

COUNCIL AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

27 September 2023

BOOK 1

You are hereby notified that an **Ordinary Council Meeting** of Liverpool City Council will be held at the **FRANCIS GREENWAY CENTRE, 170 GEORGE STREET, LIVERPOOL** on **Wednesday, 27 September 2023** commencing at 2.00pm. Doors to the Francis Greenway Centre will open at 1.50pm.

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 7441.

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Hon John Ajaka
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Statement of Ethical Obligations

Oath or Affirmation of Office

In taking the Oath or Affirmation of Office, each Councillor has made a commitment to undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Liverpool and Liverpool City Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

Conflicts of Interest

A councillor who has a conflict of interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council when the matter is being considered, must disclose the interest and the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. Both the disclosure and the nature of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting where the conflict of interest arises. Councillors should ensure that they are familiar with Parts 4 and 5 of the Code of Conduct in relation to their obligations to declare and manage conflicts of interests.

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The following items are listed for consideration by Council in Closed Session with the public excluded, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 as listed below:

- CONF 01 Liverpool Local Planning Panel (LLPP) - Replacement Community Representative
Reason: Item CONF 01 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act because it contains personal matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).
- CONF 02 Order of Liverpool Awards 2023
Reason: Item CONF 02 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act because it contains personal matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

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CONF 03 Report on Surge Pricing

Reason: Item CONF 03 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(d i) 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.

CONF 04 Fire and Rescue Referrals

Reason: Item CONF 04 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(g) of the Local Government Act because it contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

CONF 05 Purchase of Lot 25 DP 1249950, Winterhead Street, Austral for local drainage

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 Proposed Waste Precinct

Reason: Item CONF 06 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 07 Circular Economy Project (CEP) 1

Reason: Item CONF 07 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 08 WT3265 - Hammondville Park - Synthetic Turf Soccer Oval Tender

Reason: Item CONF 08 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10(A)(2)(d ii) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.

CONF 09 Purchase of Lot 1 DP 1257931, 62 Kelly Street, Austral for RE1 Public Recreation

Reason: Item CONF 09 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 10 Exemption from Tender - Australian Election Company

Reason: Item CONF 10 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 AUGUST 2023

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun
 Councillor Ammoun
 Councillor Goodman
 Councillor Green
 Councillor Hadid
 Councillor Hagarty
 Councillor Harle
 Councillor Kaliyanda
 Councillor Karnib (Online)
 Councillor Macnaught
 Councillor Rhodes
 Hon John Ajaka, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support
 Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
 Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance
 Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer & Business Performance
 Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures
 Mr Jason Breton, Director Operations
 Mr David Galpin, General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal and Procurement
 Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
 Mr Charlies Wiafe, Principal Transport Planner (online)
 Ms Jessica Saliba, Acting Manager Council and Executive Services
 Ms Melissa Wray, Council and Executive Support Officer (minutes)

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

**STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING
OF MEETING**

The Mayor reminded everyone that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice (other than the Public Forum Section), the meeting is being livestreamed.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY,
PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND
AFFIRMATION**

The prayer of the Council was read by Reverend Paul Mosiejczuk from Liverpool Baptist Church.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played at the meeting.

COUNCILLORS ATTENDING REMOTELY

Clr Karnib requested permission to attend the meeting via MS Teams.

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Clr Kaliyanda**

That Clr Karnib be granted permission to attend the meeting via MS Teams.

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

APOLOGIES

Nil

ITEM NO: COND 01

SUBJECT: Condolence Motion – Peter Donald Fraser (1936 to 2023) (read by Mayor Mannoun)

Tonight, we pause to honour the memory of Peter Donald Fraser, former Liverpool City Council Alderman. Peter passed away on **April 6, 2023, aged 86.**

Peter was born on October 12, 1936, in Coogee and attended local schools, St Bridget's Primary and De La Salle College. His interest in the environment appears to have started early; Peter spent his time before and after school swimming and fishing at the nearby beach and collecting empty bottles for threepence so he could go to the movies.

After finishing school Peter worked in several different jobs and completed National Service army training. In 1959 he married his wife Joan, and they had four children.

Peter's connection with the Liverpool area began when he started working for Standard Telephones and Cables in Moorebank. Peter and Joan soon moved to the area, settling initially into a temporary house on Memorial Avenue, Liverpool. Over the next four years Peter oversaw the construction of their permanent home on the same block.

From early in his residence in Liverpool Peter became actively involved in local affairs. He was a member of the Labor Party and was elected to Liverpool City Council at the local government elections on September 24, 1983.

Peter served on Council until 1987. He also worked locally for Cablemakers and Grace Brothers in Liverpool until his retirement in 1991. After his retirement Peter continued working closely with Council and served on several committees including the Environmental Advisory Committee, Access Committee, Civic Advisory Committee and Liverpool Floodplain Management Committee.

A passion for environmental conservation was always at the heart of Peter's tireless community activism. He was particularly involved with Liverpool's floodplain management, and he lived for several decades near Maxwells and Cabramatta Creeks.

In 1988 Peter's commitment was recognised by Liverpool Council creating 'The Fraser Environment Award' in his honour. Presented each year at Council's Australia Day Awards, the award remains one of Council's most important accolades.

As a wheelchair user, Peter was also a long-term member of the Access Committee.

He advocated for enhancing footpaths and pedestrian crossings, improving disability access particularly on public transport, and curbing illegal dumping in the area.

Peter Fraser embodied all the best qualities of a truly dedicated local citizen. His contribution to Liverpool was immense and our community owes him a debt of gratitude for his lifetime of service.

Peter is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Joan. I humbly express my deepest condolences to his family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peter's loved ones during this difficult time.

May he rest in peace.

Councillor Harle's Condolence Motion

I knew Peter for many years, I lived in the same street, Memorial Avenue, for several decades. Peter was always a staunch environmental supporter for the community, hence the Peter Fraser Environmental Award named after him.

Peter was well known as a concerned community Councillor for many years and well liked. Peter was easily recognised travelling on his mobile scooter wearing an Akubra Hat and proudly displaying an Aussie flag wherever he went. As the Mayor stated, Peter was involved in many Council committees over many years and for several decades after retiring as an elected Councillor. Peter will be sadly missed for the good he did, often with extreme passion, for the overall good of the community.

ITEM NO: COND 02
SUBJECT: In Memory of Captain Dannel Lyon, Lieutenant Maxwell Nugent, Warrant Officer Class 2 Joseph Laycock, and Corporal Alexander Naggs
REPORT: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 30 August 2023

It is with great sadness that we pay our respects and offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of Captain Dannel Lyon, Lieutenant Maxwell Nugent, Warrant Officer Class 2 Joseph Laycock, and Corporal Alexander Naggs. These four exceptional individuals, members of the 6th Aviation Regiment of the Australian Army Aviation based at the

Holsworthy Army Barracks, were engaged in a noble duty, serving our country, and striving to ensure our safety and security.

We mourn the loss of four brave souls who tragically lost their lives in a devastating incident that has left our community and our nation in deep sorrow. Captain Lyon, Lieutenant Nugent, Warrant Officer Laycock, and Corporal Naggs were sons, brothers, friends, colleagues, and guardians of our nation's values.

As we reflect on the tragedy that has befallen us, let us also remember the countless hours of training, the camaraderie, and the unyielding sense of duty that defined their lives. Their contributions, both in uniform and as members of our community, have left an indelible mark on our city and our nation.

In this moment of profound grief, we extend our unwavering support to the families and loved ones left behind. Please know that as a community, we share in your pain and sorrow. To assist during this tough time, Council initiated a fundraising campaign. I would like to move that Council donates \$5,000 to the Holsworthy Community Group to support the families and loved ones during this tough time.

Let us honour the legacy of Captain Dannel Lyon, Lieutenant Maxwell Nugent, Warrant Officer Class 2 Joseph Laycock, and Corporal Alexander Naggs by continuing to uphold the values they dedicated their lives to protect.

I encourage all of us to unite as a city, to provide strength to those who need it most, and to remember that even in the darkest of times, the light of unity and compassion can guide us through.

Lest We Forget.

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 July 2023 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item: Plan 06 – Variation to VPA – 11 (146 Newbridge Road, Moorebank)
Reason: Mayor Mannoun has made comments on social media, which could be perceived as having influence and a position on this matter.

Item: CONF 01 – Proposed Acquisition of Lot 161 DP17134, 31 Rickard Road, Chipping Norton under the Moorebank Voluntary Acquisition Scheme

Reason: Mayor Mannoun is family friends with the owners.

Mayor Mannoun left the chamber during these items.

Councillor Goodman declared a non-pecuniary interest, but less than significant in the following item:

Item: PLAN 08 – Amendment to Fees & Charges for Planning Certificates and Private Certifier Certificate Registrations

Reason: Cllr Goodman's brother is a private certifier.

Councillor Goodman left the chambers during this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM NO: MAYOR 01
SUBJECT: Western Sydney University
REPORT: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 30 August 2023

Western Sydney University's substantial investment of \$340 million into the new Bankstown City campus is a remarkable development that holds great promise for the entire South West Sydney region. This forward-looking initiative reflects the university's commitment to nurturing educational excellence and fostering innovation. The innovative design of the 18-storey campus, with its emphasis on technology-rich environments and specialised focus on health, advanced manufacturing, and education, is poised to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the modern workforce.

Moreover, Western Sydney University's dedication to sustainability, as exemplified by the 6-Star Green Star design rating of the campus, showcases its responsible stewardship of the environment. This commitment not only aligns with global environmental goals but also sets a shining example for other institutions to follow.

In the context of Liverpool, Western Sydney University's presence in the heart of the city stands as a testament to the university's role as a positive force in the community. The outstanding campus in Liverpool, coupled with the new Bankstown facility, reinforces WSU's significant contribution to the educational, economic, and social growth of South-West Sydney. These campuses are not just physical structures; they represent centres of learning, innovation, and community engagement and play an active role in shaping the future of our region.

The City of Liverpool is particularly fortunate to be a beneficiary of Western Sydney University's commitment. The university's influence extends beyond the confines of its campuses, reaching into our local neighbourhoods and impacting lives through education, research, and community involvement. As Liverpool and the surrounding areas continue to evolve and grow as part of Australia's fastest-growing region, the contributions of Western Sydney University remain invaluable and deeply appreciated.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Second: Clr Green**

That Council:

1. Recognises the remarkable impact Western Sydney University has had on South West Sydney and the Liverpool LGA
2. Writes to the Vice Chancellor of Western Sydney University, Barney Glover AO and Board Members, congratulating WSU on their incredible new Bankstown City Campus and enduring contribution to education in South Western Sydney

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: MAYOR 02
SUBJECT: Introduction of a Project Control Committee
REPORT: Mayor Mannoun
DATE: 30 August 2023

The city of Liverpool is experiencing substantial growth and development, leading to an influx of 7.11 Developer Contributions designated for infrastructure projects to accommodate this expansion.

The delays in the investment of 7.11 Developer Contributions infrastructure funding have resulted in additional costs to our ratepayers due to missed opportunities and the depreciation of funds in a rapidly evolving market. The current market conditions indicate a significant and continuous increase in the cost of building materials, further highlighting the urgency of prompt investment to prevent the devaluation of allocated funds.

The creation of the Project Control Committee is crucial to address the challenges presented by delays in infrastructure project investment. By establishing this committee, we affirm our commitment to responsible fiscal management, timely project execution, and the realisation of projects that contribute to the well-being and growth of our community.

Therefore, I move that Council recognises the need for a dedicated 'Project Control Committee' to oversee and ensure the timely and efficient execution of infrastructure projects funded by 7.11 & 7.12 Developer Contributions and Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs), to maximise the benefits of these funds for our community, with the below charter and responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Establishes a 'Project Control Committee with the below Charter.

Charter:

The Project Control Committee is established to provide oversight and guidance on the design, planning, and execution of all Council infrastructure projects funded by 7.11 Developer Contributions. The committee's primary focus is to ensure that these funds are utilised effectively and efficiently, delivering high-quality infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community.

Responsibilities:

- Review project proposals and designs, ensuring alignment with community needs, Council goals, and relevant regulations.
- Monitor project timelines and budgets to prevent delays and cost overruns, with the aim of delivering projects within approved schedules.

Due to the complexity of the motion and time given to consider it. This motion breaches the spirit of the Mayoral Minutes.

MOTION OF DISSENT

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hagarty** **Seconded: Clr Kaliyanda**

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

Chairperson

Mayor Mannoun then moved the below motion.

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council:

1. Establishes a 'Project Control Committee with the below Charter.

Charter:

The Project Control Committee is established to provide oversight and guidance on the design, planning, and execution of all Council infrastructure projects funded by 7.11 Developer Contributions. The committee's primary focus is to ensure that these funds are utilised effectively and efficiently, delivering high-quality infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community.

Responsibilities:

- Review project proposals and designs, ensuring alignment with community needs, Council goals, and relevant regulations.
- Monitor project timelines and budgets to prevent delays and cost overruns, with the aim of delivering projects within approved schedules.
- Collaborate with relevant departments and stakeholders to ensure transparent communication and coordination throughout project life cycles.
- Regularly assess the impact of market trends on project costs and adjust plans accordingly to optimise the utilization of funds.
- Guide the contribution of plans and implementation of them to ensure the community receives the benefit as soon as possible.
- Provide recommendations to the Council for necessary adjustments or reallocation of funds based on changing project requirements or unforeseen circumstances.

2. Committee Composition:

The Project Control Committee shall consist of five Councillors appointed by a vote on the floor of Council, reflecting a diverse representation of the community's interests and expertise.

3. Meeting Frequency:

The committee shall convene monthly at a time to be determined by the Chair to review project progress, discuss challenges, and make informed decisions regarding project design, timelines, and budget allocation.

4. A draft charter and report will be brought back to council.

5. All members of council will be on the committee.

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

ITEM NO: MAYOR 03
SUBJECT: Implementation of GANT Chart for Comprehensive Tracking of Council Projects and Reports
REPORT: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 30 August 2023

Effective and transparent management of Council projects and reports is paramount to the successful delivery of services and initiatives that benefit the community of Liverpool. The availability of accurate and up-to-date data on project timelines and budgets is essential for Councillors, enabling them to make informed choices that best serve the interests of the community.

The demand for consistent and clear information from Council staff regarding project progress, changes in timeline, and budget adjustments has been emphasised by Councillors as a vital requirement for effective governance. The implementation of a comprehensive and clear GANTT Chart system for tracking Council projects and reports is recognised as a valuable tool to provide a visual representation of project schedules, milestones, and financial allocations.

The primary objective of the GANTT Chart system is to enhance the transparency and efficiency of project and report management within the Council by providing a visual representation of project timelines, milestones, and budget allocations. This tool will facilitate effective decision-making, communication, and accountability among Councillors and staff.

The demand for consistent and clear information for Councillors underscores the necessity of implementing a GANTT Chart system. The availability of timely, accurate, and visually represented project data will empower Councillors to make well-informed decisions that align with the community's best interests. Furthermore, understanding the history of a matter including changes to budget and timelines is paramount to Councillors making considerate decisions on behalf of the community.

The implementation of a GANTT Chart system for Council projects and reports will be a significant step towards enhancing accountability, and effective governance. By adopting this system, Council reaffirms its commitment to providing comprehensive and reliable information to its members and to serving the community more effectively.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That Council:

1. Introduces a GANTT Chart system for integration into the Council's existing project management and reporting processes to ensure seamless tracking and updating of information.

The GANTT Chart system will offer a visual timeline representation of project phases, milestones, and key deadlines, enabling Council members to have a clear overview of project progress.

The system should incorporate mechanisms for highlighting changes to project timelines and budgets, ensuring that Council members are promptly informed about any adjustments.

2. Budget allocations and reallocations shall be graphically represented within the GANTT Chart, offering a comprehensive understanding of the financial aspects of each project or report.
3. Council staff shall be responsible for updating the GANTT Chart system as projects progress, ensuring that the information remains accurate and up to date.
4. The Council will organise training sessions to familiarise Council members and staff with the GANTT Chart system, ensuring its effective utilisation for decision-making and reporting purposes.
5. Adds the GANTT Charts to the monthly Council Meeting Agenda as a standing item.

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

ITEM NO: MAYOR 04
SUBJECT: Public Art in Bigge Park
REPORT: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATED: 30 August 2023

Bigge Park stands as a cherished public space within our community, offering respite and solace to residents and visitors alike, including visitors from Liverpool Hospital. A Public Arts program in the park has the potential to play a special role in enhancing the cultural experience of the park's patrons.

In this context, it is just to acknowledge the Holy Mother Mary's role as a universal symbol of hope, compassion, and healing. Throughout history, the Mother Mary has been venerated as a source of comfort, especially by those facing illnesses and challenges. Incorporating elements of the Mother Mary's symbolism into the park's artistic endeavours can provide a deeper sense of solace to individuals who frequent the park, particularly those seeking respite or having loved ones in the nearby Liverpool Hospital.

Moreover, the strategic proximity of Bigge Park to Liverpool Hospital highlights the significance of this motion. As a place that witnesses the convergence of diverse emotions and experiences, the park can offer a serene environment for patients, families, and healthcare providers to find moments of reprieve from the demands of medical care. A thoughtful integration of artistic elements that pay homage to the Holy Mother Mary's symbolism can contribute to fostering a sense of calm and hope in those navigating challenging medical journeys.

Taking the above into consideration, I move that Council undertakes a comprehensive investigation into a Public Art program at Bigge Park. This investigation should aim to explore how artistic interventions inspired by the Holy Mother Mary's symbolism can be integrated sensitively into the park's environment, with the goal of providing a space of solace, reflection, and healing. I am confident that this initiative will not only enrich the emotional fabric of our community but also align with our commitment to supporting the well-being of individuals facing health-related difficulties.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That Council:

1. Investigates and implements a Public Art program at Bigge Park.
2. Collaborates with local artists, community members, and relevant stakeholders to ensure that the artistic interventions are culturally respectful and sensitive to the

needs of our diverse community.

3. Considers as part of the investigation process the appropriate placement of artistic installations within the park, considering the flow of foot traffic, natural elements, accessibility and activation be considered as part of this.
4. Evaluates potential funding sources, including grants and community contributions, to support the development and maintenance of the Public Art program.
5. A report will be brought back to council.

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

Mayor Mannoun left the chamber at 2.50pm and Councillor Hadid, Deputy Mayor, became the chairperson.

PLANNING & COMPLIANCE REPORTS

ITEM NO: PLAN 01

FILE NO: 190451.2023

SUBJECT: Planning proposal to amend the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 at 93-145 Hoxton Park Road, 51 Maryvale Avenue & 260 Memorial Avenue, Liverpool.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Deputy Hadid** **Seconded: Clr Green**

That council defer this item and direct the CEO to consult with the community.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

1. Endorse for public exhibition, the amended Voluntary Planning Agreement VPA-11 and the deed of variation for 28 days in accordance with section 7.5 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act; and
2. Delegate authority the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the considerations noted in the report, to execute the Voluntary Planning Agreement in the form that is publicly exhibition or with minor administrative changes, post exhibition.

Chairperson

Clr Hadid left the Chambers at 3:06pm.

ITEM NO: PLAN 03
FILE NO: 242404.2023
SUBJECT: Moorebank Intermodal Street Naming

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Supports the war dogs and transportation and logistics theme names, including: Cargo Street, Consignment Place, Container Place, Dispatch Loop, Distribution Street, Logistic Street, Transport Street, Demi Street, Marcus Street, Tank Lane, Tiber Place and Trajan Place;
2. Forwards the names to the Geographical Names Board, seeking formal approval;
3. Publicly exhibits the names in accordance with Council's Naming Convention Policy, for a period of 28 days, following formal approval from the GNB; and
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process of gazettal, if there are no objections received during public exhibition.

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Green**

1. Supports the renaming of the Street sections Flynn Avenue/Hall Circuit/Sixteenth Avenue East/Qantas Boulevard to Flynn Avenue, Middleton Grange.
2. Endorses staff to write to the affected residents located on the Street sections of Southern Cross Ave/Seventeenth Ave East/Hall Circuit, Middleton Grange with seven options to vote on the renaming of these street sections.
3. Supports the seven additional street names being Ansett, Rex, Bonza, Jetstar, Bird- Walten, Pilot and Wirraway Street and/or any other name that is consistent with the Australian Aviation Industry to be used in the forthcoming future town centre and subdivisions nearing completion that have varied the current ILP of the suburb.
4. Forwards the names to the Geographical Names Board, seeking formal approval;
5. Publicly exhibits the names in accordance with Council's Naming Convention Policy, for a period of 28 days, following formal approval from the GNB; and
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process of gazettal, if there are no objections received during public exhibition.

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Chairperson

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

1. Endorse the draft 'Parking Enforcement Policy' for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days (Attachment 1).
2. Delegates to the CEO the finalisation of the 'Parking Enforcement Policy', should no submissions be received; or report back to Council the details of the submissions upon conclusion of the exhibition period.
3. To provide a report back to council on how many fines were issued and the dollars collected since the mayor put his motion in his first term when motion was declared illegal.
4. Consider a permit system and how the verges and parking bays can be maintained including an opt out system.

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Chairperson

ITEM NO: COM 02
FILE NO: 258133.2023
SUBJECT: Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Ammoun** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$15,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grants Program** for the following projects.

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Grand Pacific Health headspace Liverpool	Speaking of Mental Health in Liverpool	\$5,000
Ladies Like to Lunch Limited	The Wellness Centre - Meditation Classes	\$5,000
The City of Liverpool & District Historical Society Incorporated	Council Collage Restoration	\$5,000

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$20,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship Program** for the following projects.

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Australian Arab Cultural Forum	A dialogue between the Self and the Others Conference	\$10,000
Art of Living Foundation	Move Breathe Rest - Triathlon for Holistic Wellbeing	\$10,000

3. Sponsor for the Community Kitchen Cafe Gala event which is being held on the 13 October 2023 in Sadleir (2168) for a value of \$5,000.00.

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

ITEM NO: COM 03
FILE NO: 266864.2023
SUBJECT: Amendments to Civic Events and Ceremonial Functions Policy

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Cllr Macnaught**

That Council defer this item to a Governance Committee Meeting.

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

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Rhodes** **Seconded: Cllr Goodman**

1. Endorses the draft Plan of Management for the purpose of submitting to Crown Lands for approval for public exhibition, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) for a minimum period of 42 days from the date of public notice;
2. Delegates the authority to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make any final minor amendments to the draft Plan of Management, prior to Crown land submission and exhibition;
3. Acknowledgement that Council receives a further report following the public exhibition period, that will outline public comment received for the same Plan of Management; and
4. Consider the Native Title advice, as part of the Plan of Management.

Chairperson

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

1. Council receives and notes this report.
2. Supports the use of Hilda M Davis as a home for the Liverpool Historical Society, for a period of five (5) years subject to the proposed agreement contained within the report, being placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty-eight (28) days consistent with specifications contained within the Local Government Act.
3. Following Public Exhibition if no submissions are made delegate the CEO to authorise the agreement.

Chairperson

ITEM NO: COM 06
FILE NO: 275662.2023
SUBJECT: Report back on the amendment of the Grants, Donations and Community Sponsorship Policy

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Ammoun**

That Council defer this item and bring it back to a Governance Committee Meeting.

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

ITEM NO: CORP 03
FILE NO: 261646.2023
SUBJECT: Investment Report July 2023

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Hadid**

That Council receive and note this report.

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

1. Notes the original functional design and senior management structure adopted on 1 March 2023 as outlined in Attachment 1.
2. Approves the final functional design and senior management structure with CEO and six director positions as outlined in Attachment 2.
3. Approves the management structure as provided in Attachment 3.
4. Provide a cost benefits analysis, financial report on the employment costs and number of vacant positions contained within the functional design and senior management structure as a future ongoing agenda item that will begin in October 2023 onwards for the Governance Committee Meeting so that fine tuning if necessary may be advocated.

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Chairperson

Motion: **Moved: Clr Green** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

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

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM NO: CTTE 01

FILE NO: 246304.2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2023

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Hadid

Seconded: Cllr Rhodes

That Council Receives and notes the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2023.

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

ITEM NO: CTTE 02
FILE NO: 250334.2023
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic meeting held on 19 July 2023

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Hadid** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council adopts the following Committee recommendations:

Item 1 - Fifteenth Avenue and Edmondson Avenue Intersection, Austral – Request for Roundabout

- Approves in-principle, installation of an interim roundabout at the Fifteenth Avenue and Edmondson Avenue intersection, as indicated in Attachment 1.
- Detailed design along with swept path analysis is to be submitted to TfNSW prior to installation.

Item 2 – Spencer Road near Leopold Street, Cecil Hills – Request to Improve Pedestrian Safety

- Approves installation of a kerb blister and raised threshold in Spencer Road on its southbound approach to Leopold Street, as shown in Attachment 2.1A.
- Approves installation of speed hump, in Spencer Road for the northbound traffic, on its departure side of Marion Street as shown in Attachment 2.2.

Item 3 – Flynn Avenue, Middleton Grange – Request for Raised Pedestrian Crossing

- Approves in-principle, installation of a raised marked pedestrian crossing as shown in Attachment 3.
- The proponent be requested to carry out additional investigations and submit a revised detailed design to a future meeting for approval.

Item 4 – Edmondson Park, Carnes Hill and Miller Shopping Precincts – Proposed Traffic Calming Devices to Establish 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Areas

- Approves staged installation of the proposed traffic facilities and associated signs and line markings in Edmondson Park, Carnes Hill and Miller shopping precincts, as shown in Attachments 4.1 to 4.26.
- Detailed designs to be submitted to TfNSW for its review, prior to installations.

Item 5 – Kurrajong Road and Mowbray Road Intersection, Preston – Proposed Signalised Intersection Upgrade

- Approves Kurrajong Road and Mowbray Road intersection upgrade from a seagull island to a signalised intersection with associated signs and line markings as shown in Attachments 5.1-5.3.
- Detailed design including the traffic signal phasing design is to be submitted to TfNSW for its approval, prior to installation.

Item 6 - Campbell Street and Castlereagh Street Intersection, Liverpool – Request for Median Island

- Approves in-principal installation of approximately 155m long median island in Campbell Street between its intersections with Hume Highway and Bathurst Street, as shown in Attachment 6.
- Detailed design and a Transport Management Plan is to be submitted to TfNSW for its approval, prior to installations.

Item 7 – Green Valley Road, Green Valley – Request for Traffic Calming Devices

- Approves in-principle for designs of traffic calming devices consisting of the following to be carried out:
 - Horizontal deflections along Green Valley Road at its intersections with Crocodile Drive and Rocco Place
 - Speed humps close to House Nos. 234/236 and 284/309 as shown in Attachment 7.
 - Speed hump in front of Heckenberg Community Centre (at approximately 230m west of the roundabout at St Johns Road).
 - Double barrier line marking to replace the existing separation lines between Whitford Road to St Johns Road.
- Carry out community consultation and for the outcome be incorporated in the designs and be presented to a future meeting.

Item 8 – Bardia Parade, Holsworthy – Request for Treatment to Address Speeding Concern

- Approves installation of a speed hump close to the Bardia Parade and Village Way intersection as shown in Attachment 8.
- Carry out designs to improve deflections at the two roundabouts at the intersection with Buna Street and Mivo Street and revised extent of the existing double barrier line marking and present to a future meeting.

Item 9 – Lachlan Street, Drummond Street and Forbes Street, Liverpool - Liverpool Public School Development – Proposed Pedestrian Crossing and Pedestrian Refuges

- Approves in-principle, installation of two pedestrian refuges across sections of Lachlan Street/Forbes Street and Lachlan Street/Drummond Street intersections and a raised marked pedestrian crossing across Lachlan Street, as shown the report.
- The proponent to carry out detailed design, to be submitted to a future meeting for further consideration.

Item 10 – Items Approved Under Delegated Authority

Notes the approved items under delegated authority.

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hadid** **Seconded: Clr Rhodes**

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hadid** **Seconded: Clr Rhodes**

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2023; and
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

Chairperson

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NO: QWN 01

FILE NO: 273729.2023

SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Green - Restructure

Please address the following:

The current organisational restructure, including directorate changes, have been in progress for several months.

Can Council provide:

A report of the organisational restructure including but not limited to:

a. The progress of the restructure

Basically, the corporate structure is completed as at the 30 August 2023 Council meeting although there a few smaller teams that will be progressed during September through the Joint Consultative Committee process with the union as well as ongoing tweaking which is always possible on an ongoing basis.

b. Number of positions including full and/or part time deleted and/or made redundant and the affected Directorate/s

Three from Community and lifestyles all managed and negotiated with relevant staff.

Two from Corporate Support (Internal Ombudsman and Deputy IO) replaced with a Complaints and Investigation Lead to be located within Governance.

c. Number of newly created positions including full and/or part-time including enhancement of seniority or award or remuneration of the created position and in which Directorate/s

Seven (7) new in Futures being 1 Director, 2 Managers and 4 technical/support staff.

Three (3) in Community and Lifestyles (Co-Ordinator Recreation and Community (amalgamation of 2 roles), Venues Coordinator and Visitors Economy)

Four (4) in Corporate Support (Recruitment, Property Officers x 2), Senior Investigation Officer

Four (4) in Planning and Compliance (2 Managers, 1 Coordinator and 1 technical/administration officer)

Twenty-eight (28) in Operations

Four (4) in Civil maintenance (footpath)

Three (3) in open space operatives Seven

(7) in facilities management

Thirteen (13) in Operations Support – trades and other operatives

One (1) in resource recovery

- d. Confirm the final number of Directorates of the organisation and its corresponding Director.

There are six final confirmed directorates of the organisation and these consist of: City

Futures	Shayne Mallard
Operations	Jason Breton
Community and Lifestyle	Tina Bono
Planning and Compliance	Lina Kakish
Customer and Business performance	Michelle Mcilvenny
Corporate Support	Farooq Portell

ITEM NO: QWN 02
FILE NO: 273963.2023
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Green - Progress of Tree Planting and Monitoring of Liverpool's Tree Canopy

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Please address the following:

1. Progress of Tree Planting and Monitoring of Liverpool's Tree Canopy

Liverpool's tree canopy is stated as less than 10% (*Liverpool Climate Action Plan* pg6.). The recent LEP Review Survey indicated the natural environment is strongly supported by residents (*LEP Review Project Q11*) with public submissions stating the importance of trees with residents requesting increased tree canopy, the retention of trees and bush regeneration.

Additionally, submissions indicated the management of urban heat as very important. It is well established that a key measure in reducing urban heat is increasing the vegetation and tree coverage. Modelling based on research undertaken by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage found for every 10% increase in tree coverage can result in reduced land temperatures by more than 1C.

Increased temperatures in the form of heatwaves are expected to be more frequent, hotter and longer as the climate changes has direct impact of human health and wellbeing. The Community Action Plan refers to the development of urban heat resilience and of greening standards (*Liverpool Climate Action Plan, 2022, pg18*)

Could Council advise:

1. What strategies will or have been implemented or integrated to encourage urban greening, minimizing urban heat and mitigating climate change in the assessment of development applications.

Council is currently developing a new tree management framework. This will involve updating Council's Tree Management Policy, developing a Tree Management Strategy and associated guidelines, and reviewing pertinent sections of Council's Development Control Plan.

The Tree Management Strategy, which is currently being drafted, aims to increase the extent and quality of the urban canopy cover. Canopy cover analysis is being refined as part of the Strategy development, with preliminary assessment indicating that the canopy cover for the LGA is approximately 20-26%. Canopy cover targets and monitoring are proposed to be included within the Strategy. A key focus is to

ensure that species selection is suitable for our changing climate, and targeting canopy cover increases in urban areas with extensive planting opportunities.

2. What efforts have been made towards increasing and/or maintaining Liverpool's tree canopy
 - a. Is there a defined tree planting goal
 - b. How many trees are planted annually

The Tree Management Strategy will include canopy cover targets. This approach is considered to a more robust way to respond to this issue given that planting goals alone do not recognise factors such as canopy size at maturity and planting success.

Council's tree team have forecast that approximately 800 trees will be planted in a calendar year under their works program.

During National Tree Day 2023, 3200 plants were installed at Gough Park, Cecil Hills.

Council has been successful in applying for grants over the last few years to contribute to the urban canopy cover, including the following projects:

- Georges River Casula Parklands – 210 trees
- Street Tree Program, Bugong St Prestons – 50 trees
- Liverpool City Centre Urban Forest – 335 trees
- Apex Park Upgrade – 801 trees

Council's current Tree Management Policy requires that for each tree removed either by council or private resident that one tree of 15L size is to be replanted as close to the position of the removed tree. It is anticipated that the revised policy or Tree Management Strategy will include (or exceed) this replacement planting requirement.

3. In the protection of green cover including trees on private land, what measures are available for Council in instances where unauthorized removal of bushland and /or vegetation occurs.

In accordance with Council's Enforcement Policy and the relevant legislation, there are a wide range of options Council can take when unauthorised land clearing has been observed, subject to obtaining the required standard of evidence. Council may choose to issue warnings/cautions, Penalty Notices (on the spot fines), commence proceedings in the Local Court (jurisdictional limit of \$100,000) or for the most serious offences a prosecution in the NSW Land and Environment Court (NSWLEC) where there is a maximum penalty of \$5 Million. Council can also take civil proceedings either by way of Restoration Orders or requiring offenders to restore areas via obtaining Court Orders in the NSW LEC

4. What proactive measures has/can Council take in discouraging the unauthorised removal of bushland, especially native vegetation?

The implementation phase of the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan includes a monitoring program by DPE of potential unauthorised clearing events based on the review of aerial photography. Council intends to raise public awareness of this monitoring to act as a disincentive for unauthorised clearing.

Council's Environment Restoration Plan program includes community planting activities to raise community awareness and ownership of local bushland areas. Plant selection for these events includes, but is not limited to, canopy species to improve and expand bushland areas for biodiversity outcomes. This program has the additional benefit of expanding canopy cover, among other community and biodiversity outcomes. It is anticipated that by raising awareness and ownership, community members will be less likely to vandalise natural areas and report any unauthorised activities they observe.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM NO: NOM 01
FILE NO: 270802.2023
SUBJECT: Keeping Cats and Wildlife Safe

Background

Legislative reforms are required to ensure responsible ownership of cats that would keep them safe, while preventing predation on wildlife.

Pet cats are both a valued companion animal and one of the world's most successful predators. Pet cats allowed to freely roam outside kill an estimated 323 million native Australian animals and an additional 223 non-native animals annually.

Despite these impacts on our native wildlife, the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 does not currently include requirements for cats to be secured at home and prevented from roaming, this is often termed a cat curfew or cat containment. NSW and WA are the only States in Australia that do not enable councils to consider cat containment through State legislation.

For example, the respective companion animal management legislation in Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, and South Australia supports local governments to create locally specific laws for pet containment.

Councils should have the flexibility to introduce containment policies in consultation with the local community that meet the specific needs of their area and community, including phase-in periods, selection of which areas within their jurisdiction the policy applies and monitoring frameworks including consideration of resource allocation.

I call on Council to support my call for the NSW Government to make amendments to the Companion Animals Act 1998 that would equip local governments with the necessary powers to implement cat containment at a local level.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Rhodes)

1) That council notes that:

- a) Keeping cats at home is the safest option for wildlife, community and the cats themselves.

- b) Pet cats allowed to freely roam outside kill an estimated 323 million native Australian animals and an additional 223 non-native animals annually.^{1, 2}
- c) Roaming cats are a direct threat to species which are found in our local bushland.
- d) Unlike in other states and territories, the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 does not currently allow local councils the flexibility to introduce cat containment policies in consultation with the local community that meet the specific needs of their area and protect local wildlife.
- e) Cat containment and responsible pet ownership policies would require cat owners to keep their pet within the bounds of their property, as is currently the case for dogs, livestock and other pets.
- f) The Local Government Association of NSW supports “Amendments to legislation to enable councils to more effectively manage the nuisance effects of cats on residents and wildlife, including streamlining the process of animal registration and limiting the roaming of cats beyond their owner’s property.”³
- g) Cats that are kept safely at home live up to 10 years longer. According to the RSPCA NSW, two in three cat owners have lost a cat to a roaming-related incident and one in three to a car accident⁴.
- h) The NSW Government through the NSW Environmental Trust is working with RSPCA NSW and 11 councils to deliver the ‘Keeping Cats Safe at Home’ project to encourage owners to improve responsible pet ownership and reduce the number of roaming pet and stray cats through education and subsidised desexing programs.
- i) In addition to cat containment, desexing pet cats is a key practice that can help reduce the number of roaming cats that result from unintentional breeding and animal abandonment.

2) That Council write to the Minister and Shadow Ministers for Local Government, Environment and Animal Welfare; our local Members of Parliament; the NSW Greens and independent Members of Parliament drawing their attention to this motion and calling for:

¹ Legge, S, Woinarski, JCZ, Dickman CR, Murphy, BP, Leigh-Ann, W & Calver MC 2020, ‘We need to worry about Bella and Charlie: the impacts of pet cats on Australian Wildlife’, *Wildlife Research*.

² Stobo-Wilson et al. 2011, ‘Counting the bodies: estimating the numbers and spatial variation of Australian reptiles, birds and mammals killed by two invasive mesopredators’, *Diversity and Distributions*.

³ Local Government NSW Policy Platform, April 2022. Available at: https://www.lgnsw.org.au/common/Uploaded%20files/Policy/LGNSW_Policy_Platform_2022_V2.pdf

⁴ RSPCA NSW Keeping Cats Safe at Home project. Viewable at: <https://www.rspcansw.org.au/keeping-cats-safe/>

- 4) Supplied attachments to form part of the presentation of this motion**
Attachment 2 - Sydney Morning Herald article 9 June - death toll of cats
Attachment 3 – NSW Responsible Pet Ownership
Letter Help Advocate for Cat Containment

Motion: **Moved:** Clr Rhodes **Seconded:** Clr Green

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Chairperson

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM NO: NOM 02
FILE NO: 276577.2023
SUBJECT: Toda Student Exchange

Background

Council's relationship with its sister city, Toda, stretches back 30 years. As a city with a new international airport being constructed on our doorstep, Liverpool's sister city relationship has enabled our cultural ties to enhance commercial opportunities.

A key pillar of this relationship is the student exchange program.

The exchange program allows students from Japan to be based and study at local Liverpool schools. These exchanges have been extremely successful and resulted in strong and fruitful bonds between our two cities.

With Liverpool positioning itself as the third CBD and an international airport set to open in 2026, Japan is a key relationship for our city. The future bonds that will deliver the opportunity promised by Western Sydney Airport and Bradfield, may well be formed through our sister city student exchange.

As Councillor Rhodes wisely stated in 2017:

I remind Council that the single most important objective raised by our fellow Councillors from Toda last year was their wish that Liverpool re-engage in the Student Exchange Program with them...

It would be a great disappointment to our Sister City if this was not to happen because the schools participating are from socio-economic disadvantaged areas.

Council's financial assistance to make it happen would go a long way to promoting the Program at the participating schools and ensuring greater interest and the on-going success of the program in following years.

The cultural exchange through participating schools is not to be under estimated in measuring positive outcomes, not only for the participating Students but also for the Liverpool economy by encouraging business and other cultural exchanges and opportunities that can only be of benefit to the entire Liverpool Community.

1. Costs to Council in previous years specifically for the student exchange program with Toda students coming to Liverpool;
2. Potential costs to fund the student exchange program for Toda students coming to Liverpool in July 2024; and
3. Potential sources for funding the student exchange program in July 2024, including but not limited to:
 - Liverpool Council
 - Western Sydney Airport
 - Japan Local Government Centre
 - Consul General of Japan
 - AusTrade

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

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

ITEM NO: CONF 01

FILE NO: 210709.2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Acquisition of Lot 161 DP17134, 31 Rickard Road, Chipping Norton
under the Moorebank Voluntary Acquisition Scheme

Motion:

Moved: Clr Macnaught

Seconded: Clr Rhodes

That Council:

1. Approves the acquisition of Lot 161 DP 17134, 31 Rickard Road, Chipping Norton under the provisions of the Moorebank Voluntary Acquisition Scheme, for the price and terms outlined in this confidential report;
2. Upon settlement of the acquisition, classifies Lot 161 DP 17134, 31 Rickard Road, Chipping Norton as 'Community' land;
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; and
4. Authorises its delegated officer to execute any documents, under Power of Attorney necessary to give effect to this decision.

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

Mayor Mannoun returned to chambers at 4.29pm and resumed as chairperson.

ITEM NO: CONF 02

FILE NO: 243642.2023

SUBJECT: Liverpool Access Committee Member Nominations 2023 and amendments to the Liverpool Access Committee Charter

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Rhodes

Seconded: Cllr Green

That Council:

1. Endorse the proposed members of the Liverpool Access Committee 2023-2025:

Name	Suburb	Representation Category
Ellie Robertson	Holsworthy	Category 1
Shereena Townsend	Liverpool	Category 1
Karen Pritchard	Liverpool	Category 1
Lana Zilla	Wattle Grove	Category 1
Amanda Roa	Liverpool	Category 2
Grace Fava	Liverpool	Category 2
Kaye Bruce	Liverpool	Category 2
Dimitrios Mavro	West Hoxton	Category 2
Mhari Paterson	Liverpool	Category 3
Theresa Tran	Liverpool	Category 3
Christopher Bourke	Liverpool	Category 3
Theodora Hatzihrisafis	Liverpool	Category 3

2. That Council endorses the recommended changes to the Liverpool Access Committee Charter.

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hadid** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

1. Dedicates residue land comprised in the Certificates of Title of Volume 1553 Folios 195 & 196, that were provided for as road in the private subdivision as DP 2539 circa 1889, as public road in accordance with the *Roads Act* 1993, being the alignment of 'old' Kurrajong Road at Prestons, from the centreline of Cabramatta Creek at its boundary with Lot 201 in DP 1194243 to the alignment of the 'new' Kurrajong Road at Prestons which was dedicated as public road in DP 1236888.
2. Authorises its Delegated Officer to execute any documentation, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision.
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.

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Chairperson

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

1. Allows the library to continue to offer access to LinkedIn Learning for a period of five (5) years and agrees in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders due to the unavailability of competitive tenderers and other extenuating circumstances, including that:
 - a. LinkedIn Learning is a product that offers online training to users to utilise at their own pace;
 - b. It is a unique product that enables users of all abilities to increase their skills and confidence, enabling them to upskill and increase their ability to obtain employment or extend their skills;
 - c. LinkedIn Learning has been offered by the library to the community for several years and is a well used and respected product;
2. LinkedIn are the sole suppliers of the LinkedIn Learning platform.

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

Motion: **Moved:** Clr Harle **Seconded:** Clr Green

1. Purchases Lot 20 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1291309, 245 Wonga Road Prestons for the price and terms as outlined in this report;
2. Upon settlement classifies Lot 20 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1291309 as “Operational Land” to allow dedication as public road;
3. Upon acquisition, dedicates Lot 20 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1291309 as Public Road pursuant to Section 10 of the Roads Act 1993 and proceed with lodgement of a Request document at Land Registry Services to formally dedicate the land as public road;
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; and
5. Authorises the CEO or his delegated officer to execute any documents necessary to give effect to this decision.

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Chairperson

That Council:

- ## UPDATED RECOMMENDATION

1. Resolves to not seek public tenders for procurement of specialist project scheduling and control services for the West Invest program of works, in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, and agrees that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders due to extenuating circumstances, including that:
 - a. Council's procurement of a recognised list of contractors is ongoing;
 - b. The current provider of the services should be retained to maintain continuity of project scheduling and control services;
 - c. Changes or gaps in service provision and knowledge would be detrimental at this time to the success of the West Invest program of works.
2. Resolves to continue with the services of iPlan Pty Ltd as project scheduling and control specialists under the West Invest Program for a period of up to 18 months.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Green** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

That the updated recommendation be adopted.

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

ITEM NO: CONF 07
FILE NO: 275998.2023
SUBJECT: Liverpool Civic Place Early Education and Care Centre Cost Benefit Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Hadid** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

That Council defer this item and direct the CEO to come back to Council with a comprehensive business plan.

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

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Harle** **Seconded: Cllr Macnaught**

1. Approve the closure of the temporary road identified as Lots 47 & 48 in Deposited Plan 1223299, between Ninth Avenue and Estoc Street in Austral.
2. Approve the transfer of Lots 47 & 48 in Deposited Plan 1223299 to the original subdivider, AUSTENT150 Pty Limited, or their successor in title.
3. Approve the release and creation of easements, as required, to facilitate the closure and transfer of the temporary public road, identified as Lots 47 & 48 in Deposited Plan 1223299 between Ninth Avenue and Estoc Street in Austral.
4. Authorises its Delegated Officer to execute any documentation, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision.

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Chairperson

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

1. Accepts the dedication of Pt Lot 22 in DP 1287245 (which includes Contributions Plan item RPS34), 115 Croatia Avenue, Edmondson Park within the terms outlined in this confidential report;
2. Resolves to classify Pt Lot 22 in DP 1287246, 115 Croatia Avenue, Edmondson Park as "Operational" land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*;
3. Authorises the CEO 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.

Chairperson

ITEM NO: CONF 10
FILE NO: 276243.2023
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Rhodes - Clarification of Dates

Questions and responses were published in the 30 August 2023 Confidential Book which was provided to Councillors.

Item CONF 10 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act because it contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

ITEM NO: CONF 11
FILE NO: 268942.2023
SUBJECT: Liverpool Civic Place Project Update

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Rhodes** **Seconded: Cllr Ammoun**

That:

1. Council agree to proceed with the design and construction of the office fitout for levels 8-11 of Liverpool Civic Place.
2. Council authorise the CEO or his delegate to add the office fitout to the Council Works under the PDA and take all necessary steps to allow commencement of the fitout works.
3. Council agree a revised budget for the Liverpool Civic Place project as set out in the report.
4. Council agree to seek a 5-year variable interest only loan of \$23m for the Liverpool Civic Place project.
5. Council agree to investigate selling property described in the Confidential Report and request that a further report be presented to Council providing a more detailed assessment of the proposed sale, including a current valuation, and seeking authorisation for any proposal to market the property for sale.
6. Council authorise application of the Common Seal of Council to any document required to be executed under seal to give effect to these resolutions.
7. Council approve the updated Long-Term Financial Plan.
8. Council authorise the CEO or his delegate to take all necessary steps and execute any documents required to give effect to these resolutions, including:
 - making and progressing a loan application;
 - obtaining consent from current lenders to the proposed loan; and
 - amending existing loan agreements for the Liverpool Civic Place project.
9. The Mayor to write to the community advising them of the financial implications of Civic Place.

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

Mayor Mannoun asked that he be recorded as having voted against the motion.

ITEM NO: PLAN 07
FILE NO: 241442.2023
SUBJECT: DCP Amendment - Middleton Grange

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Supports in principle the proposed amendments to the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 – Part 2.5 Middleton Grange (the DCP);
2. Delegates authority to the CEO (or delegate) to make minor or typographical changes to the DCP prior to public exhibition;
3. Undertake public exhibition of the DCP amendment, in accordance with the Liverpool Community Participation Plan; and
4. Receives a further report on the outcome of the public exhibition and community consultation

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

Clr Goodman left the chambers at 4.57pm.

ITEM NO: PLAN 08

FILE NO: 285028.2023

SUBJECT: Amendment to Fees & Charges for Planning Certificates and Private Certifier Certificate Registrations

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Harle

Seconded: Cllr Ammoun

That Council endorse the increase of statutory fees & charges as detailed in the EP&A Regulation 2021 as amended; and update Council's Fees & Charges Online Portal accordingly.

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

Clr Goodman returned to the chamber at 4.58pm.

ITEM NO: COM 07

FILE NO: 285518.2023

SUBJECT: Community Shuttle Bus Service

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Green**

That Council:

1. Receive and notes this report;
2. Support the extension of the Community Shuttle Bus service contract with Big Bus Company until 1 July 2024;
3. Support the implementation of a marketing campaign to maximise awareness of the shuttle bus service;
4. Provide a further report in early 2024 outlining use of, and awareness of the Shuttle Bus Service and recommendation for continuance.

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Green**

1. Notes at the LGNSW Conference 2023 that Liverpool City Council is entitled to 10 voting delegates for voting on motions and voting on the LGNSW Board Election;
2. Notes that Cllr Hagarty already has a vote, as he is on the LGNSW Board;
3. Endorses all remaining Councillors attending the LGNSW Conference to be voting delegates for voting on motions at the conference and voting delegates for voting on the Board Election; and
4. Endorses the following motions to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2023 Conference.

MOTION

1. Make representation to both Federal and State governments to work cooperatively and collaboratively as a matter of urgency to strengthen, improve and invest in accessible community-based mental and psychological health counselling and therapy that is sensitive to and meets the complex needs of our diverse community.

2. Make representation to the State and Federal government to urgently implement the findings of mental health services and accessibility report of University of Sydney, Western Sydney University and University of Wollongong¹ to:
 - Fund the development of more community-based psychosocial, primary and community mental health services, as alternatives to hospital care.
 - Invest in boosting the role and capacity of NGOs and other services providers.

¹. The Integrated Mental Health Atlas of South West Sydney

ii. Medicare Psychology Services

Background

Last December the Federal Government took the decision to slash access to psychology services for our community. This decision went directly against the recommendations of the extensive government-commissioned evaluation of Medicare psychology services, conducted by the University of Melbourne. This, at a time when interest rates and the cost of living pressures are mounting, is an abandonment of our most vulnerable people.

Statistics illustrate that up to 40 percent of people aged 15-24 years report suffering from a mental health condition. The majority of access to Medicare funded psychology services has been provided to young people within the community, particularly young women. Extensive research indicates that 18-20 psychology sessions is required to assist with moderate mental health issues – a far cry from the 10 sessions the government has landed on.

MOTION

That LGNSW Government of Association write to the Federal Health Minister, the Hon Mark Butler MP, expressing its objection in the strongest terms to the slashing of Medicare funded psychology services, and immediately call for the reinstatement of 20 Medicare funded sessions.

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

Motion: **Moved:** Clr Hadid **Seconded:** Clr Rhodes

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on 22 August 2023, subject to the following amendments to be made:

2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

Chairperson

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

1. Cllr Macnaught made a presentation on the Lifeline Macarthur and Western Sydney 60th Anniversary Diamond Ball as follows:

Cllr Kaliyanda, Councillor Harle and Councillor Macnaught recently attended a function where Council was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Lifeline Macarthur and Western Sydney for Council's support of their 60th Anniversary Diamond Ball.

Cllr Macnaught wanted to thank everyone for their support.

2. Cllr Rhodes made a presentation on the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) Annual Report as follows:

WSROC Regional Partnerships Projects generate significant economies and regional improvements and collaborations that results in savings for member Councils.

- \$2.1m of grant funding managed on behalf of Member Councils.
- \$1.3m in joint Australian and NSW Government Funding to address heat risks in Greater Sydney.
- 100% renewable Power Purchase agreement through Local Government Procurement; and
- \$36m in energy savings for member Councils to date in energy costs, capital costs and maintenance charges through sustainable energy products.

Advocacy and Policy outcomes for 2022/23

Heatwave Risk Funding. Heat wave was included as an eligible hazard under National Emergency Management Agency Funding programs.

WSROC worked with Green Building Council of Australia to develop heat resilience credits in version 2 of its Green Star Communities tool.

After urging by WSROC, the NSW Government is to establish an independent review of the financial arrangements for Council.

The Western Sydney Energy program efforts resulted in a reduction of 536,714 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

After 7 years of WSROC Advocacy urging Government to make Motorway Tolls simpler, fairer the NSW Government agreed to review the road tolls.

WSROC provides input to the development of the Australian Governments National Electric Vehicle Strategy.

The WSROC 2022/3 Annual Report is now available and Cllr Rhodes' urges Council to distribute through the Councillor update.

3. Cllr Kaliyanda made a presentation as follows:

Cllr Kaliyanda and Cllr Macnaught recently attended the Teej Festival that Council provided some funds for through the corporate sponsorship grants.

The Macarthur Region Nepalese Association was very thankful for Council's support.

Cllr Kaliyanda wanted to thank her fellow councillors and council staff for all of their support for the organisation.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.05pm

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 27 September 2023

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 August 2023. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

PLAN 01

**Post Exhibition Report - Liverpool Local
Environmental Plan Amendment 97 - 61-71
Goulburn Street (Liverpool Private Hospital)**

Strategic Objective	Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative Develop the economic capacity of local businesses and industries
File Ref	173198.2023
Report By	Brianna Van Zyl - Senior Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 31 August 2022, Council endorsed a planning proposal for 61-71 Goulburn Street, Liverpool (Lot 9 Sec 41 DP 758620, Lot 1 DP 25642, Lot 20 DP 1113807, Lot 8 Sec 41 DP 758620, Lot 2 DP 610334 and Lot 1 DP 610334). The planning proposal seeks to amend the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (LLEP 2008) to facilitate the development of a private hospital (health service facility), consulting and education suite space, and ancillary retail.

The proposed change to the Height of Building (HOB) development standard is from 35m to 79m and the proposed change to the Floor Space Ratio (FSR) development standard is from a mapped FSR of 2.5:1 (or 3.5:1 under FSR bonuses available under LLEP 2008 Clause 4.4(2)(c)), to 6.9:1. The increased development standards will only apply if a Health Services Facility is developed, and the proposed amendments intend to facilitate the development of approximately:

- 155 private hospital beds;
- 12,540m² Gross Floor Area of consulting and education suite space; and
- 353m² Gross Floor Area of retail.

The subject planning proposal received a Gateway determination on 5 December 2022, and was publicly exhibited from 12 April to 12 May 2023. During the exhibition period, Council received two individual submissions, both of which opposed the proposal.

As required by the Gateway determination, the planning proposal was referred to State agencies including NSW Transport, Sydney South-West Local Health District, Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Sydney Water, State Emergency Services (SES), and two internal teams within the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) being the Biodiversity and Conservation team, and the Resilience team.

This report details the feedback received during the exhibition and outlines Council's response to the issues raised. Notably, two of the state agencies being SES, and the two internal DPE teams raised concern in relation to flooding, specifically, in relation to evacuation. Following the exhibition period, Council staff have worked collaboratively with both DPE and the proponent to ensure these matters can be addressed.

Following post-exhibition assessment, the planning proposal demonstrates strategic and site-specific merit, and it is therefore recommended that the planning proposal be forwarded to DPE to make the amendment, as it is noted that Council is not the nominated plan making authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes this report, the Gateway determination dated 5 December 2022 for *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (Amendment 97), the submissions received from the State Agencies, and members of the public;
2. Proceeds with Amendment 97 to increase the permissible Height of Building to 79m and Floor Space Ratio to 6.9:1 for the purpose of a Health Services Facility;
3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate) to forward the planning proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment as the plan making authority for this planning proposal; and
4. Notifies the submitters of Council's decision.

REPORT

Background

History

On 27 June 2022, the planning proposal was referred to the Local Planning Panel for advice where the panel agreed (3-1) with Council's assessment that the proposal had strategic and site-specific merit. However, the Panel indicated there was an absence of contextual and economic justification for the proposed extent of the uplift in HOB and FSR development standards. Additional economic justification was provided on 5 April 2023 (**Appendix 15**), which addressed the panel's concerns.

The planning proposal was referred to Council on 31 August 2022, where the following was resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Notes the advice of the Liverpool Local Planning Panel.*
- 2. Endorses in principle the planning proposal request to amend the floor space ratio and height of buildings development standards in the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008.*
- 3. Delegates to the Acting CEO (or delegate) to prepare the formal planning proposal including any typographical or editing amendments 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. Recommends to the Department of Planning and Environment that a detailed economic demand analysis be conditioned as part of any Gateway determination.*
- 6. Subject to Gateway determination, undertake public exhibition and community consultation in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway determination and the Liverpool Community Participation Plan.*
- 7. Receives a further report on the outcomes of public exhibition and community consultation; and*
- 8. Advised the proponent of Council decision*

The proposal was subsequently referred to the DPE for assessment, and a Gateway Determination was issued on 5 December 2022. The proposal was publicly exhibited from 12 April to 12 May 2023. The results of exhibition are outlined in this report.

Site Description

The planning proposal request relates to six lots along 61-71 Goulburn Street, Liverpool (see Figure 1). The site area is approximately 4,674m².

The site presently comprises three four-storey residential apartment buildings, a single storey dwelling house and a double-storey detached garage. The site is zoned MU1 Mixed Use, and has additional permitted uses under Schedule 1 of the LEP, whereby:

- Development for the purpose of light industry is permitted with consent but only if the industry is medical research and development; and
- Development for the purpose of office premises is permitted with consent by only with respect to the medical or health industries.

