

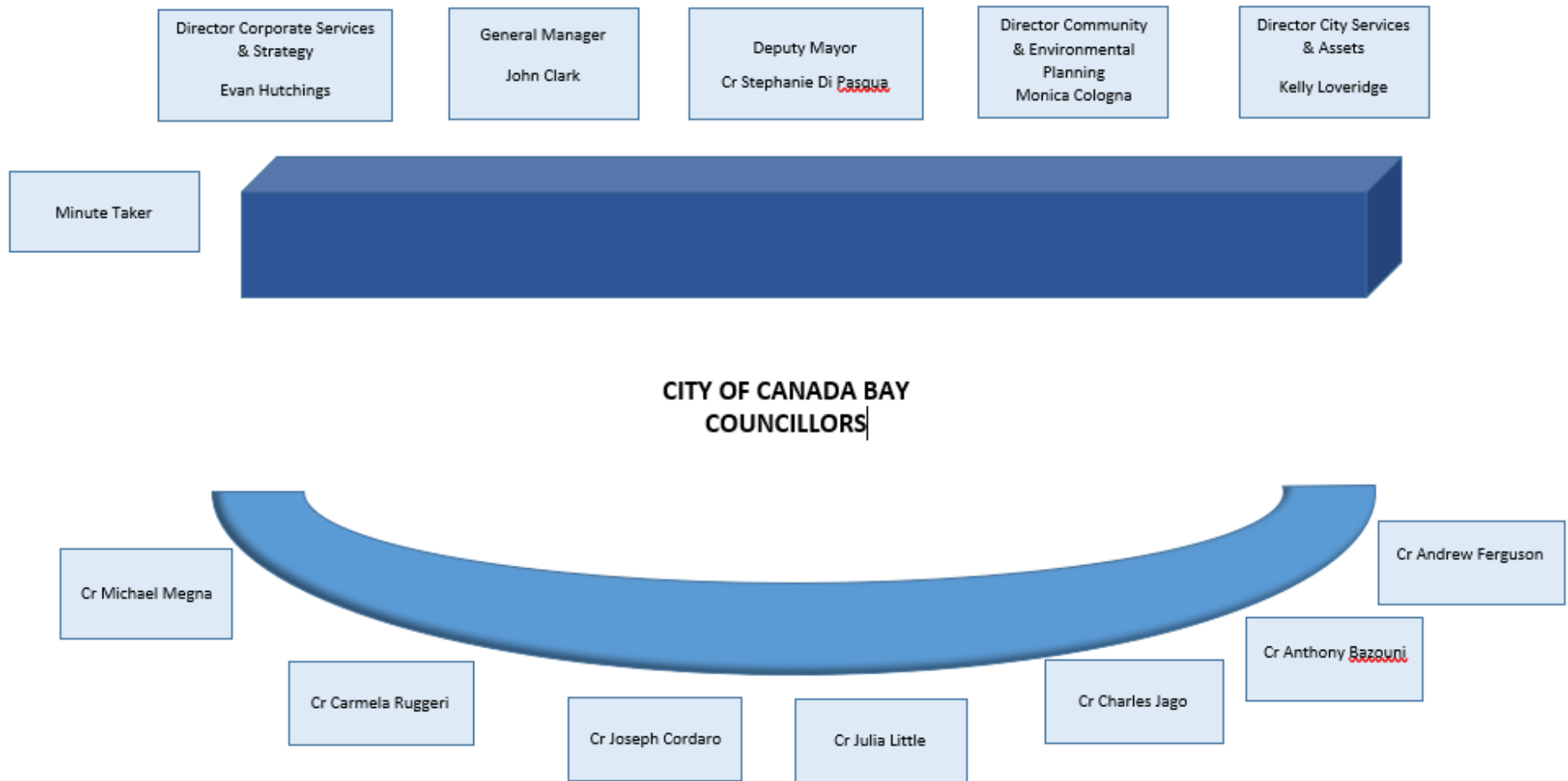


COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

*Council Chambers
Canada Bay Civic Centre
1a Marlborough Street
Drummoyne*

*Tuesday, 19 April 2022
Commencing at 6.00 pm*





Dear Councillor,

An ordinary meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne, on Tuesday, 19 April 2022 at 6.00pm.

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies and Application for Leave of Absence by Councillors
3. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Council Meeting – 15 March 2022
4. Disclosures of Interest
5. Mayoral Minute(s)
6. Public Forum
7. Reports to Council
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John Clark
General Manager

14 April 2022

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The use of private tape recorders or other electronic devices, including mobile phones, is not permitted.

ITEM 1 DA DETERMINATIONS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL AND STAFF UNDER DELEGATION

Department Community and Environmental Planning

Author Initials: SPA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

VSA 5.4.1. Provide transparent and informative Statutory Development services to assure approval processes are streamlined and timely and effective compliance is achieved.

REPORT

Items for CBLPP Meeting on 30 March 2022

There were no applications referred to the CBLPP meeting on 30 March 2022 and, as such, the meeting was cancelled.

Items for next CBLPP Meeting on 27 April 2022

As of the date of this report, the following applications are proposed to be referred to the next meeting of the CBLPP to be held on 27 April 2022. It should be noted that the assessment reports for these matters are yet to be completed and that not all matters may be finalised in time for the agenda for the upcoming CBLPP meeting to be published on Council's webpage by close of business on Thursday, 14 April 2022:

- MOD2021/0166 – 2P Parkview Road, Chiswick - To allow for the extension of sports use of Campbell Park and the associated illumination of the floodlighting to be extended from 9:00pm to 9:45pm, Tuesday to Thursday and 5pm to 9:45pm, Friday.
- DA2021/0266 - 29 Lenore Street, Russell Lea - Demolition of structures and construction of a two-storey dwelling with basement parking and swimming pool.

Development Applications – Determined

The following Development Applications have been determined by staff under delegation between 1 March 2022 and 31 March 2022:

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
DA2021/0228	07.09.2021	216 Lyons Road, Russell Lea	Construction of a steel awning with retractable canvas and minor alterations to outdoor dining courtyard	Approved 01.03.2022
DA2021/0352	14.12.2021	9 Alexandra Street, Drummoyne	Construction of a studio over an existing garage	Approved 02.03.2022
DA2022/0011	20.01.2022	134 Correys Avenue, North Strathfield	Additions and alterations to existing dwelling	Approved 03.03.2022
DA2022/0031	23.02.2022	35 Hospital Road, Concord West	Strata subdivision of dual occupancy	Approved 03.03.2022
DA2021/0236	07.09.2021	7 Braddon Street, Concord	Demolition of the existing structures and construction of a two-storey dwelling with lower ground level, swimming pool and related landscaping	Approved 03.03.2022
DA2021/0255	20.09.2021	37 Gears Avenue, Drummoyne	Demolition of existing structures and construction of new two storey dwelling with swimming pool and landscaping	Refused 04.03.2022
DA2022/0061	21.02.2022	48 Henley Street, Drummoyne	Tree pruning	Approved 07.03.2022
DA2021/0221	26.08.2021	47 Tranmere Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including new in-ground pool and garage with studio over	Approved 07.03.2022
DA2021/0115	03.06.2021	49 Wrights Road, Drummoyne	Removal of existing driveway, excavation of part of the front garden and construction of a new driveway, four car tandem garage and secondary side entry and landscaping of extended grassed area and plantings on the front and south boundaries	Approved 08.03.2022
DA2020/0335	27.11.2020	147-149 Great North Road, Five Dock	Expansion of upper-level office space and reconfiguration of air-conditioning equipment on rooftop	Approved 08.03.2022
DA2022/0045	10.02.2022	9 Mepunga Street, Concord West	Construction of a new swimming pool, front fence and alterations to a first-floor balcony	Approved 09.03.2022

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
DA2022/0041	08.02.2022	45 Myall Street, Concord West	Alterations and additions to residential development	Approved 11.03.2022
DA2022/0047	10.02.2022	2 Murralong Avenue, Five Dock	Construction of carport	Approved 11.03.2022
DA2022/0007	06.01.2022	1 Poolman Street, Abbotsford	Construction of new detached carport	Approved 15.03.2022
DA2021/0070	10.05.2021	18-20 Spencer Street, Five Dock	Warehouse and attached office seeking change of use for a vehicle repair station business	Approved 15.03.2022
DA2022/0025	28.01.2022	3/26 Drummoyne Avenue, Drummoyne	Lots 3 & 9 are switching car spaces which are allocated to each lot	Approved 15.03.2022
DA2021/0218	26.08.2021	41 St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling, including partial demolition at the rear, the construction of a new rear extension, detached double car garage and swimming pool along with landscaping, drainage, and associated works including required conservation works	Refused 16.03.2022
DA2021/0220	01.09.2021	72 Renwick Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and first floor additions to existing dwelling	Approved 16.03.2022
DA2021/0292	06.12.2021	12 Franklyn Street, Concord	Demolition of all structures and construction of a two-storey dwelling and garage	Approved 18.03.2022
DA2022/0029	01.02.2022	46 Henley Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and first floor addition	Approved 18.03.2022
DA2021/0348	03.12.2021	10 Shipley Avenue, North Strathfield	Alterations and first floor additions to existing house including a new garage, new pool and conversion of the existing garage into a cabana	Approved 18.03.2022
DA2021/0308	11.11.2021	12 Lea Avenue, Russell Lea	Demolition of existing structures, and construction of a new two-level dual-occupancy with basement, front fence, pools and strata subdivision	Approved 18.03.2022
DA2020/0143	12.06.2020	25 George Street, North Strathfield	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a residential apartment building with three towers of 4-6 levels containing 145 apartments (including affordable housing dedicated to Council) with two levels of basement and 126 car parking spaces	Approved – JRPP 21.03.2022

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	DATE DETERMINED & DECISION
DA2021/0126	07.06.2021	16 Melbourne Street, Concord	Demolition of existing structures, removal of street tree, and construction of an attached dual occupancy with front fence, and Strata Subdivision	Approved 23.03.2022
DA2021/0357	15.12.2021	123 Thompson Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling	Approved 24.03.2022
DA2021/0171	12.07.2021	1 West Street, Five Dock	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling	Approved 25.03.2022
DA2021/0351	08.12.2021	38 Byrne Avenue, Drummoyne	Alterations and first floor addition to existing dwelling	Approved 28.03.2022
DA2022/0085	15.03.2022	278 Lyons Road, Russell Lea	Removal of Magnolia Tree	Approved 29.03.2022
DA2022/0002	20.01.2022	1 Speed Avenue, Russell Lea	Demolition the existing dwelling and construction of two storey dwelling	Approved 31.03.2022
DA2022/0043	02.03.2022	53 Park Road, Five Dock	New driveway and carport for existing dwelling	Approved 31.03.2022
DA2021/0284	29.10.2021	82 Thompson Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions to existing two storey dwelling	Approved 31.03.2022
DA2022/0073	18.03.2022	65 Parramatta Road, Concord	Demolition of existing structures	Approved 31.03.2022

Total Number of DAs Determined = 32

Development Applications - Lodged

The following Development Applications were lodged with Council during the same period, 1 March 2022 and 31 March 2022:

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA2022/0058	01.03.2022	19-21 Tennyson Road, Breakfast Point	Remedial works to the Tennyson Road Heritage Wall as well as underpinning to be installed for support
DA2022/0059	01.03.2022	3 Harrison Avenue, Concord West	Demolition of existing structures, Torrens title subdivision, the construction of two attached dual occupancies and associated site works
DA2022/0064	01.03.2022	91 Henley Marine Drive, Russell Lea	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a two-storey dwelling with inground pool and front fence
DA2022/0066	01.03.2022	14A St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	Alterations and additions to attic floor of existing dwelling
DA2022/0043	02.03.2022	53 Park Road, Five Dock	New driveway and carport for existing dwelling

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA2022/0068	02.03.2022	505 Great North Road, Abbotsford	Alterations and first floor additions to existing attached dwelling
DA2022/0069	02.03.2022	1-11 George Street, North Strathfield	Change of use of the existing tenancy to allow use as an education centre (Reading Town) for children with maximum of 50 children, operating from Monday to Saturday 8am to 9pm
DA2022/0070	02.03.2022	5 Gallipoli Street, Concord	Demolition of an existing structures, and the construction of an attached two storey dual occupancy with basement parking and strata subdivision
DA2022/0067	08.03.2022	37 Howley Street, Five Dock	Demolish existing outbuilding and construction of a new outbuilding
DA2022/0071	08.03.2022	21 Moore Street, Drummoyne	Alterations and second storey addition to rear of semi-detached dwelling
DA2022/0072	09.03.2022	128 Lower St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne	New boundary fence and open canopy over bin enclosure
DA2022/0077	10.03.2022	271 Concord Road, Concord West	Strata subdivision of approved dual occupancies
DA2022/0074	10.03.2022	11 Breakfast Point Boulevard, Breakfast Point	Construction of an awning
DA2022/0075	10.03.2022	20 Medora Street, Breakfast Point	Construction of a swimming pool and associated landscaping in the rear yard
DA2022/0084	15.03.2022	47 Cometrowe Street, Drummoyne	Demolition of existing structures construction of a two storey dwelling, basement parking and swimming pool
DA2022/0076	15.03.2022	349 Concord Road, Concord West	Alterations and additions including extension of shop top housing deck and rebuilding of rear garage
DA2022/0085	15.03.2022	278 Lyons Road, Russell Lea	Removal of Magnolia Tree
DA2022/0078	15.03.2022	202 George Street, Concord West	Change of use to an indoor recreational facility (Family Fitness & Wellness Centre) with associated internal fitout
DA2022/0079	16.03.2022	60 Denning Street, Drummoyne	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a new two storey dwelling with basement parking, pool and associated landscaping
DA2022/0087	17.03.2022	8 King Street, Concord West	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a single storey dwelling with an attached secondary dwelling
DA2022/0083	17.03.2022	19 Lenore Street, Russell Lea	Construction of a carport

DA NO	DATE LODGED	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA2022/0073	18.03.2022	65 Parramatta Road, Concord	Demolition of existing structures
DA2022/0090	22.03.2022	45 Ingham Avenue, Five Dock	Demolition of existing structures and the construction of new two-storey dwelling with basement parking, swimming pool, and landscaping
DA2022/0086	29.03.2022	26 Leicester Avenue, Strathfield	Demolition of the existing dwellings, amalgamation of lots and construction of a five (5) storey residential flat building with 21 apartments over two (2) levels of basement car parking and land dedication for future road
DA2022/0088	29.03.2022	43 Cometrowe Street, Drummoyne	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a two storey dwelling with front fence and pool
DA2022/0091	29.03.2022	4 Park Avenue, Concord	Removal of six trees and pruning of two trees
DA2022/0092	29.03.2022	35 Cabarita Road, Concord	Demolition of existing structures and construction of a two storey dwelling with basement and pool
DA2022/0093	30.03.2022	19-19A Roseby Street, Drummoyne	Proposed refurbishment of an existing juice bar
DA2022/0096	30.03.2022	6 Walker Street, Rhodes	Change of hours for Rhodes McDonalds to operate 24 hours 7 Days a week
DA2022/0097	31.03.2022	27 Murralong Avenue, Five Dock	Partial demolition and substantial alterations and first floor additions to an existing single storey dwelling

Total Number of DAs Lodged = 30

Variations to development standards

There was one (1) variation made to a development standard (e.g. Building Height, Floor Space Ratio) under the provision of Clause 4.6 of the Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan, 2013 for the period 1 March 2022 and 31 March 2022:

DA NO	PROPERTY	LEP DEVELOPMENT STANDARD	JUSTIFICATION	EXTENT	DATE APPROVED
DA2021/0171	1 West Street, Five Dock	Clause 4.4 Floor Space Ratio	The enclosure of an existing balcony will not result in a substantive increase in the bulk and scale of either the existing dwelling or proposed development	18.185sqm (6.6%)	25.03.2022

Land and Environment Court Appeals

The following provides an update on Land and Environment Court appeals as at 31 March 2022:

DA/APPEAL NO	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	CURRENT STATUS
DA2019/0380	Gladesville Bridge Marina – 380 Victoria Place, Drummoyne	Class 1 Appeal against the actual Refusal of the development application for alterations and additions to the Gladesville Bridge Marina Council is listed as the First Respondent. Save the Gladesville Bridge Waterway Incorporated are listed as the Second Respondent	Section 34 Conciliation conference held 2 November 2021. No agreement reached. Matter listed for five-day hearing on 12, 13 and 16, 17 and 18 May 2022
DA2021/0089	30-34 Leicester Avenue, Strathfield	Class1 Appeal against the deemed Refusal of the development application for demolition of existing structures, amalgamation of lots and the construction of a five storey residential flat building with 42 apartments and 46 car parking spaces.	Application under review by the Land and Environment Court with no judgement made
DA2021/0192	11 – 21 Chapman Street, Strathfield	Class 1 Appeal against the deemed refusal of the development application for integrated development for the erection of a residential flat building containing 61 apartments, including basement carparking and associated site preparation, excavation, landscaping and other related works.	Amended proposal for 55 apartments including basement carparking and associated site preparation, excavation and landscaping was approved by the Land and Environment Court on 25 March 2022
DA2021/0108	38 Salt Street, Concord	Class 1 Appeal against the deemed Refusal of the development application for the demolition of existing structures on site, construction of a double storey residential dwelling with basement, in ground swimming pool and front fence	Matter listed for conciliation conference on 13 April 2022
DA2021/0167	34 Bayview Road, Canada Bay	Class 1 Appeal against the deemed refusal of the Demolition of existing structures and construction of a 48-place childcare	Matter listed for conciliation conference on 10 June 2022

DA/APPEAL NO	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	CURRENT STATUS
		facility, basement parking for 12 vehicles	
DA2021/0290	25 Abbotsford Parade, Abbotsford	Class 1 Appeal against the deemed refusal of the development application for Major alterations and additions existing dwelling	Matter listed for first directions hearing on 21 April 2022

Of the above six listed matters before the Land and Environment Court there are currently five active appeals.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and note the information contained in the report on DA determinations by the Local Planning Panel and Staff under delegation (for the period 1 March 2022 and 31 March 2022).

ITEM 2 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR – 176-184 GEORGE STREET, CONCORD WEST (PP2018/0001)

Department Community and Environmental Planning

Author Initials: PLD

This matter was considered by Council at its Ordinary meeting on 15 March 2022 [Item 4] and Council resolved:

THAT Council defer the matter to the next Ordinary Council Meeting with a Councillor Workshop to be held prior to this.

In accordance with that resolution a Councillor workshop was held and the matter is resubmitted to Council, and the following report is that report presented to Council at the March Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 20 March 2018, Council resolved to submit a landowner-initiated planning proposal for 176-184 George Street, Concord West (PP2018/0001) to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for a Gateway Determination. The planning proposal is seeking to rezone the land from IN1 General Industrial to R3 Medium Density residential and facilitate an apartment building on the site.

Council has received a letter from DPIE requesting that the planning proposal be withdrawn, as it is seeking to introduce controls for the site that are consistent with Council's *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy* (PRCUTS) planning proposal. It appears that DPIE wishes to avoid a duplication in process and is seeking to progress Council's PRCUTS planning proposal as a priority.

It is recommended that Council resolve to withdraw the subject planning proposal. This would avoid any potential inconsistencies that may arise in pursuing a duplicate proposal via two separate processes, is consistent with the strategic planning process that is being implemented via Council's corridor-wide PRCUTS planning proposal and would reduce confusion for stakeholders participating in the rezoning process.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports FuturesPlan20 Outcome area:

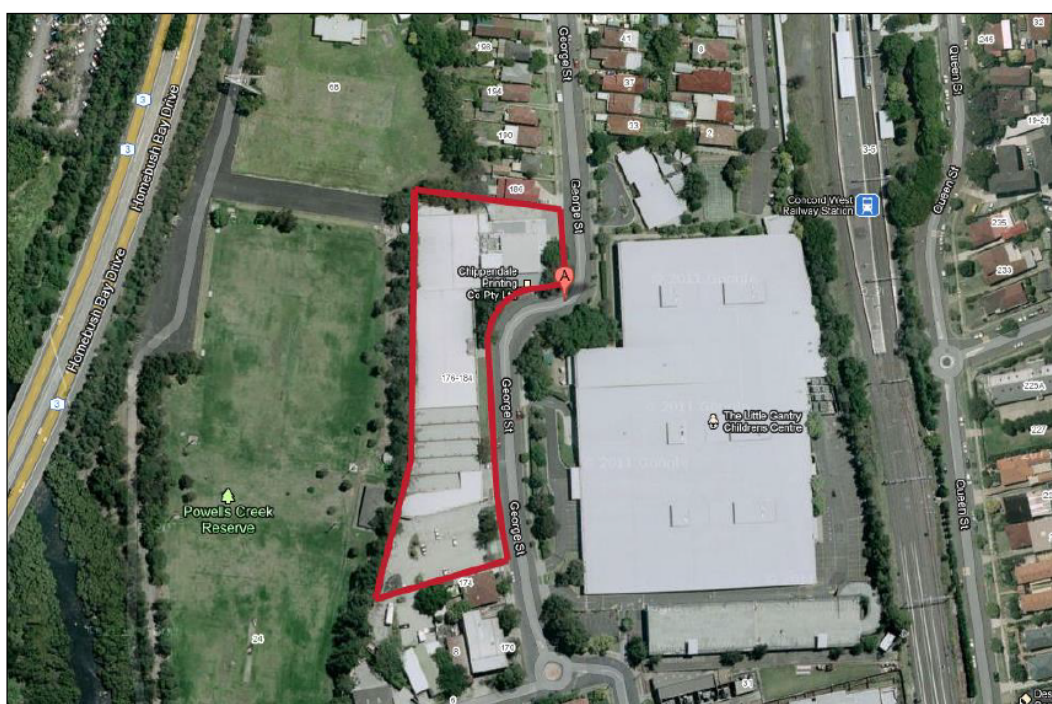
- EFF 4.2.1. Provide Strategic and Land Use Planning to ensure the built and natural environment is highly liveable with quality and sustainable development incorporating best practice design.

This report also relates to the *Concord West Precinct Masterplan 2014*, the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy (PRCUTS) 2016* and Council's PRCUTS Planning Proposal endorsed by Council for public exhibition on 18 May 2021.

REPORT

Background

On 20 March 2018, Council resolved to submit a landowner-initiated planning proposal for 176-184 George Street, Concord West (PP2018/0001) to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination.



The subject site at 176-184 George Street, Concord West

The planning proposal is seeking to implement the recommendations of Council's *Concord West Precinct Masterplan 2014* and the NSW Government's *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy* by rezoning the subject site from IN1 General Industrial to R3 Medium Density residential and facilitate residential development.

On 19 March 2019, Council confirmed the earlier resolution to submit the planning proposal to DPIE. The confirmation was necessary due to a Ministerial Direction having been issued after the date of the original submission that required Council to refer all planning proposals to the Local Planning Panel for advice before forwarding them to DPIE for a Gateway Determination.

On 24 February 2020, Council received a letter from DPIE advising that the planning proposal would not be progressed to Gateway. The primary reason given was that PRCUTS had come into effect before submission of the planning proposal to DPIE and the Strategy states that planning proposals within PRCUTS must not proceed until a precinct-wide traffic study is completed for the corridor.

On 12 October 2021, the planning proposal was able to be resubmitted to DPIE for a Gateway Determination. This was because a new Ministerial Direction for PRCUTS was issued on 5 August 2021 that allowed planning proposals to proceed ahead of completion of the traffic study, if they are within Stage 1 of PRCUTS or comprise a whole precinct. The subject site is within Stage 1 of PRCUTS. The planning proposal was subsequently re-submitted.

On 24 November 2021, the Council-initiated PRCUTS Planning Proposal (PP2021/0001) received a Gateway Determination, enabling the proposal to proceed to exhibition. Council's PRCUTS Planning Proposal reflects the intent of the landowner-initiated planning proposal the proposed zoning and development standards under the proponent-initiated planning proposal and Council's PRCUTS planning proposal are identical.

On 10 January 2022, Council received a letter (dated 23 December 2021) from DPIE noting that the landowner-initiated planning proposal (subject of this Council Report):

“seeks to introduce controls for the site which are consistent with Council’s PRCUTS planning proposal. Therefore, progressing the planning proposal for 176-184 George Street would be a duplication in process.”

The letter also states:

“It is the Department’s position not to progress the planning proposal at this time and as such, we respectfully request that Council withdraw the planning proposal. The Department looks forward to working with Council to progress the Council-led Stage 1 PRCUTS planning proposal in a timely manner.”

Options

Two options are available to Council to respond to DPIE's request to withdraw the planning proposal, whilst proceeding to achieve its intended outcome:

1. Not withdraw the planning proposal and request that DPIE assess it and issue a Gateway Determination.

This approach would likely result in a Gateway Determination of refusal.

2. Withdraw the planning proposal and work with DPIE to progress Council's PRCUTS Planning Proposal.

This would avoid any potential inconsistencies that may arise in pursuing a duplicate proposal via two separate processes, is consistent with the strategic planning process that is being implemented via Council's corridor-wide PRCUTS planning proposal and would reduce confusion for stakeholders participating in the rezoning process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council, in response to the request from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, withdraw the landowner-initiated planning proposal for 176-184 George Street, Concord West (PP2018/0001).
2. THAT Council write to the proponent to advise of the decision and explain the reasons for it, as outlined in the report.

Attachments:

1. Letter from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment dated 23 December 2021 (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)

ITEM 3 RHODES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – REVISED CHARTER

Department Community and Environmental Planning

Author Initials: SV

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a draft revision of the Rhodes Community Committee Charter for Council's consideration and adoption.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

IIP 1.3.1. Provide Place Management to enhance spaces and places and bring communities and businesses together.

