefits, to be further negotiated, including:
 - Social Court located within Open Space Area 'C' of approximately 330m² including outdoor seating, basketball and netball hoop and bocce area including tree planting;
 - Concrete walking loop located within Open Space Area 'C' of approximately 180m;
 - Pedestrian crossing (including refuge island) located in the southern portion of the site across the future collector road to the open space area;
 - Boardwalk/bridge across riparian corridor along the south-east portion of the site of approximately 70m;
6. Forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment pursuant to Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, seeking a Gateway determination with a recommendation that amendments to the Liverpool Growth Centres Precinct DCP is included as a Gateway condition to be satisfied prior to public exhibition;

7. Subject to Gateway determination, undertake public exhibition and community consultation on the planning proposal in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway determination and Council's Community Participation Plan;
8. Receive a further report on the outcomes of public exhibition and community consultation.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: EGROW 04
FILE NO: 237969.2020
SUBJECT: Issues and Options Report - Potential amendment to Liverpool Local Environmental Plan to permit a Recreation Facility (Outdoor) at 25 Dwyer Road, Bringelly

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: Moved: Clr Hadchiti **Seconded:** Clr Hadid

That Council:

1. Directs the Acting Chief Executive Officer to prepare a planning proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 to permit, with development consent, a Recreation Facility (Outdoor) at 25 Dwyer Road, Bringelly and delegates authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to forward the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment seeking a Gateway determination;
2. Notes that if a Gateway determination is issued, state agency consultation and public exhibition will be undertaken, and a post-exhibition report will be prepared for Council's consideration; and
3. Investigates including Recreation Facility (Outdoor) as a land use permitted with development consent in the R5 Large Lot Residential zone as part of Phase 2 of the LEP Review.
4. Direct the Acting Chief Executive Officer to present an issues and options paper for potential amendments to State Environmental Planning Policy growth centres to permit, in a time limited manner, land uses that aren't currently permitted.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Kaliyanda** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

1. Does not support the renaming of Cirillo Reserve to Segatto Sporting Complex;
2. Investigate the naming of a building or sports field within Cirillo Reserve as “Segatto” to recognise the previous part ownership of the reserve.
3. Investigate whether this name can be used in new parks within the area of Middleton Grange.

Chairperson

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Balloot**

1. Conclude the Business Resilience Grants program and allocate no further funding, noting that:
 - 50 grants have now been issued through the program;
 - due to the competitive nature of the process not all applicants could receive a grant; and
 - the allocated budget has been exhausted.
2. Receive a further report in May 2021 on the status of the Liverpool economy 12 months on from the first lockdown period and following the acquittal of the Business Resilience Grants program.
3. Assist local small businesses by extending rent relief, if they qualify.

Chairperson

Clr Hadchiti declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item at the beginning of the item, which has been recorded on page 4 of these minutes.

CITY COMMUNITY AND CULTURE REPORT

ITEM NO: COM 01
FILE NO: 217621.2020
SUBJECT: Grants, Donations and Corporate Sponsorship

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Shelton** **Seconded: Clr Kaliyanda**

That Council endorses the recommendation of **\$10,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Corporate Sponsorship Program** for the following project:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
International Sports Karate Association (IKSA)	29th ISKA NSW OPEN	\$10,000

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: COM 02
FILE NO: 217919.2020
SUBJECT: Acquittal Report for Grants, Donations and Corporate Sponsorship Program
2019/2020 FY

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Kaliyanda** **Seconded: Clr Shelton**

That Council receives and notes this report.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Kaliyanda** **Seconded: Clr Rhodes**

1. Receives and notes this report;
2. Endorses the draft Child Safe Policy and the Draft Behavioural Standards for Keeping Children Safe for public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with a report to be provided back to Council following the conclusion of the exhibition period; and
3. Should no responses be received from the public exhibition period, authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to finalise the Child Safe Policy and oversee its implementation.
4. Amend the Behavioural Standards for Keeping Children Safe so that the fourth point under the heading "Staff are not to engage in any of the following behaviours, at all times", so that it reads:

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ballot** **Seconded: Clr Hadchiti**

1. Endorse a capped rebate by application for landowners in the Liverpool CBD (excluding Westfield & Liverpool Plaza) that were affected by mandatory restrictions and who can demonstrate a 30% loss in cashflow in line with Option 5 as outlined in the report and specifically applying to the levied property at question;
2. Reallocate funds from the “Eat Your Heart Out” program to fund this initiative.

Clr Shelton asked that he be recorded as voting against the above motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hadid** **Seconded: Clr Hagarty**

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hadid** **Seconded: Clr Hagarty**

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: CTTE 04
FILE NO: 240986.2020
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee meeting held on 18 August 2020

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hadid** **Seconded: Clr Hagarty**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee meeting held on 18 August 2020.
2. Endorse the recommendations in the minutes.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Intermodal Precinct Committee;
2. Endorse the recommendations in the minutes;
3. Appoint either Cr Rhodes or Cr Hadchiti as Chairperson of the Intermodal Precinct Committee.

Note: Cllr Rhodes was nominated as the Chairperson for the Intermodal Precinct Committee in Item CEO 03 Appointment of Councillors to Committees and Affiliated Bodies, on page 13 of these minutes.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NO: QWN 01

FILE NO: 218251.2020

SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Rhodes - Georges River Bank Stabilisation

Please address the following:

Can Council provide a report on the recent collapse of the Eastern bank of the Georges River opposite the Council dog park and bordering the Moorebank Intermodal.

1. What is being done to stabilise the banks of the Georges River at this particular site and others along the Georges River?
2. Who is responsible to stabilise the bank of the Georges River?
3. When will stabilisation of the Georges River bank be done?
4. Explain the Georges Riverkeeper's involvement vs conditions imposed on development applications to stabilise the Georges River banks?

Recent collapse of the Georges River bank along side the Moorebank Intermodal site and opposite the Council dog park was disturbing to say the least.

A large chunk of the bank that borders the Moorebank Intermodal Development site recently fell into the River.

When the ground is left bare by human activities including clearing, building (and related activities) and vehicle use such as 4WD's and trail bikes the soil is easily washed away when it rains. Examples of this can be seen between Sandy Point and Alfords Point as sediment from the ridges washes into Mill Creek and then into the Georges River. This erosion removes the fertile topsoil and the soil that is washed into waterways can contain plant nutrients, minerals, organic matter and seeds. It can also contain pesticides and toxic heavy metals.

When soil, sand, dust, cement, paint and building debris reach the waterways, they can:

- increase the risk of flooding;
- block drains;
- spread weeds to bushland;
- result in algal blooms;
- cause health problems for swimmers; and
- smother and suffocate water plants and animals and impact on their ability to reproduce.

The size of the erosion that fell into the Georges River in the one event is of particular concern and needs to be addressed.

Response

1. What is being done to stabilise the banks of the Georges River at this particular site and others along the Georges River?

Riverbank erosion is generally a natural process which allows rivers to meander and change course and stabilise over time. However, while bank erosion is considered a necessary ecological process, eroding soil and associated nutrients are the most important and widespread causes of reduced water quality impacting overall river system health. Further, if uncontrolled, serious damage can result to community infrastructure including loss of valuable land and riparian vegetation.

Council has therefore adopted a risk-based program of works to stabilise bank erosion along the Georges River. This approach is primarily guided by the need to restore and protect Council assets comprising stormwater infrastructure considered to be in danger of collapse; land and open space that would otherwise suffer significant loss; and to preserve public safety.

The following presents examples of riverbank erosion works that have recently been undertaken along the Georges River:

a) South Park, Chipping Norton - to provide stormwater outlet protection works.



b) Pleasure Point Reserve, Pleasure Point - to restore progressive loss of land through bank erosion.



c) Haigh Park, Moorebank - to repair significant asset damage from ongoing bank erosion and to restore public safety.



2. Who is responsible to stabilise the bank of the Georges River?

At its meeting of 26 June 2019, Council considered a report on *Activating the Georges River* (copy attached), which included a detailed discussion regarding the current management responsibilities for the River and its broader catchment. The report outlined that due to its environmental value and recreation potential, around 18 agencies comprising State Government agencies, councils and community groups played different roles in the ongoing management of the Georges River. In this regard, the report concluded that with so many stakeholders and agencies having broad and overlapping responsibilities for the River, the lack of a clear governance structure has resulted in any improvement efforts being fragmented and uncoordinated.

With regards to the banks of the Georges River, based on legal advice received previously, Council's local government area does not extend below the water level (or the low water mark for tidal areas of Georges River). The State has rights to the control, use and flow of all waters in rivers, with the areas below the low water mark generally vested in the Crown. In view of this advice, it's clear that Council's powers over rivers are limited.

In order to provide a coordinated approach to investigate and address management needs across the whole of the Georges River catchment, in May 2012, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in collaboration with the Georges Riverkeeper member councils developed the Georges River Estuary Management Plan. Known as the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP), it provides strategic direction and guidance on future

strategic and environmental planning within the estuary and its catchment. It also provides an action plan for undertaking targeted works and other initiatives aimed at achieving the overall goal of improving estuary and river condition.

Bank erosion along sections of the Georges River was identified as a key issue facing the estuary. The CZMP accordingly identified erosion protection and bank stabilisation works along a four-kilometre reach of the Georges River, generally between Liverpool Weir and Chipping Norton Lakes. It was estimated that the required stabilisation works would cost between \$10 million and \$20 million.

In view of this significant cost, Council's constrained budgets and other competing priorities for infrastructure funding, the identified bank stabilisation works have not been able to be progressed at the scale envisaged in the CZMP.

3. When will stabilisation of the Georges Riverbank be done?

The mass failure and subsequent collapse of the riverbank adjoining Casula Parklands (refer to photos below) was triggered by an extreme flood event of February 2020, where flow velocities and volumes exceeded the structural capacity of the banks. Such an extensive bank erosion would normally require engineered revetment infrastructure works to stabilise the banks and arrest further bank erosion. However, in this instance such a response is not considered necessary in view of the following:

- due to its location along a bend in the River, there could potentially be long term adverse impacts downstream arising from natural river geomorphic processes of erosion and sediment deposition;
- the eroded bank is not a current threat to any built environment and will very likely stabilise over time; and
- costs associated with such significant restoration works would be prohibitive in the short to medium term.



While at this stage there are no plans for a comprehensive bank stabilisation program to be implemented along the Georges River, the following current and future programs provide the opportunity to selectively consider the need for bank stabilisation works:

- a) River Connections** - Council is currently progressing the planning and delivery of a package of high value projects along the Georges River corridor to create public spaces along the river that are inviting and desirable. These include the multi-million dollar planned investments in Light Horse Park and Casula Parklands. These on-ground activation programs will not only transform the parklands into thriving and vibrant public

spaces, but will also play a crucial role in providing the required interface infrastructure and amenities to support the many in-river activation activities being planned. As part of planning for the interface infrastructure such as viewing platforms, jetties and ceremonial Ghats, opportunities to selectively restore and protect riverbanks will also be considered. An update on the full scope the River Connections Program is planned to be provided in early 2021.

- b) Riparian vegetation** - vegetation along riparian corridors play a crucial role in controlling and preventing erosion. Council's Riparian Areas Vegetation Management Strategy (being developed) and Council's bush regeneration activities along the riparian corridors will continue to provide ongoing protection to the riverbanks.
- c) Urban developments and development applications** - Council has been utilising opportunities and funding mechanisms available through urban intensification to undertake relevant riverbank stabilisation works, such as the planned riverbank stabilisation along the Georges River between Atkinson Street and Mill Park as part of the Shepherd Street Precinct development.

4. Explain the Georges Riverkeeper's involvement vs conditions imposed on development applications to stabilise the Georges Riverbanks?

Georges Riverkeeper, formerly the Georges River Combined Councils' Committee (GRCCC), consists of eight local councils, as well as government agencies and community representatives within the Georges River catchment. The Georges Riverkeeper Program services the GRCCC's eight member councils to identify key rubbish hotspots and areas for primary bush regeneration and weed control activities on the river's foreshores, creeks and tributaries. It coordinates the removal of rubbish and waste from the river catchment and monitors the ecological health of the river.

The Riverkeeper helps to facilitate a coordinated approach to the management of the Georges River. However, the role does not extend to providing input in the development assessment process.

ITEM NO: QWN 02
FILE NO: 218348.2020
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Hagarty - Western Sydney Parklands Trust

Background

In July the Berejiklian government announced it will fold the Centennial Park and Moore Park, Parramatta Park and the Western Sydney Parklands trusts into a new super trust.

This move would appear to run counter to Western Sydney Parklands' ethos of being Western Sydney's backyard and the Greater Sydney Commissions' Metropolis of Three Cities Plan.

While Centennial, Moore & Parramatta Parks are established open space which have existed for well over a century, Western Sydney Parklands is still being developed.

The social, economic and cultural needs of Western Sydney must be determined by the people of Western Sydney.

With this latest move and the impact of COVID-19 on the NSW budget, Liverpool needs reassurance that plans for Western Sydney Parklands are still on track.

Please address the following:

1. Are plans for the development of the Liverpool section of Western Sydney Parklands still on track?

The Trust's priorities remain activating, managing and maintaining Western Sydney Parklands including the Liverpool section under The Parklands Plan of Management 2030 and the Southern Parklands Framework 2018. Earlier this year, Shale Hills Dog Park opened in West Hoxton featuring 2-hectares of open space with state-of-the-art dog agility and is already a popular community destination

The Trust continues to work closely with Liverpool City Council and Transport for NSW to relocate Wylde MTB trail.

The Trust's priorities for the area also include delivery of the new western ridges Walk, a 12-kilometre trail through the Cecil Hills Precinct. Construction is due to start next year with the walk anticipated to be open for visitors later in 2021.

2. Will these plans change with the Western Sydney Parklands Trust being rolled into a super parklands trust?

The Greater Sydney Parklands agency will be well-equipped to manage and safeguard existing parks across the city including Western Sydney Parklands, offering a stronger and better resourced parks agency for Sydney.

This will ensure that the new combined agency can work strategically at a city-wide level and still retain a focus on local community interests.

The Greater Sydney Parklands agency creates a combined board and administration of all three trusts to create a larger agency with increased resources and a greater voice to advocate for parks in Sydney. Eight directors sit on the Greater Sydney Parklands Board headed by Chair, Michael Rose.

The board reflects a mix of representation from different localities and backgrounds.

A diverse and experienced board has been selected to ensure representation in the best interests of everyone. Board members will be well connected to communities right across the city and will be representing the interests of all areas including Western Sydney.

1. Notes a stand-alone board for the Western Sydney Parklands is consistent with the vision of the Greater Sydney Commission's metropolis of the three cities strategy; and.

2. Writes to the relevant minister in support of a stand-alone board to manage the Western Sydney Parklands.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: QWN 03
FILE NO: 220455.2020
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Kaliyanda - Wattle Grove Lake

Please address the following:

1. What measures have been undertaken to improve the water quality at Wattle Grove Lake? What measures have been found to be successful?
2. What is the underlying issue with the water quality at Wattle Grove Lake?
3. What measures are still being undertaken, or are currently planned, to improve the water quality at Wattle Grove Lake?
4. How has Council sought partnerships and worked with other organisations in order to address this issue?

Response

1. What measures have been undertaken to improve the water quality at Wattle Grove Lake? What measures have been found to be successful?

Wattle Grove Lake was constructed as part of land development by the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) in 1993. The Lake was originally constructed as a stormwater detention basin with the primary function of capturing and storing stormwater prior to discharging to Anzac Creek and ultimately the Georges River. However, over the years the function of the Lake has undergone significant change and has now become a crucial part of the local ecosystem providing habitat to native aquatic fauna as well as a number of exotic and native bird species, including ducks, geese and possibly others, from the nearby Georges River environs.

Over the past few decades significant urban developments have occurred within the catchment. Stormwater runoff from roads, residential and commercial premises and other sources appears to have transported significant litter, sediment, heavy metals, grease, oils, bacteria, nutrients and other chemicals into the Lake.

Wattle Grove Lake suffered a major fish kill event in 2012 triggering a comprehensive investigation into the causes of the fish kills. Council engaged consultants and set up partnerships with the Western Sydney University for a rigorous program of water sampling and testing. Following a period of testing and monitoring, it was found that the Lake had abnormally high levels of iron and other nutrients, particularly Nitrogen and Phosphorous. The elevated concentrations of iron and other heavy metals appear to have been the primary cause of the decline in the quality of the water and ecological condition of the Lake. Council immediately developed and implemented a program of improvements to address the poor water quality issues. The improvement works included:

- Extensive bank erosion protection works to eliminate sediment runoff and control turbidity;
- Selected removal of silt and sediment from within the Lake to directly remove contaminants.
- A regular program of carp and eel removal, including partnering with the local fishing club to allow fishing and removal of carp and eels. The presence of large numbers of carp and eels are detrimental to the survival of the native wildlife. Further, due to shallow depths of the Lake, any disturbance to the sediment beds caused by the eels and carp results in an immediate surge in turbidity. As a result, the Lake constantly appears to be murky.
- Installation of fountains and aerators to increase circulation and oxygen levels.
- Improvements to garden beds to reduce sediment runoff into the Lake.
- Introduction of a program of regular audit of the gross pollutant traps (GPT) to analyse its performance. This resulted in modifications to numerous GPTs to improve capture of pollutants before reaching the Lake.



Photos showing sediment removal and bank protection works undertaken.

Council considers that the above measures, together with ongoing monitoring of water quality, have been successful in addressing the extreme conditions that resulted in the fish kills. This is further demonstrated by past water sampling data that shows a gradual decline in the turbidity and iron levels.

The turbidity and appearance issues arise from the shallow depths and the fauna that inhabit the Lake. It is considered that regular and systematic removal of carp and eels will assist in controlling these issues over time. Based on a more recent inspection of the Lake, the water quality appears to have stabilised and is considered satisfactory, as shown in the photos below.



Photos of Wattle Grove Lake

2. What is the underlying issue with the water quality at Wattle Grove Lake?

Following extensive sampling, testing and analysis of water in the Lake, Council considers that the following factors have been the primary cause of poor water quality in Wattle Grove Lake:

- Urban development in the area over the past few decades has resulted in significant transport of pollutants into the Lake.
- The original design of the Lake does not appear to consider potential pollutant transport and necessary treatment requirements.
- Existing depth of the lake is not sufficient to allow the sediment particles to settle, causing an ongoing turbidity issue. Shallow depth and movement of carp and eels has also exacerbated the turbidity issue.

3. What measures are still being undertaken, or are currently planned, to improve the water quality at Wattle Grove Lake?

A range of water sampling and testing programs have continued over the years to actively monitor water quality variations to enable Council to predict extreme events such as algal blooms and fish kills. These have included:

- Ongoing partnership with Western Sydney University enabling coordinated monitoring of the water quality of the Lake. This monitoring program was recently expanded to include groundwater monitoring around Wattle Grove Lake to assess if groundwater is a potential source of lake water contamination causing the deterioration of the lake water quality. The results concluded that there was no evidence of groundwater contaminating the Wattle Grove Lake.
- More recently, the Department of Defence have undertaken sediment and surface water samples from Wattle Grove Lake as part of PFAS related investigations in and around the Holsworthy Barracks. All results were below the human health and ecological screening criteria and there was no evidence of any external contaminants, other than those identified above.

To provide longer term solutions to the water quality issues, Council investigated the following two options:

- a) Addressing inherent design flaws - it was considered that redesigning the Lake to improve inlet conditions and to increase the Lake depth would improve the water quality. However, it was found that any major engineering works would require draining of the Lake causing serious damage to the lake ecology. This option would also require a significant investment of capital funds.
- b) Construction of floating reed beds - research has shown that introducing floating reed beds into the lake would increase the uptake and absorption of the nutrients and improve water quality. The estimated cost for establishment of a floating reed bed was found to be over \$2.0M. Due the high cost of this option and other competing priorities for council funding, this option was not further progressed.

4. How has Council sought partnerships and worked with other organisations in order to address this issue?

As discussed above, Council has worked with numerous consultants and has formed partnership with the Western Sydney University to develop a detailed understanding of the underlying factors that are causing the water quality issues. This has enabled council to develop and implement improvement strategies that appears to have controlled the extreme conditions that have previously affected this lake.

ITEM NO: QWN 04
FILE NO: 255955.2020
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Hagarty - JobKeeper and JobSeeker

Please address the following:

With JobKeeper and JobSeeker set to be reduced or removed for many come October, do we have approximate numbers on:

1. Number of businesses in Liverpool who will lose JobKeeper?
2. Number of people they employ?
3. Number of people on JobSeeker in Liverpool?

A response to these questions will be provided in the 27 October 2020 Council meeting business papers.

ITEM NO: QWN 05
FILE NO: 255990.2020
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Hadchiti - Western Sydney Aerotropolis State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 2020

Please address the following:

1. With the release of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 2020, have any major implications been identified that effect our LGA?

A response to these questions will be provided in the 27 October 2020 Council meeting business papers.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM NO: NOM 01
FILE NO: 255803.2020
SUBJECT: Integrated Pest Management Policy and Strategy

BACKGROUND

Council is frequently contacted by residents regarding the management of introduced and other species regarded as pests, such as Indian myna birds, eels, carp and foxes.

Such species threaten native biodiversity and may potentially pose a threat to humans.

Neighbouring local government areas (LGAs) such as Camden and Campbelltown have either specific plans, such as an Indian Myna Bird Management Plan, or more comprehensive Integrated Pest Management Plans.

The NSW EPA recommends Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as an environmentally sensitive way of managing pests. It uses a combination of practices and control methods with the aim of preventing problems from occurring and reducing the need for pesticide intensive activities. IPM activities include:

- Forward planning
- Regular monitoring
- Timely decision making

A necessary component of an IPM Policy and Strategy should also be a community engagement strategy to ensure residents, local businesses and schools, are also encouraged to be involved and take part in initiatives to protect native biodiversity.

An IPM Policy and Strategy integrates appropriate measures that discourage the development of pest populations while maintaining pesticides and other interventions to levels that are economically justified and reduce or minimise risks to human health and the environment. They should establish local priorities for pest species and areas to be managed and includes an action plan outlining time frames for implementation.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Kaliyanda)

That Council:

1. Develop an Integrated Pest Management Policy and Strategy for the Liverpool LGA and report back to Council by the first February 2021 meeting, with the strategy to follow subsequently; and

Motion: **Moved:**Clr Kaliyanda **Seconded:** Clr Rhodes

1. Develop an Integrated Pest Management Policy and Strategy for the Liverpool LGA and report back to Council by the first February 2021 meeting, with the strategy to follow subsequently; and
2. Include a plan for community awareness and engagement of the policy and strategy within the LGA.

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 30 September 2020 and confirmed on Tuesday, 27 October 2020

Chairperson

ITEM NO: NOM 02
FILE NO: 255851.2020
SUBJECT: Liverpool Multicultural Park

BACKGROUND

Liverpool prides itself as a vibrant multicultural community. Our residents come from all corners of the earth and we have a rich and proud indigenous history.

As a peaceful, democratic nation, each of us are afforded the opportunity to proudly celebrate our heritage. In Liverpool will do this openly and inclusively with the entire community, peacefully and in harmony.

It is often said that Australia is the most successful multicultural nation on Earth. While we believe this to be true, it is not enough to simply repeat a cliché for it to continue to be so. It requires continuous hard work and reminders of what it took to build this great achievement.

As the face of multicultural Australia, Liverpool should have a place that celebrates this achievement and the contribution of multiculturalism to Australia and specifically our LGA.

The Serbian Orthodox Youth Association (SOYA) are seeking to celebrate the contribution of the Serbian Community in South West Sydney and in particular Liverpool, which is home to thousands of Serbian Australians, with a park.

In the case of the Serbian community, the park would highlight the long standing alliances between Serbia and Australia shared in both World Wars. It would also honour modern Australians of Serbian descent such as Rale Rasic; Jelena Dokic; Professor Ana Deletic; and Karl and Peter Stefanovic.

Let the passion and drive of SOYA to honour to the contribution of Serbian Australians, serve as the catalyst for Liverpool to recognise the enormous contribution of multiculturalism to our city.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Hadchiti and Cllr Hagarty)

That Council:

1. Notes Liverpool is the face of multicultural Australia;
2. Notes Australia as the most successful multiculturalism nation on Earth;
3. Notes the successful contribution multiculturalism has made to modern Australia;
4. Acknowledge the contribution the Serbian Community makes to the Liverpool LGA;

5. Support the establishment of a Liverpool Multicultural Park;
6. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to work closely with SOYA to develop a Serbian section of the Liverpool Multicultural Park;
7. Note the support of the local State & Federal members of Parliament;
8. Writes to local and surrounding State & Federal MP's noting Councils support and request a monetary contribution for the establishment of such a park.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Hadchiti

Seconded: Cllr Hagarty

That Council:

1. Notes Liverpool is the face of multicultural Australia;
2. Notes Australia as the most successful multiculturalism nation on Earth;
3. Notes the successful contribution multiculturalism has made to modern Australia;
4. Acknowledge the contribution the Serbian Community makes to the Liverpool LGA;
5. Support the establishment of a Liverpool Multicultural Park;
6. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to work closely with SOYA to develop a Serbian section of the Liverpool Multicultural Park;
7. Note the support of the local State & Federal members of Parliament;
8. Writes to local and surrounding State & Federal Members of Parliament noting Councils support and request a monetary contribution for the establishment of such a park.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Council has long argued that our population growth has not been matched with the requisite infrastructure to support it.

Recently, Rob Stokes, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, confirmed in a letter to Ku-ring-gai Council that councils, not the Greater Sydney Commission, are responsible for determining their housing supply targets.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Clr Hagarty)

1. Notes the letter from Rob Stokes, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, that councils, not the Greater Sydney Commission, are responsible for deciding their local housing supply targets;
2. Notes the many standing motions of Council regarding a lack of infrastructure in our LGA;
3. Notes it will work constructively with the State and Federal Governments to ensure housing targets are matched with the required infrastructure to support them; and
4. Acknowledges it may increase or reduce housing targets as it sees fit.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hagarty** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

1. Notes the letter from Rob Stokes, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, that councils, not the Greater Sydney Commission, are responsible for deciding their local housing supply targets;

2. Notes the many standing motions of Council regarding a lack of infrastructure in our LGA;
3. Notes it will work constructively with the State and Federal Governments to ensure housing targets are matched with the required infrastructure to support them; and
4. Acknowledges it may increase or reduce housing targets as it sees fit.
5. Acknowledge the continued lobbying by Council for the improvement of infrastructure and that it continue to be a priority.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS

Clr Hagarty made a presentation relating to a book by the federal member for Fenner, The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh and Mr Nick Terrell, titled "Reconnected: A Community Builder's Handbook".

The book looks at some of the most successful community organisations and initiatives in Australia, with regards to community building in the 21st century. It includes conversation groups, community gardens, park runs and pub choir, which has been active in Liverpool

Clr Hagarty provided the authors with information relating to the Ferrington Collective, which worked with the Men's Shed and Council to restore Ferrington Park. A quote from Lisa Wharton, a prominent member of the Ferrington Collective, has been included in this book and refers to Council and the Ferrington Collective in a very positive light and highlights this project as a fantastic example of Community building.

Clr Hagarty commended the Ferrington Collective and all Council staff for their work on this project.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Waller** **Seconded: Clr Rhodes**

That items CONF 01, CONF 02, CONF 03 and CONF 07 be moved to the end of this meeting and dealt with in Confidential Session pursuant to provisions s10(A)(2)(ci), s10(A)(2)(d i), s10(A)(2)(d ii), s10(A)(2)(d iii) of the Local Government Act 1993 because they contain:

- Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;
- Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; and
- Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed reveal a trade secret.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: CONF 04
FILE NO: 237955.2020
SUBJECT: Out of Office Hours Compliance Officers

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

That this matter be deferred until a further report can be provided informing the Councillors of the options available regarding officers being available 24/7 and the feasibility and costings of the following:

- Four officers working from 7am to 3pm five days a week and two officers working from 4pm to 9pm Monday to Friday and 11am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday; and
- Whether it is possible for all Compliance Officers to be able to address all Compliance issues and the cost of this.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Shelton** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

1. Approves the acquisition of Lot 410 in DP 1233750, 70 Seventeenth Avenue Austral, within the terms outlined in this confidential report.
2. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or their delegated officer to execute any document, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision, and
3. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as this information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Chairperson

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Shelton** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Shelton** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

1. Approves the acquisition of Proposed Lots 612 and 613, being part of Lot 61B in DP389791 and 13 First Avenue, Hoxton Park, on the terms outlined in this confidential report;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or his delegated officer to execute any document, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision;
3. Classify Proposed Lots 612 and 613 as “operational” land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993; and
4. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as this information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Chairperson

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Shelton**

1. Receive and note this report;
2. Receive a further report back to Council in April 2021 on the COVID-19 situation in relation to international border restrictions, and
3. Continue the International Trade Engagement Strategy for a further 12 months followed by a review of the Strategy and report back to Council at the end of that period.

Chairperson

ITEM NO: CONF 02
FILE NO: 235470.2020
SUBJECT: Acquisition of Lot 1047 DP2475 being 265 Sixth Avenue, Austral

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Rhodes** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

That Council:

1. Does not approve the purchase of Lot 1047 DP2475 being 265 Sixth Avenue, Austral;
2. Investigate the allocation of funds to purchase the property initially identified as option 8 for the location for the future Liverpool Animal Shelter;
3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or his delegated officer to execute any document, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision; and
4. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as this information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Foreshadowed motion: **Moved: Cllr Hagarty** **Seconded: Cllr Ballot**

That Council:

1. Approves the acquisition of Lot 1047 DP2475, being 265 Sixth Avenue Austral, within the terms outlined in this confidential report;
2. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or his delegated officer to execute any document, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision;
3. Resolves to classify Lot 1047 DP2475 as "operational" land in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993; and
4. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as this information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

On being put to the meeting the motion (moved by Cllr Rhodes) was declared LOST.

The Foreshadowed motion (moved by Cllr Hagarty) then became the motion and on being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: CONF 03
FILE NO: 237384.2020
SUBJECT: ST2964 Environment Restoration Plan Bush Regeneration Program of Works 2020-2023

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Rhodes** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender from the following Offerors for Tender ST2964 Environment Restoration Plan Bush Regeneration Program of Works 2020-2023 for three (3) year contract term at the GST inclusive price:

Portion A	Toolijoa Pty Ltd	\$127,429.50
Portion B	National Trust of Australia (NSW)	\$249,448.58
Portion C	Total Earth Care Pty Ltd ATF The Irrawong Trust	\$156,707.10
Portion D	National Trust of Australia (NSW)	\$178,351.80
Portion E	National Trust of Australia (NSW)	\$311,042.60
Portion F	National Trust of Australia (NSW)	\$408,611.50
Portion G	National Trust of Australia (NSW)	\$130,110.20
Total		\$1,561,701.28

2. Makes public its decision regarding Tender ST2964 Environment Restoration Plan Bush Regeneration Program of Works 2020-2023.
3. This report has been brought to Council because the Chief Executive Officer's instrument of delegation, approved by Council in accordance with the current provisions of section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, only permits the Chief Executive Officer to approve (and not to reject) tenders up to a value of \$2 million. Therefore, subclause 377 (1)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 a council may, by resolution, delegate the Chief Executive Officer, the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council.
4. Delegates the Chief Executive Officer to finalise all details and sign the Letter of Acceptance following publication of draft Minutes on Council website for the tender, giving it contractual effect, in accordance with delegated authority.

5. Keeps confidential the details supplied in this report containing information on the submissions received, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
6. Receive a future report at a Strategic Panel meeting that investigates the opportunities for Council staff to undertake the future restorations themselves rather than requesting tenders.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

1. Accept the tenders from the following Offerors for Tender RCL2989 Tree Maintenance Services for Portion A – Tree Maintenance and Removal for two (2) year, with the option to extend by one (1) x 12 months contract term at the GST inclusive price:
 - Treeserve Pty Ltd
 - Plateau Tree Service Pty Limited
 - Active Tree Services Pty Ltd
2. Makes public its decision regarding tender RCL2989 Tree Maintenance Services.
3. This report has been brought to Council because the Chief Executive Officer's instrument of delegation, approved by Council in accordance with the current provisions of section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, only permits the Chief Executive Officer to approve (and not to reject) tenders up to a value of \$2 million. Therefore, subclause 377 (1)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 a council may, by resolution, delegate the Chief Executive Officer, the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council.
4. Delegates the Acting Chief Executive Officer to finalise all details and sign the Letter of Acceptance following publication of draft Minutes on Council website for the tender, giving it contractual effect, in accordance with delegated authority.
5. Keeps confidential the details supplied in this report containing information on the submissions received, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
6. Receive a future report at a Strategic Panel meeting to discuss the funding implications and staffing implications of conducting this type of work in house rather than requesting tenders in future.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Mayor Waller moved the meeting into Open Session at 9.03pm and read the resolutions for items CONF 01, CONF 02, CONF 03 and CONF 07, found on pages 65, 66, 67 and 69 of these minutes.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.07pm.

<Signature>

Name: Wendy Waller

Title: Mayor

Date: 27 October 2020

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 September 2020. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CEO 01

COVID-19 - Liverpool City Council Response

Strategic Direction	Leading through Collaboration Seek efficient and innovative methods to manage our resources
File Ref	270354.2020
Report By	George Hampouris - Acting Director City Corporate
Approved By	Dr Eddie Jackson - Acting Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council adopted a number of initiatives in response to COVID-19 at an extraordinary Council meeting held in April 2020. Amongst other things this included waiving outdoor dining fees, waiving/abating rent for retail and small tenancies, waiving parking fees for essential workers and applying discretion when issuing infringements while protecting public health and safety.

Respective dates for the implementation and ending of the initiatives have also been defined with further clarity by Council via the “End of Corona Virus pandemic definition” NOM in June 2020.

It is noted that the initiatives that have ended include the financial benefit provided by Council associated with the waiver of outdoor dining fees, rental abatement to Council’s retail and small tenants and the provision of free parking permits to essential workers.

In September 2020 Council resolved to assist local small businesses by extending rent relief, if they qualify. As such it is recommended that Council apply the provisions of the *Retail and other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation* for Council’s tenants as a basis for this qualification.

Council has previously identified an end date of 30 June 2021 associated with compliance and enforcement matters (including five specific circumstances outlined in the resolution). It is recommended that the end date be revised to 30 November 2020 in respect to the freezing of parking infringements for metered parking in the CBD. The rationale for this is to ensure there is improved parking availability in the Liverpool city centre, and budgetary impacts which are detailed in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note that the waiver for outdoor dining fees ceased on 31 August 2020 and that a waiver of fees totalling approximately \$21,600 was provided to existing outdoor café permit holders.
2. Note that the waiver for rental abatements for Council's retail and small tenants ceased on 31 August 2020 with a total rental abatement of approximately \$160,130 having been provided.
3. Apply the provisions of the *Retail and other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation* for Council's tenants (subject to qualification) in relation to extending rent relief for the period 1 November to 31 December 2020.
4. Note that 415 free car parking permits and pass cards have been issued by Council to essential workers at a value of \$527,863.
5. Note that the provision of free permit based carparking at Northumberland carpark ceased on 30 September 2020.
6. Extends the provision of free pass card parking at Warren Serviceway carpark until 31 October 2020.
7. Approve the end date associated with Initiative 7 to be 30 November 2020.

REPORT

A Mayoral Minute considered at the Council Meeting on 25 March 2020 outlined Council's response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and identified ways in which Council could support the community.

It was resolved (MAYOR 1):

That Council

1. *Thank Council staff for their speedy and effective response to the challenges of novel coronavirus (COVID-19);*
2. *Waive the following fees:*
 - *Outdoor Café permit; and*
 - *Parking in Warren Service Way for essential workers on available spaces;*

3. *Contact state government and request they waive their parking fees at the Liverpool Hospital carpark; and*
4. *Consider waiving any previously outstanding amounts for Outdoor Café permits.*

At the extraordinary Council Meeting on 16 April 2020, Council adopted a number of additional initiatives in response to COVID-19 including the following:

COMPLIANCE

5. Initiative:

That Council extend the parking permit system to businesses and their staff operating from the CBD (excluding Westfields) including health care providers.

All permits to have an initial lifespan till end of July 2020.

Based on subsequent Councillor COVID-19 briefings, and concerns regarding the presence of COVID-19 in the local community, the dates were extended.

The provision of free parking permits in the Northumberland Carpark and CBD businesses ceased on 30 September 2020, whilst the provision for parking in the Warren Serviceway carpark is to cease on 31 October 2020.

It is recommended that the current arrangements not be extended past 31 October 2020.

Having account of the end dates for the current arrangements, Council has issued a combined total of 415 free carparking permits and pass cards which equates to a value of \$527,863 for free parking to essential workers.

Since Council resolved to waive the fees for parking in the Warren Serviceway car park for essential workers, Council has directly assisted Liverpool Hospital staff, Public Health staff, NSW Police, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal staff and various allied health service providers. In addition, Council has assisted Centrelink staff and numerous CBD business proprietors and their staff with parking permits at no cost.

Recipients of the free parking have expressed their appreciation to Council as they appreciate the free parking and see it as working collaboratively with Council to manage the pandemic.

Table: Parking permits/ pass cards issued for Council parking and value.

Warren Serviceway car park						
Pass cards	Value p/w	No. pass cards issued	From	To	Total No. weeks	
Essential / Health care workers	\$55.00	10	01/04/2020	31/10/2020	31	\$17,050.00
Essential / Health care workers	\$55.00	47	15/04/2020	31/10/2020	28	\$72,380.00
Essential / Health care workers	\$55.00	53	01/05/2020	31/10/2020	25	\$72,875.00
Essential / Health care workers	\$55.00	52	05/08/2020	31/10/2020	13	\$37,180.00
Police	\$25.00	80	15/04/2020	31/10/2020	28	\$56,000.00
LCC Staff	\$10.00	26	01/06/2020	31/10/2020	22	\$5,720.00
TOTAL PASS CARDS						\$261,205.00
Permits	Value p/w	No. permits issued				
CBD Businesses	\$121.50	82	13/05/2020	30/09/2020	16	\$159,408.00
Centrelink	\$55.00	65	31/03/2020	30/09/2020	30	\$107,250.00
TOTAL PERMITS						\$266,658.00
TOTAL						\$527,863.00

The provision of free parking impacts the overall availability of parking in the City Centre as casual parkers at Warren Serviceway car park are generally people who have to attend medical appointments and are now unable to find parking in the car park.

The non-enforcement of on-street parking restrictions appears to have resulted in motorists overstaying the timed parking limits with some business proprietors and their staff parking also parking on-street and impacting upon the turnover of the limited number of available parking spaces. This has seen demand for the Warren Serviceway carpark increase to the stage where it has been closed to additional parking.

Under the current provisions resolved at the Council meeting of 24 June 2020, where a resolution is not subject to the lifting of a restriction and the resolution requires Council to provide assistance for an unspecified period – then, for the purpose of implementing the resolution, the resolution will apply for the duration of the 2020/21 financial year, unless otherwise resolved by Council. This appears to apply to the use of discretion when issuing infringements, with an expectation having developed of untimed free on-street parking.

At a Councillor briefing session, a question was raised regarding the issue of motorists overstaying timed on-street parking as they've realised that Council staff are only issuing fines under certain circumstances (i.e. for safety matters). It was asked whether that is causing a problem in terms of parking availability. Particularly, are parking spots at capacity making it difficult for others to find a spot or are there still plenty of spots available?

It was identified that a parking audit would be undertaken to determine whether the current COVID-19 initiative resolved by Council to only issue fines for key offences is impacting on the availability of on street parking and therefore impact on business in the CBD.

This audit of on-street parking was undertaken at midday on 14 October 2020. During the audit, it was identified that Northumberland Street was the only street with a few vacant parking spaces. In the other streets, there were no available parking spaces with motorists double parked hoping for a space to become vacant.

The parking meters do not have sensors and are therefore not able to record motorists who have not entered their plate number into the machine, overstaying the timed parking. As such only a visual inspection can be used to gauge street parking capacity. The visual inspection indicates that parking demand has increased. Considering the behaviour of motorists in the CBD, i.e. double-parking which sometimes affects traffic flow, the recommencement of regular enforcement is needed.

The demand for casual parking at Warren Serviceway car park has also increased daily as businesses start to return to normal, enabling residents to attend to their medical appointments. Warren Serviceway car park is ideally located close to numerous medical professionals. The free parking currently being provided reduces the available casual parking as the car park is frequently full by mid-morning.

As the Christmas trade period is approaching, the availability and turnover of carparking in the CBD is an important factor in stimulating business trade. The enforcement of timed parking will assist in improving the turnover of metered parking spaces.

It is recommended that Council approve the end date associated with this initiative to be 30 November 2020. This date will coincide with the recommendation pertaining to Initiative 7. i.e. to reactivate metered parking on the 1 December in order to improve parking circulation in the Liverpool CBD particularly to assist with Christmas trade for local retailers.

7. Initiative

That Council direct the CEO to apply discretion when issuing infringements, while protecting public health and safety. In that regard, fines will only be issued in the following circumstances:

- *Parking in a “No Stopping” and “No Parking” zones and in close proximity to an intersection;*
- *Trucks parking in residential areas in excess of one hour;*
- *Parking on nature strips where it causes an obstruction to pedestrians and/or a blind spot for drivers exiting their driveways;*
- *Environmental pollution incidents; and*
- *Dog attacks.*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Initiative 7 effectively limits enforcement to five specific circumstances. This has limited the actions that can be taken by Council's Authorised Officers when investigating unlawful activities. For example, if a person carries out unauthorised work contrary to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, an officer is unable to issue an infringement under this initiative.

NSW Ombudsman Enforcement Guidelines for Councils and Council's Enforcement Policy leave the exercise of discretionary powers with the enforcement officers. This initiative inadvertently limits those discretionary powers.

In addition, to ascertain whether the limited parking enforcement as a result of this initiative has impacted on availability of parking spaces, an audit was carried out by Council staff as identified above. The audit covered sections of George Street, Macquarie Street and Northumberland Street as these are the main streets with paid parking in the city centre.

The audit identified that Northumberland Street was the only street with a few vacant parking spaces. However, the other streets had no available parking spaces with motorists double parked hoping for a space to become vacant.

It is also noted that demand for parking in the Warren Serviceway car park has returned to pre-COVID levels with the car park full by 10am. As the parking meters do not have sensors staff are unable to determine whether vehicles are paying for parking. The information therefore obtained during this audit indicates that parking demand has increased.

During this period (April 2020 to 8 October 2020) 3,725 customer requests were received by the Community Standards Department from the community. In some instances, issuing an infringement is the only enforcement option available to Council. However, due to this initiative, Authorised Officers have not been able to take any enforcement action. Acting in the public interest and taking into account the effect on the good order and functioning of the community, consideration should be given to ending this initiative and permitting Authorised Officers to proceed with enforcement action including the issuing of fines when unlawful activities are conducted.

It is recommended that the end date for this initiative be brought forward from 30 June 2021 to the recommended end date being 30 November 2020.

The financial implication of Initiative 7 to date has been \$600,000 per quarter in reduced fines.

RATES AND REVENUE

11. 12. 13. and 14. Initiatives:

That Council:

- 1. Provide a 100% rent abatement for all existing retail and small tenants/licence holders that have been affected by Federal restrictions put into place (excluding telecommunications lease) until 2 months after those restrictions are lifted;*
- 2. For commercial tenants manage these in line with the Code of Conduct for Commercial Tenancies as introduced by the Federal Government, and report back to Council on these negotiations (excluding telecommunications lease); and*
- 3. Provide a full refund for hirers/licence holders of any community facility whether casual or permanent where a fee has been paid and the use of that facility is not possible due to restrictions being put into place from the date restrictions were put into place.*

Further to a resolution passed at the Council Meeting on 24 June 2020 (NOM 01), the rent abatement in paragraph 1 was to apply until 1 September 2020. Invoices were subsequently issued for September and October 2020 to all tenants.

As outlined in Councillor COVID-19 Briefing on 24 September 2020, Council had received a petition from five of the tenants in Council's 33 Moore St building seeking a further rental abatement period.

Noting that Council had provided its retail small tenants with a full 100% rental abatement for a period of 5 months, it was identified that the assistance that Council had provided was well in excess of the provisions of the *Retail and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation 2020 (NSW)* (Regulation). Under the provisions of the regulations, if the tenants met specific criteria, a rental waiver of up to 50% could be considered in addition to rental deferment for up to 12 months.

On 24 April 2020, the *Retail and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation 2020 (NSW)* (Regulation) commenced, affecting both retail and commercial leases in New South Wales. The Regulation gives effect to the *National Cabinet Mandatory Code of Conduct – SME Commercial Leasing Principles During COVID-19* (Code) which was adopted by the Federal Government on 7 April 2020.

On 23 September 2020, the NSW Government announced the *Retail and other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation* would be extended until 31 December 2020. The Regulation, which was set to expire on 25 October 2020. The central feature of the Regulation is the proportionality principle of rent relief to tenants according to turnover decline, subject to the provision of relevant financial information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

It was identified that Council had provided a full rental abatement for a period of 5 months and that Council's tenants had potentially received a competitive advantage compared to other CBD tenants. On this basis, Council invoiced its tenants the full September and October 2020 rentals.

Council, over the five month period of this initiative, has provided a rental abatement/waiver of approximately \$160,130 to its retail/small tenants at a rate of \$32,026 per month.

In September 2020, Council resolved to assist local small businesses by extending rent relief, if they qualify. Therefore, it is recommended that Council provides an opportunity for its tenants to seek further rent abatement in line with provisions of the *Retail and other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation* for the period of 1 November 2020 to 31 December 2020. This being the current defined end date of the regulation and subject to the provision of appropriate financial records for assessment on the impact on turnover.

If any of the retail/small tenants satisfy the criteria, it is envisaged that Council could potentially have to provide a rental waiver/abatement of up to 50% of the monthly rentals which could equate to \$32,026 for the period of 1 November to 31 December 2020. Given that Council had previously provided a 100% rent abatement to its retail/small tenants, it is not intended to offer any further reduction on the September and October 2020 rentals which have been invoiced.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council offer its retail/small tenants, if they qualify, the opportunity to apply under the provisions of the *Retail and other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation* for a rental waiver/deferment for the November and or December 2020 rentals. It is considered that this would meet the provisions of Council's latest resolution of seeking to assist local small businesses by extending rent relief, if they qualify.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	<p>The cost of providing free parking under Initiative 5 at the Northumberland Carpark until 30 September 2020 and the Warren Serviceway Carpark until 31 October 2020 is \$527,863.</p> <p>The cost of limiting enforcement activities under Initiative 7 is \$600,000 per quarter in reduced fines. Ending this initiative on 30 November 2020 instead of 30 June 2021 as previously resolved will reduce the cost of the initiative by \$1.6 million.</p> <p>The cost of providing rental abatements/waivers under Initiatives 11, 12, 13 and 14 is \$32,026 per month.</p>
Environment	There are no environmental considerations
Social	Raise awareness in the community about the available services and facilities.
Civic Leadership	Undertake communication practices with the community and stakeholders across a range of media.

Legislative	<i>Retail and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation 2020 (NSW)</i>
Risk	The risk is deemed to be Medium and within Councils risk appetite.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

EGROW 01**Draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Joint
Contributions Plan 2020**

Strategic Direction	Generating Opportunity Meet the challenges of Liverpool's growing population
File Ref	230146.2020
Report By	Shaun Beckley - Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 13 September 2020, the NSW Government gazetted the *Western Sydney Aerotropolis State Environmental Planning Policy* (SEPP) which came into effect on 1 October 2020. This SEPP rezoned the initial precincts in the Aerotropolis surrounding Western Sydney (Nancy Bird Walton). Airport, which is currently under construction.

To support future development in the Aerotropolis, the Western Sydney Planning Partnership is preparing precinct plans for the initial precincts, being the Aerotropolis Core, Agribusiness, Badgerys Creek and Wianamatta-South Creek. It is expected that draft precinct plans will be publicly exhibited later in 2020. In addition, Penrith and Liverpool City Councils have prepared a Joint s7.12 Contributions Plan to ensure an appropriate funding mechanism is in place to support the delivery of local infrastructure as the Aerotropolis develops.

Supporting changes to *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation*, resulting from the gazettal of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis SEPP, means that a development application in the Aerotropolis cannot be approved until such a time as a contributions plan is in place.

The draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan was developed using land use and built form assumptions based on the *Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan*. Existing areas similar in form and function to those anticipated in the Aerotropolis were benchmarked to identify an appropriate level of infrastructure servicing. This enabled calculation of the total cost of local infrastructure for the Aerotropolis of \$2.5bn across the Penrith and Liverpool LGAs.

The capital investment value was then estimated using costing data from Cordell Connect, the industry benchmark, resulting in a cost of development in the initial precincts of \$39bn. Using these industry accepted costings, a percentage rate levy of 6.5% was identified to ensure sufficient contributions from future development is provided to meet the cost to Council of providing local infrastructure. This rate will ensure that there will be minimal cost to ratepayers in the provision of local infrastructure for the Aerotropolis.

As the rate is greater than 1%, the s7.12 Plan is subject to the approval of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

It is recommended that Council publicly exhibits the draft contributions plan for community and industry feedback. A consequential amendment is also required to the existing *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009* to remove land within the Aerotropolis from this Plan and to ensure alignment with the draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Exhibits the draft *Joint Aerotropolis Contributions Plan 2020* and background report for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.
2. Delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer authority to finalise the Aerotropolis Contributions Plan if no submissions in opposition are received.
3. Exhibits draft Amendment 2 to the *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009* for a minimum 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.
4. Delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer authority to finalise Amendment 2 to the *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009*.

REPORT

Background

In December 2019, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) released for comment the Draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan (WSAP). The WSAP detailed the vision and planning approach for the Aerotropolis, including the provision of state and some local infrastructure to service the area.

The WSAP presents a once in a lifetime opportunity to transform the landscape of the Western Parkland City through city shaping infrastructure, such as the Western Sydney (Nancy Bird Walton Airport) and the north-south rail link. There is a global opportunity for economic investment to create thriving aviation-based business and residential communities.

The scale, scope and importance of this area requires a planning approach not previously seen before. This includes mechanisms for the delivery of local and regional infrastructure funding. Infrastructure to support the Aerotropolis is vital to its success and the Western City more generally.

Council has been proactive in the preparation of a contributions framework to support the Aerotropolis, in conjunction with Penrith City Council. This plan will ensure infrastructure delivery better aligns with development assessment, prevents unnecessary delays to development approvals due to a lack of infrastructure planning and provides Council with a strong understanding of our baseline infrastructure needs to be able to effectively negotiate planning agreements (if required).

The planning package for the Aerotropolis, comprising a State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP), first stage Development Control Plan (DCP) and Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation amendment, came into effect on 1 October 2020. As such, it is important for both Penrith and Liverpool City Councils to plan for the local infrastructure needs of this new community and minimise potential delays in the development process.

The Regulation has specific provisions in relation to contributions plans for the Aerotropolis, mandating that development applications within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis are not to be determined unless a contributions plan is in force. The Regulation, however, notes that a contributions plan is not required if the development is of a minor nature or the applicant has entered into a Planning Agreement (VPA) with Council for works that would be subject to a contributions plan.

Planning in the Aerotropolis

The Aerotropolis SEPP represents the first step of the planning framework to deliver the vision of the WSAP. The SEPP implements the WSAP and guides development within the Aerotropolis, through zoning, strategic objectives and planning controls.

The SEPP defines and zones initial precincts within the Aerotropolis. The primary zonings of these precincts are:

Table 1: Land use in the initial precincts

Precinct	Land Use Zone	Future Land Uses
Northern Gateway	Enterprise Mixed Use Environment and Recreation	Employment, business, professional services, Environmental & cultural protection, conservation, recreation

Precinct	Land Use Zone	Future Land Uses
Agribusiness	Agribusiness Zone Environment and Recreation	Agribusiness related land uses including food production, supply chain industries and processing. Environmental & cultural protection, conservation, recreation
Wianamatta - South Creek	Environment and Recreation	Environmental & cultural protection, conservation, recreation
Badgerys Creek	Enterprise Environment and Recreation	Employment, business, professional services, Environmental & cultural protection, conservation, recreation
Aerotropolis Core	Enterprise Mixed Use	Employment, business, professional services, Residential accommodation Environmental & cultural protection, conservation, recreation

Infrastructure funding in the Aerotropolis

The WSAP details two mechanisms that will enable the funding of infrastructure in the Aerotropolis:

- Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) - State development contributions.
- Local Infrastructure Contributions - s7.11 or s7.12 contributions.

A SIC is being prepared by DPIE and will be informed by the Place-based Infrastructure Compact (PIC) currently being finalised by the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC). The PIC will identify infrastructure and services needed to support growth and will estimate the costs of this infrastructure, with the SIC to be the mechanism to obtain funding. Given the scope of infrastructure included in the PIC, it is likely that the SIC will include a portion of the total cost. This differs from local infrastructure as Council is seeking the cost of infrastructure is met completely by local infrastructure contributions. It is likely that the SIC will be on exhibition in October 2020.

Penrith and Liverpool Councils are responsible for the identification and planning for local infrastructure needs in the area and the preparation of contributions plans to collect funds to deliver this infrastructure. A key consideration of both Councils in undertaking this work is to ensure there is an infrastructure framework for the precinct and an informed position on the cost of local infrastructure to provide an understanding of the cumulative impact of contributions.

Council has been working closely with both the GSC and DPIE in relation to the local infrastructure framework. Attempts have been made to ensure that all the necessary infrastructure is identified in only one plan (i.e. no double dipping) and no infrastructure is omitted. At the time of drafting this report, there was limited information regarding the SIC. Once the SIC is exhibited, further information will be provided to Council.

Two specific areas within the Aerotropolis, the Mamre Road precinct and Sydney Science Park, (both in the Penrith LGA) are not included in the Draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan. The Mamre Road precinct and associated rezoning was completed prior to the Aerotropolis SEPP. Penrith Council has been able to develop additional controls based on the more advanced planning framework and has prepared a separate contributions plan for the area using the same land use assumptions, costs and deliverables as the draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan.

The Sydney Science Park is currently subject to a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Penrith City Council. This VPA includes the provision of a range of local infrastructure including roads, drainage, open space and community facility/library. The VPA includes a provision that s7.11/s7.12 cannot be applied. If the opportunity presents, Penrith will seek to amend the VPA to factor in work undertaken as a part of preparing the Draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan. The draft Contributions Plan does not include the provision of any local infrastructure within the Sydney Science Park precinct.

Council's existing *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009* currently applies to the Aerotropolis, however given the intention to implement a specific contributions plan for the Aerotropolis, it is proposed that this plan be amended to no longer apply to land in the Aerotropolis. The necessary amendments to CP 2009 are discussed further in this report.

Coordinated approach between Councils

Liverpool City Council has worked closely with Penrith City Council to prepare an infrastructure needs assessment and a contributions plan for the Aerotropolis to ensure a singular approach to local infrastructure planning and delivery.

A unified approach between councils has enabled a strong understanding of the needs of future residents and workers, and strength in discussing our needs with other stakeholders. It will also enable a consistent approach for infrastructure delivery, which will create efficiencies during the development process.

As there is progress towards infrastructure delivery, Liverpool and Penrith councils will formalise management arrangements to ensure an efficient and coordinated delivery process.

Proposed Contributions Framework

A joint Section 7.12 Plan (Attachment 1) has been prepared for the Aerotropolis and will be administered by both Penrith and Liverpool City Councils.

A Section 7.12 plan is a fixed levy plan based on the cost of development. It is a flexible plan that does not require an established nexus between development and the infrastructure to be delivered. As the precinct plans and development control plan have not been finalised and final locations of infrastructure have not been determined, a s7.12 plan is appropriate to facilitate development and obtain the necessary funding to deliver local infrastructure.

Plan preparation

The preparation of a local infrastructure contributions framework for the Aerotropolis focused on the following elements:

- Needs assessment of future local and regional infrastructure to support the objectives of the area;
- Recommendations on necessary local and regional infrastructure for the area;
- Advice and justification on a levy percentage that would be necessary to apply in order to deliver the required infrastructure; and
- Preparation of a Section 7.12 Contributions Plan, including suitable arrangements for a cross LGA boundary Plan.

Background work to inform the draft contributions plan was prepared ahead of the making of the SEPP and exhibition of the Precinct Plans in order to ensure that Council would be able to support new development with local infrastructure as soon as possible. In order to do so, a range of informed assumptions and benchmarking has been undertaken to determine future infrastructure needs. The six-step process of how this was undertaken is detailed below. This process is explained in much greater detail in the Background Report included as Attachment 2.

Table 2: Plan preparation assumptions

Process	Methodology
1. Land Use Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>WSAP</i> was used to determine land use zoning extents for the initial precincts. • Further refinements were undertaken when Mamre Road Precinct update to the WSEA SEPP was gazetted. • Development typologies for each zone were established to determine the construction profiles in each zone and required building, pavement, public roads and landscaped areas. • Assumptions on constrained land were applied.
2. Population + Employment Forecasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population forecasts were taken from <i>WSAP</i> • Projects were used to determine the approximate number of dwellings for the precinct and the density of the dwellings.

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Process	Methodology
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment numbers from the WSAP were used to cross check the development typology assumptions in each precinct.
3. Baseline Assessment of existing Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A baseline analysis of existing road, stormwater drainage and social infrastructure was undertaken. Assumptions were made as to the classification of future infrastructure as local (delivered by the plan) or State (delivered by SIC or otherwise)
4. Identification and Assessment of infrastructure required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benchmarking was used to determine the quantum of collector roads, stormwater facilities and social infrastructure, including land. Existing development sites, industry best practice, Western Sydney Street Design Guidelines and Council policy to determine rates and extents
5. Cost identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs were identified using industry contractor rates, IPART assessments, and similar demonstrated developments. Capital investment value of future development at the Aerotropolis is established.
6. Percentage calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the established costs of future development and future infrastructure works, a percentage rate was established.

A detailed breakdown of the infrastructure to be delivered is provided in table 3 below.

Table 3: Overview of infrastructure to be delivered

Type	Deliverables
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 105,254m collector roads (designed to comply with new Western Sydney Street Design Guidelines)
Stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,636,707m³ stormwater detention 909,285m² water quality
Open space and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 local parks (0.5ha) 5 District parks (5ha) 1 Citywide park (20ha) 2 district sportsgrounds (10ha)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 multipurpose outdoor courts • 12 play spaces • Outdoor fitness stations • Youth precinct • 6 water play • Indoor leisure centre including: 50m pool, learn to swim pool, 25m pool, indoor courts, change facilities, toddler pool, youth area, picnic area, meeting rooms (3,000m²)
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District multi-purpose community hub including library, community hall, meeting space, cultural production facility, community kitchen, recording studio spaces, office space, childcare centre and public space (minimum 2,000m²) Childcare centres

It is noted that as further planning work is completed by the WSPP, the specific location of the infrastructure detailed above will be identified, facilitating delivery.

Using this quantum of infrastructure, costs were determined for land and works. The industry benchmark, Cordell Consult, was used to determine the cost of the infrastructure works. The cost of land was provided by the Western Sydney Planning Partnership (WSPP) and aligns directly with the land costs to be included in the SIC. The cost to deliver the infrastructure enabled Council to determine what percentage levy would be required for the plan. Specific costs by infrastructure type are provided below.

Table 4: Breakdown of cost per type of infrastructure

Infrastructure	Cost
Roads & Stormwater	\$726,846,560
Social, open space & rec	\$203,161,243
Land	\$1,624,098,812
Plan administration (0.2%)	\$1,860,016
Total	\$2,555,966,631

Finally, the land use assumptions were used to inform the development costs for the purpose of calculating the capital investment value of development within the initial precincts. The total cost of development of the initial precincts is expected to be \$39bn.

This process has identified a need for a 6.5% levy on the capital investment value (cost of works) to deliver the local infrastructure needed for the Aerotropolis. This ensures minimal cost to ratepayers in the provision of local infrastructure in the Aerotropolis.

There are several areas in NSW that have a rate greater than the standard 1% levy. The locations listed below, focus on renewal in existing urban areas:

- Burwood Town Centre – 4%
- Gosford City Centre – 4%
- Parramatta City Centre – 3%
- Liverpool City Centre – 3%
- Newcastle City Centre – 3%
- Chatswood CBD – 3%
- Kingsford and Kensington Town Centres – 2.5%

The above areas differ significantly from the Aerotropolis, as the Aerotropolis is a greenfield site with very limited to no infrastructure. Specifically, the draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan is seeking to deliver sufficient local infrastructure to support 86,000-102,000 new jobs and 28,000-34,000 new dwellings across 6,522ha of land in the initial precincts. All this infrastructure is required within a greenfield setting with minimal infrastructure that can be used to support future growth.

The proposed rate was converted to a contribution rate per net developable hectare to provide a comparison against other similar local contributions plans in Western Sydney focusing on industrial and employment areas. The summary table below identifies that the total cost per hectare is reasonable in comparison to other precincts.

Table 5: Contribution rate comparison

Area	LGA	Contribution rate (\$/ha)
Draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan	Penrith and Liverpool	\$703,008
Box Hill Industrial	The Hills	\$540,000 - \$960,00
Marsden Park Industrial	Blacktown	\$589,000 - \$905,000
Eastern Creek Stage 3	Blacktown	\$219,000 or \$385,000

Council's current contributions plan for Edmondson Park is a s7.11 plan that collects approximately \$50,000 per dwelling. If the same contributions plan were a s.712 percentage-based plan, it would have an equivalent rate of approximately 8%.

The draft contributions plan is a mechanism to fund necessary infrastructure to support growth and development. The provision of infrastructure in accordance with this plan will generate future costs for council in maintenance and asset depreciation.

The fundamental principle of a contributions plan is to obtain funds to deliver infrastructure based on an increase in development. The contributions plan identifies a need for infrastructure based on the anticipated growth; costs the infrastructure and then determines the payment mechanism.

The growth that generates the need for infrastructure also generates additional income for council through an increase in the number of rateable properties and a corresponding increase in the value of those rateable properties. A portion of this additional income generated by growth and development in the Aerotropolis will be used to fund the maintenance of infrastructure provided under this plan, similar in approach to other growth areas like Austral and Edmondson Park.

Engagement with DPIE and WSPP

Penrith and Liverpool Councils have engaged with both DPIE and the WSPP throughout the preparation of the background report and contributions plan. The Councils have liaised with consultants working on behalf of the WSPP on feasibility testing within the Aerotropolis in order to understand land values.

A draft copy of the background report and contribution plan has been provided to DPIE for early comment. Feedback received from DPIE has been incorporated in the final documents. It is hoped that this early engagement will lead to a more accelerated final approval process of the plan by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

Both Councils will continue to work with DPIE and WSPP to coordinate and refine the delivery of local infrastructure in the Aerotropolis, particularly in relation to the integration of the SIC and local contributions.

Plan making process

As the draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan seeks a higher levy rate than 1%, both councils will need to seek Ministerial approval in order to make the draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan. Discussions have commenced with DPIE to determine the process and timeframes to make the plan. DPIE has advised the plans will require endorsement and exhibition by Council, prior to the Minister's consideration for a high levy rate.

The request of the Minister to make the Plan will only happen following exhibition and further consideration of the Plan by Council.

If Council does not resolve to exhibit the draft Contributions Plan, there is the potential that the planning for local infrastructure will be undertaken by another body or the Minister will

direct Council to prepare a contributions plan. Either approach will likely delay the development process in the Aerotropolis.

Amendment to *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009*

In conjunction with the commencement of the planning package to support the Aerotropolis, an amendment was made to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* that stated:

“a development application in relation to land shown on the land application map under State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020 must not be determined by the consent authority unless a contributions plan has been approved for the land to which the application relates.”

CP 2009 currently applies to land within the Aerotropolis. As the existing contributions plan was not designed to deliver infrastructure required for the Aerotropolis, CP 2009 must be amended to excise land within the Aerotropolis from the Plan. This approach will ensure that all relevant DAs approved in the Aerotropolis will contribute to the delivery of the necessary infrastructure to support development across the precincts.

It is proposed that CP 2009 is amended as detailed below.

Table 5: Amendments to CP 2009

Change	Comment
Part 2.9 – Rural areas map	Map updated to exclude land within the Aerotropolis.
Part 3.2 – Applies to – excluding the land under the Aerotropolis SEPP and all other existing Contributions Plans	Key change to exclude the land subject to the Aerotropolis SEPP. This change ensures clarity in relation to the applicability of CP 2009 to land within the Aerotropolis. Housekeeping amendment made to exclude all other Contributions Plans to clarify relationship between plans.
Part 3.4 – Table of amendments	Consequential change to ensure table of amendments is up to date.
Part 6 – Established Areas	Liverpool Contributions Plan 2018 – Established Areas replaced Part 6 of CP 2009. This is a housekeeping amendment to ensure clarity of relationship between CP 2009 and CP 2018.

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A tracked changes version of draft *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009* is included as Attachment 3 and will be used for public exhibition purposes to ensure clarity over the proposed change.

Exhibition

Given the confluence of Aerotropolis related exhibitions, both Penrith and Liverpool City Councils will seek to align exhibition of the draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan with the Precinct Plans being developed by the WSPP and the SIC which is being developed by DPIE. This will enable full consideration of the impacts of these changes by the community and stakeholders. The goal is to ensure that the community can understand the full range of infrastructure that is required to support the Aerotropolis and make informed comments on the SIC, the precincts plans and the draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan.

The *draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan 2020*, Background Report and *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009 – Amendment No.2* will be placed on exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Regulation.

Conclusion

Both Penrith City Council and Liverpool City Council has worked collaboratively to ensure that a robust contributions plan can be delivered in a timely manner to support the future growth and development of the Aerotropolis.

The needs assessment has determined that a fixed rate levy of 6.5% is necessary to deliver this infrastructure.

Penrith and Liverpool Councils will continue to work jointly, in consultation with DPIE to deliver a contributions plan to meet the local infrastructure needs of the Aerotropolis.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	<p>Deliver and maintain a range of transport related infrastructure such as footpaths, bus shelters and bikeways.</p> <p>Deliver a high quality local road system including provision and maintenance of infrastructure and management of traffic issues.</p>
Environment	<p>Manage the environmental health of waterways.</p>
Social	<p>Utilise the Western Sydney City Deal agreement to provide connectivity across the LGA through infrastructure and social initiatives.</p>

Civic Leadership	Implementation and Governance of the Western Sydney City Deal agreement.
Legislative	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000</i>
Risk	<p>The risk is deemed to be High.</p> <p>The proposed contributions plan seeks to minimise the financial risk to both Council and ratepayers in relation to the provision of local infrastructure within the Aerotropolis.</p> <p>If the Contributions Plan is not supported, the risk to Council is considered outside Council's risk appetite.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Aerotropolis Contributions Plan 2020 (Under separate cover)
2. Aerotropolis Local Infrastructure Analysis - Background Report (Under separate cover)
3. Draft Liverpool Contributions Plan 2009 Amendment No.2 (Under separate cover)

EGROW 02

Post Exhibition Report - Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 Amendment 77 - Additional permitted use of 'Car Park' at Collimore Park, Liverpool.

Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Exercise planning controls to create high-quality, inclusive urban environments
File Ref	261147.2020
Report By	Luke Oste - Executive Planner
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on 26 June 2019, Council resolved to support a planning proposal (**Attachment 1**) to amend Schedule 1 of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 (LEP) to permit with consent 'car park' at Collimore Park to facilitate a future multi-storey carpark.

The planning proposal (Amendment 77) was submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for a Gateway determination in accordance with Council's resolution on 2 July 2019. A Gateway determination was issued by DPIE on 13 February 2020 (**Attachment 2**).

The Gateway determination conditions included the need for a draft Concept Design Plan to be prepared (**Attachment 3**) and an Architect's Statement (**Attachment 4**) to be provided. The required concept plan and architectural statement was provided to the DPIE.

In addition, the Gateway determination required State agency consultation. Endeavour Energy and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have been consulted. The two agencies have not raised any objections.

The planning proposal was publicly exhibited between 17 August and 14 September 2020. During the exhibition period, Council received one submission objecting to the planning proposal.

This report details the post-Gateway actions that have been undertaken, including consultation, and recommends that Council finalises the planning proposal and delegates to the A/CEO (or his delegate) authority to liaise with DPIE and the Parliamentary Counsel's Office to finalise the Amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the Gateway determination for Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 Amendment 77 and the submissions received from State agencies and from the public exhibition;
2. Proceeds with Amendment 77 and delegates authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate) to liaise with the NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to finalise the amendment; and
3. Notifies the submitters of Council's decision.

REPORT

Background

At its meeting on 26 June 2019, Council resolved to support a planning proposal to permit with consent a 'car park' at Collimore Park to facilitate a future multi-storey carpark.

Specifically, the Council resolution states:

That Council:

1. *Notes the advice of the Liverpool Local Planning Panel;*
2. *Supports in principle the planning proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 to permit car parks as a land use permitted with consent at Collimore Park;*
3. *Delegates to the CEO to make any typographical or other editing amendments to the planning proposal if required;*
4. *Forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment pursuant to Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, seeking a Gateway determination;*
5. *Subject to Gateway determination, and Council investigation of opportunities to utilise demountable stacked multi-storey parking construction further undertakes public exhibition and community consultation in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway determination; and*

6. *Receives a further report on the outcomes of public exhibition and community consultation.*

Site Description

This planning proposal (**Attachment 1**) is site specific and relates to Collimore Park which is legally identified as:

- Lot 1 DP 1089398;
- Lot 2 DP 1089398;
- Lot 400 DP 1185131;
- Lot 7009 DP 1027995; and
- The creek corridor that traverses through the site.

The total area of the Collimore Park site is approximately 38,500m². The site is bound by Elizabeth Drive to the north, Collimore Avenue to the east, Moore Street to the south and Brickmakers Creek to the west. Figure 1 is an aerial map of the Collimore Park site (marked in red) and its surrounding area.



Figure 1 Location of subject site outlined in red (Nearmap 2019)

The site is currently zoned RE1 – Public Recreation and SP2 – Infrastructure (Electricity Transmission). Figure 2 shows a zoning map extract of the subject site and its surrounding areas.



Figure 2 Zoning Map Extract from LEP (subject site outlined in black)

Planning Proposal

The planning proposal seeks an amendment to Schedule 1 of the LEP to allow “car park” as a land use permitted with development consent at Collimore Park. Specifically, this additional permitted use is to be applied to the confines of the existing at-grade car park area as stipulated within the Gateway determination.

To facilitate this amendment, the following LEP maps also are required to be amended:

Key Sites

- 4900_COM_KYS_010_020_20170606; and
- 4900_COM_KYS_011_005_20180730.

The area of application for the proposed additional permitted use is defined within the map extract as shown in Figure 3 below.



Figure 3 – Proposed Key Sites Map

Gateway Determination

A letter was sent to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on 2 July 2019 requesting a Gateway determination. A Gateway determination was subsequently issued on 13 February 2020 (**Attachment 2**). The Gateway included the following conditions that were to be satisfied prior to community consultation:

- Finalise the draft concept plan for Collimore Park and ensure the concept plan addresses traffic issues and includes methods to ameliorate any impacts resulting from the proposed development upon the surrounding residential area;*
- Update the planning proposal to reflect the draft concept plan and apply the additional permitted use clause to the confines of the existing at-grade car park area;*
- Exhibit the draft concept plan concurrently with the planning proposal; and*
- Amend Part 6 – Project Timeline to reflect a timeframe of nine months.*

The time frame for completing the LEP amendment is 13 November 2020.

Indicative Draft Concept Plan

As indicated above, the Gateway determination required a draft Concept Plan to be prepared, to provide some guidance as to what kind of development would be facilitated by the planning proposal. In response, Council engaged a consultant to prepare a draft concept plan with an architectural statement that addresses possible traffic impacts on the local road network.

This draft Concept Plan has informed the specific application of the additional permitted use in applying to the existing at-grade car park within the broader Collimore Park site. This ensures that the scale and impact of a future carpark is controlled appropriately. A copy of the draft concept plan and architectural statement is included in (**Attachments 3 and 4**).

The draft Concept Plan is indicative only and a future carpark design may differ from the concept plan. Figure 4 shows a perspective view from the corner of Moore Street and Collimore Avenue.



Figure 4 – Draft Concept Plan, Perspective View from Corner of Moore St and Collimore Ave

Public Authority Consultation

In accordance with the Gateway determination, public authority consultation was required with Endeavour Energy and TfNSW.

A meeting was held with Endeavour Energy on 11 May 2020 to discuss the planning proposal and associated draft Concept Plan. Endeavour Energy are the landowner of Lot 1 DP 1089398 which is currently licensed to Council for part of the existing at-grade carpark. Endeavor Energy has advised that this lot could be for a future zone substation site when current capacity is reached within the Liverpool City Centre.

The following formal response was also received from Endeavour Energy on 20 August 2020. (**Attachment 5**).

As a property owner, further to the meeting of 11 May 2020 held with Council officers, Endeavour Energy has no objection to the Planning Proposal. As indicated in the Architect's Statement Proposed Collimore Park Carpark the design concept is based on the retention of the existing recreational facilities and that the design is to investigate whether the footprint of the existing carpark can be reduced to allow additional recreational space.

This will require Council to reach agreement with Endeavour Energy on the alternative arrangements for the electricity distribution network which the proposed Collimore Park Zone Substation site is intended to fulfil. This will require a review of the requirements for this site by Endeavour Energy's Asset Planning and Performance Branch as well as consideration of the various property tenure options. Endeavour Energy looks forward to continuing working with Council on their proposed plans in respect to potential use of its site at Collimore Park balanced with the growing demands for electricity within the local area.

As stated above, Endeavour Energy raised no objection for the planning proposal. However as requested, Council is to liaise with the agency as future plans for a multi-storey carpark on the site progress.

A formal response from TfNSW was received on 17 September 2020 (**Attachment 6**). Detailed comments on the proposal and indicative vehicular access arrangements were provided for consideration that were to be addressed in the development of plans for the carpark development. In summary TfNSW response is as follows:

- *"As the subject site has alternative vehicular access via the local road network being Collimore Avenue, TfNSW would not support vehicular access on Moore Street. An amended Access Strategy and Concept Plan will be required to reflect the future carpark entry and carpark exit driveway on Collimore Avenue."*
 - Response – The indicative Draft Concept Plan provides a guide for a possible multi-storey carpark on the site with an indicative access arrangement. The proposed vehicular access arrangement could be revised in consultation with TfNSW during concept and detailed designs (of a future carpark).
- *"A detailed Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) report would be required for the future development, to assess the overall traffic impact on the surrounding road network."*
 - Response – This requirement is noted and will be addressed as part of any Part 4 (or Part 5) future multi-storey car park development.

- “TfNSW requires that the existing road reservation retain the SP2 classified road zoning”.
 - Response – The planning proposal does not seek a change in zoning and will not impact on the SP2 classified road zoning that exists currently. The proposed amendment applies to the extent of the site indicated in Figure 3 only.

It is recommended that Council liaises with TfNSW as designs for a multi-storey carpark progress. TfNSW has not objected to the proposed amendment and the planning proposal can progress to finalisation.

Community Consultation

The planning proposal, draft Concept Plan and associated Architect's Statement were exhibited from 17 August to 14 September 2020. During the exhibition period, Council received one email submission (**Attachment 7**). Table 1 shows the submission with officer response.

Table 1 – Community Submissions and officer response

Issues Raised	Officer Response
Will there be a cost for using the parking lot? If there is a cost, this will make unacceptable financial hardship.	The proposed future multi-story carpark is to provide additional parking for commuters and visitors to the Liverpool City Centre. A decision on whether the future parking would be paid carparking would be made by Council at a later stage.
Why can't it be left alone for the public to use for residential living and park use?	The planning proposal's application is limited to the existing at-grade carpark as shown in the Draft Concept Plan (Attachment 3). Therefore, the existing recreation and community facilities present would remain.

Conclusion

The Gateway requirements for Amendment 77, including consultation and the preparation of a Draft Concept Plan have been satisfied, and the submission received has been addressed.

Therefore, this report recommends that Council proceeds with Amendment 77 and liaises with the Parliamentary Counsel's Office and DPIE for the amendment to be gazetted.

It is also recommended that Council liaises with Endeavour Energy and TfNSW during detailed design of a multi-storey carpark at Collimore Park.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Provide efficient parking for the City Centre.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
Legislative	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Planning Proposal (Under separate cover)
2. Gateway determination (Under separate cover)
3. Draft Concept Design (Under separate cover)
4. Architect's Statement (Under separate cover)
5. Endeavour Energy Submission (Under separate cover)
6. TfNSW Submission (Under separate cover)
7. Redacted Community Submission (Under separate cover)

EGROW 03

Liverpool Design Excellence Panel Charter and Procedure

Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Exercise planning controls to create high-quality, inclusive urban environments
File Ref	262628.2020
Report By	Scott Sidhom - Acting Manager City Design and Public Domain Lina Kakish - Manager Development Assessment
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Design Excellence Panel (DEP) was established in 2015 by Liverpool City Council to examine and evaluate design aspects of proposed major developments located within the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA).

Since its establishment, the DEP convenes on a monthly basis, and has been instrumental in providing expert advice on development applications.

The primary function of the DEP is to provide Council officers and applicants with high level independent expert advice relating to urban design, architecture, landscape architecture and sustainability. The advice seeks to inform the assessment of development applications with a view to promoting the delivery of the highest quality urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, and sustainable and inclusive design for buildings and public spaces within the LGA.

This report seeks Council's endorsement to the proposed changes made to the DEP Charter and Procedure and to seek expressions of interest (by invitation only) from suitably qualified industry representatives, to become members of the Liverpool DEP for a two-year period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the minor amendments to the Design Excellence Panel Charter and Procedure;

2. Seek quotations from suitably qualified industry representatives to become members of the Liverpool Design Excellence Panel for a two-year period.

REPORT

Background

Council at its meeting on 13 December 2017 resolved to:

That Council:

1. *Endorse minor amendments to the Design Excellence Panel Charter and Procedure with the exception of H;*
2. *Seek expressions of interest from suitably qualified industry representatives to become members of Liverpool Design Excellence Panel for a two-year period; and*
3. *Receive a further report to assess the expressions of interest received and endorse the Panel members.*

Current Design Excellence Panel

The current DEP members have been providing advice to Council since 2018.

The DEP is an experienced panel established in accordance with the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development (SEPP 65), which details the requirements for such a Panel. The Panel consists of a chairperson and at least two other members, who are expert urban designers, architects and landscape architects that are highly regarded in their fields of expertise.

The purpose of the DEP is to provide expert advice on development applications, planning proposals or policies relating to major commercial and residential development within the Liverpool Local Government Area, early in the design process, and where possible, prior to the lodgment of a relevant development application.

The DEP contributes to the understanding of design quality for Council officers and the public, which will improve the achievement of design quality principles for development. The attached DEP Charter and Procedure establishes the purpose, procedures, terms and conditions for the Liverpool DEP. Council endorsement is sought for minor changes to the DEP Charter and Procedure, as described below.

Proposed Changes to the Charter

The key proposed changes to the Charter are:

Scope

- The existing Charter requires commercial buildings that are over three (3) storeys in height, to be referred to the Panel. The scope has been amended to require all new development located within the Liverpool City Centre that is over three (3) storeys in height, to be referred to the Panel. As a result of Amendment 52 to the Liverpool LEPP, there is increased provision for mixed use development within the city centre, given that a significant portion of sites have been rezoned to B4 'Mixed-use Zone'. As such, it is important to ensure that a high level of design quality is achieved for these types of mixed-use developments (i.e. not only commercial buildings or residential apartment development).

Chairperson

- Including a clause that provides Council with the flexibility to appoint any of the Panel representatives to the role of chairperson.

Appointment and selection for DEP meetings

- Including a clause that provides Council with the ability to select or not select representatives to participate in panel meetings, based on their performance and/or past adherence to the terms and conditions of the Liverpool Design Excellence Panel Charter and Procedure.

Termination of DEP Member Appointments

- Including a clause that provides Council the right to terminate a Panel member if they do not adhere to the terms and conditions of the Liverpool Design Excellence Panel Charter and Procedure, or their performance is not to the satisfaction of Council.
- Including a clause that provides Council the ability to re-tender for further panel representatives during the term of the contract.

Conflicts of Interest

- Including a requirement that Panel members must not be undertaking any other work within the Liverpool Local Government Area.

Proposed Changes to the Procedure

The proposed changes to the Procedure are as follows:

Provision of documentation to the DEP

- Including a requirement for Landscape Architectural (including Public Domain) drawings to be provided to the Panel (i.e. in addition to Architectural drawings).

Meeting Procedures

- Updates to meeting procedures, to ensure that consistent messaging is provided to applicants, for items that are re-referred to the Panel; and
- Updates to meeting procedures, to ensure that the chairperson returns the final meeting minutes to Council by no later than seven (7) days following their receipt of the draft meeting minutes from Council.

Applicant Representation Procedures

- Including a requirement for the applicant and both the nominated Architect and Landscape Architect for the development, to attend the DEP meeting.

Remuneration of the Panel Members

- Increasing the remuneration paid to the panel chairperson by \$150 per half day or full day. Panel members other than the chairperson shall continue to be paid a remuneration of \$1200* per half day or \$1700* per full day. The chairperson shall be paid a remuneration of \$1350* per half day or \$1850* per full day. Noting that the additional remuneration paid will be at no additional cost to Council, as it will be covered by DEP meeting fees paid by the applicant and the cost savings now associated with running DEP meetings virtually.

**(The CEO may approve variations to these rates during the term of the DEP subject to budget considerations.)*

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the attached DEP Charter and Procedure be endorsed, and Council proceed with seeking quotations from suitably qualified industry representatives for membership of Liverpool City Council's DEP.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Enhance the environmental performance of buildings and homes.
Environment	Enhance the environmental performance of buildings and homes.
Social	Regulate for a mix of housing types that responds to different population groups such as young families and older people.
Civic Leadership	Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility.
Legislative	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development (SEPP 65)
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Liverpool Design Excellence Panel Charter and Procedure



LIVERPOOL DESIGN EXCELLENCE PANEL CHARTER AND PROCEDURE

Revised: 27 October 2020

TRIM 262754.2020



PART 1 - CHARTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Liverpool City Council (**Council**) has established the Liverpool Design Excellence Panel (**DEP**) whose primary function is to advise Council and the public of the design quality of development applications. This allows Council to determine whether such applications will contribute to an improvement in the built fabric of the Liverpool Local Government Area (**LGA**).

Given Liverpool's Regional City status, Council is seeking to encourage quality development and promote best practice urban design for developments of a significant scale.

The growth and expansion of the Liverpool LGA highlights a need to ensure development achieves the desired design outcome that is consistent with Liverpool's Regional City status. This DEP Charter incorporates a relevant scope of development applications to be referred to the DEP to ensure new development in the Liverpool LGA positively contributes to the built environment.

1. PURPOSE OF THE DEP

1.1 What will DEP members do?

Panel members will provide expert advice on applications, planning proposals or policies relating to major commercial and residential development within the Liverpool LGA early in the design process and wherever possible, prior to the submission of relevant development applications or following the receipt of an application by Council, where appropriate.

1.2 What is the DEP's purpose?

The purpose of the DEP is to:

- (a) examine, evaluate and critique the design aspects of relevant proposed commercial, residential and community developments prior to the determination of the relevant development application;
- (b) assess the design quality of development proposals and identify how the proposed development could be improved by design changes in order to better achieve the objectives of the relevant planning controls and an optimum design outcome; and
- (c) provide comments to applicants and their professional consultants on actions that could be taken to improve the quality of the design.

1.3 What is this Charter?

The DEP Charter and Procedure (**Charter**) establishes the membership, function, procedures, and terms and conditions of office for the Liverpool DEP.

2. AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE DEP

2.1 Aims of the DEP

The aims of the DEP are:

- (a) to encourage high quality development in the growth of Liverpool as a Regional City through the promotion of best practice in urban design;

- (b) to connect with the development industry by succinctly communicating practical critiques so they recognise the value of the advice provided by the DEP and are encouraged to respond accordingly;
- (c) to provide pragmatic design advice that encourages development, while ensuring outcomes that contribute to a Regional City of design excellence; and
- (d) to encourage proponents to engage with the DEP during the pre-lodgement stage of development to ensure maximum benefits to all stakeholders.

2.2 Scope of the DEP

The scope of the DEP is to provide expert and independent advice on the following developments:

- (a) All residential flat buildings;
- (b) Medium-density developments of thirty (30) units or more;
- (c) New developments within the Liverpool City Centre over three (3) storeys;
- (d) New buildings or major extensions to existing development within commercial zones (being B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5 zones);
- (e) Any development which has an interface with significant public space or items of heritage significance;
- (f) Any development deemed by the Manager Development Assessment and/or Manager City Design and Public Domain to have a potentially significant impact on the amenity of the locality or region; and
- (g) Any development for a new building or major extensions to existing development (except for low-density residential development) adjacent to the Georges River or environmentally sensitive land or vegetation.

2.3 The DEP will make recommendations and provide advice to Council on the matters referred to it having regard to the material forwarded to the DEP in each case and in every case having regard to Council's adopted policies including but not limited to:

- (a) Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008;
- (b) Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008;
- (c) State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 – Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development; and
- (d) Apartment Design Guide.

3. **FUNCTIONS OF THE DEP**

The function and role of the DEP is to:

- (a) play an advisory role (DEP is not a decision-making body);
- (b) thoroughly examine, evaluate and comment upon the design aspects of proposals for major development in the Liverpool LGA prior to the lodgement of relevant

development applications, or, where occurring; following development application lodgement with Council;

- (c) comment on strategic planning documents relative to the urban design issues of a proposal; and
- (d) provide advice to potential applicants and their professional consultants of actions that could be taken to improve the design quality of development proposals.

4. REPRESENTATIONS OF THE DEP

4.1 Membership

The DEP shall comprise three (3) high-level and respected professionals who are or have been involved in the design of major projects. Such members shall have extensive expertise in one or more of the following professions:

- (a) Urban Design;
- (b) Architecture;
- (c) Landscape Architecture; and
- (d) Urban Planning.

A DEP member cannot be employed by Council, including Council officers and elected Councillors, in accordance with the requirements of *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65* (SEPP No.65).

4.2 Chairperson

The Chairperson will be selected from the pool of DEP representatives for each meeting. The relevant DEP representative selected for each meeting who will undertake the role of Chairperson for that meeting will be advised in advance that they will be undertaking the role of Chairperson.

4.3 Quorum

Three (3) DEP members must be present at a DEP meeting to form a quorum.

4.4 Convenor

Council's Coordinator Urban Design will be the convenor of each meeting. In the absence of the Coordinator Urban Design, a convenor will be appointed by the Director City Economy and Growth.

5. DEP APPOINTMENT AND SELECTION FOR DEP MEETINGS

5.1 Tender Process

Council will establish a pool of DEP representatives via a tender or expressions of interest process. DEP members will be appointed based on their qualifications and experience, and in the absence of any real or potential pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflict of interest.

Council will select three (3) DEP representatives for each DEP meeting from the pool of DEP representatives (consisting of one (1) Chairperson and two (2) other DEP members).

5.2 No Guarantee

Appointment of DEP members into the pool of DEP representatives does not guarantee selection for DEP meetings. Rather, appointment to the pool of DEP representatives only gives rise to the potential for selection for DEP meetings.

5.3 Past Performance

In considering whether to select and/or re-select a DEP member to a DEP meeting, strong consideration will be given to the relevant DEP member's past adherence to the terms of this Charter and/or performance during past DEP meetings.

5.4 Council's Rights Reserved

Council reserves all rights to select members for each meeting, based on their knowledge, skills, qualifications, along with their past adherence to the terms and conditions of this Charter and/or performance during past DEP meetings.

5.5 If Quorum Not Established

If a quorum is not available for a DEP meeting, Council's Director City Economy and Growth may select an alternative suitably qualified DEP member to establish a quorum.

5.4 Vacancy

If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the DEP, the CEO may appoint a person to fill the vacant position. Council may in its absolute discretion, appoint suitable shortlisted applicants from a previous tender or expressions of interest process.

6. **CONDUCT AND DISCLOSURES**

6.1 Code of Conduct

DEP members:

- (a) must act lawfully and with integrity and professionalism;
- (b) must comply with all requirements imposed by the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on persons providing advice to a Council; and
- (c) are required to understand, acknowledge and sign a copy of Council's Code of Conduct prior to being appointed on Council's pool of DEP members.

6.2 Breach

If a member of the DEP is found to be in breach of Council's Code of Conduct or any other relevant Council policy, the matter may be referred to the CEO to be dealt with in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Procedures.

6.3 Declarations

Any declarations for a conflict of interest must be disclosed prior to acceptance of meeting attendance

7. TERMINATION OF DEP MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**7.1 Non-Adherence to Charter**

If it is deemed that a DEP member has not adhered to the terms of this Charter or their performance is not to the reasonable satisfaction of Council then Council reserves the right to provide a first and final written warning to the relevant DEP member. If, on a subsequent occasion, the relevant DEP member does not adhere to the terms of this Charter or their performance is not to the reasonable satisfaction of Council, then Council reserves the right to terminate their membership to the pool of DEP representatives. The CEO has the authority to terminate the membership of a DEP member.

7.2 Replacement DEP Member

7.3 In the event that a DEP member's appointment to the pool of DEP representatives is terminated, Council reserves the right to replace the relevant DEP member. This may involve Council's procurement process being followed.

7.4 Additional DEP Members

If, during the term of DEP, Council deems it appropriate, Council may tender for further DEP members to be appointed to the pool of DEP representatives. The CEO has the authority to appoint additional DEP members to the pool of DEP representatives.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEP MEMBER PRIOR TO MEETING

Prior to each DEP meeting, it is required that each selected DEP member will have:

- (a) received copies of the development proposal/application and Panel Briefing Report;
- (b) completed a thorough review of the development proposal/application and Panel Briefing Report;
- (c) attended a site visit of the subject site, or if this is not possible, undertaken a desktop site inspection (i.e. via Google Earth/Maps) to become familiar with the site including its context and conditions; and
- (d) declared any conflict/s of interest.

9. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- (a) A DEP member who has a conflict of interest in a matter with which the DEP is concerned, must not be present at any meeting of the DEP at which the matter is being discussed or considered.
- (b) A disclosure about a conflict of interest must be acknowledged by the Chairperson and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (c) On and from the date of appointment to the DEP, individual DEP members must not be carrying out or undertaking any type of consultancy work or project (whether paid or unpaid) as regards to their relevant profession (the basis of their

appointment to the DEP) within the Liverpool LGA including in relation to any matter or thing in which the Liverpool LGA is concerned or involved (including any dealings with Council). For the avoidance of doubt, this clause does not affect any pre-existing consultancy work already in existence prior to the DEP member's appointment to the DEP.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY AND MANAGING PRIVACY

- (a) DEP members, through their involvement in the DEP, may come in contact with confidential or personal information retained by Council. DEP members are required to maintain confidentiality and security in relation to any such information and not access, use or remove that information, unless authorised to do so.
- (b) The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW) and Council's Privacy Policy deal with the collection, holding, use, correction, disclosure and transfer of personal information.
- (c) Should a DEP member become aware of any breach of security, or misuse of Council's confidential or personal information, they should inform the CEO immediately.

11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Should a DEP member be found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct adopted by Council, the matter may be referred to Council's CEO and will be dealt with in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Procedures.

12. MEDIA PROTOCOL

The Mayor is the only person permitted to speak to the media on behalf of the DEP. No other DEP member is permitted to speak to the media in his or her capacity as a DEP member.

13. REVIEW OF CHARTER

This Charter shall be reviewed annually or as required by any changes in legislation, operational requirements or minor amendments as authorised by Council's CEO in consultation with the Director City Economy & Growth.

PART 2 – MEETING PROCEDURES

1. PROVISION OF DOCUMENTATION TO DEP

The following documentation is to be provided to the selected DEP members electronically at least five (5) business days before the meeting:

- (a) The meeting agenda;
- (b) The assessing officer's Panel Briefing Report;
- (c) Architectural and Landscape Architectural (i.e. including Public Domain) drawings in A3 size; and
- (d) All other relevant information.

2. MEETING PROCEDURES

- 2.1 The DEP will meet at such place and time as notified to the DEP members by a representative from Council (**Panel Support Officer**). It is expected that the DEP will meet twelve (12) times a year on dates and at places to be scheduled in advance for each year. Meetings will be held at suitable venues or via Audio-Visual link e.g. Zoom or MS Teams.
- 2.2 Council may request the cancellation of a meeting or call an extraordinary meeting to take place as required, with at least five (5) business days written notice to all selected DEP members.
- 2.3 Council will appoint the Chairperson for each DEP meeting, who will be one of the three (3) DEP representatives selected from the pool of DEP representatives.
- 2.4 Council staff may attend the meetings, as observers.
- 2.5 Guest speakers may be invited as required and as determined by the DEP. Guest speakers may include relevant Council staff who are there to provide guidance and support and to respond to enquiries.
- 2.6 The DEP meeting will be conducted in accordance with the meeting agenda.
- 2.7 For items that have previously been heard at a DEP meeting, the DEP's role is to address the applicant's response to the recommendations made in the previous DEP minutes of the meeting.
- 2.8 Council's DEP convenor (**Convener**) will take minutes of the DEP meetings. The minutes will include the following:
 - (a) A statement of the status and purpose of the meeting;
 - (b) Attendance;
 - (c) Apologies;
 - (d) Declarations of Interest;

- (e) A record of all recommendations made by the DEP; and
 - (f) A meeting outcome, selected by the DEP, from the options listed within the DEP minutes of meeting template.
- 2.9 The draft meeting minutes will be sent to the Chairperson by Council's Panel Support Officer for review, following the DEP meeting. The meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved for circulation to the DEP by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will then circulate the minutes to the other DEP members. All DEP members must confirm the accuracy of the minutes to the Chairperson as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to ensure that the entire review of the draft DEP meeting minutes is completed and the final meeting minutes are returned to Council's Panel Support Officer by no later than seven (7) business days following their receipt of the draft meeting minutes from Council.
- 2.7 The DEP, in their minutes, must not request that an application is re-referred to the DEP unless a full rejection of the application is recommended on design grounds. The DEP must instead include specific recommendations, relating to the changes requested to the design to address any concerns raised.
- 2.8 Should an application require a re-referral to the DEP, new issues, concerns or recommendations must not be made which are different to those raised at the original DEP meeting, except where the design has changed to the extent that new issues have been identified specifically, as a result of those changes.
- 2.9 DEP meeting minutes must be reviewed and circulated to the applicant by Council's allocated planner or assessing officer. The DEP minutes are required to be accompanied by a cover letter signed by the allocated planner or assessing officer which outlines the planner or assessing officer's comments regarding the changes required to be made to the development, based on the DEP recommendations. Note: The DEP recommendations may have implications on the assessment of the application against Section 79C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) and this will need to be clearly communicated to the applicant by the planner or assessing officer.
- 2.10 Within seven (7) business days of the allocated planner or assessing officer receiving the final DEP meeting minutes, the final DEP meeting minutes are to be distributed to the applicant, via mail or e-mail.
- 2.11 A DEP meeting must be adjourned if a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time designated for the holding of the DEP meeting or at any time during the meeting. In either case, the DEP meeting must be adjourned to a time, date and place fixed by the Chairperson.

3. APPLICANT REPRESENTATION PROCEDURES

- 3.1 Both the applicant and nominated Architect and Landscape Architect for the development application and/or proposal will be invited by Council to attend the DEP meeting.
- 3.2 The applicant will be given seven business (7) days written notice on the time and date of the DEP meeting.
- 3.3 The DEP will be allocated a minimum of thirty (30) minutes and a maximum of one (1) hour for discussions with the applicant and nominated Architect and Landscape Architect.

- 3.4 Landowners, applicants and nominated Architects and Landscape Architects are not permitted to contact DEP members directly.

4. REVIEW

A review of the DEP meeting procedures shall be conducted annually by Council. To assist Council with this review, DEP members may be invited to meet with those Council staff members undertaking the review to seek comment on current meeting procedures and their feedback on potential improvements.

5. REMUNERATION OF PANEL MEMBERS

- 5.1 DEP members will be engaged for a term of two (2) years.
- 5.2 DEP members shall be paid a remuneration of \$1,200.00 per half day or \$1,700.00 per full day (**Standard Fee**). In addition to the relevant Standard Fee, the Chairperson shall be paid an additional \$150.00 remuneration.
- 5.3 A full day DEP meeting will commence at 9.30am and a half day DEP meeting will commence at 1.30pm.

(The CEO may approve variations to these rates during the term of the DEP subject to budget considerations.)*

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Council Resolution

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27 October 2020

REVIEW DATE
27 October 2022

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE
City Economy and Growth (Development Assessment); and
City Economy and Growth (City Design and Public Domain)

VERSIONS

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4	Adopted by Council	27 October 2020	<Enter TRIM Number>

EGROW 04	Amendment 2 to Liverpool Contributions Plan 2008 - Edmondson Park
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Strategic Direction	Generating Opportunity Meet the challenges of Liverpool's growing population
File Ref	263708.2020
Report By	Shaun Beckley - Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A housekeeping amendment is proposed to Liverpool Contributions Plan 2008 – Edmondson Park (CP 2008) to address an inconsistency between the Contributions Plan and the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 (LEP 2008).

In 2015, a change was made to LEP 2008 to rezone part of a site at Camden Valley Way, Edmondson Park from R3 Residential to B6 Enterprise Corridor and implement a new minimum dwelling density of 21 dwellings per hectare.

CP 2008 uses the minimum dwelling density control as a part of the calculation to determine the contribution payable. Following the creation of the 21 dwellings/ha control in LEP 2008, a necessary amendment to CP 2008 was not made at the time. This has resulted in a 1.55ha site in Edmondson Park, subject to the 21 dwellings/ha control, not having a corresponding contribution rate identified in the contributions plan. This amendment will ensure that development of this site is subject to a contribution, as all other development in Edmondson Park is required to do.

A development application is currently under assessment for a staged residential development, including residential flat buildings. To ensure that a condition of consent can be applied to any development consent for the site, an amendment is required to the contributions plan by inserting the 21 dwellings/ha area and relevant costs into the Plan.

The proposed change will result in contributions payable commensurate with the minimum density control for the site, which is approximately \$907,000 per hectare of developable area (indexed to September 2020 quarter).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Exhibits Amendment 2 to *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2008 – Edmondson Park* for 28 days in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.
2. Delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer authority to finalise Amendment 2 to *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2008 – Edmondson Park*.

REPORT

A housekeeping amendment is proposed to *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2008 – Edmondson Park* (CP 2008) to address an inconsistency between the Contributions Plan and the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (LEP 2008).

A change was made in 2015 to *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (LEP 2008) that should have resulted in a consequential amendment to CP 2008. A consequential amendment was made to *Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008* to ensure alignment between the LEP and DCP controls. A corresponding change to CP 2008 was not made at the time.

CP 2008 uses the minimum dwelling density control of LEP 2008 in the calculation of the required contribution. Prior to the amendment of LEP 2008, there was direct alignment with CP 2008 to enable the calculation of contributions across all sites within Edmondson Park.

Following the LEP amendment, an additional minimum density control of 21 dwellings per hectare was created. Without the change to CP 2008, there is no corresponding calculation for a contribution for development, despite the fact that CP 2008 did apply and the provision of infrastructure in Edmondson Park is needed to service the site.

A development application was lodged to develop the site and is now subject to legal proceedings (DA-723/2019) for a staged development including 17 small residential lots and 1 residential super lot and the construction of three x four (4) storey residential flat buildings comprising 99 units. The proposal also includes remediation, subdivision and the construction of roads and associated civil works.

These proceedings have highlighted the need to update CP 2008 to ensure that any approvals issued by the Court includes a condition requiring the payment of the appropriate contributions.

Council's collection of funds for infrastructure in Edmondson Park has been compromised by the cap on contributions implemented by NSW Government. It is therefore imperative that all land within Edmondson Park contributes their fair share to the provision of local infrastructure. If this amendment does not proceed, Council may not be able to collect approximately \$1.5m of contributions from the development of the site.

Proposed Amendments

This amendment is a direct response to the identification of an anomaly that needs to be rectified and is time critical. As such, it is proposed to amend CP 2008 as shown in the table below.

Reference	Change	Comment
Table 2.2	Insert column and values for 21 dwellings/ha	Ensure the summary table of rates includes the relevant values.
Clause 3.4	Insert amendment No2 into the table of amendments	Ensure that the amendments are accurately identified in the plan.
Table 4.1	Insert row and values for 21 dwellings/ha and revise values for 17 dwellings/ha and totals.	Ensure the calculation of proposed dwelling mix and yield is consistent for the new density grouping.
Table 5.3	Insert row and values for 21 dwellings/ha and revise values for 17 dwellings/ha and totals.	Ensure ability to calculate contributions for community facilities.
Table 6.3	Insert row and values for 21 dwellings/ha and revise values for 17 dwellings/ha and totals.	Ensure ability to calculate contributions for recreation facilities.
Table 7.3	Insert row and values for 21 dwellings/ha and revise values for 17 dwellings/ha and totals.	Ensure ability to calculate contributions for transport and access facilities.
Table 8.2	Add 21 dwellings/ha to the row for 17 dwellings/ha.	Ensure ability to calculate contributions for stormwater management.
Table 9.3	Insert row and values for 21 dwellings/ha and revise values for 17 dwellings/ha and totals.	Ensure ability to calculate contributions for plan management.

A track changed version of the draft Contributions Plan is included as **Attachment 1**.

The rate for 21 dwellings per hectare has been calculated at \$463,148 per hectare, which when indexed to September 2020 quarter, results in a rate of \$907,890 per hectare.

This rate is typically calculated using the same methodology as the other five density rates within CP 2008 as detailed below (example for community facility provided):

$$\text{Contribution rate per Ha} = \frac{C \times P}{A}$$

Where:

C = Cost of works identified in the contributions plan.

P = Proportion of population of the respective dwelling density group

A = Area in hectares of dwelling density group

Based on a developable area of 1.553 hectares, a lot yield of 33 and 2.9 persons per dwelling, the area would result in a total population of 96, or 0.44% of the total population of Edmondson Park. It is noted that this population is below what is actually being provided on the site, however this approach ensures consistency of application of the contributions plan.

Next steps

The amendment will be placed on exhibition for 28 days in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	<p>Deliver and maintain a range of transport related infrastructure such as footpaths, bus shelters and bikeways.</p> <p>Deliver a high quality local road system including provision and maintenance of infrastructure and management of traffic issues.</p>
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	There are no social considerations.
Civic Leadership	Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.
Legislative	<p><i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979</i></p> <p><i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000</i></p>
Risk	<p>The risk is deemed to be High.</p> <p>There is a financial risk to council if the amendment to the contributions plan does not proceed.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Liverpool Contributions Plan 2008 - Edmondson Park Amendment No.2
(Under separate cover)

EGROW 05

Parking on Verges and Nature Strips

Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Develop, and advocate for, plans that support safe and friendly communities
File Ref	266182.2020
Report By	Nada Mardini - Manager Community Standards
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolved on 26 August 2020 (NOM 01):

That Council:

1. *Update relevant policies and procedures to give clear and unambiguous guidance setting out when a fine will or won't be issued for parking on a verge or nature strip, including pictures and diagrams;*
2. *Bring back a report to the October Council meeting; and*
3. *Run an awareness campaign on this clear and unambiguous guidance through the District Forums, social and traditional media and other suitable forums.*

This report updates Council on the NSW Road Rules 2014, including when a fine can be issued for parking on the nature strip/footpath. Clear and unambiguous guidance has been prepared (**Attachment 1**) and Council has also commenced an awareness campaign as required by the above resolution.

It is an offence under the NSW Road Rules 2014 to park on the nature strip/footpath. The offence carries a penalty of \$272.

Last financial year, 511 complaints were received by Council from residents concerning illegal parking on the nature strip/footpath. An awareness campaign to educate and inform residents of the NSW Road Rules relating to parking on the footpath has been formulated. This includes a flyer which will be distributed with an education letter on an ongoing basis to residents in streets where complaints have been received. The flyer has been placed on social media and Council's parking webpage.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this report.

REPORT

Council resolved on 26 August 2020 (NOM 01):

That Council:

1. *Update relevant policies and procedures to give clear and unambiguous guidance setting out when a fine will or won't be issued for parking on a verge or nature strip, including pictures and diagrams;*
2. *Bring back a report to the October Council meeting; and*
3. *Run an awareness campaign on this clear and unambiguous guidance through the District Forums, social and traditional media and other suitable forums.*

Parking on the nature strip/footpath is an offence under Rule 197 of the NSW Road Rules 2014. This is a state government law, not a local Council policy. The offence carries a penalty of \$272. In the last financial year (2019/2020), Council received 511 complaints from the public regarding illegal parking on nature strips or the footpath. Most of these complaints were after-hours or on weekends.

Council, at an extraordinary meeting held on 16 April 2020 to consider various initiatives to assist the community regarding impacts of COVID-19, resolved under Initiative 7 to:

“direct the CEO to apply discretion when issuing infringements, while protecting public health and safety. In that regard, fines will only be issued in the following circumstances:

- *Parking in a “No Stopping” and “No Parking” zones and in close proximity to an intersection;*
- *Trucks parking in residential areas in excess of one hour;*
- ***Parking on nature strips where it causes an obstruction to pedestrians and/or a blind spot for drivers exiting their driveways;***
- *Environmental pollution incidents; and*
- *Dog attacks.”*

In line with Council's Enforcement Policy and the NSW Ombudsman Enforcement Guidelines for Councils, the exercise of discretion rests with authorised enforcement officers of Council. Consistent with the above initiative (Point 3, highlighted in bold above), determining when a fine will be issued is subject to the officer's discretion and judgement. It may well be that an obstruction is caused any time a vehicle is parked contrary to the Road Rules (Rule 197). As

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mentioned above, Rule 197 sets out circumstances when it is an offence to park on the nature strip/footpath. To visually assist in this interpretation, a flyer has been prepared (Attachment 1).

The following forms part of the communication program to educate and inform residents of the NSW Road Rules when parking outside the boundaries of the property:

- Standard education letter plus the flyer will be distributed on an ongoing basis to streets that have had related complaints about illegal parking on the nature strip/footpath;
- Flyer to be placed on social media;
- Council's parking webpage to be updated to include current flyer; and
- Ongoing mention in communications collateral, where relevant.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Support access and services for people with a disability.
Civic Leadership	Undertake communication practices with the community and stakeholders across a range of media. Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility. Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions. Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.
Legislative	NSW Road Rules 2014.
Risk	The risk is deemed to be Low. The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite. The report reduces the liability and risk for Council as it discourages illegal parking on the nature strip/footpath.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community education campaign flyer

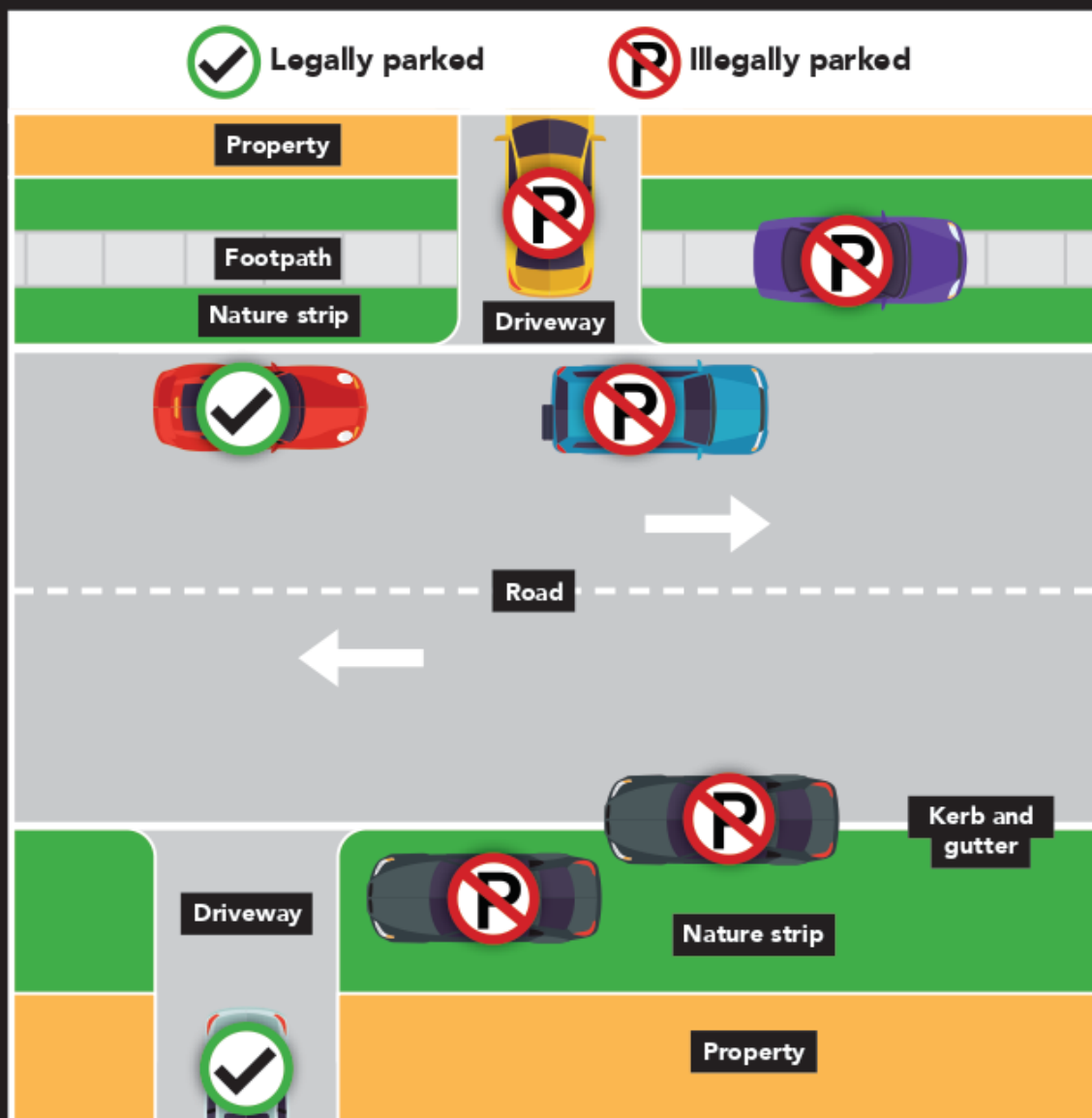


Parking on nature strips or footpaths is illegal

FINES APPLY

Illegally parking on nature strips or footpaths is a safety concern and can obstruct drivers' and pedestrians' access and lines of sight.

To avoid a fine park your vehicle/s and/or visitors' vehicles within your property or kerbside on the street as shown in the image.



EGROW 06**Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan
Submission**

Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Exercise planning controls to create high-quality, inclusive urban environments
File Ref	275167.2020
Report By	Nancy-Leigh Norris - Senior Strategic Planner
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) released the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (**Plan**) and associated documentation for public exhibition, which occurred between 26 August – 9 October 2020.

The Plan will result in biodiversity approvals for part of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, in areas where the Biodiversity Certification Order does not already apply. Therefore, within the Liverpool portion of the Aerotropolis, the Plan is applicable to the Agribusiness precinct and part of the Dwyer Road precinct.

Outside of the Aerotropolis, certain land across the Local Government Area is identified as 'Strategic Conservation Area' (SCA). The SCA encompasses lands with important biodiversity value which will be used to offset biodiversity impacts over the life of the Plan, via acquisition for establishment of new reserves, biodiversity stewardship sites or through ecological restoration.

A submission on the Plan has been prepared (**Attachment 1**) by Council and includes recommendations on the following issues:

- Relationship of the Plan with the Liverpool LGA
- Rezoning within the Dwyer Road Precinct
- Strategic Conservation Areas
- Offsets
- Risk of Strategic Conservation Planning
- Essential Infrastructure Guidelines and implications on delivery
- Commitments and Actions of the Plan

To meet exhibition timeframes, the Council submission has been submitted to DPIE. A revised submission may be resubmitted following a Council resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the submission on the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

REPORT

Background Information

The vision of the Plan is to 'support Western Sydney's biodiversity and growth', and it covers parts of the Liverpool LGA, as well as Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Penrith, Blacktown and Hawkesbury LGA's.

Bio-certification within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis

The Plan will result in biodiversity approvals under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* and *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW)* for part of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

Areas in the Aerotropolis where the Growth Centres' Biodiversity Certification Order currently applies (Aerotropolis Core, Badgerys Creek, Rossmore, Kemps Creek and part of Dwyer Road) are not subject to this Plan, and provisions under the Biodiversity Certification Order will continue to apply.

Therefore, within the Liverpool portion of the Aerotropolis, the Plan is only applicable to the Agribusiness precinct and part of the Dwyer Road Precinct. Within these precincts, the Plan identifies land as either:

- **Certified – urban capable:** this land is biodiversity certified for development and will not need further biodiversity approvals at the development assessment stage;
- **Non-certified – avoided for biodiversity:** contains land with high biodiversity value, such as significant connected flora/fauna habitat of target species;
- **Non-certified – avoided for other purposes:** contains land with development constraints such as steep slopes or riparian corridors;
- **Excluded:** land which has been excluded from the Plan due to a variety of reasons, e.g. it is already environmentally protected, Commonwealth owned land, or contains existing roads and easements.

Land identified as 'non-certified' within the Agribusiness and Dwyer Road precincts will not become biodiversity certified under this Plan. This land is also identified as having an "Environment & Recreation" zone under the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan.

It is noted that whilst this land is within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, the category of “*Non-certified – Western Sydney Aerotropolis*” under this Plan does not apply within the Agribusiness or Dwyer Road precincts. This category only applies to land within the Aerotropolis north of Elizabeth Drive which is within the Penrith LGA.

Strategic Conservation Areas across the LGA

Outside of the Aerotropolis, certain land across the LGA is identified as SCA. The SCA encompasses lands with important biodiversity value, such as areas with large remnants of native vegetation, land contributing to biodiversity connectivity and/or land with ecological restoration potential. SCAs within the Liverpool LGA are primarily located within Greendale and Wallacia, with some SCAs also identified in the eastern part of the LGA.

The Plan does not rezone or change permissible uses on land identified as SCA, however these areas will require development consent for clearing of native vegetation, as well as additional considerations at a development application stage to ensure the protection of this land, and considerations when applying to intensify use of the site (e.g. under a planning proposal).

The SCA will be used to offset biodiversity impacts over the life of the Plan (via acquisition for establishment of new reserves, biodiversity stewardship sites or ecological restoration). The Plan identifies 28,300Ha of SCA across the LGAs as indicated above. Over the life of the Plan, it is expected that 11,000Ha will be used as offset land, with the Plan delivering an initial upfront commitment of 5,475Ha SCA delivered as new reserves and improved Koala habitat across these LGAs.

The Plan identifies the potential for a Gulguer Reserve to be established between the Blue Mountains and Bents Basin reserve in the Wollondilly LGA. This would be subject to further investigations by the Department.

Submission Details

Council’s submission on the Plan includes the following recommendations:

- a) Request clarification on how and when biodiversity certification will come into effect within the Dwyer Road Precinct. Under the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan, this precinct is identified as a non-initial precinct, to be zoned to Enterprise and Environment & Recreation at a future date. The Environment & Recreation land corresponds with the non-certified land under this Plan. Clarification is requested if the Environment & Recreation zone will come into effect through *SEPP (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020* once this Plan is made, or if an E2 Environmental Conservation zone will be applied under this Plan’s proposed SEPP.
- b) Improve the connectivity of SCA, by considering the inclusion of land currently zoned for public recreation along the Georges River, land within Holsworthy Army Barracks, and other riparian and/or vegetated land across the LGA.

- c) Development controls for SCA should not permit subdivision, to ensure the risk of fragmented land is reduced. Development controls should also be specific and contain strong mechanisms to adequately determine and justify development approvals within areas of SCA.
- d) Ensure procedures are in place in case a moratorium on development occurs (in the event of offsets falling behind in comparison with development uptake). The procedures are to include notification of Council, effective pauses on applications (e.g. no requirement for Gateway extensions), correspondence to applicants and a communication strategy to the public.
- e) Encourage retention of trees and other vegetation on areas which are identified as 'certified – urban capable' to stop mass clearing of certified areas. The protection of non-certified areas means that there are large expanses of certified land which are deemed to have approval to remove all vegetation. This means that the benefits of retaining vegetation on site, such as urban cooling and genetic diversity, are lost.
- f) Provide Councils with a mechanism to deliver essential infrastructure (e.g. drainage and stormwater infrastructure) without the expense of offsetting impacted vegetation. This includes a streamline approval process in the event where Council needs to build upon protected lands, and compensation for the costs of any required offsets.
- g) Essential Infrastructure Guidelines advocate for the retention of vegetation in excluded lands under the Plan (excluded lands include land for large infrastructure projects such as roads). The guidelines should stipulate that sympathetic construction techniques must be utilised to minimise impacts on existing native vegetation.
- h) Monitor and report regularly on offsets and include an independent review to ensure requirements are appropriate and there are no undue delays in their releases.
- i) Limit value of ecological restoration (via planting of cleared land) is acknowledged and taken into consideration when offsets are delivered.
- j) Commitments and actions under the Plan clearly state the type of land to which they are applicable (e.g. non-certified land or Strategic Conservation Areas).
- k) Priority will be given to credit purchases from the Cumberland subregion.
- l) Clarification is requested regarding the location of an investigation area for a new reserve on Wianamatta-South Creek, and whether the extent of this proposed investigation area is restricted to the Confluence Reserve Investigation area noted within the Plan.
- m) Clarification is requested regarding whether the biodiversity education officers, and Aboriginal education officers would be funded for the entire life of the Plan.

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- n) The scope of the Plan is broadened to include issues that span the entire Cumberland Plain Conservation area. The title of the Plan gives the impression that it is an overarching strategic document that covers all biodiversity conservation matters on the Cumberland Plain, when it is only for the purposes of strategic conservation planning.
- o) Clarify how this Plan fits within the broader NSW Planning Framework, including *SEPP (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019* and *SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017*.
- p) Mitigation measures are stronger than DCP controls and can be considered in areas outside of the Aerotropolis.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Facilitate economic development.
Environment	<p>Manage the environmental health of waterways.</p> <p>Protect, enhance and maintain areas of endangered ecological communities and high-quality bushland as part of an attractive mix of land uses.</p> <p>Raise community awareness and support action in relation to environmental issues.</p>
Social	Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.
Civic Leadership	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
Legislative	<p>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)</p> <p>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW)</p> <p>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)</p>
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Liverpool City Council Submission
2. Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan highlight document (Under separate cover)
3. Explanation of Intended Effect SEPP (Strategic Conservation Planning) (Under separate cover)
4. Summary Assessment Report (Under separate cover)



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Re: Liverpool City Council response to Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Dear Mr Hartley,

I write in response to the public exhibition of the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (**Plan**). The vision of the Plan is to 'support Western Sydney's biodiversity and growth', and it applies to parts of the Liverpool Local Government Area, as well as other LGAs across Western Sydney.

It is understood that the Plan establishes Strategic Conservation Planning across Western Sydney. This will protect areas of significant biodiversity where new development is proposed and invest in biodiversity across Western Sydney to offset this development. The Plan also includes a range of commitments regarding conservation programs, management of landscape threats, and education programs.

The public exhibition comprised of the release of various documents, including the draft Plan and an Explanation of Intended Effects for a proposed State Environmental Planning Policy. Council staff have reviewed these documents and provide the attached comments regarding the following issues:

- Relationship of the Plan with the Liverpool LGA
- Rezoning with Dwyer Road Precinct
- Strategic Conservation Areas
- Offsets
- Risk of Strategic Conservation Planning
- Essential Infrastructure Guidelines
- Commitments and Actions

If you require further clarification on Council's comments, please contact Nancy-Leigh Norris, Acting Senior Strategic Planner on 8711 7399.

Yours sincerely,

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Overview of relationship with the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA)

The Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (**Plan**) will result in biodiversity certification for part of the Liverpool LGA within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

Certification under the Plan is only applicable to the Agribusiness Precinct and part of the Dwyer Road Precinct, as the Plan does not apply where the Growth Centres Biodiversity Certification Order currently applies. Within these precincts, the Plan identifies land as either:

- **Certified – urban capable**
This land is biodiversity certified for development and will not need further biodiversity approvals at the development assessment stage;
- **Non-certified – avoided for biodiversity**
Contains land with high biodiversity value, such as significant connected flora/fauna habitat of target species;
- **Non-certified**
Avoided for other purposes: contains land with development constraints such as steep slopes or riparian corridors;
- **Excluded**
Land which has been excluded from the Plan due to a variety of reasons, e.g. it is already environmentally protected, Commonwealth owned land, or contains existing roads and easements.

Land identified as ‘non-certified’ within the agribusiness and Dwyer Road precincts will not become biodiversity certified under this plan. This land is also identified as having an “Environment & Recreation” zone under the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan.

It is noted that whilst this land is within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, the category of “*Non-certified – Western Sydney Aerotropolis*” does not apply within the Agribusiness or Dwyer Road precincts. This category only applies to land within the Aerotropolis north of Elizabeth Drive which is within the Penrith LGA.

Outside of the Aerotropolis, certain areas across the LGA are identified as ‘Strategic Conservation Areas’ (SCA). The SCAs encompasses land with important biodiversity value, such as areas with large remnants of native vegetation, land contributing to biodiversity connectivity and/or land with ecological restoration potential. The SCAs will be used to offset biodiversity impacts over the life of the Plan (via acquisition for establishment of new reserves, biodiversity stewardship sites or ecological restoration).

SCAs within the Liverpool LGA are primarily located within Greendale and Wallacia, with some SCAs also identified in the Eastern part of the LGA. The Plan does not rezone or change permissible uses on these lands, however these areas will require development consent for clearing of native vegetation, as well as additional considerations at a development application stage to ensure the protection of these lands, and consideration when applying to intensify use of the site (e.g. under a planning proposal).

Rezoning within Dwyer Road Precinct

As noted above, land subject to the Environment and Recreation zone under *SEPP Western Sydney Aerotropolis 2020* (within the Agribusiness and Dwyer Road precincts) will not be biodiversity certified under the Plan. As the Agribusiness precinct was rezoned on 1 October 2020, the Environment and Recreation zoning within this precinct is currently in place. However, Dwyer Road is not an initial precinct, therefore its proposed

zoning (to Enterprise and Environment & Recreation) will not come into effect until it is released in the future.

Clarification is requested if the Environment & Recreation zone within the Dwyer Road Precinct will come into effect through *SEPP (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020* once the Plan is made, or if an E2 Environmental Conservation zone will be applied under the Plan proposed SEPP.

Strategic Conservation Areas

Overview of SCAs within the Liverpool LGA

Within the Liverpool LGA, SCAs are primarily located within Greendale and Wallacia, as over half of the area west of the Outer Sydney Orbital is identified as SCAs. There are also pockets of SCAs in the eastern part of the LGA, including:

Sirius Road, Voyager Point

- Council land zoned RE1 Public Recreation & E2 Environmental Conservation
- Private land zoned E3 Environmental Management

Newbridge Road, Moorebank

- Council land zoned E2 Environmental Conservation (Wurrungwuri Reserve)
- Private land zoned E2 Environmental Conservation, (Lot 6 Newbridge Road, currently subject to RZ-2/2020)

Newbridge Road, Chipping Norton

- Council land zoned RE1 Public Recreation (Riverside Park)

Hammondville

- Council land zoned RE1 Public Recreation (Lt Cantello Reserve)
- Privately owned land zoned RE2 Private Recreation (New Brighton Golf Course)

Using SCAs for improved connectivity

The network of SCAs is disjunct in some areas, and it is recommended that connectivity is considered in a more comprehensive manner throughout the Plan area. Large clusters of existing native vegetation in the suburbs of Moorebank and Chipping Norton are identified as SCAs, yet the areas north and south of these lands are also currently zoned for recreation purposes.

Additionally, Holsworthy Army Barracks also contains significant areas of existing native vegetation. Rehabilitation of vegetation along the Georges River could provide for a continuous corridor.

There is ample opportunity in other areas of the Liverpool LGA for the identification of areas of ecological restoration potential, such as within riparian zones, and/or areas identified under the green grid (stemming from the Greener Places Draft Policy and the Government Architects vision for an interconnected area of green open space). It is necessary to identify these areas within the LGA, so the biodiversity lost is offset in the local area for the benefit of residents.

The mapping of important Koala habitat includes an isolated patch within Voyager Point, presumably due to the boundary of the Plan area dissecting this locality. It is recommended that the Plan area boundary in this locality is revised to ensure cohesive management.

Development controls for SCAs

The plans proposed SEPP will contain matters for Council to consider when assessing Development Applications (DA) in lands identified as SCAs. This includes matters that a

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consent authority must consider before granting a subdivision approval. Whilst the proposed SEPP should not rule out development of land or undermine existing use rights, permitting subdivision in areas which are SCAs is not ideal, as this will fragment land. This will reduce the ability for land to be acquired for a reserve or for contiguous stewardship sites.

These proposed matters of consideration contain some relatively unspecific terms such as 'minimised'. It is recommended that stronger mechanisms and definitions are considered (such as identified no-clear areas) to ensure that consent authorities have strong justification when determining developments within SCAs.

SCAs have been mapped taking land constraints into consideration. In this regard, where significant species worthy of retention are in conflict with fragmented land ownership or infrastructure, these areas are not included as worthy of retention. The Plan should include all land identified as ecologically significant and provide controls for Council to consider the retention of these areas on a merit-based case-by-case scenario.

Moratorium on Development

SCAs can be used as offset impacts of developments within the Aerotropolis. If these offsets are not keeping pace with developments, the rezoning of remaining precincts will be postponed, and a moratorium on development assessments being determined (within the nominated growth areas – i.e. the Western Sydney Aerotropolis) may be imposed.

Whilst it is appreciated there would be a need to slow down development if sufficient offsets are not being provided, this must be managed to avoid a situation where Councils are held accountable for circumstances outside of their control. In the unlikely event that this were to happen, there would need to be mechanisms to ensure that:

- Councils are notified of Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) moving to place a moratorium on development as soon as reasonably practical;
- Any DAs or planning proposals impacted by such moratorium are effectively paused (e.g. Councils do not need to apply for gateway extensions, and the clock for undetermined DAs is stopped);
- DPIE prepares a letter for Councils to be sent to DA applicants or planning proposal proponents outlining the situation, and who to contact for additional information and updates;
- It is clear to developers and members of the public that it is out of Council's control to approve or otherwise continue with a DA or planning proposal assessment; and
- DPIE provides a communication strategy, including a hotline/web service to Council(s) and the public to provide updates regarding the status of a moratorium.

Risk of Strategic Conservation Planning

Retention of existing native vegetation in certified areas

Council agrees that the basis of the Plan is to provide for a strategic and co-ordinated approach to retain native vegetation and habitat in areas which are most suited to retaining whole ecosystems.

This allows for more effective biodiversity outcomes, when compared to alternative solutions such as site-by-site assessment and protecting isolated strands of vegetation. Whilst this approach is supported, the framework provides developers the greenlight to effectively sterilise certified lands of all existing native vegetation. This is considered unintended, but otherwise guaranteed development outcome of the Plan, as seen in areas subject to the Growth Centres Biodiversity Certification Order.

The Plan does not provide any incentives to developers to retain existing native vegetation on development sites. If developers are given greenlight to clear vegetation from a biodiversity perspective, and pay developer contributions to off-set this vegetation, it is difficult to encourage the retention of existing native vegetation where it provides for aesthetic, amenity or micro-climate benefits.

Retention of mature vegetation can add to the character of a new place, provide shade for pedestrians and cyclists when incorporated into the street design (in streets which would otherwise only have immature trees), and retention of canopied trees which would assist Western Sydney to achieve an urban canopy target as well as reduce the urban heat island effect. These place specific benefits that trees provide become secondary to the argument that the loss of this vegetation has already been provided by retaining trees in another area (often far from where clearing takes place).

Securing genetic diversity

As mentioned above, the Plan advocates for the retention of significant strands of vegetation which are best able to provide for whole ecosystems. Whilst supported, this approach has the potential to favour genetically similar specimens (which are more likely to be clustered) whilst losing the genetic diversity of those smaller isolated clusters of vegetation which are cleared.

Therefore, whilst the target tree species and vegetation categories may be retained and enhanced, the genetic diversity of the area could be considerably depleted. This would greatly exaggerate the risks of pest and diseases due to limited genetic diversity.

It is recommended that consideration to be given to maintaining small clusters or single specimens of existing native vegetation in certified areas. Alternatively, the Plan could put controls in place to ensure that the genetic material of cleared vegetation is retained. This could be achieved by requiring the collection of seeds from any existing native vegetation proposed to be cleared and depositing them into a seed bank, or state-owned nursery to be used for growing off-set vegetation.

Appendix A: Guidelines for essential infrastructure development

Council delivery of infrastructure

It is expected that these Guidelines could apply to drainage stormwater infrastructure and road and bridge construction which will require connection through non-certified lands to creeks and riparian corridors. It is likely that it will be necessary for Councils to clear some vegetation to facilitate these construction works which will impact on native vegetation.

Councils are often not the instigators of precinct planning and land release, however, are left with a financial burden of delivering essential infrastructure to facilitate new developments. The proposed land-use plans often dictate where infrastructure is to be located, restricting possible changes during design.

To ensure the existing community is not penalised by new developments, and section 7.11 levies are limited to the essential infrastructure list, Councils need to be provided a mechanism in which it can deliver essential infrastructure without the expense of offsetting impacted vegetation. This could be in the form of additional off sets in the Plan to account for impacts to non-certified lands. Alternatively:

- A mechanism could be established which requires the details of these works to be understood at the precinct planning stage, with any off set approved and funded by the state prior to a precinct being rezoned; or
- A streamlined process be provided for Councils to seek approval to clear and off-set vegetation removal which cannot be avoided when Councils are delivering infrastructure in accordance with a precinct plan. Councils are to be compensated for any off sets as per the funds collected for the implementation of the plan.

A failure to provide Council with funds and statutory mechanisms to deliver critical infrastructure within release areas has the potential to sterilise development potential. Alternatively, it may result in compromised infrastructure being provided, which may not respond to community needs, or be provided much later than required.

It is acknowledged that infrastructure should be designed so as to retain as much existing native vegetation as possible. In this regard, Council delivered infrastructure, namely drainage infrastructure, often has the ability to be enhanced with native vegetation and naturalisation (particularly for creeks/gullies which may already be environmentally degraded).

The guidelines should continue to advocate for avoiding impacts, and also encourage the development of naturalised drainage infrastructure in riparian corridors where re-vegetation of corridors can be acknowledged as an off set.

Application to excluded lands

Council has observed that native vegetation is not being adequately protected or retained when subjected to large infrastructure projects, which are likely to fall into the excluded lands category. This is particularly notable on large road projects, such as Bringelly Road and The Northern Road where large stands of mature native vegetation were cleared, when minor adjustments to the roads could have avoided the extent of tree removal.

It is also noted that several of these projects are only replanting substantial trees in medians (which are slated as areas for future road widening), rather than in the verges where they would also benefit in controlling the microclimate for active transport. Similar observations are also made for water and electricity infrastructure, where vegetation is often cleared, and sympathetic construction techniques are not being utilised.

It is recommended that the guidelines provide a more detailed assessment criteria as to when it is and is not acceptable to clear existing native vegetation. The guidelines should advocate for the retention of vegetation in avoided lands, as well as excluded lands, and stipulate that sympathetic construction techniques must be utilised to minimise impacts on existing native vegetation. Off-setting should only be considered when changes to the design, siting, or construction techniques are not possible.

Notification to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

The guidelines contain ambiguous details regarding when DPIE should be notified of essential infrastructure within non-certified land. Page 84 of the Plan indicates notification would be required for essential infrastructure within non-certified land, however page 88 indicates notification would only be required when Matters of National Environmental Significance or other relevant EPBC Act matters would be impacted upon within the non-certified land.

It is recommended that the guidelines include further details regarding the process that will be followed once a notification has been made to the DPIE, and an indication of the expected level of detail required to demonstrate whether the guidelines have been complied with.

Proposed Offset Package

Monitoring the Plan

There is a low degree of certainty regarding what the offset package will comprise of due to the flexibility built into the Plan, and the heavy reliance upon remotely sourced data. This will lead to the bio-certification of areas prior to an understanding of the likely effectiveness of the offset measures.

It is recommended that:

- The proposed monitoring, evaluation and reporting program includes robust measures to ensure that the offsetting outcomes are appropriate, and meet (or exceed) the outcomes that would have been achieved via the standard process for site by site assessments.
- A maximum timeframe is set for the release date of the Plan reporting requirements (including an independent review scheduled every 5 years over the life of the plan) to ensure that there are no undue delays in offset release to the public.

Ecological Restoration

The proposed offset package is reliant upon ecological restoration to cover an offset target shortfall. The Plan notes that ecological restoration includes reconstruction activities (i.e. planting cleared land), including large areas of reconstruction within the reserve investigation areas. Reconstructed stands of vegetation are generally of a limited value compared to extant native communities.

It is recommended that:

- The above limitation is acknowledged when determining the suitability of the offset.
- Appropriate measures are implemented to monitor and rectify any offsetting shortcomings due to limited success of reconstruction and restoration activities.

Sub-plan A: Conservation Program and Implementation

Page 153 of this sub-plan notes that the offset target has been reduced by 10% to fund supporting actions for the successful implementation of the plan. This introduces a risk of an offset deficit given that some of the identified supporting actions may have little tangible benefit. It is suggested that such actions should be considered an additional task, rather than a reason to reduce land based offset targets.

The Plan Commitments and Actions

The extent of land intended to be covered by each commitment and action is not clear for some items. It is recommended that further details are provided regarding which elements are applicable for the entire Plan area, the nominated areas, or Strategic Conservation Areas.

Commitment 7, Action 3: Koala mitigation actions

It is recommended that consideration is given to embedding this requirement into the existing *SEPP (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019*. Splitting mitigation controls across multiple instruments would increase the complexity of addressing koala related issues.

Commitment 8, Action 3 & Commitment 13: Ecological restoration

These items allow for up to 25% of the offset target area for protection to be met by reconstruction works (i.e. planting on cleared land).

It is recommended that:

- Reliance upon reconstruction works is minimised given the inherent risks of limited success.
- Restoration Implementation Strategy noted for Commitment 13 includes appropriate performance indicators, monitoring and rectification measures to respond to works that have suboptimal outcomes.

Commitment 9, Action 1: Protection of offset locations

This action indicates that species credits could be purchased from the Cumberland subregion or across NSW.

It is recommended that priority will be given to credit purchases from the Cumberland subregion.

Commitment 11, Action 2: Investigate reserve on Wianamatta-South Creek

An investigation area is identified for a new reserve on Wianamatta-South Creek. It is recommended that clarification is provided regarding the location of this site, and whether the extent of this proposed investigation area is restricted to the Confluence Reserve Investigation area noted within the plan.

Commitment 12: Habitat Corridors

The Plan notes that the identification of Strategic Conservation Areas have considered connectivity, however as noted in this submission, the network of Strategic Conservation Areas is disjunct in some locations.

It is recommended that connectivity is considered in a more comprehensive manner throughout the Plan and further details are provided regarding which areas are considered to be 'priority habitat corridors.

Commitment 21, Actions 3 & 4: Funding for Council Officers

Recommendation - specify whether the biodiversity education officers, and Aboriginal education officers would be funded for the entire life of the Plan.

Complexity of Biodiversity Planning

Some sections of the Plan, including the title give the impression that it is an overarching strategic document that covers all biodiversity conservation matters on the Plan. However, the focus of the Plan is the bio-certification of the nominated areas and identified infrastructure corridors. This is likely to lead to confusion regarding the intended purpose of the plan, and its applicability to specific scenarios.

There is no comprehensive strategic document to lead biodiversity conservation on the Plan due to the plan's focus on bio-certification related matters, and its approach to additional pertinent issues within various other EPIs and plans.

It is recommended that the scope of the Plan is broadened to include issues that span the entire Plan area.

This could include, but not be limited to, the following:

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- Assess and respond to impacts associated with infill and intensification of development on land outside of the nominated areas and other landscape scale assessments.
- Standard DCP controls for the entire Plan area;
- Guidance on the application of environmental zones throughout the Plan area;
- Serious and Irreversible Impacts thresholds, particularly for entities with a relatively large anticipated impact (such as Plan Woodland); and
- Best practice standards for bushland and habitat management, or reference made to existing standards such as those within the Plan.

The Plan including its proposed SEPP will be another layer in an already complex matrix of planning and biodiversity considerations within Western Sydney.

It is recommended that further information is provided to specify the relationship of the Plan with other biodiversity considerations, to ensure clarity on which matters apply. This should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- SEPP (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006
- SEPP (State Significant Precincts) 2005
- SEPP (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020
- SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017
- SEPP (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019
- Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan
- Wianamatta-South Creek Delivery Strategy (currently being undertaken by the Department)

Miscellaneous Issues

Mitigation Measures

There appears to be a heavy reliance on DCP controls to specify mitigation measures. However, DCP's are generally treated as guidelines, rather than required outcomes. It is recommended that Council's limited ability to require strict adherence to DCP's is considered, and appropriate mechanisms introduced to ensure that pertinent measures are enforceable.

Mitigation measures for Koalas are generally restricted to nominated areas. It is recommended that measures are also considered for other locations, such as known roadkill locations along Heathcote Road, Holsworthy and Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank.

It is recommended that the mitigation measures included in Appendix E are expanded to include additional pertinent measures including, but not limited to, the following:

- Reference to additional best practice guidelines for threatened ecological communities.
- Measures to minimise direct harm to fauna during development, including tree felling and dam dewatering protocols.

Highlight Document

Figure 3: *Components of the Plan* contains an error, indicating a "Koala EOIE" (Explanation of Intended Effects) forms part of this Plan. This figure should refer to the EOIE for Strategic Conservation Planning, which forms part of this exhibition.

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Flooding

Although flooding is dealt separately to biodiversity planning, it is beneficial to note within the Plan that the floodplain and flood storage volume shall be maintained to prevent adverse impact of flooding.

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Draft Miller Social Infrastructure Masterplan

Strategic Direction	Creating Connection Provide community facilities which are accessible to all
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The renewal of assets and social infrastructure in Miller has been a priority of Council for several years. A preliminary concept Masterplan in 2009 and a conditional Masterplan in 2016 were initiated to provide vision and direction for the renewal of the Miller Town Centre.

Council's vision for the Miller Town Centre is to create a safe and sociable environment that will service a variety of community needs by providing diversified retail, community services, public open space, and a coalescence of housing options. Miller Town Centre is an established retail community and residential hub comprising of approximately 11 hectares of both private and publicly owned land, located centrally in the Liverpool LGA. The major landowners within the town centre are the NSW Land and Housing Corporation, NSW Health, Mission Australia and Liverpool City Council. The area has significantly higher than average social housing stock.

In late 2019, Council engaged consultants to prepare a Social Infrastructure Masterplan for Miller to meet the following objectives:

- Identify urban renewal opportunities within the Miller Town Centre;
- Improved linkages and connectivity between residential areas and Council's community facilities and open spaces;
- Improve connections for both pedestrians and vehicles within the study scope area;
- Provide accessible, proportionate, quality, usable and safe community facilities; and
- Improve sightlines, surveillance and safety within the public domain.

The purpose of the Masterplan is to provide Council with a vision and recommendations for renewal and redevelopment of Council-owned assets, aligned with the endorsed strategic direction of Council, to progressively redevelop these assets to meet the needs and aspirations of the community now and into the future.

The social infrastructure covered within the scope of this Masterplan consists of six Council-owned community facilities, parks, open space and sporting and recreation assets including the Michael Wenden Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

The Masterplan is informed by the review of key Council strategic documents, community and other stakeholder consultation outcomes, analysis of demographic and community profile, asset conditions and demand and gaps analysis, and development of key principles to guide future development of Miller.



Fig 1: Draft Masterplan Design

To meet community needs for social infrastructure, a series of recommendations and actions have been proposed to ensure Miller is developed into a sustainable, liveable, resilient and socially cohesive community well into the future. The delivery of these actions would lead to the revitalisation of social infrastructure in Miller and in turn will attract investment, growth and economic development, providing building blocks to support the community as it grows.

Council has received a draft Masterplan inclusive of the internal stakeholder feedback. The draft Masterplan recommends effective integration of social infrastructure within Miller, to improve visual amenity, permeability and accessibility. The improvement to existing infrastructure and provision of new facilities are recommended by the Masterplan through several defined stages. Highlights of recommendations are as follows:

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Consolidate existing community facilities and develop a new multi-purpose community hub integrated with surrounding public open spaces at Miller Square over three stages. Key components of the new hub are proposed to include a library with adaptable programming spaces, meeting room space to accommodate social and community services, health programs, space for arts, informal meeting spaces and adaptable space for education and learning programs;

- New safe pedestrian-friendly space with a raised crossing to Miller Square;
- New open and connected axis into Miller Square with a boulevard of trees;
- Improved circulation open and clear visual connections with lighting;
- Proposed increase of urban tree canopy on a precinct scale that connects and identifies key connections in corridors;
- A staged redevelopment of Michael Wenden Aquatic Leisure Centre. This could include a new entrance for the foyer/cafe and redevelopment of existing pools and amenities, expansion of the water play area, renewal of the open spaces, health and fitness centre and multipurpose rooms;
- Youth-focused spaces at McGirr Park including opportunities for adventure play and an obstacle play space linking the PCYC with the Michael Wenden Aquatic Leisure Centre;
- Using residual land to provide local embellishments and enhanced community garden opportunities and establishing local spaces for the community to connect; and
- Renewal works to existing parks and open spaces to improve their accessibility, safety and optimise utilisation.

Additionally, the draft Masterplan provides a detailed action plan for site specific improvement opportunities, improvements, and identifies possible funding sources.

This report presents the draft Miller Social Infrastructure Masterplan to be exhibited for public comment on the vision for social infrastructure improvements in Miller; and recommends exploring opportunities to deliver on this vision through a phasing process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report;
2. Adopts the Draft Masterplan for public exhibition for community information and feedback for a period of 28 days;

3. Delegates to the A/CEO the finalisation of the draft Masterplan if no submissions are received; or receive a further report outlining details of the submissions received at the conclusion of the exhibition period;
4. Subject to Council's adoption of the Masterplan, develops a staged implementation strategy by June 2021.

REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

Council has adopted several long-term strategies to guide the future planning of community facilities, recreation, open space and sports infrastructure in Liverpool over the next 10 years. These strategies outline the need to transform Council's ageing assets into a world class network of modern facilities that meet the growing demand of the community for these facilities to be focal points of community life.

In 2016, Council endorsed a conditional Masterplan for renewal of the Miller Town Centre. The Masterplan outlined Council's aspiration to redevelop the existing community facilities, including recreation and leisure facilities, to meet the current and future community needs for inclusive, affordable and accessible facilities. Additionally, Council prepared a preliminary concept Masterplan in 2009 (for internal purposes only) which investigated substantial changes to the Miller Town Centre. The Masterplan explored the potential for land swaps, improved sight lines and relocation of Miller Square. Both studies had a broader scope including pedestrian and vehicle connectivity, private investment in the town centre, and integration of public and private spaces.

In December 2019, Council engaged a consultant to prepare a Social Infrastructure Masterplan for Miller. In March 2020, at a Councillor briefing session, the consultants presented and provided an overview of the plan, key findings and recommended directions of the Masterplan.

At the time of the commencement of the planned stakeholder and community engagement, COVID-19 restrictions were introduced, which limited the ability and capacity to implement the community consultation plan. This resulted in cancellation of most public engagement activities, consisting of in-person workshops, interviews and pop-up activities. Due to the lockdown, the consultation methodologies were modified to include online surveys and phone interviews to comply with social distancing guidelines.

2. THE DRAFT MASTERPLAN

The draft Masterplan process has been informed by a range of key Council strategic documents and the following key activities:

- Social infrastructure assets and demand analysis;

- Site analysis;
- Community and internal stakeholder consultation;
- Developing preliminary /strategic concept site layout; and
- Preparing final draft Masterplan.

The Masterplan has been developed based on the following four principles:

Active streets and spaces	Community Living Room
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of multi-functional and adaptable streets and spaces, allowing safe and active place-based experiences that respond to the character of Miller. Sharing of spaces for all user groups and service providers, creating active and efficient use of resources. • The co-location of community buildings, services and open space can provide improved accessibility, improved activation and use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting people first, the transformation of public spaces in Miller will be guided by a unique and unified design theme in the delivery of social infrastructure. • A suite of public domain furniture and objects will reflect the community aspirations of Miller. The community living room will provide a safe and integrated, technologically smart and aesthetically pleasing series of spaces for the community to gather and connect.
Connected & Inclusive	Health & wellbeing for all
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great strength of Miller is the local community network including dedicated service providers. • Social infrastructure is to be designed for everyone and be accessible to all, regardless of age, ability, socio-economic status or ethnicity. • Revitalised spaces and places will enable effective, high quality service delivery, building existing strengths and supporting the inclusive community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population growth is supported by accessible, affordable and responsive social infrastructure. • Safety and security will be enhanced through a coordinated approach. • Convenient facilities, with enhanced connections will encourage play and exercise. Equitable access through distribution, design and management will encourage pride and enhanced community identity for Miller.

2.1 Social Infrastructure Asset, Demand and Site Analysis

To best inform the recommendations of the Masterplan, a Social Infrastructure Needs Analysis was prepared, exploring in detail the provision and status of existing social infrastructure in Miller. This analysis report includes:

- Review of Council's policies and strategies;
- Desktop population analysis;

- Social infrastructure audit of facilities and services;
- Review of associated benchmarks for social infrastructure planning;
- Findings of stakeholder engagement plan; and
- Taking into consideration the values and aspirations of local residents and service providers operating within Miller and the surrounding 2168 postcode area.



Fig 2: Draft concept precedent, a new Miller Square

The Masterplan identified the most commonly used community facilities in Miller are:

- Miller Community Centre, which is frequently used for meetings between community service providers, as well as outreach programs, seminars, functions and education and training programs;
- Michael Wenden Aquatic and Leisure Centre, which is used for larger community events, including the community Christmas party; and
- Dr CR O'Brien Hall, is used for youth activities and exercise classes. The Budyari Miller Health Centre (Aboriginal Health Clinic) located next to the Miller Community Centre is operated by NSW Health and is open five days a week.

The most frequently used non-Council community facility is the Miller Community Hub, which is leased from NSW Health to CORE Community Services and is used for offices and a variety of outreach programs. Some community service providers also provide outreach in their clients' homes, or at dedicated facilities, such as the Miller TAFE campus.

Most community service providers using community facilities in Miller have a catchment that extends to include the whole 2168 area.

The following are outcomes of the quantitative and qualitative assessment of facilities and recommendations for the provision of future community facilities within Miller:

- The central location of the community facilities in Miller is a strength, allowing increased access to residents that do not have access to private cars. The proximity to footpaths, bike paths and public transport is important for the future consideration of facilities.
- There are a high number of standalone facilities in Miller and there is a strong interest and desire to reconsider the spatial distribution, opting for a more clustered approach to the design and delivery of facilities and services, close to the Miller Town Centre.
- The review indicates that community facilities in Miller have varying levels of accessibility and connectivity. While they are provided in central locations, the standalone facilities require maintenance and amenity improvements to facilitate safer and secure access. The sense of security and safety is currently an issue with some facilities. Despite spatial proximity, the facilities engender a feeling of isolation.
- Technological enhancements are required to allow for the improved utilisation of community facility spaces. It is also understood that the cost of services and facilities is prohibitive in ensuring equal access for the community. In addition, there are some physical accessibility issues with poor accessibility to public amenities, such as toilets.
- Utilisation of existing facilities are generally exclusively leased to community service providers, resulting in limited access to the broader community for casual use such as parties or community group meetings.
- There is a strong desire from the local community to enhance the provision of library services in the area. The current size and design limit its utilisation, as the available spaces may not be appropriate to host a range of activities. For example, stakeholders have identified that the Miller Library is too small to host most programs, and that more spaces are needed for digital services to support the community.

The community and stakeholder engagement, when combined with further qualitative assessments and benchmarks, highlights the need to review the current provisions given the relatively large number of standalone local community facilities clustered along Woodward Crescent, many of which are old, small, inflexible and require significant upgrades. Council's adopted Community Facilities Strategy has identified that many of these facilities need to be reviewed and repurposed in the medium term.

2.2 Community and Stockholder Consultations

A comprehensive stakeholder engagement program was designed and delivered to understand the key values and aspirations of the Miller community and agencies; as well as to inform the future development of social infrastructure in Miller.

The community and stakeholder engagement plan scheduled for April-May 2020 was impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, being mainly the face-to-face activities. The consultation plan was adjusted and alternative measures were adopted, including:

- Telephone interviews and videoconference in lieu of face-to-face interviews and group conversations;

- An online forum and survey in the place of in person pop-up activities;
- 2168 District Forum Workshop and updates from March – August; and
- Additional advertising, social media and posters in Miller centre to promote the online engagement approach.

The community and stakeholder consultations were held from 14 April and to 29 May 2020. The consultations and opportunities to provide feedback were promoted the following communication methods:

- Emails to community groups, 2168 Interagency and local networks, with a reach of over 150 people;
- Media release promoting online survey and forum;
- Social media promotion and advertising in May. These posts reached 8,781 people, and received 111 reactions, likes or shares; and
- Council's e-newsletter.

The following are an outline of consultation activities and outcomes:

- A total of 12 detailed interviews were held with agencies and community groups in Miller who have direct interaction with Council facilities, including:
 - CORE Community Services;
 - New Horizons;
 - Department of Communities and Justice;
 - Exodus Foundation;
 - Liverpool PCYC;
 - Michael Wenden Aquatic Leisure Centre;
 - Wesley Mission;
 - Hume Community Housing;
 - Evolve Housing;
 - Gooboora Aboriginal Men's Group (NSW Health, SWLHD);
 - Centre for Health Equity Training Research and Evaluation; and
 - TAFE NSW, Miller College.

An online forum and surveys were undertaken between 7 May to 1 June 2020. The online forum and surveys were another measure to allow broader community and stakeholders to provide feedback. A total of 211 people visited the online forum at least once, 17 of which (8%) chose to complete the online survey.

Workshop and presentations to the 2168 District Forum from March – August were held, with approximately 60 people in attendance.

The consultation feedback has identified several themes and considerations for the development of the social infrastructure in Miller. It was clear that community and stakeholders aspire for Miller social infrastructure to be open and accessible, well connected and safe with facilities that assist the community to gain access to technology and create cultural initiatives. Young people crave spaces to learn and socialise. Aboriginal community members would like to see renewal of the social infrastructure facilities take into consideration the history and connection to place. Cost of hiring facilities was identified as a significant barrier to utilise facilities; and there is a need for more formal and informal free spaces that are safely activated for a culturally diverse population.

2.3 Improvement Scope of Community Facilities

The findings of the qualitative assessment are well aligned with the recommendations of Council's adopted Community Facilities Strategy; to investigate and plan for a new community precinct that incorporates a multi-purpose community facility, library, space for health services and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs).

The Masterplan suggests the preferred option for a new multi-purpose community hub through the redevelopment of Miller Square, that would incorporate a new library space. Improved pedestrian and cycle networks are also recommended to link Miller Square with the existing Michael Wenden Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

The Masterplan proposes the following opportunities to improve accessibility to and connectivity of facilities:

- Active edges and spaces - increased active frontages will enhance visible access, activity, and passive surveillance;
- Consolidate multiple facilities into a unified community centre - working with all landowners, develop a shared vision for Miller Square around an improved public domain and a purpose-built community hub, enhancing the role and function of Miller Square;
- Improved connections between places, spaces and facilities - apply a 'people first' approach and effectively integrate open space and facilities in Miller to improve safety, visual amenity, permeability and accessibility;
- Use of residual land - provide local embellishments and enhanced community garden opportunities, establishing local spaces for the community to connect. Working with landowners, ensure the future redevelopment of social housing is design led, resulting in optimal placemaking outcomes; and
- A series of well-defined/ programmed spaces - a 'landscape first' approach to connect key community and recreation facilities. Diversification of free outdoor opportunities is explored through the introduction of low maintenance park infrastructure.

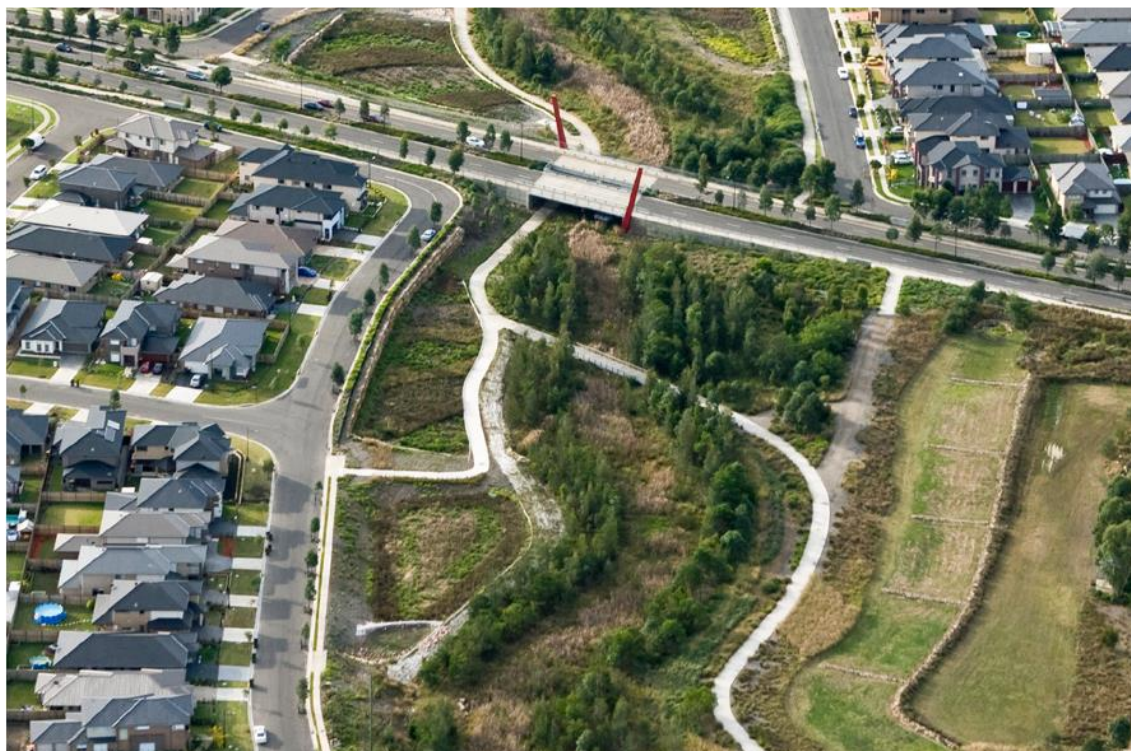


Fig 3: Example of connections to natural assets for passive recreational use

The following are recommended options for redevelopment and renewal of community facilities in Miller:

- An integrated multipurpose community facility of at least 2000sqm, close to Miller Central, bus stops and walking paths. Stakeholders interviewed for this project were highly supportive of this concept, and recommended that this future facility includes:
 - Unprogrammed “community lounge” space including phones and computers, has Wi-Fi, that is staffed by a precinct officer, and where residents can spend time for free;
 - Consultation rooms that can be hired by community service providers;
 - Large flexible spaces for program provision, which can be shared and hired by community service providers;
 - Youth and family friendly spaces;
 - Space for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members for art and cultural programs; and
 - Expanded library services, to be located within the future integrated multipurpose community facility.
- Rationalise and repurpose the following local community facilities, as they require significant investment to meet current community needs for facilities:
 - Dr CR O'Brien Hall;

- Miller Community Centre;
 - Caretaker Cottage; and
 - Budyari Aboriginal Health Centre.
- Retain the following local community facilities, but explore opportunities to increase their utilisation by a broader range of community members:
 - Liverpool PCYC; and
 - Miller Senior Citizens Centre.

2.4 Improvement Scope of Michael Wenden Aquatic Centre

The Masterplan considers the opportunity to consolidate and strengthen the existing social infrastructure at the Michael Wenden Aquatic and Leisure Centre (MWALC). MWALC is located approximately 200m south of the Miller Town Centre and adjoining the Cabramatta Creek corridor. The total area of the site is approximately 2.5ha. It is one of four Council owned aquatic/indoor leisure centres in Liverpool LGA.

The Aquatic and Leisure Centre Strategy (2019) suggests that a new centre will require a larger footprint and with more zero depth play space than previously, create spaces and places for people to socialise and be active. This can be achieved by further integrating facilities and services within the area, including additional sport courts space, warm water program pool, better group fitness and other allied health services.

The multipurpose design of aquatic and indoor sports centre design needs to accommodate flexible outcomes. However, there is also an emphasis on ensuring facilities are designed to meet the needs of all potential user groups. To best accommodate multipurpose design, grouping of sport/recreation activities that require similar design components can be specified. For example, gymnastics, dance sports and martial arts can use similar spaces with soft matting requirements. Basketball, badminton, netball, futsal and volleyball can all be played on a sprung timber court surface (allowing for adequate run off for each sport). The facility can be designed to allow for these multiple sport groupings and improve overall operational performance of the centre.

The master planning of the Miller Town Centre provides a unique opportunity to align and integrate the redevelopment of the MWALC, with a focus on activation along Cabramatta Avenue. The site has opportunities to provide a diverse range of sport, leisure, recreation, community and allied health facilities. This will create an activated precinct offering complementary facilities and services to other Council owned and operated centres.

Council's Aquatic and Leisure Centres Strategy indicated that the MWALC had relatively low competition in aquatic services, especially in consideration to the learn to swim market. The population within a 15-minute drive of the MWALC is forecast to grow by over 64,000 people from 353,884 residents, to 418,541 residents by 2036.



Fig 4: Example of Integrated Aquatic and Leisure facilities (Macquarie Fields ALC)

The stadium at the centre includes two full sized multiuse courts, a grandstand, changerooms and has capacity for up to 1,000 people. It is used for a range of sport events and competitions, tournaments, parties, religious events and cultural celebrations. The two courts accommodate basketball, futsal, volleyball, badminton and netball.

The MWALC currently provides direct programs and services such as lap and recreational swimming, a hydrotherapy pool, two court stadium for sports competitions, group fitness, gym, young women's boot camp, seniors programs, mental health programs, learn to swim, women only swimming program, school holiday programs and events on the open space areas e.g. BBQs, get togethers, Stronger Men's group.

MWALC also helps to provide space for other service providers to provide services such as NSW Health – bootcamp for young women as well as other cultural programs. There is potential for more programs and services through collaboration with other services and the upgrading of the facility.

Data provided in March 2020 indicated visitations are approximately 120,000 visits per annum (including 750 learn to swim visitations per week).

Many components of the MWALC are not meeting market needs and are coming to the end of their life cycle. As such, it is recommended that a redevelopment be progressed to ensure long-term community health and wellbeing outcomes are achieved whilst minimising financial risks that are associated with ongoing asset repairs.

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The Masterplan recommends the renewal of MWALC in multiple stages. Redevelopment through a staging process will address the current gaps in the market, including aquatic facilities for people with a disability, leisure water and water play opportunities, school programs and events (learn to swim, water safety and carnivals) as well as indoor sports club competitions. It needs to complement the regional aquatic centre, Whitlam Leisure Centre, and provide a point of difference compared to surrounding aquatic centres that may compete for the same customers within the 15-minute travel catchment.

The Masterplan recommends 2 stages of upgrades over the next 10-20 years.

STAGE 1 – COMPONENTS	INDICATIVE SIZE
Foyer, reception and retail	170m2
Café with dry and wet lounge	200m2
Communications room and admin/ staff area	230m2
Creche	100m2
Indoor learn to swim pool with accessible access. 10m x 17m.	450m2
Indoor warm water program pool 10m x 17m with accessible access and associated spa and sauna.	500m2
Provide expanded modern change room and amenities with universal access	260m ²
Plant and equipment	30m2
Health and fitness (new gym and multifunction fitness rooms)	1,000 – 1,300m2
Multipurpose/ meeting/ birthday party room	40m2
Car parking	TBC

STAGE 2 – COMPONENTS	INDICATIVE SIZE
Outdoor 51.5m x 10 lane pool with moveable boom and water depth of 1.4m to 2.2m Seating and shading Refurbish existing and plant	1,800m2
Redevelopment and expansion of waterplay area	400m2
Grassed area: Provision for shade/ seating/ BBQs Easy access and way finding for all users moving to and from indoor facility to outdoor area	Approx. 4,850m2
2 x additional indoor sports courts to the west	2,000m2
Adventure slides (optional)	150m2

3. LAND OWNERSHIP

The ownership structure of land and facilities in Miller is important in considering future renewal and redevelopment opportunities in the area. The current community facilities within the Miller Square are owned and operated by Liverpool City Council, NSW Land and Housing Corporations and NSW Health. Public spaces in Miller Square are owned by Council. Miller Library, which is operated by Council, is under leasing arrangements with Miller Central.

The Miller Community Hub and the adjoining building facing Miller Square are owned by NSW Health and is leased to not-for-profit community services including CORE Community Services (provides aged and disability, multicultural, youth and children's services) and New Horizons (provides disability, health and aged care services).

4. COST ESTIMATES AND POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES

In addition to the range of potential funding sources, the draft Masterplan report provides preliminary cost estimates of the social infrastructure works over the next 10 to 20 years. Below is a snapshot of the high-level cost estimates of the proposed social infrastructure improvements, included in the draft Masterplan.

The costings are strategic estimates and they will require further examination at the design and delivery stages. Additionally, Council is cognisant of the substantial costs associated with the redevelopment of the Michael Wenden Aquatic Centre. The costs of \$66m represents approximately 55% of the \$119m estimates for the entire program. Council's due diligence will consider the masterplan recommendations in the context of the wider aquatic and leisure centre strategy to ensure a coherent approach to Council's plan for aquatic centre provision. Specific consideration to new and future developments throughout the Liverpool and surrounding LGAs will ensure the redevelopment of the Michael Wenden Aquatic Centre will meet the demand of 2168 postcode residents and those of the surrounding communities; and to ensure long-term and sustainable viability of the centre.

ITEM	COST
Placemaking and Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes pavements, gardens, lighting, public art, street furniture, Miller Square – Stages 1 to 3 	\$5,356,000
Integrated Community Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New multi-purpose community centre incl 1500m2 of library space (4 levels) Library (\$11,365,000) New community facility (3 levels) – North & South (\$15,668,000) New Buildings (part only) One new building (NSW Land and Housing site) (\$1,048,000) Combined Design & Construction Contingency (allow 15%) (\$9,058,000) 	
Total - Integrated Community Hub	\$37,139,000

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Michael Wenden Centre Stage 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foyer, reception and retail Café and lounge area New Gym, 3 fitness rooms, meeting rooms Basement carpark (250 spaces) Internal Learn to swim, Plant, equipment and landscaping 	(\$33,001,00)
Stage 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 additional indoor courts New outdoor pool shell with boom Adventure slides and waterplay 	(\$16,558,000)
CONSTRUCTION & (FF&E) FITOUT COST (inclusive of design contingencies)	(\$16 583,000)
Total - Michael Wenden Centre	\$66,142,000
Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrades to 22 Parks including signage, playgrounds, lighting, pathways and tree planting 	\$5,201,000
Sports field Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements including oval lighting, amenities, and carparking 	\$5,431,000
CONSTRUCTION COST (inclusive of design contingencies)	Inclusive in all stages
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$119,269,000

The draft Masterplan explores the possible sources available within the industry to fund the delivery of the draft Masterplan, taking into consideration infrastructure delivery analysis developed by the Institute for Public Policy and Governance (IPPG) at University of Technology (UTS).

The draft Masterplan has identified the opportunity for Council to align social infrastructure and leverage the interrelationships between sectors. For example, enhance the value and utility of open space and recreation infrastructure by integrating arts and cultural infrastructure. Further planning work will be needed to integrate the development and delivery of social infrastructure as part of broader social, health, economic and environmental planning, including through close engagement with local retail, business and employment sectors.

The Centre for Health Equity Training, Research and Evaluation (CHETRE) has identified funding to conduct a Health Impact Assessment of the Masterplan and to collaborate further with Council with a focus on the connections between health and wellbeing and social infrastructure in Miller. The review would offer the opportunity for systematic population health focused engagement and input, using a health impact assessment process in partnership with the health sector.

While the Masterplan presents a long-term vision for renewal of social infrastructure in Miller, there are aspects of this vision that could be explored for staged delivery through the 4-year Delivery Program which can be outlined in the proposed report back to Council in March 2021.

The draft Masterplan Background Analysis Report recommends broad funding models associated with the renewal of social infrastructure. These are as follows:

- Developer contributions – collected from new development in the relevant areas. However, the existing Liverpool Contributions Plans do not include contributions funding for the 2168 District, where Miller is located;
- Proceeds from the sale of assets – Councils can deliver new social infrastructure projects using funds generated through the rationalisation of ageing, under-performing or excess assets. This approach has been suggested in the 2019 Liverpool Community Facilities Strategy, which recommends the rationalisation of four existing community facilities in Miller to fund a new district facility in the suburb;
- Debt/loan borrowings – where appropriate, utilise debt to fund capital expenditure, subject to it fulfilling agreed economic, social or environmental benefits and not affect existing recurrent operations and cash flows;
- Forward borrowing from reserves – any cash surpluses of a general fund nature will be restricted and held for strategic priorities;
- Grants and contributions (operational and capital) – Grants from State or Federal Government agencies make substantial contributions to Councils' capital works projects, including social infrastructure. There has been recent greater access to State Government funding for social infrastructure in NSW, especially given the community needs highlighted by the impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic;
- Delivery partnerships – where Council and key partners (such as School Infrastructure NSW, NSW Health and Land and Housing Corporation or private developers) collaborate to deliver new facilities through land swap and shared use;
- Private contributions to social infrastructure can come in the form of joint venture development models, whereby councils and private developers' partner and collaborate in the delivery of community facilities, outside the developer contributions systems; and
- To attract private sector investment in social infrastructure, Council may need to create additional revenue streams. This could be achieved by co-locating community facilities in mixed-use developments alongside residential, retail or other commercial uses. Such opportunity might be feasible in Miller given the proximity of services in the Miller Town Centre.

The construction of facilities at Miller is recommended to be delivered in stages, depending on the availability of the funding resources. By developing a Masterplan, the major works may follow a high-level program, whilst opportunities for programs, tactical urbanism (e.g. pop-up parks) could be delivered in shorter timeframes, pending funding availability.

5. CONCLUSION

The draft Masterplan articulates both a short and long-term vision for the future redevelopment of Miller's social infrastructure; and allows for facilitated discussion with other landowners in the Miller town Centre. It includes a recommended action plan for a staged redevelopment and renewal of Miller's social infrastructure into innovative and modern facilities.

The draft Masterplan considers the key findings from the stakeholders' consultations and social infrastructure review; and provides solutions to support a diverse and growing population of Miller and the 2168 catchment within the Liverpool LGA. It identifies and makes recommendations for creating sustainable, livable, resilient and socially cohesive communities.

Should it be adopted by Council, the draft Masterplan will require the development of an implementation strategy to deliver on the vision through a staging process as recommended in the Action Plan (pages 41-50). This may include working with landowners, developing a shared vision for Miller Square around an improved public domain and a purpose-built community hub and enhancing the role and function of Miller Square. Further, improved connections between places, spaces and facilities, applying a 'people first' approach and effectively integrating open space and facilities in Miller to improve safety, visual amenity, permeability and accessibility are essential.

Should Council resolve to place the draft Masterplan on public exhibition, a community consultation plan will be implemented to include opportunities for conversations with the broader community and users; in particular young people, the Aboriginal community, young families, single men, CALD communities and local government and non-government stakeholders. The community consultation during public exhibition will be planned in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	<p>Facilitate the development of new tourism based on local attractions, culture and creative industries.</p> <p>Facilitate economic development.</p> <p>Funding for short to longer term costs of the masterplan.</p> <p>An indicative estimate of \$119m would be required to implement the Masterplan in full.</p>
Environment	<p>Enhance the environmental performance of buildings and homes.</p> <p>Protect, enhance and maintain areas of endangered ecological communities and high-quality bushland as part of an attractive mix of land uses.</p>

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Social	<p>Raise awareness in the community about the available services and facilities.</p> <p>Provide cultural centres and activities for the enjoyment of the arts.</p> <p>Support policies and plans that prevent crime.</p> <p>Support community organisations, groups and volunteers to deliver coordinated services to the community.</p> <p>Support access and services for people with a disability.</p> <p>Deliver high quality services for children and their families.</p>
Civic Leadership	<p>Undertake communication practices with the community and stakeholders across a range of media.</p> <p>Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions.</p>
Legislative	<p>There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.</p>
Risk	<p>Potentially leading to unplanned and unfunded works. The risk is currently considered to be Medium and within Council's Risk Appetite.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Miller Social Infrastructure Masterplan (Under separate cover)

CORP 01

**Tabling of the Annual Pecuniary Interest Returns
for Councillors and Designated Persons**

Strategic Direction	Leading through Collaboration Strive for best practice in all Council processes
File Ref	265086.2020
Report By	Jessica Saliba - Acting Coordinator Governance
Approved By	George Hampouris - Acting Director City Corporate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW was adopted by Liverpool City Council in September 2020. Clause 4.25 of the code requires that the completed annual pecuniary interest returns of councillors and designated persons holding office and occupying positions as at 30 June 2020, be tabled before the Council. Given this meeting takes place in a virtual forum, they will be available to view during business hours the next business day, 28th October, through Council and Executive Services.

Councillors and designated officers were asked to complete their pecuniary interest return by 30 September 2020 to ensure that they were received and completed by the deadline specified in clause 4.26 of the Code of Conduct. It is confirmed that all annual pecuniary interest returns have now been lodged.

Staff are obliged to report such matters to the Office of Local Government in accordance with pecuniary interest provisions of the Model Code of Conduct and also the Council's Code of Conduct. Furthermore, staff are also obliged to disclose these matters to Audit NSW as part of Council's annual audit process.

RECOMMENDATION

Council notes that:

1. The annual pecuniary interest returns of Councillors and designated persons, as at 30 June 2020, are now tabled before the Council in accordance with clause 4.25 of the Model Code of Conduct and available to view during business hours the next business day, 28th October, through Council and Executive Services.
2. A redacted version will be published on the Council website.

REPORT

Clause 4.21 of the Model Code of Conduct provides that a Councillor or a designated person, holding that position as at 30 June in any year, must complete and lodge with the General Manager (CEO) within three months after that date, in a form prescribed by the Code of Conduct.

The code details the requirements for the registration and tabling of returns lodged by Councillors and designated persons as follows:

- 4.24 The general manager must keep a register of returns required to be made and lodged with the general manager.*
- 4.25 Returns required to be lodged with the general manager under clause 4.21(a) and (b) must be tabled at the first meeting of the council after the last day the return is required to be lodged.*

On 18 June 2020 the Chief Executive Officer approved of a Memo being issued to Councillors and designated persons advising them of the requirement to complete their annual pecuniary interest return by 30 September 2020.

On 15 July 2020 an email was sent to the staff advising them of the requirement to have their return completed as soon as possible.

Where the CEO becomes aware of a breach of the pecuniary interest provisions of the Act he / she is obliged to notify both Audit NSW and the OLG. Breaches by staff are managed by the CEO under the Award. The OLG has jurisdiction over managing the review of alleged breaches by councillors.

A register of all returns lodged by Councillors and designated persons, in accordance with clause 4.24 of the code, is currently being kept by Council's Governance Unit as required.

Requirement to publish:

Annual written returns are open access and should be made available for the public to see, however the returns contain personal information about staff and Councillors.

The mandatory proactive release provisions of the GIPA Act and the GIPA Regulation apply to the disclosure of information contained in returns disclosing the interests of Councillors and designated persons. The combined effect of the GIPA Act and the GIPA Regulation is that the information in the returns needs to be disclosed on the website of the Council.

Reason for redacting information:

After applying the public interest test, there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of personal information such as home addresses and signatures. Section 14 table 3(a) of the GIPA Act states that there is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal an individual's personal information. Disclosing the returns promotes openness, transparency and accountability in local government. Section 74 of the GIPA Act allows the Council to delete information that we refuse to provide access to.

Section 6(4) of the GIPA Act requires Council to facilitate public access to open access information in a record by deleting information from a copy of the record to be made publicly available, if inclusion of the information would otherwise result in there being an overriding public interest against disclosure of the record, and it is practicable to delete the information.

Releasing the information contained in the returns of Councillors and designated persons in this manner facilitates the legitimate public interest in having access to the information, while protecting the individual's right to privacy and safety.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
Legislative	Clauses 4.21, 4.24 and 4.25 of the Model Code of Conduct
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CORP 02

Investment Report September 2020

Strategic Direction	Leading through Collaboration Seek efficient and innovative methods to manage our resources
File Ref	267754.2020
Report By	John Singh - Accountant - Investments & Treasury Management
Approved By	Vishwa Nadan - Chief Financial Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details Council's investment portfolio and its performance for the month ended 30th September 2020:

- Council held investments with a market value of \$300 million;
- The economic environment globally, including Australia, suffered significantly from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March. The market value of Council's investment in Floating Rate Notes (FRN) has since improved;
- The portfolio yield was 123 basis points above the AusBond Bank Bill index;

	AusBond Bank Bill Index (BBI)
Benchmark	0.58%
Portfolio yield	1.81%
Performance above benchmarks	1.23%

- Return on investment was \$523k lower than the original budget;
- Council's investment advisor, Amicus Advisory, has completed its review of Emerald Mortgage Backed Securities and recommends Council continue to hold its investments in the "Class A" and both "Class C" securities given current poor market pricing. MBS Securities are now not rated;
- Council's investments and reporting obligations fully complied with the requirements of section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*;
- Council's portfolio also fully complied with limits set out in its current Investment Policy; and
- Council is committed to NSW TCorp's balanced investment framework and held 19.72% of its portfolio in ADI's rated BBB and below.

RECOMMENDATION

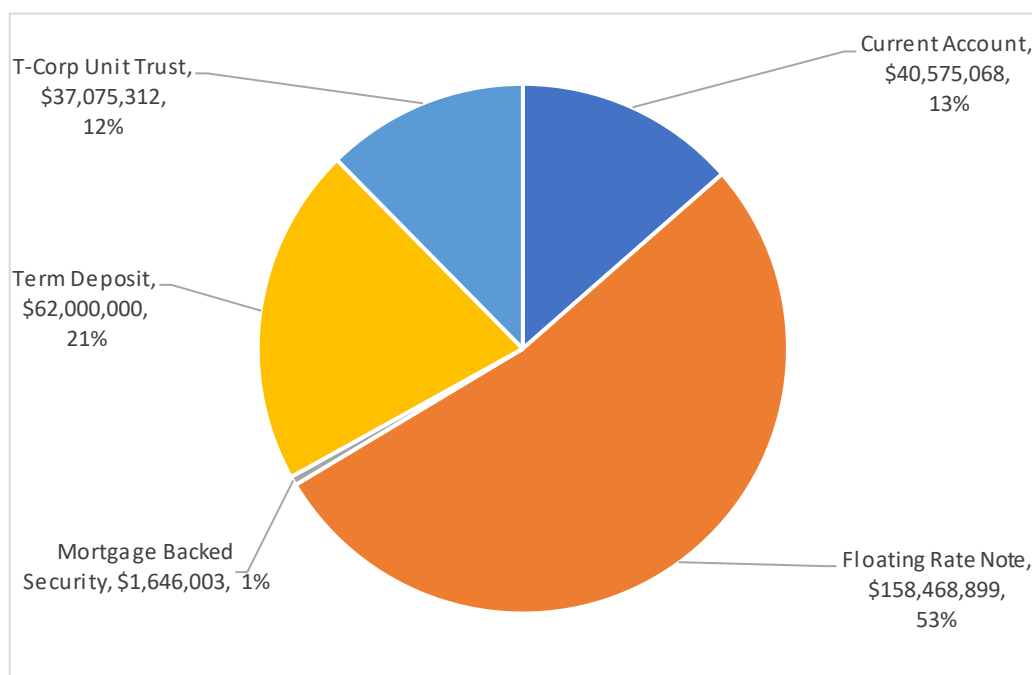
That Council receives and notes this report.

REPORT

Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* requires that the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide Council with a written report setting out details of all money that Council has invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council's Portfolio

At 30th September 2020, Council held investments with a market value of \$300 million. Council's investment register detailing all its investments is provided as an attachment to this report. In summary, Council's portfolio consisted of investments in:



The ratio of market value compared to face value of various debt securities is shown in the table below.

Asset Class	Sep-20	Jun-20
Senior Debts (FRN's ,TCD's & FRB)*	101.13%	100.75%
MBS (Reverse Mortgage Backed Securities)	64.98%	62.11%
T-Corp Unit Trusts	102.99%	102.81%

***Definition of terms**

- *Transferrable Certificate of Deposit (TCD)* - security issued with the same characteristics as a Term Deposit however it can be sold back (transferred) in to the market prior to maturity. A floating TCD pays a coupon linked to a variable benchmark (90 days BBSW).
- *Fixed Rate Bond (FRB)* – returns Fixed Coupon (interest) Rate and is tradeable before maturity.

The economic environment globally, including Australia, suffered significantly from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March. The market value of Council's investment in FRN's has since improved. Council has sufficient funds in its current account and has no plans at this stage to sell off any of its FRN's to meet its short-term cashflow requirements.

Council is fully compliant with the requirements of the Ministerial Investment Order including the grandfathering provisions. The grandfathering provisions state that Council may continue to hold to maturity, redeem or sell investments that comply with previous Ministerial Investment Orders. Any new investments must comply with the most recent Order. Council continues to closely monitor the investments in its portfolio to ensure continued compliance and minimal exposure to risk.

Council is committed to NSW TCorp's balanced investment framework and held 19.72% of its portfolio in ADI's rated BBB and below.

Emerald – Mortgaged Backed Securities

Council's new investment advisor, Amicus Advisory, was asked on appointment to review Council's investments in "grandfathered" mortgage backed securities. Amicus has completed its review and recommends Council continue to hold its investments in the "Class A" and both "Class C" securities given current poor market pricing. Notwithstanding this recommendation, Amicus has assessed both "Class C" securities are likely to eventually default. However, Council will continue to receive interest up until default which is likely many years away. Fitch Rating Agency has decided to withdraw its rating on mortgage backed securities and as a result, Council investments in these securities are now classed non-rated.

Portfolio Maturity Profile

The table below shows the percentage of funds invested at different durations to maturity.

Term to Maturity	Total	% Holdings	Term to Maturity Policy Limit Minimum	Term to Maturity Policy Limit Maximum	Complies to Investment Policy' "Yes/No"
Current Account	40,575,068	13.54%			
Term Deposits < 1 Yr	42,000,000	14.01%			
T-Corp Unit Trust	37,075,312	12.37%			
Tradeable securities	158,468,899	52.86%			
Portfolio % < 1 Yr - (Short term liquidity)	\$278,119,279	92.78%	40%	100%	Yes
Term Deposit > 1 Yr < 3Yrs	20,000,000	6.67%	0%	60%	Yes
Grand Fathered Securities	1,646,003	0.55%	N/A	N/A	Yes
Portfolio % Medium term liquidity)	\$21,646,003	7.22%			Yes
Total Portfolio	\$299,765,282	100.00%			

Market Value by Issuer and Institution Policy limit as per Investment Policy

Issuer	Security Rating	Market Value	% Total Value	Maximum Institutional Policy Limit % holdings	Complies to Investment Policy' "Yes/No"
AMP Bank Ltd	BBB	18,620,596	6.21%	25%	Yes
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	AA-	18,284,304	6.10%	25%	Yes
Auswide Bank Ltd	BBB	5,000,668	1.67%	15%	Yes
Bank Australia Ltd	BBB	3,499,946	1.17%	15%	Yes
Bank of China/Sydney	A	2,006,762	0.67%	25%	Yes
Bank of Communications Co. Ltd/Sydney	A-	3,009,213	1.00%	25%	Yes
Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	5,564,509	1.86%	25%	Yes
Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB+	6,508,229	2.17%	15%	Yes
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	BBB+	506,143	0.17%	15%	Yes
Citibank Australia Ltd	A+	1,003,111	0.33%	25%	Yes
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	AA-	55,351,510	18.46%	35%	Yes
Credit Union Australia Ltd	BBB	4,531,107	1.51%	15%	Yes
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust (Class A)	Unrated	739,179	0.25%	35%	Yes
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust (Class C)	Unrated	906,825	0.30%	2%	Yes
Heritage Bank Ltd	BBB+	3,514,270	1.17%	15%	Yes
HSBC Sydney Branch	AA-	8,016,371	2.67%	25%	Yes
Macquarie Bank	A+	19,080,339	6.37%	25%	Yes
Members Banking Group Ltd t/a RACQ Bank	BBB+	1,509,813	0.50%	15%	Yes
Members Equity Bank Ltd	BBB	1,606,069	0.54%	15%	Yes
National Australia Bank Ltd	AA-	38,396,455	12.81%	35%	Yes
Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ltd	BBB	3,550,382	1.18%	15%	Yes
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	4,000,000	1.33%	25%	Yes
NSW Treasury Corporation	AAA	35,975,484	12.00%	35%	Yes
NSW Treasury Corporation	AA	1,099,828	0.37%	35%	Yes
Police Credit Union	Unrated	2,000,000	0.67%	2%	Yes
Qbank	BBB-	4,490,226	1.50%	15%	Yes
Rabobank Australia Ltd	A+	4,020,018	1.34%	25%	Yes
Suncorp Bank	A+	8,052,355	2.69%	25%	Yes
Teachers Mutual Bank Ltd	BBB	2,115,246	0.71%	15%	Yes
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	AA-	36,806,327	12.28%	35%	Yes
Portfolio Total		\$299,765,282	100.00%		

Overall Portfolio Credit Framework compliance to Investment Policy

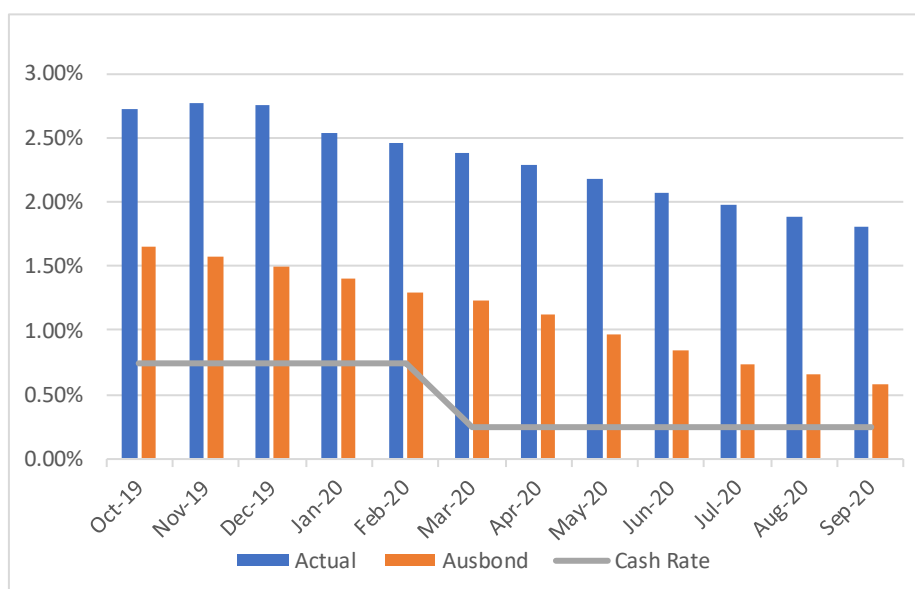
Credit Rating	Market Value	% Portfolio	Maximum Policy Limit	Complies to Investment Policy' "Yes/No"
AAA Category	35,975,484	12.00%	100%	Yes
AA Category	161,954,795	54.03%	100%	Yes
A Category	42,736,307	14.26%	60%	Yes
BBB Category	55,452,693	18.50%	40% - 45%	Yes
Unrated	3,646,003	1.22%	5% - 10%	Yes
Total Portfolio	\$299,765,282	100.00%		

Portfolio performance against relevant market benchmark.

Council's Investment Policy prescribes the AusBond Bank Bill Index (ABBI) as a benchmark to measure return on cash and fixed interest securities. The ABBI represents the average daily yield of a parcel of bank bills. Historically there has been a positive correlation between changes in the cash rate and the resulting impact on the ABBI benchmark.

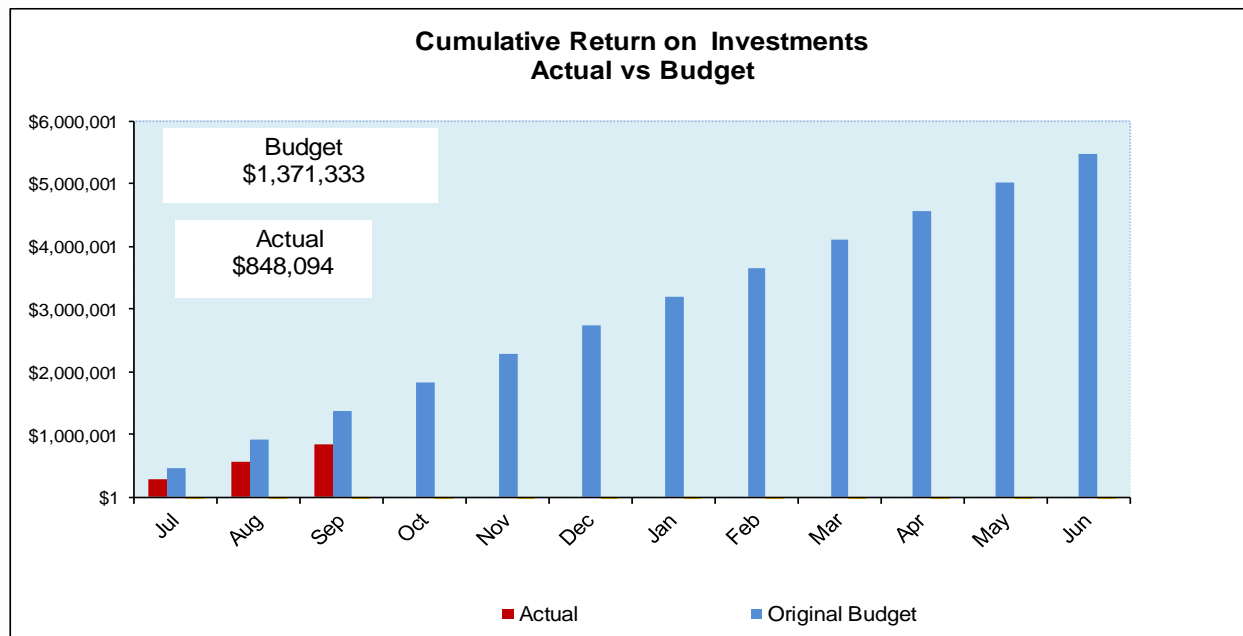
The portfolio yield to 30th September 2020 exceeded the AusBond Bank Bill index by 123 basis points (1.81% against 0.58%)

Council portfolio continues to perform at above benchmark rates despite ongoing margin contraction and significantly lower market term deposit yields. Comparative yields for the previous months are charted below:



Performance of Portfolio Returns against Budget

Council's investment income for September 2020 is lower than the original budget by \$523k.



Investment Portfolio at a Glance

Portfolio Performance	✓	The portfolio yield to 30 th September 2020 exceeded the AusBond Bank Bill index by 123 basis points (1.81% against 0.58%).
Annual Income vs. Budget	✓	Council's investment interest income is lower than the original budget by \$523k as at 30 th September 2020 and will be closely monitored.

Investment Policy Compliance

Legislative Requirements	✓	Fully Compliant
Portfolio Credit Rating Limit	✓	Fully Compliant
Institutional Exposure Limits	✓	Fully Compliant
Overall Portfolio Credit Limits	✓	Fully Compliant
Term to Maturity Limits	✓	Fully Compliant

Economic Outlook – Reserve Bank of Australia

The Reserve Bank has left the official cash rate on hold at 0.25 per cent in its meeting on 6th October 2020. The current 0.25 per cent cash rate is at a historically low level and impacts returns on investment.

Certificate of Responsible Accounting Officer

The Chief Financial Officer, as Responsible Accounting Officer, certifies that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy at the time of their placement. The previous investments are covered by the grandfathering clauses of the current investment guidelines issued by the Minister for Local Government.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Council's investment interest income is lower than the original budget by \$523k as at 30 th September 2020 and will be closely monitored.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
Legislative	Council is fully compliant with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> – Investment Order (authorized investments) and with reporting requirements under clause 212 of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i> .
Risk	<p>The capital value and return on investment is subject to market risks. Investment limits prescribed in Council's policy framework is aimed to mitigate these risks.</p> <p>Market interest is expected to stay at its lowest rate for a long period and will continue to put pressure on Councils budget.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Investment Portfolio - September 2020



Portfolio Valuation As At 30 September 2020

Fixed Interest Security	Maturity Date	Security Rating	Face Value Current	Market Value	% Total Value	Running Yield
Macquarie Bank		A+	10,007,131.10	10,007,131.10	3.34%	0.90%
AMP Business Saver		BBB	323,911.55	323,911.55	0.11%	0.55%
AMP Notice Account		BBB	8,278,854.33	8,278,854.33	2.76%	1.05%
CBA Business Saver		AA-	17,051,605.88	17,051,605.88	5.69%	0.50%
CBA General Account		AA-	4,913,565.05	4,913,565.05	1.64%	0.10%
			40,575,067.91	40,575,067.91	13.54%	
Fixed Rate Bond						
AMP Bank	07/12/2020	BBB	5,000,000.00	5,014,135.00	1.67%	2.99%
Northern Territory Treasury	15/12/2021	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	1.33%	0.60%
			9,000,000.00	9,014,135.00	3.00%	
Floating Rate Deposit						
Westpac	18/08/2022	AA-	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	2.00%	1.15%
			6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	2.00%	
Floating Rate Note						
AMP Bank	10/09/2021	BBB	5,000,000.00	5,003,695.00	1.67%	1.17%
ANZ Bank	09/05/2023	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,044,907.00	1.02%	1.00%
ANZ Bank	16/01/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,036,282.00	1.01%	0.86%
ANZ Bank	29/08/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,060,105.00	1.69%	0.86%
ANZ Bank	06/12/2023	AA-	7,000,000.00	7,143,010.00	2.38%	1.12%
Auswide Bank	06/11/2020	BBB	2,000,000.00	2,000,668.00	0.67%	1.20%
Bank Australia	30/08/2021	BBB	1,500,000.00	1,508,083.50	0.50%	1.39%
Bank Australia	02/12/2022	BBB	2,000,000.00	1,991,862.00	0.66%	0.99%
Bank of China (Australia)	19/04/2021	A	2,000,000.00	2,006,762.00	0.67%	1.13%
Bendigo and Adelaide	25/01/2023	BBB+	500,000.00	506,142.50	0.17%	1.15%
BOQ	18/05/2021	BBB+	1,000,000.00	1,007,317.00	0.34%	1.58%
BOQ	26/10/2020	BBB+	1,500,000.00	1,500,912.00	0.50%	1.27%
Citibank, N.A.	14/11/2024	A+	1,000,000.00	1,003,111.00	0.33%	0.98%
Commonwealth Bank	25/04/2023	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,036,702.00	1.01%	0.90%
Commonwealth Bank	16/08/2023	AA-	7,500,000.00	7,625,152.50	2.54%	1.03%
Commonwealth Bank	11/01/2024	AA-	9,500,000.00	9,724,485.00	3.24%	1.24%
Credit Union Australia	06/09/2021	BBB	2,000,000.00	2,015,262.00	0.67%	1.34%
Credit Union Australia	24/10/2024	BBB	2,500,000.00	2,515,845.00	0.84%	1.22%
Heritage Bank	29/03/2021	BBB+	3,500,000.00	3,514,269.50	1.17%	1.32%
HSBC	27/09/2024	AA-	2,000,000.00	2,001,500.00	0.67%	0.91%
HSBC	27/09/2024	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,002,250.00	1.00%	0.91%
HSBC Bank Australia	07/12/2022	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,012,621.00	1.00%	0.89%
Macquarie Bank	21/06/2022	A+	2,000,000.00	2,013,676.00	0.67%	0.84%
Macquarie Bank	12/02/2025	A+	3,000,000.00	3,028,680.00	1.01%	0.94%
Macquarie Bank	07/08/2024	A+	4,000,000.00	4,030,852.00	1.34%	0.90%
Members Equity Bank	16/04/2021	BBB	1,600,000.00	1,606,068.80	0.54%	1.37%
NAB	16/05/2023	AA-	2,000,000.00	2,029,892.00	0.68%	1.00%

Fixed Interest Security	Maturity Date	Security Rating	Face Value Current	Market Value	% Total Value	Running Yield
NAB	26/09/2023	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,065,536.00	1.36%	1.01%
NAB	19/06/2024	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,067,060.00	1.36%	1.01%
NAB	26/02/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,102,895.00	1.70%	1.14%
NAB	26/09/2023	AA-	8,000,000.00	8,131,072.00	2.71%	1.01%
Newcastle Permanent	06/02/2023	BBB	1,500,000.00	1,521,330.00	0.51%	1.50%
Newcastle Permanent	24/01/2022	BBB	2,000,000.00	2,029,052.00	0.68%	1.75%
QBANK	14/12/2021	BBB-	1,000,000.00	1,001,652.00	0.33%	1.59%
QBANK	25/03/2022	BBB-	1,500,000.00	1,499,730.00	0.50%	1.48%
QBANK	06/12/2022	BBB-	2,000,000.00	1,988,844.00	0.66%	1.24%
Rabobank Australia Branch	03/03/2022	A+	2,000,000.00	2,020,018.00	0.67%	1.17%
RACQ Bank	23/05/2022	BBB+	1,500,000.00	1,509,813.00	0.50%	1.16%
ScotiaBank	07/09/2023	A+	2,500,000.00	2,534,920.00	0.85%	1.07%
ScotiaBank	08/09/2022	A+	3,000,000.00	3,029,589.00	1.01%	1.01%
Suncorp	16/08/2022	A+	1,000,000.00	1,010,999.00	0.34%	1.07%
Suncorp	12/04/2021	A+	2,000,000.00	2,011,886.00	0.67%	1.49%
Suncorp	30/07/2024	A+	2,000,000.00	2,011,788.00	0.67%	0.88%
Suncorp	30/07/2024	A+	3,000,000.00	3,017,682.00	1.01%	0.88%
Teachers Mutual Bank	02/07/2021	BBB	2,100,000.00	2,115,246.00	0.71%	1.47%
Westpac	16/08/2024	AA-	2,500,000.00	2,540,302.50	0.85%	0.98%
Westpac	24/04/2024	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,098,432.00	1.37%	1.24%
Westpac	06/03/2023	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,061,380.00	1.69%	0.92%
Westpac	16/11/2023	AA-	6,000,000.00	6,106,212.00	2.04%	1.05%
			148,700,000.00	150,445,551.30	50.19%	
Floating Rate TCD						
Bank of Communications	28/10/2022	A-	3,000,000.00	3,009,213.00	1.00%	0.99%
			3,000,000.00	3,009,213.00	1.00%	
Mortgage Backed Security						
EmeraldMBS2006-1A	21/08/2051	Unrated	1,033,041.87	739,178.65	0.25%	0.55%
EmeraldMBS2006-1C	21/08/2056	Unrated	1,000,000.00	600,970.00	0.20%	1.30%
EmeraldMBS2007-1C	23/07/2057	Unrated	500,000.00	305,854.50	0.10%	1.05%
			2,533,041.87	1,646,003.15	0.55%	
Term Deposit						
Auswide Bank	06/09/2021	BBB	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1.00%	1.80%
BOQ	07/02/2022	BBB+	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.67%	3.75%
BOQ	08/02/2021	BBB+	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.67%	3.60%
Commonwealth Bank	01/10/2021	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1.00%	0.75%
Commonwealth Bank	25/02/2022	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	1.33%	0.73%
Commonwealth Bank	11/01/2021	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1.00%	0.63%
Commonwealth Bank	06/10/2021	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1.00%	0.73%
NAB	04/11/2020	AA-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.67%	0.77%
NAB	24/03/2021	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.67%	0.72%
NAB	08/09/2021	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.67%	0.80%
NAB	19/01/2021	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1.00%	0.63%
Police Credit Union SA	16/08/2021	Unrated	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.67%	3.20%
Rabobank Australia Branch	29/08/2022	A+	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.67%	3.38%
Westpac	31/08/2022	AA-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.67%	3.32%
Westpac	14/12/2020	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1.00%	2.88%
Westpac	21/12/2020	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	1.00%	3.00%
Westpac	14/09/2021	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.67%	0.77%
			52,000,000.00	52,000,000.00	17.35%	
F1 Total			261,808,109.78	262,689,970.36	87.63%	

Fixed Interest Security	Maturity Date	Security Rating	Face Value Current	Market Value	% Total Value	Running Yield
			Face Value			
Security Type			Current	Market Value		
NSWTC IM Cash Fund		AAA	35,000,000.00	35,975,483.79	12.00%	
NSWTC IM Short Term Income Fund		AA	1,000,000.00	1,099,827.59	0.37%	
			36,000,000.00	37,075,311.38	12.37%	
F1 Total			261,808,109.78	262,689,970.36	87.63%	
Portfolio Total			297,808,109.78	299,765,281.74	100.00%	

CTTE 01

**Liverpool Sports Committee Minutes of meeting
held 27 August 2020**

Strategic Direction	Creating Connection Create a dynamic, inclusive environment, including programs to support healthy living
File Ref	255392.2020
Report By	Mark Westley - Manager Recreation and Community Outcomes
Approved By	Tina Sangiuliano - Acting Director City Community and Culture

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Liverpool Sports Committee meeting held on 27 August 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Liverpool Sports Committee meeting held on 27 August 2020.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Liverpool Sports Committee meeting held on 27 August 2020 are attached for the information of Council.

The Minutes identify actions for Council staff to undertake, none of which will have any financial impact on Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic or financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Support community organisations, groups and volunteers to deliver coordinated services to the community.
Civic Leadership	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.

Legislative	Sections 356(3), 377(1), and 378 of the Local Government Act 1993.
Risk	There are no risk considerations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Liverpool Sports Committee Minutes of meeting held 27 August 2020



Minutes

MINUTES OF THE LIVERPOOL SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Clr Charishma Kaliyanda	Liverpool City Council (Chairperson)
Monica Anastasi	Werriwa All Breeds Dog Training
Daniel Di Lucca	Tennis
John Scott	Hockey
Brian Martin	Sports less than 100 Participants delegate NSW Barefoot Water Skiing Club
Fiona Heath	Baseball
Melissa King	Netball
Janette Bartram	PSSA and Schools
Craig Hardman	Athletics
Alistair Dobson	Archery
Ron Hughes	Football
Danielle Ayrton	Rugby League

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Chris Corby	Liverpool City Council
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APOLOGIES:

Blake Medhurst	Swimming
Adrian Rumiz	Remote Control Car Racing
Greg Blaxland	Basketball
Tony Jackson	Softball
Peter Moore	Cricket
Craig Lambeth	Liverpool City Council
Mark Westley	Liverpool City Council



Minutes

AGENDA:

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Chairperson Cllr Charishma Kaliyanda welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.05pm

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 28 May 2020 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Fiona Heath

Seconded: John Scott

Motion: To confirm the minutes from the Liverpool Sports Committee meeting held on 28 May 2020.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

4. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

At any committee meeting the presence of 30% of delegates constitutes a quorum. If no quorum is present within 20 minutes of the advertised time of the meeting, the meeting must be postponed. 30% of delegates were present and formal decisions may be ratified.

Moved: Brian Martin

Seconded: Monica Anastasi

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

5. LIVERPOOL SPORTING DONATIONS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Liverpool Sporting Donations Program has been placed on hold until sports recommence. Since the last meeting on 28 May 2020 no applications were received due to the cancellation of sporting events.



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Totals

Number of requests received:	0
Number of requests recommended for funding by Sports Committee:	0
Number of requests approved pending further information:	0
Amount of funding recommended by Sports Committee:	\$0
Additional donations approved pending supply of further information:	\$0
Amount of funding required:	\$0
Current funds in budget:	\$15,000

Moved: Monica Anastasi **Seconded:** Daniel Di Lucca

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

6. NOVEMBER 2020 SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING VENUE

As per Council resolution the Liverpool Sports Committee will now meet four times per year. The next meeting will occur at Council offices at Level 6, 35 Scott Street Liverpool on Thursday 26 November 2020. If the COVID pandemic continues and we are unable to meet in person we will conduct a teleconference over the Microsoft Teams platform.

Moved: Fiona Heath **Seconded:** Brian Martin

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

7. SPORTING GRANTS AND DONATIONS PLATFORM CHANGE - FLUXX

Chris Corby (Liverpool City Council) provided an update to all sports committee members on Council's change of online grant platform.

All sports committee members present were provided with an update that advised that Council has changed its online grants platform to a system called FLUXX. This new grant platform will be going live over the coming weeks and all club contacts will be provided training and support by Council to assist with the completion of grant applications.

Moved: Monica Anastasi **Seconded:** Daniel Di Lucca

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.



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8. AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021

Chris Corby (Liverpool City Council) provided an update to all sports committee members on the Australia Day Awards 2021.

The Australia Day Awards are presented annually to local citizens and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the community. The awards are provided by the National Australia Day Council and are administered by local Councils throughout Australia on their behalf.

Australia Day Awards are presented in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Fraser Environment Award
- Sports Award
- Health Award
- Senior Citizen Award
- Small Business Award
- Cultural and Arts Award

Information on how to apply has been sent to all sporting club contacts and committee members with weekly reminders to be sent until 17 September 2020 when the applications for the award close.

Moved: Ron Hughes **Seconded:** Danielle Ayrton

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

9. ONGOING IMPACTS ON SPORTS CLUBS – COVID-19

Chris Corby (Liverpool City Council) provided an update to all sports committee members on Council's desire to understand the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The sports committee members present discussed ongoing COVID-19 impacts and the issues raised included:

- Impact on sources of revenue (sponsorship & community club grants, rental of equipment to schools, canteen revenue)
- Impact of Covid-19 hygiene requirements (increased need for volunteers, volunteer reluctance, increased costs, longer timeframes for participation)



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- Impact on participation (parents loss of income, shortened season)
- Loss of major events (loss of money already invested, loss of revenue boost that supports the club)

Moved: Janette Bartram **Seconded:** Melissa King

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

10. INDIVIDUAL SPORTS UPDATES

Hockey

Hockey has resumed playing competitions since the last committee meeting after the competitions were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The season is a shortened season as Hockey NSW amended draws to ensure the competition could take place in 2020. The Moorebank Liverpool Hockey Club is doing well on field as the club is performing strongly in men's, women's and juniors competitions. The majority of players returned to play season 2020 after the COVID-19 shutdown however many of the older players have opted out for this season.

Netball

Since the last Sports Committee Meeting the Liverpool Netball Association has cancelled their winter 2020 season due to COVID-19 and the Western Sydney cluster. A spring 2020 competition is to be held in place of the cancelled winter season. Training has resumed for some teams as we approach the upcoming spring season.

Athletics

Athletics is currently preparing for their summer season however they have been met with some challenges with COVID. NSW Health have been operating a COVID testing station at Ash Road Sporting Complex for several months and this may be extended into the summer season meaning that Athletics operations at Ash Road will need to be temporarily moved to Edwin Wheeler Reserve.

Council and Athletics are currently working through this evolving situation and will be ready to temporarily relocate the athletics centre as required. Athletics expects to lose some registrations for the upcoming season with the change of venue and with the uncertainty of COVID-19. All upcoming regional and zone carnivals have also been cancelled due to the advice from the NSW Government to postpone interregional activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Minutes

Dog Training

Dog training resumed training in mid-June after Dogs NSW gave clearance for operations to resume. Since training has resumed there has been a steady influx of new members. The Werriwa Dog Club has been following Dog's NSW training guidelines to ensure its members are safe.

Archery

Archery is has now resumed operations after being closed for a month after the Western Sydney COVID cluster. Due to ongoing concerns competitions have been cancelled until after Christmas. Online competitions are planned between September and December as the sport adapts to the new normal. Membership has increased as Archery as a sport can comply with the social distancing required.

Rugby League

Rugby League is currently in season and is approaching finals. Participant numbers are slightly lower than last year due to the impact of COVID-19. The District has reduced the club affiliation fee per team in order to assist clubs in fielding teams in a shortened 2020 season. The resumption of the season was delayed by two additional weeks due to the Western Sydney cluster. The Rugby League's education courses have been heavily impacted as coaches and trainers have not been able to meet face to face to receive education. Rugby League Grand Finals will occur in 4 weeks' time.

Football

Football has been significantly impacted by COVID since the last meeting with the season impacted by the Western Sydney Cluster and other school clusters in the south west. Unfortunately some wet weather has made some grounds unplayable and has impacted fixtures on the weekend and on mid-week games. Inter-regional games have been cancelled on the advice of the NSW Government and only local games will occur for the remainder of the season.

Tennis

Tennis coaching activities are have now resumed in the Liverpool LGA. McGirr Park Tennis has now opened and Council has been working with Tennis First in order to facilitate usage at the new site. Some minor works are required however the facility is now operational and online bookings can be placed for casual hire. Tennis First is now UTR affiliated, meaning they are able to host competitions where ranking points are allocated. Across the Liverpool area participation has been good with adult, group and private lesson numbers increasing.



Minutes

Baseball

Baseball is currently preparing for the summer 2020/2021 competitions after the winter 2020 competition was cancelled. Try Baseball programs start this week and the season is scheduled to begin on 12 October. Registration is expected to be down due to the impact of COVID. State titles for 2020 have also been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

PSSA and Schools

School sport is currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Liverpool PSSA was scheduled to return for Term 3 however it was cancelled due to the Western Sydney cluster. A decision is still yet to be made on if PSSA will return in Term 4 this year and will depend on the current situation when school resumes in Term 4.

Sports less than 100 participants delegate NSW Barefoot Water Skiing Club

The NSW Barefoot Water Skiing Club's season is due to begin in September with the club's AGM to occur on 9 September 2020. Nationals in Perth for 2021 have already been cancelled however this may be moved to NSW if COVID numbers allow this to occur.

Moved: John Scott **Seconded:** Danielle Ayrton

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Fiona Heath has asked if Council are able to follow up the scheduled delivery of diamond soil for Hammondville Reserve Baseball.

Action: Council's City Presentation Department to investigate and follow up Contractor.

Monica Anastasi has asked if Council can investigate if 'maintain social distancing' signs can be placed at Freeman Oval.

Action: Council's Recreation Department to follow up with Council's City Presentation Department to investigate and action as required.

Moved: Monica Anastasi **Seconded:** John Scott



Minutes

Motion: That the information be received and noted.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

12. CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:14pm

CTTE 02	Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Minutes 03-09-2020
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Strategic Direction	Creating Connection Deliver a range of community events and activities
File Ref	256353.2020
Report By	Galavizh Ahmadi Nia - Manager Community Development and Planning
Approved By	Tina Sangiuliano - Acting Director City Community and Culture

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2020.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 September 2020 are attached for the information of Council.

The Minutes identify a number of actions that require Council staff to undertake, none of which will have any financial impact on Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	<p>Raise awareness in the community about the available services and facilities.</p> <p>Support policies and plans that prevent crime.</p> <p>Support community organisations, groups and volunteers to deliver coordinated services to the community.</p> <p>Deliver high quality services for children and their families.</p>
Civic Leadership	<p>Undertake communication practices with the community and stakeholders across a range of media.</p> <p>Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions.</p> <p>Provide information about Council's services, roles and decision making processes.</p>
Legislative	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 September 2020



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This meeting occurred via MS Teams

MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

3 September 2020

COUNCILLORS:

Mayor Wendy Waller
Councillor Geoff Shelton

Liverpool City Council **(Chairperson)**
Liverpool City Council

Councillor Karress Rhodes
Councillor Peter Harle

Liverpool City Council
Liverpool City Council

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION:

Jacqueline Druart
Jason Aquilina
Christopher Magee
Natalie Risby
Ryan Roumieh
Det. Insp. Timothy Liddiard
Nevenka Francis
Sarithya Tuy
Chantelle Woolridge

MTC Australia
University of Wollongong
University of Wollongong
Hume Community Housing
Lifeline Macarthur
Liverpool City Police Area Command
South Western Sydney Local Health District
Hume Community Housing
Hume Community Housing

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Toula Athanasiou
Muizz Khan
Rose Koch

Liverpool City Council
Liverpool City Council
Liverpool City Council **(Minutes)**

APOLOGIES:

Bernardino Siry
Andrew Miles

Liverpool City Police Area Command
Southwest Sydney Local Health District



OPEN

Meeting opened at 10:03 am.

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Mayor Waller opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 Liverpool City Police Area Command

Detective Inspector Timothy Liddiard provided the following report:

- There has been a significant reduction in criminal activity in Liverpool likely due to lockdown restrictions, from February to the end of the financial year. However, since July there has been an increase;
- COVID-19 related non-violent assaults are occurring in Liverpool and police are allocated to attend to these matters;
- Incidents of motor vehicle theft have occurred in recent months. These offences typically occur between 12am to 6am where residents leave their vehicles parked outside and unlocked. This can often lead to credit card fraud offences when wallets and other valuables are left in unlocked vehicles;
- There has been an increase last month of stolen vehicles belonging to tradespeople with tools and equipment in their vehicles. A message is being circulated for residents to lock their vehicles and toolboxes to avoid theft;
- One offender was arrested for property offences. There has been a reduction of this crime overall;
- Statistically most crime categories are reducing across the south west area; and
- Liverpool is continuing to have the highest proactivity stats in the region. The Area Command is engaging with the public as most crimes occur in Liverpool.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Councillor Shelton queried whether reports of domestic violence had increased during the lockdown period.

Det. Insp. Timothy Liddiard confirmed that there were no increases in domestic violence in NSW and particularly Liverpool. However, there has been an increase in domestic incidents such as verbal disputes.
- ii. Councillor Shelton queried whether there was a recent increase of breaking and entering into commercial premises.

Det. Insp. Timothy Liddiard confirmed that proactive strategies had been engaged to prevent this from occurring. To date there has been no increase in the South West Metro region.
- iii. Jason Aquilina queried whether there is data suggesting tertiary or juvenile students being victims or perpetrators of crime.



Det. Insp. Timothy Liddiard advised that in the case of tertiary students, it would depend on the information supplied at the time of reporting. It would be clear if an event had occurred at a TAFE or university, however if an event occurs to a student outside of these times, it can be difficult for that data to be recorded. Incidents involving people under the age of 18 are easier to track. Data on these incidents is available if requested.

3.2 Councillor's report

Councillor Shelton provided an overview of the matters at the Council meeting held on 26 August 2020, including:

- A message of condolence was expressed for the victims of the Beirut explosion. Council will be sending a donation to fundraising efforts;
- Council is lobbying for the establishment of a national cabinet that allows local government representation along with state and federal governments;
- The Warwick Farm Racing Precinct Structure Plan will be publicly exhibited;
- Council is updating its Alcohol-Free Zones until 1 September 2024;
- Discussions were held on the future of Mimosa Park in Casula. Council resolved to consult with the local residents on the future of the park;
- A proposal was made by Council for the NSW government to assist with funding for carrying out enhancements to public spaces in Liverpool under the Public Space Legacy Program; and
- The Moorebank Intermodal remains a controversial issue in the community. The East Precinct of the site is completed, and the West Precinct is subject to legal challenges.

4. GUEST SPEAKER – DIRECTOR UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

Associate Professor Christopher Magee delivered a presentation on the University of Wollongong (UOW) Liverpool campus and COVID-19 impacts. The presentation included:

- UOW's 2030 vision aligns with those of Council, including "inspiring a better future through education, research and partnership" leading to positive changes in the community;
- The Liverpool campus opened in 2017. This campus is a joint initiative with Council in recognition of a need for the local community to have equitable access to high quality education;
- Approximately 7000 students had to leave the local area to attend higher education. Liverpool is an area with lower education attainment rates, therefore UOW seeks to fill this gap;
- UOW offers courses in accounting, IT, nursing, law and social work. It also does community outreach work with socially disadvantaged groups who may be the first in their family to aspire to higher education;
- COVID-19 has impacted on the higher education sector through the transition to online learning and the lack of international student attendances due to border closures; and
- UOW is offering personalised online support, welfare checks and hardship support to its students during the pandemic. Students requiring internet access and study space are able to attend campus.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Councillor Shelton queried the percentage reduction of international student numbers due to COVID-19.



Mr Magee advised that there is an expectation of domestic student increases for 2021. It is difficult to determine how many international students there will be, however the numbers are estimated to be low for UOW.

- ii. Councillor Shelton inquired on student safety or perceptions of safety for students within the Liverpool LGA.

Mr Magee commented that there have not been many issues of safety reported by students. There have been some concerns around the Liverpool Railway Station, however there is sufficient police presence there. Classes do not run into late hours. The more prevalent issues relate to COVID-19 safety on public transport.

- iii. Councillor Rhodes queried whether there are students suffering from hardship.

Mr Magee confirmed that student support teams at the university are reaching out to students for welfare checks. The university is working with community groups for access to food and financial assistance. Staff have been donating funding for care packages to students.

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes from the previous Community & Crime Prevention Committee meeting held on 4 June be adopted by the Committee.

Moved: Cllr Shelton

Seconded: Cllr Harle

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy

It was advised that updated Alcohol-Free Zone (AFZ) signs will be installed by 30 September. Signs will be placed at two new locations including Carnes Hill Community and Recreation Precinct and Collimore Park.

Council has been working closely with Liverpool City Police Area Command Crime Prevention Officers to respond to resident complaints and issues at Brownes Farm Reserve in Hoxton Park and Wilkes Avenue Park. Crime risk assessments and safety audits will be conducted at these sites to address issues including lighting, antisocial behaviour, alcohol and drugs.

Council is considering recommencing the Midnight Basketball Program in Liverpool. This program engages with young people to create positive outcomes and reduce antisocial behaviour. Midnight Basketball incorporates physical activity and wellbeing and provides opportunities for young people via social workshops and seminars that look to build resilience, strength and an understanding of community. A working group is being developed and the Committee members were encouraged to become involved to assist with crime reduction in Liverpool. Face to face programs are being investigated to commence early 2021.

6.2 Pan Pacific Safe Community Accreditation

Council is developing four priority area workshops aimed at increasing awareness of safety and crime in community members. These areas include:

- Domestic violence;
- Falls and trip prevention;



- Drugs and alcohol; and
- Road trauma and safety.

Council is working with key service providers that have expertise and knowledge in these areas. A pilot program will be delivered with presentations on each of the priority areas. Participants will be encouraged to provide feedback on the workshops and how the content can be enhanced or improved. These workshops are an opportunity to meet Liverpool's obligations under the Pan Pacific Safe Community Accreditation Program.

Following COVID-19 restrictions, face to face programs such as "Coffee with a Cop" are expected to resume.

Queries & Discussion

- Councillor Harle queried whether Wattle Grove Lake will receive an AFZ allocation as complaints were received for late night offenders.

ACTION: Council staff to liaise with local Police and Crime Prevention Officers to investigate the suitability of an AFZ at Wattle Grove Lake.

6.3 Funding Opportunities

Council has adopted a new grants management system known as "FLUXX".

Council's funding for eligible programs are still available during COVID-19 restrictions. The Committee members were encouraged to promote funding opportunities among their networks.

6.4 COVID-19 Updates

The majority of Council staff continue to work from home and the office.

Council recently received a large donation of sanitisation and hygiene items from Amazon Australia. This donation was distributed to charity groups to help smaller and vulnerable communities. Council is utilising technology such as Microsoft Teams to remain engaged with stakeholders and service providers.

6.5 Statement of Commitment – Alcohol and Drug

A working group has been established to develop the Liverpool Drug and Alcohol Statement of Commitment. This Statement will support a harm minimisation approach to the management of drug and alcohol related issues in Liverpool. The Statement recognises the key stakeholders in the community who are experts in developing and implementing strategies around minimising drug and alcohol issues in the area.

A draft of the Statement of Commitment has been circulated to Committee members for comment.

ACTION: Once finalised, the Statement of Commitment to be attached with these minutes and uploaded to Council's website.

6.6 Membership renewal

Any Committee members who have not renewed their membership for 2020 - 2022 were encouraged to do so immediately. Membership will be finalised in the coming weeks and presented to Council for endorsement.

6.7 Road Safety

A child restraint checking event was held on 28 August 2020 with social distancing protocols in place. The event was fully booked with 40 vehicles and 51 car seats checked, installed or adjusted.



The main issues involved adjustments to existing car seat fittings, loose seatbelts and faulty installations. The next event is scheduled for 30 October 2020 at the Liverpool Catholic Club car park, with bookings to open a month prior.

CLOSE

Meeting closed at 11:15 am.

CTTE 03

**Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee
meeting held on 2 September 2020**

Strategic Direction	Leading through Collaboration Strive for best practice in all Council processes
File Ref	245052.2020
Report By	George Georgakis - Manager Council and Executive Services
Approved By	George Hampouris - Acting Director City Corporate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2020.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 2 September 2020 are attached for the information of Council.

The Minutes identify a number of actions that require Council staff to undertake, none of which will have any financial impact on Council.

The meeting also considered the nominations and made recommendations for people to receive the Order of Liverpool Awards for 2020. As this information contains personal information, that part of the minutes has been included in a separate report in the Confidential Section of this meeting agenda. In addition, an Extraordinary confidential meeting of the Civic Advisory Committee was held on 6 October 2020, and as those minutes also contain personal information, they have been included in the report in the Confidential Section of this meeting agenda.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	<p>Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions.</p> <p>Provide information about Council's services, roles and decision making processes.</p> <p>Deliver services that are customer focused.</p> <p>Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.</p>
Legislative	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	The risk is deemed to be low and is considered to be within Council's risk appetite.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Civic Advisory Committee Minutes from 2 September 2020 - Excluding Item 4



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MINUTES FROM CIVIC ADVISORY MEETING 2 September 2020

COUNCILLORS:

Ali Karnib
Geoff Shelton
Nathan Hagarty
Peter Harle
Karress Rhodes

Deputy Mayor (**Chairperson**)

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION:

June Young
Ellie Robertson
Beryl Lucas
Bob Brassell
Margaret Favelle
Stephen Dobell-Brown

Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Former Council Civic Officer
Rotary International
Former Councillor (entered at 10:43am)

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Alyson Infanti
George Georgakis
David Petrie
Dr Clare Cochrane
Thomas Wheeler
Rose Koch

Civic Citizenship Coordinator
Manager Council & Executive Services
Manager City Design & Public Domain
Public Arts Officer
Heritage Officer
Committees Officer (Minutes)

APOLOGIES:

Wendy Waller
Dan Hunnisett
Mazhar Hadid
Alf Vella
Colin Harrington
Noel Short

Mayor
Holsworthy Army Barracks (Defence)
Councillor
Former Councillor
Former Mayor
Former Mayor



OPEN

Meeting opened at 10:10 am.

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Karnib opened the meeting and noted all apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

June Young and Bob Brassell declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest for nominating candidates for the 2020 Order of Liverpool Awards.

3. UPDATE ON RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 ANZAC Public Art Memorial Project

The Public Arts Officer provided an overview on the current status of the ANZAC Public Art Memorial project. The highlights were as follows:

- The "Defence not Defiance - ANZAC Public Art Memorial" report was circulated to the Committee where feedback was requested. The artist has been notified of this information and they support the methodology and program;
- Site analysis of the Casula Parklands has continued, to further understand site opportunities and constraints;
- Contact has been made to office of Craig Kelly MP, Federal Member for Hughes and staff confirmed that Mr Kelly had received the report and would be in contact. No further response was received by Council to date;
- The City Design & Public Domain Team are seeking support of the Civic Advisory Committee to continue the necessary steps to install *Defence not Defiance* at a suitable location at Casula Parklands; and
- Updates on the project will be provided at a future meeting.

3.2 Californian Bungalow

Manager City Design & Public Domain reported that the City Design & Public Domain Team are proceeding with the design phase of this project. The consultants have progressed the concept design and are assessing arrangements of the public space.

Council is looking to submit a grant application to gain extra funding from the state government to deliver this project. The details of the latest design plans were shared with the Committee.

Mr Brassell praised Manager City Design & Public Domain on the design report.



4. 2020 ORDER OF LIVERPOOL AWARDS

Note:

As this part of the minutes contains personal information regarding recommended recipients to receive an Order of Liverpool Award, it has been excluded from these minutes. A separate report is on the Agenda for the 27 October 2020 Council meeting under confidential cover regarding the Order of Liverpool Awards, which contains this section of this minutes.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation of Awards

June Young queried Council's plan for the presentation of awards and how the Liverpool's Birthday event will be held in the current climate.

The Civic Citizenship Coordinator confirmed that a face to face event will not be held this year. A virtual event is being considered which will be shared on Council's website and social media page.

Action: Civic Citizenship Coordinator to provide an update on the above once the details have been confirmed.

5.2 2021 Australia Day Awards

Manager Council & Executive Services advised that nominations are now open for the 2021 Australia Day Awards and a communications campaign is in progress. Each category is being promoted on social media separately.

CLOSE

Meeting closed at 11:14 am.

CTTE 04

**Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee
meeting held on 17 August 2020**

Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Develop, and advocate for, plans that support safe and friendly communities
File Ref	262694.2020
Report By	Michael Zengovski - Manager City Environment
Approved By	Raj Autar - Director City Infrastructure and Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2020.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 August 2020 are attached for the information of Council.

The Minutes identify a number of actions that require Council staff to undertake, none of which will have any financial impact on Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Enhance the environmental performance of buildings and homes.
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Environment	<p>Minimise household and commercial waste.</p> <p>Manage the environmental health of waterways.</p> <p>Manage air, water, noise and chemical pollution.</p> <p>Protect, enhance and maintain areas of endangered ecological communities and high quality bushland as part of an attractive mix of land uses.</p> <p>Raise community awareness and support action in relation to environmental issues.</p>
Social	<p>Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.</p> <p>Support community organisations, groups and volunteers to deliver coordinated services to the community.</p> <p>Deliver high quality services for children and their families.</p>
Civic Leadership	<p>Act as an environmental leader in the community.</p> <p>Undertake communication practices with the community and stakeholders across a range of media.</p> <p>Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility.</p> <p>Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions.</p> <p>Provide information about Council's services, roles and decision making processes.</p>
Legislative	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. EAC Minutes 17 August 2020



This meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes

MINUTES FROM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 17 August 2020

COUNCILLORS:

Geoff Shelton
Peter Harle
Karress Rhodes

Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION:

Darren Duncan
Robert Dixon
Ellie Robertson
Stephen Dobell-Brown
Robert Storey
Dr Floret Meredith

Gandangara Aboriginal Land Council
Industry Representative
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Raj Autar
Madhu Pudasaini
Jeya Shanmuganathan
Michael Zengovski
Alexi Gilchrist
Steven Hodosi
Maruf Hossain
Joel Daniels
Rose Koch

Director City Infrastructure & Environment
Manager Technical Support
A/Manager City Works
Manager City Environment
A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan
Coordinator Environmental Operations
Coordinator Floodplain and Water Management
Bushland & Weed Management Officer
Committees Officer

APOLOGIES:

Peter Ridgeway
Ian Bailey
Roslyn Faddy
Patricia Glossop
Peter Fraser

Local Land Services Representative
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member



OPEN

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm.

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Clr Shelton opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land. Apologies were acknowledged.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dr Meredith declared a non-pecuniary interest later in the meeting on item 6.2 as an employee of the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE), Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust, which is amalgamating with Mt Annan Botanic Gardens. The Mount Annan Botanic Gardens has a role as an environmental educator in the south west region.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes from the previous EAC meeting held on 22 June 2020 be adopted by the Committee.

Moved: Stephen Dobell-Brown

Seconded: Clr Harle

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Tree Registration Project Update

Coordinator Environmental Operations advised there is no update to report at present.

Action: Coordinator Environmental Operations to liaise with Council's Parks Coordinator Trees on the above.

Update: A meeting was held with key Council staff to discuss tree registration. Council is also contacting other neighbouring Councils to determine their current practice regarding tree registration and will consider the best approach to develop a tree registration process.

4.2 Scar Tree Management Update

Coordinator Environmental Operations, on behalf of Council's Heritage Officer, advised that while Council has records of scar trees, it is recommended not to draw the public's attention to the location of Aboriginal artefacts. Council is not aware of all Aboriginal artefacts within the LGA, but does manage impacts to those it is aware of.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Ms Robertson queried what scar trees are.
It was explained that scar trees historically had sections of bark removed by the Indigenous community to craft a variety of items. The removing of bark leaves a 'scar' as the tree continues to grow. Scar trees may be living or dead.
- ii. Clr Shelton queried how the management of scar trees intersects with DA proposals in the context of developer awareness of scar trees and other items of heritage at certain locations.



It was advised an Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) check is undertaken to detect items of significance and consultation is required with the Local Aboriginal Land Council to initiate further investigations, if a scar tree or other significant item is recorded in the system.

4.3 Responsible Pet Ownership

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan, on behalf of Community Standards, advised that dumped kittens are considered an animal welfare issue and should be taken to the RSPCA or the Animal Welfare League.

It was noted that Council is establishing a Companion Animal Advisory Committee. Members of the public will be invited to participate in the Committee once Council has adopted its Charter.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Ms Robertson noted that the RSPCA does not accept stray kittens and expressed concern that multiple parties are not assuming responsibility on this matter, therefore it is left unresolved.

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised that the RSPCA and the Animal Welfare League should be accepting abandoned kittens as they are in need of care, which is therefore a welfare issue.

As was previously advised, Council does not have the jurisdiction to handle this matter. The Minister for Local Government has reconvened the companion animal reference group which should address the matter of jurisdiction with the various stakeholders.

- ii. Cllr Shelton advised that Council is in the process of advocating for not allowing cats to roam.
- iii. Cllr Rhodes noted that this is a matter that requires effort from all Councils, due to the complexity of feline behaviour. Council resolved a motion for community education for desexing and lobbying state governments for funding to address the problem.
- iv. Cllr Shelton noted the importance of responsible pet ownership and the financial disincentive imposed by the state government by charging higher registration fees if a cat is not desexed.

Motion: That the matter of responsible pet ownership be referred to the Companion Animal Advisory Committee, upon formation, and be reported back to the EAC.

Moved: Steven Dobell-Brown
Robertson

Seconded: Ellie

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

4.4 Wianamatta South Creek Flood Study Public Exhibition Feedback

Manager Technical Support reported that the flood maps were publicly exhibited on Council's website from 7 August 2020. A resident noted that some of the elderly community members may not have internet access, therefore the flood maps have been exhibited in post offices and libraries in response.

A council report recommending adoption of the new flood maps will be prepared once the public consultation concludes and feedback is incorporated.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Cllr Shelton queried the end date of the public exhibition period, bearing in mind the COVID-19 outbreak.



It was advised that the current closing date is 4 September 2020, with scope for extension if needed to engage the community adequately.

Director City Infrastructure & Environment noted that this will be gauged at the Rural Forum and correspondence will be issued to residents if an extension is granted.

Update: In response to feedback from the Rural District Forum, Council has revised the consultation strategy to undertake further consultation, as follows:

- The exhibition period is being extended to the end of November 2020.
- Face-to-face consultations will be facilitated, with any potential COVID related risks appropriately managed.

4.5 Environment Education Centre Design Competition

Director City Infrastructure & Environment provided an update on a motion from the previous EAC meeting recommending that elected Councillors and members of the EAC be considered as part of the jury panel. It was reported that following consultation with the Local Government Procurement representatives, it was found that this particular motion was unable to be implemented for the following reasons:

- The process to engage a consultant to ultimately design the Environment Education Centre is essentially a tender process, governed by tendering rules.
- Councillors comprise the governing body of a council who will ultimately have to decide on the winning/successful consultant. According to Tendering Guidelines for NSW Local Govt, Councillors cannot be part of the tender evaluation process as well as determining the successful tenderer.
- EAC members - the tendering regulations are written in a Council context i.e. Council staff assessing tenders and submitting for approval, and therefore only Council officers would normally evaluate tenders and make recommendations to Council.

Director City Infrastructure & Environment clarified that this advice did not mean that councillors and EAC members will not be part of the process. A detailed engagement plan will be provided to the EAC outlining the various participation and engagement opportunities - from input in the development of the competition/design brief and throughout the many milestones along the project lifecycle.

Motion: That the Committee continue to be involved in various stages of the Environment Education Centre project and that an engagement plan be provided to the Committee for comment.

Moved: Stephen Dobell-Brown

Seconded: Robert Storey

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

Action: A draft Environment Education Centre engagement plan is to be emailed to the Committee.

Update: This was emailed to members on 4 September 2020.

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 Kei Apple Surveillance & Control

The Bushland & Weed Management Officer delivered a presentation on the weed Kei Apple, and the efforts being made by a partnership between local land managers to eradicate the plant from



the region. Detail was provided on the methods of community engagement, weed control and monitoring. The outcomes of the recent round of control were detailed, as were plans for monitoring and control.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Bushland & Weed Management Officer noted that this plant was sold through nurseries as a fruit tree and is still available in QLD.
- ii. Dr Meredith queried on any evidence of the Kei Apple distributed by bats.
It was advised there is currently no evidence of this. Kei Apple plants have a shrubby habit and thorns that likely deter bats. Significant fruiting is not guaranteed.
- iii. Mr Dobell-Brown queried whether the Holsworthy Army Barracks should be alerted to a possible infestation in its surrounding bush area.

Bushland & Weed Management Officer advised that the existing infestation is the priority area as this area is disturbed and the conditions are favourable for Kei Apple to develop.

Motion: This Committee notes the presentation and commends Council for its ongoing program of Kei Apple eradication.

Moved: Stephen Dobell-Brown

Seconded: Dr Floret Meredith

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

5.2 ERP Financial Snapshot

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan provided a financial overview on the Environmental Levy from 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Mr Dobell-Brown queried if there was a need for a buffer in case the cost of the Environment Education Centre were to increase, also bearing in mind the possible reduction in revenue due to COVID impacts on rates collection.
A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised the estimated cost of construction is \$5 million and therefore a buffer already exists. While the impact of COVID may reduce revenue, it has resulted in various cost savings in delivering the program. As such, the deferral of rates will not impact on this project.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 EAC Charter 2020 Review

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan provided an overview of the function and outputs of the Environment Advisory Committee with reference to the Charter.

It was advised that the current EAC is nearing the end of its term and expressions of interest to the new Committee will soon be called. The EAC 2018 Charter was tabled to the Committee for review and discussion.

Queries & Discussion



- i. Mr Dobell-Brown queried whether items relating to recycling and waste would be relevant for discussion in EAC meetings, and that the Committee should consider defining the scope of items appropriate for discussion within the confines of the charter.

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan confirmed that in the past, waste matters were discussed as the Environment team was part of the same department as the waste team, therefore the manager at the time was able to address those matters. It would be for the EAC to decide if waste is an appropriate item of discussion and can be identified in the revised charter.

- ii. Cllr Harle expressed support on the above and suggested the usage of waste incinerators for the management of waste and to address landfill issues.

Motion: That a presentation be delivered on the current status of recycling and waste management at Liverpool City Council.

Moved: Ellie Robertson

Seconded: Cllr Harle

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

- iii. A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised that Council's Governance team and the Internal Ombudsman have made a general recommendation that Council's Committees have a maximum of 10 voting members.

It was proposed that the allocation for Environmental Volunteer Group members be removed as the Committee does not play an advisory role in that program. They can be changed to observing members. It was noted that there is no interest from members of the Environment Volunteer Program in the Committee, with those two positions currently vacant.

- iv. Dr Meredith was of the view that having larger membership numbers for the EAC is important as members have varying areas of expertise and experience, which is valuable for a Committee with broad items of discussion. It was suggested for the criteria to be refined for membership and for the Committee to have a well-defined scope of discussions.
- v. Cllr Shelton noted that the EAC is an amalgamation of the Floodplain and Environment Committee and that the Committee did not support a reduction in membership numbers.
- vi. A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan reaffirmed that members of the public may attend Committee meetings as observers and to ask questions, thus providing diversity of opinions and expertise, but cannot vote.

Action: A draft revision of the EAC Charter to be provided with these minutes.

Update: This was sent to the committee on 23 September 2020.

6.2 Workshopping Sustainability Blitz Ideas

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised that the ERP team brainstorms ideas for the Sustainability Blitz workshops, using feedback received from workshop participants, customer service enquiries and ideas discussed in environmental education peer networks. The impact of COVID on workshop delivery was noted, with a shift to online delivery. The Committee was invited to provide suggestions for future workshops.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Dr Meredith suggested that a workshop for native indoor plants and native beekeeping would be popular, but had concerns about poaching of wild hives.



A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised that beekeeping workshops have been held in the past and will run again in the future. Council's workshop facilitator promotes sustainable sourcing of native bees through the splitting of domestic hives.

- ii. Mr Dobell-Brown suggested that vegetable growing and plant cultivation be considered.

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised that this was part of the scope for the no dig garden workshop. Plant propagation is being considered for a workshop, potentially in partnership with the Royal Botanic Gardens at Mt Annan.

- iii. Cllr Rhodes suggested a frog pond workshop noting they eat mosquitoes.

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised a frog workshop is being run in November, with habitat a consideration. It was also noted that Microbats are good at mosquito hunting and that workshops about leveraging reducing mosquito numbers would be well placed close to summer.

- iv. Robert Dixon recommended a workshop on microplastic analysis.

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan advised that this is a topic the ERP team were keen to explore further.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Floodplain Management

Cllr Harle noted that new flood detention basins are planned for construction within new release areas. Cllr Harle requested that a report be provided on the basins being constructed and the design of associated drainage channels.

Action: Council officers to provide a report on planned stormwater detention basin construction and design of associated drainage channels in a future EAC meeting.

7.2 Flying Fox Grant

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan reported that Council was unable to secure a grant for the Cabramatta Creek Flying Fox camp. Feedback identified bushfire affected areas were a priority. Applications will continue to be made in future rounds.

7.3 National Tree Day

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan reported that the plants have been planted by the Bush Regeneration Team. A competition is being held to seek input from members of the public on how they value the natural environment and trees, via photos and footage. This material will be compiled into a video. Positive responses have been received so far.

7.4 Deer Management Program

A/Coordinator Environment Restoration Plan reported that Council is partnering with Local Land Services and Penrith City Council in the delivery of a deer management program.

Action: Details to be provided on the above at a future EAC meeting.

7.5 Coopers Paddock

Mr Storey requested an update on Coopers Paddock.

Action: This item to be listed as business arising within the agenda at the next EAC meeting. Staff from the City Economy & Growth team will be invited to provide an update.

**CLOSE****Meeting closed at 8:03 pm.**

CTTE 05

Minutes of the Liverpool Pedestrian, Active Transport and Traffic Committee meeting held on 23 September 2020

Strategic Direction	Generating Opportunity Advocate for, and develop, transport networks to create an accessible city
File Ref	271798.2020
Report By	Charles Wiafe - Service Manager Traffic and Transport
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the recommendations of the Liverpool Pedestrian, Active Transport and Traffic Committee meeting held on 23 September 2020. At the meeting, the Committee considered twelve (12) agenda items, one (1) technical discussion item and six (6) general business items.

A copy of the meeting minutes, incorporating the Committee's recommendations on the agenda items is included as **Attachment 1**.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the following recommendations of the Committee:

Item 1 - Adams Road, Luddenham – Road reconstruction including installation of a roundabout at the Adams Road/Aton Road intersection.

- Council approves the signs and linemarking scheme for the Adams Road and Anton Road reconstruction.
- Supports the proposed roundabout at the Adams Road and Anton Road intersection.
- Detailed design of the roundabout is to consider tree planting in consultation with Western Sydney Airport.
- Detailed design is to be submitted to Council and forwarded to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

Item 2 - Moondarra Drive, West Hoxton - Clancy Catholic College Stage 7 Design Pack Carparking.

- Council approves the design drawings of the parking spaces and associated signs and linemarking scheme.

Item 3 - Junction Road east of Stockton Avenue, Moorebank - request for an additional speed hump.

- Council approves the installation of a threshold across the section between Stockton Avenue and Renton Avenue, close to Wilkes Avenue.
- Community consultation is to be carried out prior to installation.

Item 4 - 227-229 George Street, Liverpool - request for No Stopping restriction.

- Council approves the replacement of the existing loading zone at the rear of 227-229 George Street, Liverpool with a no stopping zone.

Item 5 - Eleventh Avenue, Austral – reconstruction of the road section in front of St Anthony of Padua Catholic School.

- Council approves the proposed children's crossing and associated signs and linemarking scheme.
- Detailed design is to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

Item 6 - Buchan Avenue, Edmondson Park – Road construction including signs and linemarking scheme.

- Council approves the detailed design drawings including signs and linemarking scheme.
- Detailed design drawing is to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

Item 7 - Beech Road, Casula - Request for timed on-street parking at 245 Beech Road in front of the Macchiato & Co café.

- Council approves 2 x 30-minute on-street parking spaces east of the "No Stopping" sign close to the Beech Road and Berriwerri Place roundabout intersection.

Item 8 - Reilly Street, Lurnea – Proposed median Island extension to wombat crossing and raised threshold.

- Council approves the median island extension to wombat crossing and raised threshold.

Item 9 - McIver Avenue, Middleton Grange – Road extension including signs and linemarking scheme.

- Council approves the McIver Avenue road extension and associated signs and linemarking scheme.
- The road extension is to include a gate (at the entry to the park) to be closed at night.

Item 10 - Various Streets – Request for Traffic calming devices.

- Council approves the installation of separation and edge linemarkings along the section of Ardennes Avenue from Okinawa Road, Edmondson Park to the southern end of the road.
- Speed classification is to be carried out to assess whether additional traffic calming devices are required.
- Council to consider road improvement on the eastern side of Shepherd Street between Atkinson Street to Powerhouse Road, Liverpool.
- Council to carry out speed classifications along Webster Road, Ardennes Avenue and Christiansen Boulevard to assess the need for traffic calming devices.

Item 11 - Bigge Street, between Elizabeth Street and Campbell Street, Liverpool – Minor Traffic Management Works.

- Council supports the re-linemarking of double-barrier and edge lines and installation of entry thresholds.

Item 12 - Items Approved Under Delegated Authority.

- Council notes the traffic facilities approved under delegated authority between 22 July 2020 and 23 September 2020.

REPORT

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A copy of the meeting minutes, incorporating the Committee's recommendations on the agenda items and actions in response to the technical discussion and general business items is included as **Attachment 1**. It is recommended that Council adopts the Committee's recommendations on the agenda items as outlined above.

One Technical Discussion and six General Business items were considered, and the recommended actions are as follows:

Technical Discussion Item

TD1 - Kurrajong Road, Beech Road and Lyn Parade, Prestons – intersection upgrade to a signalised intersection.

The existing roundabout is operating at or close to capacity. A concept layout has been submitted to TfNSW to replace the roundabout with traffic signals. TfNSW has given in principal support for the traffic signals.

Concept design will be carried out and be presented to a future meeting for further consideration. The Committee noted the proposed intersection upgrade of the Kurrajong Road/Beech Road/Lyn Parade intersection.

General Business Items

GB1 - Hall Circuit in front of Middleton Grange Public School - modifications to the on-street parking in front of the school to minimise congestion.

Council has received representation about traffic delays in front of Middleton Grange Public School. Investigation will be carried out to assess possible changes to existing on-street parking in front of the school.

If required, approval will be sought under delegated authority for the changes to be implemented. The Committee noted investigations to be carried out to assess possible changes to the existing on-street parking.

GB2 - 68-82 Stewart Avenue, Hammondville - Request for parking restrictions in front of the "Bond House".

Representations has been received from the MP for Holsworthy on behalf of a local resident for Council to consider additional parking restrictions. Investigation will be carried out and if required, approval will be sought under delegated authority.

The Committee noted the above investigations to be carried out on parking restrictions in front of the Bond House and if required, approval under delegated authority.

GB3 - Gunners Mews, Holsworthy – Request for extension of existing parking restrictions.

A request has been received to consider extending the time of existing parking restrictions to 24 hours. An application will be submitted under delegated authority. The Committee noted the above investigation and that application will be submitted under delegated authority.

GB4 - Railway Serviceway – update.

Council is proposing to line mark Railway Serviceway to slow down traffic. The Committee discussed the proposed treatment and noted that pedestrians would assume the road is a shared zone.

The TfNSW representative requested that the treatment is to be submitted to TfNSW for assessment as a shared zone. In this regard, the treatment needs to include traffic calming device/s, likely mid-block to reduce traffic speeds.

The assessment would include a road safety audit to ensure the treatment would be safe.

GB5 - 2-4 Lyn Parade, Prestons Driveway at the McDonalds/Business Park on Lyn Parade.

Council has received representations about traffic delays for exit movements at the existing driveway to the developments within these premises (including McDonalds, Officeworks and Hoxton Park Central).

The driveway permits all turning movements and has been previously considered for a seagull island. The design of the seagull island is to be presented for further discussion at a future meeting.

The Committee discussed that there is a need for interim intersection treatment at the driveway and the previous seagull intersection treatment is to be presented to a future meeting for further consideration.

GB6 - Lyn Parade and Progress Circuit, Prestons – Police update fatal crash.

There was a fatal crash at this intersection. Police have provided initial information about the crash with a request for signposted speed limit along the road.

The road attracts truck parking including heavy vehicles. Options for additional parking restrictions to be investigated and if required approval to be sought under delegated authority for implementation.

The Committee received an update from the Police that the fatal crash involved a right turn vehicle turning into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist.

The crash is not related to on-street parking. However, TfNSW would investigate and install additional speed limit signs. Council to investigate locations along the road to restrict on-street as well as heavy vehicle parking.

Budget impact of matters arising from the minutes

Item	Description	Funding, Indicative Cost and Timing
1	Adams Road, Luddenham – Installation of a roundabout at the Adams Road/Aton Road intersection	Developer Timing – In accordance with development consent requirement.
2	Moondarra Drive, West Hoxton - Clancy Catholic College Stage 7 Design Pack Carparking	Developer Timing – In accordance with development consent requirement.
3	Junction Road east of Stockton Avenue, Moorebank - request for an additional speed hump	Council's minor traffic facilities project Indicative Cost - \$35,000. Timing – March 2021.
4	227-229 George Street, Liverpool - request for No Stopping restriction.	TfNSW block grant funding# Indicative Cost - \$500. Timing – December 2020.
5	Eleventh Avenue, Austral – reconstruction of the section in front of St Anthony of Padua Catholic School	Developer Timing – In accordance with development consent requirement.

6	Buchan Avenue, Edmondson Park – road reconfiguration, signs and linemarking scheme	Developer Timing – In accordance with development consent requirement.
7	Beech Road, Casula - On Street Parking - 2 carparking spaces to be defined as a 30-minute parking limit zone at 245 Beech Road, Casula in front of the Macchiato & Co café	TfNSW block grant funding# Indicative Cost - \$1,000. Timing – December 2020.
8	Reilly Street, Lurnea - Median Island extension to Wombat Crossing and raised threshold	Federal Blackspot Program# Indicative Cost - \$100,000. Timing - March 2021.
9	Mclver Avenue, Middleton Grange - Updated Signs and Linemarking scheme	Developer WSPT Timing – In accordance with development consent requirement.
10	Various Streets – Request for Traffic calming devices	TfNSW block grant funding# Indicative Cost - \$5,000. Timing – December 2020
11	Bigge Street, between Elizabeth Street and Lachlan Street, Liverpool – BB and edge linemarking	Application has been made to TfNSW for separate funding. (Alternatively, project to be funded under TfNSW block grant funding). Indicative Cost - \$45,000. Timing – December 2020
12	Items Approved Under Delegated Authority	TfNSW block grant funding# Indicative Cost - \$5,000. Timing – November 2020

TfNSW block grant funding has no financial implication on Council

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Provide efficient parking for the City Centre. Deliver a high-quality local road system including provision and maintenance of infrastructure and management of traffic issues.
Environment	Promote an integrated and user-friendly public transport service. Support the delivery of a range of transport options.
Social	Support access and services for people with a disability. Improve road and pedestrian safety.
Civic Leadership	Actively advocate for federal and state government support, funding and services.
Legislative	Roads Act 1993.

Risk	The risk is considered low. The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes - Liverpool Pedestrian, Active Transport and Traffic Committee Meeting - 23 September 2020



MINUTES

This meeting was held via MS Teams

MINUTES OF LIVERPOOL PEDESTRIAN, ACTIVE TRANSPORT & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 23 September 2020

COMMITTEE FORMAL MEMBERS

Councillor Nathan Hagarty
Damien Leemon
Clayton Hopper

Liverpool City Council (LCC) (Chairperson)
Police Local Area Command
Office of Melanie Gibbons MP

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LCC
LCC

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APOLOGIES

Tania Davis
Betty Green
Rose Koch

MP for Mulgoa
Representative for MP for Liverpool
LCC (Minutes)

WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND OPENING

The meeting was opened at 9:30 am. Cllr Hagarty acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land. Apologies were noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

CW advised that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 July 2020 were adopted by Council at the 26 August 2020 Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item	Subject
1	Adams Road, Luddenham – Road reconstruction including installation of a roundabout at the Adams Road/Aton Road intersection.
2	Moondarra Drive, West Hoxton - Clancy Catholic College Stage 7 Design Pack Carparking.
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Item	Subject
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GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

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GB2	68-82 Stewart Avenue, Hammondville - Request for parking restrictions in front of the "Bond House"
GB3	Gunners Mews, Holsworthy – Request for extension of existing parking restrictions
GB4	Railway Serviceway – update
GB5	Driveway at the McDonalds/Business Park on Lyn Parade
GB6	Lyn Parade and Progress Circuit, Prestons – Police update fatal crash

CLOSE – Meeting closed at 11:30am.

ITEM 1	Adams Road, Luddenham – Road reconstruction including installation of a roundabout at the Adams Road/Aton Road intersection.
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INTRODUCTION

Western Sydney Airport (WSA) is intending to reconstruct a section of Adams Road to be used as a haulage route to the WSA fuel depot. The reconstruction includes installation of a roundabout at the Adams Road/Aton Road intersection.

Design drawings of the road upgrade and roundabout has been prepared and the committee is requested to support the associated traffic facilities as shown in Attachment 1.1-1.4.

ASSESSMENT

To facilitate traffic movements including heavy vehicles to the WSA fuel depot, the WSA company is proposing to reconstruct the section of Adams and Anton Road as indicated below. The road upgrade includes single traffic lanes with sealed shoulders in each direction.

The reconstruction involves road widening of both Adams and Anton Road as a continuation of The Northern Road/Adams Road intersection (recently upgraded as part of The Northern Road upgrade) up to Anton Road and the WSA. The total length of the upgrade is approximately 1.2km.

To reduce traffic conflict and cater for safe traffic movements, a roundabout is proposed at the Adams Road/Anton Road intersection. Design drawings of the road reconstruction and associated signs and linemarking has been carried in accordance with Austroads and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) road design guide.

The design would accommodate B double trucks and swept paths analysis has been carried out to identify the required road configuration. The design has given consideration to tree planting within the central island. Tree planting will be considered in consultation with the WSA airport company.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee supports the signs and linemarking scheme for the Adams Road and Anton Road reconstruction.

Supports the proposed roundabout at the Adams Road and Anton Road intersection as shown in Attachment 1.1-1.4.

Detailed design of the roundabout is to consider tree planting in consultation with WSA.

DISCUSSION

CW provided background of the project as an upgrade to provide access to the WSA proposed fuel depot. The Committee discussed and supported the proposed upgrade and associated signs and linemarking with the following changes recommended by the TfNSW representative:

- The proposed 60km/h speed limit is to be installed west of the residential properties.
- Turning path templates to be provided demonstrating that the longest vehicle can turn around the roundabout.
- Detailed design to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

In addition, Councillor Harle advised that with the proposed upgrade the existing 5-tonne load limit needs to be carefully considered to ensure that Adams Road is not used as a rat-run particularly for heavy vehicles between The Northern Road and Elizabeth Drive. CW advised that this can be dealt with through the assessment of NHVR applications.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council approves the signs and linemarking scheme for the Adams Road and Anton Road reconstruction.
- Supports the proposed roundabout at the Adams Road and Anton Road intersection.
- Detailed design of the roundabout is to consider tree planting in consultation with WSA.
- Detailed design is to be submitted to Council and forwarded to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

ITEM 2	Moondarra Drive, West Hoxton - Clancy Catholic College Stage 7 Design Pack Carparking
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INTRODUCTION

Expansion of the existing Clancy Catholic College has been approved for construction. As part of the expansion, a consent condition has been imposed for the college to construct indented parking spaces along Moondarra Drive.

Council has received design drawings of the parking spaces and associated signs and linemarking.

The Committee is requested to consider and support the design drawings of the parking spaces and associated signs and linemarking scheme, as shown in Attachment 2.1-2.2.

ASSESSMENT

As indicated above, approval has been issued for the Clancy Catholic College expansion. The expansion includes the construction of additional indented parking along the section of Moondarra Drive along the college frontage.

The College has submitted design drawings of the parking spaces and associated signs and linemarking as shown in Attachments 2.1-2.2.

The design of the associated signs and linemarking has been carried out in accordance with Austroads design standards and Australian Standard AS2890.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Committee is requested to support the design drawings of the parking spaces and associated signs and linemarking scheme, as shown in Attachment 2.1-2.2.

DISCUSSION

CW provided information that the carparking is being provided to minimise impact on on-street parking from the approved expansion of the school. The Committee discussed and supported the proposed carparking.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports the design drawings of the parking spaces and associated signs and linemarking scheme.

ITEM 3**Junction Road east of Stockton Avenue, Moorebank - request for an additional speed hump****INTRODUCTION**

Council has received Mayoral representations for a speed hump to be installed across a section of Junction Road east of Stockton Avenue, Moorebank. Council has investigated and identified an appropriate location which would minimise impact on adjoining residents.

Design of the speed hump has been completed and the committee is requested to support the speed and associated signs and linemarking as shown in Attachment 3.1.

ASSESSMENT

Junction Road is a collector road between Nuwarra Road and Heathcote Road and is approximately 1.18km. It provides access to a portion of the industrial developments close to Heathcote Road and the residential developments east of Heathcote Road.

It is a fairly straight road and has traffic calming devices made up of 2x chicanes, 1x roundabout, 1x raised threshold and a horizontal deflection island at its intersection with Stockton Avenue which is to be upgraded to a roundabout.

However, the residents have been expressing concerns about speeding, particularly along the section between Stockton Avenue and the existing traffic calming device east of Renton Avenue, a distance of approximately 440m. This distance would permit the anti-social driving behaviour the residents are concerned about.

To reduce traffic speed, as previously requested a raised threshold is proposed across the section between Stockton Avenue and Renton Avenue, close to Wilkes Avenue. The threshold would be a standard design with 75mm threshold. The location will be confirmed after consultation with the local residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Committee supports installation of a threshold across the section between Stockton Avenue and Renton Avenue, close to Wilkes Avenue as shown in Attachment 3.1.

Community consultation to be carried out prior to installation.

DISCUSSION

CW advised that the design is in response to a previous discussion to provide an additional speed hump to reduce traffic speed along Junction Road. The Committee discussed and supported the proposed speed hump subject to the outcome of consultation with the property owners close to the speed hump.

Councillor Rhodes commented that the facility would assist in reducing speed along the road.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports installation of a threshold across the section between Stockton Avenue and Renton Avenue, close to Wilkes Avenue.
- Community consultation to be carried out prior to installation.

ITEM 4	227-229 George Street, Liverpool - Request for No Stopping restriction
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INTRODUCTION

Council has received a request to change the existing loading zone along a section of George Lane at the rear of 227-229 George Street, Liverpool to a no stopping zone to provide access to the property driveway.

The Committee is requested to support the requested change to a no stopping zone.

ASSESSMENT

George Lane is a service lane east of George Street providing rear end access to the properties fronting George Street and Macquarie Street. It is predominately used for deliveries to these properties and their associated driveways.

George Lane is currently signposted with loading zones along most of its length including outside at the rear of 227-229 George Street. The subject property has two carparking spaces off George Lane. With the current signposted arrangement, the section driveway to the two parking spaces is signposted as a timed loading zone (8am-6pm Monday-Friday and 8am-1pm Saturday).

The property owner has advised that on some occasions unloading occurs across the driveway which affects access to the parking spaces. The request is appropriate, and the committee is requested to support a change to no stopping. The change would only affect approximately 10m of loading zone and there would still be ample space for loading and unloading within the service way.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Committee supports the replacement of the existing loading zone at the rear of 227-229 George Street, Liverpool to a no stopping zone.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed and supported the proposed replacement of the loading zone with a no stopping zone.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports the replacement of the existing loading zone at the rear of 227-229 George Street, Liverpool to a no stopping zone.

ITEM 5	Eleventh Avenue, Austral – Reconstruction of the section in front of St Anthony of Padua Catholic School
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INTRODUCTION

Council has received design drawings for reconstruction of the section of Eleventh Avenue in front of the St Anthony of Padua Catholic School. The construction works includes installation of a children's crossing to the school.

The committee is requested to support the proposed children's crossing and associated signs and linemarking scheme as shown in Attachment 5.1-5.8.

ASSESSMENT

Eleventh Avenue is an east-west collector road between Twenty Ninth Avenue and west of Fourth Avenue, Austral. The section between Edmondson Avenue and Fourth Avenue provides access to the existing St Anthony of Padua Catholic School. The Department of Planning has approved significant expansion of the school to accommodate a future student population of approximately 2,400 primary and high school students.

As part of this expansion, the Department of Planning has imposed consent conditions which require reconstruction of the section of Eleventh Avenue in front of the school and the installation of a children's crossing as an interim pedestrian crossing facility to be upgraded to a marked pedestrian crossing when the location meets the warrant for a marked pedestrian crossing.

The school's project managers have submitted design drawings for the required Eleventh Avenue reconstruction and interim children's crossing. Design of the road and children's crossing including the signs and linemarking scheme has been prepared in accordance with Austroads and TfNSW road design guide. Swept path analysis has also been carried out.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Committee support the proposed children's pedestrian crossing and associated signs and linemarking scheme as shown in Attachment 5.1-5.8.

DISCUSSION

CW outlined that the road works along sections of Eleventh Avenue, Fourth Avenue and Tenth Avenue fronting the development site is to provide four-lane carriageways to permit on-street parking and a single traffic lane in each direction.

The proposed works includes intersection treatment at the Fourth Avenue/Eleventh Avenue and Fourth Avenue/Tenth Avenue intersections. Works proposed in the short term is a children's crossing across Eleventh Avenue.

The Committee discussed and supported the children's crossing with a requirement that changes are required to be incorporated in the detailed design. The detailed design is to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to construction. The works on Eleventh Avenue could affect the existing 40km/h school zone on the street. An application is to be made to TfNSW for any changes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports the proposed children's pedestrian crossing and associated signs and linemarking scheme.
- Detailed design is to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

ITEM 6**Buchan Avenue, Edmondson Park – road construction including signs and linemarking scheme****INTRODUCTION**

Council has issued a development consent for the construction of the extension of Buchan Avenue, from Lacey Road to Soldiers Parade, Edmondson Park. The project managers have submitted detailed design drawings with associated signs and linemarking scheme.

The committee is requested to consider and support the detailed design drawings with associated signs and linemarking scheme as shown in Attachment 6.1-6.3.

ASSESSMENT

Buchan Avenue is a planned collector road between Soldiers Parade and Jardine Drive. The portion between Jardine Drive and Lacey Road has been constructed as part of adjacent subdivision works. The remaining section is to be constructed by Landcom.

Council has issued a development consent for the roadworks and the project managers have prepared detailed designs including a signs and linemarking scheme for the remaining road section. Design of the roadworks and signs and linemarking scheme has been carried out in accordance with Austroads design requirements including swept path analysis.

The roadworks includes two T-intersections, one with Soldiers Parade and the other north-south access road to the Edmondson Park station as shown in Attachment 6.1-6.3.

The access road to the Edmondson Park station would permit all turning movements whilst the intersection with Soldiers Parade will be restricted to left-in, left-out with a median island.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

The committee supports the detailed design drawings of the signs and linemarking scheme as shown in Attachment 6.1-6.3.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed and supported the road extension and the associated signs and linemarking. TfNSW representative requested that the intersection treatment to ROAD 1 is to be modified to include an appropriate curved end to the chevron marking and to include swept path analysis.

The detailed design drawing is to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports the detailed design drawings of the signs and linemarking scheme.
- Detailed design drawing is to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to construction.

ITEM 7**Beech Road, Casula - Request for timed on-street parking at 245 Beech Road in front of the Macchiato & Co café****INTRODUCTION**

Council has received a request from the property manager of the Crossroads Logistics Estate for AMP Capital for 15-minute parking along the section of Beech Road in front of an existing café east of the roundabout at Beech Road and Berriwerri Place, Casula.

The Committee is requested to consider and support the requested 2 x 15-minute parking spaces east of the "No Stopping" sign close to the roundabout as shown in Attachment 7.1.

ASSESSMENT

The section of Beech Road close to Campbelltown Road is an industrial collector road providing access to the Crossroads industrial area. Due to this function, Beech Road attracts significant truck movements and truck on-street parking. The truck parking limits on-street parking along the section of the road in front of an existing café.

To improve parking availability as indicated above, AMP's property manager is requesting 2x 15-minute parking spaces in front of the café. Enforcement of such timed parking would be difficult. However, half-hour parking for two spaces (approximately 12m) could be signposted during business hours from the no-stopping sign associated with the roundabout.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The committee is requested to consider and support the request 2 x 15-minute parking spaces east of the "No Stopping" sign close to the roundabout as shown in Attachment 7.1.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed and supported 2 x 30-minute carparking spaces instead of the 3 x 15-minute carparking spaces. The Committee considered that 15-minute parking might not be enough for purchases and enforcement will be difficult.

To ensure the carparking spaces would not affect through traffic, the spaces are to be located approximately 30-35m from the roundabout (at the Beech Road/Berriwerri Place intersection). In addition, as the Café only operates during business hours, the parking is to be timed up to 3pm.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports 2 x 30-minute carparking spaces east of the "No Stopping" sign close to the roundabout.

ITEM 8	Proposed median island extension to wombat crossing and raised threshold.
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INTRODUCTION

Council has received funding to install two raised thresholds across the section of Reilly Street from Dunbier Avenue to Rowe Avenue and installation of a central median island west of the existing raised pedestrian crossing between Macdonald Avenue and Rowe Avenue.

The Committee is requested to consider and support the two raised thresholds, median island and associated signs and linemarking as shown in Attachment 8.1-8.3.

ASSESSMENT

The Reilly Street road section between Hill Road and Dunbier Avenue has developed an unacceptable crash history which meets the warrant for blackspot road safety improvement. The unacceptable crash history includes a pedestrian crash.

In consultation with TfNSW, Council has received funding for road safety improvement involving the installation of two raised thresholds and a central median island west of the existing raised pedestrian crossing between Macdonald Avenue and Rowe Avenue.

Design of the facilities have been carried out in accordance with Austroads design guide including swept path analysis. The median island was imposed as a consent condition on re-development of two adjoining development west of Macdonald Avenue and the property owners are aware that the median island will be installed.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The committee is requested to consider and support the two raised thresholds, median island and associated signs and linemarking as shown in Attachment 8.1-8.3.

DISCUSSION

The Committee noted that the raised threshold and median island would reduce speed and improve traffic flow. The Committee discussed and supported the traffic facilities and associated signs and linemarking scheme.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports the traffic facilities and associated signs and linemarking scheme.

ITEM 9	Mclver Avenue, Middleton Grange – Road extension including signs and linemarking scheme.
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INTRODUCTION

The Western Sydney Parkland Trust (WSPT) is proposing to construct an access road along Mclver Avenue into the parkland. The parklands have submitted a design drawing of the access road and associated signs and linemarking.

The Committee is requested to consider and support the signs and linemarking plan for the proposed access road as shown in Attachment 9.1-9.2.

ASSESSMENT

Mclver Avenue is one of the east-west local streets providing access to properties in Middleton Grange. As indicated above, WSPT is proposing to extend Mclver Avenue to provide alternate vehicular access to a portion of the parklands.

The access road will be a two-lane road which would provide access to parking spaces at the start of a walking trail within the parklands. Design of the access road and associated signs and linemarking has been carried out in accordance with Austroads design guide.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The committee is requested to support the signs and linemarking plan for the proposed access road as shown in Attachment 9.1-9.2.

DISCUSSION

The Committee raised no objection to the proposed extension from Mclver Avenue into the Western Sydney Parklands. However, to minimise anti-social impacts in the evenings, the road extension needs to have a gate to be closed at night.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports the Mclver Avenue road extension and associated signs and linemarking scheme.
- The road extension is to include a gate (at the entry to the park) to be closed at night.

ITEM 10	Various Streets – Request for Traffic calming devices
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INTRODUCTION

Council has received requests, including from the Local Members of Parliament, on behalf of residents for traffic calming devices to be installed to address speeding concerns. The requests are on the streets as listed below. Speed classifications have commenced on a number of the requested streets.

The Committee is requested to discuss options to address the speeding concerns.

ASSESSMENT

Shepherd Street, Liverpool – Investigation of traffic calming devices

Residential/Industrial Street providing access to Casula Powerhouse and adjoining industrial and high-density mixed-use development. The mixed-use development includes high density residential developments and a restaurant. Residents have requested traffic calming devices.

Ardennes Avenue, Edmondson Park – Request for separation and edge linemarking

Residential Street providing access to side streets and residential properties. The Local Member of Parliament has requested separation and edge line-marking as well as traffic calming devices.

Wilkes Avenue, Moorebank – Request for installation of a speed humps

Residential Street providing access to side streets and residential properties. Residents have requested traffic calming devices. Speed classification carried out in August 2020 indicates 85th percentile speeds of 49km/h and 50km/h.

Webster Road, Lurena – Request for traffic calming devices

Residential Street providing access to side streets and residential properties. Residents have requested traffic calming devices. Local Member of Parliament has requested installation of a traffic calming device. Speed classification is yet to be carried out.

Christiansen Boulevard, Moorebank - Request for traffic calming device

Residential Street providing access to side streets and residential properties. Residents have requested traffic calming devices. Local Member of Parliament has requested installation of a traffic calming device. Speed classification is yet to be carried out.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Committee supports the following:

Shepherd Street, Liverpool – raised thresholds on the approaches to the mixed-use development. Detailed design to be submitted to a future meeting for further consideration.

Ardennes Avenue, Edmondson Park – Separation and edge linemarking. Traffic calming devices at appropriate locations. Detailed design to be submitted to a future meeting for further consideration.

Wilkes Avenue, Moorebank – Investigate appropriate location for one or two speed humps. Detailed design to be submitted to a future meeting for further consideration.

Webster Road, Lurena – Investigate appropriate location for one or two speed humps. Detailed design to be submitted to a future meeting for further consideration.

Christiansen Boulevard, Moorebank - Investigate appropriate location for one or two speed humps. Detailed design to be submitted to a future meeting for further consideration.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the following:

Shepherd Street, Liverpool – The Committee noted that the road section in front of the recent residential developments is not long enough to encourage speeding. However, the concerns being raised appears to be related to noisy motorbikes and traffic to the restaurants within the development. The Committee recommends that Council requests the restaurant proprietor to install advisory signs requesting customers to reduce traffic noise.

The Committee also noted that the road surface on the eastern side of Shepherd Street is failing and requires improvement. At this stage, traffic calming is not required. The Police are to continue traffic enforcement at this location. Council to advise the restaurant proprietors to advise customers to use the newly constructed carpark off Speed Street.

Ardennes Avenue, Edmondson Park – The Committee supported the installation of separation and edge linemarking. Speed classification to be carried out to assess whether additional traffic calming devices are required.

Wilkes Avenue, Moorebank – The Committee noted that the current 85th percentile speed is close to the applicable speed limit and traffic calming devices are not supported at this stage.

Webster Road, Lurena – The Committee noted that speed classification is to be carried out to assess whether traffic calming devices are required.

Christiansen Boulevard, Moorebank - The Committee noted that Council will investigate appropriate locations for one or two speed humps. Detailed design to be submitted to a future meeting for further consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council approves the installation of separation and edge linemarkings along the section of Ardennes Avenue from Okinawa Road to the southern end of the road.
- Speed classification is to be carried out to assess whether additional traffic calming devices are required.
- Council to consider road improvement on the eastern side of Shepherd Street between Atkinson Street to Powerhouse Museum Road.
- Council to carry out speed classifications along Webster Road, Ardennes Avenue and Christiansen Boulevard to assess the need for traffic calming devices.

ITEM 11	Bigge Street, between Elizabeth Street and Campbell Street, Liverpool – Minor Traffic Management Works
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INTRODUCTION

TfNSW and Council are proposing to carry out minor traffic management works on the section of Bigge Street between Elizabeth Street and Campbell Street to reduce traffic speed to the signposted 30km/h.

The traffic management works involves re-linemarking of double-barrier and edge lines and installation of entry thresholds as shown in Attachment 11.1.

ASSESSMENT

TfNSW as part of its speed management responsibility, has installed 30km/h speed limit on the streets within the Liverpool City Centre core. The 30km/h speed limit affects the section of Bigge Street between Campbell Street and Railway Street.

Bigge Street attracts significant traffic movements and observations indicate that drivers are driving above the signposted speed limit. To ensure the new speed limit is self-enforcing, TfNSW has suggested the minor traffic management works. The traffic management works have been designed in accordance with AustRoads guidelines and is not expected to have noticeable impact on the road capacity.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Committee supports the proposed re-linemarking of double-barrier and edge lines and installation of entry thresholds.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed and supported the minor traffic management works.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council supports the proposed re-linemarking of double-barrier and edge lines and installation of entry thresholds.

ITEM 12	ITEMS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY
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INTRODUCTION

This item provides a summary of minor traffic facilities that have been approved under the Liverpool Pedestrian, Active Transport and Traffic Committee Delegated Authority by TfNSW and Police representatives over the two-month period, between 22 July 2020 and 23 September 2020.

Delegated Authority No.	Location	Description of Proposal
2020.020A	Wilson Rd, Green Valley	Installation of Bus Zone
2020.021A	Honeymyrtle St, Moorebank	Installation of No Parking
2020.023	Forbes Lane, Warwick Farm	Installation of Timed No Parking
2020.024	Sixteenth Ave, Middleton Grange	Pedestrian Refuge and associated signs and lines
2020.025	130 Eight Ave, Austral	Signs and linemarking for Subdivision
2020.026	Weir Crescent, Lurnea	Installation of BB and C3 edge line marking
2020.027	CBD various locations	Installation of Car Share pavement markings
2020.028	Jameson St, Luddenham	Installation of No Parking signs

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Committee notes the above Delegated Authority applications approved by the NSW Police Force and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) representatives over the two-month period between 22 July 2020 and 23 September 2020.

DISCUSSION

No objections were made by the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- That Council notes the above Delegated Authority applications approved by the NSW Police Force and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) representatives over the two-month period 22 July 2020 and 23 September 2020.

TECHNICAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM	LOCATION/ISSUE	REMARK
TD1	Kurrajong Road, Beech Road and Lyn Parade, Prestons – intersection upgrade to a signalised intersection	<p>The existing roundabout is operating at or close to capacity. A concept layout has been submitted to TfNSW to replace the roundabout with traffic signals.</p> <p>TfNSW has given in principal support for the traffic signals. Concept design will be carried out and be presented to a future meeting for further consideration.</p> <p>The Committee noted the proposed intersection upgrade of the Kurrajong Road/Beech Road/Lyn Parade intersection.</p>

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM	LOCATION/ISSUE	REMARK
GB1	Hall Circuit in front of Middleton Grange Public School - modifications to the on-street parking in front of the school to minimise congestion	<p>Council has received representation about traffic delays outside Middleton Grange Public School.</p> <p>Investigation will be carried out to assess possible changes to the existing on-street parking in front of the school.</p> <p>If required, approval will be sought under delegated authority for the changes to be implemented.</p> <p>The Committee noted investigation to be carried out to assess possible changes to the existing on-street parking.</p>
GB2	68-82 Stewart Avenue, Hammondville - Request for parking restrictions in front of the "Bond House"	<p>Representation has been received from the MP for Holsworthy on behalf of a local resident to consider additional parking restrictions.</p> <p>Investigation will be carried out and if required, approval will be sought under delegated authority.</p> <p>The Committee noted the above investigation to be carried out on parking restrictions in front of the Bond House and if required, approval under delegated.</p>
GB3	Gunners Mews, Holsworthy – Request for extension of existing parking restrictions	<p>Request has been received to consider extending the time of existing parking restriction to 24 hours.</p> <p>Application will be submitted under delegated authority.</p> <p>The Committee noted the above investigation and that application will be submitted under delegated authority.</p>
GB4	Railway Serviceway – update	<p>Council is proposing to line mark Railway Serviceway to slow down traffic.</p> <p>Council has received funding from the Department of Planning for the linemarking. A drawing is provided in the attachment booklet.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the proposed treatment and noted that pedestrians would assume the road is a shared zone.</p> <p>The TfNSW representative requested that the treatment is to be submitted to TfNSW for assessment as a shared zone. In this regard, the treatment needs to include traffic calming device/s probably mid-block to reduce traffic speeds.</p>

		The assessment would include a road safety audit to ensure the treatment would be safe.
GB5	2-4 Lyn Parade, Prestons Driveway at the McDonalds/Business Park on Lyn Parade	<p>Council has received representation about traffic delays for exit movements at the existing driveway to the developments within these premises (including McDonalds, Officeworks and Hoxton Park Central).</p> <p>The driveway permits all turning movements and has been previously considered for a seagull island. The design of the seagull island is to be presented for further discussion for a future meeting.</p> <p>The Committee discussed that there is a need for interim intersection treatment at the driveway and the previous seagull intersection treatment is to be presented to a future meeting for further consideration.</p>
GB6	Lyn Parade and Progress Circuit, Prestons – Police update fatal crash	<p>There was a fatal crash at this intersection. Police have provided initial information about the crash with a request for signposted speed limit along the road.</p> <p>The road attracts truck parking including heavy vehicles. Options for additional parking restrictions to be investigated and if required approval to be sought under delegated authority for implementation.</p> <p>The Committee received an update from the Police that the fatal crash involved a right turn vehicle turning into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist.</p> <p>The crash is not related to on-street parking. However, TfNSW would investigate and install additional signposted speed limit signs. Council to investigate locations along the road to restrict on-street as well as heavy vehicle parking.</p>

CTTE 06

**Minutes of the Intermodal Precinct Committee
meeting held on 1 September 2020**

Strategic Direction	Generating Opportunity Attract businesses for economic growth and employment opportunities
File Ref	272255.2020
Report By	Chris Guthrie - Coordinator Business Development
Approved By	David Smith - Acting Director City Economy and Growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the minutes of the Intermodal Precinct Committee meeting held on 1 September 2020.

At its ordinary meeting held on 26 February 2020, Council endorsed the Intermodal Precinct Committee Charter to establish the Intermodal Precinct Committee, which is an advisory committee of Council.

Council appointed Councillor Rhodes and Councillor Hadchiti as Councillor representatives on the Committee and Councillor Rhodes as Chairperson of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Intermodal Precinct Committee; and
2. Endorse the recommendations in the minutes.

REPORT

At its ordinary meeting held on 26 February 2020, Council endorsed the Intermodal Precinct Committee Charter to establish the Intermodal Precinct Committee, as an advisory Committee to Council.

Four members of the community have been appointed to the Committee and Councillors Rhodes and Hadchiti were appointed to the Committee to represent Council. Councillor Rhodes was appointed Chair of the Committee at Council's meeting of 30 September 2020.

The minutes were initially presented to Council at its meeting on 30 September but were deferred to allow for members of the Committee to consider the recommendations and actions contained in the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of Council.

The minutes identify a number of actions that require Council staff to undertake, none of which will have a financial impact at this point in time.

The recommendation from the committee, being that Council consider preparing a report on developing a communications campaign outlining the benefits of the intermodal will not have a financial impact at this stage. Any communications campaign will have a financial impact which will be identified in that future report.

Council should note that one community representative on the Committee does not support the recommendation from the meeting, as reported in the minutes. Concerns raised by this member include not wishing to promote the Intermodal Terminal in any form and clarification required of the relevant Intermodal organisation(s) to be asked to meet with the Committee.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Facilitate economic development.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Raise awareness in the community about the available services and facilities.
Civic Leadership	Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions. Provide information about Council's services, roles and decision-making processes.
Legislative	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Intermodal Precinct Committee Minutes 1.9.2020



This meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes

MINUTES FROM INTERMODAL PRECINCT COMMITTEE

1 September 2020

COUNCILLORS:

Karress Rhodes
Geoff Shelton
Tony Hadchiti
Peter Harle
Nathan Hagarty

(Chairperson)

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION:

Carlo Di Giulio
Darren Foxe
Fiona McNaught
Erik Rakowski

Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative **(entered later)**

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Chris Guthrie
David Smith
Luke Oste
Ellen Whittingstall
Jessica Saliba
Rose Koch

Coordinator Business Development
A/Director City Economy & Growth
Executive Planner
A/Internal Ombudsman **(Item 3 only)**
A/Governance Coordinator **(Item 3 only)**
Committees Officer **(Minutes)**

APOLOGIES:

Nil



OPEN

Meeting opened at 6:03 pm.

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

A/Director City Economy & Growth welcomed the Committee and confirmed all attendees. It was advised that Coordinator Business Development will assume the role of convenor for this Committee moving forward. A/Director City Economy & Growth will be involved in relation to planning matters.

Clr Rhodes was appointed as interim Chairperson for this meeting. The official Chairperson for this Committee will be decided at a future Council meeting when these minutes are confirmed.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

A/Governance Coordinator provided the Code of Conduct Training to the Committee and it was advised that further information on this can be found on Council's website.

Action: The Code of Conduct procedures to be sent to all Committee members.

Update: This has been actioned.

A/Director City Economy & Growth provided an overview of the Intermodal Precinct Committee Charter and the functions of the Committee.

3. CURRENT STATUS OF INTERMODAL & MODIFICATIONS

A/Director City Economy & Growth provided an overview on the concept plans and modifications of both the Moorebank Intermodal Precinct East (MPE) and West (MPW).

It was advised the move has been made from a "No Intermodal Committee", to the "Intermodal Committee" and now to the "Intermodal Precinct Committee" to look at the opportunities available to Council and for our local community.

Queries & Discussion

- i. Clr Shelton queried whether the warehouse space has been fully leased and that there is commitment to the space in its entirety.

Coordinator Business Development advised that this was a question that has been put to QUBE. The City Economy team are being told by QUBE that negotiations are underway with other potential businesses and announcements will be made soon. The Target warehouse has been operating for approximately 12 months and Woolworths have advised that they will be operating their distribution centre, as soon as practicable after they receive consent. (Subject to planning processes). QUBE is not sharing a lot of information with Council at present, however.

- ii. Clr Shelton queried in relation to Stage 3 of the subdivision, whether it may lead to a subsequent selling of allotments from the subdivision.

A/Director City Economy & Growth advised this is a concern. The Committee members were encouraged to look at Council's submission on the Planning Portal. The SSD number is 10431. Council raised concerns with the subdivision.

Action: A/Director City Economy & Growth to investigate the decision timeframe for SSD 10431 from DPIE.



- iii. Carlo Di Giulio queried the technology jobs that would be available from the Intermodal. Coordinator Business Development advised of jobs in IT and logistics.
Action: Coordinator Business Development to investigate the above for Woolworths.
- iv. Darren Foxe queried if there was a benchmark employment rate worked towards prior to the establishment of Woolworths at the Intermodal. The amount of jobs to be created by the Intermodal were questioned.

Coordinator Business Development advised of research commissioned a few years prior and the results indicated 6800 jobs for the intermodal site. Council is questioning these figures and awaiting further information.
- v. Mr Foxe queried whether the operation of Woolworths at the Intermodal would impact on traffic.

A/Director City Economy & Growth advised that the Council has consistently submitted on Intermodal DAs for road improvement works be carried out to minimise traffic impacts from the Intermodal development. It's not clear to Council whether traffic impacts will arise as a result of this proposed modification application or if traffic arrangements will remain unchanged compared to the consents already issued. That has been raised in Council's submission.

Coordinator Business Development advised that Council had requested an economic impact statement from DPIE and how it will impact on jobs.
- vi. Cllr Harle queried why 6 metres fill was being added to the site to raise the area.

A/Director City Economy & Growth advised this was to create level development blocks, address stormwater and flooding issues. Concerns were raised about the quantum and height of the fill noting this was included in most submissions by Council on this proposal.
- vii. Cllr Hagarty queried whether sound impacts along with height increases were included in Council's submission. A/Director City Economy & Growth advised that this would be considered for inclusion in the submission.

Motion: **Moved Cr Hadchiti** **Seconded: Mr Foxe**

The committee recommends to Council that a report be prepared on developing a communications campaign outlining the benefits of the intermodal and invite the intermodal company to the committee as a standing agenda item to provide updates to the committee.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was **carried**.

4. SUBMISSION

A/Director City Economy & Growth sought feedback from the Committee on the draft submission.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

6. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

QWN 01

Question with Notice - Cllr Hagarty - JobKeeper and JobSeeker

Strategic Direction	Generating Opportunity Attract businesses for economic growth and employment opportunities
File Ref	273287.2020

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Please address the following:

With JobKeeper and JobSeeker set to be reduced or removed for many come October, do we have approximate numbers on:

1. Number of businesses in Liverpool who will lose JobKeeper?
2. Number of people they employ?
3. Number of people on JobSeeker in Liverpool?

Response

According to federal government figures there are at least 27,000 people in the Liverpool LGA on income support through JobKeeper, JobSeeker or Youth Allowance. The following information is the most up-to-date data, as at 30 September 2020, released by the Australian Tax Office and Profile ID.

JobKeeper

In June 2020 there were 10,354 applications processed for JobKeeper in the Liverpool LGA. The table below, from data collated from Australian Tax Office, shows the number of organisations that have had their applications processed. Because this is an organisation count, rather than number of employees, it is unclear how many Liverpool residents are receiving JobKeeper.

Postcode	April	May	June
2168	963	987	1003
2179	372	397	410
2556	156	163	163
2171	1140	1177	1220
2170	4070	4193	4293
2178	235	251	259

2565	917	971	987
2174	229	238	236
2745	780	835	864
2173	294	300	299
2172	87	94	97
2557	473	513	523
TOTAL	9716	10119	10354

On 21 July 2020 the Government announced it would extend the JobKeeper payment until 28 March 2021, and that it would target businesses and not-for-profits which continue to be significantly impacted by the Corona Virus.

From 28 September 2020, eligibility for JobKeeper will be decreased and paid at two rates.

From 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021 the payment will be reduced from \$1500 a fortnight to \$1200 a fortnight for eligible employees who were working for 20 hours or more a week. For employees who were working less than 20 hours a week, the payment will be reduced to \$750 a fortnight.

From 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021 the payment for employees working more than 20 hours a week will be further reduced to \$1000 a fortnight. For employees working less than 20 hours a fortnight the payment will be reduced to \$650.

Council officers have requested projections and modelling about the impact the changes would have on the economy from the federal Treasury via a contact at Ausindustry. Officers received the following response:

"We put your request to Treasury (federal) but unfortunately, they do not have the projections data you specifically require.

"The additional modelling information you are seeking is unlikely to be publicly available and as you understand, any such data would vary significantly across the nation plus the complex economic interactions across many supply chains and demands are constantly changing."

JobKeeper payment schedule

(Source: <https://www.ato.gov.au/General/JobKeeper-Payment/Payment-rates/>)

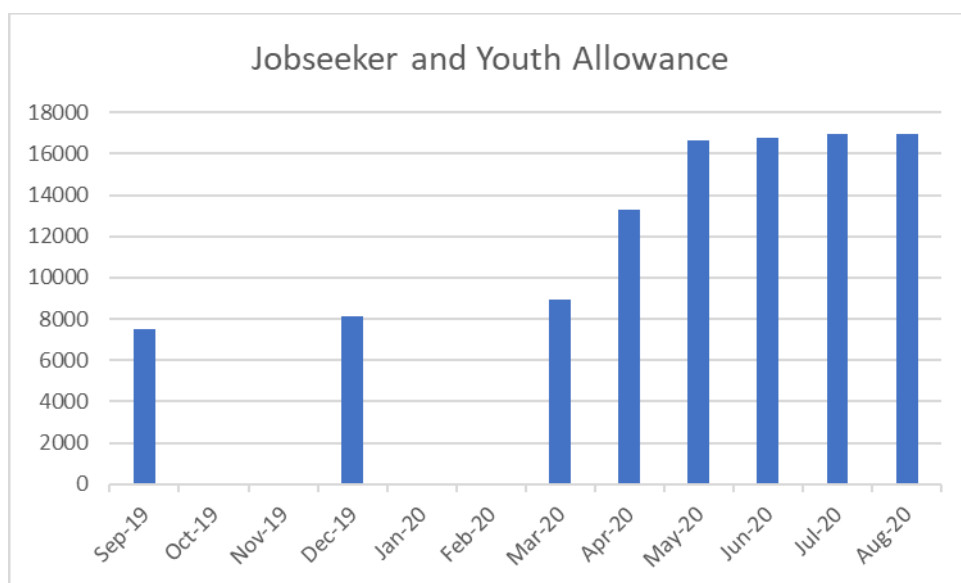
Dates	Staff who worked on average less than 20 hours a fortnight	Staff who worked on average more than 20 hours a fortnight
30 March 2020 - 27 September 2020	\$1500/fortnight	\$1500/fortnight
28 September 2020 - 3 January 2021	\$750/fortnight	\$1200/fortnight

4 January 2021 – 28 March 2021	\$650/fortnight	\$1000/fortnight
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JobSeeker

In August 2020 (latest information available) there were 16,930 people on JobSeeker or Youth Allowance (11.2 per cent of 15-64-year-olds). During the same period 8.9 per cent of the NSW 15-64-year-olds were on JobSeeker or Youth Allowance.

Figures from Profile ID show JobSeeker and Youth Allowance figures climbing rapidly during April to stabilise from May onwards to more than 16,000.



(Source: <https://profile.id.com.au/cws/job-seeker?EndYear=201909>)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN 02	Question with Notice - Cllr Hadchiti - Western Sydney Aerotropolis State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 2020
Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Exercise planning controls to create high-quality, inclusive urban environments
File Ref	273290.2020

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Please address the following:

1. With the release of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 2020, have any major implications been identified that effect our LGA?

Response:

The SEPP was released by the NSW Government on 13 September 2020, as part of the finalisation of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Planning Package. The SEPP came into effect on 1 October 2020 and rezoned the initial precincts within the Liverpool LGA (Aerotropolis Core, Agribusiness, Badgerys Creek and Wianamatta-South Creek precincts).

In addition to the SEPP gazettal, the following documents were released as part of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Planning Package:

- Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan (WSAP)
- Western Sydney Aerotropolis Development Control Plan (DCP) Phase 1
- Section 9.1 Ministerial Direction: Implementation of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan

The final planning package is available on the NSW Planning Portal:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/made-and-finalised/western-sydney-aerotropolis-planning-package>

The SEPP contains a number of aviation safeguarding clauses, the majority of which extend well beyond the Aerotropolis boundary, and therefore apply to land across the Liverpool LGA, as well as surrounding LGAs. These clauses relate to aircraft noise, building wind shear and turbulence, wildlife hazards, wind turbines, lighting, airspace operations, and public safety areas.

Notably, Clause 19 of the SEPP relating to aircraft noise, has implications for the Liverpool LGA and surrounding LGAs, as the clause takes a precautionary approach to managing aircraft noise by placing further restrictions on developments when compared to clauses in Council's LEPs. Details of the restrictions are as follows.

Development within ANEC 20+ Contours

Clause 19 (Aircraft Noise) of the SEPP prohibits development of new noise sensitive uses (residential accommodation, education establishments, places of public worship etc.) within ANEC 20 and above contours. Despite this clause, if at the time of the SEPP's commencement, a dwelling house was permissible, and there were no dwellings on the land, the SEPP allows its development to be permissible.

Prior to the SEPP being gazetted, the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan* (LLEP 2008), Clause 7.18 permitted the development of residential accommodation on land subject to ANEC 20 contours (but less than 25). Development was, however, required to meet relevant Australian Standards for indoor design sound levels in relation to aircraft noise intrusion. Under the LLEP 2008, the development of residential accommodation is prohibited on land identified as being subject to ANEC 25 and above.

Development beyond ANEC 20 Contours

Additionally, Clause 19 (Aircraft Noise) of the SEPP requires the development of noise sensitive uses beyond land subject to the ANEC to be built to the Australian Standards. This requirement applies to all new noise sensitive uses within the boundary of the Obstacle Limitation Surface Map. This map extends approximately 13km from the airport site, therefore reaching east to Prestons, and encompassing the growth areas of Austral, Leppington and part of Edmondson Park.

Clause 19(5)(b) of the SEPP has been deferred by the Government and will commence on 26 April 2021.

Other Notable SEPP Clauses which could affect developments

Wildlife Hazards

To manage risk of wildlife strike, the SEPP restricts certain land uses within 3km of the airport, including turf farming, livestock processing and outdoor waste or resource management facilities.

Additionally, certain land uses within 13km of the airport will require additional consideration in relation to wildlife management at the development application stage. This includes applications for plant nurseries, sewerage treatment plants and water storage facilities.

Complying Development

Complying development under *SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* is not enabled within the initial precincts under the Aerotropolis SEPP. Instead, complying development is enabled following the approval of a master plan.

A master plan is to specify which development is to be undertaken as complying development and set development controls for its assessment criteria as complying development. Exempt

Development Codes still apply within the Aerotropolis, subject to minor variations to safeguard aviation operations (e.g. reduce wildlife attraction) and meet the Parkland City vision (e.g. limit extent of hardstand space).

The SEPP also contains various provisions regarding flooding, native vegetation, heritage, design excellence and transport corridors.

Aerotropolis Precinct Planning

The Western Sydney Planning Partnership are continuing to develop precinct plans for the initial precincts identified in the WSAP. These are anticipated to go on public exhibition in late 2020, early 2021. The Partnership are also developing a comprehensive Development Control Plan which will replace the Phase 1 DCP. This DCP will also be subject to public exhibition.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN 03	Question with Notice - Cllr Balloot - Mental Health Issues
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Strategic Direction	Creating Connection Create a dynamic, inclusive environment, including programs to support healthy living
File Ref	281539.2020

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

2020 has been an extremely stressful year for many; fire, floods and now COVID.

Many in our community continue to suffer with mental health issues.

Adolescence and young individuals are particularly vulnerable to external pressures of every life.

Please address the following:

With the added unprecedented pressures:

1. What initiatives/programs has Council supported to assist the community and particularly adolescence and young person's when dealing with mental health issues?
2. Has Council conducted a review of services available to the local community?
3. What initiatives has Council implemented to support the mental health of staff during this unprecedented time?

A response to these questions will be provided in the 25 November 2020 Council meeting business papers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN 04	Question with Notice - Cllr Hagarty - Schoeffel Park
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Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Exercise planning controls to create high-quality, inclusive urban environments
File Ref	281543.2020

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Background

Since it recently opened, Schoeffel Park has been a big success. Many families are using the park and enjoying its facilities.

The demand has placed increased pressure on the surrounding road network.

There has been at least one accident and a number of near misses involving both cars and pedestrians.

Questions

Please address the following:

1. Do subsequent phases of the development of Schoeffel Park include car parking?
2. If so, how many spots and where will they be located?
3. What traffic treatments are being considered to the surrounding road network, in particular Strzlecki Drive?
4. When are these traffic treatments expected to be delivered?
5. What consideration is given to the impact of the surrounding road and path networks when planning and funding work to parks?

A response to these questions will be provided in the 25 November 2020 Council meeting business papers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN 05	Question with Notice - Cllr Hadchiti - Board work / bank stabilization in the Shepherd Street Precinct
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Strategic Direction	Generating Opportunity Advocate for, and develop, transport networks to create an accessible city
File Ref	281559.2020

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Please address the following:

1. Can an update please be provided on the delivery of the board work/ bank stabilization which formed part of a VPA in the Shepherd Street precinct?

A response to these questions will be provided in the 25 November 2020 Council meeting business papers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN 06**Question with Notice - Cllr Hagarty - Amazon**

Strategic Direction	Generating Opportunity Attract businesses for economic growth and employment opportunities
File Ref	281575.2020

QUESTION WITH NOTICE**Background**

Amazon has now been operating in Liverpool for several years.

In late 2018, I asked the following questions on notice.

Two years on from those questions, Amazon has been one of the few businesses to benefit from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hopefully Liverpool, Amazon's employees and its subcontracted employees are also benefiting.

Questions

Please address the following:

What percentage of workers based at the Amazon Moorebank fulfilment centre are :

- from the Liverpool LGA?
- directly employed by Amazon?
- employed by a labour hire company?
- in insecure casual employment?

A response to these questions will be provided in the 25 November 2020 Council meeting business papers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NOM 01**Ban of Fur Sales on Council Land**

Strategic Direction	Leading through Collaboration Increase community engagement
File Ref	281448.2020
Author	Charishma Kaliyanda - Councillor

BACKGROUND

Numerous reports have highlighted the animal cruelty involved in fur production. Animals are being kept in small cages unable to act out their natural behaviours, after which they are killed in harrowing ways such as electrocution, bludgeoning, or being skinned alive.

Increasing awareness of this cruelty has reduced consumer demand for fur products. However, some producers and vendors are now mislabelling fur products sold in Australia.

Late last year, [forensic tests on faux fur products](#) sold at the Queen Victoria and South Melbourne markets revealed they were made from racoon and racoon dog fur – animals known to be mistreated in fur harvesting facilities in China. Similarly, the trade in exotic animal skins – such as snakes, alligators, crocodiles and other reptiles – is marked by cruelty and significant environmental impacts, with wild animals removed from their native habitat and harvested for skins.

Over the last few weeks, the international trade in wildlife for fur, exotic animal skins and other products has been subject to [renewed calls for bans due to the coronavirus pandemic](#), and the [risk that this trade will lead to other deadly disease outbreaks in future](#).

Stamping out the trade in fur and exotic animal skins requires action at local, state and federal levels. Therefore, Council can have an important advocacy component to its role. Under the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, which allows a council to establish policies for the use of its land, Council can also act to prevent the sale of these products on our properties. For example, markets operate under section 68 approvals that permit them to use Council land. It is possible under section 68 approvals to add a condition prohibiting the sale of fur and exotic animal skins in any markets operated on Council-owned land.

Additionally, an amendment to Council's General Conditions of Hire for Community Facilities that prevents the sale of such products in our venues could reduce markets for these cruel industries, particularly if combined with information to help local residents and business report suspect sales of illegal animal products to the relevant authorities.

The resale of second-hand or vintage fur products can also contribute to demand by perpetuating the idea of ‘fur as fashion’, however, throwing these products out conflicts with our vision of becoming a more sustainable community.

Again, Council can act by helping raise awareness of alternatives such as donating to [Snuggle Coats](#), a not-for-profit organisation that collects furs for animal groups, carers and wildlife parks across Australia, which in turn use the furs to rehabilitate and comfort animals in their care (i.e. as they recently did with bushfire victims).

Given that Liverpool Council has a “no kill” policy, it is entirely reasonable, indeed expected, to keep in line with compassion and respect for animals. Here in NSW, we continue to support this cruel industry by allowing animal fur including that from mink, seals, possums, rabbits and racoons to be imported and sold within our state. This is why Council taking such a stance is so important.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

1. Reviews its event policies and application forms and guidelines to prohibit the sale of fur products, mislabelled fake fur products, and other exotic animal skins on Council property, including looking at how an exemption for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander vendors that may be impacted could be applied;
2. Writes to the Minister for Home Affairs to call for the introduction of random forensic testing of imported fake fur products, as well as an investigation into prohibition of fur product imports into Australia;
3. Writes to the NSW Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation to request a fur task force be established to assess the size and impact of illegal fur labelling;
4. Promotes through its website and other suitable communications channels:
 - a) Information to help local residents and businesses report the sale of suspected illegal animal products to the relevant authorities;
 - b) Ethical and sustainable alternatives to reselling or throwing out old or vintage fur products.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NOM 02**Liverpool Civic Place**

Strategic Direction	Leading through Collaboration Strive for best practice in all Council processes
File Ref	281456.2020
Author	Tina Ayyad - Councillor

BACKGROUND

Councils role is to manage ratepayers funds prudently and in a transparent fashion.

Many members of the community are concerned about the significant risk that council is taking in developing its land at 55 Scott St, also known as Civic Place.

This motion calls on Council to outline the clear financial risk to ratepayers and let them know what their liability is.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

1. Provide a public report on how much the total debt will be when Civic Place is completed;
2. Provide a public report on how much the total repayments will be on an annual basis and for the life of the loan;
3. Inform the community of how the debt repayments will be funded if there is no tenant for Civic Place or the other vacant space in 33 Moore Street, including the library;
4. Make public the results from the community consultation that was conducted earlier this year; and
5. Report all the above back to council at the November Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil