

# COUNCIL AGENDA

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

16 October 2024



You are hereby notified that an **Ordinary Council Meeting** of Liverpool City Council will be held at the **LIVERPOOL CIVIC TOWER COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1, 50 SCOTT STREET, LIVERPOOL NSW 2170** on **Wednesday, 16 October 2024** commencing at 2:00pm. Doors to the Chambers 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 Civic and Executive Services on 8711 7781.

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**Mr Jason Breton**

ACTING 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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NIL

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NIL

### Council in Closed Session

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 Proposed Acquisition of Lot 21 DP 1286912, 150 Sixth Avenue, Austral for RE1 Public Recreation

*Reason: Item CONF 01 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10A(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 02 Proposed Acquisition of Part Lot 21 DP 1298349 - 65 Gurner Ave Austral

*Reason: Item CONF 02 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10A(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 03 Transfer of Lot 1 DP 1296786, 1 Zephyr Street, Austral

*Reason: Item CONF 03 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10A(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.*

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CONF 04 Carnes Hill Aquatic and Recreation Centre - Amended masterplan design

*Reason: Item CONF 04 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10A(2)(d iii) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed reveal a trade secret.*

**(to be provided in Addendum Book later in the week) – This item is now OPER 03 and is not confidential. It can be viewed in the Addendum Book.**

CONF 05 Variation to the Contract WT3231 – Streetscape Works at Macquarie Street (middle) Streetscape Improvements

*Reason: Item CONF 05 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.*

**(to be provided in Addendum Book later in the week). This item was not tabled.**

**Close**



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2024

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### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Ned Mannoun  
 Councillor Ammoun  
 Councillor Goodman  
 Councillor Dr Green  
 Councillor Hadid OAM  
 Councillor Harle  
 Councillor Kaliyanda  
 Councillor Macnaught  
 Councillor Rhodes  
 Mr Jason Breton, Acting 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 Experience & Business Performance  
 Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures  
 Mr Peter Scicluna, Acting Director Operations  
 Mr David Galpin, General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal and Procurement  
 Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer  
 Ms M'Leigh Brunetta, Manager Civic and Executive Services  
 Ms Melissa Wray, Acting Coordinator Council and Executive Services  
 Ms Katrina Harvey, Councillor Executive and Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 2.08pm.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY, PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND AFFIRMATION

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

### COUNCILLORS ATTENDING REMOTELY

## APOLOGIES

**Motion:**                      **Moved: Clr Dr Green**      **Seconded: Clr Kaliyanda**

That Councillor Karnib be noted as an apology for this meeting and that leave of absence be granted.

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



## CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

**ITEM NO:** COND 01  
**SUBJECT:** Barney Allam OAM  
**MOTION OF:** Mayor Ned Mannoun  
**DATE:** 28 August 2024

With sadness I acknowledge the passing of a distinguished member of our community, Mr. Barney Allam OAM, Founder and Managing Director of Allam Property Group. Mr. Allam passed away on Sunday, 4 August, following a brief illness. He leaves behind a profound legacy and is survived by his four children and four grandchildren.

Barney Allam was a remarkable figure in the property development industry and a true community leader. Born in Pakistan and moving to Australia at a young age, Barney's story is one of inspiration and achievement.

In 1991, Barney founded the Allam Property Group, which quickly grew to become one of Sydney's top builders. Under his leadership, the company achieved remarkable success, with more than \$3 billion in sales and the delivery of over 40 master-planned communities across New South Wales and Victoria.

His connection with the Liverpool community is particularly noteworthy. In 2002, Allam Property Group undertook its first development in the Liverpool LGA, known as the Pavilions in Prestons. This project was a testament to Barney's vision and values, winning the UDIA award for Best Medium Density Project.

Over the years, Allam Property Group has developed over 500 lots within the Liverpool LGA and currently has four active projects in the area. The relationship between Allam Property Group and Liverpool City Council has been one built on trust and cooperation, a relationship that Barney Allam held in high regard. His work here has left a lasting impact, not only through the physical developments but through the sense of community they fostered.

His contributions to the community extended beyond his professional achievements, with his involvement in the Wesley Mission and various philanthropic efforts earning him the Order of Australia Medal in 2004.

On behalf of the Liverpool community, I extend our deepest condolences to Barney's family, friends, and colleagues. May his memory be a blessing, and may his vision and values continue to shape our community for years to come.

Allen's influence reached far beyond the diving community. He trained divers from across New South Wales and was a beloved figure in Lightning Ridge, where he made significant contributions. However, his roots were firmly planted in Liverpool, where he was born, raised, and educated at Liverpool Public School. He started his career in our community, embodying the values of dedication and service that Liverpool holds dear.

Allen was also deeply committed to the Liverpool Rotary Club, where he held various leadership roles, including President. His passion for youth development was evident in his active involvement with RYPEN, Rotary's youth enrichment program. He tirelessly supported numerous charitable causes, often alongside his good friend, the late Harry Hunt, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to making a difference.

The loss of Allen Bull is a profound one for our community, the diving world, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. On behalf of the Liverpool community, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Allen's family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched. His legacy of service and dedication will continue to inspire us, and he will be greatly missed.

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

That Council move the condolences for Barney Allam OAM and Allen Bull.

One minute silence was then observed for Barney Allam OAM and Allen Bull.

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

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 July 2024, Ordinary Meeting held on 25 July 2024 and Extraordinary Meeting held on 13 August 2024 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

- Item CONF 01 Land and Environment Court Proceedings, where it states Clr Dr Green as being abstained. Clr Dr Green should also be noted as voting against in the absence of note voting in the Chamber.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Reason:** Cllr Rhodes knows people who have been nominated for the Awards. The relationship is purely professional due to her service to the community as a Councillor.

**Reason:** Clr Dr Green is an acquaintance of an individual that is being nominated for an Award.

**Item:** COM 06 – Donation to Liverpool Meals on Wheels Inc.

**Reason:** Cllr Macnaught has a family member who occasionally does work in a business capacity that is unrelated to Meals on Wheels, however is involved with the President of Meals on Wheels.

Cllr Macnaught left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Cllr Macnaught declared a non-pecuniary but less than significant in the following item:

**Item:** CONF 04 – Order of Liverpool Awards 2024

**Reason:** Cllr Macnaught nominated an individual that is being put forth for consideration for an award.

Cllr Macnaught left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Cllr Kaliyanda declared a non-pecuniary but less than significant in the following item:

**Item:** COM 06 – Donation to Liverpool Meals on wheels Inc.

**Reasons:** Cllr Kaliyanda is acquainted with the person referred to in the report through their note as a United Services Union (USU) delegate for many years who has participated in raising issues with councillors.

Cllr Kaliyanda left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Cllr Kaliyanda declared a non-pecuniary but less than significant in the following item:

**Item:** CONF 04 – Order of Liverpool Awards 2024

**Reasons:** Cllr Kaliyanda had dealings with a number of nominees that have been put forth for consideration for Awards.

Cllr Kaliyanda left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Ms Tina Bono, Director Community and Lifestyle declared a non-pecuniary but less than significant in the following item:

**Item:** CONF 04 – Order of Liverpool Awards 2024

**Reason:** Civic Advisory Committee has recommended a family member for an Order of Liverpool Award.

Civic Advisory Committee recommends nominations received and criteria-based assessment, however, Ms Bono has no voting authority. The report has been authorised as part of the Community and Lifestyle Directorate reporting.

Ms Tina Bono left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Clr Kaliyanda declared a non-pecuniary but less than significant in the following item:

**Item:** CONF 01 – Update: Fact Finding Investigation regarding conduct of employees at Rally held 20 April 2024 at Civic Place.

**Reasons:** Clr Kaliyanda is acquainted with the person referred to in the report through their role as a United Services Union (USU) delegate.

Clr Kaliyanda left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Clr Dr Green declared a non-pecuniary but less than significant in the following item:

**Item:** CONF 01 – Update: Fact Finding Investigation regarding conduct of employees at Rally held 20 April 2024 at Civic Place.

**Reasons:** Clr Dr Green is acquainted with the person referred to in the report through their role as a United Services Union (USU) delegate.

Clr Green left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Presentation – item the on agenda**

1. **Mr Adam Saad and Mr Lathem Palelei** addressed Council on the following item:

**Item Number/Subject:** COM 01 – 2168 Children's Parliament June Sitting  
**Subject Matter:** Safe Spaces and Natural Environment

## **MAYORAL MINUTES**

1. 2168 Children's Parliament
2. Item CTTE 03 – Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee – Updated Recommendation

**ITEM:** MAYOR 01  
**SUBJECT:** 2168 Children's Parliament  
**REPORT OF:** Mayor Mannoun  
**DATE:** 28 August 2024

To move a motion that a report comes back to the October 2024 Council Meeting relating to the 2168 Children's Parliament Public Forum Speakers items raised at the 28 August 2024 Council Meeting.

**Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Brings a report back to the October Council Meeting that details how Council currently, and the long term plan, to address matters raised by the 2168 Children's Parliament that includes:
  - a. Improvement of street lighting around local shopping centre/s and parks;
  - b. Increase speed humps around the local shopping centres;
  - c. Implementation of alcohol free zones;
  - d. Increase CCTV, security (and Police Patrols) and other safety measures identified, including increase in signage to reduce speeding;
  - e. A report on how to improve park maintenance that includes toilet cleaning, maintenance, signage and amenities (soap and toilet paper);
  - f. Writes to the Minister of Police NSW and LAC requesting more resources in the area to conduct patrols, deterrence and increase safety;
  - g. Writes to the local shopping centres asking for improves in the collection of shopping trolleys;
  - h. Writes to the local members regarding these issues; and
  - i. Multilingual educational signage to encourage better environmental responsibilities by citizens.
2. Brings a report on back to the October Council Meeting on funding strategies to implement Miller Social Infrastructure Masterplan including state and federal funds that;
  - a. Was endorsed in 2021 for improvement of parks and
  - b. Includes a status report (current state) on the motions passed in 2021.

**Motion:** **Moved:** Mayor Mannoun

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

Clr Ammoun left the chambers at 2.58pm

Clr Ammoun returned to the chambers at 2.59pm

## NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

**ITEM NO:** NOMR 01

**FILE NO:** 276885.2024

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Motion of Rescission for CONF 02 - Hammondville Park: Proposed Land Sale from the 13 August 2024 Extraordinary Council meeting

### NOTICE OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

**(submitted by Clr Kaliyanda, Clr Harle and Clr Dr Green)**

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We hereby give notice to rescind the following.

**Extraordinary Meeting:** 13 August 2024

**Item No:** CONF 02

**Subject:** Hammondville Park: Proposed Land Sale

#### The Motion:

That Council:

1. Approves the sale of proposed Lot 101 and proposed Lot 102
2. Authorises the CEO to complete all documentation necessary to give effect to the sale.
3. Create an internally restricted reserve titled Hammondville Pool and Precinct Reserve for the proceeds of the sale.
4. Agrees to publish details of the Contract of Sale in line with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, and
5. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)© 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.

Should this motion be ADOPTED we give notice that it is our intention to move the following motion.

That Council:

1. Does not proceed with the proposed sale.
2. Considers the concerns raised by ARIC.









**ITEM NO:** COM 02  
**FILE NO:** 235228.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Report

## COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$27,028** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Collective Leisure	All abilities holiday program for Children with Disability	\$9,500
The Shepherd Centre - For Deaf Children	Confident Kids: A group education program developing the social and communication skills of primary school children with hearing loss (aged 6-8).	\$7,528
Meals on Wheels	Liverpool Meals on Wheels Program	\$10,000

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$30,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Matching Grants Program** for the following project:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Miracle Babies	Update of 'Nurture' Booklet	\$15,000
Australian National Imams Council Limited	ANIC Mental Wellbeing Support Liverpool Program	\$15,000

3. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$30,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship Program** for the following project:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Mandaeen Women's Union Association of Australia Incorporated	Mandaeen New Year Celebration	\$10,000
Ladies Like to Lunch Limited	2024 Pink Ribbon Day Breast Cancer Awareness Event	\$10,000
Georges River Life Care	Care for a Walk - Charity Fundraiser	\$10,000

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

That Council:

- ## COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Recommends the proposed Library Collection Development Policy be adopted by Council; and
2. Proceed to 28 days public exhibition
3. To facilitate local authors with the ability to have their books in the library.
4. To investigate a translation of books/stories written in languages other than English so we are a port of call for peoples stories and have the ability to share them

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

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

Clr Hadid OAM, Clr Harle and Clr Goodman asked that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.

That Council:

- ## COUNCIL DECISION

That Council:

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

## RECESS

Mayor Mannoun called a recess at 3.44pm.

## RESUMPTION OF MEETING

Mayor Mannoun resumed the meeting at 4.07pm.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Adopts the recommended Hire policies attached to this Report that includes:
  - Community Facilities Hire Policy
  - Hire of Playing Surface Policy – Sporting Fields and Recreation Spaces;
3. Supports the inclusion of Conditions of Hire to be contained within the Hire Agreement for Community Facilities and Sport and Recreation spaces attached to this Report;
4. Delegates to the Acting CEO, the development of Conditions of Hire for Community Facilities and Sport and Recreation Spaces; and
5. Proceed to 28 days public exhibition.

## COUNCIL DECISION

**Motion:**                      **Moved:** Clr Macnaught      **Seconded:** Clr Ammoun

That this item be deferred until there is stakeholder engagement.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

Clr Macnaught left the Chambers at 04:34pm.  
 Clr Rhodes left the Chambers at 4.46pm.  
 Clr Rhodes returned to the Chambers at 4.47pm.  
 Clr Kaliyanda left the Chambers at 04:50pm.

**ITEM NO:** COM 06  
**FILE NO:** 270054.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Donation to Liverpool Meals on Wheels Inc.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree not to implement the resolution of 24 July 2024 to provide up to \$32,000 (from General Funds) to City of Liverpool Meals on Wheels Inc (upon receipt of a detailed quote) for the purchase and installation of a combi oven and the associated ancillary equipment.

## COUNCIL DECISION

**Motion:**                      **Moved: Clr Goodman**                      **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

For the original council resolution to be endorsed.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.  
Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Kaliyanda and Clr Macnaught were not present while this item was discussed.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.





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

1. Endorse the temporary suspension of the AFZ within a pre-determined area in Macquarie Mall during the Primavera Latin American Festival operating hours of 5pm – 10pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October to facilitate a pop-up bar at the event; and
2. Note that the AFZ will be suspended within the pre-determined pop-up bar space alone, allowing Police to continue to enforce the AFZ outside this area.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.







That Council endorses the proposal to relocate SES Liverpool to 101 Rose St Liverpool NSW 2170, due to the impending sale of the No. 3 Hoxton Park Road property.

**Motion:**                      **Moved: Clr Macnaught**      **Seconded: Clr Harle**

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

Clr Kaliyanda was not present while this item was discussed.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.







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

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2024.
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

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

1. approves the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 19 July 2024 and;
2. notes the discussion summary from the 20 May 2024 ARIC in-camera session.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

**ITEM NO:** CTTE 05  
**FILE NO:** 275946.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 August 2024

## COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 August 2024.

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

Clr Kaliyanda was not present while this item was discussed.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

Clr Kaliyanda returned to chamber at 5.10pm.

**ITEM NO:** CTTE 03

**FILE NO:** 256321.2024

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 17 July 2024

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the following Committee recommendations:

### **Item 1 – Middleton Grange Town Centre – Proposed Traffic Facilities**

Approves installation of traffic facilities including signage and line marking, as indicated in the Attachment, subject to:

- Amended plans to be submitted and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation.
- Community consultation be undertaken with the local school.

### **Item 2 – Fifteenth Avenue and Craik Avenue intersection, Austral – Proposed Roundabout**

Approves installation of a temporary RAB at the intersection of Fifteenth Avenue and Craik Avenue, Austral, subject to:

- Amended detailed designs to be submitted to TfNSW for approval, prior to installation.
- Consultation to be carried out with TfNSW's Fifteenth Avenue Upgrade Project Team to discuss the proposed interim and future design of Fifteenth Avenue.

### **Item 3 – All Saints Catholic Senior College, Casula - Proposed Raised Marked Pedestrian Crossing**

Approves upgrade of the existing pedestrian refuge to a marked raised pedestrian crossing across Leacocks Lane, fronting the All-Saints Senior College, Casula, as indicated in the Attachment.

- Community consultation to be undertaken with the school, bus company and affected residents prior to installation.
- Detailed design of the crossing including, street lighting, to be submitted to TfNSW for approval, prior to installation.

### **Item 4 – Sanderling Street, Hinchinbrook – Request for Traffic Calming Device**

Approves installation of asphaltic speed humps across Sanderling Street as indicated in the Attachment.

**Item 5 – Ascot Drive, Chipping Norton - Request for Traffic Calming Device**

- Approves installation of the chicane in Ascot Drive, as indicated in the Attachment.
- Detail design of the chicane to be submitted to TfNSW for approval, prior to installation.

**Item 6 – Casula Shopping Centre High Pedestrian Activity Area – Proposed Traffic Facilities**

Approves installation of an asphalt speed humps across the section of the street at the common property boundary in front of House Nos. 29/31.

**Item 7 – Edmondson Park Tavern – Proposed Traffic Calming as part of Subdivision Works (SWC-23/2022)**

- Approves installation of traffic facilities including signage and line marking, as shown in the Attachment.
- Detailed design to be submitted to TfNSW for approval prior to installations.

**Item 8 – Hill Road, Lurnea – Proposed Median Island Extension**

Approves extension of the existing median island and required signs and line marking as indicated in the Attachment.

**Item 9 – Lismore Street, Hoxton Park – Proposed Traffic Facilities**

- This item was considered at the Council meeting held 24 July 2024.
- No further action required.

**Item 10 – Starry Sari Nights Festival, Liverpool City Centre – Special Event Traffic Management**

Approves the classification of the event as a Class 2 Special Event and inclusion of the required conditions.

- a. Submission of a Special Event Transport Management Plan Traffic Management Plan to the TfNSW for endorsement.
- b. Police approval and management of the associated rolling road closures.
- c. Road Occupancy License is to be obtained from TfNSW's Transport Management Centre.
- d. The organisers must obtain relevant approval from NSW Department of Health.

Council staff to liaise with the event organisers, Police, and local bus companies to minimise traffic impacts of the event. A separate meeting is to be organised during the month or early August.

## Item 11 – Items Approved Under Delegated Authority

Notes the above Delegated Authority applications approved by Council staff under TfNSW instrument of delegation and authorisation over the two-month period between June 2024 and July 2024.

### AMENDED RECOMMENDATION

Amended resolution as follows (130k indicative in total):

That Council adopts the following Committee recommendations:

**1 – Middleton Grange Town Centre – Proposed Traffic Facilities (Attachment Item 1 per report) Indicative Cost – \$0 Developer Funded**

Approves installation of traffic facilities including signage and line marking, as indicated in the Attachment, subject to:

- Amended plans to be submitted and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation.
- Community consultation be undertaken with the local school.

**2 – Sanderling Street, Hinchinbrook – Request for Traffic Calming Device (Attachment Item 4 per report) Indicative Cost - \$50,000**

Approves installation of asphaltic speed humps across Sanderling Street as indicated in the Attachment.

**3 – Ascot Drive, Chipping Norton - Request for Traffic Calming Device (Attachment Item 5 per report): Indicative Cost - \$50,000**

- Approves installation of the chicane in Ascot Drive, as indicated in the Attachment.
- Detail design of the chicane to be submitted to TfNSW for approval, prior to installation.

**4 – Casula Shopping Centre High Pedestrian Activity Area – Proposed Traffic Facilities (Attachment Item 6 per report) Indicative Cost - \$0 Subject to TfNSW Funding**

Approves installation of an asphalt speed humps across the section of the street at the common property boundary in front of House Nos. 29/31.

**5 – Edmondson Park Tavern – Proposed Traffic Calming as part of Subdivision Works (SWC-23/2022) (Attachment Item 7 per report) Indicative Cost - \$0 Developer Funded**

- Approves installation of traffic facilities including signage and line marking, as shown in the Attachment.

**7 – Lismore Street, Hoxton Park – Proposed Traffic Facilities (Attachment Item 9 per report) Indicative Cost – N/A Funding Previously Approved**

- 8 – Starry Sari Nights Festival, Liverpool City Centre – Special Event Traffic Management (Attachment Item 10 per report) Indicative Cost – N/A Funded by event organisers**

- a. Submission of a Special Event Transport Management Plan Traffic Management Plan to the TfNSW for endorsement.
- b. Police approval and management of the associated rolling road closures.
- c. Road Occupancy License is to be obtained from TfNSW's Transport Management Centre.
- d. The organisers must obtain relevant approval from NSW Department of Health
- e. Council staff to liaise with the event organisers, Police, and local bus companies to minimise traffic impacts of the event. A separate meeting is to be organised during the month or early August.

## COUNCIL DECISION

That Council adopts the following Committee recommendations:

**1 – Middleton Grange Town Centre – Proposed Traffic Facilities (Attachment Item 1 per report) Indicative Cost – \$0 Developer Funded**

Approves installation of traffic facilities including signage and line marking, as indicated in the Attachment, subject to:

- Amended plans to be submitted and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation.
- Community consultation be undertaken with the local school.

**2 – Sanderling Street, Hinchinbrook – Request for Traffic Calming Device (Attachment Item 4 per report) Indicative Cost - \$50,000**

Approves installation of asphaltic speed humps across Sanderling Street as indicated in the Attachment.

**3 – Ascot Drive, Chipping Norton - Request for Traffic Calming Device (Attachment Item 5 per report): Indicative Cost - \$50,000**

- Approves installation of the chicane in Ascot Drive, as indicated in the Attachment.
- Detail design of the chicane to be submitted to TfNSW for approval, prior to installation.

**4 – Casula Shopping Centre High Pedestrian Activity Area – Proposed Traffic Facilities (Attachment Item 6 per report) Indicative Cost - \$0 Subject to TfNSW Funding**

Approves installation of an asphalt speed humps across the section of the street at the common property boundary in front of House Nos. 29/31.

**6 – Hill Road, Lurnea – Proposed Median Island Extension (Attachment Item 8 per report) Indicative Cost - \$30,000**

Approves extension of the existing median island and required signs and line marking as indicated in the Attachment.

**7 – Lismore Street, Hoxton Park – Proposed Traffic Facilities (Attachment Item 9 per report) Indicative Cost – N/A Funding Previously Approved**

- This item was considered at the Council meeting held 24 July 2024.
- No further action required.

**8 – Starry Sari Nights Festival, Liverpool City Centre – Special Event Traffic Management (Attachment Item 10 per report) Indicative Cost – N/A Funded by event organisers**

Approves the classification of the event as a Class 2 Special Event and inclusion of the required conditions.

- f. Submission of a Special Event Transport Management Plan Traffic Management Plan to the TfNSW for endorsement.
- g. Police approval and management of the associated rolling road closures.



- h. Road Occupancy License is to be obtained from TfNSW's Transport Management Centre.
- i. The organisers must obtain relevant approval from NSW Department of Health
- j. Council staff to liaise with the event organisers, Police, and local bus companies to minimise traffic impacts of the event. A separate meeting is to be organised during the month or early August.

**9 – All other items in the report deferred to a future Council meeting.**

That Council defer Item 5 - Edmondson Park Tavern – Proposed Traffic Calming as part of Subdivision Works (SWC-23/2022) of the above amended recommendation.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

## QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

**ITEM NO:** QWN 01  
**FILE NO:** 266653.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Question with Notice - Clr Green and Clr Harle - Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport Airspace and flight path design: Council Submissions

### QUESTION WITH NOTICE

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The Federal Government undertook a consultation period earlier this year in relation to the draft Environmental Impact Statement which included draft noise insulation and property acquisition policy.

It is reported 8,477 submissions were received from a local council, Members of Parliament, government bodies, airport operators, general aviation, businesses, special interest and community groups.

Please address the following:

1. If Liverpool City Council provided a draft submission to the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts?
2. If so, was the draft submission made available to the public?
3. If Liverpool City Council did not provide a draft submission – why?

### RESPONSE (provided by City Futures and Planning and Compliance)

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A submission was made by 'The Parks, Sydney's Parkland Councils' on the updated Environmental Impact Statement for Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport on 30 January 2024.

The Parks is an alliance of the eight Councils that make up the Western Parkland City and as such, represent the local government partners with the closest physical and economic relationship to the Western Sydney International Airport. Liverpool City Council is one of the eight Councils within 'The Parks'.

The information in the submission was compiled by Marshall Day Acoustics, a specialist environmental and architectural acoustic consulting firm.

The submission encompassed a joint regional submission on the updated preliminary design and preliminary flight paths for the airport and took into consideration the noise impacts based on a single runway only.

The submission was endorsed by all CEOs/General Managers of the eight councils within 'The Parks'.

**ITEM NO:** QWN 02  
**FILE NO:** 268709.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Question with Notice - Cllr Rhodes - Costing of Road Works

### **QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

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Can Council explain the processes by which costings are established for intended road works to be carried out by Council that includes;

Please address the following:

1. The Department or the Director who is responsible for the costing of road works to be either carried out by Council or to be relied upon for possible grant applications and;

#### **Response**

This is initiated through the Planning and Compliance Directorate. However, extensive consultation does occur with Operations Directorate and in particular Infrastructure Planning and Delivery business units. Projects are initiated using the Delivery Management Framework (DMF) (released in October 2023) which includes 'Witness Points' or 'Exit Checklists'. Then supports a coordinated approach to determining which projects Council should and should not initiate.

2. in light of the ever increasing costs in doing work, and the timing between estimating and the possible cost increase before the actual carrying out of the work, particularly if the work is associated with a grant, how is this being managed by Council.

#### **Response**

As the project moves through its phases and in particular post Initiation, into Planning (which includes Design) then Execution, ongoing management of the project's cost plan is undertaken. This includes (another control mechanism of the DMF) that dictates that a projects Bill of Quantities (BoQ) cannot be older than 6 months for any deliverables on the project that have not been completed. This is particularly key for longer term projects that exceed a duration of >12 months.

Grant monies are typically provided in tranches that cover initial assessment, design, land acquisition and construction. Council continues to assess the viability of a project at each of these key stages. If it is deemed that a cost variation makes the project unviable or components thereof, for example, design and land acquisition is still within budget but the estimate for construction has increased. Council discusses this with the relevant funding body to determine possible options.

3. Is there or has there been any grants for road works that Council has ever had to return because the costs of delivering the works was higher than the estimated costs or the amount secured by means of a grant, that has been insufficient to cover the costs of the works.

**Response**

Yes

4. If so what works and what grants have been effected by such situation.

**Response**

- Road Safety Program 24/25
- Blackspot Program 24/25



**ITEM NO:** CONF 03  
**FILE NO:** 255592.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Lot 812 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1308305 (Part Lot 801 DP 1258558) 18 Gerroa Place, Prestons for RE1 Public Recreation

## COUNCIL DECISION

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Rhodes** **Seconded: Cllr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Purchase Lot 812 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1308305 (Part Lot 801 DP 1258558) 18 Gerroa Place, Prestons for the price and terms as outlined in this report.
2. Upon settlement classify Lot 812 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1308305 (Part Lot 801 DP 1258558) as "Community Land".
3. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to these resolutions.
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.
5. In accordance with 393B of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

### **393B Exercise of council functions during caretaker period**

- (1) *The following functions of a council must not be exercised by the council, or the general manager or any other delegate of the council (other than a Joint Regional Planning Panel, the Central Sydney Planning Committee or a local planning panel), during a caretaker period—*
- (a) *entering a contract or undertaking involving the expenditure or receipt by the council of an amount equal to or greater than \$150,000 or 1% of the council's revenue from rates in the preceding financial year (whichever is the larger),*
- (b) *determining a controversial development application, except where—*
- (i) *a failure to make such a determination would give rise to a deemed refusal under the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#), section 8.11(1), or*
- (ii) *such a deemed refusal arose before the commencement of the caretaker period,*
- (c) *the appointment or reappointment of a person as the council's general manager (or the removal of a person from that position), other than—*
- (i) *an appointment of a person to act as general manager under section 336(1) of the Act, or*
- (ii) *a temporary appointment of a person as general manager under section 351(1) of the Act.*
- (2) *Despite subsection (1), such a function may be exercised in a particular case with the consent of the Minister.*

(3) In this section—

- **caretaker period** means the period of 4 weeks preceding the date of an ordinary election.
- **controversial development application** means a development application for designated development for which at least 25 persons have made a submission during community consultation.
- **designated development** means designated development within the meaning of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#), section 4.10.
- **local planning panel** has the same meaning as in the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

**Note** – See also Division 9A (Provisions relating to activities during regulated periods) of this Part for controls on certain activities during the regulated period before elections.

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

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

Clr Macnaught left the chambers at 5.36pm.  
 Clr Kaliyanda left the chambers at 5.36pm.  
 Clr Dr Green left the chambers at 5.36pm.  
 Ms Tina Bono left the chambers at 5.36pm.

**ITEM NO:** CONF 04  
**FILE NO:** 275966.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Order of Liverpool Awards 2024

## COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council, supports the 2024 Order of Liverpool Award recipients as follows;

## Companion of the Order of Liverpool

1. Ms Maria Grazia Storniolo\* (Honorary)
2. Ms Germaine Bishop
3. Mr Gopal Krishna

## Officer of the Order of Liverpool

1. Mr Rod Garlic
2. Mrs Grace Newcombe
3. Mr Vince Tripodina\*\* (Honorary)

**Member of the Order of Liverpool**

1. Mrs Antoinette Sulfaro
  2. Inspector Gunnar Gerald Hardy
  3. Mr Nasreen Kaadan
  4. Mr Frank Bono
- \* Denotes “Honorary Member” in accordance with Clause 10.6 of the Civic Awards Policy

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Dr Green, Clr Kaliyanda, Clr Macnaught and Ms Tina Bono were not present at the time when this item was discussed.

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.



Clr Macnaught returned to the Chambers at 5.37pm.  
 Clr Kaliyanda returned to the Chambers at 5.38pm.  
 Clr Dr Green returned to the Chambers at 5.37pm  
 Ms Tina Bono returned to the Chambers at 5.37pm

## **MAYORAL MINUTE 02**

**ITEM NO:** MAYOR 02  
**SUBJECT:** Item CTTE 03 – Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee – Updated Recommendation  
**MOTION OF:** Mayor Ned Mannoun  
**DATE:** 28 August 2024

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That Council adopt the recommendations for the following:

1. Item 10 – Fifteenth Avenue and Craik Avenue intersection, Austral – Proposed Roundabout (LTC Attachment Item 2).
2. Item 11 – All Saints Catholic Senior College, Casula - Proposed Raised Marked Pedestrian Crossing (LTC Attachment Item 3)

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

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.



Clr Dr Green returned to the meeting at 6.05pm.  
Clr Kaliyanda returned to the meeting at 6.05pm

# CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

## OFFICE OF CEO REPORTS

**ITEM NO:** CONF 05  
**FILE NO:** 281658.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Legal Proceedings

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Direct the CEO to defend the claims brought by Council's former CEO in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and in the Land and Environment Court of Australia.
2. Request a further report assessing merits and settlement options.

## AMENDED RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Direct the CEO to defend the claims brought by Council's former CEO in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and in the Land and Environment Court of Australia.
2. Delegate authority to the CEO to settle the proceedings after receiving legal advice.

## COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Direct the CEO to defend the claims brought by Council's former CEO in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and in the Land and Environment Court of Australia.
2. Delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate and settle the proceedings after receiving legal advice.

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

Clr Karnib was an apology for this meeting.

Clr Kaliyanda retired from the meeting at 6.38pm.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.44pm.**

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 16 October 2024

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 August 2024. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## COM 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	311491.2024
Report By	Jacqueline Newsome - Acting Manager Civic & Executive Services
Approved By	Tina Bono - Director Community & Lifestyle

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 231(1) of the *Local Government Act* 1993 (the Act) stipulates that Councillors can elect a person from among their numbers to be the Deputy Mayor.

The Act outlines 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* (section 231(3)).

Section 231(2) of the Act states that *“the person may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter period”*.

Traditionally for Liverpool, Deputy Mayor terms are for one year, with the election occurring annually in September.

This report recommends that Council proceeds with the election of the Deputy Mayor to be conducted by the Returning Officer (Acting Chief Executive Officer) during its October Council meeting, for the term October 2024 to September 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Determines the method of voting to be used for the election of Deputy Mayor; and
2. Once determined, the Returning Officer to conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor for the period of October 2024 – September 2025.

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## **REPORT**

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### **Background**

Section 231(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) stipulates that Councillors can elect a person from among their numbers to be the Deputy Mayor.

The Act outlines 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* (section 231(3)).

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Traditionally for Liverpool, Deputy Mayor terms are for one year, with the election occurring annually in September.

### **Election Process**

In line with Schedule 7 Clause 1 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Regulation), the Returning Officer will be the Acting 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.

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-by open voting.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	There are no economic and financial considerations.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
<b>Social</b>	There are no social and cultural considerations.
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	Provide information about Council's services, roles and decision-making processes. Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.
<b>Legislative</b>	Section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
<b>Risk</b>	The risk is deemed to be low and considered to be within Council's risk appetite.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Nomination Form for 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 accept / do not accept  
the nomination for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

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Signed



**COM 02**

**Appointment of Councillors to Committees and  
Affiliated Bodies**

<b>Strategic Objective</b>	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Demonstrate a high standard of transparency and accountability through a comprehensive governance framework
<b>File Ref</b>	310706.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Jacqueline Newsome – Acting Manager, Civic & Executive Services
<b>Approved By</b>	Tina Bono - Director Community & Lifestyle

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of the report is for Council to appoint the Councillor representatives to Committees and affiliated bodies where nominations are required.

Council-led Committees support community participation and the development of civic leaders within the community. They represent a vital source of connection and engagement to the community for Council; and ensure that the community is actively involved in Council decision-making processes. In addition, Council's active involvement as part of community Committees and affiliated bodies ensure that the interests of Liverpool are represented in a broad range of local, regional and state initiatives.

The list of Committees and affiliated bodies included within this report is current as of September 2024. Committee Charters and functions are regularly reviewed to ensure currency and relevance to Council activities and priorities. Where it is identified that a committee is no longer required, a separate report is brought to Council to rescind the Charter and dissolve the Committee.

At a meeting each year, Council elects' persons to all positions, including Chairpersons, delegates to all community committees and affiliated bodies. The method for election for all positions shall be determined by Council.

The report outlines the Committees and affiliated bodies which Council has previously endorsed and recommends that Council appoints the Councillor representatives for the period to September 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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That:

1. Council appoints Councillors as representatives to the following Committees for the period to September 2025, or appoint Councillors where there are exceptions to any of the Committees:
  - a. Aboriginal Consultative Committee
  - b. Companion Animal Advisory Committee
  - c. Community & Safety Prevention Committee
  - d. Environment Advisory Committee
  - e. Heritage Advisory Committee
  - f. Intermodal Precinct Committee
  - g. Liverpool Access Committee
  - h. Liverpool Sports Committee
  - i. Tourism & CBD Committee
  - j. Youth Council
2. Council determines whether a “non-voting” Councillor member be included on the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) membership;
3. If Council chooses to include a Councillor representative on the ARIC, nominate a Councillor representative as a “non-voting member”;
4. Council endorses the current practice of all Councillors being members of the Civic Advisory Committee and Governance Committee; and
5. Council appoints Councillors as representatives to the following community committees and affiliated bodies and notifies them of their representatives for the period to September 2025, or appoint Councillors where there are exceptions:
  - a. Civic Risk Mutual Ltd Members Assembly (Note, the appointed Councillor is to be the representative for the duration of the Council term)
  - b. Georges River Combined Councils Committee
  - c. Liverpool Pedestrian, Active Transport and Traffic Committee
  - d. Macarthur Bushfire Management Committee
  - e. NSW Public Libraries Association (NSW PLA)
  - f. Sydney Western City Planning Panel
  - g. South West Sydney Academy of Sport (SWSAS)
  - h. Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC).

## **REPORT**

### **Background**

Council-led Committees support community participation and the development of civic leaders within the community. They represent a vital source of connection and engagement to the community for Council; and ensure that the community is actively involved in Council decision-making processes. In addition, Council's active involvement as part of community Committees and affiliated bodies ensure that the interests of Liverpool are represented in broader regional and state initiatives.

The list of Committees and affiliated bodies included within this report is current as of September 2024. Committee Charters and functions are regularly reviewed to ensure currency and relevance to Council activities and priorities. Where it is identified that a Committee is no longer required, a separate report is brought to Council to rescind the Charter and dissolve the Committee.

### **Appointment of Councillors to Council Committees**

Council is required to nominate its Councillor representatives for the committees it establishes. Those nominated to be representatives for the committees must be endorsed by a resolution of Council. Council reviews the membership and elects' persons to all committees annually in September.

Traditionally, representatives to Committees are appointed in September for the following 12 months.

To bring it back in line with the September schedule, it is recommended that Councillors be appointed for the period to September 2025. At that time, a further report will then be submitted to Council to appoint Councillor representatives to Committees for the September 2025 to September 2026 period.

The following information provides an outline of committees established by Council.

The list in the table below also includes the Civic Advisory Committee, of which all Councillors are members. As all Councillors are members, the appointment of a specific representative to this Committee is not required.

It should also be noted that at the 24 September 2014 Council meeting, Council resolved that "for internal Council Committees, all Councillors are entitled to attend, speak and participate in Committee deliberations".

<b>Aboriginal Consultative Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The Aboriginal Consultative Committee has been established primarily to provide an open line of communication between Council and the Aboriginal community.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly, first Thursday, 6.00pm-8.00pm
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and one Councillor

<b>Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The objective of the ARIC is to review the following aspects of Council's operations: compliance; risk management; fraud control; financial management; governance; implementation of Council's strategic plan, delivery program and strategies; service reviews; collection of performance measurement data by Council; provide information to Council for the purpose of improving Council's performance of its functions; and external accountability.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	<p>Meetings to occur quarterly. 2025 meeting dates to be determined at the October ARIC meeting. These dates once set will typically be held between 9am-noon.</p> <p>As of 1 July 2024, this became a mandatory Committee. This is a result of recent amendments to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation).</p>
<i>Representatives</i>	<p>Based on Council's ARIC Charter, Council's Committee comprises of 3 independent voting members and one "non-voting" Councillor. Council has the option whether it wants membership participation on the ARIC.</p> <p>The composition of the ARIC membership (including the "non-voting" membership status of a Councillor) has been designed to comply to the new Regulation.</p> <p>At the beginning of each Council term, Council must determine whether a "non-voting" Councillor member should be included in the ARIC membership. If Council chooses to do so, Council to nominate the Councillor representative.</p> <p>The Mayor and other Councillors can attend as observers.</p>

<b>Civic Advisory Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>The Civic Advisory Committee has been established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. to highlight the wonderful work that is being done by members of the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA);</li> <li>and</li> <li>b. to promote mechanisms that serve to acknowledge the contributions of members of the Liverpool (LGA) to the City of Liverpool and to humanity.</li> </ul>
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly or as required
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor and all Councillors

<b>Companion Animal Advisory Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>This is a Council community advisory committee and reports to Council. Its purpose is to bring together interested community members to provide a consultative forum to raise issues relating to Companion Animals. To enable Council to engage with its community by listening to and responding to their needs and concerns. The group will not involve itself with individual aspects or issues of specific animal operational/regulatory matters.</p>
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly at 4.30pm on the first Tuesday of every third month
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate), and one Councillor

<b>Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. make relevant advice and recommendations to Council which relate to community safety and crime prevention matters in the Liverpool LGA including the Liverpool City Centre. The crime and safety matters include the improvement of perceptions of safety, drug and alcohol issues, injury prevention, implementation of recommendations through safety audits, and hotspots improvement through delivery of various projects and programs;</li> <li>b. improve the perception of crime and safety in the area that will have a positive impact on economic and social development;</li> <li>c. promote an integrated strategic approach to deal with local crime and safety issues; and</li> <li>d. maximise the skills and expertise that exist in the community to complement the role of Council in planning and policy-making.</li> </ul>
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly, first Thursday, 10am – 12pm
<i>Representatives</i>	The Mayor (or delegate) and one Councillor

<b>Environment Advisory Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	This committee has been established primarily to consider and provide input to Council's environment programs by making recommendations to Council.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Bi-monthly, 5:30pm on a Monday.
<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors

<b>Governance Advisory Committees</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>The Governance Advisory Committee is to provide a mechanism by which Council, staff or experts can have an active role in the provision of services and overseeing the key functions of Council and provide input by making recommendations to Council.</p> <p>The Governance Advisory Committees covers:</p> <p><b>Budget Committee</b> To coordinate the strategic financial planning of Council and to develop the long-term financial plan and operational budgets to support the delivery of infrastructure and services to the community.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure and Planning</b> To oversee Council's asset and project management.</p> <p><b>Strategic Priorities Committee</b> To oversee the delivery of Council priorities and special project areas of economic development and City revitalisation, lobbying efforts by Council and grant funding efforts.</p> <p><b>Strategic Performance Committee</b> To oversee the setting, progress and realisation of Council's long term strategic direction through KPI monitoring, service and policy review and performance data. In addition to oversee community initiatives through the monitoring of Council's major events, culture, inclusion, support and recognition programs and initiatives.</p>
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Monthly, 10:00am on a Tuesday.
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor and all Councillors

<b>Heritage Advisory Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	This committee has been established primarily to support the conservation and promotion of heritage within the Liverpool Local Government Area by providing relevant community-based advice and assistance.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly
<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors

<b>Intermodal Precinct Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The Intermodal Precinct Committee has been established to respond to the opportunities presented by the Moorebank Intermodal development at Moorebank and to mitigate negative impacts on the community.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Bi-monthly, 6:00pm–7:30pm on the first Monday of each second month.
<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors

<b>Liverpool Access Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	This committee has been established primarily to provide advice to Council which will effectively improve and alleviate access difficulties experienced by people with disabilities in Liverpool.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly, second Thursday, 1pm -3pm.
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and one Councillor



<b>Liverpool Sports Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>The committee has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provide a forum for representing the views of sporting organisation members, clubs and associations to Council relating to sporting matters; and</li> <li>b) Assist with the promotion, coordination and growth of sporting codes within the Liverpool LGA.</li> </ul>
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly, 7:00pm-9:00pm on the first Wednesday of the month
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate)

<b>Tourism &amp; CBD Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose and Meeting information</i>	<p>The Committee has been established to provide relevant advice and recommendations to Council relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The development of the visitor economy in the Liverpool LGA, including through recreation, tourism, activations and major events.</li> <li>b) Council initiatives to enhance tourism, encourage business growth, attract visitors and boost economic development in the Liverpool LGA; and</li> <li>c) Council initiatives to drive economic, social and cultural development in the CBD.</li> </ul>
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Bi-monthly, 10:00am–12noon on a Tuesday
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and four Councillors

<b>Liverpool Youth Council</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The Liverpool Youth Council has been established primarily to provide advice to Council about issues relating to young people, to act as a consultative mechanism for young people and to promote the interests of young people in Liverpool.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Bi-monthly, 6.00pm – 8.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month.
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate) and two Councillors

### **Appointment of Councillors to Community Committees and Affiliated Bodies**

Each year Council nominates its Councillor representatives for various community committees and affiliated bodies. Those nominated to be representatives must be endorsed by a resolution of Council.

The following provides an outline of bodies currently affiliated with Council:

<b>Civic Risk Mutual Ltd Members Assembly</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>CivicRisk is a self-funded, self managed, member-based Mutual that is entirely committed to serving our member's needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing support for members with insurance, risk management and claims management.</li> <li>• All cover/insurance tailored for the needs of councils.</li> <li>• Protects members from the ups and downs of the insurance market.</li> </ul>
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Three to four times a year. The next meeting is scheduled for 30 October 2024.
<i>Representatives</i>	<p>One Councillor and a senior staff member. Director Customer and Business Performance will represent the senior staff member representative.</p> <p><b>Note: Civic Risk Mutual encourages Councils to appoint its representative for the duration of the Council term.</b></p>

<b>Georges River Combined Councils Committee (GRCCC)</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The primary role of the Georges River Combined Councils Committee (GRCCC) is to develop programs and partnerships, and to lobby government organisations and other stakeholders to protect, conserve and enhance the Georges River.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Bi-monthly, 6pm on a Thursday
<i>Representatives</i>	Two Councillors

<b>Liverpool Pedestrian, Active Transport and Traffic Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	To provide advice on regulatory traffic facilities, line marking or signage to Council
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Bi-monthly, 9:30am-12:30pm on a Wednesday
<i>Representatives</i>	Mayor (or delegate)

<b>Macarthur Bushfire Management Committee</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The Bushfire Management Committee is responsible for planning for and advising in relation to bush fire prevention and coordinating firefighting.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly, 10:00am – 12:00noon
<i>Representatives</i>	One Councillor

<b>NSW Public Libraries Association (NSW PLA)</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The NSW PLA is the peak body that represents the interests and development of public libraries and is aimed at “positioning, sustaining and developing public libraries in the greater Sydney region for the social, cultural and economic benefit of their communities”.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Quarterly
<i>Representatives</i>	Two representatives, one of whom shall be an elected Councillor and the other generally being a Library Manager.

<b>Sydney Western City Planning Panel</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The primary function of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel is to determine regionally significant development applications.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Held when required on Mondays.
<i>Representatives</i>	<p>Two council appointed members, with at least one of whom is required to have expertise in one or more of the following areas: planning, architecture, heritage, environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering or tourism. Expertise may be demonstrated by formal qualifications or relevant skills, knowledge and practical experience.</p> <p><i>The Planning Panel Secretariat has recommended that Council nominate four alternate members for the Panel in the instance the delegated permanent representatives are not available.</i></p>

<b>Southwest Sydney Academy of Sport (SWSAS)</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	The SWSAS provides talented athlete identification and development programs which assist athletes to successfully realise their sporting potential.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Board meets six times per year, varies between 5:30 – 6:00pm, Thursday
<i>Representatives</i>	One Councillor

<b>Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC)</b>	
<i>Purpose</i>	WSROC is run by a board that represents member councils in Sydney, and supports business improvement, research and partnerships.
<i>Meeting Information</i>	Board meets quarterly on a Thursday, venues alternate by hosting Councils at 6.30pm.
<i>Representatives</i>	Two Directors and two Alternate Directors. Note: WSROC prefers Mayor as one Director.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with this recommendation have been included in Council's budget for the current year and long-term financial plan.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	There are no economic and financial considerations.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
<b>Social</b>	There are no social and cultural considerations.

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	<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>
<b>Legislative</b>	<p>Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LGA) which provides that a Council function may be exercised by a Committee of the Council.</p> <p>The Council may by resolution delegate functions to a body under Section 377 of the LGA, which would include a Committee.</p> <p>The Council must appoint an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee under Section 428A of the LGA.</p> <p>The Council may appoint members to other bodies if that would assist the exercise of its functions (LGA, Section 23).</p>
<b>Risk</b>	<p>The risk is deemed to be low. The risk is considered within Council's risk appetite.</p>

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**COM 03**

**Council Meeting Dates - January to December 2025**

<b>Strategic Objective</b>	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Demonstrate a high standard of transparency and accountability through a comprehensive governance framework
<b>File Ref</b>	311490.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Jacqueline Newsome - Acting Manager Civic & Executive Services
<b>Approved By</b>	Tina Bono - Director Community & Lifestyle

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to confirm the Council meeting, Governance Committee and Briefing Sessions schedules for the 2025 calendar year.

It is proposed that:

- Council meetings for the 2025 calendar year continue to be held monthly commencing at 2:00pm;
- Council meetings to be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month with the exception to the months of February, November and December;
- Governance Committee meetings be held monthly commencing at 10:00am and be held on the third Tuesday of every month with the exceptions to the months of January, October, November and December; and
- Briefing Sessions continue to be held monthly directly following the Governance Committee meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Confirms the Council meeting time as 2.00pm and Council meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year as follows:
  - 5 February 2025;
  - 26 February 2025;
  - 26 March 2025;
  - 23 April 2025;
  - 28 May 2025;

- 25 June 2025;
  - 23 July 2025;
  - 27 August 2025;
  - 24 September 2025;
  - 22 October 2025;
  - 19 November 2025; and
  - 10 December 2025.
2. Confirms the Governance Committee meeting time as 10am and the Briefing Sessions to be held directly following the Governance Committee meetings, and meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year as follows:
- 28 January 2025;
  - 18 February 2025;
  - 18 March 2025;
  - 15 April 2025;
  - 20 May 2025;
  - 17 June 2025;
  - 15 July 2025;
  - 19 August 2025;
  - 16 September 2025;
  - 14 October 2025;
  - 11 November 2025; and
  - 2 December 2025.
3. Advertises the Council meeting dates and commencing times of Council meetings for the 2025 calendar year.

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## **REPORT**

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Section 365 of the *Local Government Act 1993* stipulates that Councils must meet at least 10 times per year, each time in a different month. Section 366 of the Act makes provision for additional meetings to be called if necessary.

To assist in meeting statutory requirements and provide reporting consistency, it is proposed that the Council meetings for the 2025 calendar year remain on a monthly cycle. Council meetings be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month commencing at 2.00pm. Exceptions as follows:

- As in previous years, a meeting in early February 2025 is recommended to be held to deal with business accumulated since 10 December 2024 which will be the last meeting of 2024.



- The November meeting is recommended to be held on the third Wednesday of November to allow for even spacing of meetings at the end of the year.
- The December meeting is recommended to be held on the second Wednesday, to allow time for resolutions to be actioned (where possible) before the Christmas break.

Additional meetings can be called at any time, if necessary, subject to appropriate notice provisions.

It is recommended that the Council adopts the Council meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year as outlined in Table 1 and the Governance Committee meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year as outlined in Table 2.

**Table 1 – Proposed Council meeting dates for 2025**

Meeting date	Comments
5 February 2025	First meeting since the 10/12/2024 meeting to deal with accumulated business.
26 February 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
26 March 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
23 April 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
28 May 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
25 June 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
23 July 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
27 August 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
24 September 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
22 October 2025	Fourth Wednesday of the month.
19 November 2025	Third (second last) Wednesday of the month.
10 December 2025	Second Wednesday of the month.

**Table 2 – Proposed Governance Committee meeting and Briefing Session dates for 2025**

Meeting date	Comments
28 January 2025	Fourth Tuesday of the month.
18 February 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
18 March 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
15 April 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
20 May 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
17 June 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
15 July 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
19 August 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
16 September 2025	Third Tuesday of the month.
14 October 2025	Second Tuesday of the month.
11 November 2025	Second Tuesday of the month.
2 December 2025	First Tuesday of the month.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	There are no economic and financial considerations.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
<b>Social</b>	There are no social and cultural considerations.
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	<p>Undertake communication practices with the community and stakeholders across a range of media.</p> <p>Encourage the community to engage in Council initiatives and actions.</p> <p>Provide information about Council's services, roles, and decision-making processes.</p> <p>Deliver services that are customer focused.</p> <p>Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency, and ethical conduct.</p>
<b>Legislative</b>	<p>Local Government Act 1993, sections 360 and 365</p> <p>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, section 232</p> <p>Code of Meeting Practice, paragraph 3.1; The Council shall, by resolution, set the frequency, time and date of its ordinary meetings.</p>
<b>Risk</b>	There is no risk associated with this report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**COM 04**

**LGNSW Annual Conference**

<b>Strategic Direction</b>	Leading through Collaboration Strive for best practice in all Council processes
<b>File Ref</b>	317466.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Jacqueline Newsome - Acting Manager Civic & Executive Services
<b>Approved By</b>	Tina Bono - Director Community & Lifestyle

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference will be held from Sunday 17 November to Tuesday 19 November 2024 at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

The LGNSW Conference is the main policy making event for the local government sector where issues are debated, and motions put forward for consideration by delegates. Councillors from Local Government Areas (LGA) from across New South Wales are invited to participate in this conference.

In addition, each Council is required to nominate several voting delegates for the conference. These delegates will be entitled to vote on motions presented at the conference. Liverpool City Council is entitled to ten (10) voting delegates.

This report provides information on the LGNSW Conference program and activities, as well as information on the process and deadline for submitting motions for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Confirm the attendees for the LGNSW Conference at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre from Sunday 17 November to Tuesday 19 November 2024;
2. Determines its voting delegates for voting on motions at the conference, noting that Liverpool City Council is entitled to 10 voting delegates for voting on motions; and
3. Confirm any motions they wish to submit to the Conference.

**REPORT**

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**Background**

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference will be held from Sunday 17 November to Tuesday 19 November 2024 at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

The LGNSW Conference is the main policy making event for the local government sector where issues are debated, and motions put forward for consideration by delegates. Councillors from Local Government Areas (LGA) from across New South Wales are invited to participate in this conference.

The draft program for the conference is attached to this report (attachment 1).

**Attendees, voting delegates and motions for LGNSW Conference**

The guide for submitting motions is attached to this report (attachment 2). The deadline for motions to be submitted to the Conference is 20 October 2024.

The LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they:

1. Are consistent with the objects of LGNSW Rules (Rule 4);
2. Demonstrate that the issue concerns or is likely to concern a substantial number of local governments in NSW;
3. Seek to establish or change a policy position of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the Association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for decisions around resourcing any campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process);
4. Not encourage violation of prevailing laws;
5. Are strategic, concise, clearly worded and unambiguous in nature;
6. Do not seek to advantage one or several members at the expense of other members.

Motions of a similar objective:

7. May be consolidated by LGNSW as a single item.

Motions reflecting existing LGNSW policy:

8. Remain part of LGNSW's Policy Platform but will not be included for debate as they have already been considered by Conference.

In previous years, Liverpool has submitted motions on various topics to the LGNSW Annual Conference, including:

- Drought Mitigation Action Plan;
- Koala Protection Order;
- Sustainable Housing Development;
- Fast-tracking of major rail projects;
- Climate Action Plan; and
- Mental Health Services and Accessibility.

### **Voting delegates**

Council is required to identify its voting delegates for the LGNSW Annual Conference. Liverpool City Council is entitled to ten (10) voting delegates. These delegates will be entitled to vote on motions presented at the conference.

Member Councils must advise LGNSW of the names of their nominated voting delegates by 6 November 2024.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Registration for the Conference opened on 17 July 2024. Costs are expected to be in the order of \$2,500 per delegate which includes registration, travel accommodation and meals.

Costs associated with the conference have been included in Council's 2024/25 budget.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	<p>Registration for the Conference opened on 17 July 2024.</p> <p>Costs are expected to be in the order of \$2,500 per delegate which includes registration, travel accommodation and meals.</p> <p>Costs associated with the conference have been included in Council's 2024/25 budget.</p>
<b>Environment</b>	<p>Raise community awareness and support action in relation to environmental issues.</p>
<b>Social</b>	<p>Raise awareness in the community about the available services and facilities.</p>

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	<p>Act as an environmental leader in the community.</p> <p>Provide information about Council's services, roles and decision-making processes.</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>
<b>Legislative</b>	There are no legislative considerations relating to this report.
<b>Risk</b>	The risk is deemed to be low and is within Council's risk appetite.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Draft 2024 Annual Conference Program (Under separate cover)
2. 2024 Conference Motions Submission Guide (Under separate cover)

## COM 05

**Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship  
Report**

<b>Strategic Objective</b>	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Promote a harmonious community that celebrates its diversity
<b>File Ref</b>	286033.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Javeria Hoda - Community Development Worker Funding & Support
<b>Approved By</b>	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 **\$75,000** from the Community Grant Program and Matching Grants Program.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

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

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Art Therapy at Liverpool Lifestyle Centre	\$10,000
CORE Communities Services	Family and Domestic Violence Conference	\$10,000

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$15,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Matching Grants Program** for the following project:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Street Industries Incorporated	Street Sports Program	\$15,000

3. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$40,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship Program** for the following project:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Multicultural Association of Asia & Pacific Incorporated	Fiji Day Australia 2024	\$10,000
Search Dogs Sydney	Missing Australia Network Symposium	\$10,000
Macarthur Regional Nepalese Community	Teej Festival 2024	\$10,000
Sawaki Group Pty Ltd	Australian Arabic Cultural Event	\$10,000



## REPORT

### Community Grants Program

The Community Grant Program received three applications which met the eligibility criteria and are recommended for funding as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	Cerebral Palsy Alliance		
<b>Project</b>	Art Therapy		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$ 11,460
<b>Location</b>	Liverpool Lifestyle Centre 14a Mill Road, Liverpool NSW 2170	<b>Date</b>	September 2024 to August 2025.
<b>About the Applicant</b>	<p>The Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA) supports more than 5,500 people with cerebral palsy (CP) and similar disabilities across NSW and ACT with therapy, programs, equipment and technology to enhance their lives.</p> <p>Through The Liverpool Lifestyles Centre, CPA supports more than 25 individuals with complex physical and intellectual disabilities with accessible programs to pursue meaningful activities to enhance their quality of life.</p>		
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The Art Therapy Project aims to establish a 10-week (monthly) art therapy program for people with complex disabilities accessing programs at Liverpool Lifestyles Centre. Through art, the program offers a unique and accessible means of creative expression that transcends physical limitations and empowers individuals to explore and communicate their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. The program is free of charge for 25 attendees over the course of ten months. Funding will go towards hiring qualified art therapists to facilitate 10 art therapy sessions and procuring art supplies and materials adapted for individuals with physical disabilities.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote social inclusion by providing a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities to express themselves and connect with others;</li> <li>Increase community participation and engagement among individuals with disabilities by building awareness and appreciation for the benefits of art therapy; and</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes Liverpool's reputation as a great city that celebrate diversity and promote inclusion.</li> </ul>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 CP warriors</li> <li>CP families, support groups and networks.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Recommended for Funding - \$10,000</b></p> <p>The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging, and Objective 4 - Visionary, Leading, Responsible</i>, and meets the Community Grants Program's funding priorities.</p> <p><b>Expected program outcomes 7.4.1 a) b) c) and d).</b></p>

<b>Applicant</b>	CORE Community Services		
<b>Project</b>	Family and Domestic Violence Conference		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$30,000
<b>Location</b>	William Inglis Hotel, Warwick Farm NSW 2170	<b>Date</b>	29 November 2024
<b>About the Applicant</b>	CORE Community Services is a not-for-profit organisation actively delivering programs that address local priorities including domestic violence, migrant settlement, aged care and disability, and youth engagement. CORE Community Services is well known for its collaborative efforts in the Liverpool LGA with long-term partnerships with local community-focused organisations.		

<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Every year CORE Community Services collaborates with other government and non-government services to host the annual Family and Domestic Violence Conference as part of the 16 days of action known as the Southwest Sydney Domestic Violence Committee (SWSDVC). The event will be hosted at the William Inglis Hotel on 29 November 2024 with an aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opportunities for frontline service providers to explore best practices and new research surrounding FDV;</li> <li>• Highlights and address issues of gender-based violence; and</li> <li>• Promotes awareness on FDV services provided in Southwest Sydney.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve awareness on FDV issues in the Liverpool LGA and promote accessible service to the community affected by FDV;</li> <li>• Implement new research and best practice models into early intervention programs and response programs for frontline staff and FDV responders; and</li> <li>• Promote collaboration and partnership opportunities among FDV service providers across Southwest Sydney through impactful community engagement projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	300 attendees (FDV frontline staff, FDV service providers who support people experiencing domestic and family violence, Southwest Sydney Domestic Violence Committee including Liverpool City Council staff)
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Recommended for Funding - \$10,000</b> The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging, Objective 3 - Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative, Objective 4 - Visionary, Leading, Responsible</i>, and meets the Community Grant Program funding priorities. <b>Expected program outcomes 7.4.1 a), b), c), d) and e).</b></p>

**Matching Grants Program**

The Matching Grants Program received one application which met the eligibility criteria and is recommended for funding as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	Street Industries Incorporated		
<b>Project</b>	Street Sports Program		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$15,000	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$ 30,706
<b>Location</b>	Lurnea Community Hub Sports Ground - 66 Hill Rd, Lurnea NSW 2170	<b>Date</b>	July 2024 – October 2024
<b>About the Applicant</b>	<p>Street Industries is a grassroots non-profit organisation committed to empowering underprivileged youth through innovative programs. Through Street Sports, we focus on building confidence, leadership skills, and community connections among youth from diverse backgrounds.</p> <p>In the Liverpool LGA, Street Industries has successfully implemented the Friday Night Football competition, engaging over 80 young people from Lurnea and surrounding areas. Through partnerships with local schools, community organisations, and sports clubs like Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Street Industries offer comprehensive support, mentorship, life skills education, and pathways to further opportunities for young people.</p>		
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>Street Sports is a key initiative under Street Industries that leverages the power of sports to engage, and support disengaged and disconnected youth from low socio-economic communities. Funding will enable Street Industries to run 12 additional Street Sports events over for free the next ten months, including soccer, league tag, or basketball. These programs will engage a further 200 young participants, providing them with structured sports activities, mentorship, and essential life skills training.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve access to sports and personal development programs for young people from low socio-economic communities.</li> <li>• Increase community participation, partnerships and connections for students, families, schools, and support agencies.</li> <li>• Promote inclusion in community sports through accessible sports programs.</li> </ul>		

<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 200 local young people.</li> <li>Local schools and sporting community.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Recommended for Funding - \$15,000</b></p> <p>The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging, Objective 3 - Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative, Objective 4 - Visionary, Leading, Responsible.</i></p> <p><b>Expected Matching Grant Program Outcomes 7.6.2 a) b) and e).</b></p>

### **Community Sponsorship Program**

The Community Sponsorship Program received four applications which met the eligibility criteria and is recommended for funding as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	Multicultural Association of Asia & Pacific Incorporated		
<b>Project</b>	Fiji Day Australia 2024		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000	<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$40,000
<b>Location</b>	Woodward Park, Liverpool NSW 2170	<b>Date</b>	12 October 2024
<b>About the Applicant</b>	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.		
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>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><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase community participation and community connection through multicultural events and experiences;</li> <li>Celebrate diversity and promote inclusion;</li> <li>Deliver economic benefit to the Liverpool LGA;</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote tourism through regional, national, and international visitors; and;</li> <li>Promotes Liverpool's reputation as a great place to live, work, and invest, with promotional opportunities for Council.</li> </ul>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 5000 attendees over the two-day festival.</li> <li>Local businesses and suppliers supporting the event.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Recommended for Funding - \$10,000</b></p> <p>The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan Objective 1 - <i>Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging</i>, Objective 2 - <i>Livable, Sustainable, Resilient</i>, and meets the Community Sponsorship funding priorities.</p> <p><b>Expected program outcomes 7.7.2 a), b), c), d), and e).</b></p>

<b>Applicant</b>	Search Dogs Sydney		
<b>Project</b>	Missing Australia Network Symposium 2024		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000	<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000
<b>Location</b>	Council Chambers, 50 Scott Street, Liverpool NSW 2170	<b>Date</b>	23 November 2024
<b>About the Applicant</b>	<p>Search Dogs Sydney Inc (SDSI) is a local volunteer organisation delivering emergency response and training programs from its Rossmore facility. SDSI provides 24-hour support 365 days a year to NSW Police, emergency management agencies such as SES. The group extends its support to vulnerable community members and their families through Search &amp; Rescue and Recovery operations across NSW. SDSI are a specialist team that train canines and technicians with cutting-edge technology to enhance our search and rescue operations in any environment or terrain. The organisation delivers training programs in partnership with Australian Civil Air Patrol and Citizens Band Radio Emergency Response Team (C.R.E.S.T).</p>		
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>Search Dogs Sydney will be hosting the 1st Annual National Missing Persons Symposiums on behalf of the newly formed Missing Australia Network. This unique initiative will bring together the international 'missing persons' networks through a live broadcast of the event. The program will showcase a discussion with specialists addressing the following initiatives:</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow for tools and techniques to be developed to assist law enforcement.</li> <li>• Emergency services to be better prepared in managing missing persons investigations; and</li> <li>• Improvements in the way mental health treatments are managed in 'missing person' cases.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve search and rescue operations with investments to upgrade tools, techniques, and law enforcement practices; and</li> <li>• Successfully launch the Missing Australia Network and promote effective partnerships and collaboration opportunities across service providers and specialists in Australia and beyond.</li> </ul>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 180 representatives from Missing Persons search networks and advocacy groups;</li> <li>• Over 2000 virtual attendees globally through a live broadcast feature; and</li> <li>• Search Dogs Sydney and Liverpool City Council through a program partnership.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Recommended for Funding - \$10,000</b></p> <p>The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan Objective 1 - <i>Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging</i>, Objective 2 - <i>Livable, Sustainable, Resilient</i>, and meets the Community Sponsorship funding priorities.</p> <p><b>Expected program outcomes 7.7.1 a), b), c) and e).</b></p>

<b>Applicant</b>	Macarthur Regional Nepalese Community		
<b>Project</b>	Teej Festival 2024		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$26,000
<b>Location</b>	Skyview Reception Centre 28 Railway Street Liverpool NSW 2170	<b>Date</b>	24 August 2024
<b>About the Applicant</b>	<p>The Macarthur Region Nepalese Community (MRNC) is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to promote and celebrate Nepalese culture through various cultural events and activities in the Liverpool and Macarthur area. MRNC serves as a platform for Nepalese individuals and families to not only preserve their cultural heritage, but also connect and share their rich traditions with the wider community.</p> <p>MRNC also acts as a support network for its community and provides assistance and guidance to new migrants settling in Liverpool, facilitates social integration, and fosters a sense of belonging within the Nepalese and broader Australian community.</p>		
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>MRNC recognises Liverpool's rich multicultural community and services as a prime location to host 'Teej Festival', a Nepalese cultural event attracting hundreds of visitors to the Liverpool LGA. This celebration showcases Nepalese traditions and culture through various interactive activities, folk musical performances, and Nepalese food. The festival is open to the broader community in an effort to foster social harmony and encourage community members from all backgrounds to share knowledge and culture.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate diversity and promote inclusion within the Liverpool LGA;</li> <li>• Create social connections and wellbeing opportunities for newly arrived Nepalese migrants settling in the Liverpool LGA;</li> <li>• Promote tourism through regional, national, and international visitors;</li> <li>• Provide promotional and publicity opportunities to the Liverpool LGA; and</li> <li>• Promotes Liverpool's reputational as a great place to live, work, and invest.</li> </ul>		



<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Nepalese community, newly arrived migrants and CALD community, and local businesses.
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Recommended for Funding - \$10,000</b></p> <p>The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan <i>Objective 1 - Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging, Objective 3 - Evolving, Prosperous, Innovative Objective 4 – Visionary, Leading, Responsible</i> and meets the Community Sponsorship Program funding priorities.</p> <p><b>Expected program outcomes 7.7.1 and 7.7.2</b></p>

<b>Applicant</b>	Sawaki Group Pty Ltd		
<b>Project</b>	Australian Arabic Cultural Event		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000	<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$16,400
<b>Location</b>	Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre	<b>Date</b>	19 July 2024
<b>About the Applicant</b>	Sawaki Group is local volunteer based non-profit organisation established in 2006. The organisation is designed by women, for women, with a focus on empowering women through a range of programs. TMWUAI fosters social cohesion, builds community capacity and promote wellness through training opportunities, wellbeing programs and inclusive community-based events.		
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The Australian Arabic Cultural Event attracted hundreds of visitors to the Liverpool LGA. This multicultural event was held at CPAC and celebrated the Arabic culture in Australia through interactive family activities, poetry reading, theatre performances, musical extravaganza and culinary experiences. Local artists were given stalls to promote their artwork to potential buyers. The event was free to attend, encouraging the broader community to come together and engage in cross-cultural experiences.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate local diversity and promote social cohesion in Liverpool CALD communities;</li> <li>• Delivers economic and social benefit to the Liverpool LGA through visitation and participation;</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes Liverpool's reputational as a great place to live, work, and invest; and</li> <li>Provides promotional and publicity opportunities to the Liverpool LGA.</li> </ul>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>300+ visitors, local CALD communities, and Liverpool Council through promotional opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Recommended for Funding - \$10,000</b></p> <p>The project aligns with the Community Strategic Plan Objective 1 - <i>Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging</i>, Objective 2 - <i>Livable, Sustainable, Resilient</i>, and meets the Community Sponsorship funding priorities.</p> <p><b>Expected program outcomes 7.7.1 a), b), c), d) and e).</b></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.

<b>COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP</b>			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended for funding in this report</i>	<b>Remaining</b>
\$150,000	<b>\$109,000</b>	\$40,000	<b>\$69,000</b>
<b>COMMUNITY GRANTS</b>			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended funding in this report</i>	<b>Remaining</b>
\$152,000	<b>\$88,302</b>	20,000	<b>\$68,302</b>
<b>MATCHING GRANTS</b>			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended funding in this report</i>	<b>Remaining</b>
\$100,000	<b>\$40,193</b>	\$15,000	<b>\$52,193</b>
<b>SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT GRANTS*</b>			
Budget	Balance	<i>Recommended funding in this report</i>	<b>Remaining</b>
\$75,000	75,000	Nil	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>COMBINED FUNDING BALANCE</b>			
Combined Budget	Combined Balance	<i>Total recommended funding in this report</i>	<b>Remaining</b>
\$477,000	<b>\$312,495</b>	\$75,000	<b>\$237,495</b>

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	The financial impacts are outlined in the report above.
<b>Environment</b>	Raise community awareness and support action in relation to environmental issues.
<b>Social</b>	Support community organisations, groups, and volunteers to deliver coordinated services to the community.
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	Foster neighborhood pride and a sense of responsibility. Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency, and ethical conduct.
<b>Legislative</b>	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. 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.
<b>Risk</b>	There is no risk associated with this report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## CORP 01

## Investment Report August 2024

<b>Strategic Objective</b>	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Ensure Council is accountable and financially sustainable through the strategic management of assets and resources
<b>File Ref</b>	298939.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Vishwa Nadan - Chief Financial Officer
<b>Approved By</b>	Farooq Portelli - Director Corporate Support

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report details Council's investment portfolio and its performance at 31 August 2024. Key highlights include:

- Council held investments with a market value of \$382 million.
- The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)'s official cash rate remains at 4.35 per cent.
- The portfolio yield (for the year to August 2024) was 4 basis points below the benchmark (AusBond Bank Bill Index)

	AusBond Bank Bill Index (ABBI)
Benchmark	4.39%
Portfolio yield	4.35%
<b>Performance below benchmark</b>	<b>-0.04%</b>

- The current ABBI benchmark reflects RBA aggressive action to lift the cash rate. The portfolio performance, as expected, is below ABBI benchmark and this trend will continue until such time low-yielding investments mature.
- Year-to-date, Council's investment income was \$1.04 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 \$376 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 Council's 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 9.71 per cent of its portfolio in ADIs rated BBB and below.

## RECOMMENDATION

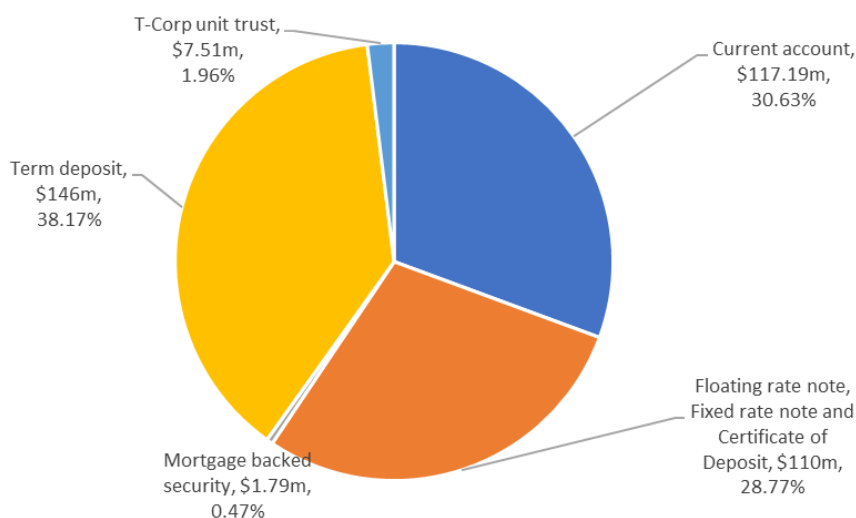
That the Council receives and notes this report.

## 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 2024, Council held investments with a market value of \$382 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-24	Jul-24	Jun-24
Senior debts (FRNs ,TCDs & FRBs)*	99.32%	99.14%	98.79%
MBS (Reverse mortgage-backed securities)	82.64%	82.97%	83.07%
T-Corp unit trusts	122.65%	122.18%	118.80%

**\*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 9.71 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, Council's investment advisor 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 is valued at \$376 thousand below face value.

## Portfolio maturity profile

The table below shows the percentage of funds invested at different durations to maturity.

Complies to Investment policy	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	117,178,280	30.63%			
	Term deposits < 1 year	73,000,000	19.08%			
	T-Corp unit trust	7,512,747	1.96%			
	Tradeable securities	110,044,735	28.77%			
✓	<b>Portfolio % &lt; 1 year ( Short term liquidity)</b>	<b>307,735,761</b>	<b>80.45%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>100%</b>	Yes
✓	Term deposit > 1 year < 3 years	73,000,000	19.08%	0%	70%	Yes
✓	Grand fathered securities	1,789,578	0.47%	N/A	N/A	Yes
✓	<b>Portfolio % (Medium term liquidity)</b>	<b>74,789,578</b>	<b>19.55%</b>			Yes
	<b>Total portfolio</b>	<b>382,525,339</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			

## Counterparty policy limit compliance

Complies to Investment policy	Issuer	Security rating	Market value	% Total value	Maximum Institutional policy limit % holdings	Complies to Investment policy "Yes/No"
✓	AMP Bank Ltd	BBB	17,859,745	4.67%	15%	Yes
✓	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	AA-	13,760,112	3.60%	35%	Yes
✓	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	BBB+	4,426,817	1.16%	15%	Yes
✓	Bank Australia	BBB	1,362,000	0.36%	15%	Yes
✓	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB+	15,572,888	4.07%	15%	Yes
✓	Citibank Australia Ltd	A+	1,000,345	0.26%	25%	Yes
✓	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	AA-	132,592,048	34.66%	35%	Yes
✓	Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust ( Class A)	Unrated	615,675	0.16%	5%	Yes
✓	Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust ( Class C)	Unrated	1,173,903	0.31%	5%	Yes
✓	Great Southern Bank	BBB	2,500,648	0.65%	15%	Yes
✓	G&C Mutual Bank	BBB	3,000,000	0.78%	15%	Yes
✓	HSBC Sydney Branch	AA-	4,999,745	1.31%	35%	Yes
✓	ING Bank	A	47,003,794	12.29%	25%	Yes
✓	Macquarie Bank	A+	12,089,543	3.16%	25%	Yes
✓	Mizuho Bank	A	3,515,145	0.92%	25%	Yes
✓	National Australia Bank Ltd	AA-	36,858,122	9.64%	35%	Yes
✓	Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	BBB	612,527	0.16%	15%	Yes
✓	Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	15,000,000	3.92%	35%	Yes
✓	NSW Treasury Corporation	Unrated	7,512,747	1.96%	5%	Yes
✓	Rabobank Australia Limited	A	27,234,984	7.12%	25%	Yes
✓	RACQ Bank	BBB+	1,508,757	0.39%	15%	Yes
✓	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	A	9,042,212	2.36%	25%	Yes
✓	Suncorp Bank	AA-	6,814,008	1.78%	35%	Yes
✓	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	1,004,736	0.26%	15%	Yes
✓	UBS AG	A+	4,464,840	1.17%	25%	Yes
✓	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	AA-	11,000,000	2.88%	35%	Yes
	<b>Portfolio Total</b>		<b>382,525,339</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

### Credit rating policy limit compliance

Complies to Investment policy	Credit rating	Market value	% Portfolio	Maximum policy limit	Complies to Investment policy "Yes/No"
✓	AAA Category	1,690,099	0.44%	100%	Yes
✓	AA Category	221,024,034	57.78%	100%	Yes
✓	A Category	122,660,468	32.07%	60%	Yes
✓	BBB+ Category	27,848,413	7.28%	45%	Yes
✓	Unrated	9,302,325	2.43%	10%	Yes
	<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>382,525,339</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

### 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

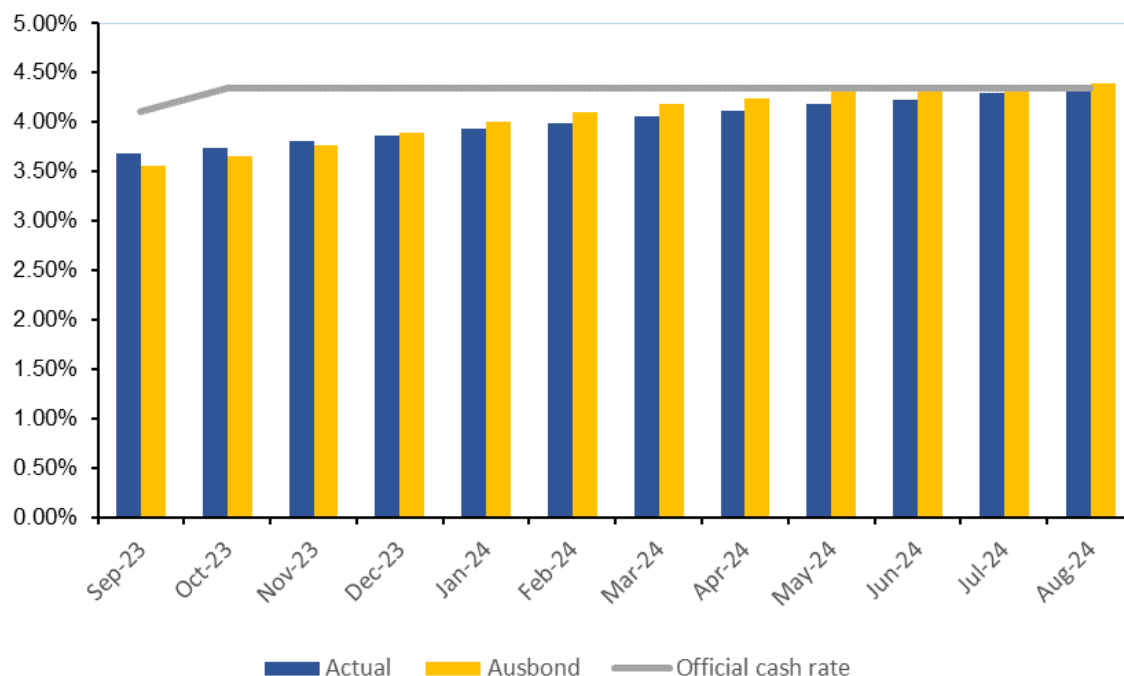
Council's Investment Policy prescribes the AusBond Bank Bill Index (ABBI) as a benchmark to measure return on cash and fixed interest securities. The ABBI represents the average daily yield of a parcel of bank bills. Historically there has been a positive correlation between changes in the cash rate and the resulting impact on the ABBI benchmark.

The current ABBI benchmark reflects RBA actions to aggressively lift the cash rate. The portfolio performance is expected to be below ABBI benchmark in coming months and this trend will continue until such time low-yielding investments mature.

The portfolio yield for the year to August 2024 was below the ABBI index by 4 basis points (portfolio yield: 4.35%; ABBI: 4.39%).



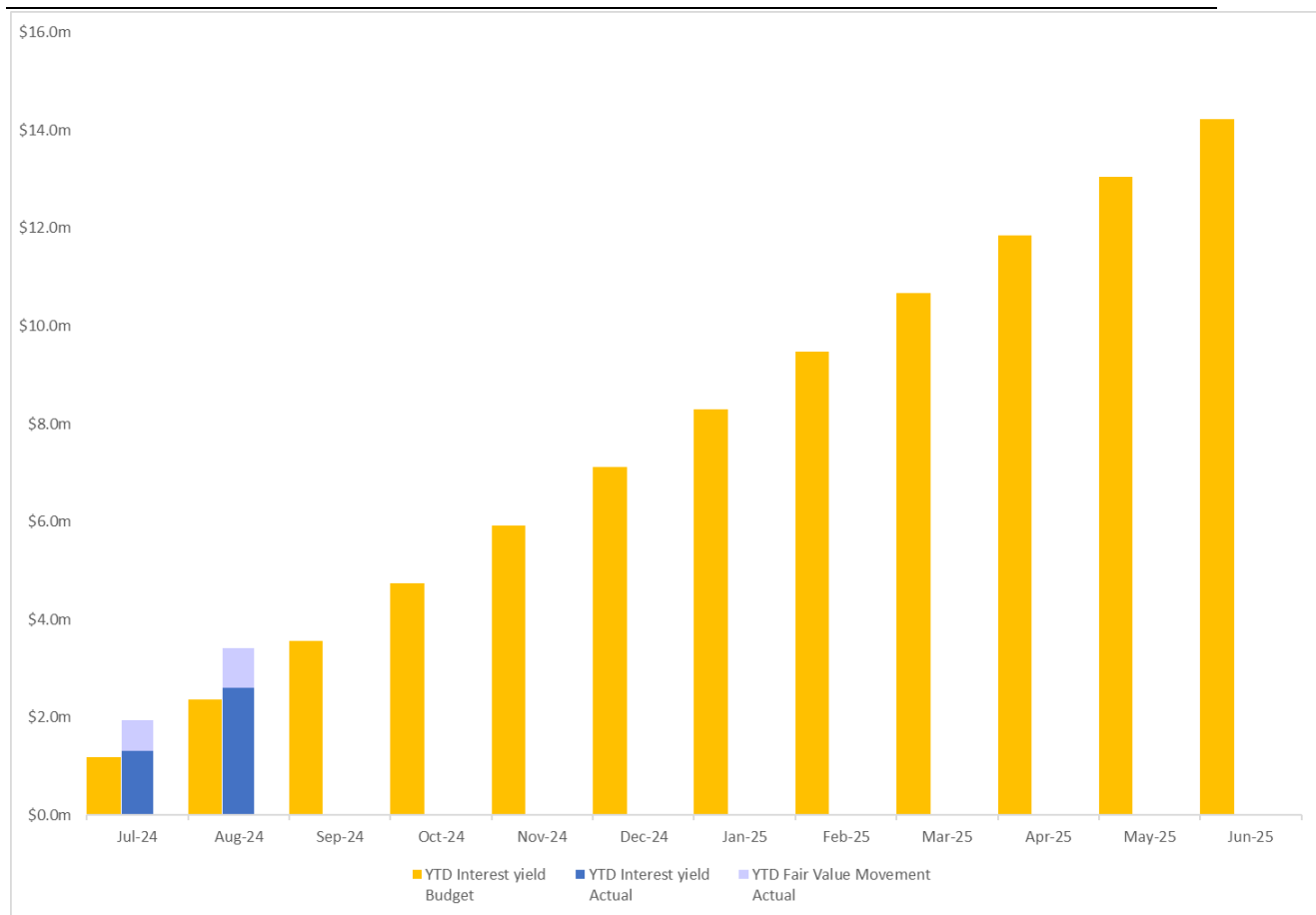
Comparative yields for the previous months are charted below:



### Performance of portfolio returns against budget

Year-to-date, Council's investment income was \$1.04m 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	\$2.37m	\$2.61m	\$0.24m
Fair value market movement	\$0.00m	\$0.80m	\$0.80m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.37m</b>	<b>\$3.41m</b>	<b>\$1.04m</b>



### **Economic outlook – Reserve Bank of Australia**

The Reserve Bank of Australia has remained the official cash rate to 4.35 per cent in its meeting on 6 August 2024.

### **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**

<b>Economic</b>	Council's investment income was \$1.04 million higher than the original budget at 31 August 2024.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
<b>Social</b>	There are no social and cultural considerations.
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
<b>Legislative</b>	<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>
<b>Risk</b>	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 2024



### Portfolio Valuation As At 31 August 2024

Fixed Interest Security	Maturity Date	Rating	Current	Market Value	Total	Yield
<b>Current Account</b>						
CBA Business Saver		AA-	93,340,829.78	93,340,829.78	24.40%	4.35%
CBA General Account		AA-	5,946,258.70	5,946,258.70	1.55%	0.00%
AMP Business Saver		BBB	2,086,300.65	2,086,300.65	0.55%	3.30%
AMP Notice Account		BBB	15,773,444.48	15,773,444.48	4.12%	5.20%
Macquarie Bank Accelerator Account		A+	29,830.21	29,830.21	0.01%	3.91%
Macquarie Bank Account		A+	1,615.81	1,615.81	0.00%	3.91%
			117,178,279.63	117,178,279.63	30.63%	
<b>Fixed Rate Bond</b>						
Commonwealth Bank	14/01/2027	AA-	5,000,000.00	4,781,090.00	1.25%	2.40%
Bank of Queensland	29/10/2025	BBB+	4,000,000.00	3,959,312.00	1.04%	4.00%
Bank of Queensland	27/10/2026	BBB+	4,750,000.00	4,489,263.00	1.17%	2.10%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	17/03/2025	BBB+	2,750,000.00	2,721,699.75	0.71%	3.00%
UBS AG	26/02/2026	A+	2,550,000.00	2,424,152.40	0.63%	1.10%
ING Direct	19/08/2026	A	1,800,000.00	1,690,099.20	0.44%	1.10%
Macquarie Bank	14/09/2026	A+	4,200,000.00	4,239,341.40	1.11%	4.95%
NAB	25/02/2027	AA-	4,500,000.00	4,345,812.00	1.14%	2.90%
Suncorp	25/01/2027	AA-	4,500,000.00	4,302,585.00	1.12%	2.50%
			34,050,000.00	32,953,354.75	8.61%	
<b>Floating Rate Note</b>						
ANZ Bank	16/01/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,004,263.00	0.79%	5.20%
ANZ Bank	31/03/2028	AA-	2,500,000.00	2,525,967.50	0.66%	5.51%
ANZ Bank	11/09/2028	AA-	4,200,000.00	4,224,003.00	1.10%	5.29%
ANZ Bank	05/02/2029	AA-	1,000,000.00	1,005,878.00	0.26%	5.31%
Bank Australia	21/02/2028	BBB	1,350,000.00	1,362,000.15	0.36%	6.08%
Bank of Queensland	30/04/2029	A-	4,100,000.00	4,124,313.00	1.08%	5.77%
Bendigo and Adelaide	14/05/2027	A-	1,700,000.00	1,705,117.00	0.45%	5.36%
Citibank, N.A.	14/11/2024	A+	1,000,000.00	1,000,345.00	0.26%	5.24%
Commonwealth Bank	17/08/2028	AA-	3,500,000.00	3,523,870.00	0.92%	5.31%
Credit Union Australia	24/10/2024	BBB	2,500,000.00	2,500,647.50	0.65%	5.59%
HSBC	27/09/2024	AA-	3,000,000.00	2,999,847.00	0.78%	5.29%
HSBC	27/09/2024	AA-	2,000,000.00	1,999,898.00	0.52%	5.29%
ING Bank	22/03/2027	A+	2,000,000.00	2,007,552.00	0.52%	5.34%
ING Bank	20/08/2029		6,300,000.00	6,306,142.50	1.65%	5.39%
Macquarie Bank	12/02/2025	A+	3,000,000.00	3,004,524.00	0.79%	5.21%
Macquarie Bank	14/09/2026	A+	4,800,000.00	4,814,232.00	1.26%	5.22%
Mizuho Bank	18/01/2027	A	3,500,000.00	3,515,144.50	0.92%	5.32%
NAB	22/03/2029	AA-	3,500,000.00	3,512,309.50	0.92%	5.29%
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	14/02/2029	BBB	600,000.00	612,527.40	0.16%	6.21%
Rabobank Australia Branch	27/01/2027	A+	2,700,000.00	2,701,989.90	0.71%	5.21%
Rabobank Australia Branch	19/01/2028	A+	1,500,000.00	1,517,751.00	0.40%	5.65%
Rabobank Australia Branch	26/02/2029	A	3,000,000.00	3,015,243.00	0.79%	5.38%
RACQ Bank	24/02/2026	BBB+	1,500,000.00	1,508,757.00	0.39%	5.85%
Suncorp	19/03/2029	AA-	2,500,000.00	2,511,422.50	0.66%	5.36%
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	23/10/2026	A	5,000,000.00	5,029,060.00	1.31%	5.38%

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking	20/01/2027	A	4,000,000.00	4,013,152.00	1.05%	5.25%
Teachers Mutual Bank	21/06/2027	BBB+	1,000,000.00	1,004,736.00	0.26%	5.71%
UBS AG	24/11/2028	A+	2,000,000.00	2,040,688.00	0.53%	5.80%
			76,750,000.00	77,091,380.45	20.15%	

#### Mortgage Backed Security

EmeraldMBS2006-1A	21/08/2051	Unrated	665,526.02	615,675.46	0.16%	4.83%
EmeraldMBS2006-1C	21/08/2056	Unrated	1,000,000.00	801,389.00	0.21%	5.58%
EmeraldMBS2007-1C	23/07/2057	Unrated	500,000.00	372,513.50	0.10%	5.42%
			2,165,526.02	1,789,577.96	0.47%	

#### Term Deposit

ANZ	26/10/2026	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.35%
Bank of Queensland	30/09/2024	BBB+	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.10%
Commonwealth Bank	12/12/2024	AA-	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	2.61%	4.63%
Commonwealth Bank	13/01/2025	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	4.63%
Commonwealth Bank	27/11/2025	AA-	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	2.61%	4.60%
ING Bank	15/01/2025	A	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.26%
ING Bank	18/02/2025	A	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.18%
ING Bank	05/08/2025	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.30%
ING Bank	01/09/2025	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.37%
ING Bank	24/09/2025	A	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.20%
ING Bank	15/01/2026	A	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.04%
ING Bank	25/09/2026	A	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.15%
ING Bank	10/10/2028	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.30%
ING Bank	20/11/2028	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.40%
G & C Mutual Bank	17/09/2025	BBB	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.20%
NAB	13/09/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	1.10%
NAB	30/09/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.14%
NAB	27/02/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.05%
NAB	26/03/2025	AA-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0.52%	5.00%
NAB	28/04/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.00%
NAB	27/05/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.05%
NAB	29/07/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.30%
NAB	08/09/2025	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	0.82%
Northern Territory Treasury	16/12/2024	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	1.00%
Northern Territory Treasury	15/12/2025	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	1.20%
Northern Territory Treasury	15/12/2026	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	1.50%
Rabobank Australia Limited	29/05/2025	A	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.33%
Rabobank Australia Limited	18/07/2025	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.33%
Rabobank Australia Limited	27/08/2025	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	4.90%
Rabobank Australia Limited	27/08/2026	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	4.50%
Rabobank Australia Limited	18/02/2028	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.06%
Rabobank Australia Limited	20/02/2029	A	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.19%
Westpac	28/10/2024	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.42%
Westpac	28/02/2025	AA-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	1.31%	5.16%
Westpac	27/10/2025	AA-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.78%	5.37%
			146,000,000.00	146,000,000.00	38.17%	
<b>Total</b>			376,143,805.65	375,012,592.79	98.04%	

#### T-Corp

NSWTC IM Long Term Growth Fund	Unrated	6,125,337.88	7,512,746.66	1.96%	
		6,125,337.88	7,512,746.66	1.96%	
<b>Total</b>		376,143,805.65	375,012,592.79	98.04%	
<b>Portfolio Total</b>		382,269,143.53	382,525,339.45	100.00%	

**CORP 02****NSW Grants Commission - Financial Assistance  
Grants Policy**

<b>Strategic Direction</b>	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Ensure Council is accountable and financially sustainable through the strategic management of assets and resources
<b>File Ref</b>	318497.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Vishwa Nadan - Chief Financial Officer
<b>Approved By</b>	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 2024/25.

**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.

**CORPORATE SUPPORT REPORT**

In accordance with its policy framework, the NSW Grants Commission wrote to Council on 23 August 2024 outlining the methodology used to calculate the \$10.3 million Financial Assistance Grant allocated to Council for FY 2024/25.

The NSW Grants Commission letter and supporting information is attached, however, summarized as follows:

	\$	\$
Estimated 2024/25		10,278,513
<b>Add:</b> 2023/24 adjustment		45,867
<b>Less:</b> Paid in advance – June 2024		<u>(8,700,696)</u>
Payable (in quarterly instalments)		<u><u>1,623,684</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 247,672 is greater than the State standard of 65,166. The population estimate provided is correct as per the [profile.id.com.au](https://profile.id.com.au) website and is current as of 30 June 2023. 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 12.3% is less than the 14.1% 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 945km is less than the 1,655m 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**

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There are no financial implications relating to this recommendation.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

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<b>Economic</b>	There are no economic and financial considerations.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
<b>Social</b>	There are no social and cultural considerations.
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	There are no civic leadership and governance considerations.
<b>Legislative</b>	The financial assistance grants scheme operates under the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.
<b>Risk</b>	There is no risk associated with this report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. NSW Grants Commission letter dated 23 August 2024





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Mr Jason Breton  
General Manager (Acting)  
Liverpool City Council

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cc: lcc@liverpool.nsw.gov.au

23 August 2024

Dear Mr Breton

In accordance with the NSW Local Government Grants Commission's (Commission) policy of providing information to councils about the way the financial assistance grants (FA Grants) are calculated, please find attached a summary of Council's 2024-25 estimated FA Grants entitlement (**Appendix A**).

#### 2024-25 ESTIMATED ENTITLEMENTS

The national FA Grants total estimated entitlement for 2024-25 is \$3.27 billion and is made up of \$2.27 billion for the general purpose component (GPC) and \$1 billion for the local roads component (LRC). The national estimated entitlement for 2024-25 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 2024-25 was adjusted up in July 2024. When compared to the 2023-24 final adjusted amount, the total national estimated FA Grants for 2024-25 increased by almost 5%. Accordingly, the State's FA Grants allocation for 2024-25 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 31.29% or \$710,159,793 in the GPC, which represents a 4.6% 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 \$292.2 million, which represents a 4.96% increase. The total estimated entitlement for 2024-25 FA Grants NSW is just over \$1 billion.



**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 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. The CPI is trending upwards to 4.6% in 2024-25. 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
2023-24 Final and 2024-25 Estimated	4.6	9

<b>KEY</b>
<i>Three years of paused CPI (only change applied was national movements in jurisdictional population shares)</i>
<i>Transition entered: # of LGAs on 0% or less had the -5% floor been retained</i>
<i>*8 metropolitan councils moved to the negative floor following an unprecedented population decline as applying the per capita minimum produced a lower result than the negative floor. In 2024-25 metropolitan growth resumed</i>

Following the pandemic, population data flowed through particularly the 2023-24 grant calculations showing unprecedented population decline in some metropolitan areas. This 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. This year, the same metropolitan councils resumed population growth and returned to the per capita minimum grant.

Council's 2024-25 FA Grants estimated entitlement, compared to the 2023-24 final entitlement is as follows:

<b>Liverpool City Council</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>General Purpose</b>	<b>Local Roads</b>	<b>Total</b>	
2023-24 final	\$7,134,981	\$2,968,088	\$10,103,069	<b>Change</b>
2024-25 est.	\$7,134,988	\$3,143,525	\$10,278,513	1.7%

To assist councils with budgets and bank reconciliations, a breakdown of the 2024-25 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 approximately 100% of the 2023-24 estimated FA Grant entitlement to help manage the cumulative impacts of the floods and the pandemic. The remainder of the funding (final adjustments for CPI and population shares from 2022-23) was paid to councils in 2023-24. As the funding was paid early, it was based on the prior year's FA Grant recommendations. Two metropolitan councils received LRC overpayments (refer to 2023-24 letter of advice). Adjustments were made to balance the payments, slightly underpaying other councils' LRCs in 2023-24.

That adjustment has been reversed in 2024-25 to ensure the over and under payments reconcile with actual recommended entitlements over the two-year period.

However, the Commission is concerned about the unpredictability the practice of advance payments creates. Councils' 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 also 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 grant based on population growth/decline. This inhibits the full application of the Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation 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 the 2024-25 Factsheet (**Appendix F**) identifies the rate of population change in NSW from 2001 to 2023.

**Appendix E** lists the revised expenditure categories, disadvantage factors and data sources used in calculating the expenditure allowance and the relative disadvantage allowance.

**RESUMING THE ANNUAL NEGATIVE FLOOR ON THE GPC IN 2025-26**

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 will commence the pathway out of transition, resuming the negative floor in 2025-26. Further information about the transition and general information about the FA Grants can be found on the Commission's webpage:

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/#lggc>.

**SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS 2024-25**

Special submissions from councils are invited for consideration 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** and the proposed Isolation Allowance disadvantage factors in **Appendix D**. 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](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au) by **30 November 2024**.

#### **ISOLATION ALLOWANCE REVIEW**

The Commission is in the final stages of the Isolation Allowance review. The allowance needs modernising to keep pace with the current and future needs of the sector. To achieve this, the Commission has reviewed a broader range of cost drivers to funding needs for remote communities and those with greater distances between major regional centres and capital cities. The Commission has attached a list of proposed measures and is consulting with councils on its proposal prior to implementing any changes.

#### **A MESSAGE OF CAUTION**

There is no guarantee that a council will receive an increased FA Grant each year. There are many of changing and sometimes unpredictable 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.

The Commission has been advising councils of the need to return the GPC to a negative floor. This will result in some councils receiving less in the 2025-26 than they did in 2024-25. Given the impacts of unpredicted events since commencing the transition, including natural disasters and the pandemic, the Commission delayed resuming the negative floor to help temporarily stabilise the FA Grants. Councils have been consulted and have now been given seven 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	\$251.32
Admin and governance	\$290.83
Education and community	\$67.72
Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes	\$242.77
Public order, safety, health and other	\$215.28
Housing amenity	\$79.92

Recreation and cultural			Pop <SS = relative disadvantage Pop >SS = 0 ATSI <SS = 0 ATSI >SS = relative disadvantage
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std (\$\$)	Weighted DF%
Population	247,672	65,166	0.0%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	1.6%	3.4%	0.0%

Admin and governance			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	247,672	65,166	0.0%

Education and community			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	247,672	65,166	0.0%

Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	247,672	65,166	0.0%
Road Length	945	1,163	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	247,672	65,166	0.0%
Rainfall, topography and drainage index	155%	161%	0.0%
Environment (Ha of environmental lands)	737	57,330	0.0%

Housing amenity			
Disadvantage Measure	LGA Std	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	247,672	65,166	0.0%

**Isolation Allowance**

Outside the Greater Statistical Area	Yes
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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:	12.3%
State Standard (SS) % PR	14.1%

#### 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	\$7,134,988
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#### Local Roads Component

Population:	247,672
Local Road Length (km):	945
Length of Bridges on Local Roads (m):	1,655

Road/Population Allowance:	\$2,903,619
Bridge Length Allowance:	\$239,906
Local Roads Total:	\$3,143,525

Total Grant	\$10,278,513
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#### Quarterly Instalments Payable in 2024-25 for 2024-25 FA Grants

	August 2024	
GPC	\$284,407.00	
LRC	\$121,514.00	\$405,921.00
	November 2024	
GPC	\$284,407.00	
LRC	\$121,514.00	\$405,921.00
	February 2025	
GPC	\$284,407.00	
LRC	\$121,514.00	\$405,921.00
	May 2025	
GPC	\$284,407.00	
LRC	\$121,514.00	\$405,921.00
	TOTAL	
GPC	\$1,137,628.00	
LRC	\$486,056.00	\$1,623,684.00

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
	2024-25 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS QUARTERLY INSTALMENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE																	
			1st Instalment		2nd Instalment		3rd Instalment		4th Instalment						Total	Total	Total	
	GPC	27,783,740	GPC	27,783,740	GPC	27,783,740	GPC	27,783,740	GPC	27,783,740	GPC	27,783,740	GPC	27,783,740	GPC	27,783,740	Total Payments	
	LRC	11,298,415	LRC	11,298,415	LRC	11,298,415	LRC	11,298,415	LRC	11,298,415	LRC	11,298,415	LRC	11,298,415	LRC	11,298,415		
	TOTAL	39,082,155	TOTAL	39,082,155	TOTAL	39,082,155	TOTAL	39,082,155	TOTAL	39,082,155	TOTAL	39,082,155	TOTAL	39,082,155	TOTAL	TOTAL		
	Councils	Population	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	1st Instalment	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	2nd Instalment	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	3rd Instalment	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	4th Instalment	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	Total Payments	
7	Albury (C)	57,517	232,962.00	75,503.00	308,465.00	232,962.00	75,503.00	308,465.00	232,962.00	75,503.00	308,465.00	232,962.00	75,503.00	308,465.00	931,848.00	302,012.00	1,233,860.00	
8	Armidale Regional	29,594	226,503.00	117,457.00	343,960.00	226,503.00	117,457.00	343,960.00	226,503.00	117,457.00	343,960.00	226,503.00	117,457.00	343,960.00	900,012.00	469,828.00	1,375,840.00	
9	Balmain (S)	47,279	163,602.00	74,737.00	238,339.00	163,602.00	74,737.00	238,339.00	163,602.00	74,737.00	238,339.00	163,602.00	74,737.00	238,339.00	654,408.00	298,948.00	953,356.00	
10	Bateman's Island (S)	2,202	164,899.00	67,209.00	232,098.00	164,899.00	67,209.00	232,098.00	164,899.00	67,209.00	232,098.00	164,899.00	67,209.00	232,098.00	659,556.00	298,392.00	957,948.00	
11	Bathurst Regional	44,612	211,677.00	102,197.00	313,874.00	211,677.00	102,197.00	313,874.00	211,677.00	102,197.00	313,874.00	211,677.00	102,197.00	313,874.00	846,708.00	408,788.00	1,255,496.00	
12	Bayside	182,987	182,798.00	59,180.00	241,978.00	182,798.00	59,180.00	241,978.00	182,798.00	59,180.00	241,978.00	182,798.00	59,180.00	241,978.00	731,192.00	236,720.00	967,912.00	
13	Bega Valley (S)	36,279	264,826.00	105,341.00	370,167.00	264,826.00	105,341.00	370,167.00	264,826.00	105,341.00	370,167.00	264,826.00	105,341.00	370,167.00	1,059,304.00	421,364.00	1,480,668.00	
14	Bellingen	13,231	159,886.00	48,749.00	208,635.00	159,886.00	48,749.00	208,635.00	159,886.00	48,749.00	208,635.00	159,886.00	48,749.00	208,635.00	639,540.00	154,996.00	834,540.00	
15	Berrigan (S)	8,643	68,978.00	25,754.00	94,732.00	68,978.00	25,754.00	94,732.00	68,978.00	25,754.00	94,732.00	68,978.00	25,754.00	94,732.00	254,732.00	67,918.00	322,650.00	
16	Blacktown (C)	428,202	585,657.00	188,998.00	774,655.00	585,657.00	188,998.00	774,655.00	585,657.00	188,998.00	774,655.00	585,657.00	188,998.00	774,655.00	2,342,628.00	755,992.00	3,098,620.00	
17	Blaird (S)	5,464	248,989.00	152,953.00	401,942.00	248,989.00	152,953.00	401,942.00	248,989.00	152,953.00	401,942.00	248,989.00	152,953.00	401,942.00	995,956.00	611,812.00	1,607,768.00	
18	Blayney (S)	7,644	102,610.00	43,912.00	146,522.00	102,610.00	43,912.00	146,522.00	102,610.00	43,912.00	146,522.00	102,610.00	43,912.00	146,522.00	410,440.00	175,468.00	585,908.00	
19	Blue Mountains (C)	78,446	346,957.00	66,914.00	413,871.00	346,957.00	66,914.00	413,871.00	346,957.00	66,914.00	413,871.00	346,957.00	66,914.00	413,871.00	1,387,829.00	267,656.00	1,655,485.00	
20	Bogan (S)	2,420	145,070.00	52,070.00	197,140.00	145,070.00	52,070.00	197,140.00	145,070.00	52,070.00	197,140.00	145,070.00	52,070.00	197,140.00	448,241.00	203,816.00	652,057.00	
21	Bourke (S)	2,365	245,448.00	97,679.00	343,127.00	245,448.00	97,679.00	343,127.00	245,448.00	97,679.00	343,127.00	245,448.00	97,679.00	343,127.00	981,792.00	379,176.00	1,372,508.00	
22	Brewarrina (S)	1,411	100,689.00	66,345.00	167,034.00	100,689.00	66,345.00	167,034.00	100,689.00	66,345.00	167,034.00	100,689.00	66,345.00	167,034.00	257,035.00	762,756.00	1,028,137.00	
23	Broken Hill (C)	17,624	252,958.00	26,906.00	279,864.00	252,958.00	26,906.00	279,864.00	252,958.00	26,906.00	279,864.00	252,958.00	26,906.00	279,864.00	1,011,832.00	107,624.00	1,119,456.00	
24	Burwood	42,498	45,233.00	13,966.00	59,199.00	45,233.00	13,966.00	59,199.00	45,233.00	13,966.00	59,199.00	45,233.00	13,966.00	59,199.00	180,932.00	55,864.00	236,796.00	
25	Byron (S)	37,126	109,634.00	62,255.00	171,889.00	109,634.00	62,255.00	171,889.00	109,634.00	62,255.00	171,889.00	109,634.00	62,255.00	171,889.00	438,530.00	248,960.00	687,596.00	
26	Camden	13,880	259,772.00	104,565.00	364,337.00	259,772.00	104,565.00	364,337.00	259,772.00	104,565.00	364,337.00	259,772.00	104,565.00	364,337.00	938,285.00	319,670.00	1,257,955.00	
27	Camden	134,811	134,570.00	90,222.00	224,592.00	134,570.00	90,222.00	224,592.00	134,570.00	90,222.00	224,592.00	134,570.00	90,222.00	224,592.00	538,280.00	360,088.00	898,368.00	
28	Campbelltown (C)	184,784	359,055.00	94,210.00	453,265.00	359,055.00	94,210.00	453,265.00	359,055.00	94,210.00	453,265.00	359,055.00	94,210.00	453,265.00	1,436,220.00	376,840.00	1,813,060.00	
29	Canada Bay (C)	91,385	91,390.00	30,785.00	122,175.00	91,390.00	30,785.00	122,175.00	91,390.00	30,785.00	122,175.00	91,390.00	30,785.00	122,175.00	365,560.00	123,140.00	488,700.00	
30	Canterbury-Bankstown	379,829	379,534.00	129,886.00	509,420.00	379,534.00	129,886.00	509,420.00	379,534.00	129,886.00	509,420.00	379,534.00	129,886.00	509,420.00	1,518,136.00	519,544.00	2,037,680.00	
31	Canterbury-Bankstown	2,765	210,152.00	83,406.00	293,558.00	210,152.00	83,406.00	293,558.00	210,152.00	83,406.00	293,558.00	210,152.00	83,406.00	293,558.00	732,667.00	247,608.00	980,275.00	
32	Central Coast	351,934	994,020.00	221,243.00	1,215,263.00	994,020.00	221,243.00	1,215,263.00	994,020.00	221,243.00	1,215,263.00	994,020.00	221,243.00	1,215,263.00	3,976,080.00	884,972.00	4,861,052.00	
33	Central Darling (S)	1,757	242,084.00	81,021.00	323,105.00	242,084.00	81,021.00	323,105.00	242,084.00	81,021.00	323,105.00	242,084.00	81,021.00	323,105.00	968,336.00	324,084.00	1,292,420.00	
34	Cessnock (C)	67,591	258,601.00	94,595.00	353,196.00	258,601.00	94,595.00	353,196.00	258,601.00	94,595.00	353,196.00	258,601.00	94,595.00	353,196.00	1,034,404.00	378,380.00	1,412,784.00	
35	Clarence Valley	55,323	360,724.00	172,505.00	533,229.00	360,724.00	172,505.00	533,229.00	360,724.00	172,505.00	533,229.00	360,724.00	172,505.00	533,229.00	1,442,896.00	690,020.00	2,132,916.00	
36	Colarui (S)	4,078	225,607.00	87,250.00	312,857.00	225,607.00	87,250.00	312,857.00	225,607.00	87,250.00	312,857.00	225,607.00	87,250.00	312,857.00	727,550.00	270,607.00	1,008,688.00	
37	Coastal Council (C)	80,489	245,968.00	115,100.00	361,068.00	245,968.00	115,100.00	361,068.00	245,968.00	115,100.00	361,068.00	245,968.00	115,100.00	361,068.00	987,472.00	405,400.00	1,447,872.00	
38	Coomaloon (S)	4,549	136,290.00	65,555.00	201,845.00	136,290.00	65,555.00	201,845.00	136,290.00	65,555.00	201,845.00	136,290.00	65,555.00	201,845.00	545,160.00	262,220.00	807,380.00	
39	Coonamble (S)	3,861	155,838.00	83,179.00	239,017.00	155,838.00	83,179.00	239,017.00	155,838.00	83,179.00	239,017.00	155,838.00	83,179.00	239,017.00	632,352.00	239,017.00	871,369.00	
40	Coomalandra-Gundagai Regional	11,424	199,657.00	79,522.00	279,179.00	199,657.00	79,522.00	279,179.00	199,657.00	79,522.00	279,179.00	199,657.00	79,522.00	279,179.00	798,628.00	318,088.00	1,116,716.00	
41	Cowra (S)	12,659	177,496.00	73,819.00	251,315.00	177,496.00	73,819.00	251,315.00	177,496.00	73,819.00	251,315.00	177,496.00	73,819.00	251,315.00	709,084.00	295,276.00	1,005,260.00	
42	Craigieburn (C)	28,923	368,688.00	129,323.00	498,011.00	368,688.00	129,323.00	498,011.00	368,688.00	129,323.00	498,011.00	368,688.00	129,323.00	498,011.00	1,477,468.00	357,292.00	1,834,760.00	
43	Dubbo Regional	56,558	378,664.00	174,469.00	553,133.00	378,664.00	174,469.00	553,133.00	378,664.00	174,469.00	553,133.00	378,664.00	174,469.00	553,133.00	1,514,656.00	697,876.00	2,212,532.00	
44	Dungog (S)	9,767	96,316.00	46,910.00	143,226.00	96,316.00	46,910.00	143,226.00	96,316.00	46,910.00	143,226.00	96,316.00	46,910.00	143,226.00	385,264.00	187,640.00	572,904.00	
45	Edward River	8,430	212,579.00	76,916.00	289,495.00	212,579.00	76,916.00	289,495.00	212,579.00	76,916.00	289,495.00	212,579.00	76,916.00	289,495.00	850,316.00	307,664.00	1,157,980.00	
46	Eurobodalla (S)	40,912	265,946.00	85,963.00	351,909.00	265,946.00	85,963.00	351,909.00	265,946.00	85,963.00	351,909.00	265,946.00	85,963.00	351,909.00	1,063,784.00	343,852.00	1,407,636.00	
47	Euromundi (S)	34,742	323,821.00	132,323.00	456,144.00	323,821.00	132,323.00	456,144.00	323,821.00	132,323.00	456,144.00	323,821.00	132,323.00	456,144.00	1,295,322.00	337,338.00	1,632,660.00	
48	Federation	12,839	235,756.00	113,908.00	349,664.00	235,756.00	113,908.00	349,664.00	235,756.00	113,908.00	349,664.00	235,756.00	113,908.00	349,664.00	943,024.00	455,632.00	1,398,656.00	
49	Forbes (S)	9,300	193,859.00	98,183.00	292,042.00	193,859.00	98,183.00	292,042.00	193,859.00	98,183.00	292,042.00	193,859.00	98,183.00	292,042.00	775,436.00	392,732.00	1,168,168.00	
50	Georges River	158,051	157,877.00	55,227.00	213,104.00	157,877.00	55,227.00	213,104.00	157,877.00	55,227.00	213,104.00	157,877.00	55,227.00	213,104.00	631,508.00	220,908.00	852,416.00	
51	Gilgandra (S)	4,309	146,695.00	67,917.00	214,612.00	146,695.00	67,917.00	214,612.00	146,695.00	67,917.00	214,612.00	146,695.00	67,917					

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
72	Lachlan (S)		6,147	311,070.00	171,845.00	482,915.00	311,070.00	171,845.00	482,915.00	311,070.00	171,845.00	482,915.00	311,070.00	171,845.00	482,915.00	1,244,280.00	887,380.00	1,931,660.00
73	Lake Macquarie (C)		219,249	627,990.00	144,200.00	772,190.00	627,990.00	144,200.00	772,190.00	627,990.00	144,200.00	772,190.00	627,990.00	144,200.00	772,190.00	2,511,960.00	576,800.00	3,088,760.00
74	Lane Cove (M)		41,549	44,699.00	14,413.00	59,112.00	44,699.00	14,413.00	59,112.00	44,699.00	14,413.00	59,112.00	44,699.00	14,413.00	59,112.00	178,796.00	57,652.00	236,448.00
75	Leeton (S)		11,431	189,225.00	53,055.00	242,280.00	189,225.00	53,055.00	242,280.00	189,225.00	53,055.00	242,280.00	189,225.00	53,055.00	242,280.00	756,900.00	212,220.00	969,120.00
76	Lismore (C)		43,907	216,806.00	99,011.00	315,817.00	216,806.00	99,011.00	315,817.00	216,806.00	99,011.00	315,817.00	216,806.00	99,011.00	315,817.00	867,224.00	396,044.00	1,263,268.00
77	Lithgow (C)		22,224	189,953.00	63,546.00	252,499.00	189,953.00	63,546.00	252,499.00	189,953.00	63,546.00	252,499.00	189,953.00	63,546.00	252,499.00	755,812.00	254,184.00	1,009,996.00
78	Liverpool (C)		247,672	284,407.00	121,514.00	405,921.00	284,407.00	121,514.00	405,921.00	284,407.00	121,514.00	405,921.00	284,407.00	121,514.00	405,921.00	1,137,628.00	486,056.00	1,623,684.00
79	Liverpool Plains (S)		7,667	137,015.00	69,645.00	206,660.00	137,015.00	69,645.00	206,660.00	137,015.00	69,645.00	206,660.00	137,015.00	69,645.00	206,660.00	548,060.00	278,580.00	826,640.00
80	Lockhart (S)		3,396	124,692.00	68,482.00	193,174.00	124,692.00	68,482.00	193,174.00	124,692.00	68,482.00	193,174.00	124,692.00	68,482.00	193,174.00	498,768.00	273,928.00	772,696.00
81	Lord Howe Island (Bd)		445	13,601.00	-	13,601.00	13,601.00	-	13,601.00	13,601.00	-	13,601.00	13,601.00	-	13,601.00	54,404.00	-	54,404.00
82	Maitland (C)		59,967	262,381.00	73,329.00	335,710.00	262,381.00	73,329.00	335,710.00	262,381.00	73,329.00	335,710.00	262,381.00	73,329.00	335,710.00	1,049,524.00	293,316.00	1,342,840.00
83	Mid-Coast		97,909	604,263.00	275,883.00	880,146.00	604,263.00	275,883.00	880,146.00	604,263.00	275,883.00	880,146.00	604,263.00	275,883.00	880,146.00	2,417,052.00	1,103,532.00	3,520,584.00
84	Mid-Western Regional		25,921	224,720.00	125,307.00	350,027.00	224,720.00	125,307.00	350,027.00	224,720.00	125,307.00	350,027.00	224,720.00	125,307.00	350,027.00	898,880.00	501,228.00	1,400,108.00
85	Moree Plains (S)		12,873	261,333.00	146,396.00	407,729.00	261,333.00	146,396.00	407,729.00	261,333.00	146,396.00	407,729.00	261,333.00	146,396.00	407,729.00	1,045,332.00	585,584.00	1,630,916.00
86	Mosman (M)		29,071	36,071.00	11,351.00	47,422.00	36,071.00	11,351.00	47,422.00	36,071.00	11,351.00	47,422.00	36,071.00	11,351.00	47,422.00	144,284.00	45,404.00	189,688.00
87	Murray River		13,326	282,460.00	149,826.00	432,286.00	282,460.00	149,826.00	432,286.00	282,460.00	149,826.00	432,286.00	282,460.00	149,826.00	432,286.00	1,129,940.00	599,304.00	1,729,244.00
88	Murrumbidgee		3,807	160,932.00	82,894.00	243,826.00	160,932.00	82,894.00	243,826.00	160,932.00	82,894.00	243,826.00	160,932.00	82,894.00	243,826.00	643,728.00	313,576.00	957,304.00
89	Muswellbrook (S)		16,778	144,232.00	45,850.00	190,082.00	144,232.00	45,850.00	190,082.00	144,232.00	45,850.00	190,082.00	144,232.00	45,850.00	190,082.00	576,928.00	183,400.00	760,328.00
90	Nambucca Valley		20,774	153,401.00	63,075.00	216,476.00	153,401.00	63,075.00	216,476.00	153,401.00	63,075.00	216,476.00	153,401.00	63,075.00	216,476.00	613,604.00	252,300.00	865,904.00
91	Narrabri (S)		12,754	256,134.00	119,022.00	375,156.00	256,134.00	119,022.00	375,156.00	256,134.00	119,022.00	375,156.00	256,134.00	119,022.00	375,156.00	1,024,536.00	476,088.00	1,500,624.00
92	Narrandera (S)		5,692	174,524.00	80,325.00	254,849.00	174,524.00	80,325.00	254,849.00	174,524.00	80,325.00	254,849.00	174,524.00	80,325.00	254,849.00	698,096.00	321,300.00	1,019,396.00
93	Narramine (S)		6,443	161,904.00	73,383.00	235,287.00	161,904.00	73,383.00	235,287.00	161,904.00	73,383.00	235,287.00	161,904.00	73,383.00	235,287.00	647,616.00	293,532.00	941,148.00
94	Newcastle (C)		174,294	482,489.00	212,902.00	695,392.00	482,489.00	212,902.00	695,392.00	482,489.00	212,902.00	695,392.00	482,489.00	212,902.00	695,392.00	1,929,956.00	866,012.00	2,795,968.00
95	North Sydney		72,014	71,961.00	23,360.00	95,321.00	71,961.00	23,360.00	95,321.00	71,961.00	23,360.00	95,321.00	71,961.00	23,360.00	95,321.00	287,844.00	93,440.00	381,284.00
96	Northern Beaches		267,921	267,742.00	108,154.00	375,896.00	267,742.00	108,154.00	375,896.00	267,742.00	108,154.00	375,896.00	267,742.00	108,154.00	375,896.00	1,070,968.00	432,616.00	1,503,584.00
97	Oberon		5,600	102,414.00	49,006.00	151,420.00	102,414.00	49,006.00	151,420.00	102,414.00	49,006.00	151,420.00	102,414.00	49,006.00	151,420.00	409,656.00	196,024.00	605,680.00
98	Orange (C)		44,244	181,900.00	60,896.00	242,796.00	181,900.00	60,896.00	242,796.00	181,900.00	60,896.00	242,796.00	181,900.00	60,896.00	242,796.00	727,000.00	243,584.00	971,184.00
99	Parkes (S)		14,256	229,635.00	106,333.00	335,968.00	229,635.00	106,333.00	335,968.00	229,635.00	106,333.00	335,968.00	229,635.00	106,333.00	335,968.00	913,288.00	435,296.00	1,351,280.00
100	Parramatta (C)		269,145	319,746.00	99,716.00	419,462.00	319,746.00	99,716.00	419,462.00	319,746.00	99,716.00	419,462.00	319,746.00	99,716.00	419,462.00	1,278,984.00	398,864.00	1,677,848.00
101	Pennith (C)		224,483	371,422.00	129,703.00	501,125.00	371,422.00	129,703.00	501,125.00	371,422.00	129,703.00	501,125.00	371,422.00	129,703.00	501,125.00	1,485,688.00	518,812.00	2,004,500.00
102	Port Macquarie-Hastings		89,596	296,386.00	153,404.00	449,790.00	296,386.00	153,404.00	449,790.00	296,386.00	153,404.00	449,790.00	296,386.00	153,404.00	449,790.00	1,195,544.00	619,616.00	1,795,160.00
103	Port Stephens		77,748	253,582.00	63,350.00	316,932.00	253,582.00	63,350.00	316,932.00	253,582.00	63,350.00	316,932.00	253,582.00	63,350.00	316,932.00	1,014,328.00	253,400.00	1,267,728.00
104	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional		65,369	171,795.00	130,963.00	302,758.00	171,795.00	130,963.00	302,758.00	171,795.00	130,963.00	302,758.00	171,795.00	130,963.00	302,758.00	687,180.00	523,852.00	1,211,032.00
105	Randwick (C)		141,840	146,313.00	44,878.00	191,191.00	146,313.00	44,878.00	191,191.00	146,313.00	44,878.00	191,191.00	146,313.00	44,878.00	191,191.00	585,252.00	179,512.00	764,764.00
106	Richmond Valley		23,705	189,010.00	79,780.00	268,790.00	189,010.00	79,780.00	268,790.00	189,010.00	79,780.00	268,790.00	189,010.00	79,780.00	268,790.00	759,040.00	319,120.00	1,078,160.00
107	Ryde (C)		135,716	135,551.00	47,833.00	183,384.00	135,551.00	47,833.00	183,384.00	135,551.00	47,833.00	183,384.00	135,551.00	47,833.00	183,384.00	542,204.00	191,332.00	733,536.00
108	Shellharbour (C)		79,738	199,831.00	52,144.00	251,975.00	199,831.00	52,144.00	251,975.00	199,831.00	52,144.00	251,975.00	199,831.00	52,144.00	251,975.00	799,324.00	208,576.00	1,007,900.00
109	Shoalhaven (C)		109,895	415,747.00	179,454.00	595,201.00	415,747.00	179,454.00	595,201.00	415,747.00	179,454.00	595,201.00	415,747.00	179,454.00	595,201.00	1,662,988.00	717,816.00	2,380,804.00
110	Silverton (VC)		35	1,714.00	-	1,714.00	1,714.00	-	1,714.00	1,714.00	-	1,714.00	1,714.00	-	1,714.00	6,856.00	-	6,856.00
111	Singtel		25,332	134,071.00	69,346.00	203,417.00	134,071.00	69,346.00	203,417.00	134,071.00	69,346.00	203,417.00	134,071.00	69,346.00	203,417.00	536,284.00	277,384.00	813,668.00
112	Snowy Monaro Regional		22,132	340,705.00	140,924.00	481,629.00	340,705.00	140,924.00	481,629.00	340,705.00	140,924.00	481,629.00	340,705.00	140,924.00	481,629.00	1,362,820.00	563,696.00	1,926,516.00
113	Snowy Valleys		14,935	234,672.00	70,564.00	305,236.00	234,672.00	70,564.00	305,236.00	234,672.00	70,564.00	305,236.00	234,672.00	70,564.00	305,236.00	938,688.00	282,256.00	1,220,944.00
114	Strathfield (M)		47,824	51,920.00	15,090.00	67,010.00	51,920.00	15,090.00	67,010.00	51,920.00	15,090.00	67,010.00	51,920.00	15,090.00	67,010.00	207,680.00	60,360.00	268,040.00
115	Sutherland (S)		235,029	234,901.00	101,107.00	336,008.00	234,901.00	101,107.00	336,008.00	234,901.00	101,107.00	336,008.00	234,901.00	101,107.00	336,008.00	939,004.00	404,428.00	1,343,032.00
116	Sydney (C)		231,086	231,080.00	64,737.00	295,827.00	231,080.00	64,737.00	295,827.00	231,080.00	64,737.00	295,827.00	231,080.00	64,737.00	295,827.00	924,360.00	258,948.00	1,183,308.00
117	Tamworth Regional		65,246	307,652.00	218,138.00	525,790.00	307,652.00	218,138.00	525,790.00	307,652.00	218,138.00	525,790.00	307,652.00	218,138.00	525,790.00	1,230,608.00	872,552.00	2,103,160.00
118	Temora (S)		6,029	132,345.00	66,477.00	198,822.00	132,345.00	66,477.00	198,822.00	132,345.00	66,477.00	198,822.00	132,345.00	66,477.00	198,822.00	529,380.00	265,	



## 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 2024, in order to be compatible with the Commission's **Roads, Bridges and General Information Return** for that year (for the 2025-26 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](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions should be emailed to the Commission at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au) as soon as possible and no later than **30 November 2024**.

### 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.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS

### (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.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION  
GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS**

**TABLE 2**

**REQUIRED FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS ON EXPENDITURE DISADVANTAGES**

**Function:**

**Disadvantage:**

**Description and Response:**

**Cost Impact:**

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS ISOLATION ALLOWANCE REVIEW

There is a significant cost of isolation faced by remote and regional councils due to their geographic isolation and the absence of population to support economies of scale. Many remote councils are also in population decline. The isolation allowance provides additional assistance to geographically isolated councils and plays an important part in promoting horizontal fiscal equalisation (relative needs) across NSW councils.

The Isolation Allowance methodology has not undergone a major review since its introduction in the early years of the FA Grant Scheme. Over time, councils' profiles have changed, and amalgamations have occurred. In recent years, a regression tool (one part of the methodology) began producing results which did not appear to correlate to the true disadvantage of isolated councils. At this point, the Commission decided to stabilise the Isolation Allowance, essentially leaving it in a "holding pattern", to allow time to conduct a review.

The Commission is not planning to remove any data inputs. The aim is to retain the current inputs and introduce other cost driver inputs, but also simplify their application to allow effective recognition of those disadvantage factors in allocating the allowance. Below are the measures being tested by the Commission.

<b>Disadvantage Factor (Measure)</b>	<b>Current/Proposed Measure</b>
Distance from Nearest Capital City	Current
Distance from Nearest Major Regional Centre	Current
Western Zone Salary Loadings	Current
Isolation Costs	Current
Population Decline	Proposed
Population Sparsity	Proposed
ABS Remoteness Category	Proposed
Population (smaller)	Proposed
Council Size (larger area)	Proposed
Length of Unsealed Local Roads	Proposed

The Commission will update councils as the review progresses. Councils are always welcome to make a submission through the usual annual submission process.

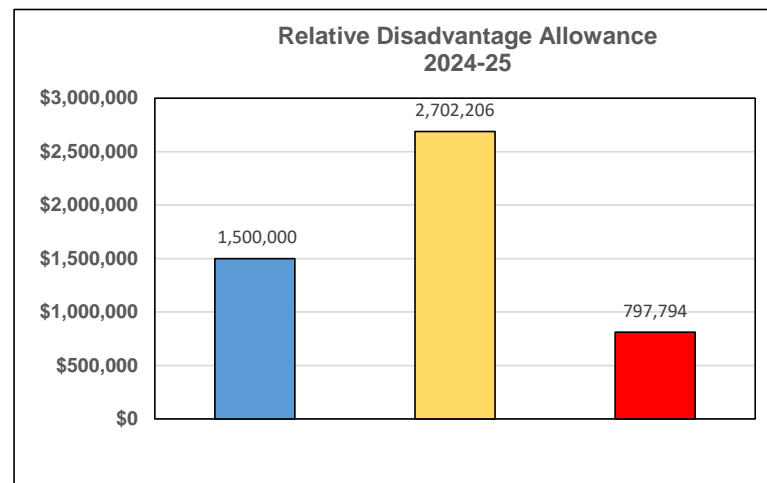
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Expenditure Functions with Expenditure Items Listed Below (Expenditure Items Source – Financial Data Return/Net Cost of Services – 5 year average gross operational costs)					
Recreation & cultural	Administration & governance	Community amenity	Community 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

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2024-25

Expenditure Disability Factors		
Disability Factor	Description	Data Source
<b>Population Size</b>	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 2022-23, Estimated Resident Population (released 26 March 2024).
<b>ATSI</b>	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).
<b>Local Road Length</b>	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 2022-23 financial year.
<b>Environment</b>	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 22 November 2023).
<b>Rainfall, topography and drainage index</b>	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.

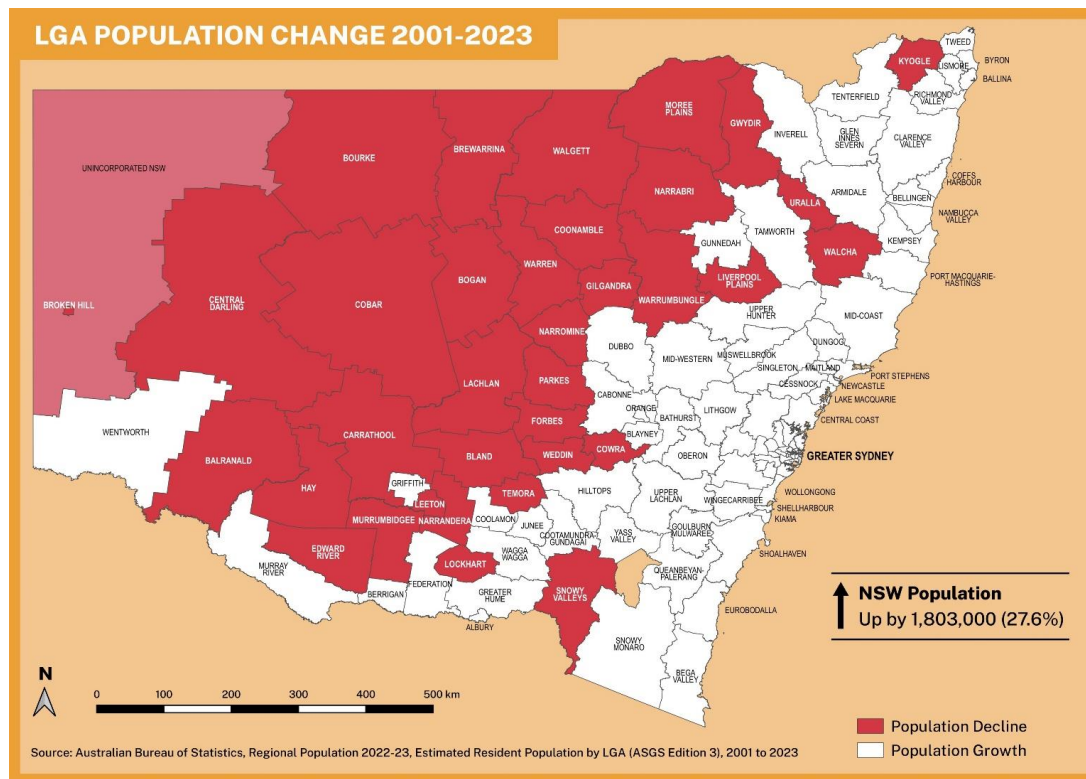
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Within the GPC, \$5 million of the \$31.0 million CPI increase was apportioned to councils with greatest relative disadvantage on the basis of unsealed local road lengths (reported by local councils), isolation (ABS population data, 5 years averaged isolation expenditure reported by local councils, distance from Sydney and the nearest major regional centre, Western Zone Allowance), and population decline (ABS Estimated Population 2006-2023).



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2024-25



Red indicates population decline in NSW from 2001-2023.

# Financial Assistance Grants 2024-25

## Fact Sheet 2024-25



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 85% of the 2024-25 grants in advance. The remainder of the grant allocations are being paid in quarterly instalments.

### 2024-25 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. In 2023, the NSW Government re-affirmed its support to target grants to the most disadvantaged councils and the need to implement the revised model.

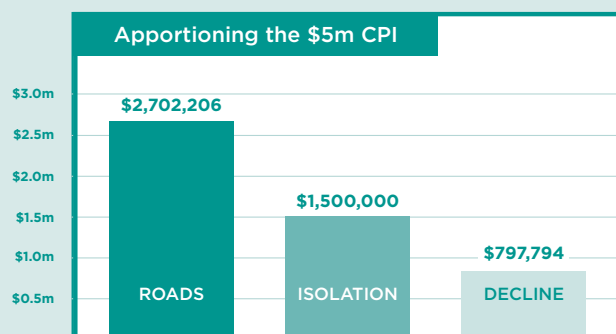
Since 2018-19, the transition arrangements have been limiting the percentage which an individual council's annual GPC can vary as follows:

- 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%. The Commission has maintained the transitional arrangements for the 2024 recommendations, giving councils a seventh year to prepare. Had the Commission applied these parameters in 2024-25 the grants would have been able to better target communities with the greatest relative disadvantage in NSW. Consultation continues with the sector about the recommendations for 2025-26 and beyond and the most appropriate approach to resume the original lower limit, which may include a staged option, which the Commission has resolved to commence in 2025-26.

### 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 2006-2023 (see negative population growth 2001 - 2023 map page 1).



Photo: Christine Booth

### 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 councils on the per capita minimum grant receiving significant increases such as occurred this year for Camden (+8.0%) and The Hills (+6.8%).

Where the Federal Government allocates a CPI increase, as occurred this year (4.6%), 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

The Commission continues to look for opportunities to test and analyse various indicators of real cost impacts of isolation on councils. The Commission will consult widely with the sector before implementing any changes.

# Financial Assistance Grants 2024-25

## Fact Sheet 2024-25



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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 2024-25 the estimated entitlement for the GPC is \$710,159,783, and the LRC is \$292,232,895 but the funds are untied. The GPC incorporates:

- Expenditure Allowance
- Pensioner Rebate Allowance
- Revenue Allowance
- Relative Disadvantage Allowance
- Isolation Allowance

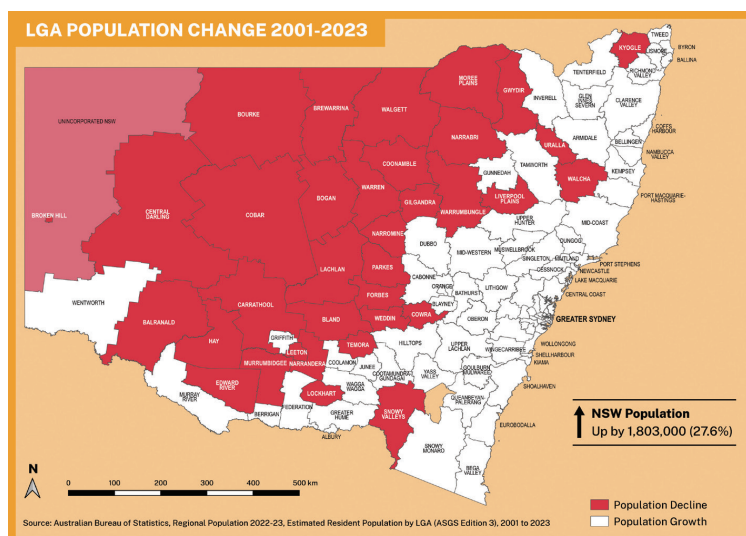
### Per capita minimum grant

The legislation provides for a per capita minimum grant. The per capita minimum for 2024-25 is \$25.54. Councils on the minimum grant generally:

- Have economies of scale
- Have greater revenue raising capacity
- Are geographically smaller
- Experience year on year growth
- Are not relatively disadvantaged

There are 16 councils on the minimum grant, all located in the Sydney area. Over 32% of the State's population live in those council areas.

Seven minimum grant councils received an increase above the 4.6% state average increase.



### General Purpose Component (GPC)

The GPC expenditure allowance remains based on council expenditure reported against the Financial Data Return grouped as follows:

- Community Services & Education
- Administration & Governance
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths & Aerodromes
- Recreation & Culture
- Public Order, Health, Safety & Other
- Community Amenity

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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# Financial Assistance Grants 2024-25

## Fact Sheet 2024-25



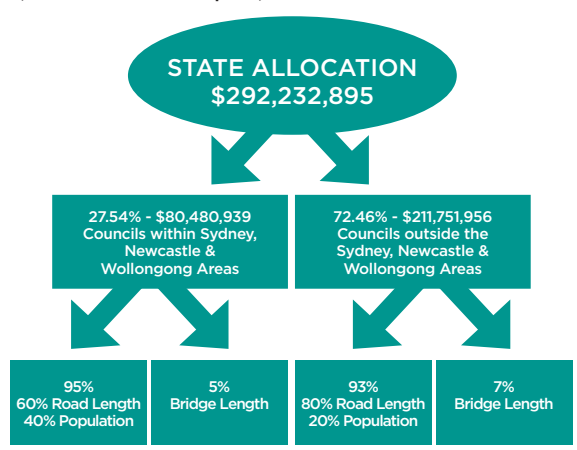
The **GPC expenditure allowance** includes five Cost Adjusters (or Disadvantage Factors/Measures) to enable the Commission to compare councils' relative disadvantage/advantage:

- 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 2024-25 (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.

### Contact the NSW Local Government Grants Commission

5 O'Keeffe Ave, Nowra NSW 2541  
Locked Bag 3015, Nowra 2541  
Telephone 4428 4100  
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#### Related information:

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/grants-commission>  
Includes information such as prior fact sheets, Grants Commission Circulars, reports and grant schedules.

### 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."*

**CORP 03**

**Annual Financial Reports 2023/24**

<b>Strategic Direction</b>	Leading through Collaboration Strive for best practice in all Council processes
<b>File Ref</b>	319171.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Vishwa Nadan - Chief Financial Officer
<b>Approved By</b>	Farooq Portelli - Director Corporate Support

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has a regulatory obligation to prepare and present audited financial reports to the Office of Local Government (due on or before 31 October 2024) and to the Community.

Council's general-purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 have been prepared and audited by NSW Audit Office.

This paper seeks Council's endorsement and a resolution authorising issue of the financial statements.

NSW Audit Office staff will be present at the Council Meeting to answer any questions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives and endorses the 2023-24 audited financial reports.
2. Authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Accounting Officer (Chief Financial Officer) to sign the prescribed statement that will form part of the financial reports.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a) forward a copy of the financial reports together with the auditor's report to the Office of Local Government in accordance with Section 417(5) of the Local Government Act 1993.
  - b) issue a public notice containing a summary of financial results and put the financial statements on exhibition for 7 days to seek public submissions.
4. Note that the financial statements and a summary of public submissions received will be presented to Council at its next meeting for consideration and adoption.

## **REPORT**

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### **Legislative Requirements**

The Local Government Act 1993 states:

As soon as practicable after a council receives a copy of the auditor's reports:

- It must fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, to the public, and
- It must give public notice of the date so fixed [Section 418 (1)]
- The date fixed for the meeting must be at least 7 days after the date on which the notice is given, but not more than 5 weeks after the auditor's reports are given to the council. [Section 418 (2)]

Council's general-purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 have been prepared.

Council's auditors, NSW Audit Office, have audited the financial statements and will issue an unqualified audit certificate after receiving a signed "Statement by Councillors and Management" following this Council meeting.

The financial statements were reviewed and endorsed by the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

This paper seeks Council's endorsement and a resolution authorising issue of the financial statements.

A complete set of draft general/ special purpose financial statements and special schedules will be provided prior to the meeting.

NSW Audit Office staff will be present at the Council Meeting to answer any questions.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

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<b>Economic</b>	There are no economic and financial considerations.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental and sustainability considerations.
<b>Social</b>	There are no social and cultural considerations.

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.
<b>Legislative</b>	Division 2 of the Local Government Act 1993
<b>Risk</b>	Financial risk management issues are included in the financial statements

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil

**OPER 01**

**Brickmakers Creek - Expansion of Project Site**

<b>Strategic Objective</b>	Healthy, Inclusive, Engaging Improve liveability and quality of life for the community by delivering vibrant parks, places and facilities
<b>File Ref</b>	305547.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Clare McLay - Senior Project Manager WSIG Program
<b>Approved By</b>	Peter Scicluna - Acting Director Operations

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the expansion of the Brickmakers Creek parkland project by approximately 2,300m<sup>2</sup> to improve the quality of the park.

On 28 February 2024 Council endorsed the Brickmakers Creek portion of the Woodward Place Master Plan (File No: 027971.2024) following its success in being funded by the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program.

Since then, project planning for Brickmakers Creek has been underway and a Plan of Management is in progress that has recommended the expansion of the park.

The expansion would reduce lot fragmentation across the site, improve connectivity and sight lines, and align with existing lot boundaries.

The expansion would be into three lots, one owned by Crown Land and two owned by Council. There are no financial implications associated with the expansion.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the expansion of Brickmakers Creek by approximately 2,300m<sup>2</sup>.

**REPORT**

Following Council endorsement of the Brickmakers Creek portion of the Woodward Place Master Plan on 28 February 2024, the project has progressed and consultants have been engaged to prepare a Plan of Management (PoM) for the Park.



The consultants have recommended inclusion of additional areas in the PoM to benefit outcomes for the community (Figure 1). These additional portions would increase the park by approximately 2,300m<sup>2</sup>.



Figure 1 Current extent and proposed additional area

The expansion of the park would have the following positive outcomes:

1. Reduction of lot fragmentation – currently the proposed additional areas are disconnected 'islands' as they are excluded from the project scope and PoM. The southern portion will improve alignment with existing lot boundaries.
2. Improved planning and operational management – the inclusion of the new areas better defines the edges of the park and assists in clearer delineation for maintenance.
3. Improved aesthetics - the proposed new addition to the south has some of the most critical (valuable) views into Brickmakers Creek, including views towards the native woodland north of the SES site;
4. Improved landscape function and opportunity – the proposed new addition to the south is flat and 'dished' and could function as an important passive recreational space. For example, it could function as a central open amphitheatre-style place;

5. Enhanced connection - the smaller northern area would assist with connectivity of the project site and the parking area (key for movement and access). The larger southern site would assist in connectivity (movement and permeability) between the Brickmakers Creek site and the balance of Woodward Place, greatly contributing to the use of Woodward Place as a thoroughfare; and
6. Future planning: including these two areas would assist with the development of localised master planning as these two areas would become known quantities.

The revitalisation of Brickmakers Creek is a project within the Woodward Place Masterplan, submitted to Council on 27 October, 2020. The project envisions Liverpool's first regional play space and the naturalisation of Brickmakers Creek. It will deliver attractive open space, recreation, and water sensitive urban design. The area of the project in relation to the whole site is shown in Figure 2.



*Figure 2 Project extent*

As a result of Amendment 52 of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan, the population in Liverpool is substantially increasing, creating demand for quality green and open space. The growing city centre will have a residential density similar to Pyrmont (at 154.3 persons per hectare) and there is currently an under-supply of social, cultural and recreational infrastructure to service the needs of the population.

Woodward Park is a heat island with little greenery, with asphalt for parking and netball courts, and Brickmakers Creek - a concrete drain. Heat island measurements from the park found it is hotter than the nearby CBD.

The Brickmakers Creek revitalisation project aims to transform the existing concrete drain and surrounding bare earth to restore the natural vegetation, add a water retention basin, reinstate a naturalised creek, and plant 1,000 more trees alongside native landscaping to provide amenity and help cool the parkland setting while providing active open space to city dwellers in the summer. The project will establish new trees and indigenous plants, within a naturalised creek, utilising water sensitive design treatment systems for the park.

In addition, the project will deliver a new regional play space which will be designed to cater for multi-generational and multicultural groups. The play space will include a sensory garden, water play and adventure equipment within a water-sensitive urban designed environment.

Considerable community engagement was undertaken for the 2020 master plan, including engagement with First Nations knowledge holders, local community members, the local Youth Leadership Council and Councillors.

A further report will be brought to the Council which details the concept design of Brickmakers Creek at Development Application stage.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications for Council in adopting the increased approximately 2,300m<sup>2</sup> area as the Brickmakers Creek project is funded by the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program. No land acquisitions are required.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	The financial impacts are outlined in the report above.
<b>Environment</b>	Protect, enhance and maintain areas of endangered ecological communities and high-quality bushland as part of an attractive mix of land uses.
<b>Social</b>	Deliver high quality services for children and their families.
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	Foster neighbourhood pride and a sense of responsibility. Deliver services that are customer focused
<b>Legislative</b>	Local Government Act 1993

<b>Risk</b>	The risk to the project is considered low if Council amend the boundaries of Brickmakers Creek. If Council chooses not to adopt the recommendation, the risk is considered high as the project will deliver a fragmented site
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**ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil

**OPER 02****2023-24 Capital Works Carryover of Projects**

<b>Strategic Objective</b>	Visionary, Leading, Responsible Ensure Council is accountable and financially sustainable through the strategic management of assets and resources
<b>File Ref</b>	326067.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Keith Cowley - Acting Manager Strategic Projects
<b>Approved By</b>	Peter Scicluna - Acting Director Operations

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council, at its meeting held on 28 June 2023, adopted a budget as part of the 2023-24 Operational Plan including Council's Capital Works budget. Quarterly program reviews were undertaken in November 2023, February 2024, and May 2024. The revised budget across Council was \$270,376,858.

This report identifies works that need to be carried over to the 2024-25 Program Year to enable Council to achieve the objectives of the 2023-24 Operational Plan. The projects proposed for carryover can be found in Attachment 1, with an associated budget amount of \$24,293,195.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approves the works and services listed in Attachment 1 with a remaining budget of \$24,293,195 to be carried over from the 2023-24 Program Year to the 2024-25 Program Year.

**REPORT**

A list of projects recommended to be carried over has been provided as Attachment 1. Justifications for the carryovers, which amount to 8.9% of the total capital works budget, are included in this attachment as well.

In accordance with Clause 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council approval is required to carryover these funds and continue those projects in 2024-25.



## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with this recommendation have been included in Council's budget for the current year and long-term financial plan.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	<p>Deliver and maintain a range of transport related infrastructure such as footpaths, bus shelters and bikeways.</p> <p>Deliver a high-quality local road system including provision and maintenance of infrastructure and management of traffic issues.</p> <p>Facilitate the development of new tourism based on local attractions, culture and creative industries.</p>
<b>Environment</b>	<p>Manage the environmental health of waterways.</p> <p>Enhance the environmental performance of buildings and homes.</p> <p>Support the delivery of a range of transport options.</p>
<b>Social</b>	<p>Preserve and maintain heritage, both landscape and cultural as urban development takes place.</p> <p>Deliver high quality services for children and their families.</p>
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	<p>Deliver services that are customer focused.</p> <p>Operate a well-developed governance system that demonstrates accountability, transparency and ethical conduct.</p>
<b>Legislative</b>	<p>Clause 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 applies.</p>
<b>Risk</b>	<p>The risk is deemed to be low.</p> <p>The carryover of capital project budgets is necessary to allow contractor payments to be made for ongoing and committed works.</p>

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. FY 2023-24 Carryovers

CARRYOVERS 2023/24

Unit	Project	Justification	General Funds	Grants and Contributions	s7.11 Reserve	Domestic Waste	Stormwater Reserve	Parking Strategy Reserve	Total
Operations									
Sustainable Environment	103808 - Liverpool Koala Vehicle Strike	Grant has been received, expenditure is staged according to signed funding deed		62,670					62,670
City Centre Parking	103801 Bathurst St car park lighting upgrade	Installation of solar lighting and safety bollards and fencing upgrade, project delayed						276,115	276,115
	102201 - Warren Serviceway car park upgrades	Project delayed for supply and installation of a ticketed/ALPS solution						120,285	120,285
Major Plant	102494 - Replacement of Recycling Truck	Supply & deliver one new rear load compactor on a Hino Cab Chassis				212,105			212,105
	102494 - Replacement of Recycling Truck	Supply & Deliver one Hino 500S 1426 with all accessories. Extra truck for waste recycling				199,345			199,345
	101560 - Replacement of Trucks for Household Cleanup Service	Supply and deliver two 24m cube rear load compactor trucks to replace old and worn out trucks for household cleanup service				1,100,000			1,100,000
Buildings Construction	100402 - Child Care centre Rehabilitation / Renovation	Due to building material delays, committed external works at Cecil Hills to be completed by August 2024.	11,430						11,430
	100740 - Collingwood House Restoration	Due to heritage office review delays, there are committed works to be completed by September 2024.	30,000	27,780					57,780
	101530 - Sports Amenity Building Upgrade Program	The scheduled power upgrade works at Hoxton Park reserve delayed, scheduled to complete works by Dec 2024.	181,510	14,400					195,910
	101727 - Leisure Centre Upgrade Program - Whitlam	New splash park initiated in May 2024 delayed and project scheduled for completion in 2024/25.	296,700						296,700
	101789 - Library & Museum Rehabilitation Program	Casula Library HVAC replacement works completed. Final invoices yet to be paid.	32,750						32,750
	103052 - Phillimona Garden - Public Space Legacy Program	The project has been delayed due to DA, materials and wet weather delay.		223,940					223,940
	103781 - Rose St Depot Operations Upgrade	Substation upgrade design is underway pending timeline for Endeavour Energy approval	66,500						66,500
	103765 - Carnes Hills Comm & Rec Precinct Facility Façade Rectification	Due to delay in materials, scheduled works to complete by October 2024	249,100						249,100
	103782 - Chipping Norton Homestead Restoration	New initiative in March 2024 for replacement of 30 years old amenity building ,concept design completed. Detail design and tendering package underway.	82,490						82,490
Civil Construction	103770 - Government road, Hinchinbrook - Shared path construction	Awaiting approval from M7 authority to establish the connection.		21,040					21,040

**CARRYOVERS 2023/24**

Unit	Project	Justification	General Funds	Grants and Contributions	s7.11 Reserve	Domestic Waste	Stormwater Reserve	Parking Strategy Reserve	Total
Drainage and Floodplain	102326 - Cycleway - Casula Powerhouse to Leacocks Regional Park	Awaiting approval from National Park & Wildlife Services to establish the connection.	219,330						219,330
	103328 - Nuwarra Road - Investigation and Design	Project commenced in 2023 -24 program year, finalising detailed design			79,000				79,000
	103786 - Georges River Continuous Shared Path	Strategic project to link cycleway along Georges River	228,000						228,000
	102821 - Carpark - On Street Parking in Narrow Streets	Narrow Street projects runs over various locations of LGA, McKay car parking work is in progress	93,240						93,240
	103085 - Ernie Smith Reserve (GPT)	Work in progress with 25% completion			457,070		49,600		506,670
	103330 - Bernera Rd Upgrade at Yarrawa St	TfNSW approved Bernera Road Upgrade at Yarrawa Street, Prestons		2,361,240					2,361,240
	103099 - Amalfi Park Basin - Remediation Works	Remediation work delayed, currently in progress	301,800						301,800
	101512 - Erosion Protection - Harris Creek & Helles Park	Erosion protection work delayed, in progress		250,000			8,230		258,230
	103216 - 232 Newbridge Road – Flood Mitigation	Flood mitigation work delayed, work in progress		122,730					122,730
	103213 - Thomas Moore Reserve Retaining Wall - Chipping Norton	Retaining wall work in progress		185,900					185,900
	103316 - Governor Macquarie Drive from Alfred Road to Child St	TfNSW funded, project delayed		3,433,590					3,433,590
	103328 - Nuwarra Road - Investigation and Design	Nuwarra Road Investigation and design work is in progress			79,000				79,000
	102606 - Kurrajong Road / Lyn Pde Intersection Upgrade - Design	TfNSW funded Kurrajong Road / Lyn Pde intersection upgrade design in progress		64,800					64,800
	101513 - Gross Pollutant Trap - Maxwell Creek	Grass pollutant work in progress	287,000				341,260		628,260
	100703 - Programmed Drainage Renewal	RCL - tender process is in progress					12,000		12,000
	100705 - Stormwater Pipe Inspection, Assessment & Ancillary Works	RCL - tender process is in progress					128,900		128,900
	100861 - Stormwater Pipe Relining	RCL - tender process is in progress					268,700		268,700



**CARRYOVERS 2023/24**

Unit	Project	Justification	General Funds	Grants and Contributions	s7.11 Reserve	Domestic Waste	Stormwater Reserve	Parking Strategy Reserve	Total
Open Space Construction	100862 - Stormwater Pipe Structural Patches	RCL - tender process is in progress					259,400		259,400
	101536 - Shade Structure Program	Project delayed due to design implications	86,400						86,400
	102480 - Affleck Gardens Park - Park Development	Project delayed due to procurement and legal process with awarding the contract	400,000		356,440				756,440
	102779 - Cartwright Park - Local Park Upgrade	Project is completed and invoices to be paid	43,150						43,150
	102781 - McGirr Park - Key Suburb Park Program	Project delayed due to procurement and legal process with awarding the contract	205,000	600,000	706,200				1,511,200
	102785 - Pye Hill Reserve - Key Suburb Park Delivery	Project delayed due to procurement and legal process with awarding the contract		1,254,670	384,000				1,638,670
	102801 - Australis Reserve - Outdoor Gym	Project delayed due to relocation of gym area			57,340				57,340
	102840 - Collimore Park - Regional Playground	Project delayed due to procurement and legal process with awarding the contract	200,000		595,740				795,740
	102870 Liverpool Pioneers' Memorial Park Stage 2 - Design	Project delayed			78,730				78,730
	102872 - Apex Park - Indigenous Garden	Delays due to company undertaking works becoming insolvent and contract terminated. Project went out to tender again	244,300						244,300
	103243 - Junction Road Park - Local Park Upgrade - Design	Project delayed			99,650				99,650
	103250 - Pye Hill Reserve - Regional Trail Pathway	Project delayed due to WHS requirements of one Principal Contractor permitted	93,900	810,000					903,900
	103267 - Scott Memorial Park - Sports Park Upgrade	Adopted master plan has been completed, works to be delivered			531,760				531,760
	103354 - Synthetic Fields and Hammondville Oval Upgrade	Works to be completed and invoices to be paid			114,620				114,620
	103735 - Regan Park - Local Park Upgrade	Project delayed. Community consultation carried out and project committed for delivery			72,100				72,100
Construction Strategic Projects	103795 - Homestead Park - Picnic Facility - Design	Project delayed			139,300				139,300
	103730 - Shared Path Camden Valley Way, Edmondson Park	Project delayed tender currently out to market	299,920	292,750					592,670

CARRYOVERS 2023/24

Unit	Project	Justification	General Funds	Grants and Contributions	s7.11 Reserve	Domestic Waste	Stormwater Reserve	Parking Strategy Reserve	Total
Floodplain & Water Management	101965 - Edmondson Ave - Detailed Design	Four approved design variations work in progress		71,620					71,620
	102521 - Flood Detention Basin 29 - Austral - Construction (staged)	Project delayed for design			52,790				52,790
	102190 - Middleton Drive - M7 Underpass - Detailed Design	Project delayed for design			261,910				261,910
	103026 - Design of Channel Improvement Works in Hinchinbrook	Detailed design of channel improvement work is at final stage. The project has been delayed due to requiring more time on community consultation.					45,360		45,360
Planning & Compliance									
Development Engineering	102500 - Kurrajong Road / Lyn Parade Design Investigation	Project delayed		25,400					25,400
	103787 - Traffic Calming Device - Miller Shopping Precinct	Project delayed		695,790					695,790
	103789 - Traffic Calming Device - Carnes Hill Shopping Precinct	Project delayed		751,640					751,640
	103790 - Traffic Safety Upgrades - Denham Court Rd	Project delayed		660,970					660,970
	103791 - Traffic Safety Upgrades - Reilly Street & Webster Road, Lurn	Project delayed		67,835					67,835
	103793 - Traffic Safety Upgrades - South Liverpool Rd & Whitford Rd	Project delayed		55,670					55,670
	103794 - Traffic Safety Upgrades - South Liverpool Rd & St Johns Rd	Project delayed		158,780					158,780
Customer & Business Performance									
Information Technology	101775 - Corporate Systems Upgrade - Pathway	Pathway upgrade project delayed, currently in progress.	116,150						116,150
	101930 - Corporate Systems Upgrade - TRIM	TRIM upgrade project delayed, currently in progress.	73,620						73,620
	101931 - Corporate Systems Upgrade - Technology One	Technology One project delayed, currently in progress.	90,690						90,690
	103201 - CCTV - Illegal Dumping	Project in progress and tender at market.			891,000				891,000

CARRYOVERS 2023/24

Unit	Project	Justification	General Funds	Grants and Contributions	s7.11 Reserve	Domestic Waste	Stormwater Reserve	Parking Strategy Reserve	Total
City Futures									
Infrastructure Planning & Design	102653 - Collingwood Visitation Precinct Masterplan	Technical studies and Consultation completed in 23/24. Masterplan expected to be finalised by Nov 2024	150,000	19,050					169,050
			4,082,980	12,232,265	4,956,650	1,511,450	1,113,450	396,400	24,293,195

NEW INITIATIVES

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BUDGET VARIATION

Total Budget Variation			4,082,980	12,232,265	4,956,650	1,511,450	1,113,450	396,400	24,293,195

**CTTE 01**

**Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee  
Wednesday 18 September 2024**

<b>Strategic Objective</b>	Liveable, Sustainable, Resilient Promote and advocate for an integrated transport network with improved transport options and connectivity
<b>File Ref</b>	317269.2024
<b>Report By</b>	Patrick Bastawrous - Coordinator Traffic and Transport
<b>Approved By</b>	Lina Kakish - Director Planning & Compliance

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is tabled in order to present the Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2024. At the meeting, the Committee considered 14 Agenda Items and 5 General Business Items.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the following Committee Recommendations:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2024.
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes

**REPORT**

The Minutes, Agenda and Attachment Booklet of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee held on 18 September 2024 are attached for the information of Council.

Agenda Items

As indicated above, the Committee considered 14 Agenda Items. The recommended actions are as follows:

Caretaker Period

There are currently no regulations prohibiting the Local Traffic Committee being undertaken during Caretaker Period or requirements for Councillor attendance. However, please note that the Local Traffic Committee Charter and related delegations are currently under review.

**ITEM NO: AI 01****SUBJECT: Eighth Avenue and Kelly Street intersection, Austral – Proposed Roundabout Construction**

That Council approves:

1. The installation of the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Kelly Street and Eighth Avenue, including raised thresholds as speed calming devices in Eighth Avenue between Boyd and Kelly Street including signage and line marking, as shown in Attachments 1.1 and 1.2.
2. Detailed design plans to be submitted to and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation.

**ITEM NO: AI 02****SUBJECT: Hume Highway, Casula – Proposed Relocation of Bus Stop**

ITEM REMOVED AS BUS STOPS ON STATE ROADS ARE APPROVED BY TFNSW ONLY.

**ITEM NO: AI 03****SUBJECT: Croatia Avenue, Edmondson Park - Proposed intersection and traffic facilities**

That Council approves:

1. The installation of the proposed intersection including associated transport infrastructure, signage and line marking, as indicated in attachment 3.1.
2. Detailed design plans to be submitted to and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation.

**ITEM NO: AI 04**

**SUBJECT: Franklin Road, Chipping Norton - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing Facility**

That Council approves:

1. The installation of a raised marked pedestrian crossing and associated lighting on Franklin Road, as indicated in the Attachment 4.1
2. Council to undertake community consultation with the affected residents prior to installation.
3. Detailed design of the crossing including signage and line marking plan to be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to installation.

**ITEM NO: AI 05**

**SUBJECT: Kurrajong and Wingham Road, Carnes Hill - Proposed raised threshold**

No action required

**ITEM NO: AI 06**

**SUBJECT: Kurrajong Road between Kookaburra Road and Mowbray Street, Prestons - Proposed median island**

That Council approves:

1. The installation of a median island including line marking and signage plan along Kurrajong Road between Kookaburra Road and Mowbray Street as indicated in Attachment 6.1.

**ITEM NO: AI 07**

**SUBJECT: 1895 Camden Valley Way, Horningsea Park - Proposed Traffic Facilities and shared path**

That Council approves:

1. Construction of the new roads, intersections, footpath, streetscapes, and separated cycleway including signage and line marking plan as indicated in Attachment 7.1.
2. Detailed plans to be submitted to and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation

**ITEM NO: AI 08**

**SUBJECT: Regent Crescent and Seton Road, Moorebank - Proposed parking restriction**

No action required.

**ITEM NO: AI 09**

**SUBJECT: Macquarie Street, Liverpool - Proposed changes in parking restriction**

That Council approves:

1. The replacement of existing metered 1P parking restrictions with “No Stopping” parking restrictions as indicated in Attachment 9.1

**ITEM NO: AI 10**

**SUBJECT: Hume Highway, Casula (northern side) - Relocation of Bus Stop**

ITEM REMOVED AS BUS STOPS ON STATE ROADS ARE APPROVED BY TfNSW ONLY.

**ITEM NO: AI 11**

**SUBJECT: St Francis Catholic College - Proposed Traffic Facilities**

That Council approves:

1. The installation of the proposed raised crossings only, as per the requirements of the consent conditions for St Francis Catholic College as indicated in Attachment 11.1.
2. Detailed designs to be submitted to and approved by TfNSW prior to installation
3. Community consultation to be carried out prior to installation

**ITEM NO: AI 12**

**SUBJECT: 135 Gurner Ave - Proposed subdivision and Roundabout at Gurner and Fourth Avenue**

That Council approves:

1. The Installation of the road infrastructure at 135 Gurner Avenue Subdivision development including a Roundabout at the intersection of Fourth and Gurner Avenue, Austral, with signage and line marking as indicated in Attachment 12.1
2. Detailed design plans to be submitted to and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation.

**ITEM NO: AI 13**

**SUBJECT: Austral, Installation of Temporary Roundabouts and speed cushions at various intersections**

That Council approves:

1. The installation of temporary speed cushions including line marking and signage plans as indicated in Attachments 13.1-13.25.
2. Detailed design plans to be submitted to and approved by TfNSW prior to any installation.

**ITEM NO: AI 14**

**SUBJECT: Items Approved Under Delegated Authority**

That Council notes the Delegated Authority applications approved by Council staff under the TfNSW 'Instrument of Delegation and Authorisation' over the two-month period between August 2024 and September 2024.

**General Business Items**

As indicated above, the Committee considered 5 General Business Items. Comments on the General Business Items with recommended actions are as follows:

**GB1. Feodore Drive, Cecil Hills – Blackspot Program Traffic Calming Application**

The Committee is requested to note Council's to submit a Blackspot funding proposal to install traffic calming device in Feodore Drive, Lancaster Avenue and Spencer Road, Cecil Hills.

**GB2. Local Streets close to Warwick Farm Commuter Carpark – Proposed Timed Parking Restriction**

The Committee is requested to support implementation of 4P restrictions along sections of Hart Street, Remembrance Avenue, Hart Lane and Drummond Street close to Warwick Farm Commuter Carpark.

Community Consultation be undertaken with the residents along Hart Street regarding the 2P restrictions.

Council Staff to investigate the potential for an Resident parking Scheme in accordance with the recent update to the TfNSW Resident Parking Scheme Guidelines.



### **GB3. Elizabeth Hills – LATM Update**

That the Committee notes Council and TfNSW are reviewing the feasibility of a 40km/h zone.

### **GB4. Lismore Street – Turn Restrictions Update**

That the Committee notes the upcoming assessment and that further discussions will be undertaken between Police, Council and the School.

### **GB5. Police Representation at the Committee to be changed**

That the Committee notes the upcoming assessment and that further discussions will be undertaken between Police, Council and the School.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The actions contained in the minutes will be funded as outlines in the table below:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding, Indicative Cost and Timing</b>
1	Eighth Avenue and Kelly Street intersection, Austral – Proposed Roundabout Construction	<b>Funding</b> – Developer Funded <b>Indicative Timing</b> – Subject to Developer construction schedule
3	Croatia Avenue, Edmondson Park - Proposed intersection and traffic facilities	<b>Funding</b> – Developer Funded <b>Indicative Timing</b> – Subject to Developer construction schedule
4	Franklin Road, Chipping Norton - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing Facility	<b>Funding</b> – Council's Capital Budget* <b>Indicative Cost</b> – \$80,000.00 <b>Indicative Timing</b> – February 2025*
6	Kurrajong Road between Kookaburra Road and Mowbray Street, Prestons - Proposed median island	<b>Funding</b> – Council's Capital Budget* <b>Indicative Cost</b> – \$50,000.00 <b>Indicative Timing</b> – February 2025*
7	1895 Camden Valley Way, Horningsea Park - Proposed Traffic Facilities and shared path	<b>Funding</b> – Developer Funded <b>Indicative Timing</b> – Subject to Developer construction schedule
9	Macquarie Street, Liverpool - Proposed changes in parking restriction	<b>Funding</b> – TfNSW block grant to Council <b>Indicative Cost</b> – \$1,000 <b>Indicative Timing</b> – November 2024
11	St Francis Catholic College - Proposed Traffic Facilities	<b>Funding</b> – Developer Funded <b>Indicative Timing</b> – Subject to Developer construction schedule

12	135 Gurner Ave - Proposed subdivision and Roundabout at Gurner and Fourth Avenue	<b>Funding</b> – Developer Funded <b>Indicative Timing</b> – Subject to Developer construction schedule
13	Austral, Installation of Temporary Roundabouts and speed cushions at various intersections	<b>Funding</b> – Council’s Capital Budget* <b>Indicative Cost</b> – \$170,000.00 (\$10,000.00 per intersection, 17 intersections) <b>Indicative Timing</b> – February 2025*
14	Items Approved Under Delegated Authority	<b>Funding</b> – TfNSW block grant to Council <b>Indicative Cost</b> – \$10,000 <b>Indicative Timing</b> – November 2024

*\*Funding has not currently been allocated to the project. By endorsing this report Council agrees to fund the project via the Capital Budget. The actual allocation of Capital Budget and timing of the delivery of the project will be determined by the Operations Directorate.*

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Economic</b>	There are no economic considerations.
<b>Environment</b>	Promote an integrated and user friendly public transport service. Support the delivery of a range of transport options. Deliver a high-quality local road system including provision and maintenance of infrastructure and management of traffic issues.
<b>Social</b>	There are no social and cultural considerations.
<b>Legislative</b>	NSW Roads Act 1993 and Traffic Management Act.
<b>Risk</b>	The risk is deemed to be Low.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Liverpool Local Traffic Committee - 18 September 2024 - Confirmed Minutes (Under separate cover)
2. Liverpool Local Traffic Committee - 18 September 2024 - Final Agenda (Under separate cover)
3. Liverpool Local Traffic Committee - 18 September 2024 - Attachment Booklet (Under separate cover)