REPORT

The Rhodes Community Committee (RCC) Charter is scheduled to be reviewed at the beginning of each Council term, subject to Council endorsement of this committee continuing. Council staff have consulted with the Committee at the end of the last term of Council. Feedback was obtained both at RCC meeting discussions, as well as via an anonymous online survey of committee members. This feedback has informed the proposed changes to the RCC Charter, together with the operational need to strengthen the strategic focus of the Committee.

As previously reported, one of the fundamental roles of the RCC is the link it provides between Council and the wider community of Rhodes. The review of the RCC Charter clarifies the role and function of the committee. Changes made include:

- Clarification that the RCC role and function is not a decision making body of Council. The RCC role is for community representation and raising issues with Council to inform strategic planning and development.
- Clarification that recommendations raised through RCC consensus that are outside of current council resourcing and commitments must be raised through the Chair as a notice of motion at a council meeting.

No other changes have been made to the composition and governance of the committee structure or the RCC charter itself.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Administration of the Rhodes Community Committee is provided for in the 2021-2022 Operational plan and budget. There is no additional financial impact relating to this activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the draft Rhodes Community Committee Charter 2022 attached to the report (Attachment 1) be adopted.
2. THAT, subject to the adoption of the Charter, Council determine Councillor membership (being two councillors, one of which is the Mayor or Councillor nominee) of the Rhodes Community Committee of Council for the new Council term.
3. THAT expressions of interest for membership of the committee be sought from community members.

Attachments:

1. Draft Rhodes Community Committee Charter 2022 (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)

ITEM 4 CITY OF CANADA BAY ACCESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE REVISED CHARTER

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: PE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a draft revision of the Access and Inclusion Committee Charter for Council's consideration and adoption.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

IIP 1.1.1. Promote Disability Inclusion to enhance positive community attitudes and behaviours and improved access to create a more liveable community for people with disability.

REPORT

The Access and Inclusion Committee Charter is scheduled to be reviewed at the beginning of each Council term. Council Staff have consulted with the Committee at the end of the last term of Council and also taken into account the significance of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP).

The DIAP recognises a whole of Council approach for disability and inclusion initiatives. The Access and Inclusion Committee is ideally placed to provide support, advice and further consultation with community members and service providers for Council to achieve these initiatives.

The extensive community consultation undertaken to develop the DIAP resulted in four focus areas with 44 Actions that Council has committed to delivering between now and 2025. The Access and Inclusion Committee could assist Council to provide best practice solutions or add valuable insights to many of these actions. The Access and Inclusion Committee Charter has been aligned with the implementation of the DIAP as one of its main purposes and with the DIAP emphasised in the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.

The composition of the committee has been strengthened to ensure inclusivity through being representative of the community in terms of diverse disabilities and social backgrounds. In addition not for profit organisations providing disability services locally have been identified in order to ensure representation from suitably qualified professionals working in the field. Councillor representation has also been increased from one councillor to two councillors on the committee to strengthen Council's support and focus on achieving DIAP outcomes for our community.

The Charter has also been enhanced to enable Council to appoint honorary life members from time to time through a Council Resolution. This will provide Council with the opportunity to recognise long standing community members who have volunteered many hours of work over long periods of time to improve the lives of people with disabilities in the local area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Administration of the Access and Inclusion Committee is provided for in the 2021-2022 Operations plan and budget. There is no additional financial impact relating to this project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the draft revised Access and Inclusion Committee Charter attached to the report be adopted.
2. THAT subject to the adoption of the Charter that Council determine Councillor membership of the Access and Inclusion Committee.
3. THAT expressions of interest for membership of the committee be sought from community members.

Attachments:

1. Draft Access and Inclusion Committee Charter August 2021 (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)

ITEM 5 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES – 31 MARCH 2022

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: BM

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

EGA 3.3.1. Deliver Traffic and Parking infrastructure that supports the use of active and public transport and safe use of roads.

REPORT

This report contains the minutes for the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 31 March 2022 for Council's resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes and recommendations of City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee meeting of 31 March 2022, attached to the report, be adopted.

Attachments:

2. Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 31 March 2022 (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)

ITEM 6 HARRY'S SHED COMMITTEE

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: PE

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

- IIP 1.1.3. Provide services and a range of facilities for Seniors to harness the skills and wisdom of our ageing population and to support their participation in our community.

This report also relates to Council's Positive Aging Strategy.

REPORT

The Canada Bay Men's Shed (Harry's Shed) is a community organisation located in the Concord Community Centre in Gipps Street. It was set up with the support of the City of Canada Bay in 2012 as an outcome of the Positive Aging Strategy.

Harry's Shed Committee originally included two Councillor representatives following a request from the group establishing the Shed in 2012. Council subsequently resolved to provide Councillor representation. This representation is included in Harry's Shed Constitution.

The Secretary of Harry's Shed Committee has written to Council advising that a motion was put to the organisation's AGM to re-assign these positions to increase representation of the growing membership and to include representation of a Tech Shed sub-group. This motion was put aside until a response was gained from Council.

Harry's Shed has proven to be a sustainable and well-run community organisation with a growing membership. The original need for Councillor representation on the Shed's committee to support its establishment is no longer necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council no longer provides Councillor representation on the Harry's Shed Committee.
2. THAT the Harry's Shed Committee submit an annual report to Council summarising the activities and outcomes of the organisation.

ITEM 7 HENLEY PARK OFF-LEASH AREA REVIEW 2022

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: PN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In October 2021, Council resolved for staff to conduct a review of the Henley Park dog off-leash facilities, seeking feedback on fencing, accessibility and other improvements the park may benefit from.

Consultation was run from 25 February to 25 March 2022, with opportunities to provide feedback via an online survey, in writing, via phone or face to face at a drop-in session.

The consultation focussed on facilities for the park to ensure the park continues to be shared by all in a safe and positive way. Feedback from the community was diverse and somewhat conflicting from the different users of the park.

Given that councils resolutions for education and enforcement is due to be reported back to Council, it is appropriate to defer a decision on fencing for Henley Park. The focus for the education and enforcement campaign will be on responsible dog ownership.

Other improvements such as new tree planting, additional seating and bin are recommended to proceed. The existing fence at the corner of Flavelle and Pitt Streets to be given an extension by means of a low-level planting for a distance along Pitt Street.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

- IIP 1.2.2. Provide quality active and passive Recreation Services and Facilities that contribute to health and wellbeing.
- ER 2.2.1. Plan for, and maintain, Parks and Open Space to provide active and passive recreation opportunities for everyone's enjoyment.

This report also relates to Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2019, Dogs in Public Places Strategy 2019 and Urban Canopy Tree Strategy 2019.

REPORT

Background

Henley Park, Concord is a unique park with a recently upgraded playground, remnant trees and has a wide-open grassy area. The park has a village feel and is used by residents in neighbouring streets for many activities including walking, dog off-leash, exercise, picnicking.

In early 2020 Council trialled a dog off-leash area, and following the success of the trial, in May 2020 Council resolved for Henley Park, with the exception of the fenced playground, to become an off-leash park, with fencing to be installed along Flavelle Street which was considered a busy road (notwithstanding that the Dogs in Public Places Strategy notes Council's preference is not to fence dog parks). It was further resolved that a report be brought back to Council with a review of the facility after 12 months.

In June 2021, a report on the 12-month review was presented to Council, with no changes to the park recommended. In October 2021 a Notice of Motion was considered by Council and the following resolutions made:

- 1. THAT Council investigate ways to further improve the facilities at Henley Park, Concord.*
- 2. THAT Council consult with the community to identify preferred options for fencing within the park.*
- 3. THAT Councillors be provided with a workshop and a report in the new year outlining results of the consultation process.*

Community Consultation

Summary of contributors

- 140 survey responses
- 13 emails and phone calls received
- 30 people attended drop-in session

Survey Outcomes

The community survey received 140 responses and aimed to answer the following questions:

- What facilities could be improved at Henley Park?
- What are the preferred options for fencing within the Park?
- What can we do to improve access in the Park?

Respondent demographics

- 74% own a dog

- 29% live on a street that borders the Park
- 63% live in Concord
- 40% visit the Park daily
- 64% visit the Park to take their dog to the off-leash area
- 24% visit the Park to walk/for exercise

Feedback Emailed

Council officers received 13 emails providing feedback on this consultation, highlighting the following issues:

- Fencing limits accessibility to the park, gate is worn and muddy
- Fencing is a barrier to anyone trying to escape (dog or human)
- Concern fence will attract more aggressive dog breeds
- Space will no longer be seen as a shared space
- More fencing is not in keeping with the aesthetic of the area
- There have been interactions of dogs chasing kids with ball, or those exercising and dog owners suggesting park users be careful of their dog
- Dog owners shouldn't be bringing their dog if they can't control them going on the road.

Feedback at Drop in Sessions

Council officers were at Henley Park on Thursday, 17 March (postponed from 3 March due to wet weather) from 4.30-6:30pm to talk to residents about this consultation and gather further feedback. Approximately 30 members of the community attended.

9 items of feedback collected at the session were input into the online survey to collate results.

Council officer observations at drop-in session:

- Apparent lack of responsible dog ownership understanding by a portion of dog owners who were witnessed with dogs wandering off and owners not paying attention,
- Multiple dogs urinating on council drop-in desk right in front of the dog owner's eyes and no attempt to control the dog.
- Some dog owners verbally suggesting that a child's parents (only) are responsible for child and dog interactions.
- Some dog owners believing the off-leash area was just for dogs and that off-leash meant there were no responsibilities on the owner to control their dog.

Summary of Consultation

Opportunities for improvement of facilities at Henley Park?

The key messages from the community were for the following improvements:

- Additional seating, with shade
- Tree planting
- An additional bin – nearer to the gate
- The space remaining a shared space

A budget allocation for seating and an additional bin has been included in the FY 2022/23 draft budget.

The planting of trees has already been consulted on and a budget allocation provided with the Grow our Canopy program, which will see 49 trees planted in Henley Park this Autumn / winter planting season.

Preferred options for fencing within the Park

Option 1:	Leave the fencing as is	(11.5%)
Option 2:	Fully fence the park with pool type fencing	(55%)
Option 3:	Extend the pool type fence further along Pitt Street to the playground	(8.5%)
Option 4:	Remove all fences (except playground fence)	(7%)
Option 5:	Unsure	(1.5%)
Other (please specify):	The dominant suggestion being partition or dividing of the park for different users, dogs, and everyone else.	(16.5%)

It is considered that the current survey results reflect the predominant portion of respondents who are dog owners (74%). In conjunction with the observations of limited dog supervision, there is merit in delaying the decision on installation of fencing that would otherwise segregate the park, until such time that an education and enforcement campaign is delivered.

It is however proposed that a soft barrier be established at the corner of Flavelle and Pitt Streets, through the provision of low-level planting, extending a short distance along Pitt Street to limit dogs running out of the south-eastern corner of the park, noting the vicinity of Flavelle Street.

The cost of this planting can be covered within the current Parks operational budget and will be delivered with the tree planting.

Options to improve access in the Park

The community feedback indicated access could be improved by:

- Improving the entry gate surface at Flavelle Street, noting elderly residents use the park as a thoroughfare from Arthur Street to Flavelle Street when heading to the shops on Major Bay Road.
- Footpaths in locations around the park, namely along Pitt Street.

The surfacing at the gate entry is budgeted for in the 2022/23 budget allocation. The consideration for additional footpaths will be investigated separately by Council's landscape design team to determine the best suited footpaths to improve access, to and around the park, while not sacrificing the unique open space that exists. A separate budget allocation would then be sought to deliver any recommended footpaths works.

Conclusion

The Henley Park dog off-leash area has enabled the community to come together, particularly during the COVID lockdowns of 2020 and 2021, which enabled social connections and saw a growth in dog ownership city-wide.

The 2019 Dogs in Public Places Strategy notes Council's preference is not to fence dog parks unless there is considerable risk. When Henely Park was established as an off-leash park, a fence was installed along Flavelle Street to minimise risk. The establishment of this fence does not however eliminate the need for responsible dog ownership.

The community indicated they would like to see more seats, shade, and bins in the park and also that it remain a shared space for all. The current canopy program will see 49 trees planted in the coming months and seats and bins will also be provided.

It is considered that a decision on fencing should not be made in advance of the pending responsible dog ownership education and enforcement campaign being delivered. In the interim, low-level planting at the corner of Pitt and Flavelle Street will provide a soft fence to deter unsupervised dogs from reaching the intersection.

Additional footpaths for the park will be reviewed by Council's landscape design team and concept planning developed.

These actions will provide continued support to our dog off-leash community and ensure that our public spaces can be shared safely to benefit the whole community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed park improvements and their funding options are noted below. A budget allocation for these items has been included within the FY2022/23 draft budget.

Description	Estimated cost
Provision of four seats	\$12,000
Provision of two bins (including dog bag holder bin enclosures)	\$10,000
Installation of new gate for park entry	\$2,000
Total	\$24,000

As noted in the body of the report, the tree planting and low-level barrier landscape planting will be completed in the current financial year within existing budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council defer a decision on further fencing options for Henley Park, for a period of up to 12 months, pending the outcome of the program of education and enforcement of responsible dog ownership across the Canada Bay LGA.
2. THAT a report be prepared and submitted to Council on the fence options for Henley Park, following the program of education and enforcement of responsible dog ownership across the Canada Bay LGA.

Attachments:

1. Henley Park dog off-leash review – Consultation Report

ITEM 8 MILL PARK HEALTH AND FITNESS SPACE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: PD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community consultation was undertaken on a draft concept plan for Mill Park health and fitness space from 17 December 2021 until 20 February 2022. Consultation included Council staff conducting a drop-in session on site on 5 February 2022, and an extension to the original consultation period (originally 6 February 2022).

The concept for the Mill Park health and fitness space concept aligned with the CSP outcomes through its intergenerational, multi-functional recreational design aimed to provide quality and positive activities to the community.

This report summarises the community engagement report and its findings, along with the proposed next steps.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

- IIP 1.1.3. Provide services and a range of facilities for Seniors to harness the skills and wisdom of our ageing population and to support their participation in our community.
- IIP 1.1.4. Support Young People by providing information and services, which promote connection with the community, safe spaces, and participation in active and passive recreation.
- IIP 1.2.2. Provide quality active and passive Recreation Services and Facilities that contribute to health and wellbeing.
- ER 2.2.1. Plan for, and maintain, Parks and Open Space to provide active and passive recreation opportunities for everyone's enjoyment.

This report also relates to the 2015 Rhodes Peninsular Open Space Plan of Management and Masterplan, the Open Space and Recreation Strategy and Action Plan (2019) and the Urban Canopy Strategy (2019). This project aligns with the key priorities of the Urban Canopy Strategy by protecting and increasing the existing tree canopy.

REPORT

Background

Council's Open Space and Recreation Strategy (2019) identifies that demand for multi-use outdoor courts in Rhodes is not currently being met. In response, Council officers determined the already activated Mill Park as a potential site for a multi-use court. This location was identified in the 2015 Rhodes Peninsular Open Space Plan of Management and Masterplan for a future adventure play area. As there are already four playgrounds in the Rhodes West area, and limited open space, the Mill Park site was recommended.

Community Engagement

A program of community consultation was developed for the project and included:

- Online survey
- Virtual brainstorm: collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/mill-park/get-creative
- Drop-in session at Mill Park
- Email/phone feedback

Notification methods included:

- Project page on Collaborate Canada Bay: collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/mill-park
- Letterbox drop to 3,750 residences
- Council newsletters and enews
- Site posters
- Social media
- Direct email to 10 project followers

The letter box drop to residents occurred on 15 December 2021. Upon discovery in January that a number of secure apartments did not receive notification letters, a second letter box drop occurred on 19 January, with copies to strata managers, and the consultation period was extended until 20 February 2022.

Initial community feedback suggested that the online survey was restrictive in freedom of responses. In response, the collaborate page was updated on 21 January 2022 to ensure all community members could contribute their views.

On 5 February 2022, Council officers met with approximately 35 people at the Mill Park drop-in information session. Staff talked to residents and park users about the project and collected feedback.

Engagement outcomes summary

Collaborate reach

- 172 contributions
- 1,375 page views
- 737 unique site visitors
- 27 project followers

Social media reach

- Facebook – 4 x posts
- Instagram – 3 x posts
- Twitter – 1 x post

These posts reached a total of 14,400 people and received 864 engagements (likes, comments and shares).

Newsletter reach

- City of Canada Bay enews
- Rhodes enews (December) translated into Korean and Chinese Simplified
- City of Canada Bay enews (January)
- Good Living @Rhodes (Summer edition)

Total reach = 12,178

Survey results

The survey received 145 submissions in total.

Additional online feedback

84 respondents (58%) provided comments on this project, of which:

- 73% were against the construction of the health and fitness space
- 18% suggested improvements to the concept design
- 8% made comments in support of the project

Email/Phone Feedback

40 submissions were received via email or phone, from 37 residents. Of these:

- Most submissions (98%) were opposed to the project going ahead
- 29 submissions (73%) forwarded a link to a community petition against this project, signed by 222 people

Key concerns put forward by residents included:

- Excessive noise (90%)
- Loss of green space (80%)
- Antisocial behaviour (75%)
- Light pollution (8%)
- There are other basketball courts nearby (5%)
- Loss of parking (5%)

Engagement Conclusion

Most respondents strongly opposed the project. Key issues raised include excessive noise (both from basketballs and users of the space), loss of green space and antisocial behaviour. Concerns about loss of parking due to increased use of the space, light pollution, increased litter and impact on existing flora and fauna were also put forward.

Residents have asked for reconsideration of the location of the health and fitness component. Some residents support the introduction of seating and more planting in the space.

In addition to the consultation, Council engaged consultant Acoustic Dynamics to conduct noise logging on site to assess the existing noise impacts experienced by residents and to assess and predict future impacts of a multi-purpose court facility.

The below was the conclusion of the acoustic assessment:

“Further to the noise monitoring and measurements conducted, our review of the relevant acoustic criteria and requirements, and our modelling and calculations, Acoustic Dynamics advises that the proposed health and fitness space is unlikely to comply with the most relevant acoustic criteria of City of Canada Bay Council, NSW EPA guidelines and the relevant Australian Standards.”

Alternate options

Given the significant community feedback received in opposition to the proposed multi-purpose court in Mill Park, Council staff have subsequently commenced investigation of the following sites for their suitability to accommodate a court for active community use:

- McIlwaine Park, Concord Rd, Rhodes East
- Mutton Reserve, end of Harrison Ave, Concord West
- Majors Bay Reserve, Nullawarra Ave, Concord West

Site	Pros	Cons
McIlwaine Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- within greater Rhodes area- adequate space- distanced from residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- divided from Rhodes West by main road, Concord Road acts as a divide- better suited once Rhodes East is developed with future potential connections
Mutton Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- adequate space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- secluded, poor surveillance- close to residents (noise)- divided from Rhodes West by main road, Centenary Drive acts as a divide.- Transport for NSW (trains) use intermittently- 1.8km from Rhodes peninsular (Mill Park)
Majors Bay Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- adequate space- distanced from residents- aligns with current recreation precinct planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3.2km from Rhodes peninsular (Mill Park)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no cost impact associated with not proceeding with this project. The existing project budget of \$100,000 for this project will be removed from the FY21/22 capital works program.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT due to significant community opposition and feedback to the proposed Mill Park health and fitness space project, the project be removed from the FY21/22 capital works program, with Council staff to explore alternative nearby locations for a multi-purpose court.

Attachments:

1. Mill Park health and fitness space - Site Analysis
2. Mill Park health and fitness space - Concept Plan
3. Mill Park health and fitness space - Consultation Notification Letter
4. Mill Park health and fitness space - Consultation Report

ITEM 9 WIRE MILL PARK DOG OFF-LEASH UPDATE

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: PN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 15 March 2022, Council resolved for staff to consult with the community on operating times for a proposed dog off-leash park at Wire Mill Park, Chiswick. This report presents the findings from that consultation and proposes the operating times be:

- Weekday mornings 7.00am – 9.00am
- Weekday evenings 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- Weekend evenings (all year) 2.00pm – 7.00pm

This report also recommends improvements to the park to encourage dog owners to gather away from the apartments, including signage, shade, seating, a drinking fountain, fence maintenance and a waste bin.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

- IIP 1.2.2. Provide quality active and passive Recreation Services and Facilities that contribute to health and wellbeing.
- ER 2.2.1. Plan for, and maintain, Parks and Open Space to provide active and passive recreation opportunities for everyone's enjoyment.

This report also relates to Council's Dogs in Public Spaces Strategy, adopted in 2019.

REPORT

Council undertook a dog off-leash trial at Wire Mill Park, Chiswick from 8 December 2021 until 23 February 2022. The outcomes of the trial were reported to Council on 15 March 2022, where Council resolved the following:

1. *THAT Council support in principle the off-leash area in Wire Mill Park.*
2. *THAT Council staff produce a report with proposed times in consultation with both parties for designated off-leash for the next month's Council Meeting.*
3. *THAT a report be prepared and submitted to Council on possible*

improvements to facilities within Wire Mill Park to assist in moving gatherings of dog owners and dogs away from the apartments.

- 4. THAT a report be prepared and submitted to Council on potential safety improvements to Lysaght Park dog off-leash area.*
- 5. THAT a report be prepared and submitted to Council on education and enforcement initiatives to encourage responsible dog ownership, including details on dog ownership growth rates.*

This report updates Council on the second and third resolutions above, concerning the proposed operational times for the dog off-leash park and the facilities which can assist in encouraging dog owners to gather away from the apartments. Reports addressing the remaining resolutions will be prepared and submitted in due course.

Community Engagement

Council staff met and liaised with representatives from those for and against the dog park to discuss potential operating times for an off-leash dog area. Agreement was reached that the off-leash park should operate from 7.00-9.00am each morning, however agreement could not be reached on operational times for evenings.

Following discussions with the representatives, all proposed evening options were put to the community for their feedback via an online survey. The survey was available on Council's Collaborate site from 1-10 April 2022. The survey was promoted via the group representatives, onsite signage, Council's website and through an email to all previous community participants in the engagement on this proposal.

The survey asked the community for their preferred operational times and for any other feedback about the proposal, including the proposed park improvements.

Below is a summary of the survey outcomes regarding community preferences for evening time restrictions for Wire Mill Park dog off-leash area:

Weekday evenings (all year)	%	No.
5.00pm - 7.00pm	30	26
4.30pm - 6.30pm	25	22
Other	45	40

Other suggestions were:

- 4.00pm -7.00pm – suggested by 17 people
- 14 people suggested alternate times but with no commonality
- No off leash was suggested by 9 people

Weekend evenings (Winter)	%	No.
2.00pm - 7.00pm	53.4	47
4.30pm - 6.30pm	18.2	16
5.00pm - 7.00pm	10.2	9
Other	18.2	16

Other suggestions were:

- 6 people suggested alternate times but with no commonality
- No off leash was suggested by 10 people

Weekend evenings (Summer)	%	No.
2.00pm - 7.00pm	53	47
4.30pm - 6.30pm	3	3
5.00pm - 7.00pm	22	19
Other	22	19

Other suggestions were:

- Until 7.00pm variations – suggested by 3 people
- 5 people suggested alternate times but with no commonality
- No off leash was suggested by 11 people

Based on the replies in each question, the choice by the majority has informed the recommended time restrictions for the Wire Mill Park dog off-leash area.

The majority supported the following times:

- Weekday mornings 7.00am – 9.00am
- Weekday evenings 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- Weekend evenings (all year) 2.00pm – 7.00pm

Improvements to encourage gatherings away from the apartments

Options to encourage dog owners to gather away from the apartments were discussed with representatives from both groups. They included:

- Signage for both education and enforcement
- Drinking fountain with doggy bowl*
- Waste bin with doggy bags
- Picnic shelter with seating
- Tree planting (for future shade)
- Maintaining the damaged fence and gate at the Fig Tree Reserve boundary

** Dependent upon feasibility of water supply*

Survey participants were asked to provide additional feedback on these improvements. Council received 58 items of additional feedback in the survey. While not all the additional feedback referred to the proposed improved facilities, those that did supported the following:

- picnic shelter (6)
- signage (4)
- waste bin with dog bags (4)
- trees for shade (3)
- drinking fountain (1)

Items of feedback which referred to matters other than the proposed improved facilities were presented by those not in support of the off-leash arrangement and included:

- Irresponsible dog owners (12)
- Concern for safety of public with off-leash dogs (9)
- park being too small for off leash area (7)
- no enforcement (4)
- roaming dogs (3)
- barking dogs (3)

Based on the support for the improved facilities, a costing is presented within the financial section of this report for consideration of new budget to enable these assets to be delivered for the community.

It is recommended that a review of the Wire Mill Park time-restricted off-leash dog area operation, including any issues or incidents be reported back to Council after 12 months.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of establishing and enforcing a dog off-leash park (without any improvements) at Wire Mill Park is negligible and will be managed through existing operational budgets.

The park improvements proposed as shown below would however require the allocation of a specific budget for these works, noting that there is no budget allocation for Wire Mill Park improvements within the current FY 2021/22 budget.

Wire Mill Park improvements	Estimated cost \$
Signage	1,500
Drinking fountain*	22,000
Two waste bins (including dog bag holder bin enclosures)	10,000
Picnic shelter	25,000
Tree planting (including 12 months establishment)	5,200
TOTAL	\$63,700

** Dependent upon feasibility of water supply, preliminary estimate is based on proximity of water main and existing topography.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the Wire Mill Park off-leash dog park operating hours be set as follows:
 - 7.00 - 9.00am weekday mornings
 - 5.00 - 7.00pm weekday evenings
 - 2.00 - 7.00pm weekend evenings
2. THAT Council allocate \$63,700 from within the FY21/22 Open Space Planning operational budget to fund the delivery of off-leash dog improvements in Wire Mill Park.
3. THAT a report be prepared and submitted to Council after twelve months, providing an update on the functioning of the time restricted off-leash dog operations within Wire Mill Park.

Attachments:

1. Wire Mill Park Dog Off-leash Timed Community Consultation Report

ITEM 10 DRAFT POWELLS CREEK FLOOD STUDY

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: JE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has prepared a draft flood study for the Powells Creek Catchment. This report seeks Council's approval to exhibit the draft study for public comment. This process will include consultation with the owners of all properties that have been identified as flood affected.

Once public comment has been considered, a further report will be presented to Council to adopt the Flood Study, form the Floodplain Risk Management Committee and commence the Floodplain Risk Management Study. The adopted Flood Study will then be available as public information.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

ER 2.1.5. Manage Drainage and Stormwater infrastructure to prevent local flooding and to provide for harvesting of stormwater for water recycling.

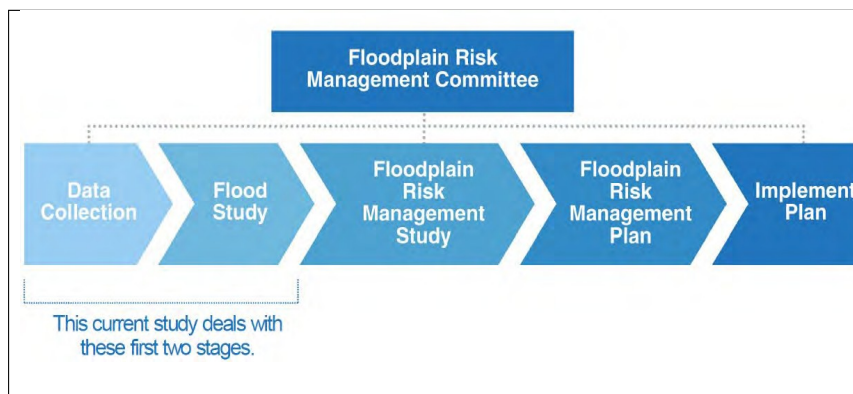
REPORT

Background

Council is implementing the NSW Government's Flood Prone Lands Policy. The objectives of this Policy are to:

- a) Manage community safety
- b) Facilitate emergency planning
- c) Reduce community property damage for rare flood events.

Council engaged the services of a consultant WMA Water who has prepared a draft flood study for the portion of the Powells Creek catchment within the City of Canada Bay Council, in accordance with the Floodplain Risk Management Process shown below.



The Powells Creek catchment, Appendix A, drains much of Concord West, North Strathfield, and part of Strathfield. The Powells Creek catchment drains to Homebush Bay on the Parramatta River via an open channel. The flood study is a probabilistic statistical analysis of stormwater flows across the terrain during design rare storm events inclusive of the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) and the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF).

The Flood Study model was calibrated utilising real-life flood and rainfall events/overland flow experience supplied by residents as part of the initial community consultation undertaken by Council as part of the 2016 Powells Creek Revised Flood Study.

The Draft Flood Study indicates that there are 217 properties in the catchment that require flood planning controls to minimise property damage as a result of a rare storm event (for example through setting floor levels plus appropriate freeboard above the depth of stormwater overland flow for new development). The affected properties are predominately impacted by stormwater overland flows. There are approximately 20 properties which are affected by mainstream flooding from Powells Creek.

The Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan currently requires the preparation of a Flood Impact Assessment for all new development within the catchment. The Draft Flood Study will remove the burden of preparing a Flood Impact Assessment for properties not impacted by potential flooding. Properties which are potentially impacted by flooding will be able to utilise the Flood Study data for their Flood Impact Assessment.

The flood study will inform the preparation of the Powells Creek Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study.

The Floodplain Risk Management Study will utilise the Flood Study to:

- Assess community safety by investigating locations of high velocity and depth and proposing mitigation and management measures.
- Investigate emergency planning strategies to achieve a co-ordinated emergency management response targeting the higher risk locations.

- Assess the impact of stormwater overland flow and mainstream flooding upon the 217 affected properties and suggest flood planning controls and flood mitigation measures to reduce property damage in a rare flood events.

Consultation on the draft Flood Study

It is proposed to exhibit the Draft Flood Study for a period of 6 weeks commencing Wednesday 13 April 2022. Once the community's comments have been investigated a report will be presented to Council recommending the adoption of the consulted Powells Creek Flood Study.

Council staff have developed a comprehensive strategy for the Draft Flood Study Consultation as follows:

- Page hosted on Collaborate Canada Bay with overview maps, images, feedback form and FAQs
- Printed copies being made readily available at Council libraries
- The approach for properties that have been identified as having some risk in a rare flood event include:
 - Personalised letters and extensive fact sheet sent to identified residences and ratepayers
 - Offering individual meetings with Council's consultant team to address any specific property concerns
- Letters will also be sent to all property owners who have been identified as having no risk within the Flood Study area, rate payers and Government bodies.

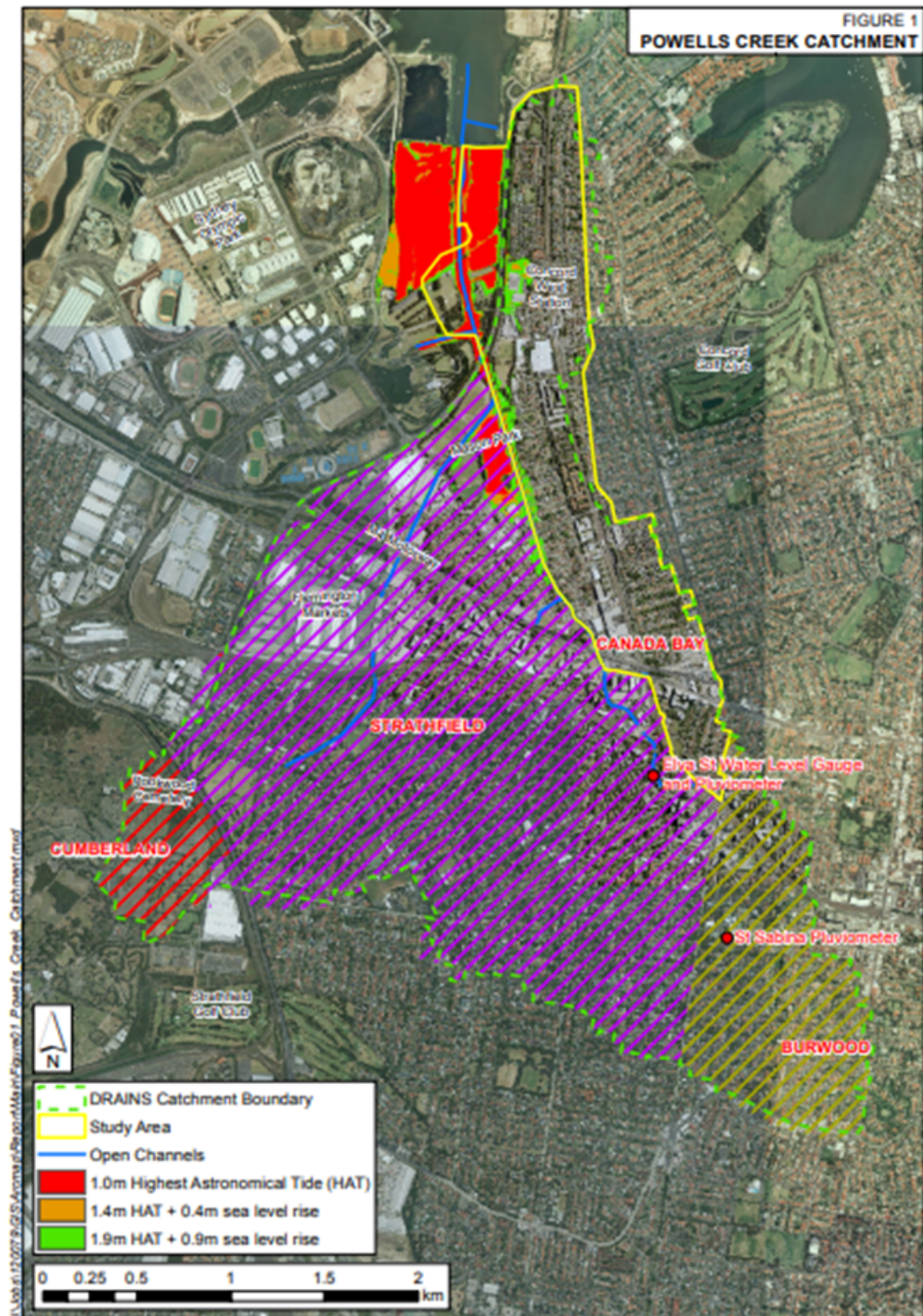
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The flood study cost \$85,500 + GST. There is no cost impact to Council from these works as the Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Process is funded by the NSW Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the draft Powells Creek Flood Study attached within the report be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.
2. THAT following the public exhibition period a further report, including details of any submissions, be prepared and submitted to Council.

APPENDIX A



ITEM 11 PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE LIVING ROOM PROJECT

Department City Services and Assets

Author Initials: SU

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Touched by Olivia Foundation (TBOF) approached Council in 2020, seeking support for the next step of their mission to create a more liveable, connected and ultimately inclusive community with their ‘Living Room’ concept within Timbrell Park, Five Dock.

On 15 September 2020, Council resolved to fund the concept design for the Living Room Project (Project).

This report seeks approval to progress the project by funding the detailed design, documentation and preparation of a development application for the Project.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

IIP 1.1.1. Promote Disability Inclusion to enhance positive community attitudes and behaviours and improved access to create a more liveable community for people with disability.

The Project aligns closely with the objectives of Council’s *Disability and Inclusion Action Plan* in creating opportunities for people with disability to gain employment experience and forge careers, be included in their community and live meaningful lives.

REPORT

Council has been involved with the TBOF since its launch in 2007 and our community was the first in Australia to have an all-abilities and inclusive play space at Livvi’s Place in Timbrell Park, Five Dock.

Since inception the foundation has continued to grow, with award-winning play spaces now in over 40 communities across Australia and many more scheduled for the coming years. Inclusion is central to the work of TBOF and Council again partnered with the Foundation for the first Livvi’s Café — a social enterprise that offers inclusive employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

TBOF approached Council in 2020, seeking Council’s support for the next step of their mission to create a more liveable, connected and ultimately inclusive community with their ‘Living Room’ concept. It is proposed that Canada Bay will

be home to the Foundation's first 'Living Room': an indoor/outdoor community space in Timbrell Park where everyone is welcome.

The Living Room would be managed by the TBOF and operated as a venue that they propose would invite members of the community to:

- an inclusive space for good old-fashioned fun and conversation;
- a space of belonging for everyone where diversity is respected and celebrated by bringing communities and businesses together.
- attend programs and workshops that are aimed at addressing and supporting the needs of the community;
- participate in hospitality training for people with disabilities;
- hire for events and parties.

On 15 September 2020 Council resolved:

1. *THAT Council support the development of a plans for a Living Room development.*
2. *THAT Council allocate \$33,000 of Sections 7.12 funding at the quarterly review.*
3. *THAT the final design is brought back to Council for further consideration.*

In October 2020 Council engaged Sam Crawford architects to develop the concept design for the Project and in November 2020 Council consulted local residents, park users, community service operators and the wider community to understand concerns, ideas and opportunities regarding the proposed Living Room and its placement within the park.

Key findings from the community feedback were incorporated into the detailed plan for the space, including:

- Accessible paths of travel inside and outside and ease of wheelchair navigation
- Large kitchen suitable for training
- Maximising greenery
- A small-scale building when viewed in the context of the neighbours and park structures
- Storage space
- Noise mitigation - shielding the café noise from nearby residents
- Sustainable design with ample natural light and ventilation
- Flexible spaces - ability to divide the interior space into two
- Maintaining sightlines to the playground
- Not obstructing park views from nearby residents

Community Consultation

Council sought further community feedback on the approved concept plan from 14 July 2021 to 1 September 2021. The feedback received included 11 online submissions, 3 submissions via phone/email and an additional 9 people following this project. These submissions include:

Suggestions for programmatic use:

- Tool library
- Bike repair space
- Recycling station
- Dance and exercise space for seniors
- Cultural events

Design feedback (outside of consultation scope):

- Timber is preferred visually (3)
- Brick is easier to maintain (1)
- Make the space solar efficient and use grey water to irrigate community garden
- Include parking for bikes/scooters
- Consider ample storage in cool room
- Music is an important part of ambiance so good acoustic installation at building stage is better if integrated.
- Include a large projection screen for outdoor use

Other issues raised:

- Parking (3)
- Building should be constructed closer to the existing amenities (2)
- Outdoor tables could encourage antisocial behaviour at night

Following review of the feedback, the Final concept design was then finalised in December 2021, as shown at Attachment 1.

Detailed Design

Upon completion of the concept plan the TBOF has attempted to seek grant funding to progress to detailed design and documentation.

Unfortunately, TBOF has advised that despite their attempts to gain grant funding for the next stage of this project, most grant funding is only available for ‘shovel ready’ projects and as such the TBOF has not been successful in securing a grant to date.

In consideration of the above it is considered that should this project be 'shovel ready', i.e. detailed design and documentation completed and a development consent obtained, then grant funding opportunities would be more easily accessed.

Whilst the TBOF continues to seek grant funding for this project, it is apparent that many opportunities are being lost due to the current project status. It is also anticipated that further State Government grant opportunities will be available later this year, and as such it is important that the detailed design, documentation and lodgement of a development application be progressed as a priority. This would enable this Project to be 'shovel ready' for future grants consideration.

This report seeks Council approval to fund the detailed design and documentation of this project, including the preparation and lodgement of a development application.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost estimate for the detailed design and documentation is approximately \$100,000.

The funding for this design stage of the proposed facility could be made available through the third quarter budget review process, through the reallocation of other project savings within the Capital works budget.

Council does not have a budget allocation within the long-term capital program for the construction of the proposed facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council allocate \$100,000 from savings within the FY21/22 Buildings Renewal capital budget to fund the delivery of detailed design and documentation for the Living Room project development.
2. THAT the detailed design for the Living Room project is brought back to Council for further consideration, prior to lodgement of a development application.

Attachments:

1. Final Concept Options (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)

ITEM 12 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR MARCH 2022

Department Corporate Services

Author Initials: KS

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

VSA 5.2.3. Ensure Council's long-term financial sustainability by providing effective Financial Management.

REPORT

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

This report incorporates the end of March Cash and Investments Report for Council's consideration.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer

Evan Hutchings as the Responsible Accounting Officer have certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government General Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

Summary position as at end March 2022

The Cash at Bank and Cash Investments are summarised below:

Month	Cash At Bank	Cash Investments	Total Cash
MARCH 2022	\$ 986,788.91	\$ 144,249,433.25	\$ 145,236,222.16

The detailed Schedule of Investments held as of 31st March are also provided over the page.

Statement of Investments March 2022

STATEMENT OF CASH INVESTMENTS							
Maturity Date	Bank/Issuer	Long Term Rating	Fair Value	Term	Interest	Issue Date	Investment Type
01/04/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	240	0.30%	04/08/21	Term Deposits
08/04/22	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	182	0.29%	08/10/21	Term Deposits
14/04/22	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	103	0.49%	01/01/22	Term Deposits
04/05/22	AMP Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	170	0.75%	15/11/21	Term Deposits
04/05/22	MyState Ltd	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	365	0.50%	04/05/21	Term Deposits
12/05/22	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	365	0.39%	12/05/21	Term Deposits
27/05/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	269	0.30%	31/08/21	Term Deposits
30/05/22	Auswide Bank Ltd	BAA2	\$2,000,000.00	181	0.65%	30/11/21	Term Deposits
03/06/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	365	0.35%	03/06/21	Term Deposits
09/06/22	Members Equity Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	280	0.45%	02/09/21	Term Deposits
17/06/22	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,500,000.00	288	0.36%	02/09/21	Term Deposits
24/06/22	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	364	0.43%	25/06/21	Term Deposits
30/06/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	303	0.31%	31/08/21	Term Deposits
07/07/22	Members Equity Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	367	0.50%	05/07/21	Term Deposits
08/07/22	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	308	0.36%	03/09/21	Term Deposits
21/07/22	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	\$1,500,000.00	237	0.65%	26/11/21	Term Deposits
29/07/22	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	364	1.90%	30/07/21	Term Deposits
05/08/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	365	0.35%	05/08/21	Term Deposits
12/08/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,500,000.00	364	0.35%	13/08/21	Term Deposits
09/09/22	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	364	0.39%	10/09/21	Term Deposits
15/09/22	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	363	0.95%	17/09/21	Term Deposits
30/09/22	MyState Ltd	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	364	0.45%	01/10/21	Term Deposits
03/10/22	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	367	0.80%	01/10/21	Term Deposits
10/10/22	AMP Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	367	0.80%	08/10/21	Term Deposits
14/10/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	371	0.39%	08/10/21	Term Deposits
20/10/22	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	367	0.47%	18/10/21	ESG TD
08/11/22	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	270	0.70%	11/02/22	Term Deposits
18/11/22	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	364	0.54%	19/11/21	ESG TD
02/12/22	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	364	0.58%	03/12/21	ESG TD
16/03/23	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000.00	365	1.20%	16/03/22	Term Deposits
02/05/23	AMP Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	545	1.00%	03/11/21	Term Deposits
23/06/23	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	730	0.60%	23/06/21	Term Deposits
17/07/23	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	562	0.60%	01/01/22	Term Deposits
28/07/23	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	729	0.65%	29/07/21	Term Deposits
03/08/23	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	734	0.65%	30/07/21	Term Deposits
30/10/23	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	732	1.11%	28/10/21	ESG TD
19/02/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	731	1.08%	18/02/22	ESG TD
04/03/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	731	1.68%	04/03/22	ESG TD
14/11/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1004	1.62%	14/02/22	ESG TD
02/12/24	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1005	1.62%	03/03/22	ESG TD
17/02/25	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1095	2.02%	18/02/22	ESG TD
24/02/25	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	1095	2.10%	25/02/22	ESG TD
20/11/25	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1368	1.87%	21/02/22	ESG TD
16/02/26	National Australia Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1461	1.04%	16/02/22	Term Deposits
17/02/26	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	1460	2.24%	18/02/22	ESG TD
24/02/26	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1460	2.31%	25/02/22	ESG TD
03/03/26	Westpac Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1460	2.22%	04/03/22	ESG TD
16/08/22	Suncorp Metway	A+	\$2,500,000.00	1390	1.05%	26/10/18	Floating Rate Notes
28/10/22	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB	\$1,000,000.00	1096	0.98%	28/10/19	ESG FRN
03/02/23	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	1635	1.11%	13/08/18	Floating Rate Notes
06/02/23	Newcastle Permanent Building Society	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	1707	1.47%	05/06/18	Floating Rate Notes
24/02/23	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$1,500,000.00	1096	1.01%	24/02/20	Floating Rate Notes
16/08/23	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1826	1.01%	16/08/18	Floating Rate Notes
08/02/24	ANZ Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1826	1.17%	08/02/19	Floating Rate Notes
29/08/24	ANZ Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1827	0.85%	29/08/19	Floating Rate Notes
14/11/24	Citibank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1827	0.95%	14/11/19	Floating Rate Notes
12/02/25	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000.00	1827	0.91%	12/02/20	Floating Rate Notes
09/12/25	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,996,240.00	1651	0.63%	02/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
15/06/26	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB	\$850,000.00	1825	0.83%	16/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
19/08/26	ING Bank	A	\$500,000.00	1826	0.48%	19/08/21	Floating Rate Notes
23/12/26	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1917	0.61%	23/09/21	ESG FRN
15/12/22	NTTC	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	808	0.90%	28/09/20	Fixed Rate Bond
15/12/23	NTTC	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1186	1.00%	15/09/20	Fixed Rate Bond
15/12/24	NTTC	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1206	1.00%	27/08/21	Fixed Rate Bond
15/06/25	NTTC	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	1496	1.10%	11/05/21	Fixed Rate Bond
	AMP Bank	BBB	\$3,000,271.23		0.55%		AMP 31Day Notice
	AMP Bank	BBB	\$3,600,000.00		0.50%		AMP Business Saver
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$4,802,922.02		0.60%		Macquarie CMA
	31/03/22		\$144,249,433.25		0.84%		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS at 28/2/22		\$150,348,564.48				
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Investments		(\$6,099,131.23)				

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Cash and Investments Report for March 2022 be received and noted.

Attachments:

1. Investment Report March 2022 (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)

ITEM 13 INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE

Department Corporate Services and Strategy

Author Initials: MW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received approval from TCorp to borrow funds in conjunction with the redevelopment of Concord Oval.

To be eligible for funding by TCorp, Council is required to manage its investment portfolio within portfolio limits nominated by TCorp going forward and to update its Investment Policy to reflect this commitment.

Council's current investment portfolio exceeds TCorp limits in some instances. To address this issue, all non-complying investments would be "grandfathered" under the agreement with TCorp. Council's Investment Policy is also required to be updated to reflect the Portfolio limits mandated by TCorp. For the avoidance of doubt, all new investments made by Council would need to comply with the updated Investment Policy, but no investments made previously that were compliant with the prior investment policy at the time of purchase would need to be divested.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

VSA 5.2.3. Ensure Council's long-term financial sustainability by providing effective Financial Management.

REPORT

The TCorp investment framework which Council would be required to adopt in its policy is shown below

Column A				
Long Term Debt Rating	Column B Portfolio Limit	Column C Counterparty Limit	Column D Maximum Tenor	
A A A	Aa a %	100 % %	100 % %	Not applicable

Column A Long Term Debt Rating Moody's	Column B Portfolio Limit	Column C Counterparty Limit	Column D Maximum Tenor
A A + to A A -	Aa 1 to Aa 3	100 %	100 %
			5 year s
A + to A	A1 to A2	100 %	100 %
			5 year s (Flo atin g Rat e Not es) 3 year s (All othe r inve stm ents)
A -	A3	40 %	20%
B B B +	Ba a1	30 % (a 10 % sub limit appl ies to inve stm ents rate d BB B)	10%
B B B	Ba a2	5%	12 mon ths

Column A Long Term Debt Rating S & P	Column B Portfolio Limit	Column C Counterparty Limit	Column D Maximum Tenor
BBB			
-	Baa3		
and below		\$250,000	12 months
Other Eligible Investments	100%	100%	Not applicable

Other Eligible Investments includes the investments made by Council in TCorpIM funds, TCorp term deposits, and bonds issued by TCorp or other Australian state government central borrowing authority.

Council's current investment portfolio has two investments that fall outside of the proposed updated Investment Policy limits and would need to be managed as follows with agreement from TCorp.

- A term deposit with AMP which matures on the 4th May 2022 for \$2M.

Council will undertake to invest that deposit in a higher rated entity upon maturity which will be monitored by the LGS team. This will bring Council within both the portfolio and Counterparty limits relating to BBB investments

- Floating Rate Note (FRN) with Teachers Mutual Bank (rated BBB) for \$850k which matures on 15 June 2026.

Although this investment is well beyond the maximum tenor of 12 months, TCorp would allow Council to hold to maturity.

In addition, TCorp has agreed to the following modification to its standard investment framework.

- Council being provided with an exemption to invest in FRN's with a rating of A+ to A for a maximum tenor of 5 years

This modification aligns with Council's existing Investment policy with respect to Investments rated A- and above. Longer dated FRN's yield higher returns and so this decision supports Council's financial position.

Should Council proceed to accept the loan relating to the Concord Oval redevelopment, TCorp's determination to grant the loan will be subject to:

(a) prior to signing a loan agreement, Council acknowledging TCorp's balanced investment framework and its obligations to comply on an on-going basis and

(b) Council agreeing to adopt TCorp's balanced investment framework at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

To achieve the requirements, it is proposed that Council's Investment Policy be updated to reflect the investment framework outlined above.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council's Investment Policy be updated to reflect the investment framework outlined in the report.
2. THAT the updated Investment Policy be exhibited for 28 days with a further report, including the outcomes of submissions from the public exhibition, being submitted to the Council meeting of 17 May 2022.

Attachments:

1. Changes to Policy - Track Changes - Investment Policy (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)
2. Changes to Policy - Investment Policy (*provided in Attachment Booklet*)

ITEM 14 REDEVELOPMENT OF CONCORD OVAL – LOAN BORROWING

Department Corporate Services and Strategy

Author Initials: MW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek Council's approval to formally accept the loan of \$15 million through NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) to fund Council's contribution towards to redevelopment of Concord Oval and the interest rate to be charged for the 2021/22 Loan Borrowing.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

IIP 1.2.2. Provide quality active and passive Recreation Services and Facilities that contribute to health and wellbeing.

REPORT

Background

At its meeting on 3 December 2019, Council committed to borrow \$15M through TCorp to contribute towards the redevelopment of Concord Oval. Historically low interest rates remain available to Council for this loan, including the opportunity to fix those rates for periods of up to 20 years.

It is noted that borrowing funds is advantageous for the following reasons:

- Releases capital from the Contributions Plan reserve to enable other projects to proceed which may otherwise be deferred for lack of funding.
- Loan servicing commitments for the principal will be progressively drawn down from the Contributions reserve over the same period as the loan. Given the scale of the project it is considered reasonable that a contribution of up to 24% of the total project cost be met by Council, with the loan to be repaid from the Developer Contributions Plan, as a significant long term community facility for the City of Canada Bay.

The Office of Local Government has issued NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) with the responsibility to assess all Local Government Loan applications. Through this mechanism, TCorp previously approved Council's loan borrowing request for \$15M.

Current Status and Proposed Conditions

Council's application to borrow during the 2021/22 financial year has been approved by TCorp and funding of the \$15 million loan is in accordance with the Local Government Minister's Borrowing Order. Borrowings are secured over Council's revenue stream in accordance with Section 623 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 229 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

The splitting of the \$15M borrowings into two loans of \$5M and \$10M was as a result of Council's successful application under the Low Cost Loan Initiative Program. An interest rate subsidy of \$203,584.19 has been approved by the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE). The subsidy was granted in relation to \$5M of borrowings. The conditions attached to this subsidy limits the term of the loan to a maximum of ten years.

TCorp has provided the following indicative interest rates based on quarterly interest and principal repayments over 10 year and 20 year terms, as follows:

Loan 1 - \$5M - 10 year term. Indicative interest rate - 3.45%
Interest and Principal repayment - \$593,331.59 per year

Loan 2 - \$10m - 20 year term. Indicative interest rate - 3.95%
Interest and principal repayment - \$725,578.65 per year

It is proposed to accept TCorp's indicative offers as detailed above. Loan borrowings were included as part of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Operational Plans that were publicly exhibited. No objections were received during the exhibition period against the proposed borrowing of \$15 million as part of the funding strategy for the redevelopment of Concord Oval.

It is highlighted that the interest rates are indicative and may change at time of accepting the offer. It is proposed that should the actual interest rates at the time of acceptance differ by more than 0.5% from the indicative rates provided in this report, a further report will be submitted to Council informing of the applicable interest rate.

Conclusion

Council has previously committed to and made application to TCorp for a loan of \$15 million to fund Council's contribution towards redevelopment of Concord Oval. Adoption of the recommendations included in this report will facilitate the securing of the loan and applicable interest rates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Loan repayments will be funded from future developer contributions. Current Developer Contribution Plans make provision for the delivery of Recreation Facilities to the value of that proposed for Concord Oval. The decision to borrow and subsequently service the loan principal and interest obligations by drawing on

developer contributions over a period of up to 20 years provides Council with the ability to deliver additional facilities across the LGA that would have been unaffordable if the full \$15M was utilised in the current year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council accept the loan for \$15 million from TCorp to fund Council's contribution towards the redevelopment of Concord Oval and indicative interest rates from TCorp detailed in the report with the borrowings to be drawn down before 30 June 2022.
2. THAT Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to accept a revised interest rate from TCorp for the borrowings up to a maximum difference of 0.5%.

ITEM 15 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OUR FUTURE 2036

Department Corporate Services and Strategy

Author Initials: EL

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2030 Outcome area:

- 5.1.1 The Council governs efficiently and effectively on behalf of the Community

REPORT

This report presents the draft Community Strategic Plan, Our Future 2036, for Council's consideration for referral to public exhibition.

It is proposed, subject to Council approval, to place the document on public exhibition for 28 days, commencing on 22 April 2022, to seek community feedback prior to adoption.

Legislative Requirements

Section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993 states:

- (1) Each local government area must have a community strategic plan that has been developed and endorsed by the council. A community strategic plan is a plan that identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area covering a period of at least 10 years from when the plan is endorsed.
- (2) A community strategic plan is to establish strategic objectives together with strategies for achieving those objectives.
- (3) Following an ordinary election of councillors, the council must review the community strategic plan before 30 June following the election. The council may endorse the existing plan, or develop or endorse a new community strategic plan, as appropriate, to ensure that the area has a community strategic plan covering at least the next 10 years.

Draft Community Strategic Plan - Our Future 2036

In accordance with the legislative requirements, a new Community Strategic Plan has been developed that identifies the main priorities and aspirations of the community to 2036. The name of the new Plan is Our Future 2036.

Our Future 2036 identifies the following five key directions based upon the issues identified throughout the community engagement. These directions also address civic leadership, social, environmental, and economic issues in an integrated manner.

1. Connected Community
2. Sustainable and Thriving Environment
3. Vibrant Urban Living
4. Infrastructure and Transport
5. Civic Leadership

Each direction has a series of goals (strategic objectives) describing where the community wants to be in 2036 and Council's Delivery Program outlines delivery strategies that describe how the goals may be achieved.

Community Engagement

A Community Engagement Plan was developed and implemented to guide all engagement and communications during the development of Our Future 2036.

Community members were consulted from June 2021 to February 2022, and included surveys in English, Chinese simplified, Korean and Italian, focus groups, student workshops, and feedback via email, phone, and in-person.

The following stakeholder groups were targeted as part of this engagement:

- Residents
- Rate payers
- Community sectors and groups, non-government organisations, clubs, etc
- Business community and developers
- Government agencies
- Stakeholders involved in specific known and/or emerging issues
- Lobby groups, interest and support groups
- Council staff
- Visitors.

Hard to reach stakeholders were also identified to ensure all were given an opportunity to provide feedback:

- Young people (school aged children and young adults age 18-24)
- Seniors
- People living with a disability

- Culturally and linguistically diverse community.

Early consultation activities held from June to August 2021 focused on identifying the foundational elements, or directions, of the Plan.

While developing the Plan, Council also reviewed community feedback from recent significant engagement projects, such as the Local Strategic Planning Statement and Social Issues Paper.

A later round of consultation concentrated on developing the specific goals and strategies that together provide a framework for delivery across the Council term.

An initial and final engagement report was prepared and placed on Council's Collaborate page. These documents provide a summary of all engagement activities and results.

Community members will be provided with a further opportunity to provide feedback on the Plan upon it being placed on public exhibition.

Public Exhibition

In accordance with legislative requirements, it is proposed that the Community Strategic Plan, Our Future 2036, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 22 April - 20 May 2022. Hard copies of these documents will be available for viewing at the Drummoyne Civic Centre and at Five Dock and Concord Libraries and The Connection, Rhodes. The documents will also be available on Council's website.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Our Future 2036 will provide directions for the Council's Delivery Program 2022-2026, including the Resourcing Strategy and annual Operational Plans and budgets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the draft Community Strategic Plan titled 'Our Future 2036' attached to the report be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with the requirements in the Local Government Act 1993.
2. THAT the period of exhibition be from 22 April to 20 May 2022.
3. THAT following the public exhibition period a further report, including details of any submissions, be prepared and submitted to Council

Attachments:

1. Draft Our Future 2036 is *(provided in Attachment Booklet)*.

ITEM 16 DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022 – 26 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET AND FEES AND CHARGES 2022-23

Department Corporate Services and Strategy

Author Initials: EL and MW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Operational Plan proposes the actions Council will undertake during financial year 2022-23 towards progressing the commitments of the 2022-26 Delivery Program. The Delivery Program and Operational Plan fulfil the planning requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act). These documents, including the draft Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy (incorporating the Schedule of Fees and Charges), that are contained within the Operational Plan, are submitted for Council's consideration prior to public exhibition. It is proposed, subject to Council endorsement, to place the documents on public exhibition for 28 days, from 22 April to 20 May 2022, to seek community feedback prior to adoption.

The Draft 2022-23 Budget projects an operating deficit of \$740,449.

COVID 19 impacts to revenue that were significant from the last quarter of 2019-20 financial year through to 30 June 2022 have in the main been forecast to return to pre covid levels. The exception being a slower return to pre covid interest on investments returns. A forecast of an interest rate rise of 0.25% has been incorporated into the budget however this still results in average investment earnings of 1% less than that achieved in 2018-19 and a cost to the budget of \$1M. The low interest rate environment set to stimulate economic recovery has and will continue to impact on Council's investment earnings for the next 2 years. The resulting impact is a reduction in the vicinity of \$500K per year, and has been reflected in the long term financial plan projections.

Reducing deficit budgets are projected for 2022-23 and 2023-24. This is necessary to enable the maintenance of services at their current levels.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

This report supports YOUR future 2036 Outcome area:

- 5.1.1 The Council governs efficiently and effectively on behalf of the Community

REPORT

This report presents the draft Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2022–23 including the draft Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy (incorporating the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022–23) for Council’s consideration for endorsement for public exhibition.

The Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 requires Council to prepare a Community Strategic Plan; Delivery Program; Resourcing Strategy; Annual Operational Plan; and Annual Report. Collectively these documents comprise Council’s Integrated Planning Framework, and guide Council business.

The following documents have been developed in accordance with legislative requirements and are attached for Council’s consideration:

- Draft 2022–26 Delivery Program, incorporating the Resourcing Strategy
- Draft Operational Plan 2022-23 including the Draft Budget for 2022-23 and the Draft Statement of Revenue Policy, incorporating the draft 2022–23 Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Resourcing Strategy

The draft Resourcing Strategy includes three components being the Workforce Plan, Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Asset Management Strategies over the Delivery Program period and forecasts for the following seven years. These documents are provided under separate cover.

It identifies the key resource challenges for the City of Canada Bay over the coming years, and the possible way that these might be addressed. It presents these challenges in such a way as to continue the conversation with the community about the future of the City of Canada Bay, and how Council and its residents might work in partnership to bring this about in the most effective way.

As part of the engagement process for the development of Our Future 2036 community members were also surveyed on the level of importance of facilities and spaces managed by Council as well as the services it provides.

Currently Council operates under its LTFP Base Case Scenario of Sustainable Assets and Services Scenario which draws down on cash reserves as required to fund asset renewal and maintenance while also addressing the infrastructure backlog over the term of the LTFP. It also incorporates a range of revenue growth initiatives and expenditure reduction options identified through the ongoing Horizontal Service Review which commenced in 2018.

Council faces a fundamental imbalance between its annual operating revenues and the annual operating costs, inclusive of depreciation. This imbalance is projected to grow over the term of the LTFP as presented in growth scenario. Further the growth scenario highlights that the generation of new assets and services through growth and increasing user demand for services will require additional revenue or greater cost savings in other areas to fund these activities.

Council's budget continues to face significant pressures including:

- an increasing burden as a result of cost shifting from other levels of government
- additional costs of construction, operating and maintaining new assets because of growth and development
- costs to procure goods and services have increased and have been consistently higher than rate pegging increases as determined by IPART
- downward pressure on investment income
- greater competition in the allocation of external funding such as the Financial Assistance Grants.

The above factors mean that, as with many growing councils in NSW, particularly those with significant growth in population, Council is faced with an income gap, with costs increasing at a greater rate than revenues. This income gap to date has been addressed by way of productivity gains and efficiency savings. Council also actively pursues grants, works collaboratively with neighbouring councils and carefully manages its income and expenditure through the use of sound financial reporting systems and regular budgetary monitoring.

The achievement of annual improvement savings of \$1.7 million has been offset by the decrease in investment income, short term COVID-19 impacts and lower than expected rates growth. Further the increasing cost burden, placed on Council through growth and service demand, are key drivers in generating operating deficits in the growth scenario. Council may need to give consideration to a Special Rate Variation (SRV) or a reduction in non-core services to sustain and fund any expansion in its asset base and service demand in the future.

Council has worked hard to absorb as much of this financial impact as it can and aims to achieve a balanced budget each year without affecting service levels, which is largely the outcome of the base scenario, with small operating deficits for the first two years and small operating surplus for the last eight years, resulting in a small surplus over the ten-year period.

The Resourcing Strategy 2022-32 proposes the continuation of the Base Case "Sustainable Assets and Sustainable Services Scenario". An Overarching Resourcing Strategy has been prepared that summarises the resourcing scenario and each of the three separate resource plans.

The draft Overarching Resourcing Strategy is provided as Attachment 1 - Overarching Resourcing Strategy 2022-32 (issued under separate cover).

Draft 2022-23 Budget

Council's draft 2022-23 Budget has been prepared on the basis that general rate income will increase by 2.5% as detailed in the report. Fees and charges, other than prescribed fees have been adjusted to reflect service cost increases, but in the main are proposed to increase in the vicinity of 3%.

	2022-23	2022-23
	Forecast	Forecast
<u>OPERATIONAL BUDGET</u>	With ASV Approval	Without ASV Approval
Operating Income		
Rates and Annual Charges	60,456,530	59,900,530
User Fees and Charges	20,557,865	20,557,865
Interest	1,364,800	1,364,800
Other Revenue	6,731,401	6,731,401
Rental Income	3,511,077	3,511,077
Grants and Contributions-Operational	6,912,915	6,912,915
Total Operating Income	99,534,588	98,978,588
Operating Expenses		
Employee Costs	41,605,286	41,605,286
Borrowings	418,057	418,057
Materials & Contracts	37,269,529	37,269,529
Depreciation	15,379,000	15,379,000
Other Expenses	5,603,164	5,603,164
Total Operating Expenses	100,275,036	100,275,036
OPERATIONAL RESULT - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(740,449)	(1,296,449)
<u>CAPITAL BUDGET</u>		
Capital Income		
Grants And Contributions-Capital	24,333,566	24,333,566
New Loan	0	0
Proceeds From The Disposal Of Assets	5,439,000	5,439,000
Total Capital Income	29,772,566	29,772,566
Capital Expenses		
Capital Expenditure	71,601,570	71,601,570
Capital Expenditure - Principal Loan	1,449,935	1,449,935
Capital Expenditure – Other	583,966	583,966
Total Capital Expenses	73,635,471	73,635,471
CAPITAL RESULT - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(43,862,905)	(43,862,905)
<u>FUNDING MOVEMENTS</u>		
Add Back Depreciation & Amortisation - Non Cash Item	15,379,000	15,379,000
Transfer From Reserve	43,826,724	43,826,724
Transfer To Reserve	14,602,370	14,602,370
TOTAL FUNDING MOVEMENTS	44,603,354	44,603,354

NET WORKING CAPITAL RESULT - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	(556,000)
Operating Ratio	-0.74%	-1.31%

Rating Structure

The total income that can be raised from levying rates on property is capped by the State Government based on a determination by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). IPART determined that general income from rates in 2022-23 may be increased by a maximum of 0.7% in accordance with the rate peg. Council was also allowed a population growth factor of 0.5% which in total provided an increase of 1.2%.

Additional Special Variation (ASV)

The rate peg was significantly lower than expected based on the historic average of the rate peg as well as being less than what Council's Long Term Financial Plan relied upon for 2022-23. In March 2022, IPART announced that it will be accepting applications for an Additional Special Variation (ASV) from councils that can demonstrate a financial need. The additional special variation would be the lower of 2.5% or the Council's assumed 2022-23 rate peg as exhibited in its LTFP. Rate income forecasts included in the Long Term Financial Plan relied on a 2.5% increase for 2022-23.

Council's 2022-23 budget has been prepared under two scenarios. With the ASV approved and without ASV approval. The impact of ASV approval by IPART to allow Council to increase rate income by 2.5% is additional revenue amounting to \$556,000 over the initial rate cap and population growth allowance of 1.2%. Council's Operating Budget Deficit Result under this scenario being \$740,449.

Should approval not be granted by IPART, rate income will increase by the rate peg of 1.2% with the resulting forecast Operating Budget Deficit of \$1,296,449. This scenario also results in unrestricted working capital being drawn upon to the extent of \$556,000.

Both rating options are detailed in the Operational Plan 2022-23 - Statement of Revenue Policy.

Why is the Additional Special Variation Required

The Special Variation would assist Council address budget pressure as documented above, with the causes reiterated as follows:

- an increasing burden as a result of cost shifting from other levels of government
- continuing impacts of Covid on revenue and expenditure
- additional costs of construction, operating and maintaining new assets because of growth and development

- costs to procure goods and services have increased and have been consistently higher than rate pegging increases as determined by IPART
- downward pressure on investment income
- lower than expected rates growth
- greater competition in the allocation of external funding such as the Financial Assistance Grants.

Impact on Ratepayers

The 2.5% rate increase proposed to be applied for under S508(2) of the Local Government Act aligns with the anticipated rate peg allowances incorporated in Councils LTFP as adopted by Council in June 2018.

Council has worked within the rate cap since the City of Canada Bay was proclaimed on 1 December 2000. It has never sought a special variation to ordinary rate income above the rate peg and so by comparison to other councils, Council's permissible rating income continues to be from a very low base.

In summary, the impact of the ASV application to increase rates by 2.5% is as follows:

Residential:

Land Value	Number of Properties	1.2% Increase Rate Cap	2.5% Increase ASV	Difference
<817K	21,163	\$8.92	\$18.58	\$9.66
>817K <1M	1,879	\$10.92	\$22.75	\$11.83
>1M <2M	12,358	\$21.84	\$45.49	\$23.65
>2M <3M	912	\$32.75	\$68.24	\$35.49
>3M <4M	190	\$43.67	\$90.99	\$47.32
>4M <5M	125	\$54.59	\$113.73	\$59.14
>5M <6M	35	\$65.51	\$136.48	\$70.97
>6M <42M	26	\$454.20	\$946.25	\$492.05

Note: Rates calculation based on highest land value in the range.

Business:

Land Value Range*	Number of Properties	1.2% Increase Rate Cap	2.5% Increase ASV	Difference
<343K	789	\$8.92	\$18.58	\$9.66
>343K <1M	458	\$26.02	\$54.21	\$28.19
>1M <2M	326	\$52.05	\$108.43	\$56.38
>2M <3M	96	\$78.07	\$162.64	\$84.57
>3M <4M	63	\$104.09	\$216.86	\$112.77
>4M <5M	31	\$130.11	\$271.07	\$140.96
>5M <6M	13	\$156.14	\$325.29	\$169.15
>6M <51M	68	\$1,311.55	\$2,732.40	\$1,420.85

Note: Rates calculation based on highest land value in the range.

Draft Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2022–23

The draft Delivery Program for the period 2022-26 and the Operational Plan for the period 2022–23 is Council’s response to achieving what is important to the community as expressed in the draft Community Strategic Plan — Our Future 2036. The four-year Delivery Program outlines the main activities Council will undertake during the period. The document takes the delivery goals from Our Future 2036 and identifies Council service areas, 2022–23 Operational Plan actions to be delivered, along with yearly and 4-yearly expected achievements.

The draft Delivery Program is supported by resourcing information including a long-term Financial Plan, Workforce Strategy and Asset Management Plan. These integrated documents are reviewed regularly and adjusted to reflect annual budgets and Council’s capacity to deliver on community priorities.

Public Exhibition

It is proposed that in line with legislative requirements, the draft Delivery Program 2022-26, the draft Operational Plan 2022-23, including the draft Budget, and the draft 2022-23 Statement of Revenue Policy incorporating the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges, be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, from 22 April to 20 May 2022. The documents will be available on Council’s website. Hard copies will be available for viewing at the Drummoyne Civic Centre, Five Dock Library, Concord Library and the Learning Space at The Connection.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended draft Budget reflects an operating budget deficit of \$740,449. The anticipated deficit equates to an Operating Ratio of -0.74%. In the event however, that IPART does not approve Council’s submission to increase income from general rates by 2.5% and that instead the rate cap of 1.2% applies, then the revised deficit would be \$1,296,449 equating to an Operating Ratio of -1.31%

The Capital Expenditure Program of approximately \$73.6M is funded from Grants, Developer Contributions and Cash Reserves. Overall, Total Budget Expenditure for Operating and Capital is planned to exceed \$173.9M. The net budget result incorporating movements in reserves projects no reduction in working capital (unrestricted cash reserves). The Draft Budget has been developed whilst working within revised income and expenditure forecasts allowed for in Council’s Long Term Financial Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the draft Delivery Program 2022-26, (including the Resourcing Strategy documents) and draft Operational Plan 2022-23, including the draft 2022–2023 Budget and draft Statement of Revenue Policy, incorporating the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges, attached to the report be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with the requirements in the Local Government Act 1993.
2. THAT the period of exhibition be from 22 April - 20 May 2022.
3. THAT a further report be prepared and submitted to Council following the exhibition period.
4. THAT pursuant to S508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council applies for the Additional Special Variation of the maximum allowed of 2.5% with the additional income received, should approval be granted, amounting to \$556,000 for 2022-23 being retained as a permanent adjustment to Council's permissible rating income base into the future.
5. THAT Council note the financial need for the Additional Special Variation income adjustment resulting from the following budgetary pressures:
 - an increasing burden as a result of cost shifting from other levels of government
 - continuing impacts of Covid on revenue and expenditure
 - additional costs of construction, operating and maintaining new assets because of growth and development
 - increasing costs to procure goods and services being consistently higher than rate pegging increases as determined by IPART
 - downward pressure on investment income
 - lower than expected rates growth
6. THAT it be noted that Council has considered the impact of the proposed 2.5% Additional Special Variation rate increase on ratepayers and the community for 2022-23 and for future years as detailed in the report, and considers that the Additional Special Variation, if approved, is reasonable.

Attachments

1. Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2022-2023 (*provided under separate cover*)
2. Overarching Resourcing Strategy 2022-2032 (*provided under separate cover*)
3. Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033 (*provided under separate cover*)
4. Asset Management Strategy 2023-2032 (*provided under separate cover*)

5. Workforce Management Plan 2022-2026 (*provided under separate cover*)

**ITEM 17 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR FERGUSON – COUNCIL
SUPPORT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND EV CHARGING
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Department Executive Services

Author Initials: AF

REPORT

Electric vehicles are revolutionising how energy is used, created and redirected.

Electric vehicles are one solution to the negative environmental impact of conventional cars. However, they have many more benefits to society.

The advent of electric vehicles has called for an improvement in overall energy usage and generation. They have shown how important it is to find alternate sources of fuel and they can positively affect the environment and society as a whole.

Electric vehicles (EV) are 75 percent efficient at turning input energy into moving energy (kinetic energy). On the other hand, gas-powered vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICE) are only 25 percent efficient.

Electric vehicles, having less parts to funnel energy through, undergo less energy conversion. This results in less energy loss compared to gas-powered engines.

Even cooler, electric vehicle brakes don't function the same way that gas-powered vehicles brakes do: they have regenerative braking. This allows the vehicle to charge the battery while braking!

One of the primary reasons for the introduction of electric vehicles into the market is the concern over greenhouse gas emissions and their contribution to global warming.

The greatest impact of reduced carbon emissions is in urban areas, where millions of people drive vehicles.

Decreased air pollution due to the elimination of the exhaust pipe in electric vehicles promotes sustainable mobility. This in turn greatly reduces the negative impact of transportation needs on the atmosphere.

In addition, even if all the electricity fuelling an electric vehicles is produced using fossil fuels, it will still be less polluting than a gas vehicle.

Assistance from federal and state government is needed to support this transition.

There is also a need for this Council to review its own fleet of vehicles and transition to electric vehicles, and to support and facilitate the installation of electric car charging facilities in our LGA.

It is noted that there is presently inadequate public electric vehicle facilities within the City of Canada Bay Council area being at:

Rhodes Waterside, 1 Rider Blvd, Rhodes, Rhodes Central, 14 Walker St Rhodes and Birkenhead Point, 19 Roseby St Drummoyne.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council develops an Electronic Vehicle Strategy with priority to be given to support for the establishment of both public and private charging facilities.
2. THAT the Strategy include examination of options for facilities to be installed in Council parking lots and encouraging the installation of facilities in all large new commercial and residential developments in our Council area.

ITEM 18 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR FERGUSON – TREE CANOPY IN MORTLAKE AND BREAKFAST POINT AND TENNYSON ROAD STREETScape UPGRADE

Department Executive Services

Author Initials: AF

REPORT

Tennyson Road is the backbone of the suburbs of Mortlake and Breakfast Point and is in need of an upgrade. It is also the commercial hub of Mortlake, Breakfast Point and Cabarita.

In Council's Mortlake Place Plan 2019-2025 the following Community Priorities were identified:

1. Valuing the natural environment with a desire to see it extended appropriately through Streetscape.
2. Demands to Improve facilities and amenities in local parks and streets and
3. The Desire to Support and enhance local Business.

An upgrade of Tennyson Road is central to the delivery of the community's expectations. Equally this upgrade would be an implementation of the commitments of Council in the Mortlake Place Plan - the Next 5 years and Strategic Directions.

It is highlighted that Council's Tree Canopy Strategy identifies that Mortlake has a lower proportion of tree canopy (11.72%) than in other suburbs in our Council area and lower than the LGA average of 19.98%. Tree canopy in Breakfast Point is 9.90%.

Accordingly, an upgrade of Tennyson Road should focus on increasing tree canopy on Tennyson Road, noting also that the majority of existing trees on Tennyson Road have failed to grow and may need replacement.

Further, landscaping is also critically important to enhancing streetscape.

It is also noted that there is a Traffic Study underway in Mortlake and that there is strong community support for a second pedestrian crossing on Tennyson Road. It is considered that this scenario should be included in the plan for the proposed upgrade.

Council had previously proposed to create a community mural in Tom Murphy Reserve, however this has not occurred. Further consideration of mural or other options to celebrate the rich history and heritage of these twin suburbs would also be appropriate for inclusion in the report as a component of the streetscape upgrade.

The installation of an EC charging facility is a further enhancement that would be of benefit to residents, businesses of Mortlake and visitors, and a report by Council officers to a future Council meeting on options is requested.

Finally, Council's recent decision to engage with the Breakfast Point Community Association to discuss options to increase tree canopy in Breakfast Point is welcomed. There is a relatively small percentage of public land (2.34%) in Breakfast Point and limitations on Council 'jurisdiction' in this suburb presents a major challenge for Council to increase the tree canopy in this suburb.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT a specific action plan to upgrade Tennyson Road Mortlake be developed and submitted to Council for consideration, with the action plan to include options to:
 - a. Increase the tree canopy
 - b. Improve landscaping
 - c. Provide a second pedestrian crossing.
2. THAT a report on opportunities to install an EC charging facility Mortlake be prepared and submitted to Council for consideration.
3. THAT Council's recent decision to engage with the Breakfast Point Community Association to discuss options to increase tree canopy in Breakfast Point is welcomed.

CLOSED SESSION

**ITEM 19 PROGRESS UPDATE ON CHARLES HEATH RESERVE
COMMUNITY AND PLAY SPACE PROJECT**

Department City Services and Assets

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REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

In accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Council is permitted to close the meeting to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature

**ITEM 20 REDEVELOPMENT OF CONCORD OVAL CONCORD OVAL
– FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

Department City Services and Assets

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