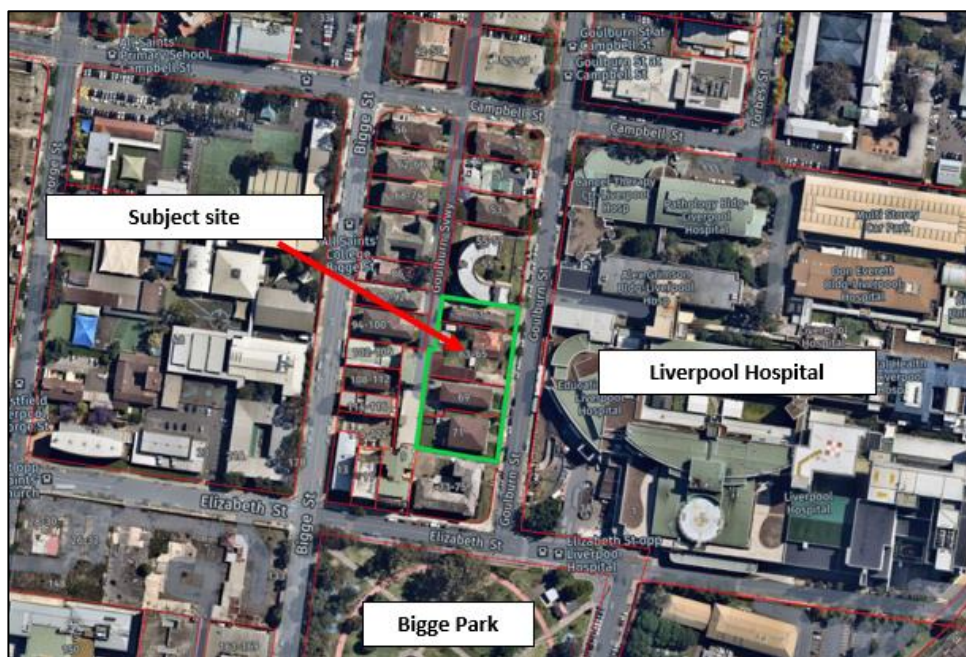


Figure 1: Aerial of subject sites (Source: Nearmaps)

The northern part of the site is impacted by the helicopter flight path for Liverpool Hospital, which is shown below (Figure 2). Whilst this is not a prohibition on development, the Local Health District comments are required to be taken into consideration when assessing the Development Application. The proposal was referred to both Sydney South Western Local Health District, and Civil Aviation Authority during the legislation public exhibition. Their responses are detailed in this report.



Figure 2: Key Site Map (Red Hash = Helicopter Flight Path, Blue = Additional uses)
(Source: LLEP 2008)

Locality

The site is in Liverpool City Centre to the north of Bigge Park and directly adjacent to the Liverpool Hospital (Figure 3). The block is bounded by Campbell Street to the north, Elizabeth Street to the south, and Bigge Street to the west. It is approximately 500m from Liverpool Train Station.

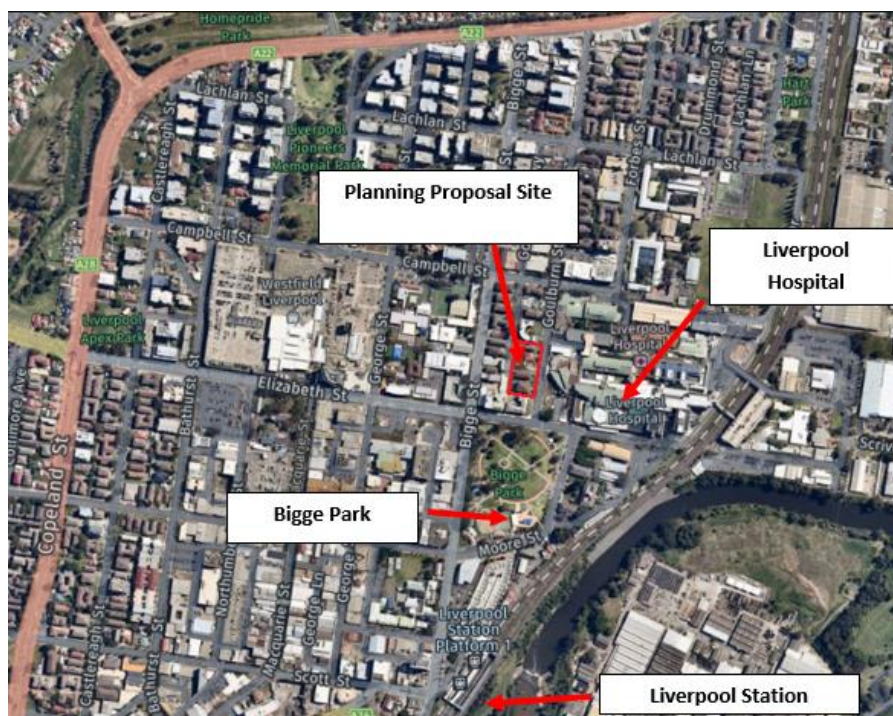


Figure 3: Locality Map (Source: Nearmaps)

The site is in zoned MU1 Mixed Use zone under the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (LLEP 2008), with the adjacent hospital zoned SP2 (Health Services Facility and Educational Establishment). There is land zoned R4 High Density Residential immediately to the north.

The proposal also falls within an area known as the Liverpool Innovation Precinct. The Land Use Analysis and Precinct Strategy for the Liverpool Innovation Precinct indicates there is a desire for a new private hospital, with close connectivity to the key clinical functions of the existing Liverpool Hospital.

Current Planning Proposal

The planning proposal seeks to amend FSR and HOB development standards in the LLEP 2008 to facilitate the development of a private hospital (health services facility), consulting and education suite space, and ancillary retail.

The proposed change to the HOB development standard is from 35m to 79m and the proposed change to the FSR development standard is from a mapped standard of 2.5:1 (with bonus available under Clause 4.4(2)(c) increasing to 3.5:1), to 6.9:1. The proposed amendments to the LLEP 2008 intend to facilitate the development of approximately:

- 155 private hospital beds;
- 12,540m² Gross Floor Area of consulting and education suite space; and
- 353m² Gross Floor Area of retail.

This will be achieved through identifying the site under the Key Site Map in the LLEP 2008, to apply the increased HOB, and FSR, when the development of a Health Service Facility, and its ancillary uses as noted within the planning proposal report are proposed (**Attachment 1**).

Essentially, this means the HOB and FSR maps are retained as existing under the LLEP 2008, and the Key Site Map and associated clause for increased development standards will only be used when the development includes a health services facility, and its ancillary uses.

Gateway Determination

The Gateway determination was issued 5 December 2022, and required the LEP to be completed by 22 September 2023. This was subsequently extended until 2 November 2023 to grant additional time for consideration of the state agency submissions (**Attachment 16**).

The Gateway required the planning proposal report and supporting documentation to be updated prior to commencing public exhibition, including information regarding overland flooding on the site. On the 10 March 2023, Council wrote to DPE seeking clarification that the Gateway conditions had been adequately addressed. On 22 March 2023, DPE responded conditions had been addressed and the proposal could proceed to public exhibition. DPE also issued an amended Gateway, which included consultation with State Emergency Services (SES).

Due to delays in receiving and addressing State agency comments, a Gateway determination extension was granted, enabling the initial deadline on 22 September 2023 to be extended to 3 November 2023.

Community Consultation

The planning proposal was placed on public exhibition from 12 April to 12 May 2023, in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan. The exhibition included notification via letters to properties within the block bounded by Goulburn Street, Bigge Street, Campbell Street and Elizabeth Street. The notification letters were sent to both the owners and occupiers of each building. Information was also available on Liverpool Listens, Council's E-Planning Portal and NSW Planning Portal.

During the exhibition period, Council received 4 calls from people who lived within the vicinity, and 2 individual submissions, which are included in **Attachment 17**, and are summarised below:

Table 1 Assessment of Community Submissions

Issue	Council Response to issue
Community Submission 1:	
<u>Density / Building Height</u>	<p>The planning proposal seeks to increase HOB and FSR significantly, in an area that is comparatively low scale apartment development at present (three storey apartments). It is noted the LEP contains height and density greater than what is existing on the site.</p> <p>The accompanying visual impact assessment (Attachment 12) indicates that the proposal would have some moderate/high visual impacts, particularly at Bigge Park / Elizabeth St, looking into Goulburn St, and a moderate impact from the centre of Bigge Park.</p> <p>The proposal details a number of measures to reduce perceived bulk and visual impacts, including retention of established trees, landscaping on podium levels, and façade treatment, articulation and colour selection to better blend with landscape. The specified building height is considered appropriate in the context of the Liverpool City Centre and given the sites close proximity to the Liverpool Hospital.</p>
<u>Levy</u> The submission asked how much the yearly levy will be increased with 20 floors added.	This is not a relevant consideration of a planning proposal. The development will be charged the applicable Developer Contributions fees if / when the proposal does proceed to the Development Application stage (via the State Significant Development Pathway). Council rates team will follow the relevant procedures to calculate the applicable rates to the site.
<u>Public Hospital</u> The submission asked how many beds will be for the public hospital.	This is not a relevant consideration of a planning proposal. This is an agreement between the hospital and South-Western Local Health District. Council will not be involved in these discussions.
Community Submission 2:	
<u>Overshadowing</u> The submission stated overshadowing must be considered.	As outlined above, the proposal has included a number of measures to reduce the bulk and visual impacts of the proposal. Council staff requested that no additional shadow is to cast on Bigge Park than that of the maximum allowable building envelope of the adjacent lot to the south. This southern lot has an additional local provision, <i>Cl 7.2 Sun access in Liverpool city centre</i> , that restricts building height in order to protect public space from overshadowing. Council staff are comfortable that the revised

	planning proposal sufficiently minimises visual impacts and overshadowing, particularly upon Bigge Park.
<u>Streetscape planting:</u> The submission raised concerns with the streetscape planting being maintained, and if it will be on public or private land. The submission questioned the maintenance schedule and how large the trees will mature.	The planning proposal is not locking in a design, as the conceptual plans show the vision rather the final design outcomes. If the proposal proceeds, it will be required to seek approval through the State Significant Development pathway. This will be a consideration for the Development Application stage.

Public Authority Consultation

Council sent out referrals to the relevant state agencies on 12 April 2023, with the exception of the State Environmental Services (SES), which was sent on 20 April after the Gateway Alteration was received. There were significant delays in responses from DPE, with comments received by 16 June 2023. Following this, further consultation occurred to ensure the planning proposal can be progressed to finalisation.

A summary of agency consultation in accordance with the Gateway determination is below.

1. Sydney Water

Agency Comment: Detailed servicing requirements will be provided at section 73 stage (i.e. Development Application Stage). Specifically, the submission listed requirements in relation to provision of Water and Wastewater services. The full submission is included in **Attachment 16**.

Council Response: Sydney Waters comment relate to design considerations, and processes that form part of the Development Application procedures. This will be considered as part of the future State Significant Development assessment.

2. Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

Agency Comment: TfNSW has reviewed the proposal and has no requirements as the proposed development is unlikely to impact the classified road network. Refer to **Attachment 16** for TfNSW Submission.

Council Response: No amendments required.

3. Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

Agency Comment: The maximum building height according to the planning proposal is 79m. The distance between the helipad and the building is approximately 200m. Therefore, the slope from the helipad to the top of the building would be approximately 25%. This exceeds the slopes described in NASF Guideline. However, it is understood the flight path is further north than what is shown in the LLEP 2008 maps.

As such, CASA do not object to the planning proposal, provided it is approved by NSW Health Infrastructure / South Western Sydney Local Health District.

Council Response: No amendment required. Consultation occurred with Sydney South Western Local Health District below.

4. Sydney South Western Local Health District (SWLHD)

Agency Comment: The proposed building will not encroach on the established flight path, as the proposed conceptual plans indicate the building is offset 7m from the northern boundary. In addition, SWLHD had the below image created by an architectural firm which shows the flight path direction (at 306 degree magnetic). Therefore, the flight path is not obstructed by the proposed building. However, during construction, cranes will need to be illuminated with appropriate lighting that is compliant with night vision devices and cannot touch the arc (the edge of the flight path).

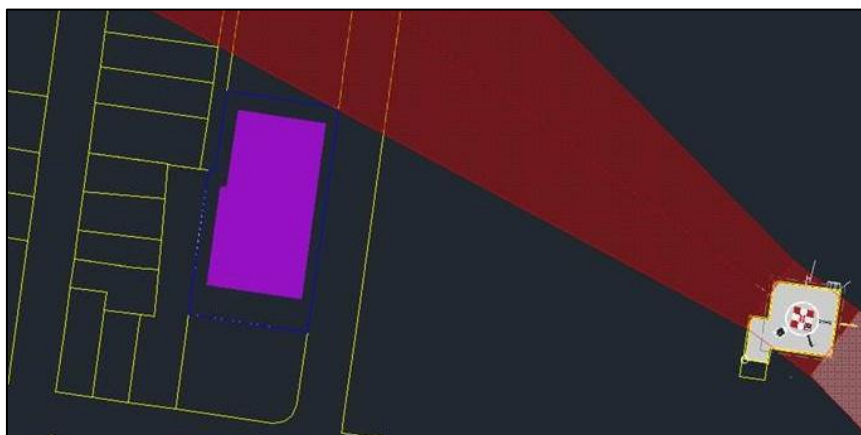


Figure 4: Image of proposed building (shown in purple) and the flight path.
(Source: South-Western Local Health District)

Council Response: The flight path outlined in the LLEP 20008 is correct, however the map within the LLEP 2008 has an additional buffer, hence why a larger proportion of the site is affected than the map referred to above. Given SWLHD has stated the proposal will not obstruct the flight path, no amendment is required. Further, consultation will occur with SWLHD during the State Significant Development (SSD) process.

5. State Emergency Services (SES)

Agency Comment: The SES submission stated that the consent authority will need to ensure that the planning proposal is considered against the relevant Ministerial Section 9.1 Directions, including 4.1 Flooding, and is consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy as set out in the NSW Floodplain Development Manual 2009 (the manual). Specifically, the submission stated that attention should be given to the principles outlined in the manual which relate to risk assessment, evacuation of the existing community, the cumulative impacts of such development and any development strategies dealing with flooding.

In addition, the submission suggested additional recommendations relating to overland flooding. This included the consideration in relation to ground floor businesses, and basement car parking design. The full submission can be found in **Attachment 16**.

Council Response: The planning proposal is not locking in a design, rather considering additional building height and floor space on a site where a health services facility is already permissible. The comments in relation to design of the basement, and ground floor businesses will be addressed during the State Significant Development process. The additional flood considerations are detailed below in the 'Flooding' section of this report.

Additional Agency Comment: On 5th September 2023, Council received a second submission from the State Emergency Services regarding the proponent's response to submissions. Refer to **Attachment 24**. The additional submission recommends flood risk is to be considered strategically and before rezoning occurs, as the population of the facility will increase by approximately 450 people as a result of the proposal, meaning additional people would be impacted by a Probable Maximum Flood event.

Council Response: As detailed further below, it is the position of Council that the subject site is not located within the Probable Maximum Flood area under Council's endorsed flood study. It is also noted that the PMF level is the largest flood event that could conceivably occur at particular location, and does not set a time range like other flood levels due to the rarity of the event.

6. Department of Planning and Environment

As part of the Gateway determination, two internal teams from the Department were required to comment: DPE Resilience Team and Biodiversity Conservation team (also known as Environment and Heritage Group (EHG)). Both the teams made comments which are detailed below.

a) DPE Biodiversity and Conservation (Environment and Heritage Group)

The EHG initially responded on 12 May 2023, after Council staff sought further clarity, a follow up response was received on 13 June 2023.

Agency Comment: The exhibited proposal does not adequately assess and consider flood impact and risk for the following reasons:

- The assessment of flooding conditions in the Flood Impact Assessment did not consider the full range of flood events and is based on old information; and
- The flood evacuation analysis indicates that the site would have evacuation constraints during major and extreme flood events, as such a review of evacuation constraints should be undertaken to inform the planning proposal.

Council Response: This is responded to in detail, in the 'flooding' section below.

b) DPE Resilience

On 16 June 2023, Council received a response from the Department of Planning and Environment on behalf of DPE Resilience team.

Agency Comment: The provided Flood Impact Assessment does not identify the site as flood prone land or affected by mainstream flooding. However, this is not correct as the site is mapped in the *Georges River Flood Study 2020* as being within the Georges River mainstream flood extent in an extreme flood event. The Liverpool City Centre Overland Flow Path Mapping (BMT WBM, 2016) study also shows the site is affected by overland flooding in the PMF event. Therefore, DPE consider the site is flood prone land, and Ministerial Direction 4.1 is to be considered and justified.

The planning proposal and supporting documents should be updated to consider the Flood Planning Area associated with the Georges River mainstream flooding. The additional information should also assess and consider evacuation of the site and the surrounding street.

DPE requested the PMF event be considered in the assessment for both overland flow and mainstream flooding. The assessment should report on mainstream flood behaviour in extreme events and may make specific recommendations in relation to finished floor levels, requirements where the basement entry is to be set, and the provision of a stand-alone emergency power to sustain hospital operations in a flood event. The assessment should assess any impact on the adjacent hospital and not result in any loss of flood storage.

In addition, DPE also recommended detailed local 2D Flood Modelling of the local overland flow design flood events as well as the PMF event, however this request was withdrawn by DPE on 15 August 2023.

An evacuation assessment should also be required for the site and the surrounding street. DPEs full comments are included in **Attachment 16**.

Council Response: The proposal is not locking in a design, rather considering additional building height and floor space on a site where a health service facility is already permissible. The comments in relation to design of retaining walls with the stormwater easement and

finished floor levels will be addressed during the State Significant Development process. Additional information was provided by the proponent, and additional flood considerations are detailed below in the 'Flooding' section of this report.

Post Gateway Assessment

A. Easement re-location

A drainage easement is located through 63 Goulburn Street, it is required to be relocated as it currently runs through the middle of the six sites and cannot be built over. Gateway Condition 1f required an appropriate solution to be confirmed for the easement relocation. This matter was referred to Council Flood Engineer team who gave in principle support for the relocation of the easement, subject to the following information and design testing being provided at DA stage:

- Preferred Option: Investigate an option to follow existing topography and redirect existing overland flow & stormwater pipes down along the western boundary and then southern boundary of the proposed development to Goulburn Street. Undertake hydrologic/hydraulic modelling and demonstrate that the proposal will have no adverse flooding impact on adjoining sites and Goulburn Street.
- Alternative Option: Proposed reversal of overland flow and stormwater pipeline (as per Civil design plans and stormwater report by Henry & Hymas). However, additional information must be provided including increase impervious factor, and a modelling assessment is undertaken.

All of the relevant considerations are included in **Attachment 18**.

B. Flooding

Under Council's endorsed flood mapping, the site is not identified affected by the Georges River, Cabramatta Creek or Anzac Creek. The latest overland flood study for Liverpool CBD was undertaken in 2016 and has considered the upgraded trunk drainage system in the CBD. The below image shows 1% AEP overland flood extent with flood depth extracted from this study, affecting a minor portion of the site to a depth of approximately 210mm on Goulburn Street, which is considered negligible.

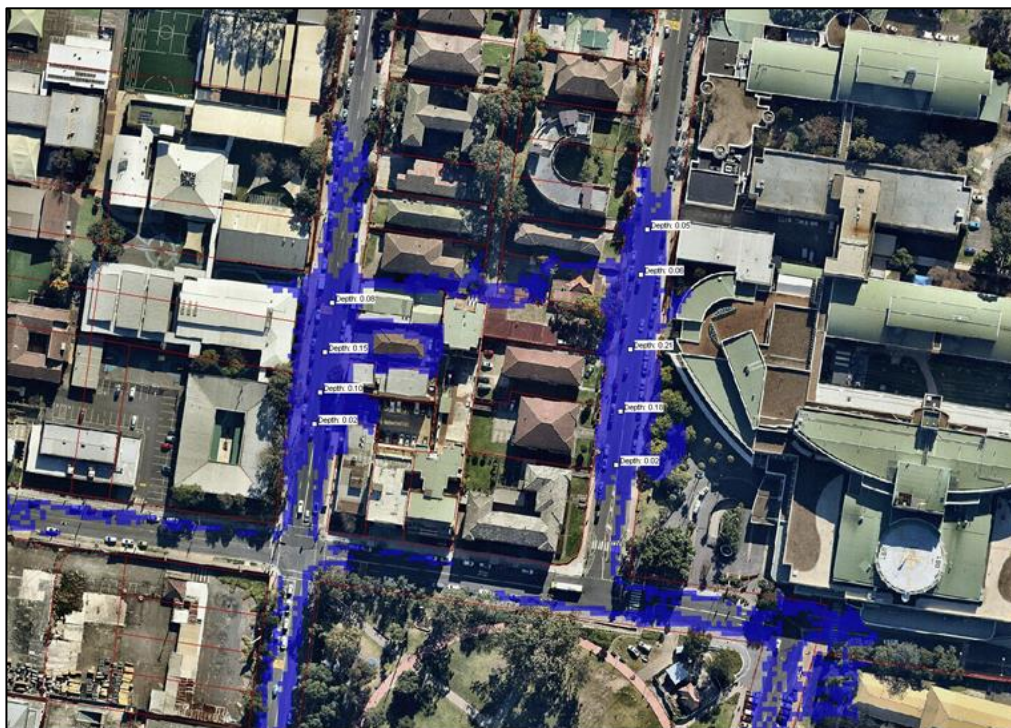


Image 5: 1% AEP Overland Flood Extent (Source: Liverpool CBD Overland Flood Study 2016)

The Department of Planning and Environment did not recognise the information above as the latest available information, stating that the Georges River Flood Study 2020 was the most up to date, and identified this site as within the mainstream flood extent in extreme events. Council reinstated the position that the Georges River Flood Study is not an endorsed Study, and therefore the site is not affected by mainstream flooding. The Study was not endorsed as the extent of Probable Maximum Flood across the study area was significantly reduced in comparison to the existing flood extent, with an exception for certain sites, including this site, where the PMF extent was slightly increased.

In order to address the SES, EHG and DPE concerns, the proponent has provided the following documentation:

- Proponent Letter to DPE Regarding Response to Submissions (**Attachment 19**)
- Proponent Response to Submissions (**Attachment 20**)
- Qualitative Flood Risk Assessment and Emergency Response (**Attachment 21**)

This provided additional justification and assessment around the relevant Ministerial Directions, and flooding documentation. The planning proposal document (**Attachment 1**) has been updated to reflect the additional information.

On 15 August 2023, DPE requested commentary from the proponent in how this additional information has considered DPE's 'Flood Impact and Risk Assessment Guideline'. The proponent submitted a response to this request on 23 August 2023 (**Attachment 22**).

It is noted that on 2 August 2023, DPE also requested additional flood modelling to occur on the site, however this request was withdrawn on 15 August 2023.

Additionally, the Post-Exhibition material was reviewed by Council's Floodplain Team, which provided the following comments:

- 1. It is understood that the Flood Emergency Assessment (BMT, 8 August 2023) has been prepared to address the concerns raised by SES and DPE, particularly in relation to flood emergency response strategy for the development in a PMF flood event. The study has considered flood affectation of the site for storm events up to the PMF predicted by Georges River Flood Study (BMT, 2020) and Liverpool City Centre Overland Flow Path Study (BMT WBM, 2016) along with the findings of Georges River Evacuation Modelling (2022, Molino Stewart).*
- 2. As per Council adopted Georges River Floodplain Risk Management Study (Bewsher, 2004) the site is not affected by PMF from mainstream Georges River flooding. Accordingly, flood emergency evacuation from the premises is not an issue from Council's perspective.*
- 3. The site and its vicinity including Goulburn Street is predicated to be inundated by overland flooding up to the PMF event in accordance with the Overland Flow Path Study (BMT WBM, 2016) and preparation of flood emergency response plans for Local PMF event is required.*
- 4. Preparation of flood emergency response plans for the site considering that the site is affected by PMF from mainstream Georges River flooding as predicted by the Georges River Flood Study (BMT, 2020) is considered a conservative approach which will also address flood emergency evacuation requirement for overland flooding in a PMF event.*

Consequently, Council staff recommend the planning proposal proceeds. It is noted that further flood modelling and site specific treatments will be required to be approved at the State Significant Development Application stage.

Next Steps & Conclusion

If Council resolve to finalise Amendment 97 as recommended, staff will forward the planning proposal to DPE to make the plan, as Council is not the Local Plan Making Authority for this proposal. Gateway determination is due to expire on 3 November 2023.

Once finalised, LLEP 2008 Amendment 97 will be notified in the NSW Government Gazette. A State Significant Development Application for the Private Hospital would need to progress following the planning proposal process to enable the delivery of the proposed development.

It is recommended that the planning proposal proceeds to finalisation, as the proposal demonstrates site-specific and strategic merit, and post-exhibition matters have been adequately addressed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Further develop a commercial centre that accommodates a variety of employment opportunities.
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 3.31 to 3.37 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> .
Risk	<p>Deferral of a decision will result in the timeframe for completing this planning proposal exceeding the timeframe specified by the Gateway determination, and the planning proposal will lapse.</p> <p>The risk is deemed to be low, as Council is not the Plan Making Authority. The risk is deemed to be within Council's appetite.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Post Exhibition Planning Proposal - Liverpool Private Hospital (Under separate cover)
2. Urban Design Report (Under separate cover)
3. Updated Transport Assessment (Under separate cover)
4. Water Sensitive Design and Stormwater Report (Under separate cover)
5. Preliminary Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Historical Archaeological Advice (Under separate cover)
6. Historical Impact Statement (Under separate cover)
7. Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment (Under separate cover)
8. Market Needs Analysis - April 2022 (Under separate cover)
9. Socio-economic Impact Assessment - November 2021 (Under separate cover)
10. Economic Demand Analysis (Under separate cover)
11. Flood Impact Assessment - February 2023 (Under separate cover)
12. Updated Visual Impact Assessment - February 2023 (Under separate cover)
13. Peer Reviewed Preliminary Site Investigation - March 2023 (Under separate cover)

14. Architectural Concept Plan and Shadow Diagrams - March 2023 (Under separate cover)
15. Gateway Determination and Gateway Extension (Under separate cover)
16. State Agency Submissions (Combined) (Under separate cover)
17. Community Submissions (Redacted) (Under separate cover)
18. Council's Easement Relocation Comments (Under separate cover)
19. Post Exhibition - Proponent Letter to DPE Regarding Response to Submissions (Under separate cover)
20. Post Exhibition - Proponent Response to Submissions (Under separate cover)
21. Post Exhibition - Qualitative Flood Risk Assessment and Emergency Response (Under separate cover)
22. Post Exhibition - Proponent response to DPE Flood Risk Management Guideline (Under separate cover)
23. ASIC Report (Under separate cover) - **Confidential**
24. Additonal SES Response - September 2023 (Under separate cover)

PLAN 02

Amendments to Liverpool Development Control Plan - Family Friendly Apartments and Apartment Design Guide Update

Strategic Objective	Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative Implement planning controls and best practice urban design to create high-quality, inclusive urban environments
File Ref	247515.2023
Report By	Stephen Peterson - Senior Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 31 May 2023, Council resolved to:

- 1. Investigate amendments to the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 for the Liverpool CBD to better encourage the development of larger, family friendly apartments.*
- 2. Investigate improved quality and design requirements that matches the specific needs of families living in apartments in the Liverpool CBD.*
- 3. Write to Federal and State Planning Ministers calling for incentives to encourage family friendly apartments.*
- 4. That the report be brought to the Governance Committee which further investigates the needs of families with children.*

In relation to the Liverpool Development Control Plan (LDCP 2008), the following sections apply to Residential Flat Buildings:

- Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings (applies outside of the City Centre).
- Part 4 Development in the City Centre.

In response to this resolution, a review of the objectives and controls in the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 (LDCP 2008) occurred to facilitate the delivery of family-friendly apartments in Liverpool CBD and a report (**Attachment 5**) was referred to the August 2023 Governance Committee Meeting. At the Governance Committee, it was resolved to present the proposed amendments to a Council meeting.

This Council report addresses the following:

1. Amendments to the Liverpool DCP (Part 3.7 and Part 4) to encourage Family Friendly Apartments; and
2. Amendments to Part 3.7 of the DCP to update this section with the NSW Apartment Design Guide.

Action 11 of the Liverpool Local Housing Strategy, states '*Review apartment mix controls for RFB development in the City Centre, R1 and R4 zones*'.

Part 3.7 and Part 4 of the DCP has been updated in response to the 31 May 2023 Council Meeting resolution and action 11 of the Liverpool Local Housing Strategy. The new proposed Apartment Diversity Section also addresses the resolution and recommendations of the 22 August 2023 Governance Committee Meeting. This includes changes to dwelling mix, objectives and controls encouraging family friendly apartments.

The draft amended LDCP 2008 Part 3.7 also includes amendments to align the DCP Part with *State Environmental Planning Policy 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development (SEPP 65)*, and the Apartment Design Guide (ADG).

The ADG applies to apartment development applications lodged from 19 June 2015 and determined after 17 July 2015. Section 6A of SEPP 65 states that a Development Control Plan cannot be inconsistent with certain aspects of the ADG including:

- visual privacy;
- solar and daylight access;
- common circulation and spaces;
- apartment size and layout;
- ceiling heights;
- private open space and balconies;
- natural ventilation; and
- storage.

As the current part 3.7 of LDCP 2008 was last updated on 19 February 2014, it is proposed to be amended to reduce conflict with the ADG and to provide clarity regarding design and assessment.

It is recommended that Council endorses the Draft DCP Amendments and proceeds to publicly exhibit the Draft DCP's in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan 2022. The Draft DCP amendments are to be presented to the Liverpool Design Excellence Panel, in accordance with clause 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

Upon completion of exhibition, it is recommended that Council receives a further report detailing the outcomes of the Design Excellence Panel and of the public exhibition period including any submissions received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note this report;
2. Supports in principle the proposed amendment to Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings (Outside Liverpool City Centre) and Part 4 (Development in Liverpool City Centre) of the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008;
3. Delegates authority to the CEO (or delegate) to make minor or topographical changes to the DCP prior to public exhibition;
4. Undertake Public Exhibition of the draft DCP Amendment, for 28 days in accordance with the Liverpool Community Participation Plan;
5. As part of the community consultation period, present the draft Liverpool Part 3.7 amended Development Control Plan to the Design Excellence Panel (DEP), in accordance with clause 15 of *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*.
6. Receives a further report detailing the outcomes of the Design Excellence Panel and outcome of the public exhibition period including any submissions received. Alternatively, if no objections are received, delegate to the CEO for the Draft Development Control Plans to be finalised.

REPORT

Background

The Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 (LDCP 2008) provides detailed planning and design guidelines to support the planning controls in areas subject to the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (LLEP 2008).

In relation to the LDCP 2008, the following sections apply to Residential Flat Buildings:

- Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings (applies outside of the City Centre).
- Part 4 Development in the City Centre.

A report was referred to the 22 August 2023. At the Committee meeting, it was resolved:
That the Committee recommends that Council:

1. *Note proposed draft amendments to the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008, Part 4 Development in Liverpool City Centre and Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings in the R4 Zone, to encourage family friendly apartments.*
2. *Note further draft amendments will occur to align Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings in the R4 Zone with the Apartment Design Guide.*
3. *Present draft amendments to the Liverpool Design Excellence Panel, as required by Clause 15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.*
4. *Receive a Council report detailing the proposed draft LDCP 2008 amendments, detailing the outcomes of the Design Excellence Panel.*

The Committee further resolved the following:

5. *Objectives to allow developer to justify providing alternate dwelling mixes for unique and innovative developments;*
6. *Investigate the existing dual-key apartment provisions to see if amendments to the 'maximum 10% dual key units' can be increased;*
7. *Incentives or bonuses to further encourage family friendly apartment development; and*
8. *Exceptions to state government policies. For example, communal open space.*

This report addresses the following aspects:

- Update Part 3.7 and Part 4 of LDCP 2008 to encourage Family Friendly Apartments.
- Update Part 3.7 to align the part with the Apartment Design Guide.
- Address within Part 3.7 and Part 4 of LDCP 2008 the further recommendations from the 22 August 2023 committee meeting minutes.

Family Friendly Apartments

The Apartment Design Guide (ADG) includes section 4K relating to Apartment Mix with design criteria stating:

"A variety of apartment types is provided. The apartment mix is appropriate, taking into consideration, the distance to public transport, employment and education centres, the current market demands and projected future demographic trends, the demand for social and affordable housing and different cultural and socioeconomic groups." Further the ADG design criteria states *"flexible apartment configurations are provided to support diverse household types and stages of life including single person households, families, multi-generational families and group households."*

Currently Part 4 of the LDCP 2008 includes section 4.2.10 (Housing Choice and Mix) whilst Part 3.7 of LDCP 2008 does not include any apartment mix controls.

Action 11 of the Liverpool Local Housing Strategy states to ‘*Review apartment mix controls for RFB development in City Centre, R1 and R4 zones*’. Housing Priority 1 of the Strategy aims to provide ‘*a diverse range of housing options and flexibility of use is provided to ensure the housing needs of the Liverpool community are met*’.

In order to address section 4K of the ADG, Housing Priority 1 and Action 11 of the Liverpool Local Housing Strategy, and the recommendations of the 22 August 2023 Governance meeting, the following changes are proposed to section 4.2.10 (Housing Choice and Mix) of Part 4 (City Centre) of the LDCP 2008, and these controls are to also be included within Part 3.7 (RFB’s outside of City Centre) of the LDCP 2008:

Table One: Section 4.2.10 (Housing Choice and Mix) of Part 4 of the LDCP 2008

	Current	Proposed
Studio/One Bedroom apartments	Minimum 10%	Minimum 10%
Three or more bedroom apartments	Minimum 10%	Minimum 25%
Dual Key apartments	Maximum 10%	No minimum or maximum*
Adaptable apartments	Minimum 10%	Minimum 10%

* Subject to both dual key apartments meeting the ADG requirements, e.g. solar access requirements.

Additional controls proposed include:

- Clarification that the apartment diversity section applies to development for the purpose of residential flat buildings only and does not apply for Boarding House, Senior’s Housing, Group Homes, Co-Living or Build to Rent developments or for residential flat buildings provided by social housing providers, public authorities and joint venture under SEPP (Housing) 2021;
- Controls stating that apartments with various number of bedrooms are to be located on different levels and with different orientations (i.e., facing north, east etc) and for adaptable apartments to be located on the ground floor for accessibility.

In relation to the additional Committee resolutions:

5. *Objectives to allow developer to justify providing alternate dwelling mixes for unique and innovative developments;*

- A Development Control Plan is not a statutory document and can be amended where required and justified. The objectives of each section contain emphasis to provide for a variety of housing choice, and the nature of the DCP already allows for amendments such as these to occur, when justified. The proposed controls state that the part applies to development for the purpose of residential flat buildings only, and does not apply for boarding house, senior's housing, group homes, co-living or build to rent, or developments by social housing providers, public authorities and joint ventures.
6. *Investigate the existing dual-key apartment provisions to see if amendments to the 'maximum 10% dual key units' can be increased;*
- Part 4 of the DCP allows for maximum of 10% dual key units. In response, no minimum or maximum for dual key apartments are proposed, subject to both dual key apartments meeting the ADG requirements, e.g. solar access requirements.
7. *Incentives or bonuses to further encourage family friendly apartment development; and*
- Incentives or bonuses would need to be enabled under the LLEP 2008. The LLEP 2008 already contains significant bonuses and development standards for development to occur. It is recommended to proceed with increased requirements under the Development Control Plan.
8. *Exceptions to state government policies. For example, communal open space.*
- State Environmental Planning Policy 65 (SEPP 65) applies to development residential flat building developments, and overrides the non-statutory weight of a DCP. Clause 6A of SEPP 65 also specially overrides certain matters, such as storage and solar access. Part 3.7 of the DCP has been updated (as discussed below) to ensure it only contains provisions which are able to exceed the requirements of SEPP 65.

The draft amendments outlined above to Part 3.7 and Part 4 of LDCP 2008 emphasise a focus on housing affordability, increased housing rental opportunities, greater apartment diversity and larger family friendly 3 bedroom and greater apartments.

Update Part 3.7 of the DCP to align with SEPP 65 and Apartment Design Guide (ADG)

The current version of LDCP 2008 Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings in the R4 Zone (Outside the City Centre) is dated 19 February 2014. Since this time:

- Environmental Planning Instrument (EPI) *State Environmental Planning Policy No 65—Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development* (SEPP 65) has been amended.

- The Apartment Design Guide (ADG) applies for apartment development applications lodged from 19 June 2015 and determined after 17 July 2015. The ADG replaced the previous Residential Flat Design Code.

SEPP 65 applies to development for the purpose of a residential flat building, shop top housing or mixed use development with a residential accommodation component. SEPP 65 includes 9 design quality principles.

The SEPP states that, *'Development consent must not be granted if, in the opinion of the consent authority, the development or modification does not demonstrate that adequate regard has been given to—*

- (a) the design quality principles, and*
- (b) the objectives specified in the Apartment Design Guide for the relevant design criteria.*

Further, clause 6A of SEPP 65 states that DCP's cannot be inconsistent with controls regarding:

- Visual privacy
- Solar and daylight access
- Common circulation and spaces
- Apartment size and layout
- Ceiling heights
- Private open space and balconies
- Natural ventilation
- Storage

Clause 6A of SEPP 65 also states that if a DCP contains provisions that specify requirements, standards or controls in relation to a matter to which clause 6A of SEPP 65 applies, those provisions are of no effect regardless of when the DCP was made.

Part 3.7 has therefore been updated as follows:

- Deletion of sections and controls which are contained within clause 6A of SEPP 65 (matters listed above, where a DCP cannot be inconsistent with the ADG requirements).
- Deletion of sections and controls which are duplicated with the same intent within parts 3 and 4 of the ADG.
- New section regarding Apartment Diversity with emphasis on larger family friendly apartments (as noted within this report).
- New section regarding amalgamation for developments which do not meet the minimum lot size or lot width, or that would result in an isolated site or adjoining site not meeting the minimum lot size or lot width.
- Inclusion of percentage of apartments capable of being adapted for habitation by seniors and/or persons with disabilities.

- Encouragement of larger amenity for apartments including emphasis on larger balconies and storage (Note. This can only be encouraged as per clause 6A of SEPP 65).

This part was updated in consultation with Council's Development Assessment section. Further it is noted currently that all development applications for residential flat buildings are required to be referred to the Design Excellence Panel. This will occur as part of the community exhibition period.

The amendment to Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings (Outside Liverpool City Centre) of LDCP 2008 is anticipated to help streamline the development application process associated with residential flat building development. This has occurred by removing duplication with SEPP 65 and the ADG, whilst still ensuring the matters of clause 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, (including the impact of a developments environmental, social and economic impacts in the locality) are adequately considered during the assessment process.

Minor Housekeeping

It is noted that a minor housekeeping change is proposed in Part 4 Development in the City Centre, Chapter 4.4.2 Onsite Car Parking. The proposed change is to enable above ground car parking to be an available option for all Development Applications (DA's), rather than solely available to Concept DA's. Control is also strengthened to ensure visual impacts are addressed.

Conclusion & Next Steps

As per the *Environment Planning and Assessment Regs 2021*, and Council's Community Participation Plan, the amendments, if supported, will be placed on public exhibition, for a minimum of 28 days.

In addition, the amendments will be referred to the Liverpool Design Excellence Panel in accordance with clause 15 of *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*. Upon completion of exhibition, it is recommended that Council receives a further report detailing the outcomes of the Design Excellence Panel and of the public exhibition period including any submissions received. Alternatively, if no objections are received, that Council delegate to the CEO for the Draft Development Control Plans to be finalised.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DCP amendment - Part 3.7 Residential Flat Buildings (Under separate cover)
2. DCP amendment - Part 4 Development in the City Centre (Under separate cover)
3. Governance Committee Meeting Report - 22 August 2023 - Amendments to Liverpool Development Control Plan - Family Friendly Apartments and Apartment Design Guide Update (Under separate cover)
4. Governance Committee Meeting Minutes - 22 August 2023 - Amendments to Liverpool Development Control Plan - Family Friendly Apartments (Under separate cover)

PLAN 03**Local Heritage Management Policy**

Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Embrace the city's heritage and history
File Ref	238513.2023
Report By	Thomas Wheeler - Heritage Officer
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A 1979) requires Councils to identify and protect items of heritage significance within their respective Local Government Areas (LGA). It is cognisant of Council to ensure that while it is protecting items of heritage significance, it is providing the best possible guidance in accordance with the applicable legislative requirements and industry best practices.

The proposed Local Heritage Policy (LHP) aims to fill a gap in the heritage management functions of Liverpool City Council (LCC) and enhance the guidance and advice available to owners and managers of heritage items.

The proposed LHP does not increase the requirements on an owner of a heritage item, but clearly defines and documents what is already required and how it should be submitted to Council. The intent is to minimise delays to the Development Application (DA) process as well as divert applications to the Minor Works Applications (MWA) pathway where a DA is not required.

This report provides an overview of the policy and its purpose, and seeks endorsement of the draft Policy, for public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report.
2. Places the Draft Policy on public exhibition for a period of 21 days.
3. Notes that a report be prepared for Council after the exhibition period outlining any submissions received and the relevant responses.

REPORT

It is a legal requirement under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A 1979), Heritage Act 1977, and the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, that Development Applications or Council-initiated Reviews of Environmental Factors that may impact Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (or built, natural and archaeological heritage), are required to submit certain documents with their Development Application to ensure assessment under the relevant legislation.

Council has prepared a draft Local Heritage Policy (Policy), which outlines clear objectives and principles that reflect Council's obligations under the legislative instruments identified above, as well as ensures best practice is consistently implemented in the care and management of heritage located within the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA).

The policy provides direction on the following key aspects of heritage management within the Liverpool LGA.

Heritage Framework

The policy identifies the various mechanisms and guides that either have been developed or are in the process of being developed to identify, protect, support, and manage heritage within the Liverpool LGA. The intent of this section is to demonstrate the suite of documents and guides which are available to owners and developers of heritage sites, as well as internal Council staff, ensuring there is information available up-front to the public.

Liverpool Heritage Inventory

The Liverpool Heritage Inventory (LHI) is a legally required register of heritage items within the LGA. This section of the policy guides the approach for listing and delisting, including the identification of the criteria for heritage listing, and linking to a proposed procedure that will outline internal processes for the implementation of Interim Heritage Orders (IHOs) and assessments of heritage significance.

The intent of this section is to provide a consistent approach to heritage identification and protection that reflects best practice, and is robust and informative.

Minor Works and Maintenance

A common misconception with heritage is that any work (regardless of scale) to a heritage item requires development consent from the Council, and the preparation of extensive plans and consultant reports. This is incorrect, noting that Section 5.10 of the LEP provides Council with the ability to issue exemptions for minor works and maintenance to heritage items, removing the requirement for Development Applications.

This section outlines the key policies for submitting a request for a minor works permit and what processes Council will follow.

Demolition and Relocation

Demolition and relocation is a contentious matter, in relation to listed heritage items. This section of the policy outlines when demolition and relocation would be supported in relation to a heritage item, and what is required to accompany a development application that is seeking the demolition of a heritage item.

Preparing a Development Application

This section of the policy represents the core of the document, and its relevance to development assessment and review of environmental factors processes. It clearly outlines pre-lodgement and development application requirements, including descriptions and guides for the various documents required, such as conservation management plans, statements of heritage impact and archaeological assessments.

This section also notes when these documents may be required and minimum requirements for content and preparation.

The intent of this section is to provide information upfront, to avoid delays to development applications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
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	Include any relevant legislation and section here. There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	The risk is deemed to be Low.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2023.08.30 - Heritage Policy (Final Draft) (Under separate cover)

PLAN 04

Liverpool LEP 2008 - Draft Conservation Zones Study

Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Protect and enhance our natural environment and increase the city's resilience to the effects of natural hazards, shocks and stresses
File Ref	281057.2023
Report By	Lilyan Abosh - Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 October 2022, Council resolved to investigate the potential rezoning of 1 Sirius Road, Lot 68 and Lot 75 Sirius Road, Voyager Point from C3 Environmental Management to C2 Environmental Conservation, within the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (LLEP 2008).

Consistent with this resolution, a Sirius Road Issues and Options Report was tabled at the 26 April 2023 meeting. This report recommended a broader review of the Conservation Land Use Zones within the LLEP 2008, which would also assess the Sirius Road properties and numerous other sites. Council however moved to defer this item on two occasions, requesting further information on development approvals and community engagement.

At its meeting of 26 July 2023, it was resolved amongst other things:

"That Council:

- 2. Undertakes a Conservation Zones Study as part of the Principal LEP Review Project;*
- 3. Allocate funding to the LEP Review budget to complete this Study;*
- 4. Further investigates the rezoning of 1 Sirius Road, Lot 68 Sirius Road and Lot 75 Sirius Road, Voyager Point along with other identified sites, as part of the broader Conservation Zones Study;"*

The need for such a review has been instigated by previous biodiversity studies completed for Council, which have made zoning recommendations and requested for the investigation of Conservation zones. The protection of environmentally significant areas was also highlighted as a key priority of the community, during the initial public exhibition period held for the LEP Review Project in late 2022.

This report presents the findings of the Draft Conservation Zones Study (the Study) (**Attachment 1**), which applies to the following land use zoned under the LLEP 2008:

- C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves (C1 zone)
- C2 Environmental Conservation (C2 zone)
- C3 Environmental Management (C3 zone)

The Study reviews how the Conservation zones are currently applied and their intended use. This includes the establishment of criteria for the application of each zone, and recommendations for new permissible land uses. A summary of the recommendations is shown in the below table.

Criteria	C1	C2	C3
Land designated as National Park	✓		
Public land with 'high' conservation values		✓	
Private land with 'high' conservation values			✓
Land with a development outcome or conservation mechanism		✓	✓
Environmentally constrained land with a current C3 zone		✓	
Environmentally constrained land not currently zoned C3			✓

The Appendices of the Study (**Attachment 1**) assesses certain sites and makes draft zoning recommendations using the criteria established. Appendix A of the Study is the review of Council owned RE1 Public Recreation sites and Appendix B of the Study is a review of privately owned sites.

A total of 27 sites zoned RE1 Public Recreation (RE1) were selected for review, due to their environmental attributes and previous biodiversity studies which have recommended the application of a Conservation zone to RE1 sites which reflect a conservation purpose. Of the 27 sites, 15 are recommended to be rezoned (partly or fully) to a Conservation zone. The recommendations were closely informed by Council's Plans of Management, with areas categorised as 'Community Land – Sportsground' not proposed to be rezoned.

A total of 15 properties in private ownership (including the Sirius Road sites) were selected for review. Majority of these sites are burdened by S.88B Instruments, development consent conditions or other arrangements which necessitate the preservation of significant land.

Of these, 11 are recommended to be rezoned (partly or fully) to a Conservation zone. This will ensure planning controls are reflective of site constraints, which already restrict development on these sites. It is noted that No. 1 Sirius Road, Lot 68 and Lot 75 Sirius Road, Voyager Point are proposed to be retained as C3 Environmental Management and no changes are proposed to these sites.

It is recommended that Council endorse the draft Conservation Zones Study, to enable the preparation of a draft Planning Proposal. The draft Planning Proposal can undergo early exhibition, including engagement with private landowners, and further internal engagement.

This is in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan which states "*For large scale planning proposals, Council will also exhibit the planning proposal for 28 days prior to a Council decision on whether to endorse the planning proposal for a Gateway determination. Feedback from the community will be incorporated into a report to Council*".

The draft Planning Proposal will be presented to the Liverpool Local Planning Panel (LPP) for comment. Following this, a report will be presented to a Council meeting, detailing the comments received from the community and the LPP. If supported up until this point, further consultation would occur at the post-Gateway stage before any rezoning was finalised.

If timing allows, the Draft Conservation Zones Study will be incorporated into the broader LEP review process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse in principle the Draft Conservation Zones Study;
 2. Prepare a draft Planning Proposal to amend the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* in accordance with the zoning recommendations in the draft Conservation Zones Study;
 3. Undertake an initial public exhibition of the Planning Proposal, in accordance with the Liverpool Community Participation Plan;
 4. Present the draft Planning Proposal and supporting draft Conservation Zones Study to the Liverpool Local Planning Panel for advice;
 5. Receive a further report on the draft Planning Proposal and the draft Conservation Zones Study, including the outcomes of the early public exhibition period and the Liverpool Local Planning Panel.
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REPORT

BACKGROUND

Council Resolutions

At its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 October 2022, Council resolved the following:

“That Council:

- 7. Investigates the rezoning of 1 Sirius Road and lots 68 and 75 Sirius Road, Voyager Point from C3 Environmental Management to C2 Environmental Conservation;*
- 8. Consult with the owners of the properties and include their feedback in the report back to Council;*
- 9. Receive a further report back to Council following this investigation for a decision on whether to progress a planning proposal to rezone those sites to C2 Environmental Conservation; and*
- 10. Allocate funding from the LEP review budget to complete these investigations.”*

Consistent with this resolution, a Sirius Road Issues and Options Report was considered at the 26 April 2023 meeting, which incorporated feedback from all respective landowners. The report recommended a broader review of the Conservation zones, which would assess the three Sirius Road properties and numerous other sites. Council however moved to defer the item until further information on development approvals was provided. A report to address this motion was subsequently presented at the 31 May 2023 Council meeting, where the item was again deferred.

A further report was then considered at the Planning and Infrastructure Governance Committee Meeting of 20 June 2023, which provided details on anticipated community engagement. At this Committee meeting, it was decided to proceed with a Council report, seeking endorsement to undertake a study.

In accordance with this, a Council report was prepared for the meeting held on 26 July 2023. At this meeting, Council resolved the following:

“That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes this report;*
- 2. Undertake a Conservation Zones Study as part of the Principal LEP Review Project;*

3. *Allocate funding to the LEP Review budget to complete this Study;*
4. *Further investigates the rezoning of 1 Sirius Road, Lot 68 Sirius Road and Lot 75 Sirius Road, Voyager Point along with other identified sites, as part of the broader Conservation Zones Study; and*
5. *Examine any other sources of funding outside of the budget, including any grants from State and/ or Federal Government.”*

This report addresses points 2, 3 and 4 of the above resolution and outlines the findings of the draft Conservation Zones Study (**Attachment 1**).

Significance of the Study

The need for a broader review of the Conservation zones has been largely instigated by biodiversity studies previously completed for Council. The *Liverpool Biodiversity Management Plan 2012* (LBMP 2012) recommended zones be assessed to ensure significant areas are appropriately protected. The *LBMP 2012* and *Liverpool Biodiversity Management Guidelines 2016* also make rezoning recommendations, particularly in relation to land zoned RE1 Public Recreation.

The protection of environmentally significant areas was also highlighted as a key priority of the community during the initial public exhibition for the LEP Review Project held in late 2022. The survey question regarding the protection of waterways, trees and vegetation scored the highest results out of all survey questions, with 88% of respondents rating this matter as either 'Highly Important' or 'Important'. A significant number of written submissions requested retention of trees, bush regeneration and urban heat management to be a priority of Council.

DRAFT CONSERVATION ZONES STUDY

The draft Conservation Zones Study investigates how the below Conservation zones are currently applied and their intended use. This includes the establishment of criteria for the application of each zone, and recommendations for new permissible land uses:

- C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves (C1 zone)
- C2 Environmental Conservation (C2 zone)
- C3 Environmental Management (C3 zone)

A summary of the recommendations for each zone is discussed further below.

C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves

The application of this zone, land use table and zone objectives are largely restricted by the *Standard Instrument – Principal Local Environmental Plan* and the provisions of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. As such, no changes are proposed for this zone.

C2 Environmental Conservation

The C2 Environmental Conservation (C2) zone applies to certain publicly and privately owned sites within the LLEP 2008. Privately owned sites currently zoned C2 are the result of significant constraints and conservation mechanisms, such as S.88B Instruments which restrict development potential. The Study recommends retaining the C2 zone where it already applies under the LLEP 2008, and to also apply it to sites identified as:

- Publicly owned land with 'high' conservation values;
- Land with a conservation mechanism or negotiated development outcome (such as a S.88B Instrument restriction or Condition of Development Consent); and
- Undevelopable land with a current C3 Environmental Management zone.

The C2 zone provides limited development opportunities, which is why the above criteria is proposed. If the C2 zone is applied irrespective of the above criteria it is likely to trigger acquisition requirements for Council.

In terms of development standards, it is proposed to standardise the minimum lot size requirement to 40HA (with existing C2 lots to retain their current minimum lot size requirement). A large lot size will appropriately limit development, reduce the potential for land fragmentation and increase opportunities for future biodiversity offset sites.

The Study also recommends expanding the list of permitted uses (with consent) to include 'Jetty' and 'Recreation Area'. These uses align with the zone objectives without undermining the conservation value of the land. It is noted that the LEP Review will include these proposed Land Use Table amendments (i.e. inclusion of Jetty and Recreation Area), whilst the development standards and zone changes will proceed separately.

C3 Environmental Management

The C3 Environmental Management (C3) zone in the LLEP 2008 primarily applies to lots in private ownership, with a few sites owned by a public authority. The Study recommends retaining the C3 zone where it already applies under LLEP 2008, and to also apply it to:

- Privately owned land with 'high' conservation values;
- Privately owned land with a negotiated development outcome; and
- Land significantly constrained by natural hazards and processes.

The Study recommends the inclusion of 'Business Identification Signs', 'Water Recreation Structure' and 'Recreation Area' as permitted uses (with consent), which will occur as part of the LEP Review process. These will complement existing permitted uses and support the limited range of development opportunities appropriate for this zone.

A summary of the proposed Conservation zone application criteria is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Summary of Zone Application Criteria

Criteria	C1	C2	C3
Land designated as National Park	✓		
Public land with 'high' conservation values		✓	
Private land with 'high' conservation values			✓
Land with a development outcome or conservation mechanism		✓	✓
Environmentally constrained land with a current C3 zone		✓	
Environmentally constrained land not currently zoned C3			✓

The appendices of the Conservation Zones Study applies the criteria for zone application to numerous publicly and privately owned sites and makes draft rezoning recommendations. These recommendations will be subject to further assessment by the relevant Departments within Council, as well as undergo public exhibition.

1. RE1 Public Recreation Sites (Appendix A of the Study)

A total of 27 sites zoned RE1 Public Recreation (RE1) were selected for review. These sites are either owned by Liverpool City Council (or marked for Council acquisition) or another public authority. The review of RE1 land has arisen from Council's biodiversity studies, which recommend the application of a Conservation zone to RE1 sites which reflect a conservation purpose.

Nominated RE1 sites (see **Figure 1**) were generally selected on the basis of including one or more of the following environmental attributes:

- Land mapped as 'State Core or Corridor' or 'Regional Core';
- Endangered or Critically Endangered Ecological Communities;
- Wildlife Corridor / Riparian Corridor;
- Known Threatened Species Habitat; and
- Coast Wetlands mapped under the *SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*.

Of the 27 RE1 sites, 15 are recommended to be rezoned (partly or fully) to a Conservation zone, as outlined in **Table 1** below. The remainder of sites reviewed but not recommended for a rezoning are omitted from the table below. The complete review of all sites can be found at **Attachment 1** (within Appendix A of the draft Study).

The draft recommendations were closely informed by Council's available Plans of Management, with areas categorised as 'Community Land – Sportsground' not proposed to be rezoned. Land considered for active recreation activities within the draft Cabramatta and Brickmakers Creek Masterplan and draft Georges River Parklands and Chipping Norton Lakes Spatial Framework are also not proposed to be rezoned.

It is noted that provisions in Division 12 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* permit various developments (e.g. recreation areas, roads, lighting,

landscaping, viewing platforms etc.) on land owned by a public authority. The application of a Conservation zone does not preclude these activities from occurring by Council in the future.

Table 2 - Zoning Recommendations for RE1 Sites

Park / Reserve Name	Current Zone	Recommended Zone*	Whole or Part
Bill Anderson Park	RE1 Public Recreation	RE1 Public Recreation & C2 Environmental Conservation	Part
Cabramatta Reserve	RE1 Public Recreation	C2 Environmental Conservation	Whole
Dwyer Oval	RE1 Public Recreation	RE1 Public Recreation & C2 Environmental Conservation	Part
Freeman Oval	RE1 Public Recreation	RE1 Public Recreation & C2 Environmental Conservation	Part
Durrant Oval	RE1 Public Recreation	RE1 Public Recreation & C2 Environmental Conservation	Part
Osmond Reserve	RE1 Public Recreation	RE1 Public Recreation & C2 Environmental Conservation	Part
Lieutenant Cantello Reserve	RE1 Public Recreation	C2 Environmental Conservation	Whole
Peter Pan Park	RE1 Public Recreation	RE1 Public Recreation & C2 Environmental Conservation	Part
Glen Regent Reserve	RE1 Public Recreation	C2 Environmental Conservation	Whole
Harris Creek Field	RE1 Public Recreation & W1 Natural Waterways	C2 Environmental Conservation & W1 Natural Waterways	Part
Murragan Park	RE1 Public Recreation	C2 Environmental Conservation	Whole
Havard / Pasquale Minnici Parks	RE1 Public Recreation & SP2 Drainage	C2 Environmental Conservation & SP2 Drainage	Part
Woolway Park	RE1 Public Recreation	RE1 Public Recreation & C2 Environmental Conservation	Part
Cabrogal Reserve	RE1 Public Recreation & SP2 Drainage	C2 Environmental Conservation & SP2 Drainage	Whole
Dalmeny Reserve	RE1 Public Recreation	C2 Environmental Conservation	Whole

**Note – Supporting development standards (e.g. Floor Space Ratio, Minimum Lot Size) will also be amended if a draft Planning Proposal is progressed.*

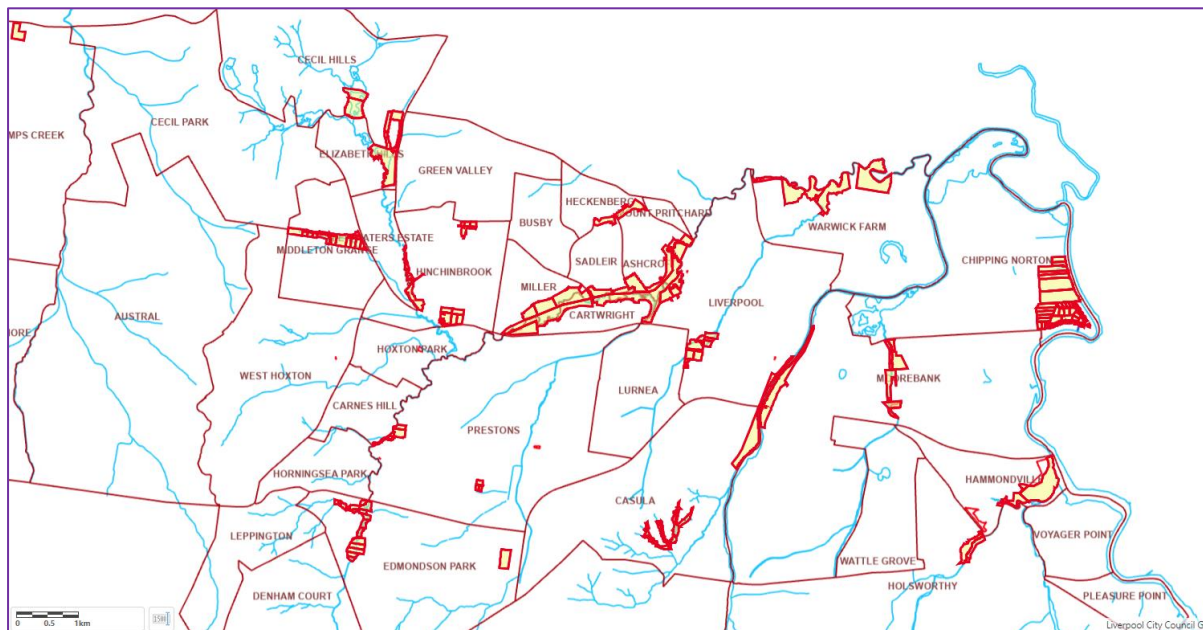


Figure 1 - Map of RE1 Public Recreation Sites reviewed under the Draft Study

2. Privately Owned Sites (Appendix B of the Study)

A total of 15 sites (see **Figure 2**) in private ownership were selected for review. Majority of these sites are either wholly or partly burdened by S.88B Instruments, development consent conditions and/or other site restrictions that necessitate the preservation of land on account of their biodiversity value.

Of the 15 sites, 11 are recommended to be rezoned (partly or fully) to a Conservation zone, as outlined in **Table 2**. Sites omitted from the table are not recommended to be rezoned. The complete review of all sites can be found at **Attachment 1** (within Appendix B of the draft Study).

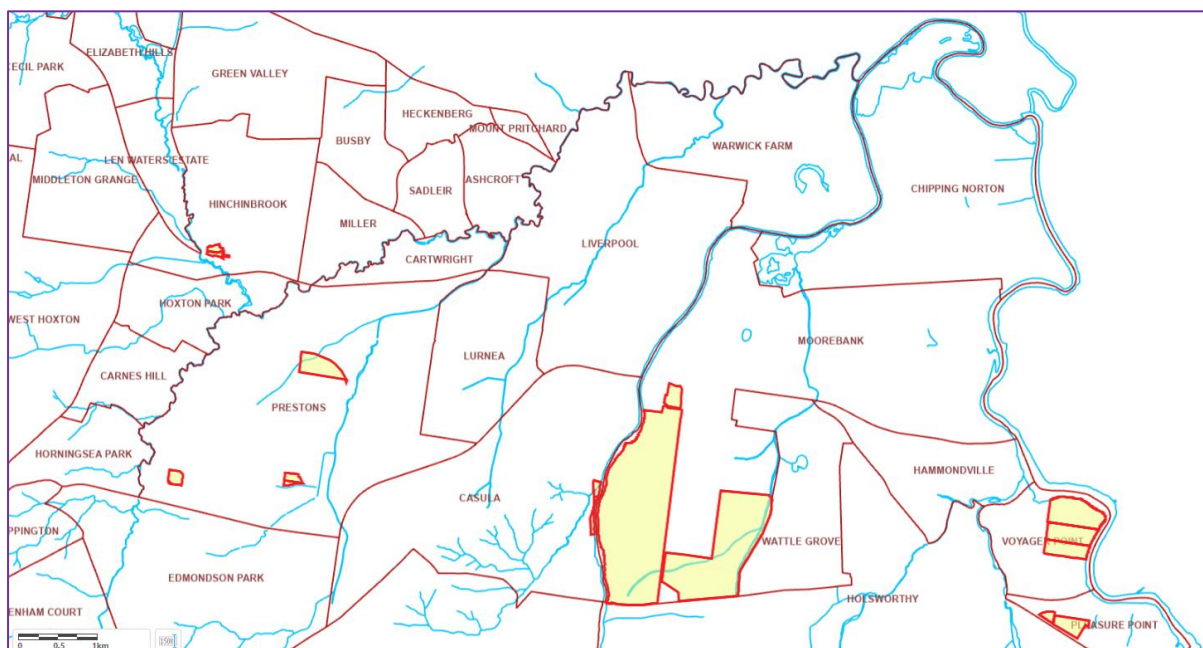


Figure 2 - Map of privately owned sites reviewed by the Draft Study

Table 3 - Zoning Recommendations for Privately Owned Sites

Address	Current Zone	Recommended Zone*	Reason
Lot 514 Willowie Way, Pleasure Point (Lot 514 DP 1183310)	C3 Environmental Management	C2 Environmental Conservation	S.88B restriction requires the lot to be retained for environmental management, and not to be cleared, altered or damaged.
Lot 792 Heathcote Road, Pleasure Point (Lot 792 DP 48718)	C2 Environmental Conservation & R2 Low Density Residential	C2 Environmental Conservation	Owned by a public authority (not Council) with high conservation values on site.
Pavesi Place, Hinchinbrook (Lot 113 DP 1120172)	R2 Low Density Residential	C2 Environmental Conservation & R2 Low Density Residential (split zone)	S.88B restriction to retain the lot as flood storage and rehabilitated riparian land.
Lot 101 Rossini Drive, Hinchinbrook (Lot 101 DP 1120172)	R2 Low Density Residential	C2 Environmental Conservation & R2 Low Density Residential (split zone)	S.88B restriction to retain the lot as flood storage and rehabilitated riparian land.

Address	Current Zone	Recommended Zone*	Reason
44 Manildra Street, Prestons (Lot 37 DP 1192727)	R2 Low Density Residential	C3 Environmental Management	Private land with 'high' conservation value. DCP identifies site as being for bushland preservation, with a DA refused on this basis.
Lot 23 Corrimal Street, Prestons (Lot 23 DP 1197839)	R2 Low Density Residential	C3 Environmental Management	Private land with 'high' conservation value. Previous DA consent condition for a 27 lot subdivision required the lot to be retained and not cleared.
10 Burando Road, Prestons (Lot 1 DP 1129090)	E5 Heavy Industrial & C2 Environmental Conservation	C2 Environmental Conservation (further) & E5 Heavy Industrial (split zone)	Development consent condition required the eastern vegetated portion to be an offset area and protected from future development.
Lot 100 Bapaume Road, Moorebank (Lot 100 DP 1049508)	E4 General Industrial	C2 Environmental Conservation (further) & E4 General Industrial (split zone)	Site Restriction. Refer to Confidential Attachment 2.
Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank (Lot 1 & Lot 4 DP 1197707)	C3 Environmental Management, E4 General Industrial & SP2 Infrastructure	C2 Environmental Conservation, C3 Environmental Management, E4 General Industrial & SP2 Infrastructure	Site Restriction. Refer to Confidential Attachment 2.
Lot 4 Casula Road (Lot 4 DP 1130937)	C3 Environmental Management	C2 Environmental Conservation	Site Restriction. Refer to Confidential Attachment 2.

**Note – Supporting development standards (e.g. Floor Space Ratio, Minimum Lot Size) will also be amended if a draft Planning Proposal is progressed.*

The rezoning of the above lots will ensure land use planning controls are reflective of site constraints, which already restrict development. This will address the current misalignment between the zoning and site affectations and help reduce uncertainty for landowners moving forward.

Sirius Road Sites

Council originally resolved to investigate the potential rezoning of No. 1 Sirius Road, Lot 68 and Lot 75 Sirius Road, Voyager Point from C3 to C2. The rezoning of these properties to C2 is likely to trigger Council's acquisition requirements, as the sites do not meet any of the criteria established for the C2 zone. It is therefore proposed to retain these sites as C3. It is noted that

the existing C3 zoning affords these sites significant protection already against environmental impacts resulting from future development.

NEXT STEPS & CONSULTATION

Subject to Council's endorsement of the draft Conservation Zones Study, a draft Planning Proposal will be prepared based on the draft zoning recommendations. Initial community consultation will occur on the draft Planning Proposal for a minimum period of 28 days, in accordance with the *Liverpool Community Participation Plan*. This will include targeted consultation with directly impacted landowners, detailing the proposed changes to their site. There will also be the opportunity for landowners to meet with Council staff to discuss the proposal if desired. The draft Planning Proposal will also be submitted to the Liverpool Local Planning Panel (LPP) for advice.

Feedback received from the community exhibition period and the LPP will be considered, and a further report will then be submitted to Council, prior to the endorsement of a Planning Proposal.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council endorse the recommendations of the draft Conservation Zones Study. This will strengthen the legislative protections of ecologically valuable land and is consistent with the community's vision for the Liverpool LGA.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation. Although Council resolved to "Allocate funding to the LEP Review budget to complete this Study", the Study was subsequently undertaken by Council staff within existing budget allocations.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	Manage the environmental health of waterways. Protect, enhance and maintain areas of endangered ecological communities and high quality bushland as part of an attractive mix of land uses.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
Legislative	Clause 7 of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .
Risk	The risk is deemed to be Low. Should Council endorse the draft Study, this does not finalise any rezoning recommendations. The draft Planning Proposal will undergo an early public exhibition period, allowing feedback to be received. Further consideration will also occur at the post-Gateway stage of the Planning Proposal. The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Conservation Zones Study & Site Investigations (Under separate cover)
2. Draft Conservation Zone Study & Site Investigations - Non Redacted Version of Appendix B (Under separate cover) - **Confidential**
3. Table of Existing Conservation Zoned land under LLEP 2008 (Under separate cover)
4. Department of Planning and Environment - Environment and Heritage Group LEP Review Advice (Under separate cover)
5. LEP Practice Note for Conservation Zones - PN-09 002 (Under separate cover)

PLAN 05

Edmondson Park Landcom Street Naming

Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Deliver effective and efficient planning and high-quality design to provide best outcomes for a growing city
File Ref	290453.2023
Report By	Danielle Hijazi - Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement for twenty-nine (29) proposed street names to be located within Landcom's land in Edmondson Park.

The Street naming theme for Edmondson Park is military and the proposed names are:

- Amiens Road
- Caesar Boulevard
- Compass Concourse
- Horrie Road
- Jericho Road
- Jezzine Lane
- Juno Drive
- Justin Road
- Lone Pine Lane
- Milo Avenue
- Nassau Lane
- Nell Street
- Opossum Street
- Pedro Crescent
- Pilckem Path
- Polygon Lane
- Prince Loop
- Rafa Walk
- Rank Road
- Roosevelt Crescent
- Saidor Street
- Samakh Street
- Sandy Way
- Sarbi Circuit
- Semut Street
- Shaggy Ridge
- Sharon Walk
- Tex Crescent
- Tulkarm Street

The proposed names have been assessed using Council's Naming Convention Policy and have been granted pre-approval by the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the military theme names including Amiens Road, Caesar Boulevard, Compass Concourse, Horrie Road, Jericho Road, Jezzine Lane, Juno Drive, Justin Road, Lone Pine Lane, Milo Avenue, Nassau Lane, Nell Street, Opossum Street, Pedro Crescent, Pilckem Path, Polygon Lane, Prince Loop, Rafa Walk, Rank Road, Roosevelt Crescent, Saidor Street, Samakh Street, Sandy Way, Sarbi Circuit, Semut Street, Shaggy Ridge, Sharon Walk, Tex Crescent, and Tulkarm Street
2. Forwards the names to the Geographical Names Board, seeking formal approval;
3. Publicly exhibits the names in accordance with Council's Naming Convention Policy, for a period of 28 days, following formal approval from the GNB; and
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process of gazettal, if there are no objections received during public exhibition.

REPORT

Background

In June 2023 Council staff were contacted by Landcom to name several Street sections within Precinct 3 and 9 in Edmondson Park.

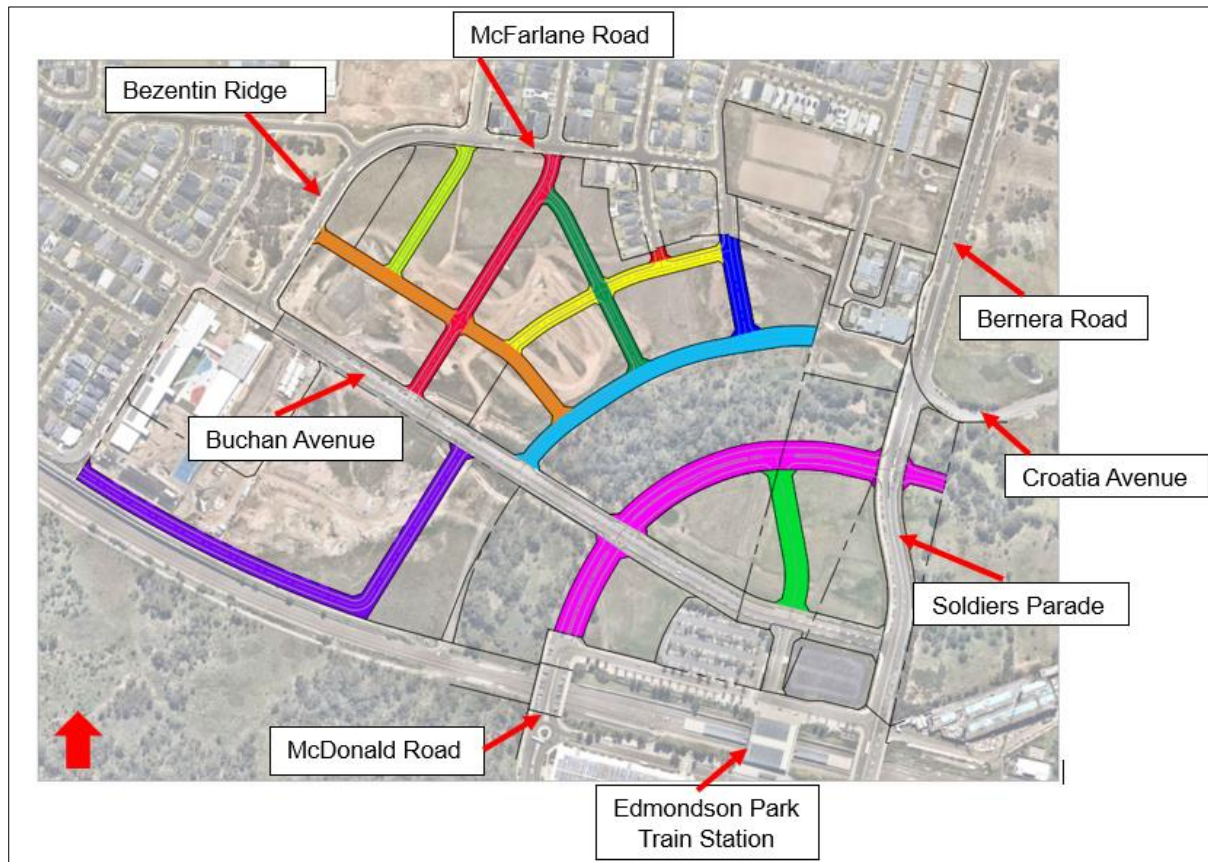


Figure 1 Proposed indicative only Street layout plan for Precinct 3 Edmondson Park

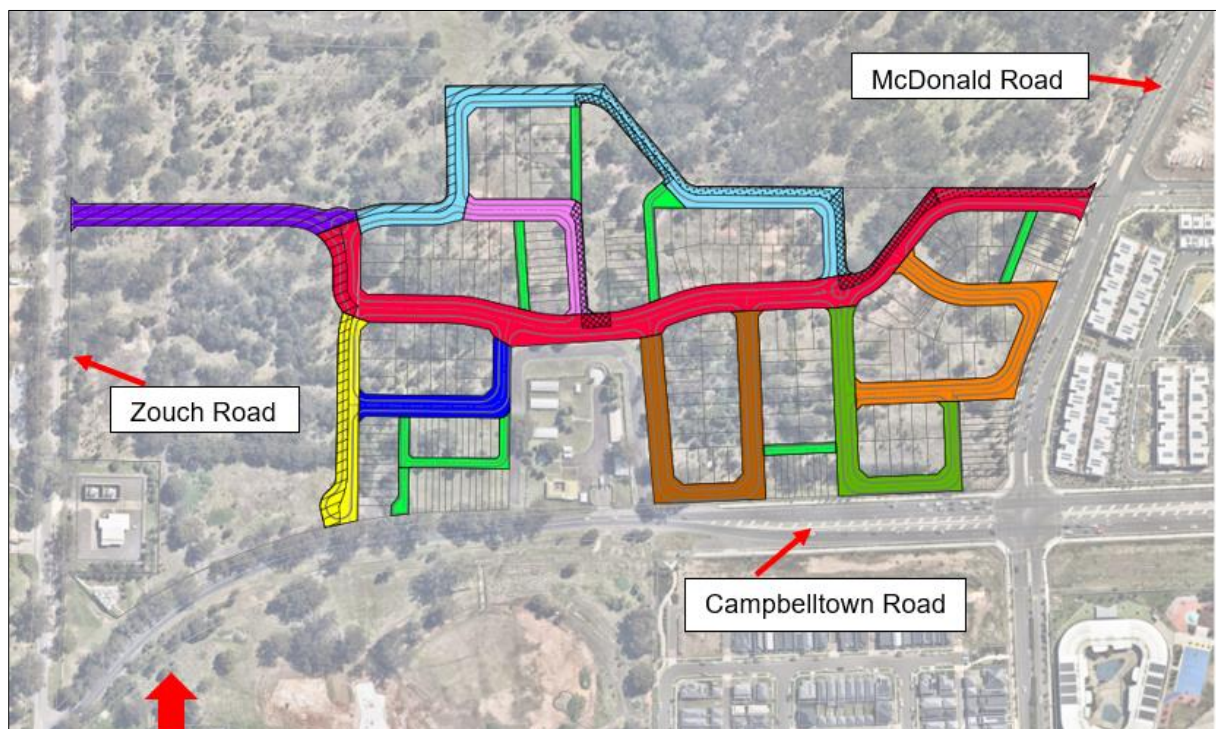


Figure 2 Proposed indicative only Street layout plan for Precinct 9 Edmondson Park

First Nation Naming

At the 27 July 2022 meeting, Council resolved to *develop a process for first nations naming, renaming and co-naming of places and spaces in Liverpool*. That work is currently underway in conjunction with the Aboriginal Consultative Committee.

It should be noted that the Edmondson Park precinct is developing rapidly, and the list of available names to assign to new streets is exhausted. There are new subdivisions near completion, and it is crucial that new street names are gazetted as a matter of urgency.

The Geographical Names Board requirements for Aboriginal naming state:

A name nominated by a Local Government Council will not be accepted by the GNB unless the Local Aboriginal Land Council and relevant Aboriginal communities have been consulted.

Unfortunately, the timeframes for researching new names (of an indigenous origin, figure or thing), agreeing to spelling, and having multiple stakeholders endorse the names, has the potential to impact upon the delivery of subdivisions in the area causing time and financial consequences for prospective homeowners. The proposed names ensure a unified theme is continued for the locality.

Proposed Names

The Street naming theme for Edmondson Park is military and the proposed street names commemorate Australian war dogs and names of Australian war battles.

Below is a list of the proposed names that have been compiled with pre-approval granted from the GNB as follows:

Amiens Road

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Amiens: Allied victory, one of the first major battles involving armored warfare.

Caesar Boulevard

Caesar was an Australian tracker dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in South Vietnam between 1967-1971 and did not return from the war.

Compass Concourse

WWII Battle involving Australia. Operation Compass was a British victory, with involvement of the 6th Australian Division.

Horrie Road

Horrie was an Australian messenger dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in South Vietnam between 1967-1971 and did not return from the war.

Jericho Road

WWI Battle involving Australia. Capture of Jericho was an Egypt Expeditionary Force victory, with involvement of the Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Jezzine Lane

WWII Battle involving Australia. Battle of Jezzine an Australian tactical victory, involvement of the 25th Australian Brigade.

Juno Drive

Juno was an Australian tracker dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in South Vietnam between 1967-1971 and did not return from the war.

Justin Road

Justin was an Australian tracker dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in South Vietnam between 1967-1971 and did not return from the war.

Lone Pine Lane

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Lone Pine a victory battle for ANZAC.

Milo Avenue

Milo was an Australian tracker dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in South Vietnam between 1967-1971 and did not return from the war.

Nassau Lane

WWII Battle involving Australia. Landing at Nassau Bay. An allied victory, with involvement of the 17th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Nell Street

Nell was an Australian messenger dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in South Vietnam between 1967-1971 and did not return from the war.

Opossum Street

WWII Battle involving Australia. Operation Opossum. An Australian success, Australian Z Special unit rescue of the Sultan of Ternate.

Pedro Crescent

Pedro was an Australian war dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in the Malayan Emergency between 1950-1959 and did not return from the war.

Pilckem Path

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Pilckem Ridge. An Anglo-French victory, involvement of the 3rd Australian Division.

Polygon Lane

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Polygon Wood. A British victory, involvement of the 4th & 5th Australian Division.

Prince Loop

Prince was an Australian war dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in the Malayan Emergency between 1950-1959 and did not return from the war.

Rafa Walk

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Rafa. A British Victory, involvement of the Australian Flying Corps and Light Horse Brigade.

Rank Road

Rank was an Australian war dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in the Malayan Emergency between 1950-1959 and did not return from the war.

Roosevelt Crescent

WWII Battle involving Australia. Battle of Roosevelt Ridge. An Allied victory, involvement of the 2/6th Australian Infantry Battalion.

Saidor Street

WWII Battle involving Australia. Landing at Saidor. An Allied victory, involvement of the 5/7/9th Australian Division.

Samakh Street

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Samakh was an Australian Light Horse Brigade Victory.

Sandy Way

Sandy was an Australian messenger dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in South Vietnam between 1967-1971 and did not return from the war.

Sarbi Circuit

Sarbi was an Australian war dog trained in explosive detection, who served Australia in the Afghanistan war between 2007-2012. Sarbi was the Recipient of RSPCA Purple Cross Award and passed away aged 12 after a short battle with cancer.

Semut Street

WWII Battle involving Australia. Operation Semut an allied victory, with involvement of the Australian Z Special unit.

Shaggy Ridge

WWII Battle involving Australia. Battle of Shaggy Ridge. An allied victory, with involvement of the Australian 7th Division & the RAAF.

Sharon Walk

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Sharon. British/French victory, with involvement of the Australian Mounted Division.

Tex Crescent

Tex was an Australian war dog trained at the Ingleburn infantry camp, who served in the Malayan Emergency between 1950-1959 and did not return from the war.

Tulkarm Street

WWI Battle involving Australia. Battle of Tulkarm. British victory, involvement of the Australian Mounted Division.

Further information on the history of the above-mentioned war dogs and battles can be found at:

- Australian War Memorial <https://www.awm.gov.au/>
- Australian Defence Force Trackers and War Dogs Association [New South Wales – ADF Trackers & War Dogs Association \(aussietrackers.org\)](https://aussietrackers.org/)
- Department of Veteran Affairs <https://www.dva.gov.au/>

Next Steps

If supported by Council, the above street names will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. If no objections are received, the naming request will be forwarded to the GNB for formal approval and gazettal. Council officers will consider all submissions during the public notification period. The following three potential scenarios are likely to arise:

No objections received

The naming requests will be forwarded to the GNB for formal approval and gazettal to the NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office (PCO) under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate). Relevant stakeholders such as Australia Post, NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Service, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association, Transport for NSW and the NSW Police Force, will be notified.

Objections from the relevant agencies

Council will not proceed with the naming requests. A report to Council will be prepared for the next available meeting outlining the reason for rejection.

Submissions received from the community

If there is a community objection, or reason to reconsider the proposed name, a report will be prepared for the next available Council meeting with a recommendation based on the submissions received.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.
Civic Leadership	Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility.
Legislative	<p>Roads Act 1993.</p> <p>Roads Regulation 1998.</p> <p>Pursuant to section 162 of the Roads Act, Council may name and number all public roads for which it is the roads authority. Council may only name a road if it has given the Geographical Names Board at least one month's notice of the proposed name.</p> <p>Regulation 7 (Roads Act) prescribes a procedure for naming roads, requiring prior publication of a proposal, notification of relevant parties and consideration of submissions. If a relevant party objects, Council may not proceed with the proposal without ministerial approval.</p>
Risk	<p>The risk is deemed to be Low. There is a low risk that if the proposed names are not supported, development will be delayed due to a lack of suitable new street names.</p> <p>The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite given the recommendation of the report.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PLAN 06**Street Naming - Middleton Grange**

Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Promote and advocate for an integrated transport network with improved transport options and connectivity
File Ref	303967.2023
Report By	Danielle Hijazi - Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to the Council resolution from the 30th August Council meeting, where it was resolved that Council:

“Supports the seven additional street names being Ansett, Rex, Bonza, Jetstar, Bird-Walten, Pilot and Wirraway Street and/or any other name that is consistent with the Australian Aviation Industry to be used in the forthcoming future town centre and subdivisions nearing completion that have varied the current ILP of the suburb.”

Five of these proposed street names by Council cannot be used as they are not in accordance with the addressing principles outlined in the Geographical Names Board - NSW Addressing Policy User Manual 2021, as well as Council’s Naming Convention Policy.

Consequently, this report proposes an alternate list of six additional street names being Jetstream Avenue, Nacelle Street, Pilot Street, Radome Street, Skyport Street and Wirraway Street. These names have been granted pre-approval by the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB). In response to the Council resolution from August, Boeing Avenue is no longer proposed given that it is not consistent with the Australian Aviation Industry.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the assessment of the endorsed street names being Ansett, Rex, Bonza, Jetstar, Bird- Walton, Pilot and Wirraway Street
2. Supports the alternate list of six additional street names being Jetstream Avenue, Nacelle Street, Pilot Street, Radome Street, Skyport Street and Wirraway Street to be

used in the forthcoming future town centre and subdivisions nearing completion that have varied the current ILP of the suburb.

3. Forwards the names to the Geographical Names Board, seeking formal approval;
4. Publicly exhibits the names in accordance with Council's Naming Convention Policy, for a period of 28 days, following formal approval from the GNB; and
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process of gazettal, if there are no objections received during public exhibition.

REPORT

Background

At the meeting held on 30th August 2023, Council staff sought endorsement to compile seven additional street names being Boeing Avenue, Jetstream Avenue, Nacelle Street, Pilot Street, Radome Street, Skyport Street and Wirraway Street to be used in the forthcoming future town centre and for subdivisions nearing completion (**Attachment 1**).

Council did not support all of the above names and instead endorsed "...seven additional street names being Ansett, Rex, Bonza, Jetstar, Bird Walton, Pilot and Wirraway Street and/or any other name that is consistent with the Australian Aviation Industry..." (the resolution is provided on the last page of **Attachment 1**).

When considering a street name Council staff must assess the names in accordance with the addressing principals outlined in the Geographical Names Board - NSW Addressing Policy User Manual 2021, as well as Council's Naming Convention Policy.

Council endorsed list of proposed Street names

Below is an assessment of each name Council endorsed at the 30th August 2023 meeting.

Ansett

The NSW Addressing Policy User Manual Section 6.7.4 Uniqueness Duplication states:

"Uniqueness is the most essential quality to be sought in proposing a new road name. A road name will be regarded as a duplicate if it is the same or similar in spelling or sound to an existing name, regardless of the road type. Road names shall not be duplicated:

- *Within the same address locality*
- *Within the adjoining locality*
- *Within a duplicated locality anywhere in NSW*
- *Within the proximity radius of 10km in a Metropolitan Urban Area"*

The name Ansett was rejected by the GNB as it is considered too similar sounding to existing road names within the duplication radius. This includes Annette Street in Cabramatta West and Annette Avenue in Ingleburn.

Rex, Bonza and Jetstar

The NSW Addressing Policy User Manual Section 6.7.5 Acceptable Road Names states:

“Commercial and business names shall not be used, particularly where the name can be construed to be promoting the business. However, business names no longer in use and which promote the heritage of an area are acceptable.”

The names Rex, Bonza and Jetstar are names of active Australian airlines and are considered to be commercial and business names, therefore they cannot be supported.

It should be noted that a street named Qantas Boulevard in Middleton Grange was approved prior to the current NSW Addressing Policy.

Bird Walton

The NSW Addressing Policy User Manual Section 6.7.4 Uniqueness Duplication states:

“Uniqueness is the most essential quality to be sought in proposing a new road name. A road name will be regarded as a duplicate if it is the same or similar in spelling or sound to an existing name, regardless of the road type. Road names shall not be duplicated:

- Within the same address locality*
- Within the adjoining locality*
- Within a duplicated locality anywhere in NSW*
- Within the proximity radius of 10km in a Metropolitan Urban Area”*

Bird Walton Avenue is the name of an existing street in Middleton Grange and cannot be duplicated within the suburb or a 10km radius.

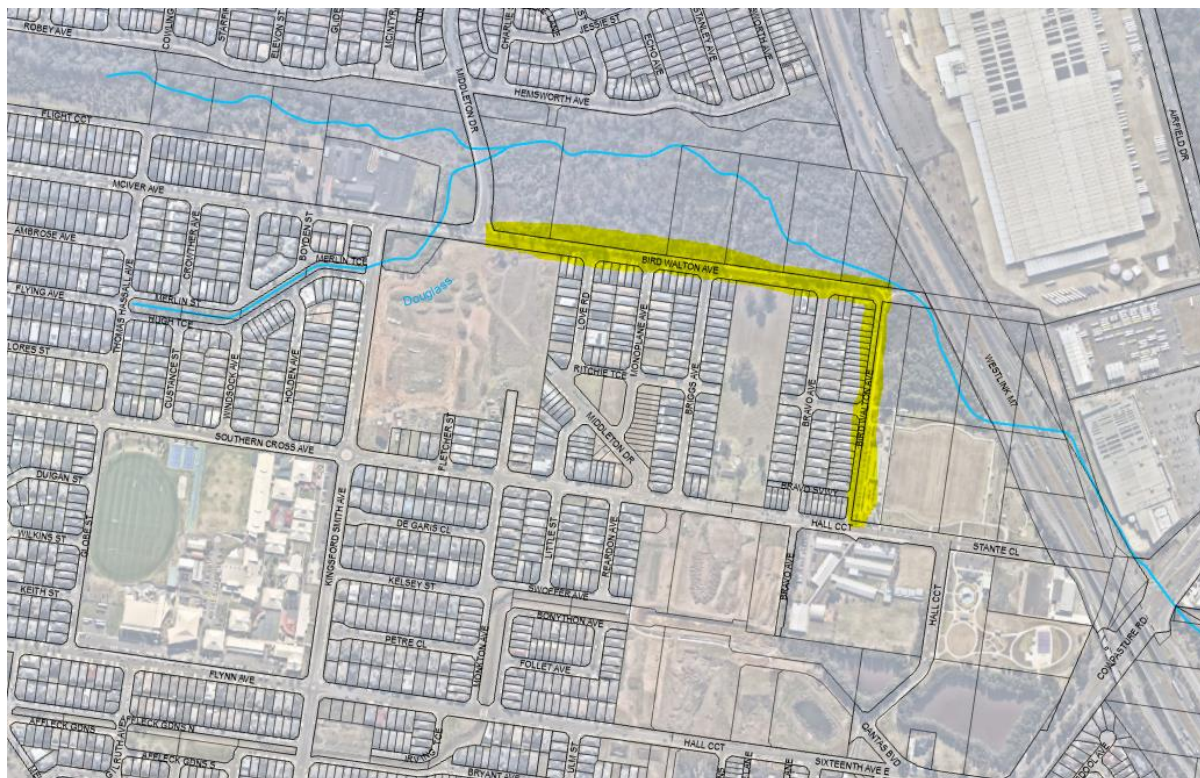


Figure 1: Street map highlighting existing location of Bird Walton Avenue

Pilot and Wirraway

The names Pilot and Wirraway were included in the original list seeking endorsement from Council. Council endorsed these names at the 30 August 2023 meeting. The names Pilot and Wirraway meet the NSW Addressing Policy User Manual 2021 principals and have been granted pre-approval from the GNB.

Any other names consistent with Australian Aviation

Council staff have conducted significant research to identify suitable names with Australian aviation history. Australian aviation names are featured prominently within the suburb of Middleton Grange and a list of suitable Australian aviation names is exhausted (Please refer to **Attachment 2 Middleton Grange Street Name Map**, which details the Australian aviation themed names contained within the suburb).

Next Steps

It is recommended that the six additional street names being Jetstream Avenue, Nacelle Street, Pilot Street, Radome Street, Skyport Street and Wirraway Street considered at the August Council meeting are endorsed. These names have been granted pre-approval by the GNB.

If endorsed, these six new street names will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. Council officers will consider all submissions during the public notification period. The following three potential scenarios are likely to arise:

No objections received

The names will be forwarded to the GNB for formal approval and gazettal to the NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office (PCO) under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate). Relevant stakeholders such as Australia Post, NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Service, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association, Transport for NSW and the NSW Police Force, will be notified.

Objections from the relevant agencies

Council will not proceed with the naming request for the name(s) that received an objection. A report to Council will be prepared for the next available meeting outlining the reason for rejection.

Submissions received from the community

If there is community objection, or reason to reconsider a proposed name, a report will be prepared with a suitable recommendation for the next available Council meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no costs associated with endorsing and exhibiting the proposed street names.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.
Civic Leadership	Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility.
Legislative	Roads Act 1993. Roads Regulation 1998. Pursuant to section 162 of the Roads Act, Council may name and number all public roads for which it is the roads authority. Council may only name a road if it has given the Geographical Names Board at least one month's notice of the proposed name.

	Regulation 7 (<i>Roads Regulation 2018</i>) prescribes a procedure for naming roads, requiring prior publication of a proposal, notification of relevant parties and consideration of submissions. If a relevant party objects, Council may not proceed with the proposal without ministerial approval.
Risk	<p>The risk is deemed to be Low. There is a low risk that if the proposed names are not endorsed, delays will be experienced for the development of the town centre and the final residential subdivisions in Middleton Grange due to a lack of approved street names.</p> <p>The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Report and Resolution - 30 August 2023
2. Existing Middleton Grange Street Name Map

PLAN 04	Street Naming - Middleton Grange
Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Promote and advocate for an integrated transport network with improved transport options and connectivity
File Ref	249463.2023
Report By	Danielle Hijazi - Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement to rename several connecting street sections in Middleton Grange and proposes to create an additional list of street names to be utilised in the forthcoming future Town Centre road network and subdivisions nearing completion that have varied the current Indicative Layout Plan (ILP) of the suburb.

The Street naming theme for the locality is aviation and the proposed names have been assessed using Council's Naming Convention Policy and have been granted pre-approval by the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the renaming of the Street sections Flynn Avenue/Hall Circuit/Sixteenth Avenue East/Qantas Boulevard to Flynn Avenue, Middleton Grange.
2. Endorses staff to write to the affected residents located on the Street sections of Southern Cross Ave/Seventeenth Ave East/Hall Circuit, Middleton Grange with seven options to vote on the renaming of these street sections.
3. Supports the seven additional street names being Boeing Avenue, Jetstream Avenue, Nacelle Street, Pilot Street, Radome Street, Skyport Street and Wirraway Street to be used in the forthcoming future town centre and subdivisions nearing completion that have varied the current ILP of the suburb.
4. Forwards the names to the Geographical Names Board, seeking formal approval;

Figure 1: Flynn Avenue/Hall Circuit/Sixteenth Avenue East/Qantas Boulevard Street Sections
– (Highlighted in yellow)



Figure 2: Hall Circuit/Sixteenth Avenue East/Qantas Boulevard affected properties (highlighted).

Given the previous planning proposal, and new plans for the town centre, the Indicative Layout Plan, shown in Figure 1 will not be realised. In response, it is proposed to rename the sections of Hall Circuit, Sixteenth Avenue East, and Qantas Boulevard to Flynn Avenue.

When considering a renaming proposal, staff are bound by Liverpool City Council's own 'Naming Convention Policy', as well as the Geographical Names Board of NSW's (the GNB's) 'NSW Address Policy and User Manual'.

Section 6 of the NSW Address Policy and User Manual states the following principles when considering a renaming request:

6.7.1 Ensuring Public Safety and Service Delivery Road names shall not risk public and operational safety for emergency response, or cause confusion for transport, communication and mail services. Many emergency responses and other public services (such as mail) are determined by the clarity of road names and road extents, and all road name proposals shall ensure that operations will not be adversely affected.

The existing Street sections and names all apply to a single contiguous road and are risking public safety and causing confusion for emergency and essential services.

6.7.7 Road Extents A road name shall apply from one end of the road to the other i.e. the point where the road finishes or intersects with another road or roads. The extent of a named road shall be defined by the formed road, and shall include only one section navigable by vehicles or foot.

The original plans for this road corridor have been superseded, and the road no longer needs to be split into individual segments. The extent of the existing street sections now start and end at illogical positions along the street, and not at the terminus of the street (via a corner or

intersection). It is proposed that renaming the entirety of the street corridor to Flynn Avenue will make the street consistent with this policy direction.

6.7.9 Amending Road Names *Road names are intended to be enduring, and the renaming of roads is discouraged unless there are compelling reasons for a change. Issues that can prompt renaming include the redesign of a road, changed traffic flow, mail or service delivery problems, duplication issues and addressing problems.*

The existing Street sections and names are causing addressing, mail, and service delivery problems for residents.

Given that the current configuration of the street sections fails to align with the above mentioned addressing principles, Council staff recommend adopting a rational and systematic approach. It is proposed to rename Flynn Avenue, Hall Circuit, Sixteenth Avenue East, and Qantas Boulevard to a single unified street name, functioning as Flynn Avenue, Middleton Grange.

The use of Flynn Avenue is suggested as this will cause the least amount of disruption to residents along the corridor. The street numbering starts at 1 at the western end of the street, and as such residents currently addressed to Flynn Avenue will not need to update any details resulting from this change. Residents in the sections of Hall Circuit, Sixteenth Ave East and Qantas Boulevard would be assigned consecutive numbers from where the extent of Flynn Ave currently terminates; these residents (see figure 2) will need to update their address details if Council proceeds to rename these street sections.

Southern Cross Avenue/Seventeenth Avenue East/Hall Circuit

Background

Council's rates and property officer has received several inquiries from property owners located around Seventeenth Avenue East, Middleton Grange. Some are experiencing challenges with the *Valuer General Office NSW* not recognising names such as Seventeenth Avenue East as a valid street location. Council's rates and property office has assisted the property owners to rectify the issue, including providing the map data to the *Valuer General Office NSW*, but to date the street addresses are not being recognised. There are also issues with essential services including Australia Post, Ambulance and various delivery services not being able to correctly locate properties.



Figure 3: Southern Cross Avenue/Seventeenth Avenue East/Hall Circuit/Street Sections – (Highlighted in yellow)



Figure 4 Southern Cross Avenue/Seventeenth Avenue East/Hall Circuit/ eighty-four affected properties (highlighted).

When considering a renaming proposal, staff are bound by Liverpool City Council's own 'Naming Convention Policy', as well as the Geographical Names Board of NSW's (the GNB's) 'NSW Address Policy and User Manual'.

Section 6 of the NSW Address Policy and User Manual states the following principles when considering a renaming request:

6.7.1 Ensuring Public Safety and Service Delivery Road names shall not risk public and operational safety for emergency response, or cause confusion for transport, communication and mail services. Many emergency responses and other public

services (such as mail) are determined by the clarity of road names and road extents, and all road name proposals shall ensure that operations will not be adversely affected.

The existing Street sections and names all apply to a single contiguous road and are risking public safety and causing confusion for emergency and essential services.

6.7.7 Road Extents *A road name shall apply from one end of the road to the other i.e. the point where the road finishes or intersects with another road or roads. The extent of a named road shall be defined by the formed road, and shall include only one section navigable by vehicles or foot.*

The extent of the existing Street sections start and end at illogical positions along the street, and not at the terminus of the street (via a corner or intersection). It is proposed that renaming the entirety of the street corridor to one name will make the street consistent with this policy direction.

6.7.9 Amending Road Names *Road names are intended to be enduring, and the renaming of roads is discouraged unless there are compelling reasons for a change. Issues that can prompt renaming include the redesign of a road, changed traffic flow, mail or service delivery problems, duplication issues and addressing problems.*

The existing Street sections and names are causing addressing, mail, and service delivery problems for residents.

If Street sections remain in their current form:

- The current addressing issues will remain.
- Government agencies, legal entities, and public services rely on accurate addressing for their operations. Failing to address the issues can create legal and administrative issues i.e., property being recognised by the Valuer General Office.
- The risk to public safety remains.
- Persistent addressing issues can lead to frustration and dissatisfaction amongst community members. This may be perceived as that Council's inaction is a lack of responsiveness or disregard for their concerns.
- By not addressing the issues, the opportunity to improve the overall addressing system and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of services may be missed. Taking action to rectify the addressing issues can lead to long-term improvements in navigation, service delivery, and community satisfaction.

- If Council proposes to retain the name Southern Cross Avenue and apply it to the whole corridor, renumbering the existing Southern Cross Avenue properties would need to occur. This is problematic for the reasons detailed below:
 - The numbering of properties located on Southern Cross Avenue starts near the middle of the corridor (at the intersection of Middleton Drive and heads west) see figure 5 below; this means that staff cannot apply the name Southern Cross Drive to properties east of this location as these properties would need negative street address numbers (which are not allowed).
 - Re-numbering may cause further confusion and inconvenience for the existing residents, businesses, and visitors of Southern Cross Avenue as they are familiar with the previous numbering system and may struggle to adjust to the new numbering, leading to difficulties in locating addresses and communicating directions.
 - Re-numbering without changing the street name is highly likely to lead to a situation where an address can be interpreted as applying to two different properties (e.g. the old location and the new renumbered location).

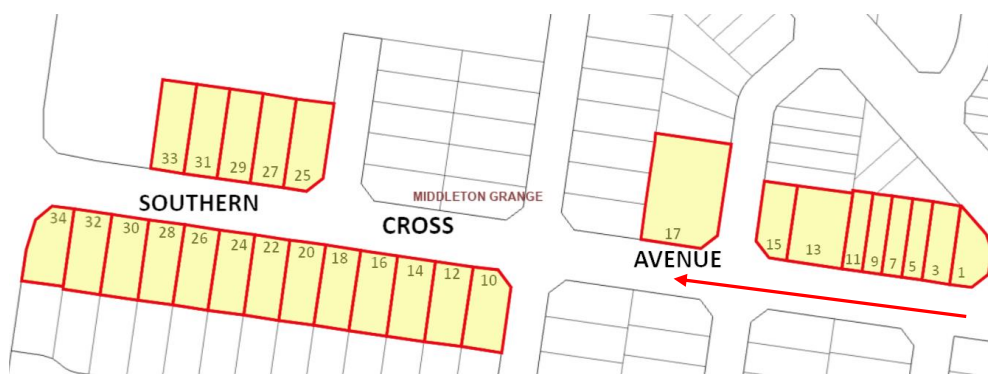


Figure 5: Numbering of properties on Southern Cross Avenue - number 1 starting at the Middleton Drive intersection heading west.

Considering that the current configuration of the street sections fails to align with the aforementioned addressing principles and renumbering properties on Southern Cross Avenue will cause greater confusion, all of the Street sections must be renamed.

Proposed community engagement

Council staff are proposing to write to the affected landowners (Southern Cross Ave / Seventeenth Ave E / Hall Cct) detailing the issues with the current street names, as above, and requesting the landowners vote between the seven proposed street names detailed in the report below. The proposed Street name that receives the highest vote will be formally gazetted and rename the entire street sections of Southern Cross Avenue, Seventeenth Avenue East and Hall Circuit. If any submissions are received a detailed report will be prepared for the next available Council meeting outlining the submissions received and a recommendation based on the community feedback.

Proposed additional Street names

At the 27 July 2022 meeting, Council resolved to *develop a process for first nations naming, renaming and co-naming of places and spaces in Liverpool*. That work is currently underway in conjunction with the Aboriginal Consultative Committee. However, a list of names for Council staff to use has not yet been provided.

It should be noted that the Middleton Grange precinct is developing rapidly, and the list of available names to assign to new streets is exhausted. There are subdivisions near completion and the future town centre road network has been approved. Therefore, it is crucial that new street names are gazetted as a matter of urgency.

Unfortunately, the timeframes for researching new names (of an indigenous origin, figure or thing), agreeing to spelling, and having multiple stakeholders endorse the names via a committee has the potential to impact upon the delivery of subdivisions in the area causing time and financial consequences for prospective homeowners. Furthermore, the proposed names ensure a unified theme is continued for the locality.

The Street naming theme for Middleton Grange is aviation and the proposed names have been assessed using Council's Naming Convention Policy and have been granted pre-approval by the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB).

The pre-approved aviation themed names are as follows:

- Boeing Avenue
Boeing is one of the world's leading aerospace manufacturers. Boeing designs, manufactures, and sells commercial airplanes, military aircraft, satellites, and other aerospace products. It is a prominent name in the aviation industry and has played a significant role in the development of modern aviation.

- Jetstream Avenue
In aviation terms, a jet stream refers to a high-altitude, fast-flowing air current in the atmosphere. It consists of strong winds that blow from west to east in the Northern Hemisphere and from east to west in the Southern Hemisphere. Jet streams can significantly impact aircraft travel, providing tailwinds for faster flights when flying in the same direction, or headwinds that slow down aircraft when flying against them.
- Nacelle Street
A nacelle refers to an aerodynamic enclosure or structure that surrounds and protects certain components of an aircraft. It is typically found on jet engines, specifically the part that houses the engine itself.
- Pilot Street
A pilot refers to an individual who is trained and licensed to operate an aircraft. Pilots are responsible for safely flying and navigating the aircraft, ensuring the well-being of passengers, and adhering to aviation regulations and procedures.
- Radome Street
A radome refers to a protective enclosure that protects radar equipment installed on an aircraft. It is a specialised structure designed to be transparent to radar signals while providing physical protection to the radar system.
- Skyport Street
A skyport is a specialised landing area for electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft or urban air mobility (UAM) vehicles in urban areas. It serves as an infrastructure hub for efficient short-distance aerial transportation, offering facilities like landing pads, charging stations, and passenger boarding areas.
- Wirraway Street
The Wirraway is a World War II aircraft used by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Initially designed as a trainer, it was also used for combat roles such as reconnaissance, ground attack, and light bombing. It played a significant role in Australia's defense during the early war years. Today, it is preserved as a historical aircraft.

Next Steps

If supported by Council, the renaming of the Street sections Flynn Avenue, Hall Circuit, Sixteenth Avenue East, and Qantas Boulevard to Flynn Avenue, and the seven additional street names being Boeing Avenue, Jetstream Avenue, Nacelle Street, Pilot Street, Radome Street, Skyport Street and Wirraway Street will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

Council officers will consider all submissions during the public notification period. The following three potential scenarios are likely to arise:

- *No objections received*
The names will be forwarded to the GNB for formal approval and gazettal to the NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office (PCO) under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate). Relevant stakeholders such as Australia Post, NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Service, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association, Transport for NSW and the NSW Police Force, will be notified.
- *Objections from the relevant agencies*
Council will not proceed with the naming request for the name(s) that received an objection. A report to Council will be prepared for the next available meeting outlining the reason for rejection.
- *Submissions received from the community*
If there is community objection, or reason to reconsider a proposed name, a report will be prepared with a suitable recommendation for the next available Council meeting.

For the renaming of the street sections Southern Cross Avenue, Seventeenth Ave East, and Hall Circuit, Council staff will write to the affected landowners detailing the issues with the current street names as detailed above and requesting the landowners vote between one of the seven proposed street name options. Only affected landowners will be able to vote. The street name with the highest number of votes will be applied to these street sections. If any objections are received, a report will be prepared for the next available Council meeting outlining the submissions received and a recommendation based on the community feedback.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no costs associated with endorsing and exhibiting Boeing Avenue, Jetstream Avenue, Nacelle Street, Pilot Street, Radome Street, Skyport Street and Wirraway Street. The costs associated with writing letters to affected households and replacing street signs on the street to be named Flynn Ave is estimated at \$771.00. The cost associated with writing letters to affected households and replacing street signs on the street sections to be renamed at Southern Cross Avenue, Seventeenth Avenue East and Hall Circuit is estimated at \$771.00.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place
Civic Leadership	Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility
Legislative	<p>Roads Act 1993.</p> <p>Roads Regulation 1998.</p> <p>Pursuant to section 162 of the Roads Act, Council may name and number all public roads for which it is the roads authority. Council may only name a road if it has given the Geographical Names Board at least one month's notice of the proposed name.</p> <p>Regulation 7 (<i>Roads Regulation 2018</i>) prescribes a procedure for naming roads, requiring prior publication of a proposal, notification of relevant parties and consideration of submissions. If a relevant party objects, Council may not proceed with the proposal without ministerial approval.</p>
Risk	<p>The risk is deemed to be Low if the street naming process is not delayed.</p> <p>There is a risk that if Council fails to support the recommendation and these new streets remain unnamed, that emergency services will be unable to attend to incidents within Middleton Grange.</p> <p>Given the recommendation, the risk is considered within Council's risk appetite.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Council

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Rhodes

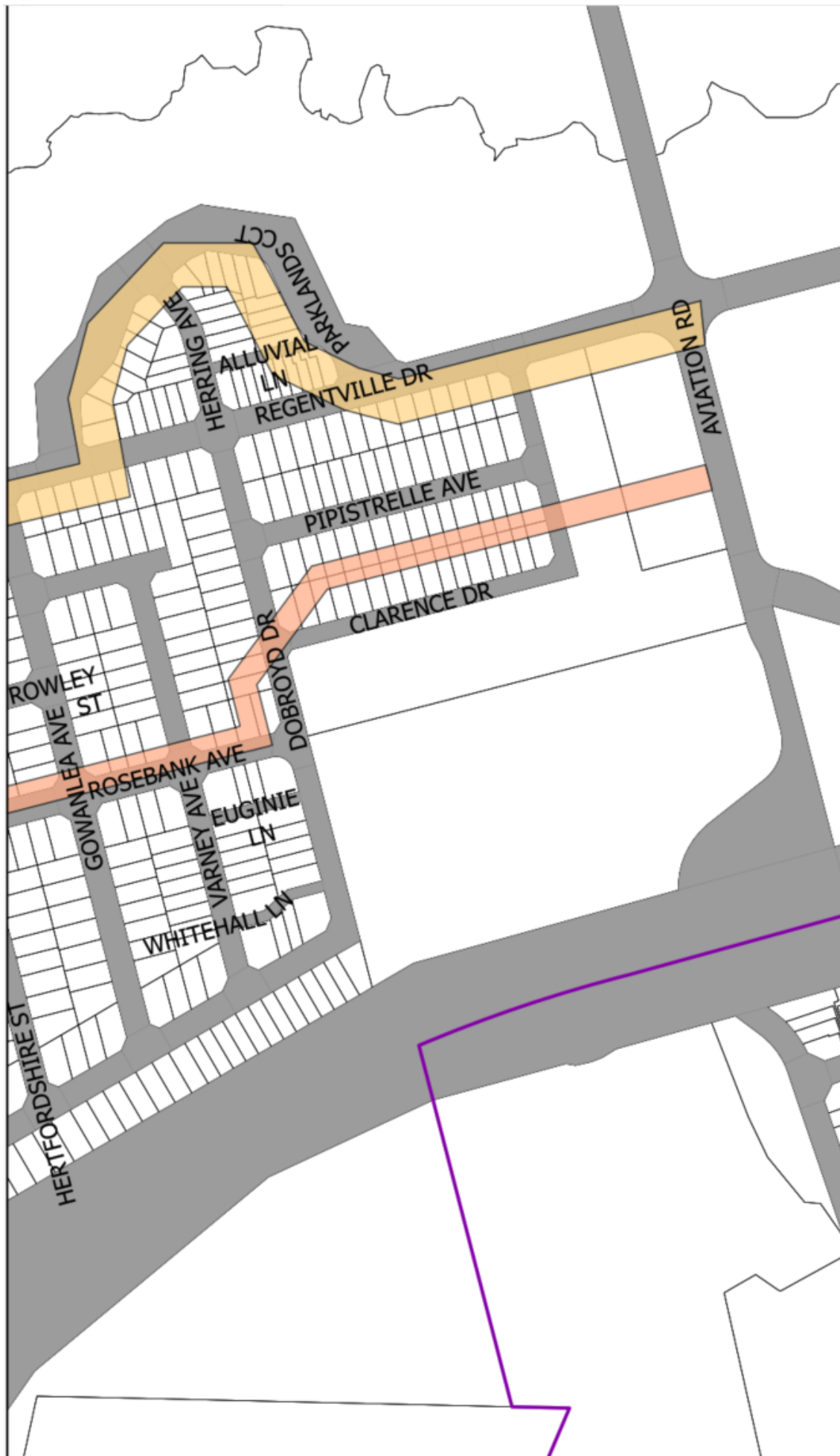
Seconded: Cllr Green

That Council:

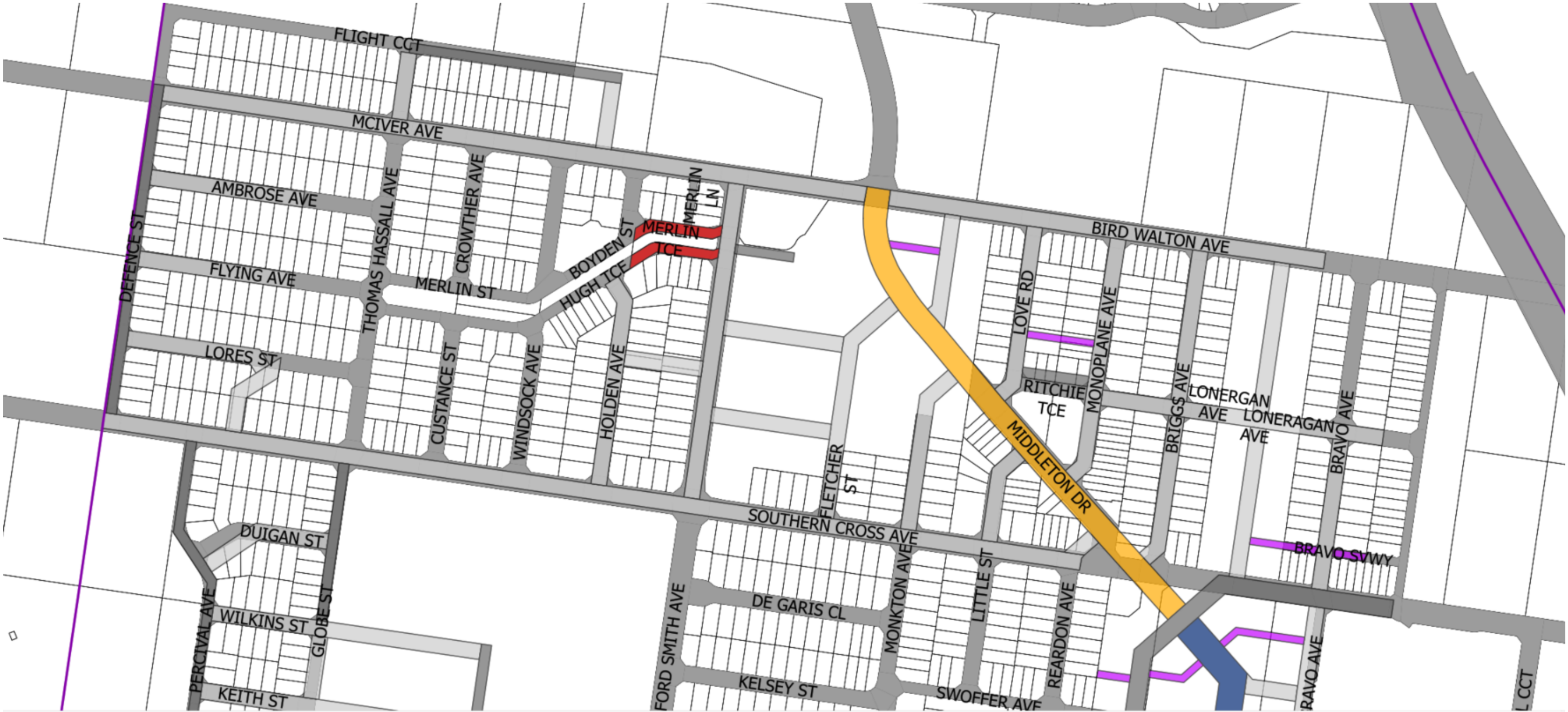
1. Supports the renaming of the Street sections Flynn Avenue/Hall Circuit/Sixteenth Avenue East/Qantas Boulevard to Flynn Avenue, Middleton Grange.

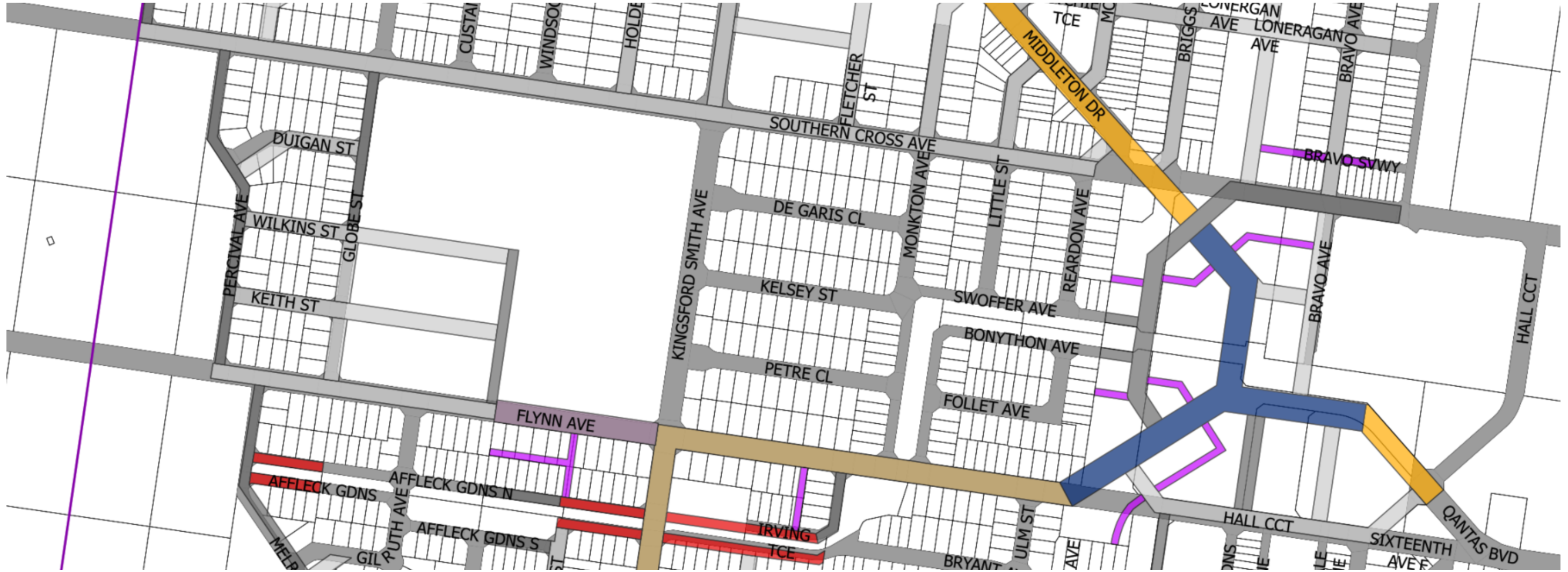
2. Endorses staff to write to the affected residents located on the Street sections of Southern Cross Ave/Seventeenth Ave East/Hall Circuit, Middleton Grange with seven options to vote on the renaming of these street sections.
3. Supports the seven additional street names being Ansett, Rex, Bonza, Jetstar, Bird- Walten, Pilot and Wirraway Street and/or any other name that is consistent with the Australian Aviation Industry to be used in the forthcoming future town centre and subdivisions nearing completion that have varied the current ILP of the suburb.
4. Forwards the names to the Geographical Names Board, seeking formal approval;
5. Publicly exhibits the names in accordance with Council's Naming Convention Policy, for a period of 28 days, following formal approval from the GNB; and
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process of gazettal, if there are no objections received during public exhibition.

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













PLAN 07

**Provisions for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in
Development Control Plans - Financial
Implications Report**

Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Deliver effective and efficient planning and high-quality design to provide best outcomes for a growing city
File Ref	304160.2023
Report By	Danielle Hijazi - Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to a Council resolution from the 30th August 2023 meeting to defer a report seeking endorsement from Council to amend relevant Development Control Plans (DCPs) to incorporate requirements for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in new dwellings. The deferral decision was made with the intention of a report back to Council with *the financial implications of the infrastructure including the installation costs and operational costs* before a decision can be made.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the financial implications including installation and operational cost associated with EV infrastructure in new dwellings;
2. Endorses the draft amendments of the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008, Liverpool Growth Centre Precinct Development Control Plan, and Edmondson Park South Development Control Plan 2012 to include controls for EV charging stations as detailed in (**Attachment 1**);
3. Place the draft amendments to the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008, Liverpool Growth Centre Precinct Development Control Plan and Edmondson Park South Development Control Plan 2012 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days; and

4. Delegates to the CEO the finalisation of the draft Development Control Plans should no objections be received; or receive a report summarising the details of the submissions upon conclusion of the exhibition period.

REPORT

Background

At the 29 September 2022 Council meeting, Council resolved to:

1. *Investigate suitable planning controls that will require new development in Liverpool to make provision for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.*

Subsequently, at the 29 March 2023 Council meeting, Council resolved to endorse the *Climate Change Policy* and *Liverpool Climate Action Plan*. The Liverpool Climate Action Plan identifies the key actions and priorities Council must undertake to achieve emissions reduction pathways for Liverpool Council Operations and the Community.

One of the key actions detailed in the *Liverpool Climate Action Plan* is for electric vehicle planning provisions to be made in all new buildings.

At the 30 August 2023 Council meeting, a report was prepared seeking endorsement from Council to amend Council's relevant Development Control Plans (DCPs) to incorporate requirements for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in new dwellings. The amendments align with existing state government policies, including the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan and the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Guidelines, the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 and the National Construction Code (NCC).

The proposed amendments to Council's Development Control Plans will only apply to *new dwellings* ensuring the controls do not contradict or hinder what is already legislated by the Transport SEPP and the NCC.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

Objective added:

- a) *To ensure the adoption of sustainable transportation practices by the integration of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in all new dwellings.*

Control added:

1. *Any new dwelling shall be provided with a dedicated 32-amp circuit provided in the electricity distribution board for the purpose of vehicle charging, and:*

- a. *a minimum of 1, 7 kW (32 A) type 2 electric vehicle charger located in the garage, carport or other parking area, Or*
- b. *That the electrical distribution board is adjacent to the garage, carport or other parking area, Or*
- c. *In instances where the electrical distribution board is not on the wall adjacent to a garage, carport or other parking area, an electrical conduit, pull-string and cover-plate is provided between the electrical distribution board and the vehicle parking area in a manner which permits a vehicle charger to be installed without penetrating any wall, ceiling or floor.*

Council deferred the decision pending a report back to Council with the *financial implications of the infrastructure including the installation costs and operational costs.*

Financial implications of EV infrastructure

Installation Costs

The NRMA website has a dedicated Electric Vehicle Hub section which details the costs involved with installing the infrastructure required for EV charging as well as estimating the operating costs involved.

The proposed amendments to the DCP require *a minimum of 1, 7kw (32 A) type 2 electric vehicle charger*. The NRMA website states: *the cost of the charging station itself can range from \$600 to \$2,500, depending on the brand and features. The installation cost can range from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the location of the installation and any necessary electrical upgrades.*

The proposed amendments to the DCP also state that: *In instances where the electrical distribution board is not on the wall adjacent to a garage, carport or other parking area, an electrical conduit, pull-string and cover-plate is provided between the electrical distribution board and the vehicle parking area in a manner which permits a vehicle charger to be installed without penetrating any wall, ceiling or floor.*

The projected cost analysis for the installation of an electrical conduit, pull-string, and cover-plate hinges primarily on the skilled labor expenses incurred by a certified electrician. This estimation falls within the range of \$100 to \$250.

It is important to note that the estimated installation costs outlined within this report pertain to the outfitting of existing dwellings. The contemplated amendments in the Development Control Plan (DCP) are wholly applicable to new residential dwellings only and would be incorporated into the overall cost assessment for a new home build with negligible impact on the future homeowner.

Operational costs

Table 2: EV charging rates (Source: EV charging at home NRMA)

	Level 1 EV charging	Level 2 single-phase EV charging	Level 2 three-phase EV charging
Charge rate	2.4 to 3.7kW	7kW	22kW
Range added per hour of charge*	~16.9km (@ 2.4kW)	~47.7km	~154.8km
Empty to full charging time*	~18h 4m (@ 2.4kW)	~6h 12m	~1h 59m
Installation requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard 240-volt AC home wall socket Only requires charging cable supplied with the EV to be plugged into wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard single-phase AC home wiring run directly to wall charger Quote and installation by a qualified electrician required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three-phase AC wiring run from grid to wall charger Quote and installation by a qualified electrician required

**Estimate based on EV with 39kWh battery and 305km range*

The NRMA website states:

The time it takes to charge an EV depends on a few factors:

- *Charge rate: The power output of a charger in kW factoring in a 10% loss in power as energy passes through an EV's onboard AC to DC inverter.*
- *Battery capacity: An EV battery's capacity, measured in kWh.*
- *Level of charge: The current charge of the EV. Batteries tend to charge fastest within the 30 to 80% capacity range.*

For instance, to calculate charging time for an EV with a 39kWh battery capacity using a Level 2 charger at a 7kW charge rate, we would use the below formula:

$$39kWh / (7kW \times 0.9) = 6 \text{ hours } 12 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\text{Battery capacity} / (\text{Charging power} \times 0.9) = \text{Total empty to full charging time}$$

Based on the above formula the operating costs are estimated to be as follows:

Level 2 EV charging = approx. 6hrs using 7kw/h

Therefore, cost would be $6 \times 7 \times 0.3424 = \text{\$14.38}$ for one charging session (approximately)

**Estimate based on EV with 39kWh battery and 305km range*

Other factors including individual electricity providers and rates would need to be considered in the operating costs.

Further costs estimates can be found on the below website:

NRMA Electric Vehicle Hub: [Electric Vehicles Australia: Driving the Future With Sustainable Mobility \(mynrma.com.au\)](https://mynrma.com.au/electric-vehicles-australia-driving-the-future-with-sustainable-mobility)

Next Steps

If supported by Council, the proposed amendments to the Development Control Plans (**Attachment 1**) will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. Council officers will consider all submissions during the public notification period and the following two potential scenarios are likely to arise:

No objections received

Council delegates authority to the CEO to adopt the changes to the abovementioned Development Control Plans as outlined in attachment 1 of this report.

Submissions received from the community

If there is community objection, or reason to reconsider the proposed amendments, a report will be prepared for the next available Council meeting outlining a recommendation based on the submissions received.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	Enhance the environmental performance of buildings and homes.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.

Civic Leadership	Act as an environmental leader in the community.
Legislative	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report. The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Report and Resolution - 30 August 2023

PLAN 02	Provisions for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in various Development Control Plans
Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Deliver effective and efficient planning and high-quality design to provide best outcomes for a growing city
File Ref	237800.2023
Report By	Danielle Hijazi - Strategic Planner
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks endorsement to amend relevant Development Control Plans (DCPs) to incorporate requirements for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in new dwellings. The amendments aim to align with existing state government policies, including the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan and the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Guidelines, the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 and the National Construction Code (NCC).

The State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (Transport SEPP) and the National Construction Code (NCC) already contain provisions for EV infrastructure. The Transport SEPP categorises EV charging infrastructure as complying, exempt, or consented development based on specific criteria, while the NCC sets requirements for the construction of electrical infrastructure in various building types. At present, EV charging infrastructure is required under this legislation for Class 2-9 buildings. The attached DCP amendments seek to ensure EV charging infrastructure is also required in Class 1 buildings (low-density residential).

To ensure compliance with the NCC and Transport SEPP, the proposed amendments focus on the Carparking and Access section of relevant DCPs. The amendments include a new objective to promote sustainable transportation practices through the integration of EV charging infrastructure in all new dwellings. Additionally, a new control specifies the provision of a dedicated 32-amp circuit and a minimum 7 kW (32 A) type 2 EV charger in the garage, carport, or parking area of new dwellings.

By implementing these amendments, Council aims to support the adoption of sustainable transportation practices and contribute to the NSW government's targets of increasing the number of EVs on the road.

It is proposed that the draft DCP amendments be exhibited for a period of 28 days. If no objections are received, Council will delegate authority to the CEO to adopt the changes. If any submissions are received from the community, a report will be prepared for the next available Council meeting, with a recommendation based on the received submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft amendments of the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008, Liverpool Growth Centre Precinct Development Control Plan, and Edmondson Park South Development Control Plan 2012 to include controls for EV charging stations;
2. Place the draft amendments to the Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008, Liverpool Growth Centre Precinct Development Control Plan and Edmondson Park South Development Control Plan 2012 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days; and
3. Delegates to the CEO the finalisation of the draft Development Control Plans should no objections be received; or receive a report summarising the details of the submissions upon conclusion of the exhibition period.

REPORT

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Subsequently, at the 29 March 2023 Council meeting, Council resolved to endorse the *Climate Change Policy* and *Liverpool Climate Action Plan*. The Liverpool Climate Action Plan identifies the key actions and priorities Council must undertake to achieve emissions reduction pathways for Liverpool Council Operations and the Community.

One of the key actions detailed in the *Liverpool Climate Action Plan* is for electric vehicle planning provisions to be made in all new buildings.

Action	Council Role	Detail	Feasibility Commentary	Time frame	External Stakeholders	Next Steps	Council lead agency (To be confirmed)
EV provision in all new buildings Key Move 5	Regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future proof all new development in Liverpool to plan for community uptake of electric vehicles. 	High feasibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated at approximately \$750 per space. Average Liverpool's household can save approximately \$1,100 per annum in fuel costs. 	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TNSW regarding NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy WSROC Endeavour Energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend LEP/DCP to mandate EV charging outlets and infrastructure in all new development. An example clause for provision of EV charging in new buildings is outlined in the Waverley Development Control Plan. Engage with WSROC and Endeavour to discuss the expected growth in Electric Vehicles and provision of necessary electricity infrastructure requirements. 	Planning Team Transport Team

Figure 1: Excerpt from the Liverpool City Council Climate Action Plan detailing action to amend relevant planning controls to mandate EV charging infrastructure.

Electric Vehicle State Government Policies

The NSW government has introduced several initiatives to encourage the adoption of EVs and support the development of infrastructure. One of the key initiatives is the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan, which aims to increase the number of EVs on the road in NSW and support the development of charging infrastructure. The plan includes targets to increase the number of EVs on the road to 400,000 by 2025 and 1 million by 2030.

The government has also established the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Guidelines, which provide guidance on the design, installation, and operation of EV charging infrastructure. The guidelines cover various aspects of charging infrastructure, including charging station locations, charging speed, and payment methods.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

The State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (the Transport SEPP) sets out the rules for the development of transport infrastructure in NSW, including EV charging infrastructure. The Transport SEPP allows for EV charging infrastructure to be developed as complying, exempt, or consented development, depending on the circumstances.

Complying development is a streamlined planning process that allows certain types of development, including EV charging infrastructure, to be approved without the need for a full planning application. To be eligible for complying development, the proposed development must meet certain criteria, such as being located in a certain zone or having a specific design.

Exempt development is development that is considered to have minimal environmental impact and can be carried out without the need for planning approval. The Transport SEPP allows for certain types of EV charging infrastructure, such as wall-mounted charging units, to be developed as exempt development.

Consented development is development that requires a development application and approval from the relevant authority. EV charging infrastructure that does not meet the criteria for complying or exempt development will require development consent.

National Construction Code

The National Construction Code (NCC) is Australia's primary set of technical design and construction provisions for buildings. As a performance-based code, it sets the minimum required level for the safety, health, amenity, accessibility and sustainability of certain buildings. Building work in Australia must conform and comply with NCC, relevant technical standards, and local laws.

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) Volume 1 and Volume 2 (of the NCC) provides technical requirements for the design and construction of buildings in Australia.

Effective from the 1 May 2023 Part J9 Energy monitoring and on-site distributed energy resource was introduced and includes provisions for EV infrastructure.

Section *JD94 Facilities for Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment* of the BCA sets out the requirements for electrical infrastructure for EV charging in new Class 2 to 9 buildings (e.g. apartments, offices, shopping centres, etc.). These requirements include provisions for electrical capacity, location and installation of EV charging stations, and the provision of adequate space for EV charging infrastructure.

All stakeholders involved in the construction or renovation of buildings must ensure that electric vehicle infrastructure is built in accordance with the BCA requirements.

Development type and Planning Policy Table

The table below details different types of development and the planning legislation that applies.

Table 1: Development type and planning policy that applies for EV infrastructure requirements.

Type of Development	Planning Policy
Residential – Dwelling/Semi-detached/Duplex	Transport SEPP (considered exempt development) <i>*If installed adjacent to property on public land development consent is required.</i>
Residential – Townhouse	NCC
Residential – Residential Flat Building	NCC

Commercial – Office Buildings	NCC
Commercial – Retail/Shopping centre	NCC
Commercial – Local Centre	NCC
Commercial - Misc	NCC
Industrial – Warehouse/Factory/Storage	NCC
Industrial - Heavy	NCC
Mixed use development	NCC
Public Buildings – Hospital, School, Sporting Facility, Places of Public Worship	Transport SEPP (considered exempt development)
Public Carpark	Transport SEPP (considered exempt development)

Both the Transport SEPP and the NCC have planning controls and requirements for electric vehicle infrastructure. Therefore, any amendments to Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) will only apply to *new dwellings* so that they are constructed to accommodate EV charging infrastructure.

At present, EV charging infrastructure is required under this legislation for Class 2-9 buildings. The attached DCP amendments seek to ensure EV charging infrastructure is also required in Class 1 buildings (low-density residential).

Proposed Amendments

Council staff have undertaken investigations into the relevant planning controls as noted above and have proposed amendments to various DCPs, ensuring the amendments made do not contradict or hinder what is already legislated by the Transport SEPP and the NCC.

The Carparking and Access section of the following Council DCP's are proposed to be amended:

- Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Part 2.11 Land Subdivision and Development in Edmondson Park;
- Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Part 3.2 Dwelling houses on Lots greater than 400sqm in the R2, R3 and R4 zones;
- Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Part 3.3 Dwelling houses on Hatched Shaped Lots;
- Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Part 3.4 Semi Detached and Attached Dwellings (Duplexes and Terraces) in the R2, R3 and R4* zones;
- Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Part 3.5 Dwelling houses on Lots less than 400sqm in the R2, R3 and R4 Zone;
- Edmondson Park South Development Control Plan 2012 and;

- Liverpool Growth Centre Precincts Development Control Plan

The Proposed amendments are as follows:

Objective added:

- To ensure the adoption of sustainable transportation practices by the integration of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in all new dwellings.*

Control added:

- Any new dwelling shall be provided with a dedicated 32-amp circuit provided in the electricity distribution board for the purpose of vehicle charging, and:*
 - A minimum of 1, 7 kW (32 A) type 2 electric vehicle charger located in the garage, carport or other parking area, Or*
 - That the electrical distribution board is adjacent to the garage, carport or other parking area, Or*
 - In instances where the electrical distribution board is not on the wall adjacent to a garage, carport or other parking area, an electrical conduit, pull-string and cover-plate is provided between the electrical distribution board and the vehicle parking area in a manner which permits a vehicle charger to be installed without penetrating any wall, ceiling or floor.*

All changes are shown in attachment 1 to this report, where any additions are highlighted green.

Next Steps

If supported by Council, the proposed amendments to the abovementioned Development Control Plans will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. Council officers will consider all submissions during the public notification period and the following two potential scenarios are likely to arise:

No objections received

Council delegates authority to the CEO to adopt the changes to the abovementioned Development Control Plans as outlined in attachment 1 of this report.

Submissions received from the community

If there is community objection, or reason to reconsider the proposed amendments, a report will be prepared for the next available Council meeting outlining a recommendation based on the submissions received.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	Enhance the environmental performance of buildings and homes.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	Act as an environmental leader in the community.
Legislative	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021
Risk	The risk is deemed to Low. There is a low risk that if not implemented, new dwellings will continue to be constructed without necessary electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft All Council DCPs (amended EV clause included)
2. Transport SEPP Part 2.3 Development Requirements (Subdivision 3) Electric vehicle charging units requirements
3. NCC Section J9D4 Facilities for electric vehicle charging equipment requirements

Council**COUNCIL DECISION****Motion:****Moved: Cllr Macnaught****Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council defer this item and bring a report back to council with the financial implications of the infrastructure including the installation costs and operational costs.

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

COM 01**Report on Most Blessed Nights 2023**

Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Deliver great and exciting events and programs for our people and visitors
File Ref	288913.2023
Report By	Clara McGuirk - Events Officer
Approved By	Tina Bono - Director Community & Lifestyle

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its May 2023 meeting, Council resolved that a report be brought to Council on the economic benefit to Liverpool of Most Blessed Nights and provide learnings to evaluate operational matters, and how Council can improve the delivery of future CBD events for the Liverpool community.

Most Blessed Nights has demonstrated its value through community engagement and beneficial impacts to the local economy. In two years, the event has doubled in attendance – with 300,000 people visiting the Macquarie Mall precinct across five weekends.

Alongside attendance, the event reached 1,069,230 people on Council owned social media channels throughout the online campaign, achieving a 56% increase from 2022 and a 60% increase in engagement through shares. This included an organic reach of 832,575.

The average spend per attendee is estimated at \$25 per person, equalling to a total visitor spend of \$7,500,000 resulting in a total impact of Liverpool Economy of \$10,267,424.

Most Blessed Nights (MBN) speaks to Liverpool's ambition for a vibrant, activated City Centre, fostering collaboration between the Council and retailers to establish a strong nighttime economy.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report.
2. Adopts for Most Blessed Nights 2024 to expand onto Macquarie Street; and
3. Approves \$100,000 towards the expansion of the event in the next quarterly review.

REPORT

1. Background

Most Blessed Nights (MBN) addresses Liverpool's ambition for a vibrant, activated City Centre, fostering collaboration between Council and retailers to establish a strong nighttime economy, and attract further investment by:

- a) Establishing Macquarie Mall as an entertainment precinct, leveraging its connectivity, accessibility, and prominence.*
- b) Encouraging local businesses to extend their trading hours or participate in pop-up versions of their establishments.*
- c) Improving community safety at night.*
- d) Provide improved amenity for residents.*
- e) Improve Liverpool's reputation as a liveable city; and*
- f) Promote Liverpool as a destination for domestic and international tourism.*

Most Blessed Nights is the largest festival in Liverpool's event calendar annually comprising of 27 events of varying scale. It is held in Macquarie Mall (the Mall) running over 5 weeks, the event largely comprises of a hawker-style food market, predominately featuring Middle Eastern cuisine. In 2023, MBN featured 15 local businesses and 50 new vendors from across Sydney.

From March 24 until 23 April 2023, the market attracted 300,000 attendees – effectively doubling in attendance from its inaugural year. The event attracted attendees from Greater Sydney, with 22% of attendees surveyed stating that they were visiting from outside the Local Government Area.

Widely, the event is considered a success in gaining widespread attention, unprecedented attendance, an overall exceptional response, being a platform for new investment attraction and promoting Liverpool as a vibrant hub during those five weeks. It has aided the widespread recognition of Macquarie Mall as a special precinct and boosted promotion of Council's broader cultural events and activations.

The event has elevated Liverpool's profile and positively promoted Liverpool as a destination for cultural tourism, meeting strategic objectives outlined in the City Activation Strategy 2019-2024 which address.

- *Providing more nighttime activities for the community, and for local businesses to field test markets and trading models.*
- *Establishing a robust activation program for Macquarie Mall.*

- *Celebrating our unique cultural diversity and weaving this narrative into experiences, providing authentic representation to enhance the cultural profile and brand of Liverpool; and*
- *Engaging youth and student activity within the City Centre and offer nighttime activities.*

2. Opportunities and Successes

Most Blessed Nights was considered a success given its high attendance, positive feedback, and local business engagement, with enhancements implemented from debriefing and assessments of its establishment year. These include:

- a) Improvements to the site map, ensuring that Council was effectively using all available footprint whilst managing pedestrian flow.
- b) Site map amendments resulting in better revenue outcomes to put back into production costs.
- c) Consistently producing CBD based events across three nights to seed activity and build traction.
- d) Provision of dining facilities to encourage longer dwelling times.
- e) Positioning of the Knafeh: Bearded Bakers activation that has become synonymous with Most Blessed Nights.
- f) Improved queue management and establishment, quick response from staff and pre-determined course of action for queue spillover.
- g) Introduction of the Elizabeth Street overflow area to provide more opportunities for vendors, further amenity to patrons and expanded activation and benefit to new businesses.
- h) Longer Expression of Interest period for engaging stallholders, and a detailed onboarding process including capacity building practices for new businesses or bricks-and-mortar businesses producing a pop-up food stall for the first time.
- i) Opportunity to showcase local businesses and provide potential new businesses to Liverpool with a low-risk platform to test the local market; and
- j) Over \$10 million of economic impact to the local economy.

2.1 Increased vendor opportunities and revenue

The Macquarie Mall site has limited functional space due to existing infrastructure and multiple access points. MBN was the prime opportunity to test Macquarie Mall's stallholder capacity. At maximum, 42 food stalls were accommodated without heavily impeding the crowd floor, obstructing key assets such as Liverpool Plaza, or any drastic issues with crowding/queueing.

Subsequently, the Council earned \$73,000 in revenue from stallholder fees across the five-week period – including local business discounts. With fees & charges increasing for the new financial year, this is set to rise. The inclusion of 42 food vendors meant that patrons could sample a wide variety of offerings and encourage prolonged dwelling times.

2.2 Improving the eventgoer experience.

Most Blessed Nights provides an elevated experience where patrons can dine onsite, with furniture and passive dining infrastructure to cater for different group sizes simultaneously. Line management improved with mitigation measures in place across staff and security. Tensor barriers were able to ensure a quick response for manipulating queues and diverting patrons away from the central event aisle.

Upon experiencing unprecedented crowds in its first week, action was taken to expand the site. Whilst budget and time limited expanding further than Macquarie Mall proper, the solution was to create a sub-precinct in Elizabeth Street that could cater for 4-5 trucks and activate nearby restaurateurs by encouraging foot traffic. Restaurateurs were at first enthusiastic, establishing a point of sale at their shopfront to sell their goods.

Businesses were provided with a detailed brief and information on food safety and hygiene requirements, provided guidance from staff and given multiple check ins from event staff during trade.

In total the Council generated interest from 140 food vendors in its initial round and ongoing interest throughout the 5 weeks of delivery.

2.3 Survey Results and Reach

Overall event satisfaction was high, with 93% of survey respondents stating they were satisfied with the experience and 89% rating the food 4/5 or higher.

Of those surveyed at the event, 95% identified the event as the key factor for visiting the Liverpool CBD that day. Amongst the survey respondents, 22% stated that they resided outside of Liverpool LGA attracting new spend into the local economy.

Alongside attendance, the event reached 1,069,230 people across our social media channels throughout the campaign, achieving a 56% increase from 2022 and a 60% increase in engagement through shares. This included an organic reach of 832,575.

2.4 Investment and Economic Benefits

Most Blessed Nights 2023 cost \$390,000 to deliver across 15 nights, placing per night production costs at \$26,000. With an average attendance of approximately 20,000 a night this equates to a per-head cost of approximately \$1.30.

The average spend is estimated at \$25 per person, equalling to a total visitor spend of \$7,500,000 resulting in a total impact of Liverpool economy of \$10,267,424.

According to Economy.id the impact of Most Blessed Nights on the local economy led to an increase in indirect demand for intermediate goods and services from across related sectors. The indirect industry impacts are estimated to be an additional \$3 million in output. There was an additional contribution to the Liverpool economy through consumption effects including more wages and salaries spent in the local economy. It is estimated that this resulted in a further increase in value-added of \$293,164.93.

In an anonymous survey, some vendors disclosed their earnings at around \$4,000 - \$10,000 a night, having to hire additional staff to meet demand and turnaround requirements, fostering an array of temporary employment opportunities in our local area. As a result, it is estimated that the demand for labor throughout the event created an additional equivalent of 9.2 annual local jobs (economy.id).

3. Venue Challenges

The event has been met with considerable challenges, none more prominent than its rapid growth set against a relatively restrictive venue. As with any CBD based events, obstacles exist when planning a large-scale event against a site that has its own user groups, utility, and passive activation. Despite the potential Macquarie Mall has as an entertainment precinct, there are inherent issues due to the incredible interest that Most Blessed Nights has achieved in its short term. If these aren't addressed, they risk the likelihood of return visitation, compromising the event goer experience and event brand. These include:

- a) Acknowledging the constraints of the site and the need to investigate expanding the event footprint to allow for growth due to unprecedented interest.
- b) Lack of public amenities, of which the venue lacks space to implement without compromising event set-up.
- c) Existing structures were not erected for pop-up stall use and have incurred accelerated wear and tear due to heat from vendor cooking equipment.
- d) Pavers are porous and susceptible to stain. Many of the pavers are also untextured, enhancing the risk of slip and trip hazards.
- e) Event floor is incredibly narrow, creating a challenge for waste management and the removal of event bins at peak periods.
- f) House-power is scarce in Macquarie Mall and needs to be heavily supplemented with generator power.
- g) General safety during bump-in and out of the event due to ongoing anti-social behaviour in Macquarie Mall (this is being addressed through collaboration with Liverpool Local Area Command).
- h) Site cannot be closed off completely and pedestrian access is still abundant creating security issues.

- i) Ambiguity around outdoor dining structures and their ownership, reluctance from Macquarie Mall residing businesses to relinquish their dining structures for the purpose of the event resulting in dormant spaces throughout the event.
- j) Lack of enthusiasm from a small number of Macquarie Mall businesses to partake in the event within the remit required (i.e., consistent trade, week on week, for the duration of the festival); and
- k) Ongoing infringement of local businesses and patrons of the NSW Smoke-Free Environmental Act 2000 banning smoking and usage of e-cigarettes in commercial outdoor dining areas including within 10 metres of a food fair stall due to reputation of The Mall catering to smokers.

3.1 Floorplan and Usable Space

Whilst event feedback was extremely positive, referencing the vibrant atmosphere and cultural representation, it was paired with concerns over crowd density. Fixed infrastructure such as raised planter beds, bench seats and outdoor dining structures restrict usable space within Macquarie Mall. This not only affects crowd flow and management, it also inhibits revenue as only a limited number of stalls can be placed onsite at one time.

Crowd dwelling times were promising but relatively short, likely indicating that the site was congested, and the crowd remained fluid as a result. On average, the crowd stayed for an hour during peak times and half an hour on Friday evenings.

Date	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24/25/26 March	39m 51s	1h 8m 42s	55m 30s
31/1/2 April	28m 15s	52m 55s	1h 1m 29s
7/8/9 April	34m 44s	1h 9m 49s	1h 3m 48s
14/15/16 April	35m 27s	1h 7m 42s	1h 1m 18s
21/22/23 April	40m 2s	1h 12m 38s	1h 9m 35s

Average dwelling times across Most Blessed Nights

3.2 Public Amenities

Presently, to conserve footprint and leverage existing amenities – parking, toilet and change room facilities are promoted as being within Liverpool Plaza. This has been negotiated as in-kind sponsorship through the Plaza in addition to using one of their vacant offices as a Event HQ and the compound area on the corner of Moore Street and Macquarie Mall as event back-of-house and plant equipment. Whilst the partnership with the Plaza has been mutually beneficial, it does highlight the lack of amenities and the challenges that exist with usable footprint in the mall.

In 2022, supplementary portable toilets were used in addition to Liverpool Plaza. These were found to be under utilised by patrons compared to the Plaza toilets, possibly because of the proximity to the main event floor. To adhere to best practice principles on the distance between food preparation areas and dining areas, toilets can only be placed offsite or forfeit room for additional vendors or dining.

With expansion of site, to Macquarie Street, we can have offsite areas with more flexibility.

3.3 Wear & Tear and Cleanliness

Existing structures were likely not intended for food-pop up use, but to maximize footprint and cost save with the use of existing infrastructure, pop-up vendors must use the outdoor structures permanently fixed to the mall. This has since exacerbated the wear and tear of the structures, which were already in need of repair and maintenance.

Similarly, the Mall's pavers have been identified by CBD maintenance as too porous to effectively remove imbedded strains. Whilst surface oil can be removed, unsightly markings remain due to frequency and type of use. Events have introduced mitigation measures such as temporary floor coverings and cleaning fees for stallholders, but there exists day-to-day litter and spills that also have an impact on the quality and cleanliness of the mall ground surface.

3.4 Anti-Social Behaviour and Foot Traffic

There remain regular accounts of anti-social behaviour in the mall. Retailers often provide informal accounts of these occurrences but do not progress to formally reporting to the relevant authorities. Together with Liverpool Police, progress is being made on improving safety in the mall outside of events and during event build. Initiatives include:

- Regular meetings with businesses on proactive and collective efforts towards curbing this behaviour; and
- Education on reporting crime and anti-social behaviour to NSW Police quickly and assist in surveillance of the mall.

During MBN and other Major Events in the Mall, there is a clear reduction in visible crime or anti-social behaviour, but this is also helped by the passive surveillance, security presence and dilution of problem individuals given the masses of event attendees.

As the Mall is still a passive space and cannot be enclosed for the purpose of the event, as an event space it remains vulnerable to problems relating to crime, intoxication, and antisocial behaviour. Council staff and suppliers have been victims of anti-social behaviour including theft, verbal abuse, and physical violence on multiple occasions.

3.5 Resident Businesses

Despite its considerable earning and marketing potential, Council is still challenged in onboarding some of the resident mall businesses to partake in consistent and cohesive integration. Some businesses were disinterested in participating but would not relinquish their outdoor structures until well into event times due to their trading hours, making it difficult to program activities, stalls or dining. Council officers are currently reviewing operational provisions.

Within these, terms for Special Events will include use of stalls for dining and activities after the business's approved trading time under their DA. Where a business chooses to participate in the event as a stallholder, they will be provided notice on the intention to comply with the standard 3x3m stallholder area that is standard for pop-up food vendors working within a marquee structure to maximize footprint. This will mean areas that are not in use can be repurposed for dining and other unintrusive activations to allow for their uninterrupted daily trade.

Terms will also include compliance with the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* which bans smoking and the use of e-cigarettes in a commercial outdoor dining area, such as:

- A seated dining area;
- Within 4 meters of a seated dining area on licenced premises, restaurant, or café;
- Within 10 meters of a food fair stall; and
- 10 meters from children's play equipment

This would render the immediate Macquarie Mall a Smoke-free zone during event times given its condensed nature and proximity to food stalls. Ultimately, this will likely improve the event-goer experience and improve overall perception of the mall given regular and categorical feedback from past surveys regarding the presence and acceptance of smoking in these outdoor dining structures and the Mall surrounds in general a significant deterrent in visiting the Mall.

4. Learnings and Opportunities

Naturally, there are a plethora of learning opportunities to have come from two years of producing Most Blessed Nights. Whilst significant changes could have been implemented across its second year, the trial-and-error process has been important in managing risk and encouraging the organic growth of the event. With additional resources and an established events calendar ahead, 2024 is the year where MBN could be elevated further. Key learnings include:

- a) Expanding event site in response to interest from both the audience and vendors.
- b) Additional amenities for patrons in Macquarie Mall once footprint have been alleviated, with the addition of toilets, accessible amenities, baby change rooms and prayer rooms.
- c) Clarity of purpose for MBN – its interfaith dialogue was imbedded into the brand, however there is still confusion from segments on the community on what is appropriate against different religious context and future dates due to changing calendar for religious events.
- d) Post-event maintenance and cleansing to reset and refresh the site for day-to-day patrons and businesses.

- e) More cohesive campaign message across the CBD and directional signage from various gateways across the city.
- f) Distinct and established look & feel for the event, such as the original pendant lighting feature from 2022; and
- g) Clear messaging around Macquarie Mall and MBN as a Council initiative.

4.1. Expanding the Site

Upon assessment, natural expansion of the event would see it spill into Macquarie Street and potentially Civic Place forecourt. This would have significant implications for businesses on the street and those utilising laneway access. However, this could be a prime opportunity for businesses in Liverpool to benefit from an exponential increase in foot traffic and CBD visitation.

This would also provide space for additional amenities, and potentially more than double the revenue given increases to stallholder fees for FY2023/24, estimated at approximately \$150,000.

The elongated site would allow for a natural connection to Liverpool Civic Place as an activated zone, and linkages to retail food businesses and restaurants in southern Macquarie Street and Memorial. The expansion will also provide the opportunity to activate and engage businesses ahead of the WestInvest Macquarie Street Upgrade which focuses on increased pedestrianization and street beautification.

Sound mitigation and vehicle movement considerations would need to be made for the Liverpool Islamic Centre that resides on the corner of Macquarie and Moore Streets to minimise potential disruptions.

Together with revenue, production budget would need to increase by \$100,000 to accommodate:

- Additional infrastructure: generator hire, fuel, structures, fencing, dining, amenities.
- Road closures and traffic control.
- Security, waste management, cleansing and first aid costs; and
- Staffing and labour to move items in and out of site for reduced disruption to businesses.

To reduce costs and impacts, this would ideally entail continuous road closure in effect from 6am Friday until 4am Mondays each week for five weeks. The road closure will not impact business operations as all businesses will remain with ongoing access to back-of-house laneways for deliveries.

For comparison, *Ramadan Nights* in Lakemba has an approximate production budget of \$1,000,000 and runs for 31 Nights. It does not include dining facilities with patrons finding

passive seating or standing. Structures are not provided, with most vendors using existing awnings as food coverings. Cold food storage and power is not supplied, serviced, or managed by qualified electricians.

The council's Major Events team would need to commence consultation and submit traffic management plans by end of October 2023.

5. Conclusion

Most Blessed Nights is a mainstay of the Liverpool events calendar, has achieved success in gaining widespread attention, unprecedented attendance, an overall exceptional response and promoting Liverpool as a vibrant hub during those five weeks. It has aided the widespread recognition of Macquarie Mall as a special precinct and boosted promotion of Council's broader cultural events and activations.

The proposed expanded site allows Liverpool Civic Place to be activated and provides linkages to retail food businesses and restaurants across Macquarie Street. The expansion will also provide the opportunity to activate, trial increased pedestrianization and engage businesses on Macquarie Street ahead of the WestInvest Upgrade.

The average spend per attendee is estimated at \$25 per person, equalling to a total visitor spend of \$7,500,000 resulting in a total impact of Liverpool Economy of \$10,267,424.

Upon expanding the event, Council could see an attendance of 500,000 throughout the event and increased dwell times. Early estimates equate to approximately \$20.5 million total impact on the local economy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with expanding the Most Blessed Nights site to Macquarie Street (\$100,000) are outside of Council's current budget and long-term financial plan.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	<p>Further develop a commercial centre that accommodates a variety of employment opportunities.</p> <p>Facilitate economic development.</p> <p>Facilitate the development of new tourism based on local attractions, culture, and creative industries.</p>
Environment	<p>There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.</p>

Social	<p>Provide cultural centres and activities for the enjoyment of the arts.</p> <p>Support policies and plans that prevent crime.</p> <p>Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.</p> <p>Promote community harmony and address discrimination.</p>
Civic Leadership	<p>Foster neighborhood pride and a sense of responsibility.</p> <p>Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions.</p> <p>Deliver services that are customer focused.</p>
Legislative	<p>There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.</p>
Risk	<p>Expanding the event into Macquarie Mall resulting in Road Closure will have impacts on road users and will require consultation with businesses, the traffic committee, local bus companies. The risk is considered within the Council's risk appetite.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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**Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship
Report**

Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Promote a harmonious community that celebrates its diversity
File Ref	297917.2023
Report By	Jacqueline Newsome - Coordinator Community Development
Approved By	Tina Bono - Director Community & Lifestyle

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is committed to building strong and resilient communities in the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA) and maximising social wellbeing. Council helps achieve these goals by providing financial support through grants and sponsorships to develop leadership skills, increase participation in community activities and address identified social issues.

This report provides a recommendation for endorsement of funding totalling **\$25,000** from the Community Grants Program and Community Sponsorship Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$10,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grants Program** for the following project:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Western Sydney Migrant Resource Centre	Liverpool Education and Employment Expo	\$5000
Global Women	Breast Cancer Awareness Program	\$4000

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$16,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Multicultural Association of Asia & Pacific Incorporated	Fiji Day Australia Festival	\$10,000
Delta TV	Music Festival	\$6000

REPORT

Community Grants Program

The Community Grants Program received two applications which met the eligibility criteria and are recommended for funding as follows:

Applicant	Western Sydney Migrant Resource Centre		
Project	Liverpool Education and Employment Expo		
Amount Requested	\$5,000	Total Project Cost	\$5,000
Location	Liverpool, NSW 2170	Date	26 January 2024
About the Applicant	Western Sydney Migrant Resource Centre (WSMRC) is part of the Liverpool Refugee and Migrant Interagency (LRMI), a sector network facilitated in partnership with Liverpool City Council and WSMRC. For purpose of meeting Councils eligibility criteria, WSMRC is acting as an auspice on behalf of the Education and Employment sub-group. The employment sub-group was established in 2022 through sector consultations which identified the need for education and employment programs and awareness for newly arrived migrant and refugee communities.		
Description	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>The Liverpool Education and Employment Expo is designed to empower CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) communities by raising awareness and providing clear pathways to training and employment opportunities. This Expo will primarily focus on industries with high demand within the Liverpool LGA, including Health, Retail/Hospitality, Construction, and Leisure and Sporting sectors.</p> <p>Funding will be used to deliver a free event featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information stalls offering insights into training courses; 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert industry advisors guiding job seekers; • Workshops to equip attendees with practical skills and enhance their employability; and • Panelists featuring successful CALD employees will share their personal journeys, including the challenges they faced and the highlights of their experiences. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain invaluable advice from these panelists. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced barriers for CALD communities seeking education and employment opportunities; and • Improved employability in CALD communities through access to training courses, industry advice and practical workshops.
Beneficiaries	CALD communities, employment agencies, and local job seekers.
Assessment	<p>Recommended for Funding - \$5,000</p> <p>The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging, Objective 4 – Visionary, Leading, Responsible</i> and meets the Community Grant Program funding priorities.</p> <p>Expected program outcomes 7.4.1 d), e) and f)</p>

Applicant	Global Women		
Project	Pink Ribbon Event - Breast Cancer Awareness		
Amount Requested	\$4,000	Total Project Cost	\$5,000
Location	Edmondson Park, NSW 2170	Date	10 October 2023
About the Applicant	Global Women is a local registered charity organisation with a goal to improve access to healthy lifestyle for women by raising awareness for early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Global Women empowers women from all backgrounds, particularly the CALD and subcontinent to prioritise their health and wellbeing by delivering a range of free interactive activities and workshops for its members.		

Description	<p>Objectives: The Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer lunch event aims to increase awareness of breast screening and encourage women to take steps that lead towards to early detection and prevention of breast cancer. Women from CALD backgrounds often struggle to understand the importance of breast screening and early intervention due to the stigma associated with seeking health advice regarding breast cancer. This event will equip guests with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast cancer resources and information on local screening sites, early detection procedures, and support networks available to women; • Medical information from bi-lingual panellists consisting of medical staff and doctors; and • Advice and tips from inspirational breast cancer warriors addressing the importance of early detection in relation to living with breast cancer, and or fighting it. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation of CALD women in community health activities; • Improved access to information and resources that address breast cancer prevention and early intervention; and • Strengthened social and physical wellbeing for women by raising awareness on breast cancer and the importance of early detection through breast screening.
Beneficiaries	CALD Women, local breast cancer networks and support groups.
Assessment	<p>Recommended for Funding - \$4,000 The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging, Objective 4 – Visionary, Leading, Responsible</i> and meets the Community Grant Program funding priorities. Expected program outcomes 7.4.1 a), b) and c)</p>

Community Sponsorship Program

The Community Sponsorship Program received two applications which met the eligibility criteria and are recommended for funding as follows:

Applicant	Multicultural Association of Asia & Pacific Incorporated		
Project	Fiji Day Australia Festival		
Amount Requested	\$10,000	Total Project Cost	\$36,000

Location	Woodward Park, Liverpool NSW 2170	Date	14 & 15 October 2023
About the Applicant	Multicultural Association of Asia & Pacific Incorporated (MAAPI) is a volunteer-based organisation providing community-based activities that promote East Asian & Fijian culture to the broader community. MAAPI are an active group in the Liverpool LGA ensuring programs are free and accessible to everyone in the community.		
Description	<p>Objectives: MAAPI is seeking funds to deliver a free two-day event at Woodward Park to celebrate Fiji Day. The Fiji Day Australia Festival will have traditional stalls, food stalls, and fun family rides. Fijian and cultural performances with live music will also be part of the entertainment.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community participation and community connection through multicultural events and experiences; • Celebrate diversity and promote inclusion; • Deliver economic benefit to the Liverpool LGA; • Promote tourism through regional, national, and international visitors; and • Promotes Liverpool's reputation as a great place to live, work, and invest, with promotional opportunities for Council. 		
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 5000 attendees over the two-day festival • Local businesses and suppliers supporting the event. 		
Assessment	<p>Recommended for Funding - \$10,000 The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging</i>, Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 2 - Livable, Sustainable, Resilient</i>, and Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 3 - Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative and</i> meets the Community Sponsorship Program's funding priorities. Expected program outcome 7.7.2 a), b), c), d), and e).</p>		

Applicant	Delta TV Australia Incorporated
Project	Music Festival

Amount Requested	\$6,000	Total Project Cost	\$11,900
Location	Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (CPAC), Casula NSW 2170	Date	23 September 2023
About the Applicant	Delta TV Australia Incorporated (DTVAI) is a not-for-profit local community cultural organisation that provides a platform for local community artists and musicians to showcase their talents at events that engage the broader community. DTVAI recognises the large number of subcontinent migrants residing in Liverpool and aims to bring the community together with free music festival.		
Description	<p>Objectives: DTVAI is seeking funds to deliver a music festival at CPAC. The event is free to attend, with several local artists from Liverpool performing with traditional instruments such as the sitar (traditional guitar) and tabla (a set of two small drums). The program will showcase Bengali and Hindi cultural performances alongside live instrumental music and singing.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community participation and community connection through multicultural events and experiences; • Celebrate diversity and promote inclusion; • Promote local talent to the broader community; and • Promote Liverpool's reputation as a great place to live, work, and invest, with promotional opportunities for Council. 		
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 300 local attendees • Local artists and musicians 		
Assessment	<p>Recommended for Funding - \$6,000 The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging</i>, and Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 3 - Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative</i> and <i>Objective 4 – Visionary, Leading, Responsible</i>, and meets the Community Sponsorship Program's funding priorities. Expected program outcome 7.7.2 a), b), c), d), and e).</p>		

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with this recommendation have been included in Council's budget for the current year and long-term financial plan. A full breakdown of operating budget is included below.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended for funding in this report</i>	Remaining
\$100,000	\$47,971	<i>\$16,000</i>	31,971
COMMUNITY GRANTS			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended funding in this report and \$1000 in small grants program to CEO</i>	Remaining
\$102,000	\$64,739	<i>\$9,000</i>	\$55,739
MATCHING GRANTS			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended funding in this report</i>	Remaining
\$200,000	\$200,000	<i>Nil</i>	\$200,000
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT GRANTS*			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended funding in this report</i>	Remaining
\$75,000	\$75,000	<i>Nil</i>	\$75,000
COMBINED FUNDING BALANCE			
Combined Budget	Combined Balance	<i>Total recommended funding in this report</i>	Remaining
\$477,000	\$387,710	<i>\$25,000</i>	\$361,710

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	The financial impacts are outlined in the report above.
Environment	Raise community awareness and support action in relation to environmental issues.
Social	Support community organisations, groups, and volunteers to deliver coordinated services to the community.
Civic Leadership	Foster neighborhood pride and a sense of responsibility. Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency, and ethical conduct.
Legislative	Local Government Act 1993, including sections 24 and 356. The council may by resolution contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to people for the purpose of exercising its functions. The Council's grant programs are targeted to ensure a lawful and consistent approach to its contributions and financial assistance. Key functions that are supported are Council's functions of providing goods, services, and facilities, and conducting activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the Liverpool local community and of the wider public, subject to the Local Government Act, the regulations, and any other law.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CORP 01**Election of Deputy Mayor**

Strategic Objective	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Demonstrate a high standard of transparency and accountability through a comprehensive governance framework
File Ref	299607.2023
Report By	Jessica Saliba - Acting Manager Council & Executive Services
Approved By	Farooq Portelli - Director Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under section 231(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)* Councillors can elect a person from among their numbers to be the Deputy Mayor.

This report recommends that Council proceeds with the election of the Deputy Mayor to be conducted by the Returning Officer (Chief Executive Officer).

Under section 231(4) of the Act Councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as Deputy Mayor if the Deputy Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this section, or if no Deputy Mayor has been elected.

The report considers whether Council may elect an alternate Deputy Mayor. This would be on the basis that the alternate Deputy Mayor can only act as Deputy Mayor in the absence of the elected Deputy Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Determines the method of voting to be used for the election of Deputy Mayor; and
2. Determines whether to elect an alternate Deputy Mayor, noting the advice set out in the report; and
3. Once determined, the returning officer to conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor for the period of 27 September 2023 – September 2024; and
4. The returning officer to conduct the election of the alternate Deputy Mayor for the period of 27 September 2023 – September 2024.

REPORT

Under section 231 of the Act Councillors can elect a person from among their numbers to be the Deputy Mayor. Section 231(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that “the person may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter period”.

The deputy mayor may exercise any function of the mayor at the request of the mayor or if the mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of mayor (section 231(3) of the Act).

Traditionally for Liverpool, terms are for one year with the election occurring annually in September.

Alternate Deputy Mayor

Consideration has been given to the possibility of Council electing an alternate Deputy Mayor at the same time as electing the Deputy Mayor. Section 231(4) of the Act provides that:

The councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as deputy mayor if the deputy mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this section, or if no deputy mayor has been elected.

Advice was sought from the Office of Local Government (OLG) regarding an alternate Deputy Mayor. They advised that:

- in line with section 231(1) of the Act ‘*only one person may be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor*’; and
- ‘*the election of a councillor to act as deputy mayor under subsection 4 of the Act must occur at the time that the substantive holder of that office is prevented from exercising their functions*’.

Legal advice was sought regarding the correct interpretation of section 231 of the Act. The natural and ordinary interpretation of section 231(4) is that it sets out the circumstances or preconditions for Council to appoint a Deputy Mayor. On this basis, Council’s power to appoint a Deputy Mayor is only triggered where either:

- (a) the deputy mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under section 231; or
- (b) no deputy mayor has been elected.

For Council to appoint an alternate Deputy Mayor, it would have to construe section 231(4) as enabling Council to appoint a person who would only be Deputy Mayor on the occurrence of one of the conditions in section 231(4) (deputy mayor prevented from acting or no deputy mayor). Section 231(4) does not state that an alternate Deputy Mayor can be appointed nor

that the power of appointment can be exercised in anticipation of the conditions being met, which Parliament could have done if that was its intention.

If Council chooses to appoint an alternate Deputy Mayor, this would need to be on the basis that the alternate will only be the Deputy Mayor in the event that the elected Deputy Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under section 231. The alternate cannot at any prior or other time use the Deputy Mayor title, nor can they exercise the functions of the Deputy Mayor.

Election Process

In line with Schedule 7 Clause 1 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Regulation), the returning Officer will be the Chief Executive Officer.

Schedule 7 Clause 2 of the Regulation provides for the following:

- Nominations for the Deputy Mayor must be in writing signed by at least two Councillors, one of whom may be the nominee;
- The nominee must consent in writing to the nomination; and
- Completed nomination forms must be delivered or emailed to the Returning Officer.

A copy of the nomination form is attached to this report.

Council needs to resolve the method of voting to be used for the election of Deputy Mayor and Alternate Deputy Mayor.

If only one Councillor is nominated, that Councillor is duly elected.

If more than one Councillor is nominated, Schedule 7 Clause 3(2) of the Regulation provides that Council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by:

- Open voting (i.e. show of hands);
- Ordinary ballot (i.e. a secret ballot (place an “x” on the ballot paper against the name of the candidate of their choice); or
- Preferential ballot (i.e. place 1, 2, 3 etc on the ballot paper against each candidate).

Ballot papers will be available at the meeting if required.

If one or more Councillors are participating in the meeting online via Microsoft Teams, Council must resolve to conduct the election of Deputy Mayor and Alternate Deputy Mayor by open voting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

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	Provide information about Council's services, roles and decision making processes. Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.
Legislative	Section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
Risk	The risk is deemed to be low and considered to be within Council's risk appetite.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Nomination Form for Deputy Mayor and Alternate Deputy Mayor



NOMINATION FORM ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
Schedule 7, Clause 2 (2)

We, Councillor.....and Councillor
..... hereby nominate Councillor
..... for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

I, Councillor hereby consent to the above nomination.



NOMINATION FORM ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DEPUTY MAYOR

We, Councillor.....and Councillor
..... hereby nominate Councillor
..... for the Office of Alternate Deputy Mayor.

I, Councillor hereby consent to the above nomination.

CORP 02	TfNSW proposed Construction Lease over Council land being part of Lot 5000 DP 855173 off Albemarle Place, Cecil Hills
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Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Promote and advocate for an integrated transport network with improved transport options and connectivity
File Ref	299731.2023
Report By	John Milicic - Manager Property
Approved By	Farooq Portelli - Director Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council at its meeting on 24 November 2021 resolved that it had no objection to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) compulsorily acquiring a construction lease for a period of 4 years, over Part Lot 5000 DP 855173, situated off Albemarle Place, Cecil Hills having an area of 397 square metres.

The construction lease was identified as being required to facilitate the M12 project, with timely entry to the land required, to undertake essential construction works to deliver this critical state significant infrastructure.

Subsequent to the Council resolution of 24 November 2021, TfNSW have requested an increase in the construction lease area from 397 square metres to 820 square metres. TfNSW have offered a rental payment for the lease area of 820 square metres for a term of 4 years for occupation of Council's land which equates to \$131,836.36 exclusive of GST, plus an administration fee of \$636.36 exclusive of GST and legal fees of \$2,750 GST inclusive.

TfNSW have requested that Council provide consent to the compulsory acquisition of a four-year construction lease. As the land is classified as "Community" land, Council cannot consent to a dealing, however, Council can advise it has no objection to the compulsory acquisition process.

It is recommended that Council resolves that it has no objection to the compulsory acquisition of the construction lease over an area of 820 square metres, for a period of 4 years, over part of Lot 5000 DP 855173 situated off Albemarle Place, Cecil Hills, for compensation payable in the amount of \$131,836.36 exclusive of GST plus plus administration fee of \$636.36 exclusive of GST and legal fees of \$2,750 GST inclusive on the terms outlined in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Resolves that it has no objection to TfNSW compulsorily acquiring a construction lease, for a period of 4 years, over Part Lot 5000 DP 855173, situated off Albemarle Place, Cecil Hills and having an area of 820 square metres, for compensation payable to Council as outlined in this report.
2. Authorises its delegated officer to execute any document, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision.

REPORT

Council at its meeting on 24 November 2021 resolved that it had no objection for Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to compulsorily acquire a construction lease for a period of 4 years, over Part Lot 5000 DP 855173, situated off Albemarle Place, Cecil Hills having an area of 397 square metres.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have written to Council seeking an increase in the construction lease area from 397 square metres to 820 square metres over Council land being part Lot 5000 DP 855173 at Albemarle Place, Cecil Hills as part of its M12 Motorway, M7 to Northern Road project. It has been identified that the construction lease would be required for a four-year period (with provision to be extended) which is expected to commence in early 2024.

Council's land, being Lot 5000 DP 855173, has a total area of 1.469 hectares and forms part of a buffer between the adjoining Elizabeth Drive and residential homes situated off Albemarle Place and Isabel Street, at Cecil Hills. The land is zoned, RE1-Public Recreation, and is classified as "Community" land.

The TfNSW proposal for road construction, at the above location, necessitates a construction lease for temporary road construction over part of the subject, land shown by green hatching on the attached plan (TfNSW Sketch Plan SR 5459).



Extract of TfNSW Plan (proposed construction lease area hatched Green)

This will facilitate the M12 project with timely entry to the land required to undertake essential construction works to deliver this critical state significant infrastructure.

TfNSW have advised that access to the proposed construction lease area will only be via Elizabeth Drive as the land is only required for temporary construction purposes associated with Elizabeth Drive. TfNSW have also advised that consultation has taken place for the project as per the EIS and amendment assessment process. Council has also been advised that any removed vegetation will be reinstated like for like where possible and in accordance with urban and landscaping design plans.

As the land is classified “Community” land, Council is limited in its dealings with the land, under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993. On this basis, TfNSW is seeking Council's consent, to acquire the construction lease for the additional area, being 820 square metres in total.

As part of its proposal to Council, TfNSW have submitted a lease memorandum with an offer for occupation of Council land in the amount of \$131,836.36 exclusive of GST for the four-year period, based on a construction lease area of 820 square metres, plus administration fee of \$636.36 exclusive of GST and legal fees of \$2,750 GST inclusive.

In reference to the request that Council provide consent to the acquisition, given Council's limitations in dealings associated with “community” land, it is recommended that Council resolve that it has no objection to the proposal to compulsorily acquire a construction lease over the identified Council “community” land.

TfNSW have also sought a reduction to the standard Proposed Acquisition Notice period of 90 days to 7 days, to provide certainty of obtaining construction access to the site. It is

recommended, that Council approve a reduced period of 14 days to allow for Council to review its claim for compensation if agreement has not been reached beforehand.

It is recommended that Council resolves to that it has no objection to the compulsory acquisition of the construction lease, for a period of 4 years, over part of Lot 5000 DP 855173 situated off Albemarle Place, Cecil Hills for an area of 820 square metres for rental compensation of \$131,836.36 exclusive of GST plus plus administration fee of \$636.36 exclusive of GST and legal fees of \$2,750 GST inclusive on the terms outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council will receive a payment of \$131,836.36 exclusive of GST as rental for the occupation of Council land.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Facilitate economic development.
Environment	Support the delivery of a range of transport options.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
Legislative	Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 and Local Government Act 1993.
Risk	The risk is deemed to be Low Risk as TfNSW would be required to compulsorily acquire a construction lease interest and pay compensation to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CORP 03

Investment Report August 2023

Strategic Objective	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Ensure Council is accountable and financially sustainable through the strategic management of assets and resources
File Ref	303281.2023
Report By	Vishwa Nadan - Chief Financial Officer
Approved By	Farooq Portelli - Director Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details Council's investment portfolio and its performance at 31 August 2023. Key highlights include:

- Council held investments with a market value of \$429 million.
- The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)'s official cash rate is at 4.10 per cent.
- The portfolio yield (for the year to August 2023) was 24 basis points above the benchmark (AusBond Bank Bill Index)

	AusBond Bank Bill Index (ABBI)
Benchmark	3.61%
Portfolio yield	3.37%
Performance above benchmark	0.24%

- Year-to-date, Council's investment income was \$1.82 million higher than the original budget. This is due to a combination of increase in market interest rates and unrealised gain in fair value of Floating Rate Notes (FRNs).
- Year-to-date, Council's investment in mortgage-backed securities (MBSs) is valued at \$404 thousand below face value. Council's investment advisor continues to review Council's investment in MBSs and recommends Council continue to hold its investments in the Class A and both Class C securities. There is significant uncertainty associated with these investments, however presently the investment advisor believes there is, on balance, more upside opportunity than downside risk. This is subject to ongoing regular review. MBSs are no longer rated.

- Council's investments and reporting obligations fully complied with the requirements of section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and section 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.
- Council's portfolio also fully complied with limits set out in its current Investment Policy, noting the exception applicable to MBSs (as investment in them pre-dates the current Investment Policy).
- Council is committed to NSW TCorp's balanced investment framework and held 17.00 per cent of its portfolio in ADIs rated BBB and below.

RECOMMENDATION

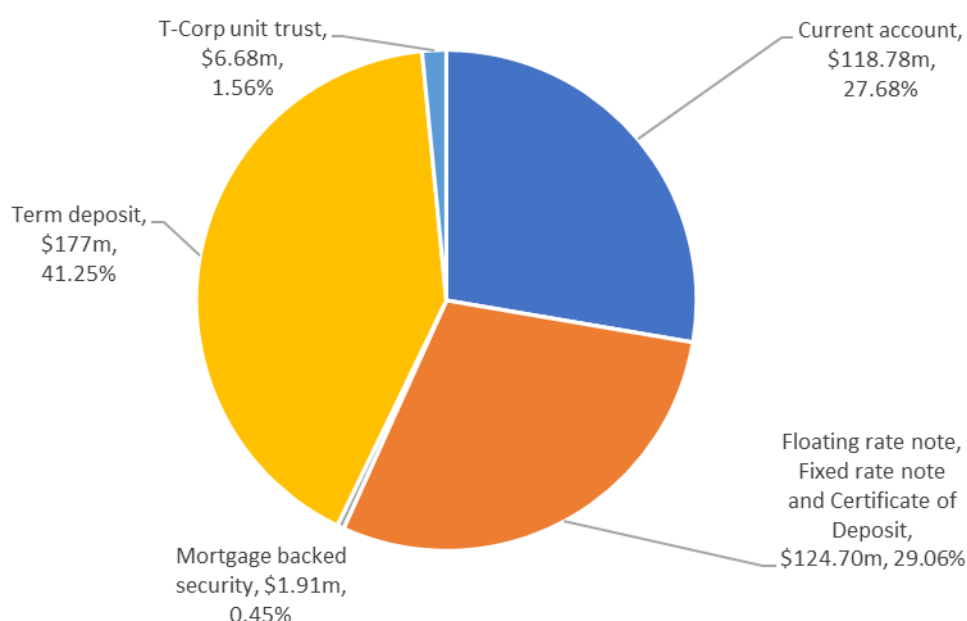
That Council receive and note this report.

REPORT

Section 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* 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 31 August 2023, Council held investments with a market value of \$429 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	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23
Senior debts (FRNs ,TCDs & FRBs)*	98.54%	98.44%	98.25%
MBS (Reverse mortgage-backed securities)	82.55%	82.67%	82.02%
T-Corp unit trusts	108.98%	109.28%	107.38%

***Definition of terms**

- *FRN - Floating Rate Note - returns an aggregate of a fixed margin and a variable benchmark (usually the Bank Bill Swap Rate).*
- *FRB - Fixed Rate Bond – returns a fixed coupon (interest) rate and is tradeable before maturity.*
- *TCD - Transferrable Certificate of Deposit - security issued with the same characteristics as a term deposit, however it can be sold back (transferred) into the market prior to maturity. A floating TCD pays a coupon linked to a variable benchmark (90-day Bank Bill Swap Rate).*

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 17.00 per cent of its portfolio in ADIs rated BBB and below.

Mortgaged-backed securities

Council's investment advisor regularly reviews investments in grandfathered mortgage-backed securities (MBSs) and continues to recommend "hold" position on investments in Class A and both Class C securities.

There is significant uncertainty associated with these investments, however presently the investment advisors believe there is, on balance, more upside opportunity than downside risk. Notwithstanding this recommendation, the investment advisors has assessed that both Class C securities are likely to eventually default. However, Council will continue to receive interest up until default which is likely to be many years in the future. Fitch Rating Agency has decided to withdraw its rating on MBSs and as a result, Council's investments in these securities are now classed as non-rated. Year-to-date, Council's investment in MBSs are valued at \$404 thousand below face value.

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	118,781,821	27.68%			
Term deposits < 1 year	118,000,000	27.50%			
T-Corp unit trust	6,675,132	1.56%			
Tradeable securities	124,702,813	29.06%			
Portfolio % < 1 year (Short term liquidity)	368,159,765	85.80%	30%	100%	Yes
Term deposit > 1 year < 3 years	59,000,000	13.75%	0%	70%	Yes
Grand fathered securities	1,911,387	0.45%	N/A	N/A	Yes
Portfolio % (Medium term liquidity)	60,911,387	14.20%			Yes
Total portfolio	429,071,152	100.00%			

Counterparty policy limit compliance

Issuer	Security rating	Market value	% Total value	Maximum Institutional policy limit % holdings	Complies to Investment policy "Yes/No"
AMP Bank Ltd	BBB	19,457,515	4.53%	15%	Yes
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	AA-	32,550,908	7.59%	35%	Yes
Auswide Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	0.70%	15%	Yes
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	BBB+	2,666,316	0.62%	15%	Yes
Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	2,499,016	0.58%	25%	Yes
Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB+	19,221,315	4.48%	15%	Yes
Citibank Australia Ltd	A+	1,001,147	0.23%	25%	Yes
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	AA-	144,548,185	33.69%	35%	Yes
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust (Class A)	Unrated	747,084	0.17%	5%	Yes
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust (Class C)	Unrated	1,164,303	0.27%	5%	Yes
Great Southern Bank	BBB	8,503,690	1.98%	15%	Yes
HSBC Sydney Branch	AA-	5,011,592	1.17%	35%	Yes
ING Direct	A	7,620,589	1.78%	25%	Yes
Macquarie Bank	A+	17,461,150	4.07%	25%	Yes
Members Equity Bank Ltd	BBB	5,000,000	1.17%	15%	Yes
National Australia Bank Ltd	AA-	55,265,831	12.88%	35%	Yes
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	15,000,000	3.50%	35%	Yes
NSW Treasury Corporation	Unrated	6,675,132	1.56%	5%	Yes
P&N Bank	BBB	5,000,000	1.17%	15%	Yes
Rabobank Australia Ltd	A+	4,198,876	0.98%	25%	Yes
RACQ Bank	BBB+	1,499,372	0.35%	15%	Yes
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	A	3,985,208	0.93%	25%	Yes
Suncorp Bank	A+	9,151,893	2.13%	25%	Yes
UBS AG	A+	2,308,526	0.54%	25%	Yes
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	AA-	55,533,507	12.94%	35%	Yes
Portfolio Total		429,071,152	100.00%		

Credit rating policy limit compliance

Credit rating	Market value	% Portfolio	Maximum policy limit	Complies to Investment policy "Yes/No"
AA Category	307,910,023	71.76%	100%	Yes
A Category	48,226,403	11.24%	60%	Yes
BBB Category	64,348,207	15.00%	45%	Yes
Unrated	8,586,519	2.00%	10%	Yes
Total Portfolio	429,071,152	100.00%		

Compliance with Investment policy – In summary

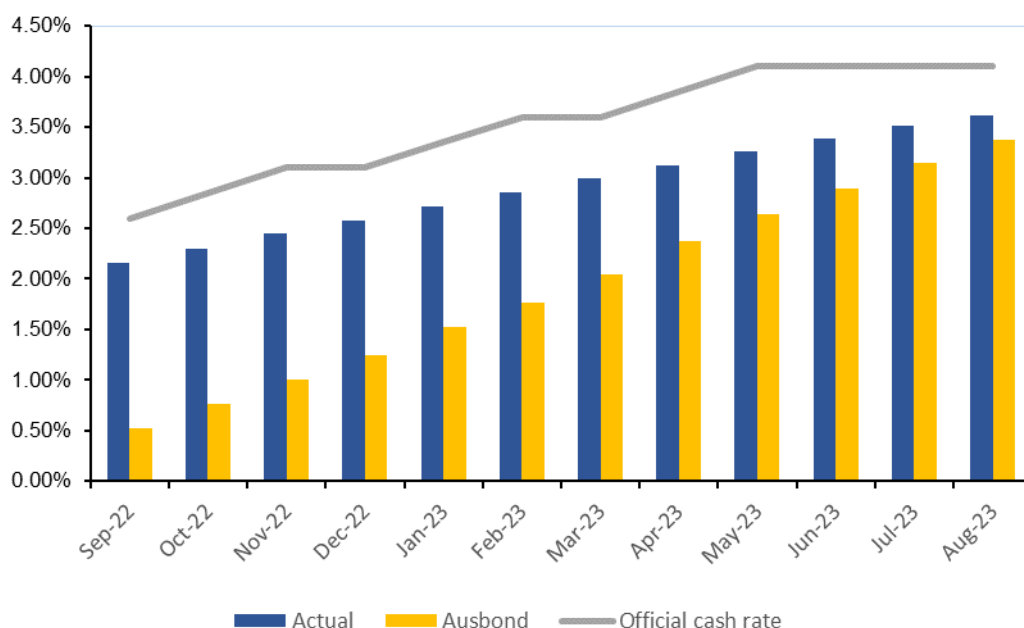
Legislative requirements	✓	Fully compliant, noting exception applicable to grandfathered mortgaged-backed investments.
Portfolio credit rating limit	✓	Fully compliant
Institutional exposure limits	✓	Fully compliant
Overall portfolio credit limits	✓	Fully compliant
Term to maturity limits	✓	Fully compliant

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 for the year to August 2023 exceeded the ABBI index by 24 basis points (portfolio yield: 3.61%; ABBI: 3.37%).

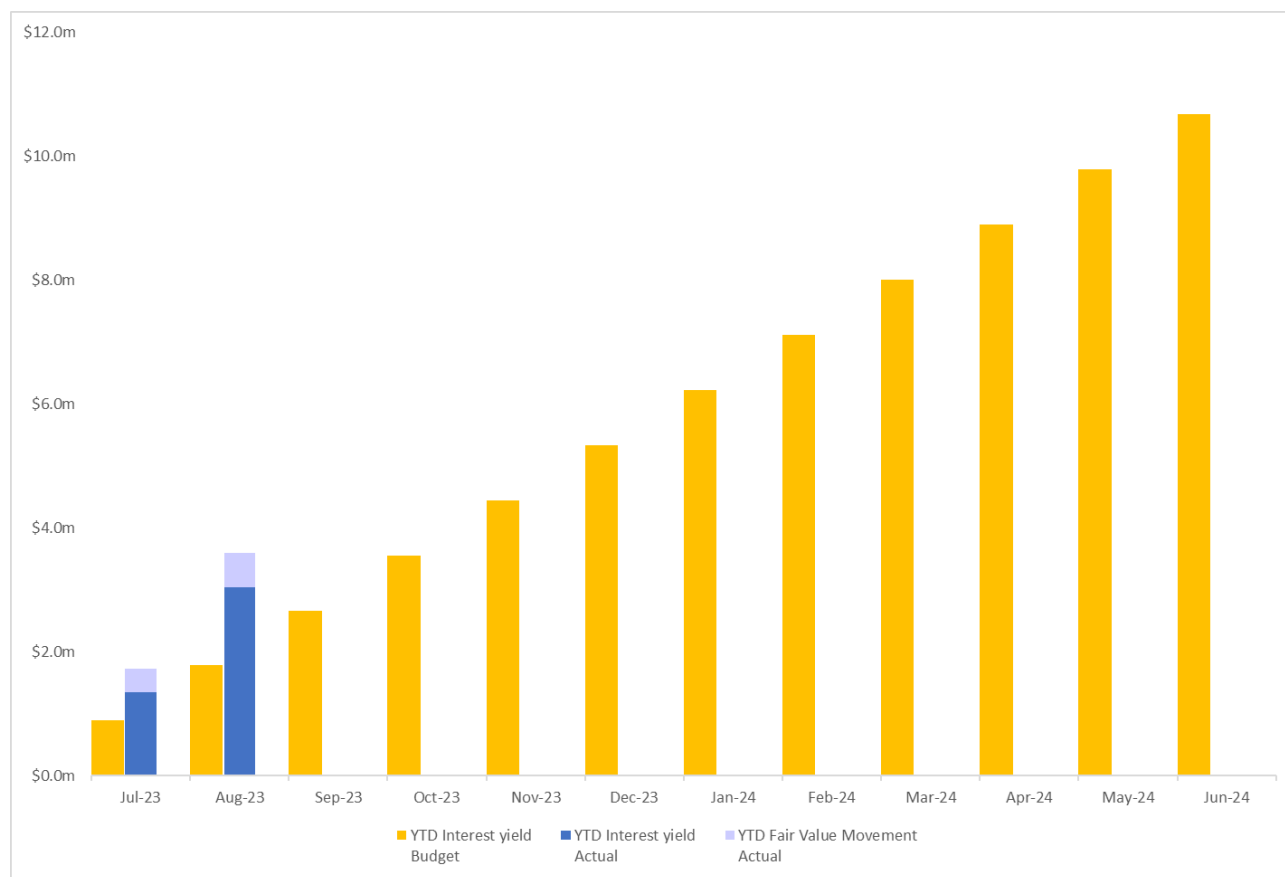
Comparative yields for the previous months are charted below:



Performance of portfolio returns against budget

Year-to-date, Council's investment income was \$1.82 million higher than the original budget. This is due to a combination of increase in market interest rate and unrealised gain in fair value of Floating Rate Notes (FRNs).

	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	Budget Variance
Interest yield on cash holdings	\$1.78m	\$3.05m	\$1.27m
Fair value market movement	\$0.00m	\$0.55m	\$0.55m
Total	\$1.78m	\$3.60m	\$1.82m



Economic outlook – Reserve Bank of Australia

The Reserve Bank of Australia has kept the official cash rate at 4.10 per cent in its meeting on 5 September 2023.

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*, section 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* 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 income was \$1.82 million higher than the original budget at 31 August 2023.
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	<p>Local Government Act 1993, section 625</p> <p>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, section 212</p> <p>As required by the Local Government Act, Council is fully compliant with the ministerial requirements specified in the <i>Local Government Act 1993 – Investment Order</i> (relating to investments by councils) and with reporting requirements under section 212 of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i>.</p>
Risk	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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Investment Portfolio August 2023



Portfolio Valuation As At 31 August 2023

Fixed Interest Security	Maturity Date	Rating	Current	Market Value	Total	Yield
Current Account						
CBA Business Saver		AA-	83,270,004.65	83,270,004.65	19.41%	4.20%
CBA General Account		AA-	7,608,091.27	7,608,091.27	1.77%	0.00%
AMP Business Saver		BBB	2,460,771.60	2,460,771.60	0.57%	2.65%
AMP Notice Account		BBB	14,996,743.22	14,996,743.22	3.50%	4.70%
Macquarie Bank Accelerator Account		A+	10,446,209.76	10,446,209.76	2.43%	3.91%
			118,781,820.50	118,781,820.50	27.68%	
Fixed Rate Bond						
Commonwealth Bank	14/01/2027	AA-	5,000,000.00	4,637,950.77	1.08%	2.40%
Bank of Queensland	29/10/2025	BBB+	4,000,000.00	3,905,832.48	0.91%	4.00%
Bank of Queensland	27/10/2026	BBB+	4,750,000.00	4,315,482.73	1.01%	2.10%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	17/03/2025	BBB+	2,750,000.00	2,666,315.84	0.62%	3.00%
UBS AG	26/02/2026	A+	2,550,000.00	2,308,525.51	0.54%	1.10%
ING Direct	19/08/2026	A	1,800,000.00	1,620,588.81	0.38%	1.10%
NAB	25/02/2027	AA-	4,500,000.00	4,236,089.21	0.99%	2.90%
Suncorp	25/01/2027	A+	4,500,000.00	4,146,032.74	0.97%	2.50%
			29,850,000.00	27,836,818.07	6.49%	
Floating Rate Note						
ANZ Bank	06/12/2023	AA-	7,000,000.00	7,009,348.13	1.63%	5.08%
ANZ Bank	29/08/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,013,857.72	1.17%	4.91%
ANZ Bank	16/01/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,009,397.86	0.70%	5.06%
ANZ Bank	31/03/2028	AA-	2,500,000.00	2,518,304.25	0.59%	5.41%
Citibank, N.A.	14/11/2024	A+	1,000,000.00	1,001,146.58	0.23%	5.05%
Commonwealth Bank	11/01/2024	AA-	9,500,000.00	9,524,090.51	2.22%	5.43%
Commonwealth Bank	17/08/2028	AA-	3,500,000.00	3,508,048.26	0.82%	5.11%
Credit Union Australia	24/10/2024	BBB	2,500,000.00	2,503,689.76	0.58%	5.48%
HSBC	27/09/2024	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,006,955.03	0.70%	5.13%
HSBC	27/09/2024	AA-	2,000,000.00	2,004,636.69	0.47%	5.13%
Macquarie Bank	07/08/2024	A+	4,000,000.00	4,008,374.10	0.93%	4.98%
Macquarie Bank	12/02/2025	A+	3,000,000.00	3,006,565.87	0.70%	5.01%
NAB	26/09/2023	AA-	8,000,000.00	8,000,467.64	1.86%	5.25%
NAB	26/09/2023	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,000,233.82	0.93%	5.25%
NAB	26/02/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,014,381.87	1.17%	5.18%
NAB	19/06/2024	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,014,658.28	0.94%	5.24%
Rabobank Australia Branch	27/01/2027	A+	2,700,000.00	2,686,788.33	0.63%	5.01%
Rabobank Australia Branch	19/01/2028	A+	1,500,000.00	1,512,088.10	0.35%	5.47%
RACQ Bank	24/02/2026	BBB+	1,500,000.00	1,499,371.86	0.35%	5.64%
ScotiaBank	07/09/2023	A+	2,500,000.00	2,499,015.59	0.58%	5.16%
Suncorp	30/07/2024	A+	3,000,000.00	3,003,516.01	0.70%	5.04%
Suncorp	30/07/2024	A+	2,000,000.00	2,002,344.01	0.47%	5.04%
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	20/01/2027	A	4,000,000.00	3,985,207.62	0.93%	5.08%
Westpac	16/11/2023	AA-	6,000,000.00	6,005,478.43	1.40%	5.10%
Westpac	24/04/2024	AA-	4,000,000.00	4,018,711.74	0.94%	5.50%
Westpac	16/08/2024	AA-	2,500,000.00	2,509,316.41	0.58%	5.03%
			96,700,000.00	96,865,994.46	22.58%	

Mortgage Backed Security

EmeraldMBS2006-1A	21/08/2051	Unrated	815,308.90	747,084.30	0.17%	4.59%
EmeraldMBS2006-1C	21/08/2056	Unrated	1,000,000.00	795,812.22	0.19%	5.34%
EmeraldMBS2007-1C	23/07/2057	Unrated	500,000.00	368,490.70	0.09%	5.31%
			2,315,308.90	1,911,387.22	0.45%	

Term Deposit

AMP	04/12/2023	BBB	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.47%	3.30%
ANZ	30/04/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	5.09%
ANZ	01/07/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	5.13%
ANZ	30/07/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	5.15%
Auswide Bank	07/02/2024	BBB	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	5.45%
Bank of Queensland	22/12/2023	BBB+	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	1.20%
Bank of Queensland	28/03/2024	BBB+	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	2.40%
Bank of Queensland	31/05/2024	BBB+	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	3.72%
Commonwealth Bank	22/11/2023	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	4.19%
Commonwealth Bank	28/03/2024	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	2.43%
Commonwealth Bank	15/08/2024	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	5.57%
Commonwealth Bank	12/12/2024	AA-	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	2.33%	4.63%
Commonwealth Bank	13/01/2025	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	4.63%
Commonwealth Bank	27/11/2025	AA-	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	2.33%	4.60%
ING Bank	05/08/2025	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	5.30%
ING Bank	01/09/2025	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	5.37%
Great Southern Bank	23/04/2024	BBB	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	5.12%
Great Southern Bank	29/07/2024	BBB	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	5.24%
Members Equity Bank	22/12/2023	BBB	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	1.20%
NAB	30/05/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	5.02%
NAB	20/10/2023	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	4.51%
NAB	30/05/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	3.49%
NAB	25/06/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	5.20%
NAB	13/09/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	1.10%
NAB	08/09/2025	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	0.82%
Northern Territory Treasury	16/12/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	1.00%
Northern Territory Treasury	15/12/2025	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	1.20%
Northern Territory Treasury	15/12/2026	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	1.50%
P&N Bank	22/12/2023	BBB	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	1.20%
Westpac	22/12/2023	AA-	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	2.33%	1.25%
Westpac	03/10/2023	AA-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.47%	4.20%
Westpac	17/10/2023	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	4.44%
Westpac	20/10/2023	AA-	8,000,000.00	8,000,000.00	1.86%	4.57%
Westpac	20/11/2023	AA-	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	2.33%	4.60%
Westpac	25/03/2024	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.70%	2.39%
Westpac	31/05/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.17%	3.54%
			177,000,000.00	177,000,000.00	41.25%	
Total			424,647,129.40	422,396,020.25	98.44%	

T-Corp

NSWTC IM Long Term Growth Fund	Unrated	6,125,337.88	6,675,131.85	1.56%
		6,125,337.88	6,675,131.85	1.56%
Total		424,647,129.40	422,396,020.25	98.44%
Portfolio Total		430,772,467.28	429,071,152.10	100.00%

CORP 04**NSW Grants Commission - Financial Assistance
Grants Policy**

Strategic Direction	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Ensure Council is accountable and financially sustainable through the strategic management of assets and resources
File Ref	305061.2023
Report By	Vishwa Nadan - Chief Financial Officer
Approved By	Farooq Portelli - Director Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report outlines the NSW Grants Commission's methodology which is used to calculate the Financial Assistance Grant paid to Council in FY 2023/24.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes this report.

REPORT

Financial assistance grants are paid to councils under a Commonwealth scheme established under the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. The Commonwealth provides financial assistance to the States for their grants commissions to allocate to local governing bodies. The objective is to improve the following for local governing bodies:

- financial capacity,
- capacity to provide an equitable level of services to residents,
- certainty of funding,
- efficiency and effectiveness, and
- services to aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The assistance is provided to the States in the form of general grants and additional funding and on the basis of national principles. Councils may use the allocated funds at their discretion and are accountable to their ratepayers.

In accordance with its policy framework, the NSW Grants Commission wrote to Council on 5 September 2023 outlining the methodology used to calculate the \$10.1 million Financial Assistance Grant allocated to Council for FY 2023/24.

CORPORATE SUPPORT REPORT

The NSW Grants Commission letter and supporting information is attached, however, summarized as follows:

	\$	\$
Estimated 2023/24		10,057,871
Add: 2022/23 adjustment:		
Final assessment 2022/23	9,888,489	
Less: Paid to Council	<u>9,417,848</u>	470,641
Less: Paid in advance – June 2023		<u>(10,308,623)</u>
Payable (quarterly instalments)		<u><u>219,889</u></u>

In addition, the letter included an invitation to Council to make a special submission for consideration in determining the 2024/25 grant allocation. The submission provides Council with the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disabilities beyond Council's control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. Disability in this instance means for example, Council's circumstances to raise income due to lower than State average population.

The NSW Grants Commission's current methodology for allocating the Financial Assistance Grant is in principle driven by the key factors discussed below as compared to the NSW State standard.

1. General purpose component is measured by the following:
 - a) Population – There will be no disadvantage allowance where the population is greater than the NSW State standard. Liverpool's estimated resident population of 239,430 is greater than the State standard of 63,714. The population estimate provided is correct as per the profile.id.com.au website and is current as of 30 June 2022. The population estimates are likewise used to determine eligibility based on several expenditure factors.
 - b) Pensioner Rebate Allowance – Where the NSW State standard is greater than the LGA % of pensioner rebates, no allowance is applicable. Liverpool's pensioner rebates of 12.9% is less than the 14.6% NSW State standard.
 - c) Revenue Allowance – No allowance will be given where the LGA's land values are greater than the NSW State standard. On both urban and non-urban properties, Liverpool's values were greater than the average NSW State values.

2. Local Roads Component

Liverpool Council currently receives an allowance under the local road's component as its local road length of 931km is less than the 1,573km NSW State standard.

Council staff have not identified any other disability factor that can be put forward for consideration by the NSW Grants Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

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	The financial assistance grants scheme operates under the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from NSW Grants Commission - 5 Sept 23



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Mr John Ajaka
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Liverpool City Council

By email: ajakaj@liverpool.nsw.gov.au
cc:

5 September 2023

Dear Mr Ajaka

In accordance with the NSW Local Government Grants Commission's (Commission) policy of providing information to councils about the way the Commission calculates financial assistance grants (FA Grants), please find attached a summary of Council's 2023-24 estimated FA Grants entitlement (**Appendix A**).

2023-24 ESTIMATED ENTITLEMENTS

The national FA Grants total estimated entitlement for 2023-24 is \$3.11 billion and is made up of \$2.15 billion for the general purpose component (GPC) and \$0.96 billion for the local roads component (LRC). The national estimated entitlement for 2023-24 increased by \$161 million to account for final adjustments to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and population shares for the year.

The Commonwealth Treasury's estimate of the CPI for 2022-23 was adjusted up in July 2023. When compared to the 2022-23 final adjusted amount, the total national estimated FA Grants for 2023-24 increased by 5.5%. Accordingly, the State's FA Grants allocation for 2023-24 is slightly higher than last year, however the ongoing economic impact of the pandemic and other external factors are difficult to predict.

The national GPC was distributed across the states and territories on a population basis. NSW received 31.34% or \$675.7 million in the GPC, which represents a 4.05% increase on last year's final figure. The LRC is based on a historical formula. NSW's share of the total national road funding is a fixed 29% share, or \$277.5 million, which represents a 5.5% increase. The total 2023-24 FA Grants estimated entitlement for NSW is \$953.2 million.



EXTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING THE GPC POOL OF FUNDS IN NSW

The Commonwealth decided to pause indexation for three years from 2014-15 to 2016-17 due to budget constraints. In 2021, the impact of the global economic downturn (GED) was closely followed by the Covid-19 Pandemic. NSW also experienced devastating natural disasters, including bushfires and floods. During recent years, the Commission has been faced with these challenges, including a substantially reduced CPI in 2021. In 2023-24, the CPI has continued to trend towards previously average levels of about 3.5% to 4%. But further fluctuations cannot be ruled out.

Change of Annual Grant Entitlements	CPI % Change GPC	# of LGAs on 0% or <0%
2012-13 Final and 2013-14 Estimated	3.4	22
2013-14 Final and 2014-15 Estimated no CPI	-0.2	72
2014-15 Final and 2015-16 Estimated no CPI	-0.2	75
2015-16 Final and 2016-17 Estimated no CPI	0.1	56
2016-17 Final and 2017-18 Estimated	3.6	10
2017-18 Final and 2018-19 Estimated	3.6	12
2018-19 Final and 2019-20 Estimated	4.0	10
2019-20 Final and 2020-21 Estimated GED	0.9	33
2020-21 Final and 2021-22 Estimated Covid	1.7	29
2021-22 Final and 2022-23 Estimated Covid	3.3	9
2022-23 Final and 2023-24 Estimated Covid	4.0	*18

KEY
Three years of paused CPI (only change applied was national movements in jurisdictional population shares)
Transition entered: # of LGAs on 0% or less had the -5% floor been retained
*8 metropolitan councils moved to the negative floor due to population decline as applying the per capita minimum produced a lower result than the negative floor

A notable by-product of the pandemic flowing through the 2022-23 and 2023-24 grant calculations has been population decline in some metropolitan areas. This has resulted in eight metropolitan councils moving off the per capita minimum grant and instead, benefiting from the 0% floor, as councils cannot breach below 0% floor until the negative floor is resumed. This further demonstrates the need to expedite the pathway out of transition.

Council's 2023-24 FA Grants estimated entitlement, compared to the 2022-23 final entitlement is as follows:

Liverpool City Council				
Year	General Purpose	Local Roads	Total	
2022-23 final	\$7,098,553	\$2,789,936	\$9,888,489	Change
2023-24 est.	\$7,098,560	\$2,959,311	\$10,057,871	1.7%

To assist councils with budgets and bank reconciliations, a breakdown of the 2023-24 quarterly instalments is attached (**Appendix A**). The NSW Schedule of Payments is also attached (**Appendix B**).

IMPACT OF THE ADVANCE PAYMENTS

The Commonwealth Government decided to make an early payment of the 2023-24 estimated FA Grant entitlement to help manage the cumulative impacts of the floods and the pandemic. In June 2023, all councils were paid 100% of the estimated entitlement in advance, as calculated at that point in time (plus councils received 25% of the 2022-23 entitlement in the same year). This has resulted in the adjusted quarterly instalments for 2023-24 being significantly less than in recent years. The remainder of the grant entitlements (totalling \$45,227,839 for the state) will be paid in quarterly instalments in August 2023, November 2023, February 2024 and May 2024.

The Council of the City of Sydney and Randwick City Council's population decreases flowed through the grant calculations in the 2023-24 financial year, with both councils due to receive a reduction in the LRC. However, as the Commonwealth advance of 100% was based on the prior year's grant recommendations, both Councils received an overpayment in the LRC advance (Sydney \$35,538 and Randwick \$25,555, totalling \$62,083).

As a temporary measure to address the overpayment, the Commission made an accounting adjustment to the 2023-24 recommendations, spreading the overpayment proportionately over the other 126 councils' LRCs. This process will be reversed in 2024-25 to ensure the over and under payments reconcile with actual entitlements.

However, the Commission is concerned about the unpredictability the practice of advance payments creates. Long-term and annual budgeting forecasts are subject to changes, and annual financial statement results can often be skewed. The latest development of overpayments is beginning to impede the Commission's ability to make annual recommendations.

CHALLENGES IN FAIRLY DISTRIBUTING THE GPC FUNDS

As councils will be aware, the Commission is required to adhere to the National Principles which mandate a per capita payment based on population growth/decline. This inhibits the full application of the Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (HFE) Principle, to distribute the grants on the basis of greatest relative need. It is also the policy of the NSW Government to explore opportunities to direct grants to communities with the greatest relative need. The Commission has had regard to these policies in allocating the grants. The map contained in **Appendix D** identifies the rate of population change in NSW from 2002 to 2022.

Appendix D lists the revised expenditure categories, disadvantage factors, data sources used in calculating the expenditure allowance and the relative disadvantage allowance.

The Commission has been investigating ways to direct funds to councils with greatest relative need. Information about the methodology review and subsequent transition has been provided to councils, including about the recommendations for model refinements. The Commission is currently considering options for a pathway out of transition and resuming the negative floor, which is likely to commence in 2024-25. Further information about the transition and general information about the FA Grants can be found on the Commission's webpage at

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/#lggc>.

SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS 2023-24

Special submissions from councils for 2023-24 will be considered by the Commission. The purpose of a submission is to give councils the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disadvantages beyond councils' control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. Please refer to the expenditure functions and Council's disadvantage factors listed in **Appendix A**. This process allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect councils' capacity to deliver services.

Appendix C, titled ***Guidelines for Special Submissions***, contains guidance for preparing submissions – please read the guidelines carefully.

Submissions should be e-mailed to the Commission at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au by **30 November 2023**.

A MESSAGE OF CAUTION

There is no guarantee that a council will receive an increased FA Grant each year. There are a number of changing variables, including a council's changing measure of relative disadvantage compared to the state average measure and the size of the total FA Grant pool. Last year, the Commission advised of a possible decision to return to the GPC to a negative floor in 2024-25, which would result in some councils receiving less in the 2024-25 than they will in 2023-24. Councils have been consulted and have now been given six years to prepare. It is no longer sustainable to protect those councils with greatest relative advantage. The pathway out of transition is essential to distribute the GPC more fairly, allowing greater application of the HFE, consistent with the National Principles and NSW policy.

I would ask that this letter please be tabled at the next Council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact me on (02) 4428 4131.

Yours sincerely



Helen Pearce
Executive Officer

APPENDIX A
LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION 2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Liverpool (C) Council

Appendix A

General Purpose Component

Expenditure Allowance

Expenditure Functions	State ave cost per capita
Recreation and cultural	\$237.99
Admin and governance	\$279.03
Education and community	\$66.63
Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes	\$216.11
Public order, safety, health and other	\$205.84
Housing amenity	\$77.49

Recreation and cultural			Pop <SS = relative disadvantage Pop >SS = 0 ATSI <SS = 0 ATSI >SS = relative disadvantage
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std (SS)	Weighted DF%
Population	239,430	63,714	0.0%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	1.6%	3.4%	0.0%

Admin and governance			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	239,430	63,714	0.0%

Education and community			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	239,430	63,714	0.0%

Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	239,430	63,714	0.0%
Road Length	931	1,159	0.0%

Public order, safety, health and other			RTD <SS = 0 RTD >SS = relative disadvantage Env <SS = 0 Env >SS = relative disadvantage
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	239,430	63,714	0.0%
Rainfall, topography and drainage index	155%	161%	0.0%
Environment (Ha of environmental lands)	740	55,494	0.0%

Housing amenity			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA Std	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	239,430	63,714	0.0%

Isolation Allowance

Outside the Greater Statistical Area	N/A
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APPENDIX A

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION 2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Pensioner Rebate Allowance

PR <SS = relative disadvantage (+ allowance)	
PR >SS = relative advantage (- allowance)	
LGA % Pensioner Rebates (PR) Res Props:	12.9%
State Standard (SS) % PR	14.6%

Revenue Allowance

Revenue Allowance	
CV <SS = relative disadvantage (+ allowance)	
CV >SS = relative advantage (- allowance)	
No. of Urban Properties:	75,567
Standard Value Per Property:	\$483,497
Council Value (CV):	\$530,307

No. of Non-urban Properties:	129
Standard Value Per Property:	\$887,956
Council Value (CV):	\$4,089,964

Relative Disadvantage Allowance

Unsealed roads; Isolation; Population Decline	\$7
Special Submission/other adjustments	\$0
Total General Purpose Grant	\$7,098,560

Local Roads Component

Population:	239,430
Local Road Length (km):	931
Length of Bridges on Local Roads (m):	1,573

Road/Population Allowance:	\$2,734,575
Bridge Length Allowance:	\$224,736
Local Roads Total:	\$2,959,311

Total Grant	\$10,057,871
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Quarterly Instalments Payable in 2023-24 for 2023-24 FA Grants

	August 2023	
GPC	\$17,566.00	
LRC	\$37,406.00	\$54,972.00
	November 2023	
GPC	\$17,566.00	
LRC	\$37,406.00	\$54,972.00
	February 2024	
GPC	\$17,566.00	
LRC	\$37,406.00	\$54,972.00
	May 2024	
GPC	\$17,566.00	
LRC	\$37,406.00	\$54,972.00
	TOTAL	
GPC	\$70,264.00	
LRC	\$149,624.00	\$219,888.00

2023-24 FA GRANTS Schedule of Payments Totals														
Councils	Population 30/6/2021	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	2023-24 Recommended Total Entitlement	General Purpose CPI/Pop Adjustment	Local Roads CPI/Pop Adjustment	2022-23 Local Roads CPI/Pop Adjustment	2022-23 Total CPI/Pop Adjustment	2023-24 General Purpose Advance Payment	2023-24 Local Roads Advance Payment	2023-24 Total Advance Payment	2023-24 General Purpose Payments	2023-24 Local Roads Payments	2023-24 Total Payments
Albury (C)	56,598	5,811,127	1,844,500	7,655,627	272,614	79,187	351,801	5,848,388	1,831,030	7,679,418	235,353	92,657	328,010	
Armidale Regional	29,317	2,890,409	2,890,409	5,780,818	247,184	125,604	372,788	5,302,762	2,904,304	8,207,066	321,776	111,709	433,485	
Ballina (S)	46,760	3,379,204	1,834,605	5,213,809	179,208	78,940	258,148	3,844,494	1,825,302	5,669,796	213,918	88,243	302,161	
Barranald (S)	2,198	3,967,686	1,654,530	5,622,216	178,810	71,855	250,665	3,835,963	1,661,990	5,497,953	310,533	64,895	375,428	
Bathurst Regional	44,074	5,228,922	2,505,234	7,734,156	241,702	111,073	352,775	5,185,158	2,568,312	7,753,470	285,466	47,995	333,461	
Bayside	177,629	4,414,494	1,455,341	5,869,835	210,034	63,495	273,529	4,505,806	1,468,189	5,973,995	118,722	50,647	169,369	
Bega Valley (S)	35,972	6,397,024	2,610,892	9,007,916	294,270	110,176	404,446	6,312,895	2,547,566	8,860,461	378,399	173,502	551,901	
Bellingen (S)	13,219	3,777,386	1,191,567	4,968,953	172,654	51,280	223,934	3,703,908	1,185,729	4,889,637	246,132	57,118	303,250	
Berrigan (S)	8,657	4,361,348	1,748,015	6,109,363	200,703	76,154	276,857	4,305,626	1,760,916	6,066,542	256,425	63,253	319,678	
Blacktown (C)	410,419	14,617,567	4,604,324	19,221,891	707,636	192,475	900,101	15,180,508	4,450,548	19,631,053	144,685	346,254	490,939	
Blair (S)	5,487	6,076,001	3,766,133	9,842,134	278,371	163,771	442,142	5,971,810	3,786,847	9,758,657	382,562	143,057	525,619	
Blayney (S)	7,588	2,427,939	1,077,133	3,505,072	111,175	46,528	157,703	2,385,016	1,075,838	3,460,854	154,098	47,823	201,921	
Blue Mountains (C)	77,905	8,658,535	1,658,519	10,317,054	406,396	72,068	478,464	8,718,304	1,666,423	10,384,727	346,627	64,164	410,791	
Bogan (S)	2,455	3,888,525	1,809,477	5,698,002	174,738	78,500	253,238	3,748,602	1,815,164	5,563,766	314,661	72,813	387,474	
Bourke (S)	2,350	5,883,153	2,404,695	8,287,848	263,893	104,519	368,412	5,661,218	2,416,761	8,077,979	485,828	92,453	578,281	
Brewarrina (S)	1,438	4,493,402	1,634,059	6,127,461	197,798	70,947	268,745	4,243,302	1,640,466	5,883,768	447,898	64,540	512,438	
Broken Hill (C)	17,567	5,932,680	603,645	6,536,325	268,768	25,984	294,752	5,705,815	600,856	6,306,671	435,633	28,773	464,406	
Burwood	40,747	1,076,865	340,983	1,417,848	49,648	14,695	64,343	1,065,083	339,805	1,404,888	61,430	15,873	77,303	
Byron (S)	36,398	2,557,792	1,522,885	4,080,677	119,476	65,978	185,454	2,563,081	1,525,591	4,088,672	114,187	63,272	177,459	
Cabonne	13,825	3,783,167	2,570,269	6,353,436	173,400	111,440	284,840	3,719,895	2,576,816	6,296,711	236,672	104,893	341,565	
Camden	127,637	3,172,078	2,174,391	5,346,469	131,888	90,232	222,120	2,829,357	2,086,428	4,915,785	474,609	178,195	652,804	
Campanella (C)	180,231	8,961,733	2,319,550	11,281,283	433,831	99,030	532,861	9,306,863	2,289,881	11,596,744	88,701	128,699	217,400	
Canada Bay (C)	89,139	2,281,995	759,029	3,041,024	110,470	34,117	144,587	2,369,878	788,859	3,158,737	22,587	4,287	26,874	
Canterbury-Bankstown	371,726	9,238,256	3,267,955	12,506,211	435,832	126,064	561,896	9,349,776	3,284,932	12,634,708	324,312	125,087	449,399	
Carriathool (S)	2,824	5,090,148	2,917,424	8,007,572	230,698	126,515	357,213	4,949,093	2,925,404	7,874,497	371,753	118,535	490,288	
Central Coast	348,930	24,806,634	5,481,946	30,288,580	1,164,335	237,687	1,402,022	24,978,156	5,495,982	30,474,138	992,813	223,651	1,216,464	
Central Darling (S)	1,745	5,803,838	1,994,345	7,798,183	260,591	86,599	347,190	5,590,378	2,002,427	7,592,805	474,051	78,517	552,568	
Cessnock (C)	65,780	6,448,245	2,315,426	8,763,671	302,387	96,940	398,816	6,487,030	2,229,684	8,716,714	263,602	182,171	445,773	
Clarence Valley	54,580	8,987,974	4,107,857	13,095,831	420,826	176,940	597,766	9,027,861	4,091,350	13,119,211	380,939	193,447	574,386	
Cobar (S)	4,052	5,474,888	2,147,663	7,622,551	249,346	93,454	342,800	5,349,151	2,160,911	7,510,062	375,083	80,206	455,289	
Coffs Harbour (C)	79,598	6,181,259	2,808,634	8,989,893	288,825	121,071	409,896	6,196,092	2,799,502	8,995,594	273,992	130,203	404,195	
Coilamons (S)	4,463	3,187,054	1,612,516	4,799,570	146,735	69,841	216,576	3,147,873	1,614,915	4,762,788	185,916	67,442	253,358	
Coonamble (S)	3,823	3,701,748	2,047,522	5,749,270	167,591	80,060	247,651	3,595,274	1,851,212	5,446,486	274,065	276,370	550,435	
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional	11,394	4,682,696	1,957,740	6,640,436	216,190	84,667	300,857	4,637,867	1,957,728	6,595,595	261,019	84,679	345,698	
Cowra (S)	12,690	4,198,641	1,812,677	6,011,318	192,183	78,745	270,928	4,122,858	1,820,799	5,943,657	267,966	70,623	338,589	
Cumberland	237,129	6,972,737	2,195,743	9,168,480	337,455	92,619	430,074	7,241,270	2,141,608	9,382,878	69,012	146,754	215,766	
Dubbo Regional	55,843	9,434,508	4,277,347	13,711,855	442,045	184,179	626,224	9,483,291	4,258,723	13,742,014	393,272	202,803	596,075	
Dungog (S)	9,707	2,279,224	1,159,439	3,438,663	104,376	50,088	154,464	2,239,141	1,158,154	3,397,295	144,459	51,373	195,832	
Edward River	8,454	5,092,560	1,894,834	6,987,394	235,754	82,832	318,586	5,057,577	1,915,324	6,972,901	270,737	62,342	333,079	
Eurobodalla (S)	40,732	6,518,101	2,106,658	8,624,759	301,362	90,207	391,569	6,465,048	2,085,846	8,550,894	354,415	111,019	465,434	
Fairfield (C)	206,644	8,082,320	2,090,125	10,172,445	391,259	90,461	481,720	8,393,584	2,091,679	10,485,263	79,995	88,907	168,902	
Federation	12,852	5,695,862	2,802,861	8,498,723	265,633	121,176	386,809	5,698,990	2,801,926	8,500,916	262,525	122,111	384,636	
Forbes (S)	9,342	4,543,145	2,418,878	6,962,023	208,983	105,447	314,430	4,483,248	2,438,724	6,921,972	268,880	86,101	354,981	
Georges River	153,055	3,803,773	1,356,062	5,159,835	183,426	59,439	242,865	3,934,997	1,374,391	5,309,388	52,202	41,110	93,312	
Gilgandra (S)	4,300	3,463,185	1,679,732	5,142,917	158,378	72,780	231,158	3,397,640	1,682,863	5,080,503	223,923	69,649	293,572	
Glen Innes Severn	8,935	3,738,839	1,716,610	5,455,449	170,541	73,996	244,537	3,658,571	1,710,993	5,369,564	250,809	79,613	330,424	
Goulburn Mulwaree	32,394	4,276,636	2,253,608	6,530,244	197,006	97,755	294,761	4,226,307	2,260,364	6,486,671	247,335	90,999	338,334	
Greater Hume (S)	11,238	4,239,663	2,626,032	6,865,695	194,851	113,610	308,461	4,180,085	2,626,974	6,807,059	254,429	112,668	367,097	
Griffith (C)	26,994	5,125,940	1,948,186	7,074,126	234,378	87,673	322,051	5,028,046	2,027,259	7,055,305	332,272	8,600	340,872	
Gunnedah (S)	13,125	3,908,859	2,013,850	5,922,709	178,868	87,046	265,914	3,837,200	2,012,744	5,849,944	250,527	88,152	338,679	
Gwydir (S)	4,915	3,810,578	2,774,219	6,584,797	172,983	101,221	274,204	3,710,963	2,340,477	6,051,440	272,598	484,963	757,561	

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2023-24 FA GRANTS Schedule of Payments Totals															
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
Snowy Valleys	14,884	5,532,284	1,738,628	7,709,912	263,995	74,974	328,969	5,448,979	1,733,610	7,182,489	337,400	79,992	417,392		
Strathfield (M)	46,129	1,183,222	369,607	1,552,829	57,279	16,260	73,539	1,228,790	375,949	1,604,739	11,711	9,918	21,629		
Sutherland (S)	231,723	5,758,856	2,505,027	8,263,883	269,814	108,665	378,479	5,788,250	2,512,006	8,300,856	240,420	101,086	341,506		
Sydney (C)	217,748	5,763,024	1,629,904	7,392,928	278,984	73,676	352,660	5,984,968	1,703,576	7,688,544	57,040	4	57,044		
Tamworth Regional	64,459	7,539,184	5,354,096	12,893,280	347,143	230,694	577,837	7,447,167	5,334,265	12,781,432	439,160	250,525	689,685		
Temora (S)	5,993	3,111,530	1,636,425	4,747,955	141,457	71,601	213,058	3,034,635	1,655,618	4,690,253	218,352	52,408	270,760		
Tenterfield (S)	6,877	4,250,359	2,077,575	6,327,934	193,960	89,798	283,758	4,160,974	2,076,415	6,237,389	283,345	90,958	374,303		
Traralgon (VIC)	95	93,642	-	93,642	4,357	-	4,357	93,464	-	93,464	4,535	-	4,535		
Tweed (S)	97,718	9,079,084	3,601,882	12,680,966	425,733	158,488	584,221	9,133,133	3,664,694	12,797,827	371,684	95,676	467,360		
Upper Hunter (S)	14,292	4,085,900	2,440,371	6,526,271	186,686	105,738	292,424	4,004,933	2,444,943	6,449,876	267,653	101,166	368,819		
Upper Lachlan (S)	8,539	3,755,923	2,385,306	6,141,229	171,479	103,316	274,795	3,678,698	2,388,970	6,067,668	248,704	99,652	348,356		
Uralla (S)	5,980	2,208,497	1,163,909	3,372,406	100,815	50,405	151,220	2,162,764	1,165,513	3,328,277	146,548	48,801	195,349		
Wagga Wagga (C)	68,227	8,208,147	4,118,260	12,326,407	384,932	177,413	562,405	8,259,136	4,102,306	12,361,442	334,003	193,367	527,370		
Walcha	2,999	2,109,590	1,179,574	3,289,164	94,669	51,233	145,902	2,030,911	1,184,675	3,215,586	173,348	46,132	219,480		
Walgett (S)	5,513	6,015,041	2,442,648	8,457,689	273,811	106,181	379,992	5,873,988	2,455,222	8,329,210	414,864	93,607	508,471		
Warren (S)	2,577	2,580,822	1,299,191	3,880,013	117,511	56,460	173,971	2,520,924	1,305,507	3,826,431	177,409	50,144	227,553		
Warumbungle (S)	9,244	5,976,921	3,070,377	9,047,298	275,646	133,088	408,734	5,913,365	3,077,355	8,990,720	339,202	126,110	465,312		
Waverley	69,218	1,730,618	518,767	2,249,385	83,778	23,049	106,827	1,797,267	532,958	2,330,225	17,129	8,858	25,987		
Weddin (S)	3,604	2,462,580	1,267,405	3,729,985	110,895	54,967	165,862	2,379,005	1,270,972	3,649,977	194,470	51,400	245,870		
Wentworth (S)	7,555	5,208,794	2,184,290	7,393,084	241,934	94,856	336,790	5,190,145	2,193,340	7,383,485	260,583	85,806	346,389		
Willoughby (C)	75,409	1,892,705	705,200	2,597,905	91,625	31,279	122,904	1,965,596	723,273	2,688,869	18,734	13,206	31,940		
Wingcarribee (S)	52,779	3,786,752	2,426,368	6,213,120	177,079	104,987	282,066	3,798,828	2,427,619	6,226,447	165,003	103,736	268,739		
Wollondilly (S)	55,811	2,790,317	1,726,386	4,516,703	130,955	73,877	204,832	2,809,332	1,708,207	4,517,539	111,940	92,056	203,996		
Wollongong (C)	216,290	18,809,215	3,066,739	21,875,954	882,822	132,568	1,015,390	18,938,937	3,065,330	22,004,267	753,100	133,977	887,077		
Woolahra (M)	53,487	1,391,289	505,216	1,896,505	67,351	22,835	90,186	1,444,870	527,996	1,972,866	13,770	55	13,825		
Yass Valley	17,377	2,291,263	1,747,227	4,038,490	104,850	75,839	180,689	2,249,306	1,753,631	4,002,937	146,807	69,435	216,242		
TOTALS	8,155,963	675,648,877	277,534,692	953,183,569	31,434,847	11,979,830	43,414,677	674,363,305	277,007,102	951,370,407	32,720,419	12,507,420	45,227,839		

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS

1. GENERAL

All submissions **must** be consistent with the principles which have been adopted by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission (Commission). The principles are attached in **Table 1**.

Information in the submissions must relate to the year ended 30 June 2023, in order to be compatible with the Commission's **Roads, Bridges and General Information Return** for that year (for the 2024-25 grant calculations).

Only operational costs should be included; **capital costs are to be excluded**.

Submissions should be based only on *inherent* disadvantages and problems, which are outside a council's control. **Additional costs that result from deliberate policy decisions made by councils to provide a higher than average standard of service are not considered disadvantages.**

Information provided on disadvantages should be brief and the costing estimates of the disadvantages should be as accurate as is practicable.

If you have further questions, please contact the Executive Officer on (02) 4428 4100 or by email, olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions should be emailed to the Commission at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au as soon as possible and no later than **30 November 2023**.

2. EXPENDITURE DISADVANTAGES

(a) Content

The details of the Commission's expenditure calculations for Council's area are enclosed (see **Appendix A**). This information should be used in assessing whether to make a submission on expenditure disadvantages; that is, in assessing whether the particular disadvantages of Council's area are **already recognised** in the formula. If council believes that disadvantages **other than those currently identified by the formula** have an impact on the cost of providing services, then this should be substantiated in the submission.

Similarly, if council believes that the impact of any disadvantage already identified by the Commission is greater than indicated, then the case should be argued in the submission. Please refer to **Table 2** for the basic format for a special submission. Details of the expenditure items considered, the council functions and disadvantage measures can be found in **Appendix D**.

(b) Required Format

Table 2 shows the **REQUIRED FORMAT** for submissions on expenditure disadvantages. Submissions should be **brief** and include:

- (1) the function affected (using the Commission's functional heading);
- (2) a **brief** description of the disadvantage;
- (3) a **brief** account of the action taken to deal with that disadvantage; and,
- (4) the **estimated additional cost** impact of that action.

Where a disadvantage factor affects costs across multiple council functions, separate details should be used showing the cost impact in each function area.

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(c) Outcome

Where the Commission recognises an additional disadvantage raised in a submission beyond the measures recognised, an adjustment will be made as an "other" category.

Where an additional disadvantage is recognised which has an impact on a number of councils, the methodology will be adjusted, and *all councils* will be affected according to the extent of the relevant disadvantage.

3. REVENUE DISADVANTAGES

While the approved principles generally bind the Commission's operation in this area, councils may wish to comment on the current methodology if it is considered that these unfairly disadvantage them.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS

TABLE 1

APPROVED PRINCIPLES

1. General purpose grants to local governing bodies will be allocated as far as practicable on a full equalisation basis as defined in the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*; that is a basis which attempts to compensate local governing bodies for differences in expenditure required in the performance of their functions and in their capacity to raise revenue.
2. The assessment of revenue and expenditure allowances of local governing bodies will, as far as is practicable, be independent of the policy or practices of those bodies in raising revenue and the provision of services.
3. Revenue raising capacity will primarily be determined on the basis of property values; positive and negative allowances relative to average standards may be calculated.
4. Revenue allowances may be discounted to achieve equilibrium with expenditure allowances.
5. Generally, for each expenditure function an allowance will be determined using operational cost; both positive and negative allowances relative to average standards may be calculated.
6. Expenditure allowances will be discounted to take account of specific purpose grants.
7. Additional costs associated with non-resident use of services and facilities will be recognised in determining expenditure allowances.

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TABLE 2

REQUIRED FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS ON EXPENDITURE DISADVANTAGES

Function:

Disadvantage:

Description and Response:

Cost Impact:

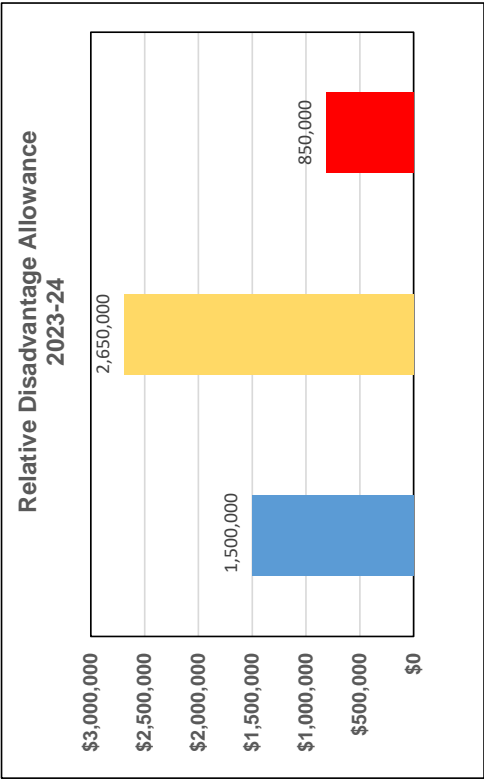
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Expenditure Functions with Expenditure Items Listed Below (Expenditure Items Source – Financial Data Return/Net Cost of Services – 5 year average gross operational costs)					
Recreation & cultural	Administration & governance	Community amenity	Community services & education	Roads, bridges & footpaths	Public order, safety, health & other
Museums	Administration	Public Cemeteries	Admin & Education	Aerodromes	Animal Containment
Art Galleries	Governance	Public Toilets	Children's Services	Urban Roads Local	Fire Service Levy
Communities Centres & Halls		Town Planning	Aged and Disabled	Sealed Rural Roads Local	Noxious Plants & Insects
Performing Arts Venues		Street Lighting	Social Protection	Unsealed Rural Roads Local	Environment Protection
Other Sport & Recreation				Bridges on Urban Roads Local	Stormwater Management
Other Performing Arts				Bridges on Sealed Rural Roads Local	Urban Storm Drainage
Public Libraries				Bridges on Unsealed Rural Roads Local	Other
Swimming Pools				Footpaths	Health
Sporting Grounds				Parking Areas	Enforcement of Regulations
Parks and Gardens					Beach Control
					Building Control
					Street Cleaning

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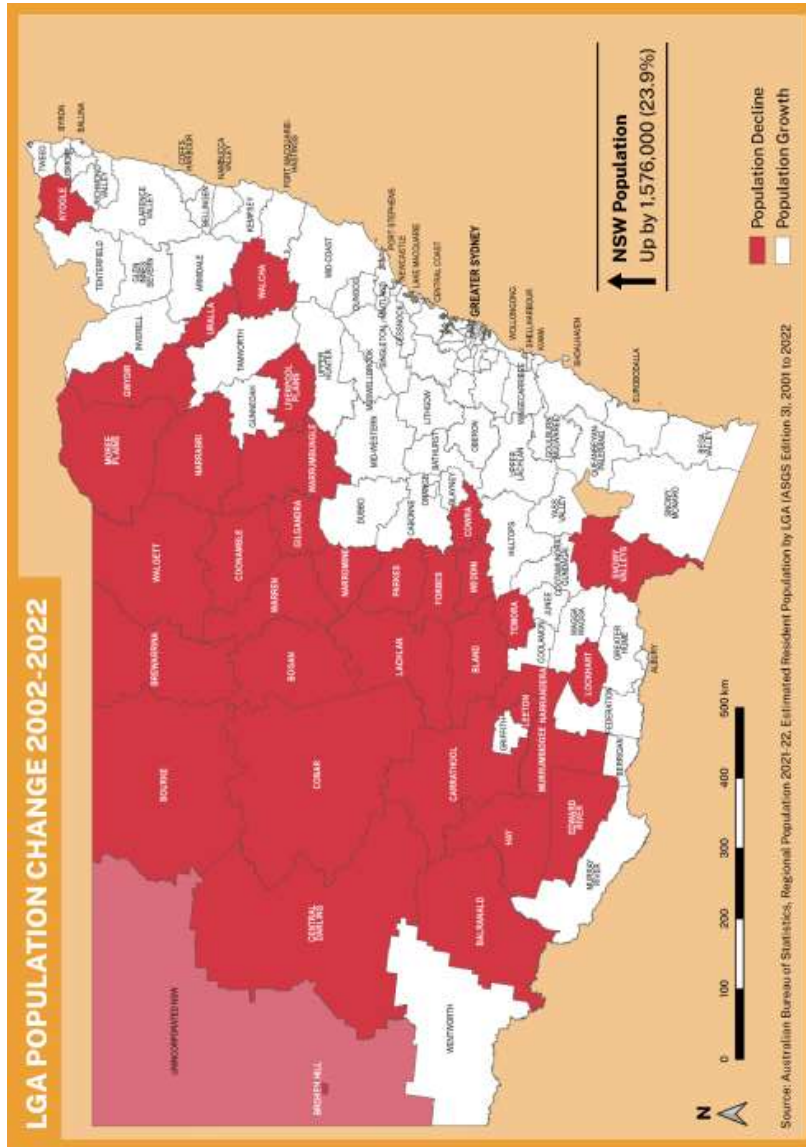
Expenditure Disability Factors		
Disability Factor	Description	Data Source
Population Size	Number of people residing in local government area. The more people in a community, the cheaper it is to provide resources per person. This suggests compensation for councils with smaller populations	ABS Regional population 2021-22, Estimated Resident Population (released 20 April 2023).
ATSI	Proportion of residents identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.	ABS 2021 Census of Population and Housing - Counts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, (released 31 August 2022).
Local Road Length	Kilometres of road within a local government area being the responsibility of councils.	Data provided by OLG, based on data supplied by each local council for the 2021-22 financial year.
Environment	Hectares of environmental land (hectares of conservation and natural environment, water and inland water bodies).	ABS 1410.0 - LAND AND ENVIRONMENT, Local Government Area, 2015-2020 (released .8 April 2022).
Rainfall, topography and drainage index	An index that measures variation in the cost of construction and maintenance of stormwater drainage based on a number of considerations.	Data provided by OLG, Independent Consultants, 1987, Stormwater Drainage Return.

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Within the GPC, \$5.0 million of the \$20.0 million CPI increase was apportioned to councils with greatest relative disadvantage on the basis of unsealed local road lengths (reported by local councils), isolation (ABS population data, 5 years averaged isolation expenditure reported by local councils, distance from Sydney and the nearest major regional centre, Western Zone Allowance), and population decline (ABS Estimated Population 2001-2022).

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Red indicates population decline in NSW from 2002-2022.

Financial Assistance Grants 2023-24

Fact Sheet 2023



Local Government Financial Assistance Grants are paid to local councils to help them deliver services to their communities. The funds are paid annually by the Australian Government. Councils are free to use these funds at their discretion and are accountable to their communities. The Australian Government paid approximately 100% of the 2023-24 grants in advance. The remainder of the grant allocation will be paid in quarterly instalments.

2023 Update

In 2013 the Independent Local Government Review Panel recommended, "Subject to any legal constraints, seek to redistribute Federal Financial Assistance Grants and some State grants in order to channel additional support to councils and communities with the greatest needs." Following an extensive review of the financial assistance grant model 2013 to 2016, recommendations were made to refine and improve parts of the expenditure allowance under the General Purpose Component (GPC). In 2018 the Commission (Commission) began transitioning to refinements consistent with the National Principles and the NSW Government policy to allocate grants, as far as possible, to councils with the greatest relative disadvantage.

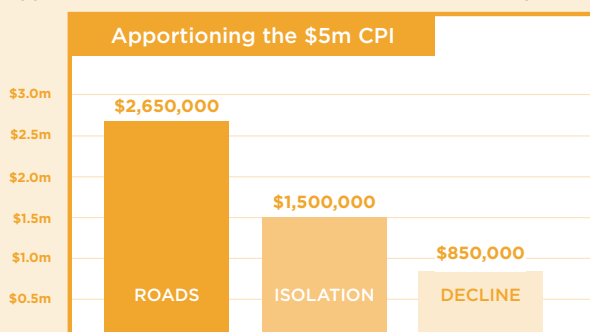
Since 2018-19, the transition arrangements have been limiting the percentage which an individual council's annual GPC can vary as follows:

- Upper limit (cap) of +5%
- Lower limit (collar) of 0%

Historically, the Commission set a range between +5% and -5%. The Commission is looking to restore caps and collars within a range of +6% to -4%. Retaining a 0% collar is resulting in more funds continuing to shift from councils with greater relative disadvantage to councils with more relative advantage. The Commission will keep the transitional arrangements for the 2023 recommendations, giving councils a sixth year to prepare. Consultation continues with the sector about the recommendations for 2024-25 and beyond and the most appropriate approach to resume the original lower limit, which may include a staged option.

Relative Disadvantage Allowance

The Commission quarantined \$5m of the CPI increase and apportioned it as an allowance for relative disadvantage.



Roads = unsealed local roads. Isolation = increased weighting for isolation allowance. Decline = councils with population decline between 2002-2022 (see negative population growth 2002-22 map page 1).



Councils with greatest relative disadvantage:

Councils with greatest relative disadvantage are generally rural and remote councils with:

- Small and declining populations
- Limited capacity to raise revenue
- Financial responsibility for sizeable networks of local roads/infrastructure & diminishing financial resources
- Relative isolation

The ongoing challenge for the Commission has been how to allocate a fairer share of the GPC to such councils when a fixed 30% of the GPC grant must be allocated based on population increases/decreases. This can result in minimum councils receiving significant increases such as occurred this year for Camden (+16.4%) and The Hills (+10.3%).

Where the Federal Government allocates a CPI increase, as occurred this year (4%), the Commission quarantines a proportion of the increase to allocate to councils with greatest relative disadvantage based on returns against 'unsealed local roads,' 'isolation' and 'population decline' (see box to the left).

In this way, some of these councils are able to achieve slightly greater than the 5% cap, consistent with the Commission's mandate from the Government.

Isolation Allowance Review

As part of its ongoing scrutiny of the currency and effectiveness of the Isolation Allowance, during 2022-23 the Commission has been engaged in testing and analysing various indicators of real cost impacts of isolation on councils.

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Why refine the model?

It's important to note that the Commission is not implementing a new model. Over time, the model had become very complex with an increasing number of functions and disadvantage factors. The model had 20 expenditure functions and 47 disadvantage factors applied across 128 councils plus more than 100 individual occurrences of discretionary disadvantage factors.

The Commission has taken advice, tested the competing propositions and decided to implement the recommended refinements and improvements.

The refined model:

- Allocates a higher proportion of grant funding to councils with greatest relative disadvantage
- Is consistent with the National Principles
- Is consistent with NSW policy of grant allocation
- Is transparent and publishable
- Is robust, statistically verifiable and auditable
- Uses best practice financial and modelling principles
- Is modern, simplified and more flexible

General information

Funds are allocated to NSW on the basis of the National Principles under the Federal legislation - the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. It comprises two pools of funds - the GPC and the Local Roads Component (LRC). For 2023-24 the estimated entitlement for the GPC is \$675,648,877, and the LRC is \$277,534,692 but the funds are untied. The GPC incorporates:

- Expenditure Allowance
- Revenue Allowance
- Isolation Allowance
- Pensioner Rebate Allowance
- Relative Disadvantage Allowance

Per capita minimum grant

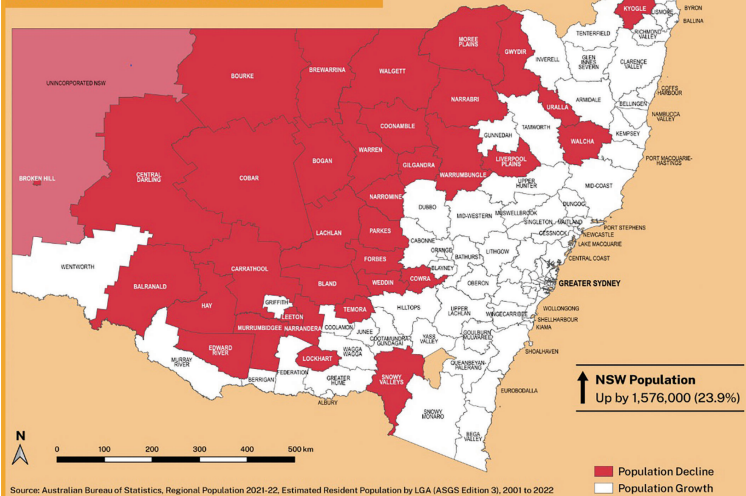
The legislation provides for a per capita minimum grant. The per capita minimum for 2023-24 is \$24.85. Councils on the minimum grant generally:

- Have economies of scale
- Are geographically smaller
- Are not relatively disadvantaged
- Have greater revenue raising capacity
- Experience year on year growth

There are 10 councils on the minimum grant, all located in the Sydney area. Almost 24% of the State's population live in those council areas.

Three minimum grant councils received a higher than state average increase of 4.0%, including Camden with 16.4%, The Hills with 10.3% and Hornsby on 5.2%.

LGA POPULATION CHANGE 2002-2022



General Purpose Component (GPC)

The GPC expenditure allowance remains based on council expenditure reported against the Financial Data Return grouped as follows:

- Administration & Governance
- Recreation & Culture
- Community Amenity
- Community Services & Education
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths & Aerodromes
- Public Order, Health, Safety & Other

The 20 council functions are being retained but consolidated to six. The state average per capita cost for each function is still calculated by aggregating expenses (reported by all councils in their Financial Data Returns) for each function and divided by NSW's population.

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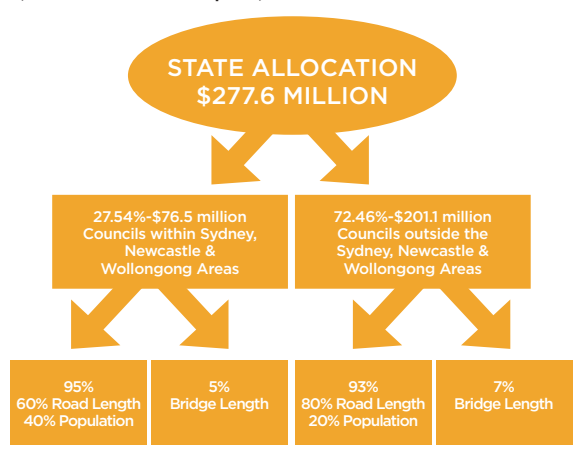
The **GPC expenditure allowance** includes five Cost Adjusters (or Disadvantage Factors/Measures) to enable the Commission to compare councils' relative disadvantage/advantage:

- Population (ABS - Total for LGA)
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders (ABS - %)
- Local road length (council - km)
- Environment (ABS - ha environmental land)
- Rainfall, topography and drainage (Consultants Willing & Partners - index)

The expenditure allowance formula is also retained:

$\text{No. of Units (LGA Population)} \times \text{State Ave \$Cost/capita for the function} \times \text{council's disadvantage factor} = \$ \text{expenditure allowance.}$

Distribution of Local Roads Component 2023-24 (29% of the national pool)



Submissions

The Commission invites council submissions annually. The purpose of a submission is to give a council the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disadvantages beyond its control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. This allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect councils' capacity to deliver services.

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Background and call for the review

The Independent Local Government Review Panel recommendation (Fact Sheet page 1) was supported by a number of other reviews and reports including:

2008 Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity, Productivity Commission Research Report:

"A number of councils, particularly in capital city and urban developed areas, have the means to recover additional revenue from their communities sufficient to cover their expenditures without relying on grants. However, a significant number of councils, particularly in rural (87%) and remote (95%) areas would remain dependent on grants from other spheres of government to meet their current expenditure. Given the differences in the scope to raise additional revenue across different classes of councils, there is a case to review the provision of Australian Government general purpose grants to local governments."

2010 Australia's Future Taxation System Report:

"The current requirement that each council receives 30% of its per capita share of untied financial assistance grants may prevent state grants commissions from redistributing to councils that require greater assistance."

2013 The NSW Local Government Grants Commission submission to the Commonwealth Grants Commission Review:

"...we have seen an increase in concerns being raised about:

- *the widening gap in revenue raising capacity for larger metropolitan councils versus smaller rural councils;*
- *increasing infrastructure needs;*
- *declining population."*

2014 The NSW Government's Response to the Local Government Review Panel:

"The Government supports targeting Financial Assistance Grants to communities with the greatest need. It will ask the NSW Grants Commission to continue to identify opportunities to achieve this over time, within the constraints imposed by the national funding principles. It will also ask the Commission to ensure transitional protection for those councils with lower levels of need, to minimise the impact of any redistribution."

2017 Shifting the Dial: 5 year Productivity Commission Review:

"The Commission's study into transitioning regional economies noted that where populations have declined in Local Government areas, related declines in revenue are hampering efforts to maintain infrastructure designed to service (and be funded) by larger populations."

OPER 01

Managing Drainage Channels and Waterways

Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Manage stormwater and drainage infrastructure to mitigate risk to the environment and the community
File Ref	301942.2023
Report By	Maruf Hossain - Coordinator Floodplain and Water Management
Approved By	Jason Breton - Director Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council, at its meeting held on 30 August 2023, considered a report regarding the management of Hopkins Creek in West Hoxton/Hinchinbrook and presented potential modification options to improve the condition and performance of the creek. Council at this meeting resolved to defer endorsing the preferred creek modification option and directed the CEO to bring back to Council a previous report presented to Council which included the drainage systems that don't work and the costs to go back to rectify them.

The report discusses stormwater management approaches under the concept of Sponge City and stormwater management initiatives by Council.

The report presented to Council on 29 September 2021 as Attachment 1.

The Report presented to Council on 30 August 2023 as Attachment 2.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report.
2. Endorses Hopkins Creek Modification Option 4 as reported on 30 August 2023 for improvement, existing creek condition, performance, and maintenance requirements.
3. Endorses to proceed with the community consultation on Option 4 with the residents and property owners bordering Hopkins Creek.

REPORT

1. Sponge City

Sponge City is an urban stormwater management model in the form of a sustainable drainage system and a set of nature-based solutions that use natural landscapes to catch, store and clean water prior to discharging into the natural waterways, and for reuse as recycled water. Sponge cities are part of a worldwide movement that goes by various names: green infrastructure in Europe, low-impact development in the United States, nature-based solutions in Canada and water-sensitive urban design (WSUD) in Australia.

2. Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) in Liverpool LGA

The key objectives of our water quality improvement initiatives are to embed the thinking of WSUD principles in to all Council businesses, ensure the compliance of the initiatives within Council, development community and general public, and influence the State and Federal Government to invest on this important area of concern. While Council has been implementing a number of initiatives and programs in the past, Council has introduced new Water Management Policy and Water Quality Management Strategy in 2016, which aim to achieve this outcome progressively in a coordinated way. By doing this, Liverpool Council will become a water sensitive council and WSUD will become a way of our life.

Over the past decade the Council has made significant achievements in stormwater management in accordance with the current best management practices for stormwater management.

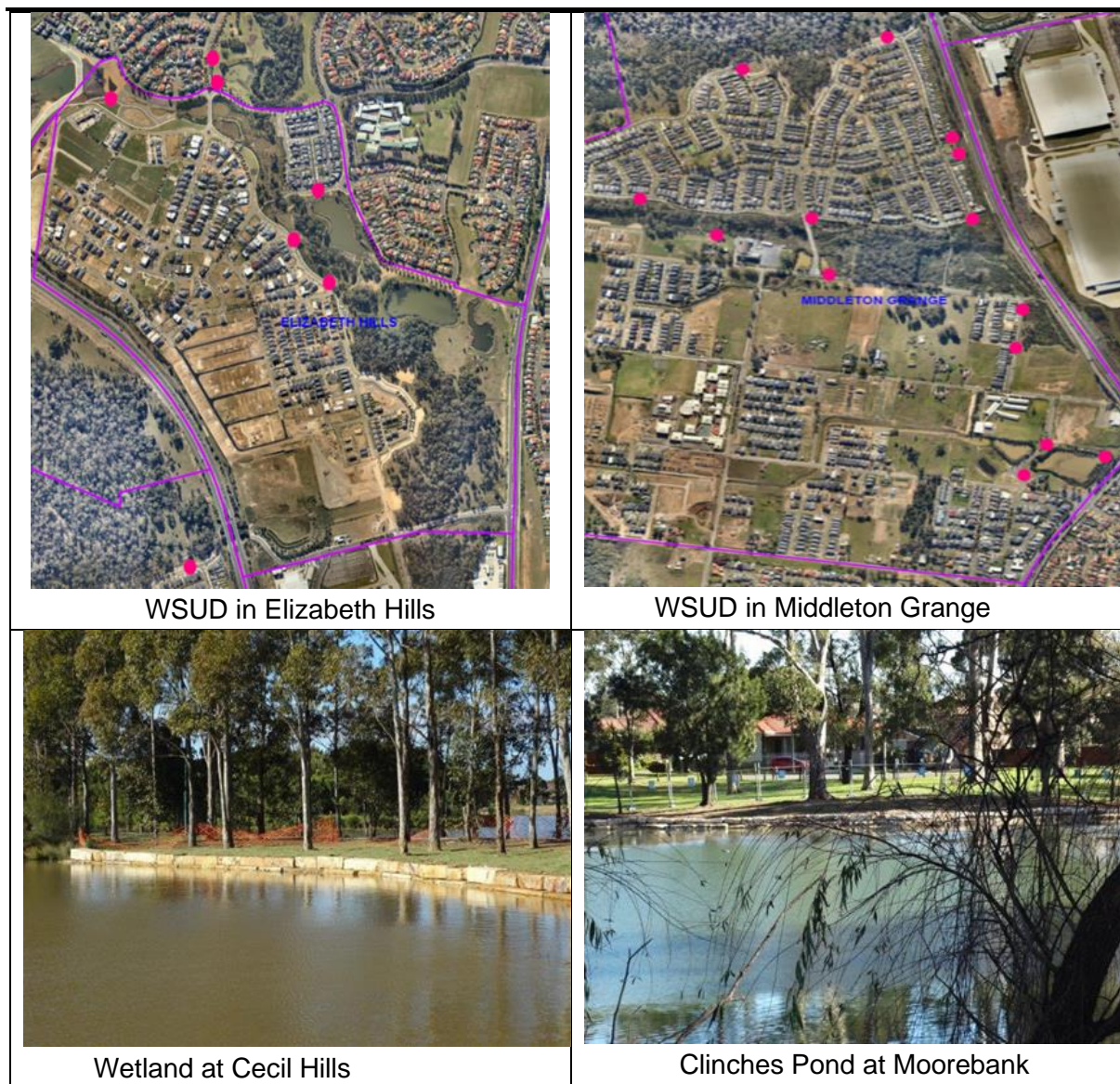
A range of programs are currently in place to manage water quantity and quality in new urban release areas and existing areas. The key actions include:

- WSUD provisions in new development – raingardens and bio retention basins;
- Development of a Technical Guidelines for WSUD;
- Development of water quality model MUSIC Link for Liverpool LGA;
- Revised Water Quality Development Control Plan (DCP);
- Water quality treatment systems installed by Council as part of road, footpath and park upgrade works;
- Environment Restoration Program (ERP) strategy and riparian zone management.

While Council's current DCP has specific water quality targets to improve water quality and ecological health of waterways and wetlands, the Integrated Water Quality Management Strategy together with the revised Development Control Plan and WSUD technical guideline enables a more coordinated and consistent application of current best management practice across the LGA.

In recognition of council's initiatives and success Council has won the prestigious NSW Local Government Excellence in Environment Award in 2018. As outlined above, Council has

developed the WSUD guidelines for stormwater management and being implemented across the LGA including in Middleton Grange, Cecil Hills, Edmondson Park, Austral and Leppington. Examples of such WSUD initiatives include the following.



Water quality improvement from its existing stormwater network has been a real challenge due to the complexity and cost involved in retrofitting the existing system. This challenge has been exacerbated by the anticipated future growth. While Council had number of ad-hoc initiatives to improve water quality of its waterways in the past, a need for more integrated approach has recently been realised. As a result, the Council is implementing a number of initiatives to embed the thinking of WSUD principles into Council business with an aim to improve and maintain water quality performance of our rivers and waterways. Current initiatives include:

A. Hopkins Creek modification works as outlined in the Council Report dated August 2023 – Attachment 2.

B. Affleck Graden Creek modification works – design is being finalized and works will be undertaken in 2023-24 under the capital works program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with this recommendation for Hopkins Creek modification works are outside of the Council's current budget and long-term financial plan. It is proposed to undertake the project in two (2) stages, lower reach of the creek in 2024-25 and the upper reach in 2027-28 financial years under the Capital Works Program.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating budget / LTFP impact					
Capital budget impact		\$2,862,000			\$2,095,000
Ongoing unbudgeted impact to opex from capital expenditure					
Unbudgeted impact to unrestricted cash					
Funding source					

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Enhance the environmental performance of stormwater assets.
Environment	Manage the environmental health of waterways. Manage air, water, noise and chemical pollution.
Social	Promote community education and awareness as key element to manage water quality.
Civic Leadership	Act as an environmental leader in the community.
Legislative	Water Management Act 2000.
Risk	There could be potential breaches of the Water Management Act if compliance with the requirements of the Act is not achieved.

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Report Presented to Council on 29 September 2021
2. The Report Presented to Council on 30 August 2023 - Hopkins Creek Modification Options

INF 01	Managing Drainage Channels and Waterways
Strategic Direction	Strengthening and Protecting our Environment Develop, and advocate for, plans that support safe and friendly communities
File Ref	268322.2021
Report By	Rinas Cook - Manager Infrastructure Planning
Approved By	Raj Autar - Director Infrastructure & Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council, at its meeting held on 28 July 2021, considered a report regarding the planned construction of a 6 megalitre flood detention basin in Austral to mitigate flooding impacts arising from urban developments.

Flood detention basins and associated trunk drainage systems are considered enabling infrastructure as it allows filling and occupation of lands that would otherwise remain flood prone. Upon completion, the Austral and Leppington North Precincts will have 19 flood detention basins with 9km of associated trunk drainage systems comprising 4km piped and 5km open drainage channels.

In view of experienced difficulties with the operation and performance of some of the existing open drainage channels, Council at this meeting resolved that Council identify suitable areas where underflow (piped) drainage would possibly work (as an alternative to open drainage channels) and report back to the September Council meeting.

Council over the past year has already been reviewing its current approach to the selection of appropriate drainage systems in the urban release areas such that a satisfactory balance can be achieved between the necessary performance attributes of drainage systems, its environmental impacts, and community expectations on appearance and form.

This report discusses the current issues surrounding stormwater management in urbanised catchments and:

- a) provides plans for improving the operation and performance of some of the existing open drainage channels; and
- b) using Austral and Leppington North Precinct drainage strategy as a case study, identifies areas within these precincts where hybrid drainage systems comprising piped and open channel could be effective. Preliminary investigations have shown that up to 2km of the 5km planned open drainage channels within this precinct can be

replaced with piped drainage systems. Further analysis will be required to assess the viability of this conversion.

The Austral and Leppington North drainage master plan is included as Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report.
2. Endorses the process and principles presented in this report to guide the planning and design of drainage systems, including improvements to existing ones.

REPORT

1. Background and context

Natural creeks and waterways began to be piped or lined with concrete, brick or stone in the 1800's to assist urban development. This system of drainage achieved significant efficiencies in conveying stormwater, reducing flood risks and unlocking land for construction. Throughout the 20th century, hard engineering of natural streams continued at a rapid rate, facilitating much of Sydney's ongoing urban expansion.

Low-flow pipes have also been extensively used within drainage corridors to create additional open space. These are piped drainage systems within drainage channels and waterways that allow stormwater from normal rain events to be discharged via pipes leaving the channel above it dry for most of the time and available for recreational purposes.



Figure 1 - photos of piped and concrete lined drainage systems along Brickmakers Creek, Liverpool.

While enormously efficient at flood conveyance, the hard engineering of the waterways created some unintended consequences, such as:

- concrete surface of pipes and channels were not conducive to creating much needed habitats to support aquatic life. Consequently, piping of waterways created significant discontinuity in creek ecosystems impacting important aquatic flora and fauna, e.g. compromised fish passage along creeks and waterways.

- due to its smooth surface, these stormwater systems rapidly flushed toxic oils, pesticides, nutrients and other pollutants from developed areas into downstream waterways impacting aquatic life; and
- similarly, the relatively smooth surface facilitated high velocity flows causing damaging downstream peak flows resulting in flooding and erosion issues.

However, over the last 20 years, community and stakeholder attitudes towards urban waterways have changed significantly. There is now a greater appreciation of the social and environmental values waterways can provide to the local community and as a result the last 20 years have seen large scale naturalisation of engineered drainage systems, both locally and overseas.

2. Government intervention and response

Due to its long-term detrimental impact on water quality, ecology and flooding as discussed above, State Government Agencies over time have precluded the use of low-flow and hard-engineered drainage systems within waterways. Consequently, over the last twenty years, State Agencies have been stipulating the naturalisation of drainage channels to achieve the following objectives and benefits:

- water quality improvement through progressive removal of litter and nutrients e.g. rain gardens and drainage/bio swales;
- ecological restoration e.g. creating fish friendly waterways by creating riffles (shallow areas) and pools;
- flood mitigation through better management of water velocity and timing resulting in reduced flood severity;
- potential urban cooling and associated environmental improvements through selective planting;
- creating high quality and accessible public open space; and
- improving the visual amenity as the appearance of the creek becomes more natural.



Figure 2 - photos showing restoration of Bonds Creek by Campbelltown City Council. (upstream of Denham Court Road)

3. Issues with naturalised drainage channels

Whilst drainage channels have proven to be effective stormwater management solutions to mitigate the effects of impervious development and urbanisation, the design of some of

these waterways in heavily pedestrianised and built-up urban areas haven't been cognisant of public safety issues and community expectations regarding the ongoing appearance of the waterways.

The following lists some of the issues with existing waterways and open drainage systems, that must be key considerations in any future design of drainage systems:

- Public health and safety - invasive weed growth within the channel traps litter and creates a thriving environment for vermin and snakes thereby creating a threat to public safety.
- Bank slopes - steep channel bank slopes along some of the channels, as shown in the photos below, render regular maintenance extremely difficult, thereby necessitating use of specialised machinery making maintenance a costly activity.
- Accessibility and missed opportunities - the combination of steep bank slopes and risk issues identified above means that the drainage corridor is not available for public recreation and enjoyment.



Figure 3 - photos of Hopkins Creek, Hinchinbrook and Affleck Gardens, Middleton Grange illustrating the issues highlighted above.

4. Selecting the best drainage system - design considerations

In view of past community and stakeholder concerns regarding the condition and operation of some of Council's open drainage channels, Council commenced a review of drainage system designs to develop best-practice guidelines aimed at achieving a satisfactory balance between the many, and sometimes competing, objectives and functions of waterways. The following sections identify the legislative and policy framework that must be key considerations in the design and construction of waterways and drainage channels.

4.1. Legislative framework and constraints of instream activities

All works within waterways are regulated by the provisions of the *Water Management Act 2000* (WM Act). The NSW Office of Water administers the WM Act and has produced guidelines to ensure the design and construction of works within a watercourse must protect and enhance water flow, water quality, stream ecology and existing riparian vegetation. Guidelines require that works within the watercourse must:

- maintain or mimic natural hydraulic, hydrologic and ecological functions of the watercourse;

- accommodate natural watercourse functions by establishing natural bed and bank profiles, creating meanders and chain of ponds; and
- ensure that any modifications to watercourses do not increase flow velocities by constricting flows e.g. piping.

4.2. Council's Water Management Policy - towards best practice water management

To achieve better water management outcomes, Council in 2016 adopted a Water Management Policy, which sets out standards for the management of all aspects of the water cycle in a holistic and coordinated way. Pertinently, the Policy requires all new developments in urban release areas of the LGA to incorporate best practice water management techniques by adopting Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of water related infrastructure, and seeing stormwater as a resource and not waste.

WSUD has significantly shifted focus of drainage systems from the conventional system of directly connecting pits and pipes to downstream waterways to a system that is more attuned to the natural hydrological and ecological processes. This is achieved by on-site collection, treatment and utilisation of water flows as part of an integrated treatment train to progressively remove litter and nutrients e.g. rain gardens, drainage swales and wetlands.

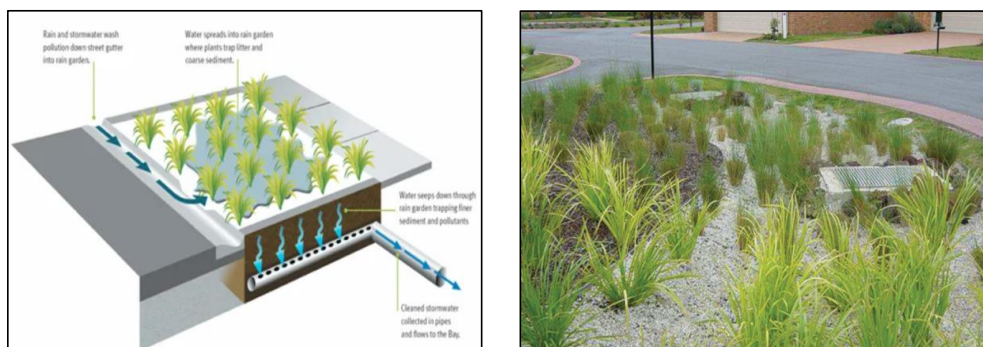


Figure 4 - illustration and photo of typical rain garden.

5. Towards a balanced, hybrid approach

5.1. Need for change

As stated above, water sensitive infrastructure generally requires large footprints to effectively respond to the multiple objectives of these systems. Further, design of waterways in heavily pedestrianised and built-up urban areas must be cognisant of public safety issues and community expectations regarding the ongoing appearance of the waterways.

The size of waterways required to accommodate all the above requirements means that costs associated with land acquisition, construction and maintenance can be significant and ongoing. Consequently, there will be situations where not all requirements of WSUD or the WM Act will be able to be accommodated in the design of waterways e.g. meandering channels, gradual bank slopes, and pools and riffles, due to its large footprint may not be able to be provided along all the affected waterways.

In these situations where space is constrained or public safety and amenity are likely to be impacted, combination of piped drainage with open overflow channels are considered the best practicable option to achieve effective treatment. It is considered that there is opportunity to better incorporate the best of both, piped and open drainage, to overcome the poor operation and performance issues outlined in 3 above. The benefits of using this hybrid system includes reduced maintenance costs, aesthetically pleasing result, reduced land requirement and improved public safety as shown in the photos below.



Figure 5 - photos of open space over low flow pipes in Horningsea Park

5.2. A case study - Austral and Leppington North drainage strategy

The early stage of delivery of stormwater infrastructure within the Austral and Leppington North Precinct has provided this opportunity to explore options for such hybrid drainage systems. Investigations so far have found that up to 2km of the open drainage channels within the Precinct could potentially be redesigned as a hybrid system comprising low-flow pipes with overflow open channels.

As stated previously, upon completion, the Austral and Leppington North Precincts will have 19 flood detention basins with 9km of associated trunk drainage systems comprising 4km piped and 5km open drainage channels. Flood detention basins generally comprise the following major elements:

- i). inlet system of pipes and open drainage channels that collect stormwater from upstream urbanised catchments and discharge into the basin;
- ii). a basin that collects and temporarily stores water until downstream receiving creeks have the capacity to receive the stored stormwater. By retaining and gradually releasing stormwater, basins can slow the velocity of stormwater and reduce damaging peak flows; and
- iii). outlet system of pipes and open drainage channels that drain the stormwater from the basin to the nearest creeks.

Based on the current strategy, most of the inlet systems are proposed as open drainage channels. These drainage channels will be located near residential dwellings or other active use sites such as playgrounds with parts of the channel falling generally outside defined waterways. It is considered there could be a range of community benefits in converting some of these channels into a low flow drainage system. Preliminary investigations show that up to 2km of the 5km planned open drainage channels can be replaced with piped drainage systems.

The following extract from the Austral and Leppington North drainage strategy shows sections of open channels considered viable for conversion to a low flow pipe system.

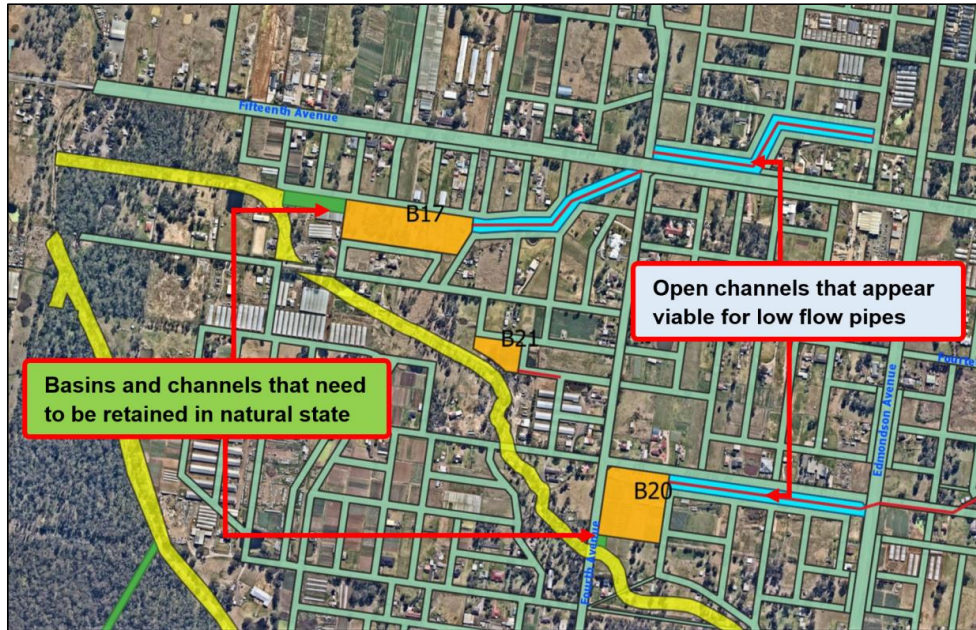


Figure 6 - areas where low flow pipes could possibly work.

The conversion of the identified channels to hybrid systems will provide additional usable space for public recreation and enjoyment while still providing the required corridor for the conveyance of flood waters. While preliminary investigations show that these conversions would be viable, further investigations will be necessary to:

- ensure there are no adverse upstream flooding impacts;
- ensure that any works within defined waterways comply with the WM Act; and
- determine any cost implications on the Contributions Plan.

5.3. Need for naturalised waterways

It is proposed that the flood detention basins (that do not provide active secondary uses such as sporting fields) and the outlet drainage channels be retained in its natural state as required by the WM Act. As can be seen from the attached drainage master plan, the outlet systems lie predominantly within existing or proposed open spaces and riparian corridors, where engineered piped drainage systems would be precluded under the WM Act.

Where drainage channels are constructed as naturalised waterways, appropriate design techniques will be used to ensure ongoing maintenance and financial liabilities are minimised, while effectively meeting the necessary drainage and environmental outcomes. Through the selection of appropriate vegetation and provision of satisfactory maintenance access, it is anticipated that these drainage systems will reduce the current maintenance burden.



Figure 7 - photo of existing outlet to Basin 6 and example of its proposed restoration (Campbelltown City).

5.4. Addressing issues with the existing open channels

With regards to issues identified with some of the existing open drainage channels, the following two sites have been selected for design investigations with the view to addressing the range of operational and performances issues affecting these channels.

a) Hopkins Creek, West Hoxton and Hinchinbrook

Council is in the process of appointing a consultant for undertaking necessary designs to address the current deficiencies. Following completion of preliminary designs, community consultations will be organised to seek their views on available solutions.

b) Affleck Gardens, Middleton Grange

With regards to the existing open drainage channel along Affleck Gardens, Council is currently developing designs for the redevelopment of the open space bound by Affleck Gardens North and South to provide a playground, outdoor gyms and associated landscaping. This has provided the opportunity to incorporate the drainage channel into the adjoining open space for a more integrated space for public recreation and enjoyment. Following completion of preliminary designs, community consultations will be organised to seek public views on this proposal.



Figure 8 - aerial view of Affleck Gardens and associated open space.

6. Conclusion

The management of stormwater has undergone significant evolution over the last few decades as community and stakeholder attitudes towards urban waterways have changed significantly. The most significant shift has been in the way stormwater is now seen: from waste requiring disposal to a resource needing preservation and reuse. While the introduction of water sensitive design principles have shifted focus of drainage systems from the conventional system of directly connecting pits and pipes to downstream waterways to a system that is more attuned to the natural hydrological and ecological processes, this report has shown that a satisfactory balance must be achieved between the necessary performance attributes of drainage systems, its environmental impacts, and community expectations on appearance and form.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Enhance the environmental performance of stormwater assets.
Environment	Manage the environmental health of waterways. Manage air, water, noise and chemical pollution. There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Promote community education and awareness as key element to manage water quality.
Civic Leadership	Act as an environmental leader in the community.
Legislative	Water Management Act 2000
Risk	There could be potential breaches of the Water Management Act if compliance with the requirements of the Act is not achieved.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Austral and Leppington North Drainage Strategy - showing areas where low flow pipes could be viable

Council

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Harle

Seconded: Cllr Hadchiti

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report.
2. Endorses the process and principles presented in this report to guide the planning and design of drainage systems, including improvements to existing ones.
3. Conducts extensive community consultation with residents and property owners bordering any proposed stormwater and flood mitigation works and;
 - a. sufficient resources be provided to conduct a comprehensive consultation exercise; and
 - b. proposed plans of those works be brought back to Council for approval.
4. Write to the appropriate Minister for the Environment asking that the current stormwater policy be reviewed based on community feedback and any unintended detrimental effects of those policies.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this item.

Note: Cllr Ayyad had not joined the meeting when this item was voted on.

OPER 02	Managing Drainage Channels and Waterways
Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Manage stormwater and drainage infrastructure to mitigate risk to the environment and the community
File Ref	264323.2023
Report By	Maruf Hossain - Coordinator Floodplain and Water Management
Approved By	Jason Breton - Director Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council, at its meeting held on 29 September 2021, considered a report regarding the management of drainage channels and waterways in existing and new release areas across the LGA. In view of experienced difficulties with the operation and performance of some of the existing open drainage channels, Council at this meeting resolved to endorse the process and principles presented in the report to guide the planning and design of drainage systems, including improvements to existing ones. Council also endorsed that the proposed plans of those works be brought back to Council for approval and undertake extensive community consultation with the affected property owners.

This report discusses the current issues with the management of Hopkins Creek in West Hoxton/Hinchinbrook and presents potential modification options to improve the condition and performance of the creek. Four (4) modification options of Hopkins Creek were presented at the Councillor Briefing on 18 July 2023.

The presentation of the Hopkins Creek modification option is included as Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

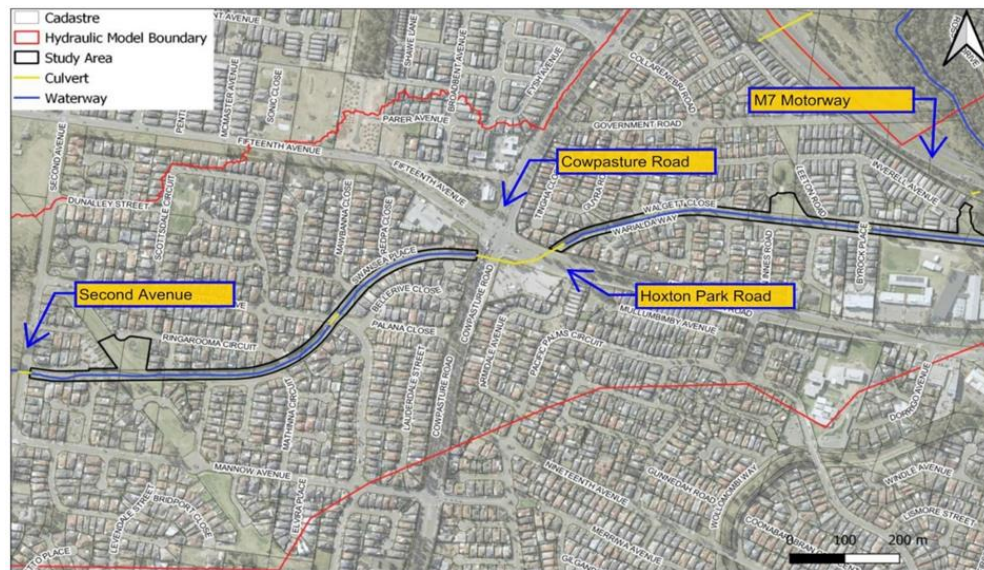
1. Receives and notes this report.
2. Endorses Hopkins Creek Modification Option 4 for improvement, existing creek condition, performance, and maintenance requirements.
3. Endorses to proceed with the community consultation on Option 4 with the residents and property owners bordering Hopkins Creek.

REPORT**1. Background and context**

Hopkins Creek was constructed in 1990s to mitigate adverse impacts of flooding and facilitate residential housing development in West Hoxton and Hinchinbrook areas. The creek is located within a narrow corridor between fences with steep batter slopes. In recent years the creek has been subject to ongoing bank erosion, bed erosion, ponding of water, habitat for snakes and rats, and ground for mosquito breeding, resulted in high maintenance demand.

To address the issues an experienced consultant was engaged to develop potential creek modification options addressing the issues as outlined above. The consultant has developed potential creek modification options for the upper and lower reaches of the creek as shown in Figure1 below.

Figure1: Hopkins Creek location map.

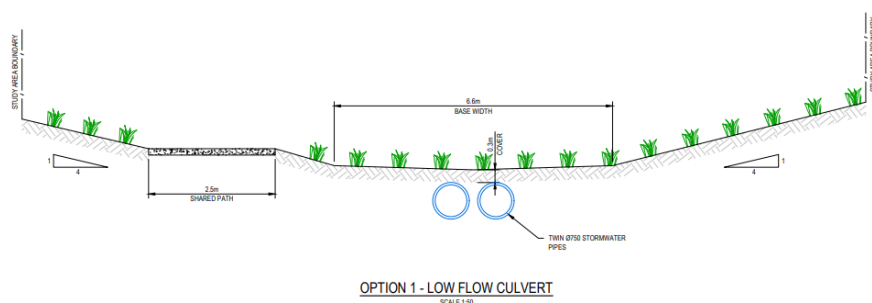
**2. Hopkins Creek modification options.**

To address the current issues with the management of Hopkins Creek four (4) potential modification options have been developed to improve the condition and performance of the creek and these options were presented at the Councillor Briefing on 18 July 2023. The proposed modification options are outlined below.

Option 1: Low flow pipes with grass lined channel above

Proposed creek modification works under Option1 involves construction of twin 750mm diameter pipes under the existing creek bed with grass lined channel above. This option also includes a 2.5metre footpath along the creek corridor with pedestrian bridges and stepping stone crossings. During frequent flood events stormwater runoff will be conveyed via the low flow pipes and during major storm events the open channel will be activated for flood conveyance. Indicative section of the creek modification works under option 1 is shown below – Figure 2.

Figure 2:



Project Cost: Option1

Estimated construction and ongoing annual maintenance cost for Option1 is shown in Table1 below.

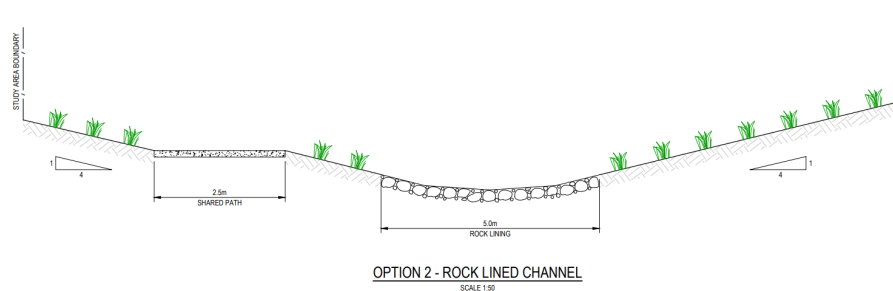
Table1:

Option 1 – Low Flow Pipes	Upper Reach	Lower Reach	Total
Capital Cost	\$5,458,000	\$4,500,000	\$9,958,000
Annual Maintenance Cost	\$111,000	\$108,000	\$219,000

Option 2: Rock lined low flow channel with native grass batters.

Proposed creek modification works under Option 2 involves rock lined low flow channel with native grass batters. This option also includes a 2.5metre concrete pathway along the creek corridor. Indicative section of the creek modification works under option 2 is shown in Figure3.

Figure3



Project Cost: Option2

Estimated construction and ongoing annual maintenance cost for Option2 is shown in Table2 below.

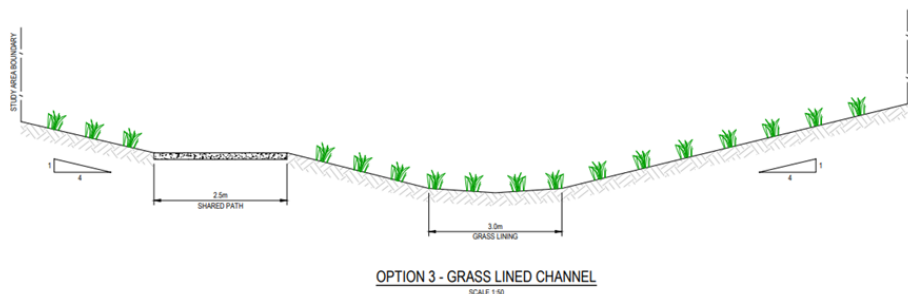
Table2:

Option 2 – Rock Lined Channel	Upper Reach	Lower Reach	Total
Capital Cost	\$4,930,000	\$4,616,000	\$9,456,000
Annual Maintenance Cost	\$159,000	\$159,000	\$318,000

Option3: Grass-lined channel with rock chutes

Proposed creek modification works under Option 3 involves grassed low flow channel with intermediate rock chutes. This option also includes a 2.5metre concrete pathway along the creek corridor. Indicative section of the creek modification works under option3 is shown in Figure4.

Figure4:



Project Cost: Option3

Estimated construction and ongoing annual maintenance cost for Option3 is shown in Table3 below.

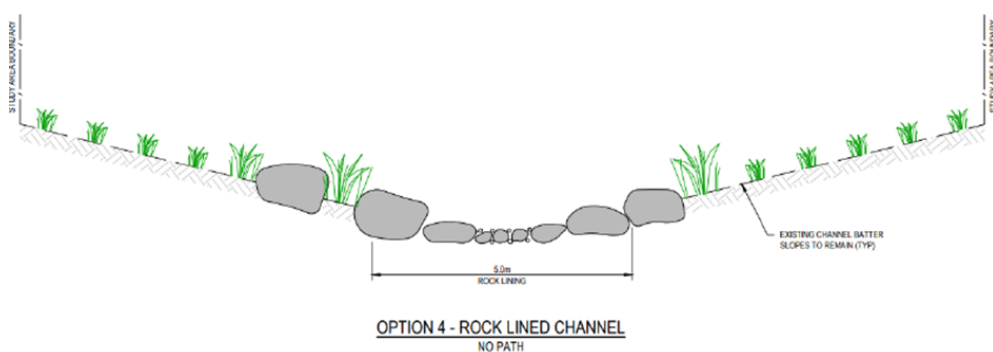
Table3:

Option 3 – Grass Lined Channel	Upper Reach	Lower Reach	Total
Capital Cost	\$3,563,000	\$3,396,000	\$6,959,000
Annual Maintenance Cost	\$102,000	\$102,000	\$204,000

Option4: Naturalised Rock lined channel

Works proposed under Option4 include construction of defined low flow channel with natural sandstone along the creek bed. However, under this option no concrete pathway along the creek corridor is proposed. Indicative section of the creek modification works under option4 is shown in Figure5.

Figure5:



Project Cost: Option4

Estimated construction and ongoing annual maintenance cost for Option4 is shown in Table4 below.

Table4:

Option 4 – Rock Lined Channel Naturalisation)	Upper Reach	Lower Reach	Total
Capital Cost	\$2,095,000	\$2,862,000	\$4,957,000
Annual Maintenance Cost	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$168,000

Common in all options – Extension of Hoxton Park Road Culvert

The section of channel downstream of Hoxton Park Road culvert outlet is the most constrained portion of the study area due to the space required for the outfall, rip rap structure, and the 4 – 4.5 metre elevation difference between the channel invert and the surrounding residential properties resulting in significantly steeper side slopes. This in turn has resulted in erosion and general instability issues in the channel and poses the most complex location for a shared pathway to fit within the corridor. The potential alteration for this section has been extended downstream to the end of Warialda Way covering the extent of channel with steep banks and current erosion within the base of the channel. The proposed layout of this section is shown in Figure 6.

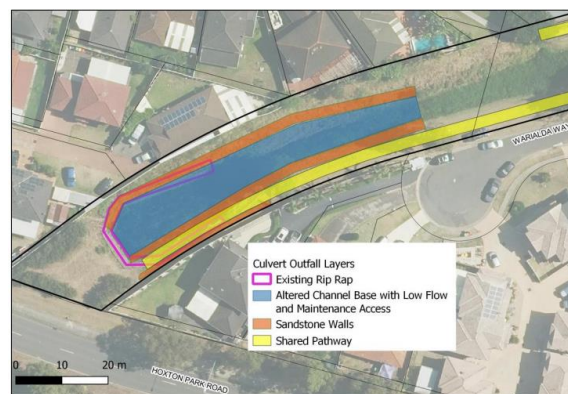


Figure 6 – Extent of culvert extension

The proposed works will include:

- Re-alignment of the outlet protection on the south side to allow enough room for the 2.5m pathway along the top of the outlet structure on the south side;
- Removal of the current rip-rap bank protection at the outlet and replacement with sandstone block walls on both the north and south side of the outlet. and,
- Re-grading of the base of the channel to allow for low flow channel to remove stagnant water and if possible to provide easier maintenance access into the base of the channel up to the culvert outlet.

3. Opportunities and Constraints

The main objective of potential modification options is to address the key issues with operations and performance as outlined above. However, beyond the main objective, one of the key opportunities of the project is to use the Hopkins Creek corridor as a new, regional east-west pedestrian connection. In this regard the provision of a 2.5metre pedestrian pathway along the creek corridor has been included in all the options excluding for Option4.

Option 1: Low flow pipes with grass lined channel above

Low flow piped drainage systems within drainage channels and waterways allow stormwater from normal rain events to be discharged via pipes leaving the channel above it dry for most of the time and available for recreational purposes. While the low-flow pipe system enormously efficient at flood conveyance, the hard engineering of the waterways created some unintended consequences, such as:

- concrete surface of pipes and channels are not conducive to creating much needed habitats to support aquatic life. Consequently, piping of waterways creates significant discontinuity in creek ecosystems impacting important aquatic flora and fauna, e.g. compromised fish passage along creeks and waterways.
- due to its smooth surface, these stormwater systems rapidly flushed toxic oils, pesticides, nutrients and other pollutants from developed areas into downstream waterways impacting aquatic life; and
- similarly, the relatively smooth surface facilitated high velocity flows causing damaging downstream peak flows resulting in flooding and erosion issues.

Over the last 20 years, community and stakeholder attitudes towards urban waterways have changed significantly. There is now a greater appreciation of the social and environmental values waterways can provide to the local community and as a result the last 20 years have seen large scale naturalisation of engineered drainage systems, both locally and overseas.

Due to its long-term detrimental impact on water quality, ecology and flooding as discussed above, State Government Agencies over time have precluded the use of low-flow and hard-engineered drainage systems within waterways.

Legislative framework and constraints of instream activities

All works within waterways are regulated by the provisions of the Water Management Act 2000 (WM Act). The NSW Office of Water administers the WM Act and has produced guidelines to ensure the design and construction of works within a watercourse must protect and enhance water flow, water quality, stream ecology and existing riparian vegetation. Guidelines require that works within the watercourse must:

- maintain or mimic natural hydraulic, hydrologic and ecological functions of the watercourse.
- accommodate natural watercourse functions by establishing natural bed and bank profiles, creating meanders and chain of ponds; and
- ensure that any modifications to watercourses do not increase flow velocities by constricting flows e.g. piping.

Capital cost of the low flow piped system is the highest among the four options presented, which is in the order of \$10M. Ongoing maintenance cost is the second highest, which is \$219,000 per annum.

Option2: Rock lined low flow channel with native grass batters.

The proposed rock-lined channel option will provide scour protection at the base of the channel, without needing to significantly alter the gradient of the existing channel. The proposed modification option offers the opportunity to improve the current waterway vegetation profile.

Capital cost of the proposed rock lined channel is the second highest among the four options presented, which is in the order of \$9.5M. Ongoing maintenance cost is the highest, which is \$318,000 per annum.

Option3: Grass-lined channel with rock chutes.

The proposed grassed channel, accompanied with intermittent rock chutes in both the upper and the lower reaches of the creek. To achieve stable channel gradient, rock chutes are required at intermediate intervals to ensure sufficient fall along the study area with appropriate erosion protection.

The difference of Option 3 from Option 2 will be in longitudinal slope with flatter slopes and rock chutes. The chutes are proposed to be located at existing steeper sections of channel to reduce the amount of cut and fill required along the length of the channel.

Capital cost of the proposed grass lined channel is the third highest among the four options presented, which is in the order of \$7.0M. Ongoing maintenance cost is the third highest, which is \$204,000 per annum.

Option4: Naturalised Rock lined channel.

The proposed naturalised rock lined channel involves significant improvement and treatment to the existing creek bed by placing large sandstones along the edge of the creek bed and on the creek bed. No significant alteration is proposed on the creek bank and pathway is not proposed under this option. The proposed option will significantly improve water quality and aesthetics of the creek. The proposed modification option fully comply with the legislative requirements, satisfies the principles and guidelines of water sensitive urban design (WSUD).

The proposed naturalised channel is the most cost effective and the cheapest option among all the four options presented. Capital cost of the option is in the order of \$5M, which is 50% of the capital cost of low flow pipe system under option1. Ongoing maintenance cost is also the lowest, which is \$168,000 per annum. An example of a similar naturalised channel is shown in Figure 7 below.



Figure 7: Naturalised rock lined channel

4. Conclusion

As can be seen from the proposed Hopkins Creek modification options, low flow piped system under Option1 has the highest capital cost with high annual maintenance cost. Implementing Option1 will significantly change the natural characteristics and ecological values of Hopkins Creek and this option does not satisfy the legislative requirements of the Water Management Act 2000.

Naturalised channel modification under Option4 is the most cost-effective solution with lowest capital and annual maintenance cost among all the four options presented. The proposed option will significantly improve water quality and aesthetics of the creek. The proposed modification option fully complies with the legislative requirements, satisfies the principles and guidelines of water sensitive urban design (WSUD). Adopting this option will provide satisfactory balance between the necessary performance attributes of drainage systems, its environmental impacts, and community expectations on appearance and form.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with this recommendation are outside of the Council's current budget and long-term financial plan. It is proposed to undertake the project in two (2) stages, lower reach

of the creek in 2024-25 and the upper reach in 2027-28 financial years under the Capital Works Program.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating budget / LTFP impact					
Capital budget impact		\$2,862,000			\$2,095,000
Ongoing unbudgeted impact to opex from capital expenditure					
Unbudgeted impact to unrestricted cash					
Funding source					

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Enhance the environmental performance of stormwater assets.
Environment	Manage the environmental health of waterways. Manage air, water, noise and chemical pollution.
Social	Promote community education and awareness as key element to manage water quality.
Civic Leadership	Act as an environmental leader in the community.
Legislative	Water Management Act 2000.
Risk	There could be potential breaches of the Water Management Act if compliance with the requirements of the Act is not achieved.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Councillor Briefing 18 July 2023 - Hopkins Creek Modification Options

**LIVERPOOL
CITY
COUNCIL**

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**ORDINARY MEETING
30 AUGUST 2023
OPERATIONS REPORT**

Council

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Harle

Seconded: Cllr Rhodes

That Council:

1. Defer this item for more technical discussions with staff.
2. Direct the CEO to bring back to Council a previous report which included the drainage systems that don't work and the costs to go back to rectify them.

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

OPER 02**Operations Parks Review - September update**

Strategic Objective	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Place customer satisfaction, innovation and best practice at the centre of all operations
File Ref	306650.2023
Report By	Matthew Morris - Manager City Works
Approved By	Jason Breton - Director Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update from the City Open Spaces team as per the Council Resolution, and in response to Councils Delivery Program 2022 – 26 and Operational Plan 2022 – 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the updates for September 2023.

REPORT

This report provides updates as to some activities presented to Council in the 2023 Park Review.

1. A comprehensive register to be developed of all the Council's Assets.

Council resolved in August 2023 to procure the Maintenance Module for the Asset Management System (Brightly®), already in place at LCC. Beyond Asset Management (BAM) are currently preparing a roadmap for the Operations Directorate which includes consolidation of 96% of Infrastructure Assets, already mapped to include Parks, Sporting Grounds and, in fact, all other asset classes. Once completed, this database will provide the data to not only participate in a predictive work schedule, but to more accurately forecast lifecycle maintenance costs.

2. A comprehensive program of Parks activities led by the incoming CEO.

As of the date of this Report:

- The Operations Directorate has not had any IR issues before the IRC
- The Operations Directorate re-opened the Western Depot on Devonshire Street.
- The Operations Directorate has dedicated HR Business Partners assigned
- The Operations Directorate has continued weekly meetings with the USU
- Team events have occurred, and some overt signs of morale improvement are evident, these include celebrating some important milestones with staff such as the opening of Cowpasture Road in August, and the health and wellness event R U OK? BBQ at Bigge Park Friday on September 1st, 2023.

3. Expand the use of the Asset Management Software called Brightly®.

Data capture is continuing and some initial work on dashboarding via PowerBi® has commenced. We expect this will be applied initially to our Major Projects and Capital Works Programs enhancing our budget management capability and delivering a transparent and contemporary view of Asset condition.

4. Parks Maintenance Work Standards (Appendix A) which details a baseline delivery service offering.

The Operations Directorate is now clearly aligned to the model displayed in the Parks Review. A Sports fields Coordinator has been appointed and teams assigned. Suburbs have been mapped and assets counted. The next 2 – 3 months will see all assets in the one suburb (precinct) being allocated to one team. As each precinct is mapped, a weekly asset schedule will be produced. Given there are over 800 individual open spaces assets, this will not be finalised until early 2024.

5. A more collegiate and collaborate industrial model.

This model has been established which includes, but is not limited to:

- Weekly United Services Union (USU) / City Operations meetings each Thursday
- Engagement to continue the City Operations 36 Hour Week Services Agreement
- Consensus to continue dialogue around safety and efficiency projects
- A re-invigoration of matters to the Joint Consultative Committee
- Staff Breakfasts at City Operations with all the Executive Leadership Team (ELT).

6. Modelled resource levels through to 2031.

All operational roles are either recruited or are currently in the marketplace. Longer Term modelling will be encapsulated in the LTFP 2024/2034

7. Re-opening of the Western Depot.

The Western Depot reopened during the first week in August 2023 with several staff already working out of the location, including but not limited to the Shoulder and Heavy Patch Road Repair Team and Facilities Teams.

8. Research and develop green efficiencies.

The Parks team has recently conducted trials of a Conquest Electric Footway Sweeper and Eco-Teq zero turn out front mowers. Analysis and performance reviews of these trials are being compiled.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

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	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

OPER 03**McGirr Park Playground**

Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Improve liveability and quality of life for the community by delivering vibrant parks, places and facilities
File Ref	312427.2023
Report By	John Lac - Manager Infrastructure Delivery
Approved By	Jason Breton - Director Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report aims to inform Council of impacts to the proposed playground project at McGirr Park and Ron Darcy Oval in Miller, following Council resolutions at the 23 May 2023 Extraordinary Meeting and 28 June 2023 Ordinary Meeting, which resulted in the reallocation of funding from these projects.

The McGirr Park playground project has received \$600k in approved grant funding through the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) Green Space Program. As part of the funding agreement, Council is required to provide a 1:1 co-contribution toward the project which has been sourced from S7.11 Developer Contributions.

The Ron Darcy Oval project received \$300k in approved grant funding through the NSW Club Grants program which also required a Council co-contribution; which in this case comprised of \$900k in general funds.

With the May and June resolutions to reallocate funding from both projects to upgrades Michael Wendon, there is no longer a co-contribution component available to match the grant funding and meet grant requirements.

DPE have provided a final hard deadline of April 2024 to complete the McGirr Park project and meet grant requirements. To meet this timeframe, the decision to proceed with this project must be made by end of September 2023 to allow sufficient time for design, procurement and construction activities to take place.

If Council chooses to proceed with the project, there is potential to request reallocation of the Club Grants funding to the McGirr Park Project, bringing the potential budget total to \$1.5M.

Council must now consider whether to reallocate funding to proceed with the McGirr Park project or return the grant funding and postpone the project.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Resolves to immediately allocate \$600k in S7.11 Developer Contribution funding to the McGirr Park Playground Project to serve as Council's Co-contribution for the DPE Green Space Program and proceed with project delivery. In addition, seek approval through the Club Grants Program for the reallocation of \$300k grant funding, originally slated for Ron Darcy Oval, to the McGirr Park Playground project.

or

2. Resolves to return the \$600k Green Space Program grant funding to DPE and postpone delivery of the McGirr Park Playground Project to a future program year when alternative funding sources are identified.

REPORT

At the 23 May 2023 Extraordinary Council meeting, it was resolved to place the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2023-2024, Statement of Revenue Pricing Policy (fees and charges) and draft Long-Term Financial Plan on public exhibition for 28 days from 25 May 2023 to 21 June 2023 subject to the following amendments:

- Reallocation of \$1.28M from the McGirr Park playground project; and
- Reallocation of \$900k from the Ron Darcy Oval project to upgrades at Michael Wenden

These items including the above amendments were subsequently endorsed at the 28 June 2023 Ordinary Council meeting.

Both projects have a significant grant funding component, with \$600k for McGirr Park through the DPE Green Space Program and \$300k for Ron Darcy Oval through the Club Grants Program, both which require Council co-contribution. As a result of this resolution, both the McGirr Park and Ron Darcy Oval projects no longer have sufficient budget to meet grant funding requirements or to proceed with works.

Extensions to the McGirr Park project timeline have been requested and approved, with DPE providing a final hard deadline of April 2024 to complete the project and meet grant requirements. To meet this timeframe, the decision to proceed with this project must be made by end of September 2023 to allow sufficient time for design, procurement and construction activities to take place.

In particular, the \$600k Green Space program has had timeline extensions approved with DPE stipulating a hard deadline of April 2024 for delivery to meet grant requirements. To meet this timeframe, the decision to proceed with this project must be made by end of September 2023 to allow sufficient time for design, procurement and construction activities to take place.

Should Council choose to proceed with the McGirr Park Playground project, there is potential to request approval for the reallocation of the \$300k Club Grants funding to the McGirr Park project, bringing the total potential playground budget to \$1.5M, allowing for a maximised delivery scope.

Should Council choose not to proceed with the McGirr Park Playground project, the \$600k Green Spaces grant will need to be returned to DPE. The \$300k Club Grants component for Ron Darcy Oval will also need to be returned if the project does not proceed due to insufficient Council co-contribution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with this recommendation are outside of Council's current budget and long-term financial plan. The impact on the budget and long-term financial plan are outlined in the table below.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating budget / LTFP impact					
Capital budget impact	-\$600,000				
Ongoing unbudgeted impact to opex from capital expenditure					
Unbudgeted impact to unrestricted cash					
Funding source	S7.11				

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	Deliver services that are customer focused. There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
Legislative	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CTTE 01

**Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee 29
August 2023**

Strategic Objective	Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative Maintain strong relationships with agencies, stakeholders and businesses to achieve beneficial outcomes for the city
File Ref	302405.2023
Report By	Susana Freitas - Visitor Economy Officer
Approved By	Shayne Mallard - Director City Futures

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee Meeting held on 29 August 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee Meeting held on 29 August 2023.
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee held on 29 August 2023 are attached for the information of Council.

The minutes contain the following actions or Committee recommendations:

- Acting Coordinator Business Development to invite Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council to discuss and show the committee the Georges River artifacts map and for Council to include the Land Council in the development of the Tourism Website
- Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre to regularly update the committee and share their publications with the committee
- Acting Coordinator Business Development to share Council's What's On page with local hotels and provide collateral for their internal promotions

- Acting Coordinator Business Development to audit other Councils tourism and What's On websites and report back to the committee regarding governance and guidelines on type of portion allowed in local government framework
- Acting Coordinator Business Development to hold a brainstorm session with committee members regarding destination branding for Liverpool other than the experience the world campaign including a review of 'The Great South West' brand
- Acting Coordinator Business Development to explore opportunities for branding for South West Sydney as a destination
- Council staff to contact compliance unit and intensify fining repeat offenders of illegal dumping in the Liverpool CBD

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None of the actions contained in the minutes will have a financial impact on Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	<p>Further develop a commercial centre that accommodates a variety of employment opportunities.</p> <p>Facilitate economic development.</p> <p>Facilitate the development of new tourism based on local attractions.</p> <p>Culture and creative industries.</p>
Environment	<p>There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.</p>
Social	<p>Provide cultural centres and activities for the enjoyment of the arts.</p> <p>Support policies and plans that prevent crime.</p> <p>Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.</p>
Civic Leadership	<p>Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility.</p> <p>Facilitate the development of community leaders.</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>There is no risk associated with this report.</p>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee Meeting August 2023



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MINUTES OF TOURISM AND CBD COMMITTEE 27 JUNE 2023

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Karress Rhodes	Councillor Chairperson
Fiona Macnaught	Councillor
Peter Harle	Councillor (Observer)

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

Jessica Bono	Liverpool Catholic Club
Michelle Caruso	Community Representation
Marc Edwards	Club Liverpool
Fazila Farhad	South West Sydney Tourism Taskforce NSW Inc
Jeff Gibbs	Moorebank Sports Club
George Khoury	Khoury & Associates
Ernest Kulauzovic	Belgravia
Donna James	Western Sydney University
Nataly Rahme	Community Representative
Stevan Sipka	Western Sydney Airport
Belinda Thomson	The William Inglis
June Young OAM	Community Representative

COUNCIL STAFF

Christopher Guthrie	Coordinator Business Development
Susana Freitas	A/Strategic Grants and Funds Officer
Thomas Wheeler	Heritage Officer
Clara McGuirk	Strategic Events Lead
Elizabeth Pirolo	Economic Development Assistant

APOLOGIES

Hon. John Ajaka	Chief Executive Officer
Navid Diwan	Diwanson Collection / Designer Palace
Dr Garth Lean	Western Sydney University

OPEN

Meeting opened at 10:04am

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND OPENING

Councillor Rhodes opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land.



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2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: That this Committee endorse the previous minutes from the meeting held on the 19 April 2023

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried

4. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Mark Loves from Procure Group presented to the committee Code of Conduct training

4.1 ACTION: A/Strategic Grants and Funds Officer to circulate declarations of interest form to the committee

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Councillor Rhodes to investigate the visitation figures through WSROC for Cumberland City Council

5.1.1 Councillor Rhodes advised that a WSROC committee has not occurred since the action and will provide an update at next committee meeting

6. HERITAGE ASSETS UPDATE

Council's Heritage Officer provided an update to the committee.

6.1 Council is a member of 'Heritage of Western Sydney' which is a collaborative group of heritage officers from Penrith, Blacktown, Camden, Liverpool, Blue Mountains, Campbelltown, and Hawkesbury Councils. The focus is developing strategies and the growth of heritage tourism within Western Sydney. The group of officers have collaborated and developed an app called Heritage of Western Sydney which is a self-guided tour mobile application that can be downloaded onto any iOS or android phone with various guided driving tours to colonial and medical history sites.

6.2 Collingwood House currently has an activation plan which proposes the future use of the site to be a multi-purpose community and function venue, the Liverpool Regional Museum currently activates the space by request from community groups and schools for educational purposes.

6.3 Former Liverpool Court House is currently vacant, there are no future plans for the property however Council is investigating potential future uses. Department of Community and Justice will be donating furniture that was once used in the Windsor Courthouse.



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6.4 Dr Pirie Community Centre is currently used as a community centre and there are no plans for the use to change at this stage. It is listed as a Local Heritage Item.

6.5 Chipping Norton Homestead is currently used as a residential lease, the plan is to activate the site to be a multi-purpose community and function venue. It is listed as a State Heritage Item.

6.6 Former Soldiers Memorial School of Arts is currently vacant, Council is investigating the potential future commercial or hospitality uses. Restoration works are ready to get started which will bring the building into a usable state.

6.7 Rosebank Cottage is currently being used by a critical community service and there are no proposed changes to the use of the site at this stage.

Queries and Discussion

6.a Councillor Rhodes mentioned to the committee that the historical houses in Hammondville and the property on Leacock Lane in Casula (Glenfield Farm) were not mentioned as heritage assets and would like to see Council engage with these properties owners to promote the heritage sites. Councillor Rhodes mentioned that Council does not promote its heritage assets enough and this affects the visitation to the sites.

Heritage Officer highlighted from the statistics from Destination NSW statistics that international visitors have shown more interest in First Nations landmarks rather than colonial historic sites, Council requires investment and additional works to capitalise on these visitors but are not currently in a position to do so. The majority of the historic houses in Hammondville have been demolished apart from a couple of cottages, an investigation with heritage tourism specialists would need to be undertaken to evaluate the interest in the sites.

6.b Mr Sipka mentioned he attended a conference by Transport Tourism Forum which mentioned the current trends in tourism. These trends include sustainable and first nations experiences as well as museum and art galleries that have an experience linked with hospitality services, and Council could potentially investigate ways to capitalise on incorporating ahospitality experience to a site like Collingwood House to engage interest.

6.c Councillor Rhodes agreed with Mr Sipka and suggested historical reenactments would attract visitation to a site like Collingwood House

The Heritage Officer mentioned research from the Former Historic Housing Trust has shown that there is an interest in activities that replicate what it was like to live through this period of time. An activation plan for Collingwood House has been developed and awaiting to be taken to a future Council meeting.

6.d Mr Kulauzovic suggested the Tourism and CBD Committee host a combined meeting with the Heritage Committee to discuss and collaborate on ideas on how to map and use the sites available in Liverpool.

ACTION: When the next Heritage Committee minutes are adopted by Council the Tourism and CBD committee receive them and discuss at the next meeting



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6.e Mrs Rahme mentioned her children attend school within Liverpool and mentioned it is important that the local schools are engaged with the local historic history.

The Heritage Officer advised the Collingwood Activation Plan has come to the committee previously and would like to present the Activation Plan once it is adopted by Council. The engagement in Collingwood House has decreased due to the conservation works and development of the new program for the site has taken a few years, however it is now in place and schools are now able to attend.

ACTION: Heritage Officer to provide a general overview of the costs of the resources needed to activate Collingwood House and the Liverpool Courthouse

6.f Mrs Young advised that together with Harry Hunt, late president of the South West Tourism Taskforce, she used to utilise the Courthouse to operate a Historical Visitor Centre and that reenactments would take place in the courtroom, and could recommence with the furniture being donated to Council from the Department of Community and Justice.

6.g Mrs Young mentioned Camden Council through their Tourism Bureau arrange historical tours through Camden by bus, and suggested Liverpool City Council could do a similar activity.

The Heritage Officer again mentioned the Heritage of Western Sydney App that the community can utilise for self guided tours.

7. MEMBERS INTRODUCTION AND ASPIRATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

7.1 A/ Strategic Grants Officer introduced Jessica Bono from The Liverpool Catholic Club to the committee

7.2 The members of the committee introduced themselves to the new member

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Mr Sipka suggested that the Heritage Society have a stand at the Council events in Macquarie Mall to assist in promoting their group

Councillor Rhodes agreed with Mr Sipka's suggestion and has advised Council has been investigating potential permanent location for the Heritage Society, once a location is found it will be shared with the committee.

9. CLOSE

Meeting close: 12:01pm

CTTE 02

Minutes of the Intermodal Committee meeting 7 August 2023

Strategic Objective	Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative Maintain strong relationships with agencies, stakeholders and businesses to achieve beneficial outcomes for the city
File Ref	302440.2023
Report By	Susana Freitas - Visitor Economy Officer
Approved By	Shayne Mallard - Director City Futures

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Intermodal Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Intermodal Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2023.
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Intermodal Committee held on 7 August 2023 are attached for the information of Council.

The minutes contain the following actions or Committee recommendations:

- National Intermodal and LOGOS to update the committee how the truck tracking operates and the code of conduct for truck drivers
- Councillor Rhodes to share with the National Intermodal and LOGOS complaints received regarding truck movement on Nuwarra Road, Heathcote Road and Anzac Road
- National Intermodal to present pictures of the biodiversity sites at the next committee meeting

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None of the actions contained in the minutes will have a financial impact on Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	Facilitate economic development.
Environment	Raise community awareness and support action in relation to environmental issues.
Social	There are no social and cultural considerations.
Civic Leadership	Act as an environmental leader in the community. Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility. Facilitate the development of community leaders. Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions.
Legislative	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Intermodal Meeting August 2023



Minutes

MINUTES FROM INTERMODAL PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING 7 AUGUST 2023

CONCILLORS:

Karress Rhodes
Fiona Macnaught

Councillor (**Chairperson**)
Councillor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Carlo Di Giulio
Michael Byrne
Ellie Robertston
Nehad Kenanie

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Jennifer Reynolds
Elizabeth Pirolo

Senior Officer Business Development
Economic Development Assistant (**Minutes**)

GUEST ATTENDEES:

Westley Owers (NI)

Senior Manager, Planning and Environment, National
Intermodal

APOLOGIES:

Dianne Wills
Erik Rakowski
Kate O'Connell
Christopher Guthrie

Stakeholder Engagement Manager, LOGOS
Coordinator Business Development, Liverpool City
Council

OPEN

Meeting opened at 6:07pm



Minutes

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND OPENING

Councillor Rhodes welcomed the Committee and opened the meeting. Acknowledgements were made to the traditional custodians of the land.

Councillor Rhodes welcomed new committee members – Ellie Robert, Dianne Wills and Michael Byrne

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Councillor Rhodes advised that in the last meeting there was a series of actions from the previous committee meeting for LOGOS to respond.

3.1.1. Response report to be circulated with the committee minutes and presented in the LOGOS update presented by Senior Officer Business Development, Economic Development and Partnerships.

4. LOGOS UPDATE

LOGOS Update by Senior Officer Business Development

4.1 Senior Officer Business Development advised that the modification to the development is still under assessment by the Department of Planning and Environment and further information will be provided once determined.

4.2 In the June 2023 meeting Mr Rakowski question whether LOGOS has any plans in the future to store dry bulk storage or bulk liquid storage in terms of complying or exempt development under the SEPP.

Senior Officer Business Development advised on behalf of LOGOS that bulk storage silos are listed as complying development however bulk liquid storage is not listed as either complying or exempt development. In response to the question LOGOS plans its warehouse development will be considered on a case-by-case basis as the precinct is progressively developed and approvals by a private certifier are required if a use is identified as complying development within a SEPP.

Action: Council Staff to share the design requirements and strategies for the precinct with the August committee minutes.

4.3 Councillor Rhodes advised that another warehouse under Moorebank Precinct West is under construction and asked if there is a traffic certification.

National Intermodal advised that it was approved under the Moorebank Precinct West Stage 2 approval took the traffic question on notice for the next meeting.



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4.4 The new Moorebank Intermodal precinct website has been updated as per feedback from the committee.

4.5 In the June 2023 meeting, Mr Rakowski queried the duration of the changed traffic conditions on Moorebank Avenue and when the intersection and interchange construction upgrades are taking place.

Senior Officer Business Development advised on behalf of LOGOS that the changed traffic conditions on Moorebank Avenue including work on the upgrade of the intersection of Moorebank and Anzac Avenue are progressing. Due to the works, there will be temporary construction access to Moorebank Precinct West whilst Bapaume Road and Chatham Avenue are permanently closed. Access to Moorebank Precinct West, via the Moorebank Avenue and Anzac Road intersection into Bushmaster Avenue, will open towards the end of 2023.

Action: Council staff to share with the committee answers provided by LOGOS to April 2023 questions with committee minutes.

4.6. Councillor Rhodes advised that Council has received complaints about Nuwarra Road. Vehicles travelling along Nuwarra Road are causing traffic congestion and complaints and there is an assumption trucks are taking a short cut to the Moorebank Intermodal rather than going along the M5.

NI requested that the complaints be shared with the NI. There is currently a truck control guide that informs truck drivers of approved routes and a truck tracking system.

Councillor Rhodes queried how truck tracking is conducted and expressed concerns from the community regarding trucks using inappropriate routes.

Action: National Intermodal and LOGOS to update the committee how the truck tracking operates and the code of conduct for truck drivers.

Action: Councillor Rhodes to share with National Intermodal and LOGOS complaints received regarding truck movements on Nuwarra Road, Heathcote Road and Anzac Road.

Councillor Rhodes queried if the truck drivers are subcontracted. National Intermodal took the question on notice.

Action: Council staff to circulate with the committee details regarding response to DPIE questions fact sheet from April meeting once available.

5. NATIONAL INTERMODAL UPDATE



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5.1. National Intermodal is the landowner and is responsible for the reestablishment of the biodiversity offset sites. NI is delivering the Moorebank Avenue realignment project which has not commenced construction yet. LOGOS is responsible for the development of the precinct and the operation of the intermodal terminals. The intermodal has cleared weeds along the Georges River to better support native species.

Ms Robertson queried what the NI is doing for biodiversity conservation including offset and replanting species.

NI advised they are clearing invasive weeds and non native plants to allow for new plant growth. NI is preserving all mature native trees and planting new plants from seeds from existing trees and has engaged ecological experts to regularly check the site.

Management zone 12, which previously used for defence engineering, will be utilised for biodiversity conservation from Spring 2023.

An annual report and audit is completed every year regarding biodiversity and additional funds from the Biodiversity Conservation Trust will be released for annually for further works.

Councillor Rhodes queried if the ecological contractor is for weed removal.

NI advised that it is to deliver on the 20-year strategy and meet the targets that have been established which is inclusive of weed removal. Weed removal is a 20-year program including a five year intensive removal program followed by monitoring.

Councillor Rhodes queried regarding potential erosion into the river and the large drain.

NI advised they are not responsible for the drain however on site there are flood detention systems that slowly release water and use native plants as a filtration system and will not be receiving oil run off from the site. LOGOS have a environmental protection license which they are required which is inclusive of water quality targets of the Georges River.

Action: National Intermodal to present pictures of the biodiversity sites at the next committee meeting.

5.2 NI updated the committee regarding the Moorebank Avenue realignment. NI has worked through the construction environmental management plans of the project in consultation with the Department of Planning. Seven out of nine plans have currently been endorsed and are available on the Moorebank National Intermodal Website. Construction is estimated for early 2024 and will be completed in 18 months.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

7. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7:10pm

CTTE 03

**Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee
meeting held on 17 August 2023**

Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Promote a harmonious community that celebrates its diversity
File Ref	312784.2023
Report By	Jessica Saliba - Acting Manager Council & Executive Services
Approved By	Farooq Portelli - Director Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 August 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 August 2023;
2. Endorse the actions in the Minutes; and
3. Endorse the updated Civic Awards Policy.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 August 2023 are attached for the information of Council.

The minutes contain the following actions or Committee recommendations as follows:

- To draft a new nomination form that outlines the number of years of voluntary service and the years of employment. This will make it clear when looking at the eligibility criteria for future nominations.
- To leave the nomination forms (hard copy) for the Order of Liverpool Awards and the Australia Day Awards at the library and council facilities.
- The 2023 Nominations for the Order of Liverpool Awards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None of the actions contained in the minutes will have a financial impact on Council.

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 Minutes from 17 August 2023_Excluding Item 3
2. Civic Awards Policy_2023



MINUTES FROM CIVIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

17 August 2023

COUNCILLORS:

Deputy Mayor Hadid
Councillor Rhodes
Councillor Harle
Councillor Hagarty
Councillor Green

Chairperson
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Colin Harrington
Stephen Dobell-Brown
Bob Brassell
June Young
Beryl Lucas
Alf Vella
Ellie Robertson

Former Mayor
Former Councillor
Former Civic Officer
Community Member
Liverpool Quota Inc.
Former Councillor
Community Member

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Jessica Saliba
Melissa Wray

Acting Manager Council & Executive Services
Committee Officer

APOLOGIES:

Margaret Favelle
Karen McMenamin
Dean Bradshaw
Alyson Infanti

Rotary International
General Manager Liverpool Hospital
Base Manager Holsworthy Barracks
Civic Citizenship Coordinator



OPEN

Meeting opened at 2pm.

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Hadid opened the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs June Young OAM declared a conflict of interest with regard to the Order of Liverpool item.

3. ORDER OF LIVERPOOL AWARDS

The Committee was provided with a scoresheet of the average scores of the Order of Liverpool Award nominees.

Before considering the individual nominations, following discussion on the overall nomination process, the following motion was moved:

Motion: **Moved: Deputy Mayor** **Seconded: Bob Brassell**

The Committee recommends;

1. For the 2024 form for the Order of Liverpool Awards be amended so that nominators identify the number of years of voluntary service and the years of employment the nominee has done. This will make it clear when looking at the eligibility criteria for future nominations.
2. To leave the nomination forms (hard copy) for the Order of Liverpool Awards and the Australia Day Awards at the library and council facilities.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

Note:

As the remaining part of this section 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 September 2023 Council meeting in the Confidential Book regarding the Order of Liverpool Awards, which contains this section of the minutes.

4. UPDATE ON STATUS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING



Maria Locke Award

Mr Dobell- Brown suggested having a Maria Locke award within Council's Order of Liverpool Awards (or Australia Day Awards).

Committee members disagreed as best not to single out a women's award and if a new award was to be added, to make it in memory of Maria Locke.

Request was made from a committee member that staff gather and provide research material for the above item.

Action

Stephen Dobell-Brown would need to add this item onto the agenda to allow council staff to gather information. Staff to research and gather information on this item and report back to the next committee meeting.

John Edmondson VC Statue

Colin Harrington requested an update on the following matter which was discussed at the last Committee meeting in March 2023. The information is shown below:

Update: Staff have advised that they have been unable to find any information in relation to the status of the statue but will be liaising with the Council Officer who is responsible for the management and oversight of the Edmondson Park VPA.

Action: Staff will provide an update on this matter at the next meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Harle raised in general business that councillors receive the Due Length of Services Awards from the Local Government Association of NSW.

The process is that the CEO writes to the Local Government Association of NSW and nominates the eligible councillors for these awards for the next local government conference.

Nominations for these awards closes on the 12 September 2023.

CLOSE

Meeting closed at 3.34pm



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Adopted:

TRIM:



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CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**A. AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS****1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Australia Day Awards are presented annually to local citizens and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the community.
- 1.2 The Awards are provided by the National Australia Day Council and are administered by local councils throughout Australia on their behalf.

2. PURPOSE OF AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

- 2.1 To recognise outstanding contributions by local citizens and groups of the City of Liverpool to their community.
- 2.2 The Australia Day Awards are presented in the following categories:
 - a) Citizen of the Year
 - b) Young Citizen of the Year
 - c) Fraser Environment Award
 - d) Sports Award
 - e) Health Award
 - f) Senior Citizen Award
 - g) Small Business Award
 - h) Cultural and Arts Awards

3. ROLE OF CIVIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The Civic Advisory Committee (the Committee) will assess nominations received by Council for the Australia Day Awards. The Civic Advisory Committee Charter is attached to this Policy (Annexure A).
- 3.2 The Committee has authority to review and make recommendations to Council for the Australia Day Awards for each category from the nominations received.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 4.1 Nominations must be submitted on Council's official nomination form.
- 4.2 Nominees cannot apply on their own behalf.
- 4.3 Nominations must be received by the advertised date. (Nominations will not be accepted after this time.)
- 4.4 Nominations must include the name and contact number of one independent referee who can provide supporting evidence for the nomination.
- 4.5 A nominator is not permitted to nominate a person for more than one category

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in the same year.

- 4.6 A breach of Council's Code of Conduct in the previous 12 months would preclude a nominee from being considered for an Award.
- 4.7 Nominations must also meet the requirements of the respective award:

a) Citizen of the Year

This award is given to an Australian citizen, 24 years or over on 26 January of the year of the awards ceremony. Nominees must either live, work or study within the City of Liverpool and have either made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

Note: The Citizen of the Year will be invited to attend major receptions as a guest of Council.

b) Young Citizen of the Year

This award is given to an Australian citizen, 23 years or under on 26 January of the year of the awards ceremony. Nominees must either live, work or study within the City of Liverpool and have either made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

c) Fraser Environment Award

This award recognises the work of an individual, group or organisation that has devoted time, energy and passion to the City of Liverpool environment. This contribution can occur in the year prior to the award being presented or as recognition of a longstanding commitment or service to the City of Liverpool environment. Large funded organisations are excluded.

d) Sports Award

This award recognises the work of an individual or group that has devoted time, energy and passion to sporting pursuits within the City of Liverpool. This contribution can occur as an athlete, volunteer, supporter or anyone who has links to the various sporting groups and clubs within the City of Liverpool. The individual or group must have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

e) Health Award

A professional working in the local health industry encompassing the areas of medicine, nursing, allied health or health research who has made a significant achievement during the current year, and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years in the field of health. Nominees must:

- i. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- ii. Reside or work in the City of Liverpool; and
- iii. Demonstrate their achievements to health research in Liverpool and the translation of research into better outcomes for patients and the community.

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**f) Senior Citizen Award**

This award is given to an Australian Citizen, 60 years or over on 26 January of the year of the Awards ceremony. They must either live, work or study within the City of Liverpool and have either made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

g) Small Business Award

This award is given to a small business (employing 20 people or less) in the Liverpool area that has made a significant contribution to the local economy and community. This could include;

- A local employment initiative
- Driving innovation
- Support for local community development and social enterprises
- Contributing to local economy
- Contributing to city activation
- A pivot* that has demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity

*Our definition of pivot is when a company makes a fundamental change to their business after determining that their existing operating model or product is no longer suitable – this may involve introducing new products or services, beginning to sell online and beginning to offer deliveries.

This contribution can occur in the year prior to the award being presented or as recognition of a long-standing commitment to the growth and innovation of the Liverpool economy and community.

h) Cultural and Arts Awards

This award recognises the work of an individual, group or organisation that has devoted time, energy and passion to the arts and culture in the City of Liverpool. This contribution can occur in the year prior to the award being presented or as recognition of a long standing commitment or service to the arts and culture in the City of Liverpool.

5. TIMELINE FOR AWARDS**5.1 July:**

- a) Award nominations open
- b) Advertising to invite nominations

5.2 September

- a) Nominations Close
- b) Civic Advisory Committee meets to discuss nominees and select recipients
- c) If no nominations are received for a particular category, this Policy allows for an opportunity to further canvas nominations.

5.3 December:

- a) Report to Council listing nominees and proposed recipients of Awards.

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**5.4 January:**

- a) Awards are presented on Australia Day on 26 January each year.

6. SCORING OF RECIPIENTS

- 6.1 Each Australia Day Award Candidate will be scored according to set criteria.
- 6.2 These scores are tallied and provide an overall assessment for each candidate.
- 6.3 The candidate with the highest score for each category is to be the recommended recipient.
- 6.4 In the event of a tie, a vote will be cast by the panel to determine the recipient.

7. MOVEMENT BETWEEN AWARDS

- 7.1 Movement within Awards has a three year minimum period. For example, a recipient of an Award for a particular category is not eligible for the award in the same category for three years.

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**B. ORDER OF LIVERPOOL AWARDS****8. BACKGROUND HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF LIVERPOOL**

8.1 This policy relates to Liverpool City Council's Order of Liverpool Awards, previously known as the Heritage Awards.

8.2 The Mayoral Report (6 February 1979) called for a Special Meeting held on 15 May 1979, which approved and resolved the purpose and aims of the Award Criteria.

8.3 **Name:**

The previous name "Heritage Award" expressed a tribute to the founders and pioneers of the City of Liverpool. It was proposed and adopted that the recipients of the Heritage Awards be organised into a formal Order to be known as "The Order of Liverpool".

8.4 **Design:**

The insignia of the Order are derived from the Arms of the City of Liverpool, being the winged ox (or bull) symbol of St. Luke and the crosslet of Governor Macquarie.

These insignia have reference to:

- a) The Liverpool founding by Governor Macquarie;
- b) The Church of St. Luke and the fact that part of the City is in the Parish of St. Luke;
- c) The sculpture in the grounds of St. Luke's, which is a landmark in the City.

8.5 **Symbol:**

The crosslet from the crest of our City and the arms of Governor Macquarie, representing our founding and historic heritage.

9. PURPOSE OF THE ORDER OF LIVERPOOL AWARDS

9.1 The purpose is to recognise the achievement of excelling in and/or contributions to all forms of human endeavour which have enhanced the quality of life in the City of Liverpool. The following Order of Liverpool Awards are presented annually:

- i. Companion of the Order of Liverpool (CLO)
- ii. Officer of the Order of Liverpool (OLO)
- iii. Member of the Order of Liverpool (MLO)

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**10. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- 10.1 Nominations must be submitted on Council's official nomination form.
- 10.2 Nominees cannot apply on their own behalf.
- 10.3 Nominations must be received by the advertised date. Nominations will not be accepted after this time.
- 10.4 A breach of Council's Code of Conduct in the previous 12 months would preclude a nominee from being considered for an Award.
- 10.5 Nominations must include the name and contact number of one referee that can provide supporting evidence for the nomination.
- 10.6 Ratepayers and/or residents in the Liverpool local government area that have made a significant contribution over a number of years to the Liverpool community can be nominated in one or more of the following categories; civic, community, recreation and sports or commerce and industry
- 10.7 Persons who reside outside of the Liverpool Local Government Area but contribute to the Liverpool community can be nominated as "honorary members" of the Order of Liverpool.
- 10.8 Posthumous awards will be considered providing the date of a nominee's death occurred within the 12 months following the previous closing date of the Awards.
- 10.9 Nominees' contributions to the Liverpool community must be predominantly voluntary and not solely as a result of paid employment.
- 10.9 Guidelines for expected quality and length of voluntary service to have served in order to be nominated for an award:

The nominees are expected to have the following years of voluntary service before they are considered eligible for consideration, while noting that a nominees may be given consideration for an award should they not meet the timing criteria on account of exceptional circumstances:

- i. 5 years' service for consideration for a Member of the Order of Liverpool Award;
- ii. 10 years' service for consideration for an Officer of the Order of Liverpool Award; and
- iii. 15 years' service for consideration for a Companion of the Order of Liverpool Award.

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11. TIMELINE FOR AWARDS

11.1 May

Award nominations open

11.2 August

Applications close: The Civic Advisory Committee meets to discuss nominees and select recipients.

The Civic Advisory Committee Charter is attached to this Policy (see Annexure A).

11.3 September

First Council meeting in September: Report to Council listing nominees and proposed recipients of Awards

11.4 November

Awards are announced on 7 November each year. (This is the date Liverpool was founded by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1810.)

12. DATE OF AWARDS

12.1 Awards are presented on Liverpool's birthday 7 November, each year.

13. AWARD NOMINATIONS AND DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS

13.1 All nominations received are assessed by the Civic Advisory Committee. A report is then prepared for consideration and resolution by Council.

13.2 The awards recognise outstanding achievements and contributions to the Liverpool community which have enhanced the quality of life in the City of Liverpool.

14. ASSESMENT OF NOMINATIONS

14.1 Nominations will be assessed on:

- a) Voluntary community service contribution;
- b) Duration of service to the community; see Clause 10.9 of this Policy.
- c) Involvement and commitment to the Liverpool community;
- d) Outstanding achievements.

15. WHAT NOMINATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE

15.1 Nominations should include:

- a) Details of voluntary community service (including membership of

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- organisation and positions held etc.)
- b) Duration of community service
- c) Details of involvement and contribution to the Liverpool community
- d) Details of outstanding achievements
- e) Reasons for nomination
- f) Name and contact details of one additional referee which may be contacted by the Committee to validate the application and to provide further information.

16. SCORING OF RECIPIENTS

- 16.1 Each Order of Liverpool candidate will be scored according to set criteria.
- 16.2 These scores are tallied and provide an overall assessment for each candidate. The panel must reach consensus as to who will be awarded each award.
- 16.3 When the Committee makes recommendations for the appointment of nominees into the Order of Liverpool, they will need to appoint no more than the number allocated under each Award.
- 16.4 As a guide, the Committee should consider the top three scores for consideration of the Companion of the Order of Liverpool Award; the following six scores for consideration of an Officer of the Order of Liverpool Award; and the remaining scores for the Member of the Order of Liverpool Award.
- 16.5 In the event of a tie, a vote will be cast by the Committee to determine the recipients.

17. AWARD CATEGORIES

- 17.1 The following appointments can be made:

- a) **Companion of the Order of Liverpool (CLO)**
Appointment as Companions or Honorary Companions for the Order of Liverpool shall be made for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement of service to the City of Liverpool.

The Committee may appoint no more than three persons in any calendar year. This includes Councillors and Honorary members.

- b) **Officer of the Order of Liverpool (OLO)**
Appointment as Officers or Honorary Officers for the Order of Liverpool shall be made for eminent achievement and merit of a high degree of service to the City of Liverpool.

The Committee may appoint no more than six persons in any calendar year. This includes Councillors and Honorary members.

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**c) Member of the Order of Liverpool (MLO)**

Appointment as Members or Honorary Members for the Order of Liverpool shall be made for distinguished service of a high degree to the City of Liverpool.

The Committee may appoint no more than six persons in any calendar year. This includes Councillors and honorary members.

18. ELIGIBILITY

- 18.1 Any nominee who has not previously received an officer of a member of the order of Liverpool award can be considered for a companion of the order of Liverpool award.
- 18.2 Any nominee who has previously received a member of the order of Liverpool award can be considered for an officer or a companion of the order of Liverpool award.
- 18.3 Any nominee who has previously received an officer of the order of Liverpool award can be considered only for a companion of the order of Liverpool award.

C. CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS AND REPRESENTATION**19. PURPOSE OF CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS**

- 19.1 Civic and ceremonial functions and events foster relationships with the community and Council, recognise and celebrate individual and community achievements, and promote a proud and harmonious City.
- 19.2 This policy outlines the civic and ceremonial functions and events that will be hosted by Council and the representation role of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and elected representatives at these functions and events.

20. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- 20.1 **Civic and ceremonial function** refers to an official event held for celebratory, ritual or commemorative purposes.
- 20.2 **Mayoral representation** refers to occasions when the Mayor represents or is requested to represent the City of Liverpool as the Mayor at events and functions.
- 20.3 Section 226 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 provides that the role of the Mayor is to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral Office.

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- 20.4 Section 231 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 provides that the Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the Office of Mayor.

21. LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL FUNCTION

- 21.1 To foster relationships with the community and Council, recognise and celebrate individual and community achievements, and promote a proud and harmonious City; Council will host the following civic and ceremonial functions as well as other specific functions and receptions from time to time as the need arises. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall have delegated authority to determine the format and all other arrangements of functions, receptions and ceremonies in liaison with the Mayor or the Mayor's representative.

21.2 Citizenship Ceremonies

Citizenship ceremonies will be conducted monthly (or as requested by the Mayor) in accordance with the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code. Following each Citizenship Ceremony an alcohol free reception will be held for all candidates and their guests. Other invitees shall include, but is not limited to, all current Councillors and local State and local Federal Members of Parliament.

21.3 Order of Liverpool Awards

The Order of Liverpool Awards are presented annually by Council to recognise the achievement of excellence in and/or contributions to all forms of human endeavour which have enhanced the quality of life in Liverpool City.

21.4 Australia Day Civic Ceremony and Awards

Council hosts annual Australia Day celebrations and activities for the purpose of developing national pride and spirit. 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.

21.5 Christmas in the Mall

A Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is held in Macquarie Mall in Liverpool central business district at the end of November each year. The ceremony symbolises the beginning of the Christmas festive season.

21.6 Sister City Delegations

Council has a Sister City relationship with Toda City in Japan. Sister City relationships promote international exchange and cooperation including economic growth, cultural interests, environmental issues and increased tourism. Council shall be represented at delegations to and from Toda by the Mayor and the CEO and two other delegates as determined by Council.

Council also has a Sister City relationship with Liverpool (United Kingdom), Liverpool (New York) and Calabria (Italy).

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**21.7 Inter-Council Delegations and Sister City Relationships**

Council has an inter-council relationship with the Shire of Narromine in rural NSW to share knowledge, skills and resources that achieve improved outcomes for both organisations. Council will be represented at delegations to and from the Shire of Narromine by the Mayor and or the CEO and other delegates as determined by Council or the CEO.

21.8 Ministerial and other Official Government Delegations and other Community Stakeholders

Council may host visits to Liverpool by State and Federal Government Ministers and other official government delegations and other community stakeholders, to ensure that the City's profile is enhanced and that appropriate focus is provided to the City's strategic objectives. The Mayor, in consultation with the CEO, may determine to host a Ministerial Visit. The CEO will determine a program that fulfils the objective of the visit and showcases the City of Liverpool.

21.9 Official Council Openings and Launches

The Mayor will host receptions with light refreshments to commemorate official openings and launches of Council services, parks, facilities, exhibitions and other events as determined by the CEO. The invitation list shall be at the discretion of the Mayor and CEO, but is to include all current Councillors, and local State and local Federal Members of Parliament.

21.10 Mayoral Seniors Concerts

Two Mayoral Seniors Concerts are usually held every year to recognise and celebrate the contribution that seniors make to the local community.

21.11 Civic Mayoral Receptions

The Mayor, in consultation with the CEO, may host receptions with refreshments for visiting dignitaries, local residents who are recipients of awards or prizes from the City, exchange students and visitors from other local authorities from Australia and overseas. The invitation list shall be at the discretion of the Mayor and CEO, but is to include all current Councillors and local State and local Federal Members of Parliament.

21.12 Civic functions may also be conducted for:

- a) Community Acknowledgement: Exceptional voluntary service by groups and individuals, over and above Civic Recognition Awards.
- b) Commemorative: Events that impact on the local community as well as recipients of awards or prizes from the City.
- c) Celebratory: Exceptional achievement in local residents who are recipients of awards such as Australia Day Honours, Kings Honours, Bravery Awards as well as recognising local sporting achievements.
- d) Invitations shall include all current local Federal and local State Members of Parliament.

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**21.13 School Visits**

From time to time, Council may facilitate and host tours within the Liverpool Local Government area or visit schools to contribute to the education of students and promote awareness and understanding of the role of local government. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor may attend these tours or visits at their discretion.

21.14 Staff Annual Awards and Recognition

Council will hold an annual staff awards and recognition ceremony to reward innovation, excellence and progress in service planning and delivery to the local community. The CEO shall preside over the event and determine an appropriate format. The Mayor and Councillors shall be invited to present awards as determined by the CEO.

21.15 Interfaith Dinners and Leadership in Multiculturalism

Council acknowledges the strength of our multicultural communities and recommits Liverpool City to activities that strengthen our multicultural community including two interfaith dinners, Christmas celebrations, Australia Day celebrations and other festivities as agreed by the CEO and Mayor, from time to time, that strengthen our community harmony.

21.16 Liverpool's Birthday

On 7 November each year, Council holds an annual function to celebrate Liverpool's Birthday. This function is usually in Macquarie Mall or outside venue and it is celebrated with members of the local community. This celebration is usually joined by a Citizenship ceremony to showcase Liverpool with new recipients of Australian Citizenship. Schools are invited to attend this event which includes a birthday cake which is shared with the local community to celebrate.

21.17 ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day

ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day each year are supported financially by Council as part of civic support to set up for both events.

22. CEREMONIAL REQUESTS TO THE MAYORAL OFFICE

22.1 From time to time, requests are received for the Mayoral Office to preside at or represent the Council at public ceremonial functions and events.

22.2 The following protocols will apply when requests are received:

- a) The Mayor will review all requests, in consultation with the CEO, to preside at and represent Council at a public ceremonial function and event.
- b) Over the course of a Mayoral term requests should, to the extent that it is possible, be fairly and equitably accepted across a range of representative and interest groups.
- c) Mayoral representation is in accordance with clause 21 of this policy.

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**23. MAYORAL REPRESENTATION**

23.1 It is the role of the Mayor to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral Office. The Mayor may choose to wear the Mayoral robe and chain when representing the Office of the Mayor.

23.2 If the Mayor is unavailable, the following protocols apply:

- a) In the first instance, the Deputy Mayor is to be requested to undertake the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral office as the Mayor's representative. This acknowledges the importance for the role of Deputy Mayor in local government and is supported by the legislation. The Deputy Mayor may choose to wear the Deputy Mayoral robe when making representations on behalf of the Office of the Mayor;
- b) In situations where the Deputy Mayor is also unavailable, the Mayor can request that another Councillor undertake the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral Office as the Mayor's representative;
- c) The choice of Councillor must be based on an assessment of which particular Councillor would be best placed to represent Council in view of the nature of the particular request and the respective areas of interest and expertise of individual Councillors.
- d) Over the course of a Mayoral term requests should, to the extent that it is possible, be fairly and equitably spread amongst all of the Councillors.

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**AUTHORISED BY**

Council Resolution

EFFECTIVE FROM**DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE**

Council and Executive Services

REVIEW DATE

Version	Amended by	Date	TRIM Number
1	Council resolution	30 October 2013	182547.2013-001 and 280465.2013
2	Council resolution	29 October 2014	242780.2014 and 237146.2014
3	Council resolution	25 February 2015	004174.2015 and 004089.2015
4	Council resolution	29 April 2015	107541.2015
5	Council resolution	17 June 2015	156045.2015
6	Council resolution	3 February 2016	004433.2016
7	Council resolution	27 April 2016	158436.2016
8	Council resolution	27 July 2016	214048.2016
9	Council resolution	30 August 2017	215697.2017
10	Council resolution	27 February 2019	032996.2019
11	Council resolution	20 November 2019	032996.2019-002
12	Council resolution	24 June 2020	032996.2019-003
13	Council resolution	31 March 2021	107740.2021
14	Council resolution		

THIS POLICY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH

Mayor and Councillors

Chief Executive Officer

Corporate Services (Governance, Legal and Procurement)

Civic Advisory Committee

REFERENCES

Liverpool City Council: Civic Advisory Committee Charter

Liverpool City Council: Code of Conduct

Liverpool City Council: Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**D. ANNEXURE A – CIVIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER****CIVIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER**

Adopted:



CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**1. NAME**

Civic Advisory Committee

2. INTERPRETATION

For the purpose of this Charter:

- a) "Act" means the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- b) "CEO" means Council's Chief Executive Officer.
- c) "Committee" means the Civic Advisory Committee.
- d) "Council" means the Liverpool City Council.
- e) "Member" means a member of the Committee.

3. STATUS OF COMMITTEE

Advisory Committee of Council.

4. MISSION

This Committee has been established:

- a) To highlight the wonderful work that is being done by members of the Liverpool Local Government Area;
- b) To promote mechanisms that serve and to acknowledge the contributions of members of the Liverpool Local Government Area to the City of Liverpool and to humanity as a whole.

5. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is to:

- a) To provide advice to the Mayor and Council on civic functions;
- b) To ensure continuity with Council's civic program beyond electoral or staffing cycles;
- c) To be an avenue for continued community representation; and
- d) To encourage continued involvement from former elected officials in the civic duties of Council

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**6 FUNCTIONS**

6.1 The functions of the Committee are to:

- a) Seek nominations or nominate worthy people and organisations for the:
 - 1) Order of Liverpool Awards;
 - 2) Australia Day Awards;
 - 3) King's Honours;
 - 4) Other relevant awards.
- b) Score and provide advice to Council on nominees for Council awards.
- c) Recommend a calendar of civic events to the Mayor, including:
 - 1) Civic receptions;
 - 2) Mayoral Balls and other fundraising initiatives;
 - 3) School and community engagement;
 - 4) Other activities which lift civic pride within the community.
- d) Provide advice to the Mayor when requested;
- e) Proactively promote Council's civic awards and functions to the wider community.

7. MEMBERSHIP**7.1 Councillor representation:**

The Mayor and Councillors

7.2 Council staff representation:

The CEO (or the delegate of the CEO)

- a) Staff representatives are not permitted to vote on matters arising from this committee.

7.3 Other Members

Other members shall include:

- a) Former Mayors and Councillors of Council;
- b) Current and former civic officers of Council;
- c) Five community representatives (appointed by Council for a two year term with an option for Council to extend their terms for a further two years) with two general community representatives and one representative from each of the three major service clubs (Lions Club, Quota and Rotary International); and
- d) A representative from:
 - i) the Holsworthy Army Barracks;
 - ii) Liverpool Hospital; and
 - iii) City of Liverpool and District Historical Society

CIVIC AWARDS POLICY**7.4 Support staff**

Administrative support is provided for the preparation of the agenda, recording of the minutes and distribution of the agenda and business papers.

7.5 Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

The Committee will be chaired by the Mayor or the Mayor's representative.

7.6 Other Office Bearers

There are no other office bearers on this Committee.

8. COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS

8.1 The Committee is an advisory Committee of Council.

8.2 The Committee can make recommendations to the Council on all relevant business presented before it. Recommendations of the Committee will generally be presented to the Council in written form, accompanied by a report from relevant Council officers. Recommendations made by the Committee may or may not be adopted by Council. It is confirmed that Council will make the final decision on the Order of Liverpool Awards.

8.3 Recommendations made by the Committee which are determined by the CEO to be substantially operational in nature will be dealt with by the relevant senior officer of Council, and any action or decision not to act will be reported to the Committee on a regular basis.

8.4 However, where Council allocates funding for specific tasks associated with the work of the Committee, the Committee can oversee the implementation of the content of the particular Council decision about such expenditure.

9. TERM OF OFFICE

9.1 Community representatives who are members of the Committee will be appointed by Council for a term of two years with the option of Council to appoint any community representative for a further term of two years.

9.2 Appointments of community representatives to the Committee will be made by Council no later than 30 September every two years.

9.3 Non-attendance at meetings

9.3.1 Ongoing membership of the Committee is subject to regular attendance and reasonable apologies.

9.3.2 A Committee member who plans to be absent from a meeting shall give prior notice to the Committee Chairperson.

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- 9.3.3 Any Committee member knowing that they will be absent for three or more consecutive meetings should notify the Committee Chairperson in writing of the planned absence.
- 9.3.4 In the event of a member, who is a community representative, being absent for three or more consecutive meetings without an apology and without the approval of the Committee, the Committee can vote on whether to declare the community representative member's position vacant, inform the member of the outcome and fill the position as a casual vacancy.
- 9.4 **Casual vacancies**
Should a vacancy occur during the term of appointment of a community representative, it will be filled by following the normal process for appointments by Council.
- 9.5 **Resignation from Committee**
Any Committee member wishing to resign from the Committee shall do so in writing to the Committee Chairperson.

10. QUORUM AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The quorum for a meeting of the Committee will be a minimum of two current Councillors and at least five other Committee members. Staff Representatives cannot be considered to form part of the Quorum.
- 10.2 In the absence of a quorum 15 minutes after the advertised start of the meeting, the Committee members present may discuss the agenda items, although any recommendations made will not become formalised until they have been ratified at the next Committee meeting with a quorum present.
- 10.3 Wherever possible, recommendations of the Committee will be made on the basis of consensus, that is, when all members present agree. At the discretion of the Chairperson, a vote may be called to resolve a matter. This may occur when consensus cannot be reached or in relation to a matter that is more significant in nature. In such cases, the matter will be resolved by a simple majority of those at the meeting, provided that there is a quorum present. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson will exercise the deciding vote.

11. MEETINGS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 11.1 Meetings of the Committee are normally not open to members of the public because meetings may involve the consideration of personal matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors). This procedure is in accordance with section 10A(2)(a) of the Act.
- 11.2 Representatives of organisations or the general community may be invited by the Mayor to address the Committee on matters on the agenda.

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- 11.3 Relevant community members may be invited to participate in meetings from time to time, as determined by the Committee.

12. TIMETABLE FOR MEETINGS

- 12.1 The Committee shall meet every three months (or as required), at a time and date determined by the Mayor.
- 12.2 A meeting will be limited to a maximum of two hours' duration, unless the Committee resolves to extend the length of the meeting to a particular time for the completion of business.
- 12.3 Extraordinary meetings may be called by the Mayor in consultation with the CEO (or delegate).
- 12.4 The location, date and starting time for meetings will be advised on the agenda.
- 12.5 Committee meetings can only be held if five ordinary days' notice has been given to all members, including Councillors.

13. MEETING PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES

- 13.1 Unless otherwise specified in this Charter, Committee meetings must be conducted in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.
- 13.2 The Committee must observe the provisions of any other relevant Council policies and procedures.
- 13.3 Minutes of meetings must be kept in accordance with the procedures set out in Council's Code of Meeting Practice.
- 13.4 The minutes of each Committee meeting will be submitted to the next available meeting of Council.

14. INSURANCE COVER

- 14.1 Committee members are covered by Council's personal accident insurance only for attendance at meetings and other activities formally endorsed by the Committee.

15. OBSERVING THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

- 15.1 All members of the Committee are required to observe the provisions of Council's Code of Conduct and any other relevant Council policy applicable to the proper functioning of the Committee.

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- 15.2 Should a member of the Committee breach Council's Code of Conduct or any other relevant Council policy, the matter will be referred to the CEO to be dealt with in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct Procedures.
- 15.3 A breach of the Code of Conduct may result in the particular Committee member concerned being excluded from membership of the Committee.
- 15.4 If a Committee member has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Committee is concerned, and is present at a meeting of the Committee at which the matter is being considered, they must disclose the interest to the meeting and must not be present during any discussion or decision making relating to that matter. Leaving the room is necessary because to remain in the presence of the meeting but refrain from voting is taken to be a vote against the motion.
- 15.5 A member of the Committee who has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in any matter with which the Committee is concerned and is present at a meeting of the Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. If a member of the Committee has declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, there exists a range of options for managing the conflict of interest. The option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with.
- 15.6 A Committee member will deal with a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in at least one of these ways:
 - a) Where the potential for conflict is deemed minimal, take no action. However, the Councillor or Committee member should consider providing an explanation as to why it is considered that only a minimal or non-existent conflict exists.
 - b) Where the potential for conflict is more significant, take no part in the matter by leaving the room in which the meeting is taking place and take no part in any debate or vote on the issue, as per the provisions in Clause 4.29 of the Council's Code of Conduct.
- 15.7 Committee members declaring a conflict of interest, whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary, should complete a Declaration of Interest Form which is to be signed by the CEO and retained by Council in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and its Ethical Governance: Conflicts of Interest Policy.

16. CONFIDENTIALITY AND MANAGING PRIVACY

- 16.1 Committee members, through their involvement on the Committee, may come in contact with confidential or personal information retained by Council. Committee 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.

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- 16.2 The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act* 1998 and Council's Privacy Management Plan deal with the collection, holding, use, correction, disclosure and transfer of personal information.
- 16.3 Should a Committee member become aware of any breach of security, or misuse of Council's confidential or personal information, they should inform the CEO immediately.

17. MEDIA PROTOCOL

- 17.1 The Mayor is the only person permitted to speak to the media on behalf of the Committee.
- 17.2 No other member of the Committee is permitted to speak to the media in their capacity as a Committee member.

18. REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE AND THIS CHARTER

- 18.1 Council will review the work of the Committee and this charter every two years.

CTTE 04

**Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee
Meeting held on 19 June 2023**

Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Communicate, listen, engage and respond to the community by encouraging community participation
File Ref	313379.2023
Report By	Michael Zengovski - Manager City Environment
Approved By	Jason Breton - Director Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2023.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 June 2023 are attached for the information of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None of the actions contained in the minutes will have a financial impact on Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
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	<p>Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.</p> <p>Raise awareness in the community about the available services and facilities.</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>Facilitate the development of community leaders.</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> <p>Deliver services that are customer focused.</p> <p>Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.</p> <p>Actively advocate for federal and state government support, funding and services.</p>
Legislative	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) Meeting Minutes from 19 June 2023



Minutes From Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) Meeting 19 June 2023

COUNCILLOR MEMBERS:

Councillor Kaliyanda	Councillor (Chairperson)
Councillor Harle	Councillor
Councillor Rhodes	Councillor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Stephen Dobell-Brown	Community Member
Ellie Robertson (online)	Community Member
Signe Westerberg	Community Member
Robert Storey	Community Member
Kacy Vallencourt	Community Member
Rosalyn Faddy	Community Member
Alan Riley	Observer
Strini Pillai (online)	Gandangara Aboriginal Land Council
Robert Dixon (online)	Industry Representative – Georges Riverkeeper

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Michael Zengovski	Manager City Environment
Steven Hodosi	Coordinator Environmental Operations
Maruf Hossain	A/Manager Infrastructure Planning
Roshan Khadka (online)	Acting Coordinator Floodplain and Water Management
Melissa Wray	Committee Officer (Minutes)

APOLOGIES:

Marc Goldsbrough	Acting Manager City Works Parks Sport & Open Spaces
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GUESTS:

Mark Loves	Procure Group
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OPEN:

Meeting opened at 5:30pm



1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr Kaliyanda welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land. Apologies were noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were noted at the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 17 April be adopted by the committee.

Moved: Stephen Dobell-Brown

Seconded: Kacy Vallencourt

Action: Committee to provide paper copies of the minutes for all who are attending. A paper copy is to be mailed to the Committee Members who are unable to access the soft copy.

Action: The minutes from the previous meeting (17 April 2023), agenda item 5.2 Floodplain Management Program Update – Moorebank Voluntary Acquisition Scheme. The motion that is attached needs to be amended to 'that the committee recommends that Council should continue to participate in the Moorebank Voluntary Acquisition scheme'.

Action: The minutes from the previous meeting (17 April 2023), agenda item 6.4 Plant Nursery Costings needs to be amended. Mr Stephen Dobell-Brown will provide the appropriate formatting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Fish Weir

Mr Alan Riley asked a question with regards to the minutes from the previous meeting (17 April 2023), agenda item 4.2 Fish Weir. In relation to the last paragraph mentioning that the water quality information for the Georges River is available on Council's website. However, only the water quality testing regime is available, not the report. Mr Riley asked if it is possible for the report to be accessible to the public.

Action: A request for all the Water Quality Reports for all the creeks and waterways along the Georges River is now accessible to the public via the Council website.

4.2 Coopers Paddock

Mr Alan Riley enquired about Item 4.4 Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) Matters, Queries and Discussion from the minutes from the previous meeting (17 April 2023), point one (1). The progress of liaising with Australian Turf Club (ATC) in relation to Coopers Paddock. The Coordinator Environmental Operations response was that ATC had corresponded to only one of the points, not all. One of ATC's main reasons as to why the construction of the footpath has been halted, is that the priority weeds have spread to Coopers Paddock from Sydney Water's property. However, new information suggests that this new incursion came from upstream, not from the Sydney Water property.

Action: To set up a meeting with the Council officers who are dealing with ATC.

Action: To invite the individual responsible for actioning the VPA to the next EAC meeting.

4.3 Casula Parklands Lighthorse Park footpath update

Coordinator Environmental Operations has liaised with some members from Sydney Water and the information that was obtained was that there will be no construction until possibly a year's time. The reason for this is that they are waiting to see if there is any subsidence in the retaining structure below the buildings along the river before they start construction of the footpath.



4.4 Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) Matters, Queries and Discussion

Clr Rhodes requested an update on the proposed expansion of the racetrack at Warwick Farm Racecourse. The A/Manager Infrastructure Planning's response was that a proposal was received by the Australian Turf Club (ATC), which includes an offer to stabilise the bank and not remove any vegetation. The proposal was agreed upon. Council is now waiting for revised drawings and plans.

Mr Dobell-Brown requested an update on the proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the Liverpool Weir Fishway. The Coordinator Environmental Operations advised that a memo has been given to The NSW Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries (DPI Fisheries) and Council is waiting for them to agree and sign the MOU. Once both parties have signed then the project can start to progress and move forward.

Action: To discuss at the next meeting what escalation steps exist in relation to VPAs.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Presentation – 2023 Code of Conduct – Mark Loves, Procure Group

A Code of Conduct presentation from Mark Loves from Procure Group was provided to discuss the various committee code of conduct practices. The session looked at the fundamental areas that committees and Council have most problems with regard to code of conduct. All committee members are expected to behave ethically, responsibly and with integrity. The session went through inappropriate and illegal activities in detail with situation scenarios to assist the EAC's understanding. The Council's code of conduct is the key mechanism for promoting and enforcing ethical and behavioural standards within Council and Committees. The code of conduct also sets out those principles and standards of behaviour that committee members must observe and intended to promote accountability.

5.2 Presentation – 2023 Georges River Environmental Restoration Fund Project & Georges River Litter Prevention Strategy – Robert Dixon, Georges River Keeper

Mr Dixon from Georges River Keeper (GRK) presented the change in the way that Georges River Keeper approaches litter management, the environmental restoration fund and a litter prevention strategy. One of the programs within GRK seeks to remove litter from areas along the Georges River catchment. The GRK has partnered with Corrective Services for assistance with litter removal, the individuals participating in these services also remove the litter from the surrounding vegetation. GRK plans to diversify the way that litter is removed from the vegetation, so the organisation is exploring other methods and strategies, such as GPT systems and gross pollutant traps, which assist with filtering the stormwater and removing litter prior to the stormwater flowing into the Georges River.

The GRK is looking to utilise where possible grant funding for the installation of GPT structures and upgrades to promote and educate the local community regarding the impacts of littering and to identify with the community the importance of stopping and preventing the problem of littering.

The other component to the Environmental Restoration project is to bring awareness to the local schools. The GRK has partnered with the Georges River Environmental Education Centre (GREET) to deliver education projects, they have delivered three lessons with 180 children at Wattle Grove School and have installed pavement art with interactive messaging for the local community at three sites throughout Wattle Grove. The education projects consist of:

- Understanding the issues and sources of littering.
- Developing a behaviour change campaign towards littering.
- Creating education materials to inform the community.

Action: To create a rubber band campaign for Australia Post to emphasise the importance of containing and recycling the rubber bands in mail delivery.

Action: To create a bottle cap ring cutting campaign to bring awareness to the local community about the dangers towards our local fauna and what can be done to make an improvement.



Action: To address the Georges River Committee about considering the possibility of researching more mechanical ways to remove litter on the river.

Action: To provide in the next committee meeting a copy of the report that has detailed deficiencies within relation to gross pollutant traps and the recommendations.

Motion: That the GPT rectification works recommended be implemented by Council.

Moved: Stephen Dobell-Brown

Seconded: Robert Storey

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mrs Roslyn Faddy asked about bins to be placed in front of the small shopping centres at Luddenham and Wallacia, where there used to be rubbish bins, but they have now all been removed. Council used to empty the bins but now there do not seem to be any bins near food and shopping outlets, and there is nowhere for people to put their litter. The question is why were the bins removed?
Action: Update to be provided at the next EAC meeting.
- Mr Storey has requested for the next meeting that a detailed report be presented on how the seven environmental projects are progressing. Mr Storey would like to know information on the plants being used and the progress of the projects.
- Question taken on notice for the Waste team in relation to contamination in recycling bins, what types of contamination there is in the bins and what records show of the amount of contamination that is occurring.
Action: Update to be provided at the next EAC meeting.
- Coordinator Environmental Operations informed the committee of deer numbers that have been removed. The deer shooting program partnered with LLS has, so far, resulted in a total of 314 deer being removed.

CLOSE:

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

CTTE 05

Minutes of the Liverpool Heritage Advisory Committee

Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Embrace the city's heritage and history
File Ref	301679.2023
Report By	Thomas Wheeler - Heritage Officer
Approved By	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 17 July 2023, a meeting of the Liverpool Heritage Advisory Committee was held. This report has been prepared to report on the minutes of that meeting as well as the minutes of the 20 March 2023.

The minutes of both meetings are being reported together as there were no actionable motions from the March 2023 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Liverpool Heritage Advisory Committee.
2. Endorses that any gateway signage recognises the First Nations and Colonial heritage of Liverpool.
3. Consult with the Heritage Advisory Committee on any proposed naming of the Civic Place and internal meeting rooms.
4. Considers the naming of one of the community rooms within the Lurnea Community Hub after George Bates.

REPORT

On 17 July 2023, a meeting of the Liverpool Heritage Advisory Committee was held at the Level 6 Boardroom, Scott Street. The minutes attached to this report summarise the actions and outcomes of the meeting.

There are no motions or actions within the minutes that will have a financial implication to the Council.

The key motions of the meeting as identified in the recommendations of this report are outlined below:

Gateway Signage

Previously, the gateway signage into the Liverpool LGA acknowledged the colonial significance of the area and that Liverpool was the first Macquarie Town. Recent discussions within other Council committees have indicated a desire to update the existing gateway signage and include an acknowledgement of Country (First Nations heritage).

The Heritage Advisory Committee supports this approach, however, a comprehensive approach that acknowledges both the Colonial and First Nations heritage of Liverpool is the preferred outcome.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the committee that any gateway signage acknowledges the peoples of the Darug and Dharawal nations and that Liverpool was the first Macquarie Town.

Civic Place and Internal Meeting Rooms

Concern was raised by the committee that current approaches to naming conventions within the Civic Place ignore the Colonial, European and Migrant heritage of the Liverpool area.

It is a recommendation of the committee that any names of meeting rooms, spaces or venues within the Civic Place development be reviewed by the Heritage Advisory Committee for the consideration of including a diverse range of names that recognize the First Nations, Colonial, European and Migrant history of Liverpool.

Community Lurnea Hub

With the redevelopment of Phillips Park in Lurnea, the George Bates Hall was demolished, and the Lurnea Community Hub building replaced it. George Bates was a local philanthropist who as a member and grand master of the Liverpool branch of the Ancient Order of Foresters for some 30 years during the 1940s to 60s, supported the needy in the local community. After the folding of the Foresters and retiring and moving to Lurnea to live with his sister near the park, he continued to support the needy.

It is a recommendation of the committee that a meeting room or space within the community hub acknowledge George Bates and his contribution to the community of Lurnea.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
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Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
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	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
Risk	There is no risk associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee on 20 March 2023
2. Liverpool Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes 17 July 2023



Minutes

Meeting: Liverpool Heritage Advisory Committee
Date: 20 March 2023
Time: 2-4 pm
Venue: Level 6 Boardroom – Scott Street
Quorum: 50% plus 1

Councillors:

Peter Harle	Councillor
Karess Rhodes	Councillor (Chairperson)

Community Representation:

Ruth Grimson	Community Representative
Glen Op Den Brouw	Community Representative
Vicki Andrews	Community Representative
Alison Cukic	Community Representative

Absent:

Michele Grande	Community Representative
Briona Jovic	Community Representative

Council Staff:

Thomas Wheeler	Heritage Officer
Clare Cochrane	Public Arts Officer
Tony Nolan	LRM Curator
Elysa Dennis	Acting Manager Library and Museum Services
Ariz Ashraf	Acting Coordinator City Design and Public Domain



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1. HERITAGE OFFICER REPORT

1. Agata Calabrese, Senior Heritage Project Officer and Supriya Singh, Heritage Project Officer have commenced at Liverpool City Council. These positions have been created to manage and undertake the Comprehensive Liverpool Heritage Study.
2. Conservation works at the Former Liverpool Courthouse are moving forward with the removal of the asphalt, and turf and the digging of required drainage trenches under the supervision of Casey and Lowe. Hoarding will also be erected in the next few weeks to commence the careful disassembly and restoration of the sandstone pillars and cast-iron palisade.
3. Conservation works at the Former Soldiers Memorial School of Arts are to commence within the next month. This will include the complete rewiring of the building as well as repairing of walls, plastering and joinery downstairs and reinstatement of the ceiling in the main ground floor room.
4. The War Memorial Garden at Liverpool Pioneers Memorial Park will be commencing this week. Works are to take around 3 months subject to the availability of materials.
5. The Phillimona Gardens project has commenced on site with a clean-up of the vegetation and rubbish and the collection and storage of the bricks to be reused later. Work is currently underway to finalise the construction certificate so a primary contractor can be engaged for the groundwork, utilities and wall stabilisation.
6. A heritage policy and procedure has been prepared which will guide as to how heritage development applications or projects (including Council run) will be managed. This includes minimum documentation requirements as well as assessment frameworks and matters for consideration for Council during the assessment. The policy and procedure intend to strengthen the assessment regime but also to provide clear guidance to reduce delays and confusion in the DA process.
7. The Collingwood House Activation Plan is due to be presented to Liverpool City Councils Executive Leadership Team. There has been a delay in presenting the plan due to the change in Council leadership and the various restructures underway. It is hoped that with the current focus on service delivery, the new restructuring will provide the resources needed to implement the activation plan.
8. Council has received a grant of \$25,000 for Local Heritage Management. This funding will go towards the preparation of a Liverpool Connecting with Country. These guidelines will seek to localise the current state government direction of considering country and local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage values in the initial architectural design process for masterplans, urban design projects and major buildings.
9. Liverpool City Council is currently awaiting the outcome of the following grant applications:
 - a. Former Liverpool Courthouse – Roof replacement - \$90,000



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- b. Collingwood – Roof and Gutter upgrade - \$30,000
- c. Chipping Norton Homestead – Design and Engineering for Stormwater Upgrade - \$18,000
- d. Former Liverpool Courthouse Heritage Interpretation - \$50,000
- e. Former Soldiers Memorial School of Arts – War Memorial Conservation Grant - \$10,000
- f. Boer War Memorial Lamp – War Memorial Conservation Grant - \$5,000
- 10. Current active grants:
 - a. Phillimona Gardens – Public Space Legacy - \$750,000
 - b. Local Heritage Management – Heritage NSW - \$25,000
- 11. State Heritage Nominations being prepared:
 - a. Liverpool Pioneers Memorial Park – due to submission July 2023

2. LIVERPOOL REGIONAL MUSEUM AND LOCAL STUDIES REPORT

The following is provided as a selected update on Museum & Library Local Studies Heritage projects and activities from January to March 2023.

Introduction

Liverpool Regional Museum and Liverpool Library Local Studies Heritage Department collectively preserve and promote Liverpool's Heritage Stories through research, collections and community programs including collection management, public programs, exhibitions, and events.

Exhibitions

- New exhibition launched: 'Keeping with Care, Highlights from the Heritage Collection' focuses on key heritage objects of National, State and Local significance within the heritage collection of Liverpool Regional Museum and Liverpool City Library. The exhibition attracted mainstream media coverage on 9News (aired 4 pm/6 pm on 9 March). The Italian Language newspaper La Fiamma is potentially writing an article on the exhibition featuring the Frank Oliveri Collection.
- Exhibition: Liverpool Inked, Drawn, Painted – fine art depictions of Liverpool and its surrounds continue.

Public Programs

- 20 public and education programs delivered to the community for seniors, adults, youth, kids, home-schooled students, preschool and school holidays.
- 2 x Liverpool Boys High School students have commenced work experience at the museum during Term 1
- Primary and High School education programs are in development aligned with school curriculums



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Local Studies

- The current Local Studies Officer is on secondment to CPAC until May 2023
- Recruitment for Local Studies Team Leader underway
- Learning Lurnea – The History of a Suburb: Community call out for photographs and oral history submissions for inclusion within the Library Heritage Collection. Three interviews have been held, including one with Anne Stanley MP and digital photographic donations from six residents. Work to continue when Local Studies Officer returns
- Lurnea Community Hub: Research and pre-production of historical interpretation graphic panels. On hold due to Local Studies Officer secondment

Collections

- Conversation contractors were engaged over December and January to assess, and conservation treat a large number of items in the library heritage basement store in conjunction with Library Heritage staff. Several textile items were sent away for specialist treatment.
- Heritage collection storage is being reviewed in preparation for the move to Civic Place in late 2023/ early 2024.
- Commissioning of high-res digital images of significant items in the collection is continuing. Images already commissioned have been invaluable for the promotion of Liverpool Heritage, e.g. Charlotte's Dress images for the current exhibition. These images are being made available online via the library catalogue.
- Copies of Liverpool champion newspapers were supplied to the State Library of NSW to complete their collection.

Future projects

- 25 April - ANZAC Day museum display (25 April-6 May) to mark 70 Years since the Korean War armistice was signed in 1953.
Over 17,000 Australians served during the Korean War, 340 were killed and over 1,216 were wounded. 29 were prisoners of war. SOURCE: Australian War Memorial
- 25 April - ANZAC Day Walking Trail, Bigge Park. Research assistance to LCC Major Events to acknowledge Liverpool's veteran's role within the armed forces
- 4 May - Easter School Holiday program launched
- 26 May - National Sorry Day event hosted by Liverpool Regional Museum on behalf of Liverpool's First Nations community to remember and acknowledge the Stolen Generations.



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3. COMMITTEE REP QUESTION

01 – Pearce Park – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

Regarding the 19th-century guttering at Pearce Park, can you make time to visit with me and inspect the stones?

Council Response

The stones will be inspected by Council's Heritage Officer as soon as possible subject to current work requirements.

Actions

- The guttering will be investigated.

02 – Milestones – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

1. Regarding the 1930s 1-mile and 2-mile milestone pegs. These lost their white-painted appearance at least 10 years ago. When will they receive a fresh coat of white paint?
2. Regarding the 1840s XXIII miles to Sydney Milestone currently located at Rose Street Depot. When will it be restored and placed back at the top of Boundary Road just like Campbelltown Council have done for all those remaining milestones along Campbelltown Road?

Council Response

1. Council does not currently have a maintenance program for the milestone pegs and as the pegs are located within the road reserve it is unknown as to whether they are the responsibility of Council or Transport for NSW.
2. Council does not currently have any plans for the restoration and reinstatement of the milestone and any program would be subject to the availability of future funds.

Actions

- Heritage Officer to investigate painting requirements and who is responsible to maintain the milestones.

Motions

- Nil



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03 – Street Naming – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

I have been advised by Strategic Planning that all successful nominations for street and park naming will now attract a fee of \$630 per nomination. This is a disincentive for historical societies or anyone to nominate an unnamed lane or park or bridge and give it some historical context. Can nominations from historical societies for example receive a waiver? Or nominations be received another way? Otherwise, these unnamed lanes and parks will forever remain unnamed.

Council Response

Council's Heritage Officer is currently seeking clarification as to the fees and charges. There is an existing fee for street naming however it has typically only been applied for major developers when they are undertaking bulk naming submissions. Further detail will be provided at the next heritage advisory committee meeting.

Actions

- Heritage Officer to discuss the fees and charges with Strategic Planning.

Motions

- Nil

04 – 13 Bigge Street – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

Will the secret agreement between Liverpool City Council and the Property developer remain a secret in perpetuity?

Council Response

The settlement agreement between the NSW Land and Environment Court, Liverpool City Council and the developer (of 13 Bigge Street or 2 Lachlan Street) is subject to a suppression order issued by the NSW Land and Environment Court. Liverpool City Council is legally prevented from divulging the contents of the agreement and the conditions of settlement of the court action between the Council and the developer.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil



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05 – John Edmondson Boyhood Home – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

Does Liverpool City Council have any plans to purchase the non-heritage listed boyhood home of John Edmondson VC which currently appears abandoned and neglected? Or nominating it for heritage protection? Is anyone keeping track of it for any DAs?

Council Response

The boyhood home of John Edmondson VC is listed under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Parkland City) 2021 at the "Forest Home Site" at 1720-1726 Camden Valley Way. The listing recognises the cultural heritage values of the site but not specifically the building as it has been modified beyond recognition.

The property is currently owned by the Office of Strategic Lands, Department of Planning and Environment. Liverpool City Council has currently no plans for the acquisition of the site.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil

06 – Thomas Moore Statue – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

Can I please be advised of the outcome of the project scope for the erection of a statue of Thomas Moore from 2017?

Council Response

As noted in the 2017 Council Report, the matter of the statute was deferred until the completion of the Public Art Strategy. The strategy is currently being prepared and the statute will be reviewed after the adoption of the strategy.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil



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07 – Collingwood House – Vicki Andrews

Question

It has been distressing to see the neglected state of Collingwood House.

- What is the present status of Collingwood?
- Has the Community Consultation been completed and when will the final implementation plan come to Council

Council Response

The Collingwood House is currently being used by the museum for various programs and is available to hire. An activation plan has been prepared and will be presented to the executive leadership team at the earliest opportunity.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil

08 – CPAC Collection – Vicki Andrews

Question

Could we have an update on the CPAC Collection?

Council Response

An update will be provided at the next meeting of the heritage advisory committee.

Actions

- An update on the CPAC Collection will be organised for the next available heritage advisory committee meeting.

Motions

- Nil

09 – Councils new committee structure – Vicki Andrews

Question

LCC is looking at its Community Committees, it is envisioned that this committee will report to the Infrastructure and Planning Governance Committee, who will do this?



Minutes

Will the Infrastructure and Planning Governance Committee let this Committee what is happening in Liverpool?

Council Response

The proposed structure will not impact the heritage committee which will remain as current and will report directly to Council.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil

10 – Light Horse Park – Vicki Andrews

Question

Status of Light Horse Park upgrade including pedestrian bridge and Concourse Lift

Council Response

Council has received a grant for the light horse park upgrade which will commence this year. This does not include the pedestrian bridge and concourse lift as the designs are still being finalised.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil

4. COMMITTEE REP MOTIONS

01 – First Fleeters – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

I move that Liverpool City Council identifies all First Fleeters that are buried in Apex Park and/or Liverpool Pioneers Memorial Park and installs plaques that identify each by name and this should be in place within 12 months.

Council Response

First Fleeter burials within Liverpool Pioneers Memorial Park have already been identified with "Fellowship of First Fleeter" plaques and during the anniversary of Liverpool Pioneers Memorial



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Park, discussions with the Fellowship identified no additional first fleeter requiring memorialisation.

As for Apex Park, Council has no objections to providing an interpretation that recognises the significance of the site, however, due to the nature of the records for the park and the former cemetery, it is impossible to say with complete certainty that a certain person is buried at the cemetery.

Actions

- Heritage Officer to investigate budgetary requirements of Heritage Interpretation for Apex Park Frontier Wars and First Fleeter and report back to the committee as soon as possible.

Motions

- Nil

02 – Apex Park Frontier Wars – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

I move that Liverpool City Council installs a plaque in Apex Park that acknowledges the casualties of the Frontier Wars that are buried there. The plaque should identify by name all those that are buried in the park as well as the Aboriginal casualties of the conflict and this should be in place within 12 months

Council Response

As per the previous motion, Council has no objections to providing an interpretation that recognises the significance of the site, however, due to the nature of the records for the park and the former cemetery, it is impossible to say with complete certainty that a certain person is buried at the cemetery.

Actions

- Refer to above

Motions

- Nil

03 – St Lukes Church Clock Mechanism – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

I move that Liverpool City Council, in partnership with St Luke's Church, investigates the possibility of either repairing the existing mechanism or placing a new motor in the St Luke's



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Church clock along with any existing mechanism. The clock which was one of three given by King George 111 to Australia has been the Liverpool town clock since 1821 and it should be possible for it to once again tell the time, not be frozen in time. This should be reported back by the next meeting.

Council Response

Discussions with the former rector of St Luke's raised concerns with the restoration or reactivating of the clock mechanism due to the structural integrity of the bell tower itself. While further discussions are possible, the priority is the structural stability of the building and not just the operations of the clock.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil

04 – Atkinson Burial at Rookwood Cemetery – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

I move that Liverpool City Council fund the restoration of the Headstone of James Henry Atkinson located at Rookwood Cemetery. Atkinson was an enthusiastic much admired local entrepreneur and advocate for Liverpool who owned the Collingwood and Sopheinburg Estates in the 1850s and 60s and was the local member for Cumberland in the NSW legislature from 1859 to 1863.

Council Response

Further investigations as to the condition and legal opportunity for restoration by Council are needed for this motion can be considered.

Actions

- Heritage Officer to investigate current costs and report back to the committee for consideration.

Motions

- Nil



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05 – Collingwood House Activation Plan – Vicki Andrews

Motion

The Heritage Advisory Committee asks that as a matter of urgency, the activation plan for Collingwood be determined and implemented immediately.

Council Response

The activation plan is proposed to be presented to Council in April 2023 once a briefing of the new executive and CEO can be undertaken.

Actions

- Nil

Motions

- Nil

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

If necessary, answers to questions during general business may be taken on notice for the subsequent meeting.

6. CLOSE



Agenda

Meeting: Liverpool Heritage Advisory Committee

Date: 17 July 2023

Time: 2-4 pm

Venue: Level 6 Boardroom – Scott Street

Quorum: 50% plus 1

Councillors:

Peter Harle	Councillor
Karess Rhodes	Councillor

Community Representation:

Ruth Grimson	Community Representative
Glen Op Den Brouw	Community Representative
Vicki Andrews	Community Representative
Alison Cukic	Community Representative

Council Staff:

Thomas Wheeler	Heritage Officer
Mark Loves	Governance Consultant
Tony Nolan	LRM Curator
Luke Oste	Acting Manager City Planning
Agata	Senior Heritage Project Officer
Scott Sidhom	Coordinator City Design and Public Domain
Supriya Singh	Heritage Project Officer

AGENDA:

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND OPENING
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST



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3. COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT WORKSHOP

4. HERITAGE OFFICER REPORT

4.1. Liverpool Comprehensive Heritage Study

HO Introduced AC and SS who outlined the proposed heritage study and advised that they would return for consultation at a later date.

4.2. Heritage Grants Update

HO advised that Council was still awaiting the outcome of the Grant applications.

4.3. Former Liverpool Courthouse

HO advised works were progressing well and Council was now looking at the replacement of the roof and gutters.

4.4. Liverpool Pioneers Memorial Park

HO advised that Council has allocated funding to commence restoration of up to 6 monuments. Contractors are currently being sought for the first batch of works.

4.5. 124 Moore Street Update

HO advised a report will be going to Council recommending that a planning proposal should be prepared for 124 Moore Street.

5. LIVERPOOL REGIONAL MUSEUM AND LOCAL STUDIES REPORT

6. COMMITTEE REP QUESTION

6.1. 01 – Street and Place Naming – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

At the Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting of 1 December 2022, Danielle Hijazi, Assistant Strategic Planning, addressed the meeting about the changes to the naming convention. Can we please have Danielle address our meeting?

Answer

A presentation is currently being organised for the Heritage Advisory Committee.



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6.2. 02 – First Nations Artwork – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

At the Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting of 1 December 2022, Dr Clare Cochrane, Public Arts Officer and Holly Campbell, UAP Company addressed the meeting. UAP were seeking comment and ideas from the committee on themes that could be incorporated into the artwork. Can a representative from UAP also give the Heritage Committee a presentation and ask us for ideas?

Answer

This workshop refers to a project specifically related to first nations artwork and acknowledgment of the country within the civic place. Council is currently working with Curio Projects to develop an interpretation piece for the archaeological relics and history of the site which the heritage advisory committee will be involved in.

6.3. 03 – Plan/Street Signage Update – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

Can members of the HAC be updated on the Sophienburg Stairway Sign, Gasworks Carpark sign, Telowra Car Park sign, Napier Park Sign and Cooks Obelisk Signage?

I am aware of a plaque being placed near the obelisk, but this is concerning the 250th anniversary of Cook's visit to Australia and not about the history of the obelisk

Answer

An update will be sought from the Council's Civic Officer and our Operations Directorate who have been tasked with installing the plaques and signage.

6.4. 04 – Old Scout Hall – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

Can members of the HAC be given an update on the heritage status of the old Scout Hall?

Answer

A report has been prepared for the July meeting of the Council seeking the commencement of a planning proposal to finalise the heritage listing of the Old Scout Hall.

6.5. 05 – Memorial Pillars – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question



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Can members of the HAC be updated on the whereabouts of the Memorial Pillars that once stood on Memorial Avenue?

Answer

Its whereabouts are unknown, but further information will be sought for the Sept or Dec heritage committee meeting.

6.6. 06 – Alex Grimson Plaque – Glen Op Den Brouw

Question

Can you please advise members of the HAC on the location of the Alex Grimson plaque that once adorned the demolished music shell at Bigge Park that was promised to be returned to the Grimson family?

Answer

Unknown, information will be sought from the Bigge Park project team.

Action

Further investigations will be undertaken to locate the plaque.

1.1. 06 – Collingwood Visitation Precinct Masterplan – Vicki Andrews

Question

I notice that the Collingwood Visitation Precinct Masterplan is now on exhibition, would the Committee be told about this, and may it be discussed?

Answer

A briefing on the master plan will be sought from the relevant team within Council.



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2. COMMITTEE REP MOTIONS

2.1. 01 – Gateway Signage – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

At the Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting of 1 December 2022, gateway signage was discussed. The Committee's recommendation was for the words.

Welcome to the land of the Cabrogal people of the Darug Nations. Please walk respectfully on these lands. Always was, and always will be Aboriginal land.

The cost of these signs is estimated at \$9000 and the amount available within the Community Development budget.

In the spirit of reconciliation, truth-telling and historical accuracy I move.

That council reinstate the former gateway signage to Liverpool which stated.

Welcome to Liverpool, established in 1810, First Macquarie Town

Response

The installation of new gateway signage is the subject of direction from the Council. Any proposals or changes would need to be presented to Council for consideration.

Recommendation: That gateway signage acknowledges the First Nations and Colonial history of Liverpool

Moved: Glen Op Den Brouw

Result: Pass

2.2. 02 – First Nation Civic Place Dual Naming – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

At the Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting of 1 December 2022, members were asked for ideas for dual naming of Civic Place buildings/rooms and library. Will this committee be asked for naming ideas? I move:

That the Heritage Advisory Committee be asked for ideas for naming opportunities and ideas for public art at Civic Place.

Response



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A direction was provided by Council to staff via a meeting of the Council to dual name buildings and spaces within Civic Place with First Nations appropriate names. This does not relate to public art and is an acceptance of an official acknowledgement to the country.

Recommendation: Recommend that the heritage advisory committee be involved in the naming process for dual naming of the Civic Place and internal meeting rooms.

Moved: Glen Op Den Brouw

Result: Pass

2.3. 03 – Nathaniel Lucas – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

The historical signage for Nathaniel Lucas at Apex Park is perpetually covered in bird excrement. It is neither attractive, readable nor good for our reputation.

I move that: LCC reposition the sign to avoid it being covered in bird poo

Response

Relocation can be considered, however, to avoid needing to change the archaeological permit it is preferred to request regular cleaning from the parks team.

Recommendation: Recommend that the Nathaniel Lucas sign is cleaned and regularly maintained.

Moved: Glen Op Den Brouw

Result: Pass

2.4. 04 – Transit Way Bus Stop Signage – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

Reference Historic Photos at Transit Way Bus Stops

I have been trying, very unsuccessfully, to have two historic photographs installed at two Transit Way Bus stops. After 50+ emails over 18 months, no one in various organisations wants to be proactive and assist the Liverpool Historical Society with this project. This project was inspired by historical photos I have seen in various places around the city and the state but here, it's not a project that is enthusiastically supported.



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I have been in negotiations with mainly Transit Systems and TFNSW and Liverpool City Council. The last correspondence was to Liverpool City Council as my last email from Transit Systems suggested at Liverpool City Council had the final approval.

The two bus stops in question are Brickmakers and Memorial. The photos are of the Memorial pillars that once stood on Memorial Ave and a photo of the workers at the Liverpool Steam and Brickmakers Company c1906. These photos would be seen by thousands of commuters every day. They would both add to the understanding of the history of the local area, why the bus stops are so named and are both visually pleasing.

So, the motion is:

The LCC negotiate with Transit Systems and take the relevant steps to have the two photographs installed in the two bus stops which can be supplied by the Liverpool Regional Museum and the Liverpool & District Historical Society.

Response

The bus stops located within the T-Way or Transit Way are on TFNSW land and would be subject to contractual arrangements with Transit Systems. Council can make representations to the relevant agencies/authorities, however, the final decision as to whether it occurs would rest with these agencies.

Note that this venture would be one which would likely only proceed if there was no cost to TFNSW, Transit Systems or Liverpool City Council.

Recommendation: Recommends for the matter to be raised at the Traffic Committee.

Moved: Glen Op Den Brouw

Result: Pass

2.5. 05 – Apex Park Outdoor Gym – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion



In 2022, LCC installed an outdoor gym in Apex Park over the graves of the first settlers of Liverpool in contravention of its value RESPECTING OUR HERITAGE. The gym takes up some 5% of the once green space of Liverpool's first cemetery that was one of 11 Governor Macquarie legacy sites in Liverpool. The installation of the gym in one of the oldest colonial cemeteries in Australia was in my opinion a disgraceful act of desecration on the ground consecrated by the Reverend Samuel Marsden. Two other outdoor gyms are already located a few hundred metres away and even more within a kilometre away.

I move the LCC relocate the outdoor gym at Apex Park to another location.

Response

The idea or concept of a cemetery being used as a place of rest or recreation is not unusual with evidence dating back to the Victorian period regarding the use of cemeteries by the local community when there is a lack of public open space.

The outdoor gym was installed under consent from Heritage NSW, and the National Trusts Cemetery Committee have raised no objections as the installation has not disturbed any graves or resulted in a loss of historic fabric.

	
1800s graveyard picnic	Cemetery Picnic

Recommendation: Recommends the relocation of the gym out of Apex Park

Moved: Gen Op Den Brouw

Result: Fails (3-2)

Alternate Recommendation: Recommends that any new major works to heritage parks or places owned by LCC are presented to the HAC for advice.

Moved: Cllr Rhodes

Result: Pass

2.6. 06 – The history of Liverpool in 60 objects – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

The Liverpool & District Historical Society currently has a permanent exhibition “**The History of Liverpool in 60 Objects**” on display at Liverpool Library that by the end of the year, like the rest



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of the library will be forced to move. Unfortunately for the society, this exhibition has nowhere to go.

I move that: LCC relocate the exhibition “The History of Liverpool in 60 Objects “ to the vacant room in Collingwood House for visitors to learn, understand and connect to our history

Response

A proposal to install a permanent or semi-permanent exhibition within Collingwood House is not supported as it is inconsistent with the draft activation plan that will be presented to Council at the July Council meeting. The plan envisages a carefully curated interpretation installation throughout the house which will convey the history of the house and Liverpool, while also allowing for the house to maintain flexibility for other opportunities.

There may be an opportunity for pieces of the Historical Societies collection to be included in this interpretation installation, but this would be limited to what contextually relates to the site and the story that will be presented.

Recommendation: Council considers the relocation of the Liverpool in 60 Objects exhibition to be displayed at Collingwood House on a temporary basis.

Moved: Glen Op Den Brouw

Result: Pass (4-1 (Vicki Andrews))

2.7. 07 – Lurnea Community Hub – Glen Op Den Brouw

Motion

With the redevelopment of Phillips Park in Lurnea, the George Bates Hall was demolished, and the Lurnea Community Hub building replaced it. George Bates was a local philanthropist who as a member and grand master of the Liverpool branch of the Ancient Order of Foresters for some 30 years during the 1940s to 60s, supported the needy in the local community **and it is unacceptable for his name to be erased from history**. After the folding of the Foresters and retiring and moving to Lurnea to live with his sister nearby the park, he continued to support the needy.

I note the recent Mayoral Minute suggesting the name Harry Hunt Memorial Centre. Both Harry and George did similar philanthropic work around Liverpool, and we would not want to see Harry Hunt's name erased from history in 50 years just because no one remembered him. Harry Hunt already has a bridge about to be named in his memory.

I also note that it is believed that Lurnea means 'Resting Place' in the indigenous language so the name Lurnea Community Hub is very appropriate, and I therefore support that it should remain and does not need dual naming.



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I move that:

LCC name one of the meeting rooms within the Lurnea Hub building 'The George Bates Room'.

Response

Council is currently undertaking an internal project on the naming/dual naming of the community hub. This work has just commenced and there will be opportunities for community consultation. This suggestion can be passed on to the section of the Council responsible and would be presented to Council once this work has been completed.

Recommendation: Council considers the naming of one of the meeting rooms be named after George Bates.

Moved: Glen Op Den Brouw

Result: Pass

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

If necessary, answers to questions during general business may be taken on notice for the subsequent meeting.

- 20 Webster Road – RG- concern over the condition of the galvanised steel.
- 73 Flowerdale Road – RG – approved for demolition of church and church hall and construction on new church. New church has been built and so far the hall has been retained.

4. CLOSE

NEXT MEETING – 18 September 2023

CTTE 06	Minutes of Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee held on 7 September 2023
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Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Support an inclusive community by fostering access and equity for all
File Ref	314578.2023
Report By	Jacqueline Newsome - Coordinator Community Development
Approved By	Tina Bono - Director Community & Lifestyle

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled to present the Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday 7 September 2023.
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 September 2023 are attached for the information of Council.

The minutes contain the following actions or Committee recommendations:

- Council to investigate the installation of CCTV cameras at Miller Hub; and
- Community Development Worker – Safety and Wellbeing to provide committee members with information on funding for community organisations to install CCTV and resources about reporting crime for distribution to the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None of the actions contained in the minutes will have a financial impact on Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Economic	There are no economic and financial considerations.
Environment	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
Social	Support policies and plans that prevent crime.
Civic Leadership	Facilitate the development of community leaders. Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions. Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.
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 - 7 September 2023



This meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

7 September 2023

COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Karress Rhodes
Councillor Peter Harle

Liverpool City Council (**Chairperson**)
Liverpool City Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Det. Insp. Timothy Liddiard
Inspector Josh Dixon
Andrew Miles
Jaqueline Druart
Liesa Davis
Elizabeth Rullis
Ying Fan
Claudia Escarate

Liverpool City Police Area Command
Liverpool City Police Area Command
SWSLHD Drug Health Services
MTC Australia
Wesley Mission
Lifeline
Royal Life Saving
Core Services

GUESTS:

Mark Loves

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Cynthia Death
(Minutes)
Toula Athanasiou
Ariz Ashraf

Community Development Worker - Safety & Wellbeing
Road Safety Officer
Senior Urban Designer

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Ned Mannoun

Liverpool City Council



OPEN

Meeting opened at 10:10 am.

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillor Karress Rhodes opened the meeting and conducted the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June were confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Rhodes

Seconded: Toulia Athanasiou

4. GUEST SPEAKER - Ariz Ashraf, Senior Urban Designer

Ariz provided a presentation on Council's Graffiti Management Program:

- Liverpool City Council received a \$100,000 from the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). The grant will support council to undertake graffiti management projects for area beautification, space activation and tree planting at the Bigge Park amenities block;
- Bigge Park is a significant public space in Liverpool City Centre, and the only park with public toilet facilities. There have been continual incidents of damage reported that result in ongoing graffiti removal and repair of vandalised amenities;
- The project objectives are to enhance community confidence and perceptions of safety and to;
 - Prevent and minimise incidents of graffiti vandalism within NSW;
 - Reduce the social, environmental and economic impact of graffiti vandalism;
 - Enhance community confidence and perceptions of safety;
 - Prevent and minimise incidents of graffiti vandalism within NSW; and
 - Reduce the social, environmental, and economic impact of graffiti vandalism;
- The project will deliver public art co-designed by the community that will be placed within the block, mostly on blank walls and areas that are continually vandalised. Digital art and surveillance lighting will be installed in conjunction with public art, to



illuminate the space while creating a vibrant public space to encourage increased pedestrian activity;

- Project timeline:
 - Stakeholder engagement: July – August 2023;
 - Public Art Expression of Interest – August 2023;
 - Procurement – September 2023;
 - Project Delivery: October – December 2023;
 - Grant Acquittals – January 2024; and
- For further information relating to the project please contact: Ashlyn Narayan - City Design Project Officer - NarayanA@liverpool.nsw.gov.au

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Code of Conduct training

Councillor Rhodes requested that the Code of Conduct Training be rescheduled to the December meeting to allow new members to attend.

6.2 Liverpool road safety

Inspector Josh Dixon shared an update on road and traffic safety. It was reported that Liverpool is one of the best performing areas for road safety. It is the second highest for detection of speed. There was a recent serious collision that resulted in fatalities.

6.3 Reporting crime in Miller

Claudia Escarate shared concerns regarding a fear and reluctance of reporting crime by residents in Miller who feel unsafe. There is anti-social behaviour including drinking in public spaces in an Alcohol-Free Zone at Miller Square. Women and children especially feel unsafe visiting the area.

Det. Insp. Timothy Liddiard responded that Miller area is known to Police for issues of community safety and Police are already tasked to the Miller area. It is important for the community to continuously report any issues and concerns directly to Police. If reports are made consistently, Police can increase patrols to these areas. Police alone cannot address the issues; it requires a long-term solution which needs a multidisciplinary approach from all relevant services such as drug and alcohol and mental health.

Councillor Rhodes requested whether Council could install CCTV cameras at Miller Square. It was also noted that there is funding available to community organisations for the installation of CCTV.



Action: Council to investigate the installation of CCTV cameras at Miller Hub.

Action: Community Development Worker – Safety and Wellbeing to provide committee members with information on funding for community organisations to install CCTV and resources about reporting crime for distribution to the community.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Liverpool City Police Area Command

Det. Insp. Timothy Liddiard provided an update on local crime statistics:

- Parcel theft and break into storage cages has been on the rise. Police can offer safety audits of unit and apartment complexes to address this issue;
- Break and enter – not a major issue in Liverpool despite reports in the media suggesting otherwise;
- Stolen vehicles – has been low and consistently decreasing;
- Robbery is low but with a spike occurring in shopping centres;
- Residents need to report any criminal activity directly to police via crime stoppers, online portal, local police station or call 000 in an emergency; and
- If crime is reported to Police consistently, Police will target these areas.

Councillor Rhodes queried whether Council could promote positive messages about the low crime rates in Liverpool.

Action: Council to investigate methods of promoting positive community messaging regarding low crime rates in Liverpool.

7.2 Councillor's Report

- Councillor Karress Rhodes shared the following update from Council;

Council will be delivering a new initiative, being delivered by the Major Events team to engage with the community. Dates include:

- Saturday 2 September 2023 – Schoeffel, Horningsea Park
- Saturday 7 October 2023 – Central Park, Moorebank
- Saturday 4 November 2023 – Carnes Hill Precinct, Carnes Hill
- Saturday 2 December 2023 – Michael Wenden Aquatic, Miller
- Saturday 3 February 2024 – Stante Reserve, Middleton Grange (Water Play)
- Saturday 2 March 2024 – Bigge Park, Liverpool (Water Play)
- Saturday 6 April 2024 – Voyager Point Park, Voyager Point



- Saturday 4 May 2024 – VW Scott Memorial, Austral
- Saturday 1 June 2024 – McLeod Park, Prestons
- District Forums – the forums will be moving to a North/South Ward arrangement, with each Ward receiving four forums per year (total of 8 forums);
- The new Library will be opening by end of the year and Council staff moving into Civic Place early next year; and
- Starry Sari Night will be held in Macquarie Mall from 22 – 24 September.

7.3 Road safety workshops statistics

Council's Road Safety Officer shared statistics for the most recent child car seat checking event:

- Total number of cars booked into event – 40
- Total number of restraints checked – 50

The following were identified during child restraint checking:

- All child car seats were installed correctly – 2
- Problem identified or adjustment required – 18
- New installation of car seat – 21
- Turn around of car seat – 8
- Moved to another position of the car – 1

Problems identified:

- Seatbelt twisted – 1
- Seatbelt loose – 9
- Harness height adjusted – 2
- Incorrect installation – 2

In summary, 90% of restraints required some sort of adjustment.

Council employed several promotional channels to engage the community to attend this event, including social media, website, promotion at Council and Police events.

The next child restraint checking event will be held on 14 October 2023 at Liverpool Catholic Club – Level 1 carpark. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Council's Road Safety team.



8 CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

CLOSE

Meeting closed at 11:40 am

Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 7 December 2023 at 35 Scott Steet, Level 6 Board Room at 10am.

QWN 01	Question with Notice - Cllr Hagarty - Parks in Austral
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Strategic Objective	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Improve liveability and quality of life for the community by delivering vibrant parks, places and facilities
File Ref	311644.2023

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Please address the following:

1. Please specify all parcels of land which have been acquired by Council in the last 5 years in the suburbs of Austral and Leppington for the purpose of establishing local parks and open space
2. Please specify any and all local parks which are planned to be delivered and open for public use in the suburbs of Austral and Leppington in budget year 23/24
3. Please specify any and all local parks which are planned to be delivered and open for public use in the suburbs of Austral and Leppington in budget year 24/25

CEO Response

In relation to Points 1 and 3 a report addressing the above recommendations will be presented at a future meeting.

Council is in the process of planning for specific priority recreation and open space in Austral and Leppington. Within this, Council has an active acquisition program to purchase land for key local parks for the area and begin concept designing to deliver on the new planned open space.

Council is currently prioritising planning and delivery on the following 5 sites:

- Scott Memorial Park – 160 Fifth Avenue, 1.2 hectares has been recently acquired and will be amalgamated into the existing park – A To stage masterplan (short and long term) is currently underway with a focus on site remediation and delivering an initial \$500K renewed play space by mid-2024.

- Craik Park (Crown land) – no further acquisition required – masterplan is currently underway with a focus on delivering a stage one- \$500K renewed play space by mid-2024.
- Local Park 2 – recently acquired – site will undergo remediation and removal of structures. Open Space Construction and City Works will then assess the delivery of improvements and potential for early opening.
- Local Park 22- recently acquired – site will undergo remediation and removal of structures. The site is located adjacent to Austral Public School and further discussions with School Infrastructure NSW will be scheduled in the planning of this open space given the current school development plans.
- Local Park (51&52) – site is heavily constrained for early access by drainage and vegetation, further design work on the drainage and basin layouts will be conducted.

We are in the process of active acquisition negotiations with landowners on several basins and future open space priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN 02

Question with Notice - Cllr Kaliyanda - Lot 633 DP 1245754 Edmondson Park

Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Deliver effective and efficient planning and high-quality design to provide best outcomes for a growing city
File Ref	313930.2023

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Lot 633 DP 1245754 in Edmondson Park has been set aside as recreational open park space by the developer and will be soon handed over to Council.

The primary issue is resident access to the open space in particular pedestrian access with a walkway required which has not been formalised and, according to prior correspondence from Liverpool Council, requires a DA for construction of it.

The primary concern for residents living in close proximity and walking distance from the park is if the walkway is not included to facilitate pedestrian access the only access will be by car which will require a round trip.

Please address the following:

1. the status of the proposed open space Lot 633 DP 1245754 and
2. if a DA is required for the construction of the needed walkway
3. the time frame expected the parkland to be handed over to Council for public use.

Response

It is advised that Lot 633 DP 1245754 was previously rezoned to R1 residential, on the basis that Council had acquired additional land on the south western portion of the Basin 14 (Edmondson Park) site, to provide for additional open space to accommodate a playground and leash free dog area.

Lot 633 DP 1245754 is currently being utilised by the developer Okinawa Pty Ltd as a temporary detention basin, until Basin 14 is constructed, which will allow the developer to connect to the drainage to Basin 14 and allow residential development of the land. There is provision in the DCP for a walkway to be provided through Lot 633 DP 1245754 to connect to the Basin 14 and associated open space area. This walkway is unlikely to be delivered until

Basin 14 has been completed by Council to allow Okinawa Pty Ltd to decommission the temporary basin and lodge a DA for the site.

Discussion has previously been held with Allam Property Group regarding Lot 633 DP 1245754 (pedestrian access walkway to Basin 14). It was advised that any action associated with Lot 633 was contingent upon Basin 14 being completed by Council, as access could not be provided until the requirement for the temporary basin was removed and the area filled for development (subject to DA consent).

It was identified that as the site of the proposed DCP (walkway) is within the temporary basin site, it was not considered practical to excise this area out, as additional consent and works would be required for any amendment to the current temporary basin site use and that Allam Property Group would seek payment of these costs by Council. At the time Allam Property Group identified that it would be seeking to prioritise progressing the preparation of a DA for the residential development of Lot 633 DP 1245754 which would include addressing the DCP requirement for the walkway as part of the DA.

This may be another 12 to 18 months, as it is also subject to a DA and decommissioning of the temporary basin and the associated civil works required by Allam Property Group to level the site for residential development and provision of the DCP walkway.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NOM 01

Narrow Road Widths

Strategic Objective	Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative Continue to invest in improving and maintaining Liverpool's road networks and infrastructure
File Ref	312621.2023
Author	Karress Rhodes - Councillor

BACKGROUND

Liverpool Constituents are suffering because our residential streets are being built too narrow to adequately serve the needs of our constituents.

With our ever-increasing population, Liverpool's reliance on private car ownership is unlike inner city areas of Sydney where greater public transport infrastructure has been provided.

Council therefore needs to advocate that State Planning regulations is not a one size fits all Liverpool Constituents need private transport to be able to perform the bare necessities such as going to work, shopping and taking the kids to school.

Liverpool is not like the inner city where there is public transport infrastructure and therefore does not rely on private vehicles.

Liverpool has been neglected by State and Federal Government by their lack of public transportation infrastructure despite our population increases.

The State Government needs to fully recognise and consider Liverpool's needs are different from other Sydney areas in relation to dependency of privately owned vehicles.

The State Government's dream of the 15 minute walkable cities does not pass the reality test for our people who live in Liverpool.

Our constituents are more concerned about where are they going to park their car and will they be able to safely manoeuvre their car out of their very narrow streets despite the ever increasing number of vehicles that is a result of ever increase housing and population densities, that inevitably mean increased number of vehicles all being crammed into the same little narrow streets in Liverpool.

Streets that are too narrow for emergency vehicles to be able to access if there are cars parked on both sides of the street, should not be acceptable.

Streets that are too narrow for cars to park without parking on the verge, should not be acceptable.

The cost of housing has meant that children are staying home longer also increasing the number of vehicles in any given street.

These are all matters of concern that Liverpool Council must address with the State and Federal Governments on behalf of our constituents.

We understand that the State Government has encouraged us to all believe that private cars will not exist in their imagined future of 15 minute walkable cities, but todays reality is that privately owned vehicles are a necessary means of transport in Liverpool.

We understand the concern about being able to afford the build and maintenance costs of residential streets, but what is the difference in building and maintaining a street that enables traffic in either direction and cars parked on both sides of the street when compared to the width of very narrow, not fit for purpose residential streets that we are currently delivering?

We understand that the Governments has led us to believe narrow streets are all about safety.

However equally safe and perhaps even more safe are wider residential streets built to meet the practical needs of today's residents that address safety through other commonly used traffic calming devices rather than making the streets so narrow they no longer enable access for emergency vehicles.

Council needs to address the Constituents concerns about their issues surrounding narrow, not fit for purpose streets.

Councillors need to be fully informed about the challenges to Council in order to consider the Constituents concerns.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

Bring a report back to a November Workshop that identifies the challenges, opportunities and cost implications for the following:

1. the build and maintenance of current residential narrow street widths when compared to a new minimum width, increased in width to address the practical needs of our residents and that includes traffic calming devices that ensures the same safety concerns as was proposed by making the streets so narrow.

2. Any increase in the cost of Housing as a result of increased Residential Street widths in new developments if implemented.
3. Councils advice on challenges and appetite to object to the SEPPs that might override Councils vision to increase the minimum residential street widths, if implemented.
4. The current cost to provide in-bay-parking in existing and new narrow streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

A report addressing the above recommendations will be presented at a future workshop.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NOM 02

Planting Trees in Edmondson Park

Strategic Objective	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Deliver a beautiful, clean and inviting city for the community to enjoy
File Ref	313919.2023
Author	Charishma Kaliyanda - Councillor

BACKGROUND

Many residents of Edmondson Park have expressed concerns for a number of years about the lack of street trees in the suburb.

Planting street trees will enhance the landscape and beauty of the suburb, help regulate temperature by addressing the Urban Heat Island effect and create better sustainable living conditions.

Recently, Council undertook a tree planting event in partnership with Landcare in Cecil Hills for National Tree Day, which was well attended by many local residents and especially local children.

Many local roads are still bare throughout Edmondson Park, and there is still a significant need for local green spaces and recreational facilities for local residents. Engagement around such an initiative is also quite important.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

1. Develop a series of tree planting initiatives for Edmondson Park; and
2. Engage with local residents to develop and promote these initiatives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

Liverpool Council recognises that trees are an important part of our natural and cultural landscape. Council is committed to promoting and protecting these important assets. The compilation and acceptance of a new Tree Management Strategy and Tree Management

Technical Guidelines are a vital part of our tree management commitment and will become a step forward in maintaining and managing our trees in a professional consistent and appropriate manner.

The Tree Management Strategy is being developed by Council's City Design and Public Domain teams in collaboration with other departments. The Strategy will recommend various tree planting initiatives for the LGA, including Austral. As part of the Growth Centres DCP, every developer is required to plant a certain number of trees (depending on lot sizes) under conditions of consent.

The Strategy will also outline tree canopy targets and will recommend Council to explore various means and sources to plant additional trees in the LGA.

Council will also review and consider future community tree planting events in Edmondson Park and if pursued will engage with local residents to develop and promote these events.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The initiatives that will be provided as part of the Tree Management Strategy will outline the costs for Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil