

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 31 October 2022

7.00pm

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville



OATH OF OFFICE OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office made at the time of their swearing into the role of Councillor.

All Councillors are to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Georges River Council area and are to act faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflict of interest (perceived or otherwise) in a matter being considered by Council or at any meeting of Council.

ORDINARY MEETING**ORDER OF BUSINESS****1. OPENING****2. NATIONAL ANTHEM****3. PRAYER****4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledges the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL092-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2022

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL092-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2022 be adopted.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/228842

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#) 1  Unconfirmed Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 September 2022

MINUTES

Council Meeting

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PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Ashvini Ambipaihapar Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Kevin Greene, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, Councillor Colleen Symington and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting General Manager - Sue Weatherley, Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Acting Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Acting Manager, Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Acting Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services - Justin Yeomans (online), Acting Manager City Life - Thomas Koruth (online), Manager City Technical Services - Tom Heath (online), Manager Premium Facilities – Luke Coleman (online), Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Senior Strategic Planner - Rebecca Lau, Manager Community and Early Learning Services - Kylie Downing (online), Manager Strategic Placemaking - Hayley Barnes (online), Chief Audit Executive - Juliette Hall, Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar, Acting Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino, Research and Project Officer – Ann-Marie Svorinic, Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott and Team Leader Technology Services - Garuthman De Silva

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Katris, opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

All those present stood for the singing of the National Anthem.

PRAYER

Reverend Peter Greenwood from St Mark's Anglican Church, South Hurstville, offered a prayer to the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Katris acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Stratikopoulos

That an apology be accepted on behalf of Councillor Konjarski and a leave of absence granted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor, Councillor Katris advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL084-22 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2022 (ASS029-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting 6 September 2022)**, for the reason that he is acquainted with one of non-voting members of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee, having worked together at the same federal agency. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting for this item.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL086-22 Glenlee, 80 Boronia Parade Lugarno - Update Report**, for the reason that he is a member of Friends of Glenlee who is currently campaigning to preserve the property. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Borg declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **NM086-22 Kogarah War Memorial Pool - A grateful community remembers its past**, for the reason that she is a member of the Kogarah Progress Association. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Mort declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **NM086-22 Kogarah War Memorial Pool - A grateful community remembers its past**, for the reason that she is a member of the Kogarah Progress Association. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mort will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **NM086-22 Kogarah War Memorial Pool - A grateful community remembers its past**, for the reason that she is a member of the Kogarah Progress Association which secured a state government grant to compile the history of the Kogarah War Memorial Pool. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Ambihaipahar declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **CCL087-22 Mortdale Master Plan - consideration options and preparation of Planning Proposal** for the reason that she is a volunteer board member of the St George Community Transport who rents office space at 1/29-33 Pitt St Mortdale. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Ambihaipahar will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Jamieson declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest under clause 4.25 in item **CCL082-22 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022** for the reason that her principal place of residence is located within the **Mortdale Centre Masterplan core study area**. As this is a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest, Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting for voting and discussion of this item.

Councillor Jamieson declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest under clause 4.25 in item **CCL087-22 Mortdale Master Plan - consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal** for the reason that her principal place of residence is located within the **Mortdale Centre Masterplan core study area**. As this is a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest, Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting for voting and discussion of this item.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **QWN038-22 Tree Mapping and Tree Canopy Cover Target** for the reasons that he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society, which is mentioned in this report. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Stratikopoulos declared a Pecuniary Interest in the item **CCL085-22 Report of the Community and Culture Committee held on 12 September 2022 (COM036-22 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations)** for the reason that he serves on the Committee of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Kogarah Parish which received sponsorship from Council for a fete held on 25 September 2022. As this is a Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Stratikopoulos will leave the meeting.

Councillor Elmir declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in the item **CCL088- 22 Applications pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy – September 2022** for the reason that his son plays for Kogarah Cougars JRLFC. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Elmir will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Mort declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in the item **MM021-22 Congratulations and good luck to Councillor Mort** for the reason that the report is about her. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mort will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Jamieson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in the item **CCL082-22 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 September 2022 (ENV028-22 Mortdale Master Plan - consideration options and preparation of Planning Proposal)** for the reason that Deborah Mackie ran on her ticket at the LG Elections in 2021. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Greene declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in the item **CCL091-22 Electrical Supply upgrade to Hurstville Oval** for the reason that he is the President of St George District Cricket Club who have a licence for use of ground. Although this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Greene has chosen to not participate in the discussion or voting and leave the meeting.

Councillor Greene declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in the item **CCL087-22 Mortdale Master Plan - consideration options and preparation of Planning Proposal** for the reason that he is a patron of Mortdale RSL Sub Branch, Mortdale RSL is in the Mortdale Masterplan Area. Although this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Greene has chosen to not participate in the discussion or voting and leave the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Katris declared a Pecuniary Interest in the item **CCL085-22 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 12 September 2022 (COM036-22 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations)** for the reason that his architectural business does some consulting work for the Kogarah Greek Orthodox Parish on occasion. As this is a Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Katris will leave the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No	Report Title
1	Peter Stevens	NM081-22	Wolli Creek Regional Park
2	Gary Faafua	NM079-22	Congratulations to St George Junior Rugby League for Final Series
3	Brian Russell	NM080-22	Legislation on Abandoned Shopping Trolleys
4	John Delaney	CCL087-22	Mortdale Master Plan – consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal
5	James Neale	CCL087-22	Mortdale Master Plan – consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal
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7	Sami Winfield	CCL087-22	Mortdale Master Plan – consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal
8	Brian Shaw	CCLO89-22	Review of Council's Code of Conduct
9	Matthew Allison	CCL086-22	Glenlee, 80 Boronia Parade Lugarno - Update Report
10	Karina McDougall	NM084-22	Suitability and Feasibility for a New Library at Mortdale
11	Peter Thompson	CCL082-22	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022
12	Catherine Ford	CCL087-22	Mortdale Master Plan – consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal
13	Anna Gilmore	CCL082-22	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022
14	Deborah Mackie	CCL082-22	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022
15	Diane Lo	NM084-22	Suitability & feasibility for a new library in Mortdale

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL081-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 August 2022

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Smerdely

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 August 2022 be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM020-22 Vale Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life and service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM021-22 Congratulations and Good Luck to Councillor Natalie Mort (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

Note: Councillor Mort disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council congratulates Councillor Natalie Mort for qualifying for the IRONMAN World Championships being held at Kona, Hawaii on 6th October 2022 and wishes her luck in competing and completing this gruelling event.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM022-22 Tragedy at Buxton, NSW (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council writes to the Mayor of Wollondilly Council, Councillor Matt Gould, to express our condolences to the community and families involved.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM023-22 Hurstville Oval Centenary 1st Grade celebration (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

THAT Council congratulate St George Cricket Club on their Centenary of 1st Grade and all those who have represented in 1st Grade over the years.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM024-22 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno (Glenlee) Information from the Meeting with the State and Federal Ministers

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONDOLENCES

There were no condolences.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Jamieson

That, in accordance with Clause 8.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council alter the Order of Business of this meeting to allow for the following items to be considered prior to all other items on the agenda;

- **CCL087-22 Mortdale Master Plan - consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal**

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL087-22 Mortdale Master Plan - consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal

(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

Note: Councillor Ambihaipahar disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

Note: Councillor Greene disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item he left the meeting at 8.21pm.

Note: Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Jamieson

That Council notes the submissions received during the public exhibition of the draft Mortdale Master Plan.

That Council does not proceed with the exhibited draft Mortdale Master Plan.

That Council notes it has received a range of diverse submissions on the previously exhibited Mortdale Master Plan, and as such, Council resolves to prepare two revised Master Plan Options for exhibition and comment as indicated below.

- (a) That Council is to prepare a revised Mortdale Master Plan (which is to be known as Option 1A) based on Option 1, as detailed in the report with the following amendments.
 - i. Revise the height limit in the B2 zones within Morts Road to 4-storeys, with a 2-storey street wall, with upper levels setback, from St Catherine Street through to No 14A Morts Road, (just past the Uniting Church), and this is to be reflected on the opposite side of Morts Road, so that the 4-storey limit extends from St Catherine street, through to No. 11C Morts Road
 - ii. Revise the height limits on the sites that front onto Macquarie Place, which include the sites that are located just behind No. 11A Morts Road. (which is the current location of the Westpac Bank) all the way through to The Strand are to be limited to 4 storeys, with a 2-storey street wall and with upper levels setback in this location as indicated in Option 1 and as detailed in the report as figure 6 but extended to The Strand, in order to include part of the RSL Site that faces Macquarie Place
 - iii. Revise the height limits on all the other remaining B2 Zoned sites which occur, in close proximity to Mortdale Railway Station, and front onto Pitt Street, the corner of The Strand and Pitt Street, Part of Cook Street and including parts of George Street so that they are limited to 6 storeys with a 2-4 storey street wall and with the upper levels setback in all such locations as indicated in Option 1 and as detailed in the report as figure 6 with the exception that the B2 Zoning that fronts Pitt Street, and includes part of the RSL site is to extend to The Strand and the 6 storey height Limit is also to extend to The Strand on the corner of Pitt Street and The Strand.
 - iv. All other proposed rezonings and proposed height limits are to be accordance with that which is indicated in the attached Council Officers Report as Option 1, and as detailed in the report as figure 6 - Option-Structure Plan on Page 97 which also includes the Rezoning of some of the existing Residential Properties.
 - v. The actual heights, in metres, are to be in accordance with paragraphs 58 and 59, on page 87 of the attached Council Officer's Report.
 - vi. The FSR in the business zones and in the proposed rezoning of existing residential zones are to be reviewed to reflect the proposed heights and these are to reflect the Proposed Floor space ratios that are indicated in paragraphs 55,56 and 57 on page 86 of the Council Officers report.
- (b) Further, that Council prepares a revised Mortdale Master Plan (which is to be known as option 2 A) based on Option 2 as detailed in the report as follows:
 - i. The height limit in the B2 zone in Pitt Street and Morts Road is 4-storeys with a 2-storey street wall with upper levels setback
 - ii. The FSR is reviewed to reflect the proposed 4 storey height limit
 - iii. Rezone the following existing R4 properties to B2 with a 4-storey height limit:

- a. 9 Pitt Street, Mortdale
 - b. 56 Pitt Street, Mortdale
 - c. 19-25 Macquarie Place
- (c) That Council endorse that the Mortdale Master Plan Option 1 A and Option 2 A be placed on public exhibition for 60 days in order to allow the residents sufficient time to review both options and provide their submissions.
- (d) That Council is to prepare a preliminary a Traffic, Transport and Parking Study to assess the potential impacts of land use uplift on the existing network and to develop mitigation strategies in order to accommodate the expected growth under Option 1A and 2A. Prior to the two options going out on exhibition.
- (e) The Council is to Incorporate the Public Domain benefits into both of the Mortdale Master Plans on a preliminary basis by carrying out an update on the previous Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan Public Domain Upgrade Works so that it reflects the revised and updated Mortdale Master Plan options, Option 1A and Option 2A .
- (f) That Council conduct in person community consultation for Option 1A and Option 2A of the Mortdale Master Plan during the exhibition period, as well as including the provision of one-on-one telephone and meeting services by Council's town planners for community members who wish to discuss any aspects of the draft plans
- (g) That a further report be prepared and submitted to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period recommending a preferred approach for the revised Mortdale Master Plan 2022 based on the submissions received and the findings of the Traffic, Transport and Parking Study .
- (h) That Council does not proceed with a draft Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme in the Mortdale Local Centre at this stage and is to investigate a scheme that applies across the whole LGA.
- (i) That all persons who made a submission to the draft Master Plan options be advised of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillors Ambihaipahar, Borg, Elmir, Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry, Liu, Mahoney, Mort, Smerdely, Stratikopolous, Symington and Wang. (Unanimous)

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Katris adjourned the meeting for a recess break at 8.55pm until 9.00pm

Note: Councillor Greene returned to the meeting at 9.00pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL082-22 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022 (Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Jamieson

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for Items ENV027-22 to ENV028-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

ENV027-22 Annual Update - Progress towards Net Zero Carbon Emissions and Renewable Energy Targets (Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council note the progress made in financial year 2021/22 toward meeting the target of net zero carbon emissions in Council's operations by 2025.

- (b) That Council note the progress made in procuring 100% renewable energy three years ahead of the target date of 2025.
- (c) That the income from the sale of Large-Scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) be held in a Reserve titled 'Net Zero Emissions Reserve' for the exclusive purpose of achieving net zero emissions be approved.
- (d) That Council congratulates and extends its appreciation to Council staff who have been involved in the development and implementation of our program to meet Net Zero Carbon Emissions

ENV028-22 Mortdale Master Plan - consideration of options and preparation of Planning Proposal (Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

That the Committee defer the consideration of *Item ENV028-22 Mortdale Master Plan - Consideration of options for the preparation of Planning Proposal* to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2022.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL083-22 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022 (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Jamieson

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN042-22 to FIN045-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

FIN042-22 Investment Report as at 31 July 2022

(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 July 2022 be received and noted by Council.

FIN043-22 Revised Georges River Council Investment Policy

(Report by Chief Financial Officer)

That Council adopt the revised Georges River Council Investment Policy as attached to this report (Attachment 1).

FIN044-22 Property Matter - Easement to Drain Water - Neilson Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst

(Report by Strategic Property Specialist)

- (a) That Council grants an Easement to Drain Water over Lot 32 in Deposited Plan 28181, being Neilson Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst, on the terms generally detailed in this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Section 88B Instrument or Transfer Granting Easement and all associated documentation to create the Easement.

FIN045-22 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 2 June 2022

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 2 June 2022 be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL084-22 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Elmir

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for Items ASS025-22 to ASS029-22 and ASS053A-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council with the exception of ASS027-22.

ASS025-22 Impact of Declared Disaster Event on Council Infrastructure Assets

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) Council receive and note the financial and conditional impact to Councils Infrastructure Assets caused by the two disaster events in 2022.
- (b) Council endorses the allocation of disaster funding on the projects listed in this report.

ASS026-22 Beverley Park Golf Club Steering Committee Report

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

That Council receive and note the information provided in the Beverley Park Steering Committee report.

ASS028-22 Streets as Shared Spaces Two - Riverwood Reconnected- Funding and Budget Approval

(Report by Senior Placemaking Specialist)

That the Streets as Shared Spaces Two project - Riverwood Reconnected, budget and funding be approved in the 2022/23 Budget.

ASS029-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting 06 September 2022

(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 06 September 2022 be adopted by Council.

ASS053A-22 Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre - Management Agreement

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

That Council authorise the Acting General Manager to approve the three-year option to extend the Management Agreement for Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre between Council and Evolution Tennis.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ASS027-22 T22/004 Jubilee Stadium - Playing Surface Amelioration

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

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RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That under Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accepts the tender that is recommended for T22/004 Jubilee Stadium – Playing Surface Amelioration, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the preferred Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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CCL085-22 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Elmir

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for Items COM036-22 to COM039-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

COM037-22 Re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones

(Report by Manager Community and Early Learning Services)

That Council endorse the re-establishment of existing Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZs) at Oatley Shopping Centre, Penshurst Shopping Centre, Kogarah CBD, Hurstville CBD, Mortdale Shopping Centre, and Riverwood Town Centre until 2026 with no changes, in accordance with sections 644, 644A and 644B of the Local Government Act 1993.

COM038-22 Adoption of Georges River Council's Customer Experience Strategy

(Report by Coordinator Customer Experience Development)

That Council adopt the Georges River Council Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027.

COM039-22 Place Naming - Unnamed Roads in Oatley and Riverwood

(Report by Coordinator, Library Operations)

- (a) That Council approves the name "Bubuk Place" for the unnamed road, located in Oatley on the west side of the Illawarra Railway and running north from Mimosa Street.
- (b) That Council approves the name "Theatre Lane" for the unnamed road, located in Riverwood, between Webb Street and Short Road.
- (c) That Council commences public exhibition of both names for the period of 28 days for community feedback, including notification of nearby residents.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Katris disclosed a Pecuniary Interest, the Mayor Councillor Katris left the meeting at 9.15pm

Note: In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry assumed the Chair at 9.15pm.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Pecuniary interest he left the meeting at 9.15pm.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Katris disclosed a Pecuniary interest he left the meeting at 9.15pm.

COM036-22 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations

(Report by Business Improvement Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council retrospectively approve the event sponsorship of \$4,404.56 (\$3,282.80 financial and \$1,121.76 in-kind value) to support the 'Kogarah Greek Orthodox Parish and Community Annual Fete' to be held on 25 September 2022.
- (b) That Council approve the event sponsorship of \$20,000 (\$15,151.10 financial and \$4,848.90 in-kind value) to support the 'Lugarno Spring Festival' to be held on the provisional date of 26 March 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Mayor returned and resumed the Chair at 9.16 pm.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 9.16pm.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

CCL086-22 Glenlee, 80 Boronia Parade Lugarno - Update Report
(Report by Strategic Planner)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mahoney

"That Council requests Mr James Griffin MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage, to consider an extension of the current Interim Heritage Order for a further 12 months."

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL088-22 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - September 2022
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Elmir disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Elmir

That the following applications for funding, pursuant to the Councillors Ward Discretionary Fund Policy, be approved:

- (a) Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of Asian Women at Work Inc in the amount of \$500.
- (b) Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of Sea Snow Arts Group in the amount of \$1500.
- (c) Application submitted by Councillor Elmir on behalf of Kogarah Cougars Rugby League Football Club in the amount of \$1500.
- (d) Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Kogarah Cougars Rugby League Football Club in the amount of \$800.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL089-22 Review of Council's Code of Conduct
(Report by Senior Policy Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

That the revised Georges River Council Code of Conduct (Attachment 1) be adopted with the following amendments:

- i. That an addition of 'briefing, workshop or similar' is added after any reference to 'meeting', between clauses 4.28 and 4.38 of subsection Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests at Meeting.
- ii. That a note is added to clauses 4.37 and 4.38 of subsection Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests at Meeting, that 'voting does not occur at briefings, workshops or similar'.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL090-22 Draft Mayor and Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy (2022) - for public exhibition
(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition the proposed 'Mayor and Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy' as attached, for a period of at least 28 days as required by the NSW *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (b) That the draft Policy be sent to the Office of Local Government (OLG) for feedback prior to the close of the public exhibition period.
- (c) That the draft Policy be referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) for feedback prior to the close of the public exhibition period.
- (d) That in accordance with Council's resolution from 27 April 2020 (NM020-20), the draft Policy be referred to Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for feedback prior to the close of the public exhibition period.
- (e) That following conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Policy together with any public submissions received, be reported back to Council in November 2022 for consideration and adoption of the final Mayor and Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy.
- (f) That clause 18.2 be amended to delete the reference to the words "Fair Market Price"

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CCL091-22 T21/017 Electrical Supply Upgrade at Hurstville Oval (Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts)

Note: Councillor Greene disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.
Councillor Greene left the meeting at 9.33pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That in accordance with 178 (1) (b) & 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T21/017 Electrical Upgrade at Hurstville Oval and resolve to enter into negotiations with a preferred supplier with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
- (b) That in accordance with 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council to decline all tenders is that none of the tenders received were within the allocated budget for the project. By resolving to enter into negotiations with a preferred supplier it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to undertake the works.
- (c) That Council authorise the Acting General Manager to undertake negotiations and execute a contract and any other documentation required to give effect to the resolution.
- (d) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Greene returned to the meeting at 9.33pm.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM075-22 Georges Riverkeeper's "Zero Litter In Georges River" Campaign (Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That Council promotes the Georges Riverkeeper's "Zero Litter in Georges River" campaign through its social and print media channels and through its website.
- (b) That Council contacts all schools within the LGA to inform them of the educational resources which are available to students through the Riverkeeper.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM076-22 Public Open Space for Hurstville (Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Symington

- (a) That having regard to the identified shortage of open space in Hurstville, that a report be prepared about the public owned land in Hurstville that could be transferred to the care and control of Council for use as green open space for our community and actions that can be taken to improve existing public spaces, including through the use of feature

lighting.

(b) This report should consider:

- i. land under the control of the state government including the extensive land holdings of Transport for NSW along Forest Road that could be converted to a linear park; and
- ii. the development of an advocacy program to gain the support of both the state government and the opposition in the lead up to the next state election in March 2023, for the delivery of open space through the transfer of land to Council to be used for green open space.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM077-22 Congratulations to our local Winter Sport Associations
(Report by Councillor Greene)

RESOLVED: Councillor Greene and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council congratulates our local Winter Sport Associations on the conclusion of their season.
- (b) That Council thank the Sports' Administrators for their cooperation.
- (c) That Council congratulates Council officers for their outstanding efforts in the presentation of the natural turf playing fields in what were extremely difficult circumstances created by the unprecedented weather.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM078-22 ICAC Guidelines for Managing Corruption Risks Associated with Lobbyists
(Report by Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That Council notes that the Office of Local Government is preparing new guidelines, in response to the recommendations of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, to manage corruption risks associated with the lobbying of councillors and staff.
- (b) That Council writes to the Office of Local Government to outline its support for the following principles in relation to managing the corruption risks associated with lobbying of Councillors and staff:
 - i. A councillor must make a declaration regarding any meetings the councillor has had with developers, third party lobbyists or persons seeking to tender with the council.
 - ii. The Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 should be amended to include the declaration on the list of records prescribed as open access information, be updated and be made publicly available and updated every quarter at a minimum.
 - iii. Staff must report any attempts by councillors to influence their reports or recommendations, in writing, to the General Manager.

- iv. That the *Lobbying of Government Officials Act* 2001 be extended to apply to councillors, staff and member of planning panels.

- (c) A further report be presented to Council once the new guidelines are released.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM079-22 Congratulations to St George Junior Rugby League for Finals Series
(Report by Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council congratulates St George Junior Rugby League for hosting a successful finals series at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, the traditional home of rugby league in the St George area.
- (b) That Council acknowledges St George Junior Rugby League's contribution in encouraging kids of all ages and abilities to participate in grass-roots team sports and for providing a development pathway to representative levels of rugby league in the St George area.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM080-22 Legislation on Abandoned Shopping Trolleys
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Borg

That Council writes to Wendy Tuckerman MP, Minister for Local Government to request that the legislation relating to abandoned shopping trolleys be expedited.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM081-22 Wolli Creek Regional Park
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That Council note the significance of the Wolli Creek Regional Park as an important regional resource for the broader Southern Sydney metropolitan area.
- (b) That Council write to the Honourable James Griffin MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage, and the Honourable Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, to advocate:
- For the acquisition of all remaining land necessary to complete the Wolli Creek Regional Park; and
 - That the Wolli Creek Regional Park is supported through sufficient funding and staffing, to allow for its continued protection and enhancement.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM082-22 NSW Audit Office - Audit of Procurement
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Jamieson

That the Acting General Manager provide a report to Council on the attendance of the Acting Director, Business and Corporate Services on 6 June 2022 at the NSW Parliament Public Accounts Committee in relation to the NSW Audit Office audit of Procurement at Georges River Council and other councils in 2020.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM083-22 Networking or mentoring program for creative industry professionals in the LGA
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Smerdely

That Council officers investigate the feasibility of establishing a networking or mentoring program between emerging creatives, living or working in the Georges River area, and established creative professionals.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM084-22 Suitability and Feasibility for a New Library in Mortdale
(Report by Councillor Smerdely)

MOTION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Elmir

That Georges River Council investigates the suitability and feasibility for a new library in Mortdale in line with the Georges River Library Strategy 2030 – that outlines the need for a new library to serve the Western part of the LGA and a Councillor Briefing be provided to Councillors on the Library strategy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillors Elmir, Greene, Liu, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillors Ambihaipahar, Borg, Jamieson, Landsberry, Mahoney, Mort, Symington, Wang

On being PUT to the meeting voting on this Motion was six (6) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry moved a Foreshadowed Motion.

FORESHADOWED MOTION

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council be provided a Councillor Briefing that covers the Library Strategy 2030.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillors Elmir, Smerdely and Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 10.46pm and were not present for voting on the following items.

NM085-22 Street Signage Replacement
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Symington

- (a) That Council officers develop a program for proactive street sign replacement to inform a 2023/24 budget bid.
- (b) That Council officers promote the way in which our community can report a faded or missing street sign.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM086-22 Kogarah War Memorial Pool - A grateful community remembers its past
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

Note: Councillor Mort disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

Note: Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council notes that the first part of Dr Mitchell's report, "*Kogarah War Memorial Pool: a grateful community remembers its past*" has now been released and is available for viewing on the Kogarah Bay Progress Association's website;
- (b) That Council sincerely thanks Dr Mitchell for his comprehensive study and report and extends its thanks to the Kogarah Bay Progress Association and its members for their support to Dr Mitchell during his research on the history of the Kogarah War Memorial Pool;
- (c) That Council acknowledges the expertise and support of the Local Studies Team at the Clive James Library, Kogarah, and thanks them for providing Dr Mitchell access to the Library archives; and
- (d) Further that, Council requests that Kogarah Bay Progress Association provides copies of

Dr Mitchell's final report for Council's library collection and records.

(Background from Councillor Landsberry - In 2021 Kogarah Bay Progress Association (KBPA), supported by the Kogarah RSL Sub-branch, successfully secured grant funding from the NSW Office of Veterans' Affairs Community War Memorials Grant Fund, to research and document the planning and building of the Kogarah War Memorial Pool (KWMP). The KBPA engaged eminent War Memorial Historian, Dr Darren Mitchell to study and document the historical and cultural significance of the KWMP, following its closure in July 2019. <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5bd1899f94d71a9131cd22e2/t/6323581f4460a330d98fe1f0/1663260706724/Kogarah+War+Memorial+Olympic+Swimming+Pool+-+Report+-+September+2022+-+Darren+Mitchell.pdf>)

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the meeting at 10.54pm

NM087-22 Contribution of Les Blackshaw
(Report by Councillor Greene)

RESOLVED: Councillor Greene and Councillor Symington

That Council notes and records the significant contribution made to our community by A L (Les) Blackshaw, long-time resident and distinguished citizen, former Mayor of Hurstville, patron and benefactor of all forms of sport and of the arts and father of cricket in the St George District.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 10.57pm.

Note: Councillor Elmir returned to the meeting at 10.58pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF TIME

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

That at this time being 11.00pm an extension of time be granted up until 11.15pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM088-22 Traffic Study - Peakhurst
(Report by Councillor Greene)

RESOLVED: Councillor Greene and Councillor Smerdely

That Council undertake a Traffic Study in the area bounded by Jacques Ave, Forest Rd, Bonds

Rd and Trafalgar St Peakhurst.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF TIME

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillor Greene

That at this time being 11.15pm an extension of time be granted up until 11.20pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN037-22 Heavy Vehicles Parking on Suburban Streets
(Report by Councillor Symington)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

QWN038-22 Tree Mapping and Tree Canopy Cover Target
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

QWN039-22 Penshurst Park Sporting Hub Project
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 11.17pm

Chairperson

Item: CCL093-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2022

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL093-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2022 be adopted.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/228852

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#) 1  Unconfirmed Minutes - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 26 September 2022

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Monday, 26 September 2022

6.00pm

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Kevin Greene, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, Councillor Colleen Symington and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting General Manager - Sue Weatherley, Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Acting Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Audit Executive - Juliette Hall, Acting Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar, Acting Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino, Research and Project Officer - Ann-Marie Svorinic, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Senior Strategic Planner - Rebecca Lau, Acting Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott and Team Leader Technology Service - Garuthman De Silva

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Katris, opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Katris acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation.

OATH / AFFIRMATION OF COUNCILLOR

An Oath of office was taken in accordance with Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 by Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Greene

That an apology be accepted on behalf of Councillor Konjarski and a leave of absence granted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

PUBLIC FORUM

There are no registered speakers for this meeting.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL078-22 Election of Deputy Mayor

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillor Symington

- (a) That Council determine the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor for the period 26 September 2023 for a period of 12 months, by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.
- (c) That letters be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the CEO of LGNSW advising of the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that she had received one (1) nomination for the Office of Deputy Mayor, as follows:

Councillor Landsberry

Nominated by The Mayor, Councillor Katris seconded by Councillor Symington

Councillor Landsberry accepted the nomination.

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for any other nominations and there were none.

As there was only one (1) nomination, the General Manager declared Councillor Landsberry elected unopposed to the Office of Deputy Mayor of Georges River Council until September 2023.

CCL079-22 Appointment of Councillor Representation to Georges River Council Standing Committees

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Greene

That Council determine the Councillor representatives and Chairpersons of the following Standing Committees for the period until September 2023:

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Chairperson - Councillor Symington

Councillor Members: Councillor Elmir
 Councillor Greene
 Councillor Konjarski

Councillor Liu
Councillor Mort
Councillor Smerdely
Councillor Stratikopoulos

Community and Culture Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Liu

Councillor Members: Councillor Ambihaipahar
Councillor Elmir
Councillor Konjarski
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry
Councillor Mort
Councillor Smerdely
Councillor Stratikopoulos
Councillor Wang

Environment and Planning Committee

Chairperson - Councillor Landsberry

Councillor Members: Councillor Ambihaipahar
Councillor Borg
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Mahoney
Councillor Wang

Finance and Governance Committee

Chairperson - Councillor Borg

Councillor Members: Councillor Greene
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Mahoney
Councillor Symington

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL080-22 Appointment of Councillor Delegates to Advisory Committees, External Committees and Panels

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils Inc (SSROC) until September 2023:

Councillor Members: The Mayor, Councillor Katris
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

Alternate Councillor Members: Councillor Symington
Councillor Wang

- (b) That Council appoint the following Councillor representative to the Georges River Combined Councils Committee Advisory Committee (GRCCC) until September 2023:

Councillor Member: Councillor Mahoney

- (c) That Council appoint the following Councillor representative to the NSW Public Libraries Association until September 2023:

Councillor Member: Councillor Wang

- (d) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Sydney South Planning Panel for 2022-23:

Council Representatives: Councillor Katris
Councillor Stratikopoulos

Alternate Council Representative: Councillor Borg

- (e) That Council appoint the following Councillor representative to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee until September 2023:

Chairperson: Councillor Konjarski

Alternate Chairperson: Councillor Wang

Record of Vote:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.19pm

Chairperson

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: CCL094-22 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2022

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL094-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for Items ENV030-22 and ENV031-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Items ENV030-22 and ENV031-22 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 10 October 2022.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ENV030-22 Adoption of the Georges River Keeping of Animals Policy 2022
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council adopt the Keeping of Animals Policy 2022, contained in Attachment 1 to this report.

ENV031-22 Report on Submissions - Planning Proposal (PP2022/0001) for 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville
(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal (PP2022/0001) to amend the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 in relation to the Site known as 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville (Lot 30 DP785238) to permit "residential flat building" on "Area A" of the Site.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited in relation to the Site known as 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville (Lot 30 DP785238) by:
 - 1) introducing "residential flat building" as an additional permitted use on "Area A" of the Site (being Part Lot 30 DP785238); and
 - 2) excluding the application of Clause 6.13 Development in certain business zones from "Area A" of the Site (being Part Lot 30 DP785238).
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning and Environment in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and*


Assessment Act 1979.

- (d) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/226587

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Unconfirmed Minutes - Environment and Planning Committee Meeting- 10
1  October 2022

CCL094-22

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 10 October 2022

Waratah Meeting Room

Ground Floor

Georges River Civic Centre, Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihapahar, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Peter Mahoney and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting General Manager – Sue Weatherley, Manager Environment Health and Regulatory Services – Andrew Spooner, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Coordinator Strategic Planning – Stephanie Lum, Strategic Planner /Information Management – Andy Zhou, Acting Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Executive Assistant to the Director, Environment and Planning - Leanne Allen (Minutes), and Helpdesk Officer – Henri Savage.

OPENING

Councillor Landsberry, opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via audio visual link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No	Report Title
1	Mr Aaron Sutherland Online	ENV031-22	Report on Submissions – Planning Proposal PP2022/0001 – 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV029-22 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 September 2022
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Borg and Councillor Jamieson

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV030-22 Adoption of the Georges River Keeping of Animals Policy 2022
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Borg and Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council adopt the Keeping of Animals Policy 2022, contained in Attachment 1 to this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ENV031-22 Report on Submissions - Planning Proposal (PP2022/0001) for 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville
(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Borg and Councillor Wang

- That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal (PP2022/0001) to amend the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 in relation to the Site known as 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville (Lot 30 DP785238) to permit "residential flat building" on "Area A" of the Site.
- That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited in relation to the Site known as 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville (Lot 30 DP785238) by:

- 1) introducing “residential flat building” as an additional permitted use on "Area A" of the Site (being Part Lot 30 DP785238); and
 - 2) excluding the application of Clause 6.13 Development in certain business zones from "Area A" of the Site (being Part Lot 30 DP785238).
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning and Environment in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (d) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Borg, Mahoney, Wang, Ambihaipahar

Against the Motion: Councillors Landsberry (Abstain) Jamieson (Abstain)

On being PUT to the meeting voting on this Motion was four (4) votes FOR and two (2) Vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.21pm

Chairperson

Item: **CCL095-22 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 10 October 2022**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL095-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN047-22 to FIN050-22, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Items FIN047-22 to FIN0050-22 are submitted to Council for determination.

These recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 10 October 2022.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN047-22 Investment Report as at 31 August 2022
(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 August 2022 be received and noted by Council.

FIN048-22 Delivery Program End of Year Progress Report - July 2021 to June 2022
(Report by Consultant Project Manager)

- (a) That Council receive and note the End of Year Progress Report July 2021 – June 2022 (Attachment 1) of performance made towards Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2018/2019 to 2021/2022 and Operational Plan 2021/22.
- (b) That Council endorse the Delivery Program and Operational Plan items recommended for cancellation and carry over, as detailed in Table 1: Proposed Cancellations and Table 2: Proposed Carry Overs.
- (c) That a copy of the End of Year Progress Report July 2021 – June 2022 be published on Council's website and a link provided to the Office of Local Government.

FIN049-22 New Social Media Policy
(Report by Coordinator, Communications and Engagement)

That this report be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting on 31 October 2022 for consideration.


FIN050-22 Property Matter - Release of Easement for Drainage - 280-298 Railway Parade Carlton
(Report by Strategic Property Assistant)

- (a) That Council releases the Easement for Drainage over land located at 280 – 298 Railway Parade Carlton and described as Lot 1 DP1262370 on terms as generally detailed in this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Transfer Releasing Easement and all other documentation to extinguish the easement.
- (c) That all costs associated with releasing the easement be met by the applicant.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/226617

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Unconfirmed Minutes - Finance and Governance Committee Meeting - 10
1  October 2022

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 10 October 2022

Dragon Room
Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillor Elise Borg (Chairperson), Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Peter Mahoney and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting General Manager – Sue Weatherley, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Acting Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Acting Chief Information Officer- Brendan Scott, Coordinator Communications and Engagement - Catherine James, Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar (Minutes), and Helpdesk Officer - Henri Savage

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Symington

That apologies be accepted and leave of absence be granted for Councillor Greene and Councillor Jamieson.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via audio visual link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN046-22 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 September 2022
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington and The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN047-22 Investment Report as at 31 August 2022
(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillor Mahoney

That the Investment Report as at 31 August 2022 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN048-22 Delivery Program End of Year Progress Report - July 2021 to June 2022
(Report by Consultant Project Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington and Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council receive and note the End of Year Progress Report July 2021 – June 2022 (Attachment 1) of performance made towards Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2018/2019 to 2021/2022 and Operational Plan 2021/22.
- (b) That Council endorse the Delivery Program and Operational Plan items recommended for cancellation and carry over, as detailed in Table 1: Proposed Cancellations and Table 2: Proposed Carry Overs.
- (c) That a copy of the End of Year Progress Report July 2021 – June 2022 be published on Council's website and a link provided to the Office of Local Government.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Jamieson arrived to the meeting at 6.22pm .

FIN049-22 New Social Media Policy

(Report by Coordinator, Communications and Engagement)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Symington

That this report be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting on 31 October 2022 for consideration.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN050-22 Property Matter - Release of Easement for Drainage - 280-298 Railway Parade Carlton

(Report by Strategic Property Assistant)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney and The Mayor, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council releases the Easement for Drainage over land located at 280 – 298 Railway Parade Carlton and described as Lot 1 DP1262370 on terms as generally detailed in this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Transfer Releasing Easement and all other documentation to extinguish the easement.
- (c) That all costs associated with releasing the easement be met by the applicant.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.39pm

Chairperson

Item: **CCL096-22 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 10 October 2022**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL096-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for Items ASS031-22 to ASS034-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Items ASS031-22 to ASS034-22 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 10 October 2022

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS031-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting 04 October 2022

(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 04 October 2022 be adopted by Council.

ASS032-22 E-scooter Trial

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

(a) That Council endorses an e-scooter trial in the locations identified in this report for a period of up to 12 months.

(b) That the Acting General Manager approve the engagement of the e-scooter provider after the EOI process is completed.

ASS033-22 Hurstville Oval Electrical Supply Upgrade

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

(a) That in accordance with 178 (1) (b), 178 (3) (e) & 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accept the preferred quotation for the Hurstville Oval Electrical Supply Upgrade as outlined in the confidential attachment.

(b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to sign the contracts with the preferred contractor on behalf of Council.



ASS034-22 T18/014 Georges River Council Preferred Suppliers - Civil Constructions Works - Extension of Contract
(Report by Acting Coordinator Engineering)

- (a) That in accordance with Council resolution on 28 May 2018, ASS012-18 Tender for Georges River Council Preferred Suppliers – Civil Construction Works – Operational Budget, Council exercises the option to extend the Contract for the final optional period of twelve (12) months, commencing from 1 July 2022.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to sign the letter of extension for a twelve (12) month period for contract T18/014 Georges River Council Preferred Suppliers – Civil Construction Works Panel Contract, on behalf of Council.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/226631

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Unconfirmed Minutes - Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting- 10
1  October 2022

CCL096-22

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 10 October 2022

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Colleen Symington (Chairperson), Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely and Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, Manager Strategic Placemaking – Hayley Barnes, EA to the Director, Assets and infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) and Executive Services Officer – Marina Cavar.

OPENING

Councillor Symington, opened the meeting at 7.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Stratikopoulos

That an apology be accepted and leave of absence be granted for Councillor Greene.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

MOTION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Liu

That permission be granted for Councillor Mort to attend the meeting via Audio Visual Link.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Symington advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in

accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ASS030-22 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 September 2022
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos and Councillor Smerdely

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASS031-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting 04 October 2022
(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Smerdely

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 04 October 2022 be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ASS032-22 E-scooter Trial
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Elmir

- a) That Council endorses an e-scooter trial in the locations identified in this report for a period of up to 12 months.
- b) That Council supports an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to select an e-scooter provider.
- c) That the Acting General Manager approve the engagement of the e-scooter provider after the EOI process is completed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillors Elmir, Konjarski, Liu, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos and Symington

Against the Motion: Councillor Mort

On being PUT to the meeting voting on this Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and one (1) Vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

ASS033-22 Hurstville Oval Electrical Supply Upgrade
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That in accordance with 178 (1) (b), 178 (3) (e) & 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accept the preferred quotation for the Hurstville Oval Electrical Supply Upgrade as outlined in the confidential attachment.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to sign the contracts with the preferred contractor on behalf of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ASS034-22 T18/014 Georges River Council Preferred Suppliers - Civil Constructions Works - Extension of Contract
(Report by Acting Coordinator Engineering)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Liu and The Mayor, Councillor Katris

- (a) That in accordance with Council resolution on 28 May 2018, ASS012-18 Tender for Georges River Council Preferred Suppliers – Civil Construction Works – Operational Budget, Council exercises the option to extend the Contract for the final optional period of twelve (12) months, commencing from 1 July 2022.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to sign the letter of extension for a twelve (12) month period for contract T18/014 Georges River Council Preferred Suppliers – Civil Construction Works Panel Contract, on behalf of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.10pm

Chairperson

Item: **CCL097-22 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2022**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL097-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for Items COM041-22 to COM043-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Items COM041-22 to COM043-22 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 10 October 2022.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COM041-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022 (Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That the 'Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022' be received and noted by Council.

COM042-22 Establishment of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee (Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

- (a) That Council approve the establishment of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee for a trial period of one year.
- (b) That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee.
- (c) That Council appoint the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and the other nominated Councillor.
- (d) That a review of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee be undertaken after the trial period of one year.

COM043-22 Georges River Council Community Grants Program 2022-2023 Round 1 (Report by Grants Officer)

- (a) That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2022-2023 Round One, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report, be adopted.
- (b) That Council note the funds of \$11,714 not allocated in Community Grants 2022-2023 Round One will be added to the funding allocation for Community Grants 2022-2023 Round Two.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/226651

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Unconfirmed Minutes - Community and Culture Committee Meeting - 10 October
1  2022

CCL097-22

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 10 October 2022

6.00pm

Waratah Meeting Room

Ground Floor

Georges River Civic Centre, Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort (remote attendance), Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Acting Manager City Life - Thomas Koruth, Acting Manager Community and Early Learning Services - Kylie Downing, Coordinator Programming and Operations - Andrew Williams, Acting Coordinator Community Capacity Building - Alexis Drevikovsky, Acting Grants Officer - Grace Wang, Technology Services Officer - Earl Santos, Acting Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.04pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. Councillor Liu paid her respect to Elders past and present and extended that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

MOTION: Councillor Elmir and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

That permission be granted for Councillor Mort to attend the meeting via Audio Visual Link.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **COM041-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022** for the reason that her son is a committee member and coach at Carss Park FC, the sub-licensee for the amenities building and clubhouse at Charles Pirie Reserve. He also works out of the Football St George office at Jubilee Stadium from time to time, and Football St George is the head-licensee for that facility. Councillor Landsberry will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM040-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 12 September 2022
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Smerdely

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM041-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

Note: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item COM041-22. Councillor Landsberry remained in the meeting and took part in consideration and voting on this item.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihapahar and Councillor Elmir

That the 'Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022' be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COM042-22 Establishment of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski

(a) That Council approve the establishment of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee for a trial period of one year.

- (b) That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee.
- (c) That Council appoint the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and the other nominated Councillor.
- (d) That a review of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee be undertaken after the trial period of one year.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the meeting, time being 6.37pm, the Chair, Councillor Liu, advised that the meeting would move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the Closed Session and access to the correspondence relating to the item considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the confidential attachment to the following item:

COM043-22 Georges River Council Community Grants Program 2022-2023 Round 1
(Report by Grants Officer)

That in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (a) it is considered the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

The Chair, Councillor Liu asked the Acting Director Community and Culture, Kristie Dodd if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in Closed Session.

The Acting Director replied that no representations had been received in relation to the item in Closed Session.

Due to the fact there was no public gallery present at the meeting, the Chair was not able to ask if there were any members of the public gallery who wanted to speak on the reasons Committee proposes to consider the items in Closed Session.

MOTION: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Ambihapahar

That in accordance with Section 10A Clause 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into Closed Session to discuss the confidential attachment to item COM043-22.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Committee meeting moved to Closed Confidential Session at 6.37pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Elmir

That the meeting revert to Open Session, time being 6.42pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Committee meeting returned to Open Session at 6.42pm.

COM043-22 Georges River Council Community Grants Program 2022-2023 Round 1
(Report by Grants Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2022-2023 Round One, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report, be adopted.
- (b) That Council note the funds of \$11,714 not allocated in Community Grants 2022-2023 Round One will be added to the funding allocation for Community Grants 2022-2023 Round Two.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.44pm.

Chairperson

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Item: CCL098-22 Status Report - Update on Development Contributions- Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021.

Author: A/Director Business and Corporate Services

Directorate: Business and Corporate Services

Matter Type: Environment and Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the 'Status Report - Update on Developer Contributions – Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021 be received and noted.
- (b) That Council note that this is the last status report as the NSW Government is not proceeding with this reform.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council, at its meeting held on 27 September 2021, considered a Question with Notice on Status Report - Update on Developer Contributions - (Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill) and resolved:
 - (a) *That the information be received and noted.*
 - (b) *That the General Manager and senior staff continue on their advocacy to the State Government, directly to the Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP and Ministers along with the peak organisations that they are now dealing with.*
 - (c) *The General Manager is to provide periodical reports as to any significant outcomes and successes of such advocacy.*
 - (d) *That a copy of the General Manager's correspondence to the Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, dated 17 August 2021 be attached to the Minutes of the meeting regarding this Question with Notice.*
2. This report is in response to part (c) of the resolution and provides an update on the Council's activities as part of the collective campaign by councils and additional activities late October and throughout November 2021 to date.

BACKGROUND

3. On the 28 September 2022, Council received the following communication from the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, who has been leading this campaign:

I write to you about an email sent on 14 September by Tom Forrest, CEO of Urban Taskforce, informing its core members that the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has confirmed that the NSW Government has largely abandoned its

proposed legislative changes to the infrastructure contributions system. I attach a copy of this email.

While this is welcome news, it is disappointing that the NSW Government has not communicated this to Councils. This is despite my recent meeting with the Premier on 13 September, in which I again raised our significant concerns about the proposed changes.

DPE staff have indicated to the City of Sydney staff that a public announcement is likely to be made soon from the NSW Government, but they have not confirmed the timing.

Significantly, the email from Urban Taskforce noted that our campaign against the changes was instrumental in achieving this outcome. This shows the importance of using our collective voice to unite on significant issues that affect our communities, and I thank you for your valuable contribution to this campaign.

I am particularly grateful to the Working Group of Mayors from Blacktown, Mosman and Waverley Councils who worked closely with me to advocate to Ministers on behalf of Metropolitan Councils, as well as the previous Mayors of Lane Cove and North Sydney Councils during the last term.

As well as raising this issue with the Premier, I also met recently with the Leader of the Opposition, Chris Minns, who acknowledged the issue and the concerns of Councils.

We must remain vigilant. With the state election fast approaching, we must continue to seek assurances from both major political parties that these legislative changes will not be revisited in their current form.

4. A copy of the email from the Urban Taskforce is attached. At the time of writing this report there had been no formal announcement by the Department of Planning and Environment or the responsible Minister, the Minister for Planning and Homes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

6. Operational risk/s identified and management process applied.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

7. Community engagement and awareness is being conducted through the LGNSW campaign, the collective campaign of councils and through Council's usual direct advocacy and media channels Community engagement was conducted including:

FILE REFERENCE

D22/216813

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Representation - SSROC - Infrastructure Contributions Reforms - Update - Legislative change abandoned



From: [Helen Sloan](#)
To: [Meredith Wallace](#); [Fab Zincone](#); [Matthew Stewart](#); [John Clark](#); [David Tuxford](#); [Peter Gainsford](#); [Therese Manns](#); [Michael Mamo](#); [mbarone@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](#); [Manjeet Grewal](#); [Emily Scott](#); [Craig Swift-McNair](#)
Subject: FW: Infrastructure Contributions Reforms - Update - Legislative change abandoned
Date: Wednesday, 14 September 2022 12:38:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Please see below, FYI.

Regards
Helen Sloan



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The Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) acknowledges the traditional custodians of our region – the peoples of the Darug, Dharawal and Eora Nations.

From: Tom Forrest <tom@urbantaskforce.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 6:03 pm

To: Urban Taskforce Australia <admin@urbantaskforce.com.au>

Subject: Infrastructure Contributions Reforms - Update - Legislative change abandoned

Dear Urban Taskforce Core Member colleagues

DPE advised today that they have officially abandoned the pursuit of legislation to give effect to many of the Productivity Commission's recommendations on Infrastructure Contributions.

Effectively, they (or the Government) have given in to a scare campaign led by Clover Moore and Councils.

They made it clear that Councils would run an election campaign on these changes opposing them.

Councils would not agree on:

- The Land Value Contribution Scheme
- The introduction of the RICs in lieu of the SICs
- The proposed changes to the Essential Works list (so it stays as it is and the caps will not change) – It was rejected even with concessions to Local Government from the NSW Government.

All these matters required legislative change and this is not going to be progressed. There is not enough time available for legislative change to pass both Houses of the NSW Parliament. Further, the Government did not want to see a this become a election platform for opponents of the Government.

In the meantime, infrastructure contributions will be payable at **CC and not OC** as recommended by the NSW Productivity Commission (unless the DA was approved between March 2020 and end March 2022).

DPE will work on a new set of clear guidelines for the making of VPAs which increase oversight and a new audit function.

S.7.12 rates have already begun to be implemented in accord with the recommended increase to 3%.

The S.7.11 caps will remain as they are with thresholds for going to IPART also to remain.

On Affordable Housing levies, DPE advised that the Productivity Commission made no recommendation on this matter and they (DPE) are bound by the GCC policy of the implementation of 10% affordable housing as a target. DPE closed down discussion on the impact on feasibility and also closed down discussion on the difference between requiring that affordable housing be made available for a period at a discounted rent rather than the current growing practice of requiring that a prescribed number of homes are simply handed over to Councils to be operated by CHPs to

provide for affordable homes.

We have spent close to three years in discussions with the NSW Productivity Commission and DPE.

This is a very unsatisfactory outcome.

DPE will continue to drive change that does not require legislation (and does not upset Councils).

See below an update which is based in the Recommendations of the NSW Productivity Commission.

	Productivity Commission recommendation	Recommendation	Comment
1	2.1	Enhance efficiency of the infrastructure contributions system	Abandoned
2	3.1	Allow councils' general income to increase with population	Law changed – changes made
3	4.1	Develop infrastructure contribution plans upfront as part of the zoning process	Land Value Contributions Scheme abandoned
4	4.2	Introduce a direct land contribution mechanism to improve both efficiency and certainty for funding land acquisition	Land Value Contributions Scheme abandoned
5	4.3	Issue advice for land valuation to improve consistency and accuracy	No information provided
6	4.4	Index land contribution amounts to changing land values	Abandoned
7	4.5	Section 7.11 contributions plans use benchmark costs	No changes to legislation relation to s.7.11
8	4.6	Contributions plans reflect development-contingent costs only	Government folded on the Essential Works list – but Councils still objected so status quo prevails
9	4.7	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal review of contributions plans be 'by exception' and based on efficient costs	Current IPART referral thresholds remain – no change to caps
10	4.8	Contributions plans are prepared using standard online templates and digital tools	DPE are progressing this
11	4.9	Encourage councils to forward fund infrastructure, through borrowing and pooling of funds	This has not been progressed in any meaningful way
12	4.10	Defer payment of contributions to the occupation certificate stage	This required legislation. This has been abandoned.
13	4.11	Increase the maximum rate for section 7.12 fixed development consent levies	DPE have done this via policy change – max rate now 3%
14	4.12	Planning agreements consistent with the principles-based approach	VPAs to be reformed to ensure greater accountability
15	4.13	Publish guidelines for planning agreements for mining and energy	DPE advise that this is being progressed

		related projects consistent with the principles-based approach	
16	4.14	Improve accountability for affordable housing contributions	DPE say that the GCC Regional Plan sets an affordable housing rental housing target in “nominated PRECINCTS ACROSS Greater Sydney of 5-10% subject to viability”. This is being rolled out.
17	5.1	Adopt regional infrastructure contributions	Abandoned – Government will look to see if they can broaden the Special Contributions regime to achieve the same outcome. This work will be led by NSW Treasury.
18	5.2	Improve guidance for state planning agreements	DPE are progressing this as it does not require legislation.
19	5.3	Adopt transport contributions for major projects	Existing SIC contributions regime will remain – the new TIC has not been progressed
20	5.4	Create a new category of contributions specific to biodiversity	The BIC has not been progressed
21	5.5	Phase in metropolitan water contributions for more efficient delivery of water infrastructure	Implemented by Sydney Water
22	6.1	Develop and implement a centralised contributions digital tool	DPE is progressing this initiative
23	6.2	Promote consistency and transparency in works-in-kind agreements	DPE advise that they will seek to do this notwithstanding the stalling of the IC reform process
24	6.3	Build the capability and expertise of the planning sector	DPE advise that they are progressing this
25	6.4	Introduce a simple, clear, standardised exemptions policy	No information available
26	6.5	Better synchronise state and local strategic planning frameworks	No information available
27	6.6	Incorporate the local infrastructure contributions system into the Integrated and Performance Reporting framework	No information available
28	6.7	Strategic planning to maximise the efficient use of land	No information available
29	7.1	Strong governance to guide implementation	Implementation process has been largely

			abandoned.
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Item: CCL099-22 Update on the options for Beverly Hills Master Plan

Author: Manager Strategic Planning

Directorate: Environment and Planning

Matter Type: Environment and Planning

CCL099-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the contents of the report “Update on the options for Beverly Hills Master Plan”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the progress of the amended master plan in relation to Beverly Hills Local Centre.
2. A full report on the amended Master Plan will be presented to the Council’s Environment and Planning Committee on 14 November 2022; and will detail the alternative options that were considered and workshopped with Councillors on 6 June 2022. The report will recommend the preferred option to amend the draft Master Plan.
3. The options/ approaches being explored for amended Master Plan does not propose the compulsory acquisition of land.

BACKGROUND

4. In 2017, Council recognised the need to revitalise the Beverly Hills commercial centre and improve the quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors. Accordingly, Council decided to prepare a master plan for Beverly Hills to provide a clear vision and an urban design framework to guide future development and include key infrastructure and public domain improvements for inclusion in a contributions plan or any future planning agreements.
5. The master plan is split into two phases. Phase 1 commenced in April 2018 with the development of a vision for the future of the Centre through comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement and an analysis of the opportunities and constraints to development in the study area.
6. Phase 2 commenced in July 2019, with the preparation of the draft master plan that was developed based on Phase 1 outcomes, detailed site investigations, consultation with the community and Councillor workshops.
7. On 25 May 2020, Council considered a report on the draft Beverly Hills Town Centre Master Plan and resolved to endorse it for the purposes of public exhibition. The draft Master Plan was placed on public exhibition from 28 July 2020 to 28 September 2020 (inclusive) for a total of 60 days. The public exhibition of the draft Master Plan was conducted in accordance with the Council resolution of 25 May 2020, Council’s Community Engagement Strategy, and the endorsed community engagement plan.
8. At its meeting dated 26 July 2021, Council considered a report on the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Beverly Hills Master Plan and resolved to defer the matter to a Councillor workshop to allow Council staff an opportunity to explain the submissions received, amendments to the development controls such the increase in floor space ratio and height (in particular for sites on King Georges Road) following the exhibition of the

draft plan and review the approach for the compulsory acquisition of properties in the areas such as between Frederick Street and Norfolk Street.

9. Subsequently, three Councillor workshops were held between October 2021 to June 2022 to:
 - a. Provide a background briefing to the new Council.
 - b. Explain the hazard analysis study and potential impact on the master plan.
 - c. Present the key issues raised by submissions received.
 - d. Discuss the proposed amendments to the exhibited plan; and
 - e. Provide alternative options to amend the exhibited master plan.
10. At its meeting dated 26 April 2022, Council again resolved in part to defer completion of the draft Beverly Hills Town Centre Master Plan and to provide Councillors with an in-person workshop on the summary of the public submissions received for each of the draft Master Plans, and any proposed amendments.

FEEDBACK ON OPTIONS PROPOSED BY COUNCIL

11. At the Councillor workshop on 6 June 2022 a preferred option to amend the draft master was presented, which involved:
 - a. Modest expansion of the B2 Local Centre zone on the eastern side of King Georges Road to incentivise amalgamation of key sites.
 - b. Increase in height and density in the B2 zone, to allow 7 storeys with additional height on gateway sites up to 8 storeys and key sites up to 10 storeys to encourage renewal of the centre.
 - c. Key sites to provide setbacks to existing R2 low density residential area with a green corridor or laneway. The green corridor in the eastern side of the local centre will improve access and connectivity with pedestrian and bicycle access, public spaces, tree canopy with linear park.
 - d. Increase in height and density in the R4 High Density Residential zone along Edgbaston Road and Melvin Street to allow 4 to 6 storeys.
 - e. No changes are proposed to the B2 zone north of the railway line in response to concerns on the impact on character of the adjoining residential area; and
 - f. Reviewing the exhibited scheme along the Moomba to Sydney High Pressure Ethane Gas Pipeline by reducing intensification of use.
12. The feedback received from Councillors at the workshop is as follows:
 - a. No support for the compulsory acquisition of properties for roads and public spaces.
 - b. Concern with the proposed heights and the scale proposed in the exhibited master plan.
 - c. Concern with the 10 storey height limit on key sites.
 - d. Support for the expansion of the B2 zone on the eastern side of King Georges Road.
 - e. Investigate Melvin Street for a B2 zoning.
 - f. Investigate additional FSR and height over the residential area to the west of King Georges Road behind the B2 Zone.

- g. Address the interface between the B2 and R2 zones; and
 - h. It may be difficult to implement the proposed green corridor, which is proposed in the B2 and R2 interface zone.
13. Preliminary advice has been received from the consultants assisting Council officers in preparing the amended Master Plan on two aspects being:
- a. Increasing the FSR and HOB in the existing R4 – High Density Residential zone on the western side of King Georges Road to enable additional dwellings (storeys) on existing residential flat buildings (**Site A**); and
 - b. Expanding the B2 zone on the western side of King Georges Road in the block bounded by Melvin Street, Edgbaston Road, the Edgbaston Road car park and railway line (**Site B**).
14. Site A and B are depicted in **Figure 1** below.

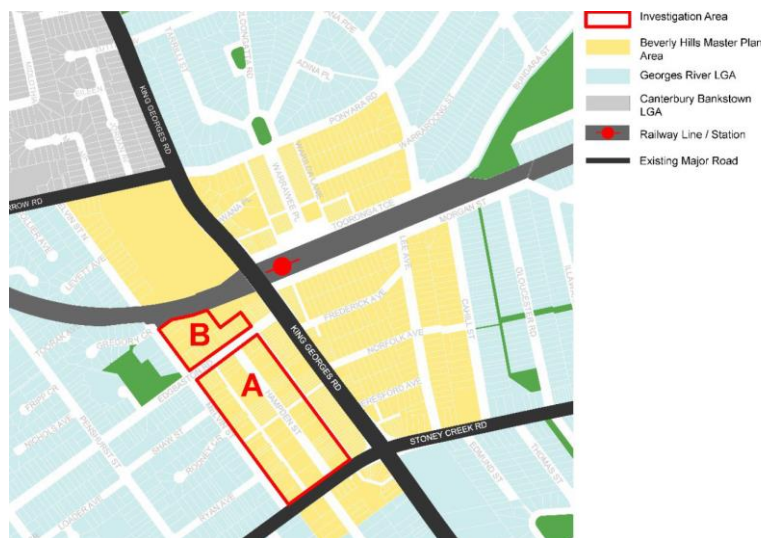


Figure 1 – Location of Site A and Site B

15. The preliminary advice indicates that for **Site A** the strata constraints are inhibitive to achieving development outcomes without substantial increase in development potential that would be out of character with the locality. Development would require substantial and unfeasible structural modifications to the existing building to achieve suitable accessibility, internal circulation, and additional basement parking. It would be difficult to achieve compliance with ADG controls and Council's DCP controls.
16. **Site B** is affected by the Moomba to Sydney High Pressure Ethane Gas Pipeline and is one of the five identified sites within the master plan study area as having a higher level of risk from the pipeline. A proposed B2 zoning would permit additional floorspace capacity in this part of the precinct which would undermine the revitalisation objectives that aim to support the feasibility of existing and future businesses along the King Georges Road strip.
17. While the B2 Local Centre zone will enable less sensitive land non-residential uses to be accommodated in the identified risk area of the gas pipeline, additional commercial floorspace in a commercial only building that exceeds projected needs is highly unlikely to occur without the need to include a residential component, preventing this benefit from being realised.
18. The implications of the Moomba to Sydney High Pressure Ethane Gas Pipeline on the final draft Master Plan will need to be again considered and further modelling undertaken. Such modelling indicates where additional sensitive land uses are not appropriate, or where residential intensification is not appropriate within the study area. Sensitive use is defined

as a development that may be difficult to evacuate, including schools, aged-care facilities, childcare and hospitals. A range of planning tools are available to help minimise and manage the risk from the pipeline, including exploring alternative land uses for identified sites, including LEP provisions for affected sites, and providing design guidance on site planning in the DCP.

AMENDED DRAFT MASTER PLAN

19. Council Officers, in conjunction with the consultants, are now finalising a draft amended master plan which proposes a reduction in scale to the exhibited master plan. This amended option will be the subject of a report to the Council's Environment and Planning Committee on 14 November 2022.
20. It should be noted that the scaled down option does not propose compulsory acquisition of land for roads and public spaces.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

21. The preparation of the amended draft master plan is within budget allocation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

22. The Moomba to Sydney High Pressure Ethane Gas Pipeline is a high-pressure dangerous goods pipeline located within the study area for Beverly Hills Master Plan. Land use safety and development near pipelines is an emerging and evolving planning issue as Sydney's population and housing density increases. Clause 66C of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (known as the Infrastructure SEPP) require councils to assess the level of risk when considering development near the pipelines, to ensure that risks to people, property and the pipelines are within acceptable levels.
23. Five sites within the master plan study area are identified as having a higher level of risk from the pipeline. A range of planning tools are available to help minimise and manage the risk from the pipeline, including exploring alternative land uses for identified sites, including LEP provisions for affected sites, and providing design guidance on site planning in the DCP.
24. It is recommended that once Council endorses its preferred option for the amended draft master plan, that further modelling be undertaken to determine the level of risk and whether the affected sites change.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

25. Community engagement will be conducted once the draft master plan is adopted by Council for exhibition.
26. The report to the Environment and Planning Committee in November will cover the range of community engagement to be undertaken.

FILE REFERENCE

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FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: CCL100-22 Tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns.

Author: Acting Head of Corporate Governance and Risk

Directorate: Business and Corporate Services

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL100-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and designated persons.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to table those Returns lodged by Councillors and designated persons in accordance with the Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils.
2. Additionally, this report confirms the method of availability of Councillors' and designated persons returns to the public.

BACKGROUND

Annual Returns

3. In accordance with the Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils, a Councillor or designated person holding that position as at 30 June in any year, must lodge a Return with the General Manager within three months after that date.
4. Returns for the period ending 30 June 2022 must be tabled at the first Council meeting held after the last day for lodgement.

Returns of newly appointed designated persons

5. Additionally, in accordance with the Code, a designated person must complete and lodge a Return within 3 months of attaining a position of designated person with Council.
6. New staff appointed to the following permanent and temporary positions have submitted a Return in accordance with the Code.
 - Manager City Operational Services
 - Acting Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager (temporary appointment)
 - Acting Chief Information Officer (temporary appointment)
 - Acting Head Corporate Governance & Risk (temporary appointment)

Tabling of Returns

7. Completed Returns lodged in accordance with Clauses 4.21(a) and (b) of Council's Code of Conduct are tabled accordingly.
8. Annual Returns of Councillors as at 30 June 2022 were received by 30 September 2022 with one Return being submitted late.

9. Annual Returns of all designated persons holding that position as at 30 June 2022 were received by 30 September 2022.

Public availability of Returns

10. Under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act) and Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 (GIPA Regulation), Returns are considered “open access” information and, as outlined in the Information and Privacy Commission’s (IPC) Guideline 1: For Local Councils on the disclosure of information, returns disclosing the interest of councillors and designated persons must be made publicly available on a Council’s website.
11. To ensure compliance with the GIPA Act, GIPA Regulation and IPC Guideline 1, Council will continue to publish completed Returns of all Councillors and designated persons on its website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

13. It is a legislative requirement that Disclosure of Interests in written returns be lodged with the General Manager and the returns must then be tabled at a meeting of Council, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993 and the Georges River Council Code of Conduct.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

14. Community engagement is not required as a result of this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/212810

Item: CCL101-22 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - October 2022.

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL101-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following applications for funding, pursuant to the Councillors Ward Discretionary Fund Policy, be approved:

- (a) Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of Blakehurst Baptist Church in the amount of \$1,500.
- (b) Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of Australian Calligraphers Association in the amount of \$300.
- (c) Application submitted by Councillor Elmir on behalf of St George Swim Club in the amount of \$900.
- (d) Application submitted by Councillor Konjarski on behalf of Australian Calligraphers in the amount of \$300.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council, at its meeting of the 28 May 2018, endorsed the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy (the Fund).
2. The Policy provides a framework which enables Councillors to provide minor financial support to individuals and community groups or for the provisions of minor capital works within wards which will complement Council's existing grants, sponsorship and donations framework.
3. This report includes details of applications which have been assessed against the funds eligibility criteria and determined to qualify for funding.

BACKGROUND

4. The Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy stipulates three categories for applications of funds, those by an individual, community group and applications for minor capital works.
5. For the 2022/23 financial year, there is a \$45,000 allocation made available for Councillors elected at the December 2021 Local Government Elections.
6. For the 2022/23 financial year, no minor capital works applications will be accepted.
7. In keeping with ensuring accountability and transparency, details have been included below in regard to applications that are now listed for consideration and their demonstrated ability to satisfy the eligibility criteria of the Fund.
8. In addition to these measures, details of funds awarded are available on Council's website and are included in Council's Annual Report as is required regarding the allocation of funds through Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CWF 6/22-23	Councillor Mort
Classification of Application	Community Group
Reason for Request	To replace the deteriorated outside seating and umbrella for Community attendees.
Applicant's Details	John Ridley Memorial Baptist Church Blakehurst
Amount of Funds Requested	\$1,500
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Councillor Mort has signed a declaration advising that there is no conflict of interest.
Eligibility Criteria	The provision of funds to The John Ridley Memorial Baptist Church Blakehurst aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.
Community Group	Blakehurst Baptist Church is a local church community that provides programs and other services to its members and the local community. ABN 63 703 080 691. ACNC registered as a Charity.
History of Previous Applications	None
Conformity to the Councillor Ward Fund Discretionary Fund Policy	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

CWF 7/22-23	Councillor Liu
Classification of Application	Community Group
Reason for Request	Towards the cost of publishing of a member's picture book
Applicant's Details	Australian Calligraphers Association
Amount of Funds Requested	\$300
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Councillor Liu has signed a declaration advising that there is no conflict of interest.
Eligibility Criteria	The provision of funds to Australian Calligraphers Association aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.
Community Group	Founded in 1980, The Australian Calligraphers Association is an officially registered non-profit community organization, The association brings together local talented calligraphers and painters, seal engravers, artists, and calligraphy art theorists. It is a professional organization covering various categories of calligraphy and arts. The purpose of the association is to unite people from all walks of

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	life in the field of calligraphy art to inherit the traditions of Chinese and foreign calligraphy and painting; to popularize and improve the skills of calligraphy and painting. ABN 70 722 107 649
History of Previous Applications	Yes, March 2022 (\$1,500) November 2018 (\$1,500) March 2022 ((\$300)
Conformity to the Councillor Ward Fund Discretionary Fund Policy	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

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CWF 8/22-23	Councillor Elmir
Classification of Application	Community Group
Reason for Request	To help purchase two backstroke ledges (Training Aids)
Applicant's Details	St George Swim Club
Amount of Funds Requested	\$900
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Councillor Elmir has signed a declaration advising that there is no conflict of interest.
Eligibility Criteria	The provision of funds to St George Swim Club aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.
Community Group	St George Swim Club proudly established since 2017, St George Swim Club was founded at the new Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre, Bexley and a merger of Hurstville Aquatic Swim Club, Breakers Swim Club, and Rockdale Swim Club. It was developed as an inclusive club that embraces the different swimming levels including multi-class, a wide range of ages, beginner racing through to national/elite, different cultural backgrounds, and families that support our swimmers. ABN:93 584 859 652
History of Previous Applications	None
Conformity to the Councillor Ward Fund Discretionary Fund Policy	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

CWF 9/22-23	Councillor Konjarski
Classification of Application	Community Group
Reason for Request	Toward the publishing of a member's picture book in the association
Applicant's Details	Australian Calligraphers Association
Amount of Funds Requested	\$300

Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Councillor Konjarski has signed a declaration advising that there is no conflict of interest.
Eligibility Criteria	The provision of funds to Australian Calligraphers Association aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.
Community Group	Founded in 1980, The Australian Calligraphers Association is an officially registered non-profit community organization, The association brings together local talented calligraphers and painters, seal engravers, artists, and calligraphy art theorists. It is a professional organization covering various categories of calligraphy and arts. The purpose of the association is to unite people from all walks of life in the field of calligraphy art to inherit the traditions of Chinese and foreign calligraphy and painting; to popularize and improve the skills of calligraphy and painting. ABN 70 722 107 649
History of Previous Applications	Yes, March 2022 (\$1,500) November 2018 (\$1,500) March 2022 ((\$300)
Conformity to the Councillor Ward Fund Discretionary Fund Policy	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

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9. Funds of \$45,000 have been allocated in the 2022/23 Operational Plan.

Non-Capital Funds (\$3,000/Councillor)	Funds Allocated to date including this report	Remaining Balance
Councillor Borg	-	\$3,000
Councillor Elmir	\$2400	\$3,000
Councillor Greene	-	\$3,000
Councillor Jamieson	-	\$3,000
Councillor Katris	-	\$3,000
Councillor Konjarski	\$300	\$3,000
Councillor Landsberry	\$800	\$2,200
Councillor Liu	\$3,000	\$0
Councillor Mahoney	-	\$3,000
Councillor Mort	\$1,500	\$1,500
Councillor Smerdely	-	\$3,000
Councillor Stratikopoulos	-	\$3,000

Councillor Symington	\$500	\$2,500
Councillor Tegg	-	\$3,000
Councillor Wang	-	\$3,000

RISK IMPLICATIONS

10. The Enterprise Risk Management Strategy contains two relevant actions in regard to the provision of an open, accessible and transparent decision making and meeting process.
11. The adopted process for the allocation of funds through the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy is one of many strategies that have been implemented to ensure that these actions are achieved.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/221489

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#) 1  Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Applications - 31 October 2022



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Application Form: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund

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1. Councillor details

Name of Councillor Requesting funding:	Natalie Mort
Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):	

2. Class of application

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Maximum \$1,500)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Group (Maximum \$1,500)
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3. Application for allocation of funds to an individual or community group

Details of intended recipient:	Blakehurst Baptist Church
Name of project/ purpose of funding/ Date:	To replace the outside seating and umbrella for community attendees. The previous seating and umbrella have deteriorated so badly they can no longer be repaired.
Amount of funding requested:	\$1500

4. Supplier details

Legal name:	The John Ridley Memorial Baptist Church Blakehurst.		
Trading name:	Blakehurst Baptist Church		
ABN: 63703080691	Registered for GST:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

5. Supplier contact details		
Contact name: James McMaster		
Phone number: 0432622770	Mobile: 0432622770	
Email: jamesemcmaster@bigpond.com.au	Website: bbc.org.au	
Street: 48 Lynwood street		
Suburb: Blakehurst	State: NSW	Postcode: 2221
Postal address (if different):		
6. Declaration of conflict of interest		
<p>Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>, I hereby declare that in regard to the above application for funds through the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund that I have:</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict of interest <input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest* </p>		
<p>*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:</p>		
<p>Printed name: Natalie Mort Signature:  Date: 22/09/2022</p>		



Australian Government
Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 63 703 080 691

ABN details

Entity name:	THE JOHN G RIDLEY MEMORIAL BAPTISTCHURCH BLAKEHURST
ABN status:	Active from 07 Apr 2000
Entity type:	Other Unincorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Registered from 01 Jul 2000
Main business location:	NSW 2221

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

THE JOHN G RIDLEY MEMORIAL BAPTISTCHURCH BLAKEHURST is registered with the [Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission \(ACNC\)](#) as follows:

ACNC registration

Registered as a charity [view ACNC registration](#)

From

03 Dec 2012

Trading name(s)

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Trading name

BLAKEHURST BAPTIST CHURCH

From

26 Jul 2000

Charity tax concession status

THE JOHN G RIDLEY MEMORIAL BAPTISTCHURCH BLAKEHURST is a [Charity](#) endorsed to access the following tax concession:

Tax concession

GST Concession
FBT Rebate
Income Tax Exemption

From

01 Jul 2005
01 Jul 2005
01 Jul 2000

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

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The John G Ridley Memorial Baptist Church Blakehurst

✓ Charity is registered.

✓ Charity reporting is up to date.

Charity details

Also known as:	Blakehurst Baptist Church
ABN:	63703080691
Address:	48 Lynwood St Blakehurst NSW, 2221, Australia
Email:	secretary@bbc.org.au
Address For Service email:	secretary@bbc.org.au
Website:	bbc.org.au
Charity Size:	Medium
Who the charity helps:	Adults - aged 25 to under 65 Adults - aged 65 and over Children - aged 6 to under 15 Early childhood - aged under 6 Families Females General community in Australia Males Other charities Overseas communities or charities People from a culturally and linguistically diverse background People in rural/regional/remote communities Youth - 15 to under 25
Date established:	31 December 1964
Last reported:	30 June 2022
Next report due:	30 June 2023
Financial year end:	31/12
Basic Religious Charity:	Yes

Summary of activities

We are a local Baptist Church providing congregational religious services

Charity programs

Blakehurst Baptist Church
Baptist

Where the charity operates

States: New South Wales

Using the information on the Register

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People










Responsible people


The role of a 'Responsible Person' is an important one for registered charities. Generally, a charity's Responsible People are its board or committee members, or trustees.

<u>Jennifer Inwood de Barba</u> Role: <u>Committee Member</u> Associated charities →	<u>John Tory</u> Role: <u>Committee Member</u> Associated charities →	<u>John Tory</u> Role: <u>Committee Member</u> Associated charities →
<u>McMaster James</u> Role: <u>Other</u> Associated charities →	<u>Olwen Crane</u> Role: <u>Secretary</u> Associated charities →	<u>Richardson David</u> Role: <u>Treasurer</u> Associated charities →
<u>Steve Croll</u> Role: <u>Other</u> Associated charities →	<u>Vincent Yueng</u> Role: <u>Committee Member</u> Associated charities →	<u>Warren Carroll</u> Role: <u>Committee Member</u> Associated charities →

Documents

Annual reporting

Title	Due date	Date received	Download
Annual Information Statement 2023	30 June 2024	Not yet submitted	—
Financial Report 2023	30 June 2024	Pending	—
Annual Information Statement 2022	30 June 2023	Not yet submitted	—
Financial Report 2022	30 June 2023	Pending	—
Annual Information Statement 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2022	 View AIS
Financial Report 2021	No due date	Not required - BRC	—
Annual Information Statement 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2021	 View AIS
Financial Report 2020	No due date	Not required - BRC	—
Annual Information Statement 2019	31 August 2020	25 August 2020	 View AIS
Financial Report 2019	No due date	Not required - BRC	—
Annual Information Statement 2018	30 June 2019	7 May 2020	 View AIS
Financial Report 2018	No due date	Not required - BRC	—
Annual Information Statement 2017	30 June 2018	3 August 2018	 View AIS
Financial Report 2017	No due date	Not required	—
Annual Information Statement 2016	30 June 2017	12 June 2017	 View AIS
Financial Report 2016	No due date	Not required	—
Annual Information Statement 2015	30 June 2016	7 June 2016	 View AIS
Financial Report 2015	No due date	Not required	—
Annual Information Statement 2014	31 January 2015	4 May 2015	 View AIS
Financial Report 2014	No due date	4 May 2015	 Download

Title	Due date	Date received	Download
Annual Information Statement 2013	31 March 2014	22 April 2015	 View AIS
Financial Report 2013	No due date	Not required	—

Documents

Title	Date	Reporting year	Download
Annual Report	3 August 2018	2017	 Download
Governing Document	22 April 2015	—	 Download

History

The charity's subtype history

Purpose	Start date	End date
Advancing religion	1 January 2014	—
2012 Advancement of religion	3 December 2012	31 December 2013

Registration status history

Effective date	Status
3 December 2012	Registered

Enforcement action history

Enforcement action refers to the exercise of powers under the [ACNC Act](#).



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Application Form: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund

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1. Councillor details	
Name of Councillor Requesting funding:	Nancy Liu
Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):	
2. Class of application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Maximum \$1,500)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Group (Maximum \$1,500)
3. Application for allocation of funds to an individual or community group	
Details of intended recipient:	AUSTRALIAN CALLIGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION
Name of project/ purpose of funding/ Date:	Published a member's picture book for the association/15.7.2022
Amount of funding requested:	XXXX \$300
4. Supplier details	
Legal name:	AUSTRALIAN CALLIGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION
Trading name:	AUSTRALIAN CALLIGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION
ABN: 70 722 107 649	Registered for GST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5. Supplier contact details		
Contact name: HE WANG		
Phone number: 95381841	Mobile: 0431792268	
Email: harrywang360@gmail.com	Website: http://blog.sina.com.cn/aushufa	
Street: Unit 3/2-8 SHORT ROAD		
Suburb: RIVERWOOD	State: NSW	Postcode: 2210
Postal address (if different):		
6. Declaration of conflict of interest		
Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , I hereby declare that in regard to the above application for funds through the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund that I have:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict of interest <input type="checkbox"/> A pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A significant pecuniary interest* <input type="checkbox"/> A non-significant non-pecuniary interest*		
*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:		
Printed name: <u>NANCY CHU</u> Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>22/09/2022</u>		



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Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 70 722 107 649

ABN details

Entity name: AUSTRALIAN CALLIGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION
ABN status: Active from 25 May 2015
Entity type: [Other Unincorporated Entity](#)
Goods & Services Tax (GST): Not currently registered for GST
Main business location: NSW 2210

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

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Name of Councillor Requesting funding:	Sam Elmer.
Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):	

2. Class of application

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Maximum \$1,500)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Group (Maximum \$1,500)
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3. Application for allocation of funds to an individual or community group

Details of intended recipient:	St George Swim Club
Name of project/ purpose of funding/ Date:	To help purchase of Two Backstroke Ledges (Training Aids)
Amount of funding requested:	\$900

4. Supplier details

Legal name: St George Swimming Club Inc	
Trading name: St George Swimming Club Inc	
ABN: 93 584 859 652	Registered for GST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5. Supplier contact details		
Contact name: Karen Esposito		
Phone number: 0499 257 067	Mobile: 0499 257 067	
Email: secretarysgsc@gmail.com	Website: https://stgeorge.swimmingclub.org.au	
Street: 98c Preddys Rd		
Suburb: Bexley North	State: NSW	Postcode: 2207
Postal address (if different):		

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*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:
Printed name: <u>SAM EMIR</u> Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>10/10/22</u>



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Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 93 584 859 652

ABN details

Entity name:	St George Swimming Club Incorporated
ABN status:	Active from 11 Apr 2017
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2207

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

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Association Summary - New South Wales

ABN 81 913 830 179

Extracted from NSW Fair Trading database: 24 October 2022 16:44

Association Name:	ST GEORGE SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED
Incorporation Number:	INC1700403
Status:	REGISTERED
Date of Incorporation:	23 March 2017
Registered State:	NEW SOUTH WALES
Regulator:	NSW FAIR TRADING
Official Address Suburb:	BEXLEY NORTH

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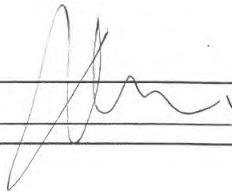
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Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):	
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<p>*If any conflict has been declared, please provide details:</p>
<p>Printed name: <u>LOU KONJARSKI</u> Signature: <u></u> Date: <u>18-10-2022</u></p>



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Item: CCL102-22 New Social Media Policy (Deferred Item FIN049-22).

Author: Coordinator, Communications and Engagement

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL102-22

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council adopt the Social Media Policy as attached to this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. It is recommended that a new Social Media Policy be adopted as attached to this report (Attachment 1). This is based on the Model Social Media Policy proposed by the Office of Local Government (OLG).
2. The OLG have also released for consultation a draft Model Media Policy that is anticipated will replace Council's current Communications and Media Management Policy.

BACKGROUNDAdoption of new Social Media Policy

3. The Office of Local Government released a Model Social Media Policy on 7 April 2022. The Model policy was developed following two rounds of consultation with the local government sector and represents a 'best practice' approach. The model policy was also informed by advice provided by key NSW government agencies, including, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Information and Privacy Commission, the State Archives and Records Authority and Resilience NSW.
4. Council contributed feedback on the Draft Model Social Media Policy to OLG during the period of consultation and council staff were consulted at that time for that feedback.
5. The Model Social Media Policy provided councils with two different models for appointment of authorised users. These models were:
 - a. Option 1 – the General Manager model
 - b. Option 2 – the Social Media Coordinator model

Georges River Council's policy has been drafted with option two as this reflects the current non-financial delegations and responsibilities.
6. It is not considered necessary to place this draft policy on public exhibition as we have adopted the Model policy which is informed by advice provided from the relevant oversight agencies as listed in paragraph 4 above.
7. A Councillor Briefing was conducted on 5 September 2022 outlining the policy requirements, implementation steps and implications for Councillor use of social media. Councillors were provided with a question and answer opportunity and were also encouraged to provide any feedback on the draft by 19 September 2022. No feedback was received.

8. The current Communications and Media Management Policy retains some elements of social media advice, however this does not conflict with the new Social Media Policy and is largely focussed on staff usage of social media. The social media elements will be removed and resolved with the adoption of the new Media Policy, which is expected early in 2023.
9. It is therefore appropriate that the Social Media Policy be adopted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. No financial/budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

11. The moderation of Council's social media channels is currently one of the top 10 risks. A recent presentation to ARIC explained the controls in place to mitigate this risk and flagged that this policy will further strengthen council's management of this risk.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

12. Community engagement will not be required for this policy as it was already undertaken by OLG in the development of the Model Social Media Policy.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/207888

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#) 1  Social Media Policy 2022



Social Media Policy

DRAFT For Council adoption 24/10/22

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Dates	Policy approved xx/xx/xxxx (date to be added by Policy Specialist) This policy is effective upon its approval. Policy is due for review xx/xxxx
Approved by	Council Meeting xx/xx/xxxx Council Resolution xxx
Policy Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Policy
Exhibition Period	N/A
Policy Owner	Coordinator Communications and Engagement Office of the General Manager
Related Documents	Georges River Council Code of Conduct Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy Communications and Media Management Policy Customer Feedback and Complaints Management Policy
References & Legislation	Model Social Media Policy, 2022 – Office of Local Government NSW State Archives and Records Authority of NSW ‘ <i>Government Recordkeeping / Advice and Resources / Local Government</i> ’ and ‘ <i>Social media recordkeeping for councillors</i> ’.
Document Identifier	Policy #: Allocated by Senior Policy Specialist once policy is approved (includes the version number) Doc #: Please enter CM9/Document identification number
Breaches of Policy	Breaches of any policy will be dealt with and responded to in accordance with adopted codes and/or relevant legislation.
Record Keeping	All documents and information obtained in relation to the implementation of this policy will be kept in accordance with the NSW State Records Act 1998, Georges River Council’s Corporate Records Policy and adopted internal procedures.

PURPOSE

Council's Social Media Policy provides a robust framework for the administration and management of its social media platforms. It also sets standards of conduct for all Council Officials who use social media in their official capacity. It has been developed to be fit-for purpose in a digital age where innovation and emerging trends are the norm.

SCOPE

This policy applies to Council's social media pages and councillor social media pages. Clause 8 of the policy applies specifically to private use of social media.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Term	Meaning
Authorised User	Members of council staff who are authorised by the General Manager or SMC to upload content and engage on the Council's social media platforms on the Council's behalf
Council Official	As defined in Part 2 of Council's Code of Conduct, a Council Official includes councillors, members of staff of a council, contractors, administrators, community members of wholly advisory committees, members of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC), members of reference panels, council committee members and delegates of council.
Minor	For the purposes of clause 4.4(b) of this policy, is a person under the age of 18 years
Personal Information	Information or an opinion (including information or an opinion forming part of a database and whether or not recorded in a material form) about an individual whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained from the information or opinion.
SMC	is a council's social media coordinator appointed under clause 2.5 of this policy.
Social Media	Social media can be broadly defined as online platforms and applications - such as but not limited to social networking sites, wikis, blogs, microblogs, video and audio sharing sites, and message boards - that allow people to easily publish, share and discuss content. Examples of social media platforms include, but are not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, LinkedIn, Yammer, YouTube, Instagram, Flickr and Wikipedia.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Principles

- 1.1. We, the councillors, staff and other officials of Georges River Council, are committed to upholding and promoting the following principles of social media engagement:

Openness	Our social media platforms are places where anyone can share and discuss issues that are relevant to our Council and the community we represent and serve.
Relevance	We will ensure our social media platforms are kept up to date with informative content about our Council and community.
Accuracy	The content we upload on our social media platforms and any other social media platform will be a source of truth for our Council and community and we will prioritise the need to correct inaccuracies when they occur.
Respect	Our social media platforms are safe spaces. We will uphold and promote the behavioural standards contained in this policy and our Council's code of conduct when using our social media platforms and any other social media platform.

2. Administrative framework for Council's Social Media Platforms

Platforms

- 2.1. Council will maintain a presence on the following social media platforms:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

- 2.2. Council's social media platforms must specify or provide a clearly accessible link to the 'House Rules' for engaging on the platform.

Establishment and deletion of Council social media platforms

- 2.3. A new Council social media platform, or a social media platform proposed by a Council related entity (for example, a council committee), can only be established or deleted with the written approval of the General Manager or their delegate.

- 2.4. Where a Council social media platform is established or deleted in accordance with clause 2.3, the General Manager or their delegate may amend clause 2.1 of this policy without the need for endorsement by the Council's governing body.

Appointment and role of the Social Media Coordinator

- 2.5. The General Manager will appoint a member of Council staff to be the council's Social Media Coordinator (SMC). The SMC should be a senior and suitably qualified member of staff.
- 2.6. The General Manager may appoint more than one SMC.
- 2.7. The SMC's role is to:
- a) approve and revoke a staff member's status as an authorised user;
 - b) develop and/or approve the training and/or induction to be provided to authorised users;
 - c) maintain a register of authorised users;
 - d) maintain effective oversight of authorised users;
 - e) moderate the Council's social media platforms in accordance with Part 5 of this policy;
 - f) ensure the Council complies with its record keeping obligations under the *State Records Act 1998* in relation to social media (see clauses 7.1 to 7.4 of this policy);
 - g) ensure the Council adheres to the rules of the social media platforms; and
 - h) coordinate with Council's Information Management Team (IMT) to ensure the Council's social media platforms are set up and maintained in a way that maximises user friendliness and any technical problems are resolved promptly.
- 2.8. The SMC may delegate their functions under paragraphs (e) and (f) of clause 2.7 to authorised users.
- 2.9. The SMC is an authorised user for the purposes of this policy.

Authorised users

- 2.10. Authorised users are members of Council staff who are authorised by the SMC to upload content and engage on social media on the Council's behalf.
- 2.11. Authorised users should be members of Council staff that are responsible for managing, or have expertise in, the events, initiatives, programs or policies that are the subject of the social media content.
- 2.12. The SMC will appoint authorised users when required.

- 2.13. An authorised user must receive a copy of this policy and induction training on social media use and Council's obligations before uploading content on Council's behalf.
- 2.14. The role of the authorised user is to:
- a) Ensure, to the best of their ability, that the content they upload onto social media platforms is accurate;
 - b) Correct inaccuracies in Council generated content;
 - c) Engage in discussions and answer questions on Council's behalf on social media platforms;
 - d) Keep the Council's social media platforms up to date; and
 - e) Where authorised to do so by the SMC:
 - i. Moderate the Council's social media platforms in accordance with Part 5 of this policy
 - ii. Ensure the Council complies with its record keeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998 in relation to social media (see clauses 7.1 to 7.4 of this policy)
- 2.15. When engaging on social media on Council's behalf (such as, but not limited to, on a community social media page), an authorised user must identify themselves as a member of Council staff but they are not obliged to disclose their name or position in Council.
- 2.16. Authorised users must not use Council's social media platforms for personal reasons.

Administrative tone

- 2.17. Authorised users upload content and engage on social media on the Council's behalf. Authorised users must use language consistent with that function and avoid expressing or appearing to express their personal views when undertaking their role.
- 2.18. Authorised users may use more personal, informal language when engaging on Council's social media platforms, for example when replying to comments.

Register of authorised users

- 2.19. The SMC will maintain a register of authorised users. This register is to be reviewed annually to ensure it is fit for purpose.

Ceasing to be an authorised user

- 2.20. The SMC may revoke a staff member's status as an authorised user, if:

- a) The staff member makes such a request,
- b) The staff member has not uploaded content onto any of the Council's social media platforms in the last 12 months,
- c) The staff member has failed to comply with this policy, or
- d) The SMC is of the reasonable opinion that the staff member is no longer suitable to be an authorised user.

3. Administrative framework for councillors' social media platforms

- 3.1. For the purposes of this policy, councillor social platforms are not Council social media platforms. Part 2 of this policy does not apply to councillors' social media platforms.
- 3.2. Councillors are responsible for the administration and moderation of their own social media platforms (in accordance with Parts 3 and 5 of this policy), and ensuring they comply with the record keeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998 (see clauses 7.1 to 7.4 of this policy) and Council's records management policy in relation to social media.
- 3.3. Clause 3.2 also applies to councillors in circumstances where another person administers, moderates, or uploads content onto their social media platform.
- 3.4. Councillors must comply with the rules of the platform when engaging on social media.

Induction and training

- 3.5. Councillors who engage, or intend to engage, on social media must receive induction training on social media use. Induction training can be undertaken either as part of the councillor's induction program or as part of their ongoing professional development program.

Identifying as a councillor

- 3.6. Councillors must identify themselves on their social media platforms in the following format:

Councillor "First Name and Last Name".
- 3.7. A councillor's social media platform must include a profile photo which is a clearly identifiable image of the councillor.
- 3.8. If a councillor becomes or ceases to be the mayor, deputy mayor, or the holder of another position (for example, chairperson of a committee), this must be clearly stated on the councillor's social media platforms and updated within seven days of a change in circumstances.

Other general requirements for councillors' social media platforms

- 3.9. Councillor social media platforms must specify or provide a clearly accessible link to the 'House Rules' for engaging on the platform.
- 3.10. A councillor's social media platform must include a disclaimer to the following effect:

"The views expressed and comments made on this social media platform are my own and not that of the Council".
- 3.11. Despite clause 3.10, mayoral or councillor media releases and other content that has been authorised according to the Council's media and communications protocols may be uploaded onto a councillor's social media platform.
- 3.12. Councillors may upload publicly available Council information onto their social media platforms.
- 3.13. Councillors may use more personal, informal language when engaging on their social media platforms.

Councillor queries relating to social media platforms

- 3.14. Questions from councillors relating to their obligations under this policy, technical queries relating to the operation of their social media platforms, or managing records on social media may be directed to the SMC in the first instance, in accordance with Council's councillor requests protocols.

Other social media platforms administered by councillors

- 3.15. A councillor must advise the SMC of any social media platforms they administer on which content relating to the Council or Council Officials is, or is expected to be, uploaded. The councillor must do so within:
 - a) Seven (7) days of becoming a councillor, or
 - b) Seven (7) days of becoming the administrator.

4. Standards of conduct on social media

- 4.1. This policy only applies to Council Officials' use of social media in an official capacity or in connection with their role as a Council Official. The policy does not apply to personal use of social media that is not connected with a person's role as a Council Official.
- 4.2. Council Officials must comply with the Council's code of conduct when using social media in an official capacity or in connection with their role as a Council Official.

- 4.3. Council Officials must not use social media to post or share comments, photos, videos, electronic recordings or other information that:
- a) is defamatory, offensive, humiliating, threatening or intimidating to other Council Officials or members of the public,
 - b) contains profane language or is sexual in nature,
 - c) constitutes harassment and/or bullying within the meaning of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*, or is unlawfully discriminatory,
 - d) is contrary to their duties under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and their responsibilities under any policies or procedures adopted by the Council to ensure workplace health and safety,
 - e) contains content about the Council, Council Officials or members of the public that is misleading or deceptive,
 - f) divulges confidential Council information,
 - g) breaches the privacy of other Council Officials or members of the public,
 - h) contains allegations of suspected breaches of the Council's code of conduct or information about the consideration of a matter under the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW,
 - i) could be perceived to be an official comment on behalf of the Council where they have not been authorised to make such comment,
 - j) commits the Council to any action,
 - k) violates an order made by a court,
 - l) breaches copyright,
 - m) advertises, endorses or solicits commercial products or business,
 - n) constitutes spam, or
 - o) is in breach of the rules of the social media platform.
- 4.4. Council Officials must:
- a) attribute work to the original author, creator or source when uploading or linking to content produced by a third party; and
 - b) obtain written permission from a minor's parent or legal guardian before uploading content in which the minor can be identified.
- 4.5. Council Officials must exercise caution when sharing, liking, retweeting content as this can be regarded as an endorsement and/or publication of the content.
- 4.6. Council Officials must not incite or encourage other persons to act in a way that is contrary to the requirements of this Part.

- 4.7. Councillors must uphold and accurately represent the policies and decisions of the Council's governing body but may explain why they voted on a matter in the way that they did. (see section 232(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

5. Moderation of social media platforms

- 5.1. Council Officials who are responsible for the moderation of the Council's or councillors' social media platforms may remove content and 'block' or ban a person from those platforms. Such actions must be undertaken in accordance with this Part.

House Rules

- 5.2. Social media platforms must state or provide an accessible link to the 'House Rules' for engaging on the platform.
- 5.3. At a minimum, the House Rules should specify:
- a) the principles of social media engagement referred to in clause 1.1 of this policy
 - b) the type of behaviour or content that will result in that content being removed or 'hidden', or a person being blocked or banned from the platform
 - c) the process by which a person can be blocked or banned from the platform and rights of review
 - d) a statement relating to privacy and personal information (see clause 7.4 of this policy)
 - e) when the platform will be monitored (for example weekdays 9am – 5pm, during the Council's business hours)
 - f) that the social media platform is not to be used for making complaints about the Council or Council Officials. Refer to Council's Feedback and Complaints Handling Policy
- 5.4. For the purposes of clause 5.4(b), third parties engaging on social media platforms must not post or share comments, photos, videos, electronic recordings or other information that:
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 - b) contains profane language or is sexual in nature
 - c) constitutes harassment and/or bullying within the meaning of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*, or is unlawfully discriminatory

- d) contains content about the Council, Council Officials or members of the public that is misleading or deceptive
- e) breaches the privacy of Council Officials or members of the public
- f) contains allegations of suspected breaches of the Council's code of conduct or information about the consideration of a matter under the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*,
- g) violates an order made by a court
- h) breaches copyright
- i) advertises, endorses or solicits commercial products or business,
- j) constitutes spam
- k) would be in breach of the rules of the social media platform.

Removal or 'hiding' of content

- 5.5. Where a person uploads content onto a social media platform that, in the reasonable opinion of the moderator, is of a kind specified under clause 5.5, the moderator may remove or 'hide' that content.
- 5.6. Prior to removing or 'hiding' the content, the moderator must make a record of it (for example, a screenshot).
- 5.7. If the moderator removes or 'hides' the content under clause 5.6, they must, where practicable, notify the person who uploaded the content that it has been removed and the reason(s) for its removal and their rights of review.
- 5.8. A person may request a review of a decision by a moderator to remove or 'hide' content under clause 5.6. The request must be made in writing to the General Manager and state the grounds on which the request is being made.
- 5.9. Where a review request is made under clause 5.9, the review is to be undertaken by the SMC or a member of staff nominated by the General Manager who is suitably qualified and who was not involved in the decision to remove or 'hide' the content.

Blocking or banning

- 5.10. If a person uploads content that is removed or 'hidden' under clause 5.6 of this policy on three (3) occasions, that person may be blocked or banned from all social media platforms.

- 5.11. A person may only be blocked or banned from a Council social media platform with the approval of the SMC. This clause does not apply to blocking or banning a person from a councillor's social media platform.
- 5.12. Prior to blocking or banning a person from a social media platform, the person must, where practicable, be advised of the intention to block or ban them from all platforms and be given a chance to respond. Any submission made by the person must be considered prior to a determination being made to block or ban them.
- 5.13. The duration of the block or ban is to be determined by the SMC, or in the case of a councillor's social media platform, the councillor.
- 5.14. Where a determination is made to block or ban a person from all social media platforms, the person must, where practicable, be notified in writing of the decision and the reasons for it. The written notice must also advise the person which social media platforms they are blocked or banned from and the duration of the block or ban and inform them of their rights of review.
- 5.15. Despite clauses 5.11 to 5.15, where a person uploads content of a kind referred to under clause 5.5, and the moderator is reasonably satisfied that the person's further engagement on the social media platform poses a risk to health and safety or another substantive risk (such as the uploading of defamatory content), an interim block or ban from all platforms may be imposed on the person immediately for a period no longer than 28 days.
- 5.16. A person who is blocked or banned from all platforms under clause 5.16 must, where practicable, be given a chance to respond to the interim block or ban being imposed. Any submission made by the person must be considered when determining whether the interim block or ban is to be removed or retained under clauses 5.11 to 5.15.
- 5.17. A person may request a review of a decision to block or ban them from a social media platform. The request must be made in writing to the General Manager and state the grounds on which the request is being made.
- 5.18. Where a review request is made under clause 5.18, the review is to be undertaken by the General Manager or a member of staff nominated by the General Manager who is suitably qualified and who was not involved in the decision to block or ban the person. Where the decision to block or ban the person was made by the General Manager, the review must be undertaken by another senior and suitably qualified member of staff who was not involved in the decision.
- 5.19. Where a person that is the subject of a block or ban continues to engage on a social media platform(s) using an alternative social media account, profile, avatar,

etc., a moderator may block or ban the person from the platforms immediately. In these circumstances, clauses 5.11 to 5.19 do not apply.

6. Use of social media during emergencies

- 6.1. During emergencies, such as natural disasters or public health incidents, the Coordinator Communications and Engagement will be responsible for the management of content on the Council's social media platforms.
- 6.2. To ensure consistent messaging both during and after an emergency, authorised users and Council Officials must not upload content onto the Council's or their own social media platforms which contradicts advice issued by the agency coordinating the emergency response, or agencies supporting recovery efforts.
- 6.3. Training on social media use during emergencies should be included in training and/or induction provided to authorised users and councillors.

7. Records management and privacy requirements

Records management

- 7.1. Social media content created, sent and received by Council Officials (including councillors) acting in their official capacity is a council record and may constitute open access information or be subject to an information access application made under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*. These records must be managed in accordance with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* and the Council's approved records management policies and practices.
- 7.2. You must not destroy, alter, or remove social media content unless authorised to do so. If you need to alter or remove social media content, you must do so in accordance with this policy, and consult with the Council's records manager and comply with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998*.
- 7.3. When a councillor's term of office concludes, the councillor must contact the Council's Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager and SMC to transfer records of social media content created during their term of office and comply with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998*.
- 7.4. In fulfilling their obligations under clauses 7.1 to 7.3, Council Officials should refer to any guidance issued by the State Archives and Records Authority of NSW relating to retention requirements for councils' and councillors' social media content.

Privacy considerations and requirements

- 7.5. Social media communications are in the public domain. Council Officials should exercise caution about what personal information, if any, they upload onto social media.

- 7.6. The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* applies to the use of social media platforms by the Council and councillors. To mitigate potential privacy risks, Council Officials will:
- a) advise people not to provide personal information on social media platforms
 - b) inform people if any personal information they may provide on social media platforms is to be used for official purposes
 - c) moderate comments to ensure they do not contain any personal information
 - d) advise people to contact the Council or councillors through alternative channels if they have personal information they do not want to disclose in a public forum.
- 7.7. Council Officials must ensure they comply with the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* when engaging on and/or moderating social media platforms. In fulfilling their obligations, Council Officials should refer to any guidance issued by the Information and Privacy Commission of NSW, such as, but not limited to, the Health Privacy Principles.

8. Private use of social media

What constitutes 'private use'?

- 8.1. For the purposes of this policy, a Council Official's social media engagement will be considered 'private use' when the content they upload:
- a) is not associated with, or does not refer to, the Council, any other Council Officials, contractors, related entities or any other person or organisation providing services to or on behalf of the Council in their official or professional capacities, and
 - b) is not related to or does not contain information acquired by virtue of their employment or role as a Council Official.
- 8.2. If a Council Official chooses to identify themselves as a Council Official, either directly or indirectly (such as in their user profile), then they will not be deemed to be acting in their private capacity for the purposes of this policy.

Use of social media during work hours

- 8.3. Council staff may only access and engage on social media in their private capacity while at work during breaks.
- 8.4. Council staff who access and engage on social media in their private capacity during work hours must ensure it does not interfere with the performance of their official duties.

9. Concerns or complaints

- 9.1. Concerns or complaints about the administration of a Council's social media platforms should be made to the Council's SMC in the first instance.
- 9.2. Complaints about the conduct of Council Officials (including councillors) on social media platforms may be directed to the General Manager.
- 9.3. Complaints about the General Manager's conduct on social media platforms may be directed to the Mayor.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Responsibility
<i>General Manager</i>	<p>The General Manager is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appointing a suitably qualified SMC • approving the establishment or deletion of social media platforms • receiving and responding to complaints regarding the conduct of Council Officials • reviewing any decision to block or ban a person from a Council social media platform where a request is put in writing
<i>Social Media Coordinator</i>	<p>The Social Media Coordinator is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approving and revoking a staff member's status as an authorised user • developing and/or approving the training and/or induction to be provided to authorised users • maintaining a register of authorised users • maintaining effective oversight of authorised users • moderating the Council's social media platforms in accordance with Part 5 of this policy • ensuring the Council complies with its record keeping obligations under the <i>State Records Act 1998</i> in relation to social media • ensuring the Council adheres to the rules of the social media platforms • coordinating with Council's Information Management Team (IMT) to ensure the Council's social media platforms are set up and maintained in a way that maximises user friendliness and any technical problems are resolved promptly
<i>Authorised Users</i>	<p>Authorised users are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uploading content and engaging on social media on Council's behalf • Ensuring, to the best of their ability, that the content they upload onto social media platforms is accurate • Correcting inaccuracies in Council generated content • Engaging in discussions and answering questions on Council's behalf on social media platforms • Keeping the Council's social media platforms up to date

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where authorised to do so by the SMC, moderating the Council's social media platforms and ensuring the Council complies with its record keeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998 in relation to social media
<i>Councillors</i>	<p>Councillors are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The administration and moderation of their own social media platforms Ensuring they comply with the record keeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998 and Council's records management policy in relation to social media Complying with the rules of the platform when engaging on social media Undertaking induction training for social media Identifying themselves with full name, title and clear profile photo on their social media platforms Updating their social media within seven days of becoming or ceasing to be the mayor, deputy mayor or the holder of another position Providing a clearly accessible link to the "House Rules" for engaging on their social media platforms Including on all social media platforms the disclaimer stated in 3.10 of this policy Advising the SMC, within 7 days of becoming a councillor or a platform administrator, of any social media platforms they administer on which content relating to Council or Council Officials is expected to be uploaded Upholding and accurately representing the policies and decisions of the Council's governing body but may explain why they voted on a matter in the way they did
<i>Council Officials</i>	<p>Council Officials are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complying with Council's Code of Conduct when using social media in an official capacity or in connection with their role Ensuring their content complies with the requirements outlined in 4.3 of this policy and adheres to the platforms "House Rules" Attributing work appropriately when uploading third party content and ensuring permission is obtained before uploading content that identifies a minor Exercising caution when sharing or liking content that can be seen as endorsement or publication
<i>Coordinator Communications and Engagement</i>	<p>The Coordinator of Communications and Engagement is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing the content on Council's platforms in the event of emergencies

VERSION CONTROL AND CHANGE HISTORY

Version	Amendment Details	Policy Owner	Period Active
1.0	New Georges River Council Social Media Policy	Coordinator Communications and Engagement	Xx/xx/xxxx

Item: CCL103-22 Unaudited General Purpose Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

Author: Chief Financial Officer

Directorate: Business and Corporate Services

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL103-22

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the improvement in Council's financial results though acknowledge continued efforts are required to achieve a positive operating performance ratio in future years.
- (b) That in accordance with clause 215 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 (Act), it is the opinion of Council that:
 - i. The Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 have been drawn up in accordance with:
 - a. the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations;
 - b. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Asset Accounting Manual; and
 - c. the Australian Accounting Standards.
 - ii. The reports present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year.
 - iii. The Statements are in accordance with the Council's accounting and other records.
 - iv. The Council is unaware of anything that would make the financial reports false or misleading in any way.
- (c) That in accordance with clause 215 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Section 413(2)(c) of the Act, Council authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign Council's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.
- (d) That in accordance with Section 418(1)(a) of the Act, Council will present Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 at a scheduled Council meeting immediately after receipt of the Auditors Report and public notice in accordance with Section 418(1)(b), 418(2) and (3) of the Act.
- (e) That Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022, together with the Auditor's Reports are placed on public exhibition as per Section 418(4) of the Act and the necessary notice in the required form be published on Council's website and in the local newspapers and any submissions shall be dealt with as per Section 420 of the Act.
- (f) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, a copy of the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 to the Office of Local Government, subject to there being no material audit changes

or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110.

- (g) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. For Council's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 to be deemed acceptable for the Auditor's sign off and submission to the Office of Local Government, the Act requires a statement by resolution of Council that the Financial Statements are to be signed by the signatories of the Council.
2. The report to Council that includes the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 will be presented to Council and the public upon receipt of the Auditor's report. This is anticipated to be the November or December 2022 meeting.

BACKGROUND

Legislative obligations for the preparation of the General Purpose Financial Statements

3. The Act and the regulations outline the process for the preparation of a council's General Purpose Financial Statements. Requirements include:
 - Council must prepare financial statements for each year and must refer them for audit as soon as practicable after the end of that year (Section 413).
 - That by resolution of Council, a statement is provided on Council's opinion on the financial statements and signed by the Mayor; at least one other member of Council; General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer. (Section 413 (2)(c) and Clause 215 of the regulations).
 - Council's financial reports for a year must be prepared and audited within four months after the end of that year (Section 416).
 - Within four months after the end of that year, Council submits the Auditors Reports and Audited General Purpose Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government (Section 417).
 - As soon as practicable after Council receives a copy of the Auditor's Report, the reports must be placed on public exhibition and notice given of a meeting at which Council proposes to present its Audited General Purpose Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report (Section 418).
4. To facilitate the public notice, meeting, and submission process, it is appropriate that Council delegate to the General Manager authority, upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, to:
 - Arrange for the public notice of this meeting, in the required format, to be placed on Council's website and in the local newspapers advising of the meeting at which the Auditor's Report and the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 will be presented.
 - Arrange for copies of the Council's Auditor's Report and the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 to be made available for public inspection on Council's website and at the Council's Customer Service Centre.

- List the Auditor's Report and the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 on the Council Meeting agenda for presentation to the public, which allows for public notice of at least 7 days and submissions.
5. Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 will presented to Council's Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) prior to the presentation to the public, this is anticipated to be 17 November 2022.
 6. Attached to this report are the unsigned General Purpose Financial Statements of Council for the year ended 30 June 2022.

2021/22 Adopted Budget Strategy

7. The 2021/22 Budget adoption was a critical turning point in Georges River Council's financial sustainability. It was the first year of the approved Special Rate Variation and savings strategy applied. The Budget was developed based on the following strategy:
 - The draft 2021/22 budget was prepared with the objective of achieving an operating surplus in future years and avoiding substantial service/FTE reduction
 - Application of the New Rates 2021 Special Rate Variation to increase rate income, which includes retention of the expiring former Hurstville Special Rate Variation (approval from the IPART announced in May 2021).
 - Assumed savings of \$4 million each year for the next three years (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25)
 - The Capital budget continued to be reduced to protect cash reserves, so that cash remains available to fund essential operational activities
 - The new capital program was only funded from grants and developer contributions
 - Disposal of underperforming assets, including plant and properties to offset loss of income due to COVID-19 and investment interest income drop (\$3.3 million income)
 - Continued capping of employee costs with a target of \$60 million and continuation of 2020/21 strategy
 - Eligible Fees and Charges set at 5% increase
 - A material increase in legal expenditure by \$1.2 million due to the ongoing NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) investigation into former Councillors Badalati and Hindi
 - Election cost of \$1 million included
 - Implementation of productivity improvements and cost efficiencies identified in the adopted IPART application continues
 - Ongoing reduction in consultancy expenditure and continued focus on essential items only
 - Anticipated costs associated with debt recovery as a result of COVID-19 impacts
 - Transfer of funds from the sponsorship and donations budget to the Councillor discretionary ward fund program (operational use only - \$75,000)
 - \$6 million worth of operational programs project, services and \$350 million in capital projects be deferred, reduced or deleted.
8. 2021/22 proved to be an extraordinary year due to a high number of unforeseen significant events that resulted in service disruptions that have either indirectly or directly impacted Council's financial results. These events:

- Georges River Local Government Area identified as a 'hotspot area' resulting in special directions for those 'hotspot' areas, such as a freeze on construction work, restriction on the ability to travel specific distances, etc.
 - Evolving COVID-19 variants that influenced severity of symptoms, lockdowns and exposure risks
 - Vaccination clinics and other emergency operations centres were established at Council facilities
 - Special leave provisions enacted for those staff unable to work from home
 - Face-to-face front of house services remain closed for a significant period of the year, with an expedited shift to online/remote working arrangements
 - The Australian Defence Force joined the police in patrolling and monitoring compliance by local residents and businesses with the Public Health Orders within Georges River LGA
 - La Nina continued with prolonged rainfall also resulting in severe weather and flooding that contributed to Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) being declared a natural disaster area from 22 February and 27 June 2022 onwards
 - Postponement of the local government elections to December 2021
 - Escalating turnover and vacancy rates attributed to great resignation which is an ongoing economic trend in which employees have voluntarily resigned from their jobs on mass, beginning in early 2021 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - High absenteeism due to COVID-19 exposure, sickness, isolation, carers responsibilities, etc.
9. Continued diligence in applying strict budget management strategies and prioritisation will be critical in the continuous improvement and strengthening of Council's financial position. These strategies include:
- Application of strategic assets management principles
 - Cost containment target reviews and service delivery reviews
 - Abstain from the reintroduction of unviable subsidies, concessions and business cases
 - Explore potential avenues to raise new streams of income and increase current income levels through a wider application of the user pays model
 - Evaluate the feasibility of major capital projects from a cost/benefit perspective and ensure the business case examines the affordability and pay-back period in respect of each project on ratepayers
 - Focus on bridging the gap between increases in income and expenditure
 - Mitigate the impact of external factors on Council's financial sustainability
 - Continue to provide financial hardship support to those adversely impacted
 - Explore potential savings in operating expenditure by reviewing operating processes and staff establishment levels
 - Continue to benchmark activities and align operations where necessary, to yield optimum results
 - Continue to implement changes in focus, to view activities as "commercial" or "non-commercial"

- Continue to evaluate affordability of capital projects from a “long term operating impact” point of view
- Continue to identify and implement initiatives that improve service efficiency and productivity

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Overview of the financial results

Income Statement

10. The 2021/22 operating result excluding capital grants and contributions is a surplus of \$11.2 million. This is a \$12.6 million improvement from 2020/21 result (excluding the revaluation decrements) and a \$15.7 million improvement to the adopted budgeted result of \$4.5 million deficit. The improvement is materially attributed to the:
 - Net gain from sale of properties (\$7.6 million)
 - Fair value increment on investment properties (\$8 million)
 - Reduced expenses from one-off unforeseen extraordinary events (\$3.7 million).
11. Excluding net gain on sale and the fair value increment on investment properties, the total income performance was sustained by interest, other revenue and rates and annual charges. Fees and charges income was considerably under adopted budget with an unfavourable variance of \$2.4 million. The unfavourable variance was driven by COVID-19 related closures and reduction in service demand. The main areas impacted were Childcare, Hurstville Aquatic Centre and Hurstville Entertainment Centre.
12. Operating and Capital Grant income was considerably impacted by the delay in project delivery, resulting in a high portion moving into 2022/23 financial year.
13. Capital developer contributions declined by 25% (\$3 million) from prior year trends.
14. As outlined above total expenditure was below adopted budget. Employee costs were favourable to budget by \$830,000 with vacancies lowering salaries and wages and overheads, this offset the \$2.3 million in employee termination costs and uncapitalised project delivery salaries from the COVID-19 stop work order and heavy and continuous rainfall.
15. Materials and Services was favourable to adopted budget (\$2.5 million) based under spends in printing, contractors (waste and Infrastructure), water, materials and consultancies. It is understood these were associated with service disruptions from 2021/22 rather than savings identified.
16. Other expenses would have been unfavourable to budget by \$540,000 due to the impact of the impairment of debts (\$1.4 million).

Statement of Financial Position

17. Council equity increased from 2020/21 by \$172 million, which was an improvement to the decrease of \$19 million that occurred in 2020/21. The increase is materially attributed to increases to Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE), investments and investment property. There was a minimal movement in Council liabilities though it highlights Council will be debt free from September 2022, with the final payment for the Mortdale Community Centre.
18. This was materially attributed to the revaluation decrement to infrastructure, property, plant and equipment and some minor increases in liabilities from contractual grant obligations and employee benefit/workers compensation provision increases.

19. Total cash assets, cash equivalents and investments increased by \$27.5 million, which was a positive result, though materially attributed to the significant service disruptions of 2021/22 and assisted by the 2021/22 Budget Strategy to replenish critical reserves such as asset management. Unrestricted cash was a positive \$10 million, comparative to nil in 2019/20. The commercial property reserve increased by \$8.8 million as a result of the sale of properties.
20. Receivables were unfavourably impacted by the increase to impairments of \$1.4 million. Payables have remained stable and aligned to 2020/21 and 2019/20 balances.

Statement of Performance Measures

21. The operating performance ratio continues to have favourable improvements. Though still in a deficit of 1.97%, it is an improvement to prior year deficits of 3.75% in 2020/21 and 8.04% in 2019/20. Further financial decisions and strict financial management will still be required in future years to achieve a positive surplus operating ratio. This is projected to occur in 2022/23. The operating performance ratio is a key indicator of sustainable operations.
22. All other ratios, including unrestricted current ratio and rates and annual charges outstanding, improved comparative to 2020/21 and 2019/20.

Strategic Asset Management

23. Council continues to develop its asset management maturity with a dedicated team focusing on the accuracy of asset data and using this information to build sustainable programs of work.
24. Council officers will continue to undertake comprehensive reviews of critical assets which will allow for more accurate and dynamic planning to meet benchmarks.
25. Asset Management is a critical function of Council and the overall sector. The Local Government Sector manages over \$160 billion community assets in New South Wales (NSW). With Georges River Council managing \$1.5 billion.
26. Asset categories are large and can be complex, broadly covering roads, community land, building, open space, recreational facilities, footpaths, bridges, stormwater, plant, office equipment, IT software, etc. These assets are critical in providing services and are required to be maintained to a functional standard.
27. The application of strategic management policies, accounting practices and the overall asset management framework is inconsistent across the sector. This results in inconsistencies that range from varying naming conventions, asset classifications, useful lives, valuation processes, depreciation, maintenance schedules, etc.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

28. The results for 2021/22 continue to highlight that the forecast of the Long-Term Financial Plan and overall budget strategy was successful in sustaining operations whilst Council works towards a surplus in future years.
29. As highlighted in the commentary of the report, whilst 2021/22 results were favourable these were predominantly attributed to one-off gains such as the sale of Edgbaston car park, revaluation in investments and under expenditure associated with service disruptions from significant unforeseen events.
30. Further the results highlight the requirement to prioritise capital expenditure to items that will contribute to improving Council's infrastructure performance ratios, which has been declining in performance rather than advancing. Strategic Asset Management will be a fundamental topic in the 2023/24 Budget and the Long-Term Financial Plan.

31. Continued diligence in applying strict budget management strategies and prioritisation will be critical in achieving a positive performance against key indicators such as the operating performance ratio and infrastructure ratios.
32. As highlighted by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) on 21 May 2021, Council must continue to apply measures that address the key financial sustainability risks, particularly in regard to increasing revenue and reducing expenditure, to secure Council's immediate and long-term future. The comments noted at this meeting and the relevant recommendation have been communicated to Council.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

33. Community engagement will be conducted as per Section 418 and 420 of the Act.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/225438

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Unaudited General Purpose Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June
 1  2022 - as at 24 October 2022

Georges River Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022

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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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Overview

Georges River Council is constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and has its principal place of business at:

Corner MacMahon and Dora Streets
Hurstville NSW 2220

Council's guiding principles are detailed in Chapter 3 of the LGA and includes:

- principles applying to the exercise of functions generally by council,
- principles to be applied when making decisions,
- principles of community participation,
- principles of sound financial management, and
- principles for strategic planning relating to the development of an integrated planning and reporting framework.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note B1-2.

Through the use of the internet, we have ensured that our reporting is timely, complete and available at minimum cost. All press releases, financial statements and other information are publicly available on our website: www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Georges River Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Understanding Council's Financial Statements

Introduction

Each year NSW local governments are required to present audited financial statements to their council and community.

What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

The format of the financial statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting and reporting requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the Office of Local Government.

About the Councillor/Management Statement

The financial statements must be certified by senior staff as 'presenting fairly' the Council's financial results for the year and are required to be adopted by Council – ensuring both responsibility for and ownership of the financial statements.

About the Primary Financial Statements

The financial statements incorporate five "primary" financial statements:

1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income and expenses. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair value of Council's infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its assets, liabilities and "net wealth".

4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

The overall change for the year (in dollars) of Council's "net wealth".

5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide greater detail and additional information on the five primary financial statements.

About the Auditor's Reports

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by the NSW Audit Office.

In NSW the auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance and position, and
2. their observations on the conduct of the audit, including commentary on the Council's financial performance and financial position.

Who uses the Financial Statements?

The financial statements are publicly available documents and must be presented at a Council meeting between seven days and five weeks after the date of the audit report.

The public can make submissions to Council up to seven days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

Council is required to forward an audited set of financial statements to the Office of Local Government.

Georges River Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413 (2c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 31 October 2022.

Nick Katris

Mayor

dd MMMM yyyy

Kathryn Landsberry

Deputy Mayor

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David Tuxford

Acting General Manager

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Danielle Parker

Acting Director Business and Corporate Service

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Georges River Council | Income Statement | for the year ended 30 June 2022

Georges River Council

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Original unaudited budget 2022	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Income from continuing operations				
102,141	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	103,990	101,350
15,148	User charges and fees	B2-2	12,759	13,903
12,295	Other revenues	B2-3	12,898	12,604
15,364	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	14,230	11,882
18,216	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	14,836	20,642
1,050	Interest and investment income	B2-5	1,596	1,820
–	Other income	B2-6	7,961	695
2,975	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	7,550	3,097
167,189	Total income from continuing operations		175,820	165,993
Expenses from continuing operations				
60,495	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	59,661	59,424
63,918	Materials and services	B3-2	61,672	59,836
25	Borrowing costs	B3-3	11	21
24,894	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-4	24,040	41,270
4,107	Other expenses	B3-5	4,371	3,331
153,439	Total expenses from continuing operations		149,755	163,882
13,750	Operating result from continuing operations		26,065	2,111
13,750	Net operating result for the year attributable to Council		26,065	2,111
(4,466)	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes		11,229	(18,531)

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Georges River Council | Statement of Comprehensive Income | for the year ended 30 June 2022

Georges River Council**Statement of Comprehensive Income**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		26,065	2,111
Other comprehensive income:			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	145,959	(487)
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		145,959	(487)
Total other comprehensive income for the period		145,959	(487)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		172,024	1,624

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Georges River Council | Statement of Financial Position | for the year ended 30 June 2022

Georges River Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	24,533	24,744
Investments	C1-2	112,261	94,534
Receivables	C1-4	9,517	10,636
Inventories	C1-5	98	84
Other		951	956
Total current assets		147,360	130,954
Non-current assets			
Investments	C1-2	51,000	41,013
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	1,499,725	1,360,812
Investment property	C1-7	27,953	20,000
Intangible assets	C1-8	262	901
Right of use assets	C2-1	98	119
Total non-current assets		1,579,038	1,422,845
Total assets		1,726,398	1,553,799
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	C3-1	26,012	25,942
Contract liabilities	C3-2	11,487	7,663
Lease liabilities	C2-1	44	42
Borrowings	C3-3	125	500
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	12,171	14,382
Provisions	C3-5	264	770
Total current liabilities		50,103	49,299
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	C2-1	53	76
Borrowings	C3-3	—	125
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	531	609
Provisions	C3-5	10	13
Total non-current liabilities		594	823
Total liabilities		50,697	50,122
Net assets		1,675,701	1,503,677
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	1,420,666	1,394,601
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	255,035	109,076
Council equity interest		1,675,701	1,503,677
Total equity		1,675,701	1,503,677

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Georges River Council | Statement of Changes in Equity | for the year ended 30 June 2022

Georges River Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022			2021		
		Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity	Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity
Opening balance at 1 July		1,394,601	109,076	1,503,677	1,392,490	109,563	1,502,053
Opening balance		1,394,601	109,076	1,503,677	1,392,490	109,563	1,502,053
Net operating result for the year		26,065	–	26,065	2,111	–	2,111
Net operating result for the period		26,065	–	26,065	2,111	–	2,111
Other comprehensive income							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	–	145,959	145,959	–	(487)	(487)
Other comprehensive income		–	145,959	145,959	–	(487)	(487)
Total comprehensive income		26,065	145,959	172,024	2,111	(487)	1,624
Closing balance at 30 June		1,420,666	255,035	1,675,701	1,394,601	109,076	1,503,677

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Georges River Council | Statement of Cash Flows | for the year ended 30 June 2022

Georges River Council

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Original unaudited budget 2022	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Cash flows from operating activities				
Receipts:				
105,884	Rates and annual charges		104,248	101,010
15,359	User charges and fees		11,267	13,644
–	Interest received		1,189	1,939
33,183	Grants and contributions		34,722	34,225
–	Bonds, deposits and retentions received		809	–
12,622	Other		12,441	12,985
Payments:				
(60,236)	Payments to employees		(63,964)	(58,787)
(43,957)	Payments for materials and services		(61,360)	(60,620)
(25)	Borrowing costs		(11)	(21)
–	Bonds, deposits and retentions refunded		–	(321)
(23,434)	Other		(935)	(790)
39,396	Net cash flows from operating activities	F1-1	38,406	43,264
Cash flows from investing activities				
Receipts:				
1,362	Sale of investments		74,532	66,384
4,575	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		12,452	10,715
Payments:				
–	Purchase of investments		(66,270)	(57,042)
–	Acquisition of term deposits		(36,000)	(24,013)
–	Purchase of investment property		–	(143)
(32,120)	Payments for IPPE		(22,785)	(38,370)
–	Purchase of intangible assets		–	(92)
(26,183)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(38,071)	(42,561)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Payments:				
(500)	Repayment of borrowings		(500)	(500)
–	Principal component of lease payments		(46)	(42)
(500)	Net cash flows from financing activities		(546)	(542)
12,713	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(211)	161
–	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		24,744	24,583
12,713	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	24,533	24,744

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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A About Council and these financial statements

A1-1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on dd MMMM yyyy. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993 (Act)* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Regulation)*, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Council is a not for-profit entity.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain infrastructure, property, plant and equipment and investment property.

Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Council and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact

The global health crisis from the COVID-19 virus has had a significant impact on Council's operations which has been reflected in the financial statements. A number of facilities, services and events were significantly affected during the period of pandemic restrictions which resulted in reduced revenues and put a strain on cash flow. The financial difficulty experienced by many ratepayers led to a higher than normal level of outstanding collections for the financial year.

Council has determined that COVID-19 does not create a material uncertainty to the extent that it casts significant doubt upon Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

- (i) estimated fair values of investment properties – refer Note C1-7;
- (ii) estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment – refer Note C1-6;
- (iii) employee benefit provisions – refer Note C3-4.

Significant judgements in applying the Council's accounting policies

- i. Impairment of receivables – refer Note C1-4.
- ii. Determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific and whether the contract is within the scope of AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and / or AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* – refer to Notes B2-2 – B2-4.
- iii. Determination of the lease term, discount rate (when not implicit in the lease) and whether an arrangement contains a lease – refer to Note C2-1.

A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

Monies and other assets received by Council

The Consolidated Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

Cash and other assets of the following entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- General purpose operations

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities that are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations (ie. pronouncements) have been published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2022 reporting period.

Council has elected not to apply any of these pronouncements in these financial statements before their operative dates.

As at the date of authorisation of these financial statements Council does not consider that any of these new (and still to be applied) standards and interpretations are likely to have a material impact on the Council's future financial statements, financial position, financial performance or cash flows.

Comparative figures

Council has updated the presentation and classification of certain items within the financial statements. Current year and previous year comparative figures have been repositioned in:

- the Income Statement
 - Certain items in "Other expenses", and all "Materials and contracts", have been moved into a new category "Materials and services".
 - "Fair value increment on investment properties" has been moved into "Other Income".
 - "Revaluation decrement / impairment of IPP&E" has been moved into "Depreciation, amortisation and impairment"
- the Statement of Financial Position
 - "Income received in advance" has been moved into "Contract liabilities".
 - "Employee benefit provisions" have been moved out of "Provisions" and into their own category.

These changes were made to adhere to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2020/21.

New accounting standards adopted during the year

During the year, Council adopted all standards which were mandatorily effective for the first time at 30 June 2022. None of these standards had a significant impact on reported position or performance.

B Financial Performance

B1 Functions or activities

B1-1 Functions or activities – income, expenses and assets

Income, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions or activities. Details of those functions or activities are provided in Note B1-2.										
\$ '000	Income		Expenses		Operating result		Grants and contributions		Carrying amount of assets	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Functions or activities										
A HARMONIOUS AND PROUD COMMUNITY WITH STRONG SOCIAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE QUALITY, WELL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT	29,042	16,284	25,649	23,737	3,393	(7,453)	5,804	4,784	3,614	5,582
A DIVERSE AND PRODUCTIVE ECONOMY	2,340	2,771	5,251	6,027	(2,911)	(3,256)	86	–	86,511	77,959
A PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN OPEN SPACES	17,810	22,116	7,669	8,121	10,141	13,995	10,263	14,106	49,145	42,686
LEADERSHIP AND TRANSPARENCY	31,999	33,289	35,986	35,067	(3,987)	(1,778)	1,570	2,914	109,442	107,182
ACTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE PLACES AND SPACES	82,382	78,069	51,025	68,406	31,357	9,663	6,016	4,873	51,848	34,333
	12,247	13,464	24,175	22,524	(11,928)	(9,060)	5,327	5,847	1,425,838	1,286,057
Total functions and activities	175,820	165,993	149,755	163,882	26,065	2,111	29,066	32,524	1,726,398	1,553,799

B1-2 Components of functions or activities

Details relating to the Council's functions or activities as reported in B1-1 are as follows:

A HARMONIOUS AND PROUD COMMUNITY WITH STRONG SOCIAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- We create and support events that celebrate community and cultural identity and benefit the economy.
- Affordable and quality housing options are available.
- The community is socially and culturally connected.
- Diverse, vibrant community facilities and spaces are connected, well maintained and accessible.
- The community is safe and healthy.

QUALITY, WELL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

- Sustainable development delivers better amenity and liveability of the community and the environment.
- The community helps to plan the LGA's future.
- Council-led development and assets provide quality, long-term benefits to everyone.

A DIVERSE AND PRODUCTIVE ECONOMY

- Local businesses are supported to help protect jobs and create employment opportunities.
- Outcomes from an Employment Lands Study ensure sufficient land is available for future employment growth.
- The ambitions for Hurstville and Kogarah as strategic centres are realised.

A PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN OPEN SPACES

- Council's environmentally sustainable practices inspire everyone to protect and nurture the natural environment.
- The LGA's waterways are healthy and accessible.
- Everyone has access to beautiful parks and open spaces.
- Local heritage is protected and promoted.

LEADERSHIP AND TRANSPARENCY

- The community is involved and listened to.
- Open, informed and transparent decision-making supports the interests of the community.
- Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.
- Council's assets and resources are managed responsibly and with accountability.
- The workforce is inspiring, diverse and engaged.
- Council has a regional-approach to service delivery and facilities.

ACTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE PLACES AND SPACES

- The LGA has a range of transport options to connect people, goods and businesses.
- Roads, footpaths and cycleways are safe, accessible and free of congestion.
- Everyone, including people with disability, navigates the LGA in safety.
- Everyone has access to a range of active and passive recreation facilities.

B2 Sources of income**B2-1 Rates and annual charges**

\$ '000	2022	2021
Ordinary rates		
Residential	64,443	61,239
Business	9,929	10,558
Less: pensioner rebates	(1,217)	(1,246)
Rates levied to ratepayers	73,155	70,551
Pensioner rate subsidies received	636	683
Total ordinary rates	73,791	71,234
Special rates		
Town improvement	(26)	696
Rates levied to ratepayers	(26)	696
Total special rates	(26)	696
Annual charges		
(pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)		
Domestic waste management services	27,324	26,555
Stormwater management services	1,216	1,202
Waste management services (non-domestic)	1,803	1,827
Section 611 charges	76	79
Less: pensioner rebates	(522)	(530)
Annual charges levied	29,897	29,133
Pensioner subsidies received:		
– Domestic waste management	328	287
Total annual charges	30,225	29,420
Total rates and annual charges	103,990	101,350

Council has used YYYY year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

Accounting policy

Rates and annual charges are recognised as revenue at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

Pensioner rebates relate to reductions in rates and certain annual charges for eligible pensioners' place of residence in the local government council area that are not subsidised by the NSW Government.

Pensioner rate subsidies are received from the NSW Government to provide a contribution towards the pensioner rebates and are recognised within the underlying revenue item based on their substance.

B2-2 User charges and fees

\$ '000	2022	2021
Specific user charges		
(per s.502 - specific 'actual use' charges)		
Waste management services (non-domestic)	7	57
Total specific user charges	7	57
Other user charges and fees		
(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s.608)		
Planning and building regulation	3,541	3,989
Regulatory fees	559	719
Section 10.7 certificates (EP&A Act)	347	413
Section 603 certificates	245	225
Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory	4,692	5,346
(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s.608))		
Child care	2,702	2,490
Leaseback fees – Council vehicles	364	439
Leisure centre	1,042	–
Restoration charges	1,177	1,700
Golf course	507	542
Library	29	47
Parks income	599	1,296
Public halls	443	489
Tennis courts	108	82
Other - Jubilee oval ticket sales	960	1,289
Other	129	126
Total fees and charges – other	8,060	8,500
Total other user charges and fees	12,752	13,846
Total user charges and fees	12,759	13,903
Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees		
User charges and fees recognised over time (1)	5,709	5,329
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)	7,050	8,574
Total user charges and fees	12,759	13,903

Accounting policy

Revenue arising from user charges and fees is recognised when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service or in some cases such as caravan parks, the customer is required to pay on arrival or a deposit in advance. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Where an upfront fee is charged such as joining fees for the leisure centre the fee is recognised on a straight-line basis over the expected life of the membership.

Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licences is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than over the term of the licence.

B2-3 Other revenues

\$ '000	2022	2021
Rental income – investment property	1,762	1,737
Rental income – other council properties	3,153	2,966
Fines	439	549
Fines – parking	5,870	5,606
Legal fees recovery – rates and charges (extra charges)	267	185
Legal fees recovery – other	278	278
Commissions and agency fees	290	503
Diesel rebate	21	29
Insurance claims recoveries	163	125
Sponsorships	152	131
Other	503	495
Total other revenue	12,898	12,604

Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue

Other revenue recognised over time (1)	5,156	4,920
Other revenue recognised at a point in time (2)	7,742	7,684
Total other revenue	12,898	12,604

Accounting policy for other revenue

Where the revenue is earned for the provision of specified goods / services under an enforceable contract, revenue is recognised when or as the obligations are satisfied.

Statutory fees and fines are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received or when the penalty has been applied, whichever occurs first.

Other revenue is recorded when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever occurs first.

B2-4 Grants and contributions

\$ '000	Operating 2022	Operating 2021	Capital 2022	Capital 2021
General purpose grants and non-developer contributions (untied)				
General purpose (untied)				
Current year allocation				
Financial assistance	2,350	2,195	–	–
Payment in advance - future year allocation				
Financial assistance	3,614	2,350	–	–
Amount recognised as income during current year	5,964	4,545	–	–
Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)				
Cash contributions				
Previously specific grants:				
Child care	4,511	3,678	–	–
Environmental programs	282	166	–	–
Library	481	463	52	27
LIRS subsidy	11	22	–	–
Waste management	169	170	–	–
Parks	–	30	152	2,738
Stronger communities fund	–	–	628	921
Community services	84	65	–	–
Street lighting	456	342	–	–
Transport (roads to recovery)	706	710	–	–
Transport (other roads and bridges funding)	67	55	–	–
Other specific grants	818	600	157	368
Previously contributions:				
Kerb and gutter	–	–	–	2
Transport for NSW contributions (regional roads, block grant)	462	462	767	1,474
Other contributions	163	21	–	–
Parks – contribution by sporting club	–	–	723	280
Other voluntary planning agreements	–	–	–	2
DCP and LEP Strategic Planning	56	553	–	–
Local Road and Community Infrastructure Grant	–	–	2,151	1,280
Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions – cash	8,266	7,337	4,630	7,092
Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)	8,266	7,337	4,630	7,092
Total grants and non-developer contributions	14,230	11,882	4,630	7,092
Comprising:				
– Commonwealth funding	5,977	5,097	3,432	4,015
– State funding	7,279	6,724	1,198	2,850
– Other funding	974	61	–	227
	14,230	11,882	4,630	7,092

B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)**Developer contributions**

\$ '000	Notes	Operating 2022	Operating 2021	Capital 2022	Capital 2021
Developer contributions:	F4				
(s7.4 & s7.11 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):					
Cash contributions					
S 7.4 – contributions using planning agreements		–	–	1,640	4,656
S 7.11 – contributions towards amenities/services		–	–	8,471	8,614
Other developer contributions		–	–	–	280
Total developer contributions – cash		–	–	10,111	13,550
Non-cash contributions					
S 7.11 – contributions towards amenities/services		–	–	95	–
Total developer contributions non-cash		–	–	95	–
Total developer contributions		–	–	10,206	13,550
Total contributions		–	–	10,206	13,550
Total grants and contributions		14,230	11,882	14,836	20,642
Timing of revenue recognition for grants and contributions					
Grants and contributions recognised over time (1)		8,267	7,338	4,628	7,146
Grants and contributions recognised at a point in time (2)		5,963	4,544	10,208	13,496
Total grants and contributions		14,230	11,882	14,836	20,642

B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

Unspent grants and contributions

Certain grants and contributions are obtained by Council on the condition they be spent in a specified manner or in a future period but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions are as follows:

\$ '000	Operating 2022	Operating 2021	Capital 2022	Capital 2021
Unspent grants				
Unspent funds at 1 July	799	688	2,902	946
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	—	—	—	—
Add: Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year	1,980	661	5,329	2,658
Less: Funds recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent during the reporting year	—	—	—	—
Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(468)	(550)	(2,399)	(702)
Unspent funds at 30 June	2,311	799	5,832	2,902
Contributions				
Unspent funds at 1 July	—	—	72,950	75,114
Add: contributions recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	—	—	10,112	13,550
Less: contributions recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent during the reporting year	—	—	(2,161)	(15,714)
Unspent contributions at 30 June	—	—	80,901	72,950

Accounting policy

Grants and contributions – enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations

Grant and contribution revenue from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised as or when control of each performance obligations is transferred.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Performance obligations may be satisfied either at a point in time or over time and this is reflected in the revenue recognition pattern. Point in time recognition occurs when the beneficiary obtains control of the goods / services at a single time (e.g. completion of the project when a report / outcome is provided), whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project (e.g. provision of community health services through the year).

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

Capital grants

Capital grants received by Council under an enforceable contract for the acquisition or construction of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be under Council's control on completion are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

Developer contributions

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B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

Council has obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenues levied on developers under the provisions of sections 7.4, 7.11 and 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

While Council generally incorporates these amounts as part of a Development Consents Order, such developer contributions are only recognised as income upon receipt by Council, due to the possibility that individual development consents may not be acted upon by the applicant and, accordingly, would not be payable to Council.

Developer contributions may only be expended for the purposes for which the contributions were required, but Council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules for the contribution plan.

Other grants and contributions

Assets, including cash, received from other grants and contributions are recognised at fair value when the asset is received. Council considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

B2-5 Interest and investment income

\$ '000	2022	2021
Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost		
– Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)	198	128
– Cash and investments	1,398	1,692
Total interest and investment income (losses)	1,596	1,820
Interest and investment income is attributable to:		
Unrestricted investments/financial assets:		
Overdue rates and annual charges (general fund)	143	90
General Council cash and investments	586	527
Restricted investments/funds – external:		
Development contributions		
– Section 7.11	510	711
– Section 7.4 VPAs	92	117
Domestic waste management operations	214	287
Other externally restricted assets Town Improvement Rates	25	36
Other externally restricted assets Stormwater Management	2	2
Restricted investments/funds – internal:		
Internally restricted assets	24	50
Total interest and investment income	1,596	1,820

Accounting policy

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

B2-6 Other income

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Fair value increment on investment properties			
Fair value increment on investment properties		7,953	547
Total fair value increment on investment properties	C1-7	7,953	547
Fair value increment on investments			
Fair value increment on investments through profit and loss		8	148
Total Fair value increment on investments		8	148
Total other income		7,961	695

B3 Costs of providing services**B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs**

\$ '000	2022	2021
Salaries and wages	46,339	47,926
Employee termination costs (where material – other than vested leave paid)	2,308	800
Travel expenses	532	543
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	4,620	4,441
Superannuation	4,659	4,408
Superannuation – defined benefit plans	612	893
Workers' compensation insurance	1,064	1,196
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	89	118
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	450	420
Other	3	72
Total employee costs	60,676	60,817
Less: capitalised costs	(1,015)	(1,393)
Total employee costs expensed	59,661	59,424
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	528	561

Accounting policy

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

Retirement benefit obligations

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death. Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

Superannuation plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Council participates in a defined benefit plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, however, sufficient information to account for the plan as a defined benefit is not available and therefore Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans, i.e. as an expense when it becomes payable – refer to Note D3-1 for more information.

B3-2 Materials and services

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Raw materials and consumables		2,018	2,241
Contractor and consultancy costs – waste services		22,465	22,062
Contractor and consultancy costs – contractors (various services)		10,210	9,979
Contractor and consultancy costs – consultancy costs		1,797	2,966
Audit Fees	E2-1	184	121
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	E1-2	547	526
Advertising		143	158
Bank charges		90	81
Election expenses		758	–
Electricity and heating		1,045	1,002
Insurance		1,903	1,429
Postage		257	284
Printing and stationery		291	374
Street lighting		1,864	1,838
Telephone and communications		507	467
Valuation fees		289	317
Other expenses		379	213
Catering food and beverage		197	222
Commission charges		1,262	1,079
Exhibitions, festivals and events		1,481	772
Property expenses – utilities		594	906
Property expenses – other		5,112	5,096
Memberships and subscriptions		550	485
Other recruitment and staff well being		68	54
Legal expenses:			
– Legal expenses: planning and development		71	76
– Legal expenses: other		1,955	2,397
Expenses from leases of low value assets		355	277
IT expenses		3,409	2,508
Motor vehicle expenses		1,163	1,163
Other maintenance of assets		157	118
Other		551	625
Total materials and services		61,672	59,836
Total materials and services		61,672	59,836

Accounting policy

Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis as the Council receives the goods or services.

B3-3 Borrowing costs

\$ '000	2022	2021
(i) Interest bearing liability costs		
Interest on leases	2	2
Interest on loans	9	19
Total interest bearing liability costs	11	21
Total interest bearing liability costs expensed	11	21
Total borrowing costs expensed	11	21

Accounting policy

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of any qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

B3-4 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Depreciation and amortisation			
Plant and equipment		1,903	2,328
Office equipment		532	556
Furniture and fittings		260	228
Infrastructure:	C1-6		
– Buildings – non-specialised		2,696	2,557
– Buildings – specialised		3,102	2,711
– Roads		7,618	7,723
– Footpaths		1,386	1,346
– Stormwater drainage		1,390	1,339
– Open space and other structures		4,366	4,551
Right of use assets	C2-1	46	43
Other assets:			
– Library books		334	363
– Other		–	(3)
Intangible assets	C1-8	407	417
Total gross depreciation and amortisation costs		24,040	24,159
Total depreciation and amortisation costs		24,040	24,159
Impairment / revaluation decrement of IPPE			
Community land		–	6,985
Infrastructure:	C1-6		
– Buildings – non-specialised		–	5,769
– Open space and other structures		–	4,357
Total gross IPPE impairment / revaluation decrement costs		–	17,111
Total IPPE impairment / revaluation decrement costs charged to Income Statement		–	17,111
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets		24,040	41,270

Accounting policy

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life, or are not yet available for use, are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets that do not meet the criteria above are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Impairment losses for revalued assets are firstly offset against the amount in the revaluation surplus for the class of asset, with only the excess to be recognised in the Income Statement.

B3-5 Other expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Impairment of receivables			
Other		1,412	(95)
Total impairment of receivables	C1-4	1,412	(95)
Other			
Contributions/levies to other levels of government		–	–
– Department of planning levy		313	308
– Emergency services levy (includes FRNSW, SES, and RFS levies)		1,917	2,362
– Other contributions/levies		1	1
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		728	755
Total other		2,959	3,426
Total other expenses		4,371	3,331

Accounting policy

Other expenses are recorded on an accruals basis when Council has an obligation for the expenses.

Impairment expenses are recognised when identified.

B4 Gains or losses**B4-1 Gain or loss from the disposal, replacement and de-recognition of assets**

\$ '000	2022	2021
Gain (or loss) on disposal of property (excl. investment property)		
Proceeds from disposal – property	–	1,269
Less: carrying amount of property assets sold/written off	–	(1,205)
Gain (or loss) on disposal	–	64
Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment	1,100	411
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off	(336)	(202)
Gain (or loss) on disposal	764	209
Gain (or loss) on disposal of infrastructure		
Proceeds from disposal – infrastructure	240	–
Gain (or loss) on disposal	240	–
Gain (or loss) on disposal of investments		
Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – investments	74,532	66,384
Less: carrying amount of investments sold/redeemed/matured	(74,564)	(66,230)
Gain (or loss) on disposal	(32)	154
Office Equipment		
Proceeds from disposal – Office equipment	2	3
Less: carrying amount of Office equipment assets sold/written off	–	–
Gain (or loss) on disposal	2	3
Library Collection		
Proceeds from disposal – Library collection	–	–
Less: carrying amount of Library collection assets sold/written off	(28)	(76)
Gain (or loss) on disposal	(28)	(76)
Land		
Proceeds from disposal – Land	11,110	9,032
Less: carrying amount of Land assets sold/written off	(4,506)	(6,289)
Gain (or loss) on disposal	6,604	2,743
Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets	7,550	3,097

Accounting policy

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. The gain or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer and the asset is de-recognised.

B5 Performance against budget

B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 28/06/2021 and is not required to be audited. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include state and federal government decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors, and by decisions made by Council.

While these General Purpose Financial Statements include the original budget adopted by Council, the Act requires Council to review its financial budget on a quarterly basis, so it is able to manage the variation between actuals and budget that invariably occur during the year.

Material variations of more than 10% between original budget and actual results or where the variance is considered material by nature are explained below.

Variation Key: **F** = Favourable budget variation, **U** = Unfavourable budget variation.

\$ '000	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2022 ----- Variance -----	
Revenues				
Rates and annual charges	102,141	103,990	1,849	2% F
User charges and fees	15,148	12,759	(2,389)	(16)% U
The unfavourable variance was driven by COVID-19 related closures and reduction in service demand. The main areas impacted were Childcare, Hurstville Aquatic Centre and Hurstville Entertainment Centre.				
Other revenues	12,295	12,898	603	5% F
Operating grants and contributions	15,364	14,230	(1,134)	(7)% U
Capital grants and contributions	18,216	14,836	(3,380)	(19)% U
The unfavourable variance was largely due to the delayed recognition of grant income because of project delays, partly resulting from COVID-19 and unprecedented rain.				
Interest and investment revenue	1,050	1,596	546	52% F
The favourable variance was mostly due to higher interest earned on investments.				
Net gains from disposal of assets	2,975	7,550	4,575	154% F
The favourable variance resulted from the sale of the Edgbaston Road carpark to NSW State Government.				
Other income	–	7,961	7,961	∞ F
The favourable variance was due to the increased valuation of investment properties.				

B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

\$ '000	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2022 ----- Variance -----	
Expenses				
Employee benefits and on-costs	60,495	59,661	834	1% F
Materials and services	63,918	61,672	2,246	4% F
Borrowing costs	25	11	14	56% F
The favourable variance was due to a reduction in loan interest.				
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	24,894	24,040	854	3% F
Other expenses	4,107	4,371	(264)	(6)% U
Statement of cash flows				
Cash flows from operating activities	39,396	38,406	(990)	(3)% U
Cash flows from investing activities	(26,183)	(38,071)	(11,888)	45% U
The sale and purchase of investment securities is difficult to estimate as they are based on forecasts prior to year-end actuals being finalised. Therefore they were not included in the original cash flow budget.				
Cash flows from financing activities	(500)	(546)	(46)	9% U

C Financial position

C1 Assets we manage

C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

\$ '000	2022	2021
Cash assets		
Cash on hand and at bank	19,443	13,677
Cash equivalent assets		
– Deposits at call	5,090	11,067
Total cash and cash equivalents	24,533	24,744

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	24,533	24,744
Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows	24,533	24,744

Accounting policy

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; deposits held at call with financial institutions; other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value; and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

C1-2 Financial investments

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss				
Floating Rate Notes (with maturities > 3 months)	23,248	–	31,534	–
Total	23,248	–	31,534	–
Debt securities at amortised cost				
Long term deposits	89,013	51,000	63,000	41,013
Total	89,013	51,000	63,000	41,013
Total financial investments	112,261	51,000	94,534	41,013
Total cash assets, cash equivalents and investments	136,794	51,000	119,278	41,013

Accounting policy

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, Council classifies its financial assets into the following categories – those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

C1-2 Financial investments (continued)

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Council's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits and cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, impairment and gains or loss on de-recognition are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost as described above are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

Council's financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss comprise investments in Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) and Negotiable Certificate of Deposits (NCDs) in the Statement of Financial Position.

C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

\$ '000	2022	2021
(a) Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments		
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	187,794	160,291
Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(115,976)	(103,718)
Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions	71,818	56,573
External restrictions		
External restrictions – included in liabilities		
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Specific purpose unexpended grants – general fund	8,143	3,701
External restrictions – included in liabilities	8,143	3,701
External restrictions – other		
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Developer contributions – general	82,270	73,720
Environmental and stormwater levies	1,897	1,356
Town improvement levy	2,234	3,402
Special rate levy	519	1,203
Domestic waste management	20,913	20,336
External restrictions – other	107,833	100,017
Total external restrictions	115,976	103,718

Cash, cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which are only available for specific use by Council due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.

\$ '000	2022	2021
(b) Internal allocations		
Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions	71,818	56,573
Less: Internally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(61,818)	(49,357)
Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	10,000	7,216
Internal allocations		
At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:		
Plant and vehicle replacement	7,884	6,877
Employees leave entitlement	6,126	6,126
Deposits, retentions and bonds	4,240	4,240
Childcare equipment	956	1,014
Election reserve	1,823	1,623
Hurstville golf course	112	82
Asset management	6,514	3,702
Commercial property	20,279	11,505
Strategic centres	5,743	5,743
Financial assistance grant	3,614	2,350
Revolving Energy	69	32
Tree Preservation	606	535
Stronger communities fund	1,790	3,672

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C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments (continued)

\$ '000	2022	2021
Aquatic facilities	115	115
Merger Initiatives Allocation	1,388	1,388
Outdoor Synthetic Sports Fields	114	124
Heritage Building Grants Program	67	77
Street Lighting	179	152
Passenger Sustainable Fleet	31	–
Waste Strategy Implementation	168	–
Total internal allocations	61,818	49,357

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions may be internally allocated by resolution or policy of the elected Council.

\$ '000	2022	2021
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(c) Unrestricted and unallocated

Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	10,000	7,216
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C1-4 Receivables

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Rates and annual charges	4,097	–	4,233	–
Interest and extra charges	620	–	480	–
User charges and fees	3,842	–	2,707	–
Contributions to works	1	–	1	–
Accrued revenues				
– Interest on investments	604	–	337	–
– Other income accruals	779	–	599	–
Government grants and subsidies	125	–	1,695	–
Net GST receivable	1,469	–	1,199	–
Other debtors	2	–	2	–
Total	11,539	–	11,253	–
Less: provision for impairment				
Debtors	(2,022)	–	(617)	–
Total provision for impairment – receivables	(2,022)	–	(617)	–
Total net receivables	9,517	–	10,636	–
Externally restricted receivables				
Domestic waste management	1,106	–	1,163	–
Town improvement	(6)	–	27	–
Stormwater management	24	–	22	–
Total external restrictions	1,124	–	1,212	–
Unrestricted receivables	8,393	–	9,424	–
Total net receivables	9,517	–	10,636	–
\$ '000	2022		2021	
Movement in provision for impairment of receivables				
Balance at the beginning of the year		617		712
+ new provisions recognised during the year		1,706		260
– amounts already provided for and written off this year		(8)		–
– amounts provided for but recovered during the year		(293)		(355)
Balance at the end of the year		2,022		617

C1-4 Receivables (continued)

Accounting policy

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Impairment

Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating ECL, the Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience and informed credit assessment, and including forward-looking information.

When considering the ECL for rates debtors, Council takes into account that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold. For non-rates debtors, Council uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Council uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Council in full, without recourse by the Council to actions such as realising security (if any is held) or
- the financial assets (for non-rates debtors) are more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract, and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Council uses the simplified approach for trade receivables where the expected lifetime credit losses are recognised on day 1.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period.

The Council writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings.

Where the Council renegotiates the terms of receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Rates and annual charges outstanding are secured against the property.

C1-5 Inventories

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
(i) Inventories at cost				
Stores and materials	98	–	84	–
Total inventories at cost	98	–	84	–
Total inventories	98	–	84	–

Accounting policy**Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods**

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting rebates and discounts. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

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C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2021			Asset movements during the reporting period								At 30 June 2022		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals ¹	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	WIP transfers	Adjustments and transfers	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
\$ '000														
Capital work in progress	36,629	–	36,629	2,238	5,787	–	–	(27,119)	(731)	–	–	16,804	–	16,804
Plant and equipment	21,327	(14,063)	7,264	–	3,998	(287)	(1,903)	123	–	–	–	22,769	(13,574)	9,195
Office equipment	5,671	(4,741)	930	–	–	–	(532)	–	–	–	–	5,671	(5,273)	398
Furniture and fittings	4,576	(2,899)	1,677	–	–	–	(260)	–	–	–	–	4,576	(3,159)	1,417
Land:														
– Operational land	217,231	–	217,231	–	–	(4,506)	–	–	–	–	86,421	299,146	–	299,146
– Community land	136,252	–	136,252	–	95	–	–	–	–	–	–	136,347	–	136,347
– Council controlled land	28,150	–	28,150	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28,150	–	28,150
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	727	–	727	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	727	–	727
Infrastructure:														
– Buildings – non-specialised	121,962	(39,692)	82,270	269	1,004	–	(2,696)	13,940	–	–	13,917	148,031	(39,328)	108,703
– Buildings – specialised	143,785	(47,400)	96,385	–	–	–	(3,102)	–	–	–	16,379	152,664	(43,001)	109,663
– Roads	580,465	(160,319)	420,146	4,028	277	–	(7,618)	233	–	–	8,409	561,659	(136,183)	425,476
– Footpaths	109,661	(41,696)	67,965	164	572	–	(1,386)	2,941	–	(14,004)	–	110,615	(54,363)	56,252
– Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	112,973	–	112,973	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26,446	139,419	–	139,419
– Stormwater drainage	160,773	(77,183)	83,590	540	110	–	(1,390)	2	–	–	1,540	162,155	(77,763)	84,392
– Open space and other structures ²	111,929	(44,252)	67,677	809	1,879	–	(4,366)	9,880	–	–	6,890	125,760	(42,991)	82,769
Other assets:														
– Library books	3,429	(2,532)	897	–	372	(27)	(334)	–	–	(39)	–	3,378	(2,511)	867
– Other	444	(395)	49	–	–	(49)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	1,795,984	(435,172)	1,360,812	8,048	14,094	(4,869)	(23,587)	–	(731)	(14,043)	160,002	1,917,871	(418,146)	1,499,725

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

(2) Open Space and Other Structures asset categories have been merged into the one category as they contain assets of a similar nature.

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C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2020			Asset movements during the reporting period										At 30 June 2021		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals ¹	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Impairment loss / revaluation decrements (recognised in P/L)	WIP transfers	Adjustments and transfers	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	
\$ '000																
Capital work in progress	38,643	–	38,643	8,315	14,200	–	–	–	(24,603)	74	–	–	36,629	–	36,629	
Plant and equipment	21,227	(12,398)	8,829	–	970	(207)	(2,328)	–	–	–	–	–	21,327	(14,063)	7,264	
Office equipment	5,621	(4,184)	1,437	46	–	–	(556)	–	4	–	–	–	5,671	(4,741)	930	
Furniture and fittings	4,157	(2,672)	1,485	–	236	–	(228)	–	182	–	–	–	4,576	(2,899)	1,677	
Land:																
– Operational land	214,951	–	214,951	–	1,265	(6,019)	–	–	–	(891)	–	7,925	217,231	–	217,231	
– Community land	171,412	–	171,412	–	775	–	–	(6,985)	–	(18,207)	(10,744)	–	136,252	–	136,252	
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	727	–	727	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	727	–	727	
– Council controlled land	6,925	–	6,925	–	–	–	–	–	–	19,024	–	2,201	28,150	–	28,150	
Infrastructure:																
– Buildings – non-specialised	121,619	(36,626)	84,993	1,257	1,849	(1,183)	(2,557)	(5,769)	13,960	(9)	(10,271)	–	121,962	(39,692)	82,270	
– Buildings – specialised	145,665	(43,501)	102,164	148	–	–	(2,711)	–	–	(83)	(3,132)	–	143,785	(47,400)	96,385	
– Other structures	11,999	(3,581)	8,418	–	–	–	–	–	–	(8,418)	–	–	–	–	–	
– Roads	589,633	(176,535)	413,098	5,410	234	–	(7,723)	–	121	–	–	9,005	580,465	(160,319)	420,146	
– Footpaths	105,486	(39,555)	65,931	208	485	(4)	(1,346)	–	1,768	–	–	921	109,661	(41,696)	67,965	
– Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	112,971	–	112,971	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	112,973	–	112,973	
– Stormwater drainage	156,586	(78,321)	78,265	534	6	(4)	(1,339)	–	2,547	–	–	3,581	160,773	(77,183)	83,590	
– Other open space/recreational assets	103,377	(42,305)	61,072	771	345	(58)	(4,551)	(4,357)	6,021	8,510	(76)	–	111,929	(44,252)	67,677	
Other assets:																
– Library books	3,931	(2,973)	958	–	275	(76)	(363)	–	–	–	–	101	3,429	(2,532)	897	
– Other	444	(398)	46	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	444	(395)	49	
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	1,815,374	(443,049)	1,372,325	16,689	20,640	(7,551)	(23,699)	(17,111)	–	–	(24,223)	23,736	1,795,984	(435,172)	1,360,812	

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

Accounting policy

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are held at fair value. Independent comprehensive valuations are performed at least every five years, however the carrying amount of assets is assessed by Council at each reporting date to confirm that it is not materially different from current fair value.

Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation are credited to the revaluation reserve. To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognising profit or loss relating to that asset class, the increase is first recognised as profit or loss. Decreases that reverse previous increases of assets in the same class are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the class; all other decreases are charged to the Income Statement.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Income Statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

When infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are acquired by Council for nil or nominal consideration, the assets are initially recognised at their fair value at acquisition date.

Land is not depreciated. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the asset's useful life or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Council will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment	Years	Other equipment	Years
Office equipment	2 to 10	Playground equipment	5 to 15
Office furniture	10 to 20	Benches, seats etc.	10 to 20
Computer equipment	2 to 4		
Vehicles	3 to 8	Buildings	
Heavy plant/road making equipment	3 to 30	Buildings: masonry	50 to 200
Other plant and equipment	3 to 20	Buildings: other	15 to 60
Transportation assets		Stormwater assets	
Sealed roads: surface	25 to 40	Drains	80 to 150
Sealed roads: structure	50 to 100	Culverts	20 to 150
Unsealed roads	20	Flood control structures	80 to 100
Bridge: concrete	100		
Bridge: other	50	Other infrastructure assets	
Road pavements	60 to 80	Bulk earthworks	Infinite
Kerb, gutter and footpaths	30 to 250	Swimming pools	50 to 75
		Other open space/recreational assets	5 to 150
		Other infrastructure	5 to 100

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Land under roads

Land under roads is land under roadways and road reserves including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips. Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008 in accordance with AASB 1051 Land Under Roads.

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment.

Crown reserves

Crown reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

Improvements on Crown reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating to the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

C1-7 Investment properties

\$ '000	2022	2021
Owned investment property		
Investment property on hand at fair value	27,953	20,000
Total owned investment property	27,953	20,000
Owned investment property		
At fair value		
Opening balance at 1 July	20,000	19,310
Net gain/(loss) from fair value adjustments	7,953	547
Other movements	—	143
Closing balance at 30 June	27,953	20,000

Accounting policy

Investment property, principally comprising freehold office buildings, is held for long-term rental yields and is not occupied by the Council. Changes in fair values are recorded in the Income Statement as a separate line item.

Properties that are under construction for future use as investment properties are regarded as investment property. These are also carried at fair value unless the fair value cannot yet be reliably determined. Where that is the case, the property will be accounted for at cost until either the fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is complete.

C1-8 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are as follows:

\$ '000	2022	2021
Software		
Opening values at 1 July		
Gross book value	4,297	4,205
Accumulated amortisation	(3,396)	(2,979)
Net book value – opening balance	901	1,226
Movements for the year		
Purchases	–	92
Amortisation charges	(407)	(417)
Gross book value written off	(3,745)	–
Accumulated amortisation charges written off	3,513	–
Closing values at 30 June		
Gross book value	552	4,297
Accumulated amortisation	(290)	(3,396)
Total software – net book value	262	901
Total intangible assets – net book value	262	901

Accounting policy**Software**

Costs incurred in developing products or systems and costs incurred in acquiring software and licenses that will contribute to future period financial benefits through revenue generation and/or cost reduction are capitalised to software and systems.

Costs capitalised include external direct costs of materials and services, direct payroll, and payroll related costs of employees' time spent on the project. Amortisation is calculated on a straight line basis over periods generally ranging from three to five years. Software development costs include only those costs directly attributable to the development phase and are only recognised following completion of technical feasibility, and where Council has an intention and ability to use the asset.

C2 Leasing activities

C2-1 Council as a lessee

IT equipment

Leases for IT equipment are generally for low value assets, except for significant items such as photocopiers and servers. The leases are for between 2 and 5 years, the payments are fixed, and there is a renewal option. Due to advances in technology, it is unlikely that Council would renew the leases at the end of the term.

(a) Right of use assets

\$ '000	IT Equipment	Total
2022		
Opening balance at 1 July	119	119
Additions to right-of-use assets	25	25
Depreciation charge	(46)	(46)
Balance at 30 June	98	98
2021		
Opening balance at 1 July	162	162
Depreciation charge	(43)	(43)
Balance at 30 June	119	119

(b) Lease liabilities

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Lease liabilities ¹	44	53	42	76
Total lease liabilities	44	53	42	76

(1) All lease liabilities are in relation to IT equipment right of use assets

(c) (i) The maturity analysis

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

\$ '000	< 1 year	1 – 5 years	Total	Total per Statement of Financial Position
2022				
Cash flows	45	52	97	97
2021				
Cash flows	42	76	118	118

(d) Income Statement

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to leases where Council is a lessee are shown below:

\$ '000	2022	2021
Interest on lease liabilities	2	2
Depreciation of right of use assets	46	43

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C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

\$ '000	2022	2021
Expenses relating to low-value leases	355	277
	403	322

(e) Statement of Cash Flows

Total cash outflow for leases	(403)	(322)
	(403)	(322)

Accounting policy

At inception of a contract, Council assesses whether a lease exists – i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Council has elected not to separate non-lease components from lease components for any class of asset and has accounted for payments as a single component.

At the lease commencement, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where Council believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises: the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration, less any lease incentives. The right-of-use is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Council's incremental borrowing rate for a similar term with similar security is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is re-measured when there is a lease modification, or change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI).

Where the lease liability is re-measured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the re-measurement.

Exceptions to lease accounting

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

C3 Liabilities of Council

C3-1 Payables

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Goods and services – operating expenditure	3,507	–	3,413	–
Goods and services – capital expenditure	300	–	1,769	–
Prepaid rates	869	–	747	–
Accrued expenses:				
– Salaries and wages	857	–	2,871	–
– Other expenditure accruals	7,216	–	5,170	–
Security bonds, deposits and retentions	10,550	–	9,741	–
ATO fringe benefits tax	15	–	24	–
Other	2,698	–	2,207	–
Total payables	26,012	–	25,942	–

Payables relating to restricted assets

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Externally restricted assets				
Domestic waste management	2,179	–	1,767	–
Payables relating to externally restricted assets	2,179	–	1,767	–
Total payables relating to restricted assets	2,179	–	1,767	–
Total payables relating to unrestricted assets	23,833	–	24,175	–
Total payables	26,012	–	25,942	–

C3-1 Payables (continued)

Current payables not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

\$ '000	2022	2021
The following liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Payables – security bonds, deposits and retentions	7,747	7,141
Total payables	7,747	7,141

Accounting policy

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Payables

Payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to Council prior to the end of financial year that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

C3-2 Contract Liabilities

\$ '000	Notes	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Grants and contributions received in advance:					
Unexpended capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	(i)	8,876	–	6,324	–
Unexpended operating grants (received prior to performance obligation being satisfied)	(ii)	2,311	–	682	–
Total grants received in advance		11,187	–	7,006	–
Other		300	–	657	–
Total contract liabilities		11,487	–	7,663	–

Notes

(i) Council has received funding to construct assets including sporting facilities, bridges, library and other infrastructure. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue. The revenue is expected to be recognised in the next 12 months.

(ii) The contract liability relates to grants received prior to the revenue recognition criteria in AASB 15 being satisfied since the performance obligations are ongoing.

Contract liabilities relating to restricted assets

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Externally restricted assets				
Unspent grants held as contract liabilities (excl. Water & Sewer)	8,143	–	3,701	–
Contract liabilities relating to externally restricted assets	8,143	–	3,701	–
Total contract liabilities relating to restricted assets	8,143	–	3,701	–
Total contract liabilities relating to unrestricted assets	3,344	–	3,962	–

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C3-2 Contract Liabilities (continued)

Total contract liabilities	11,487	–	7,663	–
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period				
\$ '000	2022	2021		
Grants and contributions received in advance:				
Capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	2,777	1,574		
Operating grants (received prior to performance obligation being satisfied)	350	476		
Total revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period	3,127	2,050		

Accounting policy

Contract liabilities are recorded when consideration is received from a customer / fund provider prior to Council transferring a good or service to the customer, Council presents the funds which exceed revenue recognised as a contract liability.

C3-3 Borrowings

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Loans – secured ¹	125	–	500	125
Total borrowings	125	–	500	125

(1) Loans are secured over the general rating income of Council.

Borrowings relating to restricted assets

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Total borrowings relating to unrestricted assets	125	–	500	125
Total borrowings	125	–	500	125

(a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	2021		Non-cash movements	2022
	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Closing balance
\$ '000				
Loans – secured	625	(500)	–	125
Lease liability (Note C2-1b)	118	(21)	–	97
Total liabilities from financing activities	743	(521)	–	222

	2020		Non-cash movements	2021
	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Closing balance
\$ '000				

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C3-3 Borrowings (continued)

	2020		Non-cash movements	2021
	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Closing balance
\$ '000				
Loans – secured	1,125	(500)	–	625
Lease liability (Note C2-1b)	160	(42)	–	118
Total liabilities from financing activities	1,285	(542)	–	743

(b) Financing arrangements

\$ '000	2022	2021
Total facilities		
Bank overdraft facilities ¹	500	650
Credit cards/purchase cards	250	250
Other - Bank Guarantee	1,310	1,310
Total financing arrangements	2,060	2,210
Drawn facilities		
– Credit cards/purchase cards	36	37
– Other - Bank Guarantee	410	410
Total drawn financing arrangements	446	447
Undrawn facilities		
– Bank overdraft facilities	500	650
– Credit cards/purchase cards	214	213
– Other - Bank Guarantee	900	900
Total undrawn financing arrangements	1,614	1,763

(1) The bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

Accounting policy

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down.

Borrowings are removed from the Statement of Financial Position when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in other income or borrowing costs.

C3-4 Employee benefit provisions

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-current	2021 Current	2021 Non-current
Annual leave	4,500	–	4,798	–
Sick leave	149	–	333	–
Long service leave	7,294	531	9,027	609
Other leave – RDO and TOIL	228	–	224	–
Total employee benefit provisions	12,171	531	14,382	609

Current employee benefit provisions not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

\$ '000	2022	2021
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employees benefits	6,053	9,659
	6,053	9,659

Description of and movements in provisions

\$ '000	ELE provisions				Total
	Annual leave	Sick leave	Long service leave	Other employee benefits	
2022					
At beginning of year	4,798	333	9,636	224	14,991
Additional provisions	3,751	4	1,616	191	5,562
Amounts used (payments)	(3,970)	(159)	(2,595)	(186)	(6,910)
Remeasurement effects	(79)	(29)	(704)	(1)	(813)
Other – LSL Receipts	–	–	(128)	–	(128)
Total ELE provisions at end of year	4,500	149	7,825	228	12,702
2021					
At beginning of year	4,620	360	9,242	279	14,501
Additional provisions	3,230	5	1,000	166	4,401
Amounts used (payments)	(3,109)	(23)	(625)	(217)	(3,974)
Remeasurement effects	57	(9)	105	(4)	149
Other – LSL Receipts	–	–	(86)	–	(86)
Total ELE provisions at end of year	4,798	333	9,636	224	14,991

Accounting policy**Short-term obligations**

Liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service) are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and accumulating sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long-service leave and annual leave that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

C3-4 Employee benefit provisions (continued)

On-costs

The employee benefit provisions include the aggregate on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include superannuation and payroll tax expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain leave liabilities which employees are entitled to at the reporting period.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

C3-5 Provisions

\$ '000	2022 Current	2022 Non-Current	2021 Current	2021 Non-Current
Other provisions				
Other - Workers Compensation	212	10	313	13
Other	52	–	457	–
Sub-total – other provisions	264	10	770	13
Total provisions	264	10	770	13

Description of and movements in provisions

Nature and purpose of provisions

Other - Workers Compensation

To recognise liabilities for Workers Compensation expense in relation to the Employee Benefits provisions.

Other

To recognise liabilities for planned redundancies.

Accounting policy

Provisions are recognised when Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount has been reliably estimated.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a borrowing cost.

C4 Reserves

C4-1 Nature and purpose of reserves

IPPE Revaluation reserve

The infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE) revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

D Risks and accounting uncertainties

D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including (1) price risk, (2) credit risk, (3) liquidity risk and (4) interest rate risk.

The Council's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's finance section under policies approved by the Council.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

\$ '000	Carrying value 2022	Carrying value 2021	Fair value 2022	Fair value 2021
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost				
Cash and cash equivalents	24,533	24,744	24,533	24,744
Receivables	9,517	10,636	9,517	10,636
Investments				
– Debt securities at amortised cost	140,013	104,013	140,013	104,013
Fair value through profit and loss				
Investments				
– Managed funds and Floating Rate Notes	23,248	31,534	23,248	31,534
Total financial assets	197,311	170,927	197,311	170,927
Financial liabilities				
Payables	26,012	25,942	26,012	25,923
Borrowings	125	625	125	625
Total financial liabilities	26,137	26,567	26,137	26,548

Fair value is determined as follows:

- **Cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables** – are estimated to be the carrying value that approximates market value.
- **Borrowings and measure at amortised cost investments** – are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial assets classified (i) **at fair value through profit and loss** or (ii) **at fair value through other comprehensive income** – are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital.

Council's finance area manages the cash and Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

Council has an investment policy which complies with the Local Government Act 1993 and Minister's investment order 625. This policy is regularly reviewed by Council and its staff and an investment report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance as required by Local Government regulations.

The risks associated with the instruments held are:

- **Price risk** – the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether there changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.
- **Interest rate risk** – the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.

D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

- **Liquidity risk** – the risk that Council will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- **Credit risk** – the risk that the investment counterparty will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council – be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any funds in cash equivalents and investments.

(a) Market risk – interest rate and price risk

\$ '000	2022	2021
The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.		
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates		
– Equity / Income Statement	1,878	1,603
Impact of a 10% movement in price of investments		
– Equity / Income Statement	2,325	3,153

D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

(b) Credit risk

Council's major receivables comprise (i) rates and annual charges and (ii) user charges and fees.

Council manages the credit risk associated with these receivables by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. Council also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers, specific industry sectors and/or regions.

Council makes suitable provision for doubtful receivables as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

Credit risk profile

Receivables – rates and annual charges

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to recover these debts as a secured charge over the land; that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates and annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages payment.

\$ '000	Not yet overdue	overdue rates and annual charges < 5 years	≥ 5 years	Total
2022				
Gross carrying amount	–	4,097	–	4,097
2021				
Gross carrying amount	–	4,233	–	4,233

Receivables - non-rates and annual charges and contract assets

Council applies the simplified approach for non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets to provide for expected credit losses, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision at inception. To measure the expected credit losses, non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The loss allowance provision is determined as follows. The expected credit losses incorporate forward-looking information.

\$ '000	Not yet overdue	Overdue debts 0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 91 days	Total
2022						
Gross carrying amount	4,638	643	479	245	1,437	7,442
2021						
Gross carrying amount	3,846	281	1,185	205	1,503	7,020

D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Payables, lease liabilities and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk; that is, the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels, and by maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended, and overdraft facilities drawn upon in extenuating circumstances. Council has been proactive in managing cashflow during the COVID-19 pandemic by improving the debt recovery processes in both rates receivables and sundry debtors. Council also sold some property to increase its cash reserves. Council will continue to monitor cash flow requirements closely as it is unclear how the COVID-19 pandemic will impact customers ability to pay their debts in full and on time.

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk: the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. Council manages this risk through diversification of borrowing types, maturities and interest rate structures.

The finance team regularly reviews interest rate movements to determine if it would be advantageous to refinance or renegotiate part or all of the loan portfolio.

The timing of cash flows presented in the table below to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates. The timing of expected outflows is not expected to be materially different from contracted cashflows.

The amounts disclosed in the table are the undiscounted contracted cash flows for non-lease liabilities (refer to Note C2-1(b) for lease liabilities) and therefore the balances in the table may not equal the balances in the Statement of Financial Position due to the effect of discounting.

\$ '000	Weighted average interest rate	Subject to no maturity	≤ 1 Year	payable in: 1 - 5 Years	> 5 Years	Total cash outflows	Actual carrying values
2022							
Payables	0.00%	10,550	15,462	–	–	26,012	26,012
Borrowings	3.55%	–	129	–	–	129	125
Total financial liabilities		10,550	15,591	–	–	26,141	26,137
2021							
Payables	0.00%	9,741	15,435	–	–	25,176	25,942
Borrowings	1.98%	–	512	127	–	639	625
Total financial liabilities		9,741	15,947	127	–	25,815	26,567

D2-1 Fair value measurement

The Council measures the following asset and liability classes at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment
- Investment property
- Financial assets and liabilities

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various accounting standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

Fair value hierarchy

All assets and liabilities measured at fair value are assigned to a level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The table below shows the assigned level for each class of asset and liability held at fair value by Council:

		Fair value measurement hierarchy					
		Level 2 Significant observable inputs		Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs		Total	
\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Recurring fair value measurements							
Financial assets							
Financial investments	C1-2						
At fair value through profit or loss		–	–	23,248	31,534	23,248	31,534
Total financial assets		–	–	23,248	31,534	23,248	31,534
Investment property							
Properties held with the primary purpose of external lease	C1-7						
		27,953	20,000	–	–	27,953	20,000
Total investment property		27,953	20,000	–	–	27,953	20,000
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment							
Plant and equipment	C1-6						
		–	–	9,195	7,264	9,195	7,264
Office equipment		–	–	398	930	398	930
Furniture and fittings		–	–	1,417	1,677	1,417	1,677
Operational land		–	–	299,146	217,231	299,146	217,231
Community land		–	–	136,347	136,252	136,347	136,252
Council controlled land		–	–	28,150	28,150	28,150	28,150
Land under roads (post 30/6/08)		–	–	727	727	727	727
Buildings – non-specialised		–	–	108,703	82,270	108,703	82,270
Buildings – specialised		–	–	109,663	96,385	109,663	96,385
Roads and bridges		–	–	564,895	533,119	564,895	533,119
Footpaths		–	–	56,252	67,965	56,252	67,965
Open space and other structures		–	–	82,769	67,677	82,769	67,677
Stormwater drainage		–	–	84,392	83,590	84,392	83,590
Library books		–	–	867	897	867	897
Other assets		–	–	–	49	–	49
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		–	–	1,482,921	1,324,183	1,482,921	1,324,183

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D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

Valuation techniques

Where Council is unable to derive fair valuations using quoted market prices of identical assets (ie. level 1 inputs) Council instead utilises a spread of both observable inputs (level 2 inputs) and unobservable inputs (level 3 inputs).

The fair valuation techniques Council has employed while utilising level 2 and level 3 inputs are as follows:

▪ Financial assets

Council obtains valuations from independent investment advisors (CPG Research and Advisory Pty Ltd) on a monthly basis and at the end of each reporting period to ensure the financial statements reflect the most up-to-date valuations. Council holds various FRNs, covered and fixed interest bonds that are considered level 3 assets. Council obtains valuations from the arranger/issuer/bank on a monthly basis and/or at the end of each accounting period to ensure the financial statements reflect the most up to date valuation. The valuations sourced from the arranger/issuer/bank are based on mid-market prices. That is, valuations are marked at the mid-point of the bid and ask prices, which are variable (unobservable inputs), in the secondary market.

▪ Investment property

Council undertakes valuations of its investment property portfolio on an annual basis and at the end of each reporting period the financial statements reflect the most up-to-date valuation.

The best estimate of fair value is the current price in an active market for similar assets; the following inputs are used where necessary:

- Current prices in an active market for similar assets or similar properties in less active markets
 - Discounted cash flow projections based on estimates of future cash inflows and outflows
- All investment properties are included in level 2 of the hierarchy with the key observable input to the valuation being the price per square metre.

The fair value of investment properties is determined by independent, qualified valuers who have experience in the location of the property. The revaluation of council's investment properties were performed by APV Valuers & Asset Management as at 30 June 2022.

▪ Land (Operational, Community, Council Controlled and Land Under Roads)

Council obtains independent valuations of its Operational Land portfolio on a cyclic basis. Suitably qualified internal staff ensure that the fair value reported does not differ materially from actual fair value.

In order to ascertain appropriate values to the Operational and Community Land, Council have primarily applied the Direct Comparison Approach. This approach involves investigation of vacant land sales evidence with comparable or similar characteristics. The various land components are analysed in order to derive a fair market value.

For community and other special purpose land where there are a limited number of market transactions, Council have considered the market evidence of parcels of land of similar characteristics (but not restricted in use) with an appropriate discount applied for the property's current zoning.

The best estimate of fair value is the current price in an active market for similar assets; the following inputs are used where necessary:

- Current prices in active markets for similar assets or similar land parcels in less active markets
- Community and other special purpose land assets are included in level 3 of the hierarchy with the key unobservable input to the valuation being the price per square metre. Operational Land values are at indexation to reflect the inherent utility afforded from the 2021/22 valuation.
- APV Valuers & Asset Management performed an independent comprehensive valuation of Operational Land assets for the period ending 30 June 2022. Desktop valuations for Community and Council Controlled Land have been valued using Valuer General (VG) price per square metre for the period ending 30 June 2021. Land Under Roads (post 2008) was desktop valued using VG rates as at 30 June 2021.

D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

▪ Buildings

Specialised buildings are assets which, due to their particular design, application or use, are not normally traded within an established market and thus the basis for valuation of these buildings is the cost approach.

Depreciated replacement cost is a method of valuation that is based on an estimate of the current cost of replacing the asset with a similar asset, less an allowance for the effect of depreciation (accrued physical wear and tear), and economic and functional obsolescence. Thus the following inputs and assumptions are used in determining fair value:

- Breakdown of building into relevant components comprising some or all of; External walls, windows and doors; Roof including framing and guttering; Electricals & lighting; Fire Equipment; Air Conditioning; Hot Water System; Lifts; Fitout, Fixtures & Fittings; Exterior Works & Landscaping; and Residual Structure.
- The straight line method of depreciation has been adopted which is based on the premise that the loss in value is in equal amounts over the full extent of the components/assets life.
- The effective lives of component/asset are the estimated life of that component/asset, assuming use in its present function, as part of a continuing business.

Specialised buildings are included in level 3 of the hierarchy with the key unobservable inputs being the effective lives and component condition / allowance for depreciation.

APV Valuers & Asset Management performed an independent desktop valuation of Specialised building assets as at 30 June 2022.

Non-specialised buildings are those for which a market exists and as such the best estimate of fair value is the current price in an active market for similar assets; the following inputs are used where necessary:

- Current prices in an active market for similar assets or similar properties in less active markets.
- Comprehensive reference on building costs and useful lives.

Non-specialised buildings are included in level 3 of the hierarchy with the key unobservable input to the valuation being the price per square metre.

APV Valuers & Asset Management performed an independent desktop valuation of Non-specialised building assets as at 30 June 2022.

▪ Open space, other structures, roads and bridges, footpaths, and stormwater drainage

Council obtains independent valuations on a cyclic basis and utilises suitably qualified internal staff to undertake interim revaluations as appropriate to ensure that reported fair value does not differ materially from actual fair value. These classes of assets are specialised in nature and not readily bought or sold on the open market thus the valuation technique adopted is the cost approach utilising the depreciated replacement cost concept. The following inputs are used where necessary:

- Pattern of Consumption
- Components
- Useful life
- Asset Condition
- Dimensions and specifications
- Relationship between condition rating and value (determining remaining life, useful life, etc.)
- Unit Rates

The asset classes other structures, roads and bridges, footpaths, open space, and stormwater drainage are included in level 3 of the hierarchy with the key unobservable inputs being condition rating, useful life and remaining life.

Open space and other structure assets were desktop valued by APV Valuers & Asset Management as at 30 June 2022.
Stormwater drainage were desktop valued by APV Valuers & Asset Management as at 30 June 2022.
Footpaths, Roads and Bridges were comprehensively valued by APV Valuers & Asset Management as at 30 June 2022.

D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)**The valuation process for level 3 fair value measurements**

Asset Category/ Class	Comprehensive Valuation Frequency	Description of processes	Valuer	Responsibility
Financial Assets	Monthly	Monthly Valuation using the current price in an active market for similar assets	External	Finance Department
Investment Properties	Annually	Full external valuation every year	External	Strategic Property / Finance
Infrastructure	3 years per asset class	3 year valuation cycle - 1 Comprehensive and 2 Desktop	Internal/External	Assets & Infrastructure Directorate/Finance
Plant and equipment, office equipment and furniture and fittings	Annually	Assessment of remaining useful life undertaken annually which impacts on the fair value	Internal	Assets & Infrastructure Directorate/Finance
Operational land	3 years	3 year valuation cycle - 1 Comprehensive and 2 Desktop	External	Assets & Infrastructure Directorate/Finance
Community land	3 years	Valuer-General land values or average unit rate for similar properties if not available	Valuer General / Internal	Finance
Buildings – non specialised and specialised	3 years	3 year valuation cycle - 1 comprehensive and 2 External desktop	External	Assets & Infrastructure Directorate/Finance
Land improvement non-depreciable	3 years	Full valuation every 5 years or index applied	Internal	Assets & Infrastructure Directorate/Finance
Open space and other structures	3 years	3 year valuation cycle - 1 Comprehensive and 2 Desktop	External	Assets & Infrastructure Directorate/Finance
Library books	N/A	Assessment of remaining useful life undertaken annually which impacts on the fair value	Internal	Library/Finance

D2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)**Significant unobservable valuation inputs used (for level 3 asset classes) and their relationship to fair value.**

The following table summarises the quantitative information relating to the significant unobservable inputs used in deriving the various level 3 asset class fair values.

	Valuation technique/s	Unobservable inputs
Financial Assets	Market Approach	Unit Price
Investment property	Income or Market Approach	Estimated rental value (per sq metre) Rental Yield Open Market Value
Plant and Equipment	Cost Approach	Gross Replacement Cost
Office Equipment		Remaining Useful Life
Furniture and Fittings		Residual Value
Library Collection		
Land:	Market Approach	Price per square metre
Operational Land		Discount rate to account for zoning
Community Land	VG value (price per square metre) for	and other constraints on development
Council Controlled Land	Community Land	and the potential for alternative use.
Land Under Roads		
Open Space	Cost Approach	Condition
Land Improvements		Useful and Remaining Life
Other Structures		Unit Rates
Buildings:	Cost Approach	Condition
Specialised		Useful and Remaining Life
Non-Specialised		Component replacement rates
		Allowance for economic and functional obsolescence
Infrastructure:	Cost Approach	Condition
Roads		Useful and Remaining Life
Footpaths		Residual Value
Bulk Earthworks		Unit Rates
Stormwater drainage	Cost Approach	Condition
		Useful and Remaining Life
		Unit Rates
		Residual Value

A reconciliation of the movements in recurring fair value measurements allocated to Level 3 of the hierarchy is provided below:

\$ '000	Financial assets		IPP&E		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening balance	31,534	40,574	1,324,182	1,333,682	1,355,716	1,374,256
Total gains or losses for the period						
Recognised in profit or loss – realised	(294)	97	–	(17,111)	(294)	(17,014)
Recognised in other comprehensive income – revaluation surplus	–	–	145,959	(487)	145,959	(487)
Other movements						
Purchases (GBV)	6,508	5,093	41,236	39,348	47,744	44,441
Disposals (WDV)	(14,500)	(14,230)	(4,869)	(7,551)	(19,369)	(21,781)
Depreciation and impairment	–	–	(23,587)	(23,699)	(23,587)	(23,699)
Closing balance	23,248	31,534	1,482,921	1,324,182	1,506,169	1,355,716

Highest and best use

All of Council's non-financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.

D3-1 Contingencies

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but their knowledge and disclosure is considered relevant to the users of Council's financial report.

LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

1. Guarantees

(i) Defined benefit superannuation contribution plans

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named The Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B (the Scheme) which is a defined benefit plan that has been deemed to be a 'multi-employer fund' for purposes of AASB119 Employee Benefits for the following reasons:

- Assets are not segregated within the sub-group according to the employees of each sponsoring employer.
- The contribution rates have been the same for all sponsoring employers. That is, contribution rates have not varied for each sponsoring employer according to the experience relating to the employees of that sponsoring employer.
- Benefits for employees of all sponsoring employers are determined according to the same formulae and without regard to the sponsoring employer.
- The same actuarial assumptions are currently used in respect of the employees of each sponsoring employer.

Given the factors above, each sponsoring employer is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers, and hence shares in the associated gains and losses (to the extent that they are not borne by members).

Description of the funding arrangements.

Pooled Employers are required to pay future service employer contributions and past service employer contributions to the Fund.

The future service employer contributions were determined using the new entrant rate method under which a contribution rate sufficient to fund the total benefits over the working life-time of a typical new entrant is calculated. The current future service employer contribution rates are::

Division B	1.9 times member contributions for non-180 Point Members; Nil for 180 Point Members*
Division C	2.5% salaries
Division D	1.64 times member contributions

* For 180 Point Members, Employers are required to contribute 7.5% of salaries for the year ending 30 June 2022 (increasing to 8.0% in line with the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee) to these members' accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of the total past service contributions of \$40.0 million for 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2021, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2021. These past service contributions are used to maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

The adequacy of contributions is assessed at each triennial actuarial investigation and monitored annually between triennials.

Description of the extent to which Council can be liable to the plan for other Council's obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan

As stated above, each sponsoring employer (Council) is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers and hence shares in the associated gains and losses.

However, there is no relief under the Fund's trust deed for employers to walk away from their defined benefit obligations. Under limited circumstances, an employer may withdraw from the plan when there are no active members, on full payment of outstanding additional contributions. There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of the Council.

There are no specific provisions under the Fund's trust deed dealing with deficits or surplus on wind-up.

There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of an employer.

D3-1 Contingencies (continued)

The amount of Council employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense for the year ending 30 June 2022 was \$524,199. The last valuation of the Scheme was performed by fund actuary, Richard Boyfield, FIAA as at 30 June 2021.

Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$375,028.

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2022 is:

Employer reserves only *	\$millions	Asset Coverage
Assets	2,376.6	
Past Service Liabilities	2,380.7	99.8%
Vested Benefits	2,391.7	99.4%

* excluding member accounts and reserves in both assets and liabilities.

The share of any funding surplus or deficit that can be attributed to Council is 1.01%

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils. For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in Council's accounts. Council has a possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

The key economic long term assumptions used to calculate the present value of accrued benefits are:

Investment return	5.5% per annum
Salary inflation *	3.5% per annum
Increase in CPI	2.5% per annum

* Plus promotional increases

The contribution requirements may vary from the current rates if the overall sub-group experience is not in line with the actuarial assumptions in determining the funding program; however, any adjustment to the funding program would be the same for all sponsoring employers in the Pooled Employers group.

Please note that the estimated employer reserves financial position above is a preliminary calculation, and once all the relevant information has been received by the Funds Actuary, the final end of year review, which will be a triennial actuarial investigation will be completed by December 2022

(ii) Statewide Mutual

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to local government.

Membership includes the potential to share in either the net assets or liabilities of the fund depending on its past performance. Council's share of the net assets or liabilities reflects Council's contributions to the pool and the result of insurance claims within each of the fund years.

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30/6 this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively.

(iii) StateCover Limited

Council is a member of StateCover Mutual Limited and holds a partly paid share in the entity.

StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW local government industry and specifically Council.

Council has a contingent liability to contribute further equity in the event of the erosion of the company's capital base as a result of the company's past performance and/or claims experience or as a result of any increased prudential requirements from APRA.

These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of net assets in accordance with its licence requirements.

D3-1 Contingencies (continued)

(iv) Other guarantees

Council has provided no other guarantees other than those listed above.

2. Other liabilities

(i) Third party claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its insurance coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

(ii) Potential land acquisitions due to planning restrictions imposed by Council

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as local open space or bushland.

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (and subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED

(i) Land under roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account land under roads that it owned or controlled up to and including 30/6/08.

(ii) Infringement notices/fines

Fines and penalty income, the result of Council issuing infringement notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

Council's revenue recognition policy for such income is to account for it as revenue on receipt.

Accordingly, at year end, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid infringement notices.

Due to the limited information available on the status, value and duration of outstanding notices, Council is unable to determine the value of outstanding income.

E People and relationships

E1 Related party disclosures

E1-1 Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel (KMP) of the council are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the council, directly or indirectly comprising the Mayor, Councillors, General Manager and Directors.

The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in the Income Statement is:

\$ '000	2022	2021
Compensation:		
Short-term benefits	2,624	2,589
Post-employment benefits	171	147
Total	2,795	2,736

Other transactions with KMP and their related parties

Council has determined that transactions at arm's length between KMP and Council as part of Council delivering a public service objective (e.g. access to library or Council swimming pool by KMP) will not be disclosed.

Council has determined that there are no other transactions with KMP and their related parties that need to be disclosed.

E1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses

\$ '000	2022	2021
The aggregate amount of Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:		
Councillor expenses – mayoral fee/administrator fee	63	69
Councillors' fees	369	387
Other Councillors' expenses (including Mayor)	115	70
Total	547	526

E2 Other relationships**E2-1 Audit fees**

\$ '000	2022	2021
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During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the auditor of Council, related practices and non-related audit firms

Auditors of the Council - NSW Auditor-General:**(i) Audit and other assurance services**

Audit and review of financial statements

184	121
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Total Auditor-General remuneration

184	121
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Non NSW Auditor-General audit firms**(i) Audit and other assurance services**

Other audit and assurance services

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Total remuneration of non NSW Auditor-General audit firms

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Total audit fees

184	121
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F Other matters

F1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

Reconciliation of net operating result to cash provided from operating activities

\$ '000	2022	2021
Net operating result from Income Statement	26,065	2,111
Add / (less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	24,040	24,159
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	(7,550)	(3,097)
Non-cash capital grants and contributions	(95)	–
Losses/(gains) recognised on fair value re-measurements through the P&L:		
– Investments classified as 'at fair value' or 'held for trading'	(8)	(148)
– Investment property	(7,953)	(547)
– Revaluation decrements / impairments of IPP&E direct to P&L	–	17,111
Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	(286)	171
Increase / (decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables	1,405	(95)
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	(14)	29
(Increase) / decrease of other current assets	5	(225)
Increase / (decrease) in payables	94	(813)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	32	525
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	1,413	1,773
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	3,824	1,401
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision	(2,289)	490
Increase / (decrease) in other provisions	(509)	419
Net cash flows from operating activities	38,174	43,264

F2-1 Commitments

Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

\$ '000	2022	2021
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Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Property, plant and equipment

Buildings	2,760	8,663
Plant and equipment	1,943	1,198
Parks	1,802	3,892
Infrastructure	2,565	453
Software	6	1
Total commitments	9,076	14,207

These expenditures are payable as follows:

Within the next year	9,076	14,207
Total payable	9,076	14,207

F3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

Council is unaware of any material or significant 'non-adjusting events' that should be disclosed.

F4 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2022

F4-1 Summary of developer contributions

\$ '000	Opening balance at 1 July 2021	Contributions received during the year		Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2022	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash					
Drainage	164	–	–	1	–	–	165	–
Roads	538	61	–	4	–	–	603	–
Traffic facilities	2,596	34	–	22	–	–	2,652	–
Parking	728	232	–	7	–	–	967	–
Open space	35,691	3,578	95	283	(417)	–	39,135	–
Community facilities	7,078	435	–	122	(100)	–	7,535	–
Library	3,366	50	–	26	(52)	–	3,390	–
Urban space	3	–	–	–	–	–	3	–
Management	–	10	–	–	–	–	10	–
Open space, recreation and public domain facilities	5,909	1,661	–	(104)	(193)	–	7,273	–
Deficient car parking	596	19	–	102	(91)	–	626	–
Non residential development in central business district	2,652	–	–	11	–	–	2,663	–
S7.11 contributions – under a plan	59,321	6,080	95	474	(853)	–	65,022	–
S7.12 levies – under a plan	3,395	2,392	–	30	(1,295)	–	4,522	–
Total S7.11 and S7.12 revenue under plans	62,716	8,472	95	504	(2,148)	–	69,544	–
S7.4 planning agreements	10,630	1,640	–	92	(13)	–	12,349	–
S7.13 Court Ordered Development Consen	374	–	–	3	–	–	377	–
Total contributions	73,720	10,112	95	599	(2,161)	–	82,270	–

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council has significant obligations to provide Section 7.11 (contributions towards provision or improvement of amenities or services) infrastructure in new release areas. It is possible that the funds contributed may be less than the cost of this infrastructure, requiring Council to borrow or use general revenue to fund the difference.

F4-2 Developer contributions by plan

\$ '000	Opening balance at 1 July 2021	Contributions received during the year		Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2022	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash					
CONTRIBUTION PLAN – repealed from 14 March 2013								
Drainage	147	–	–	1	–	–	148	–
Traffic facilities	317	–	–	2	–	–	319	–
Parking	413	–	–	3	–	–	416	–

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F4-2 Developer contributions by plan (continued)

\$ '000	Opening balance at 1 July 2021	Contributions received during the year		Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2022	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash					
Open space	641	-	-	6	(3)	-	644	-
Community facilities	948	-	-	7	-	-	955	-
Library	3,366	-	-	26	(52)	-	3,340	-
Urban space	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Total	5,835	-	-	45	(55)	-	5,825	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN – commenced 14 March 2013								
Community facilities	3,693	218	-	96	-	-	4,007	-
Open space, recreation and public domain facilities	5,909	1,542	-	(104)	(193)	-	7,154	-
Deficient car parking	504	19	-	101	(91)	-	533	-
Non residential development in central business district	2,652	-	-	11	-	-	2,663	-
Total	12,758	1,779	-	104	(284)	-	14,357	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN – NUMBER 1 – Roads & Traffic Management								
Roads	538	61	-	4	-	-	603	-
Total	538	61	-	4	-	-	603	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 3 – Car Parking – Hurstville Town Centre								
Parking	315	-	-	3	-	-	318	-
Total	315	-	-	3	-	-	318	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 4 – Streetscape Improvement – Hurstville Town Centre								
Open space	608	-	-	5	-	-	613	-
Total	608	-	-	5	-	-	613	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 5 – Open Space (2006) – Embellishment & Acquisition								
Open space	15,548	1,842	95	103	(414)	-	17,079	-
Total	15,548	1,842	95	103	(414)	-	17,079	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 6 – Hurstville south areas								
Open space	751	-	-	7	-	-	758	-
Total	751	-	-	7	-	-	758	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 8 – Kogarah Town Centre								
Drainage	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	-
Traffic facilities	2,279	21	-	20	-	-	2,320	-
Open space	18,143	1,091	-	161	-	-	19,395	-
Deficient car parking	92	-	-	1	-	-	93	-

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\$ '000	Opening balance at 1 July 2021	Contributions received during the year		Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2022	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash					
Community facilities	374	19	-	3	-	-	396	-
Total	20,905	1,131	-	185	-	-	22,221	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 9 – Kogarah Libraries – Buildings & Books								
Community facilities	557	112	-	3	(100)	-	572	-
Total	557	112	-	3	(100)	-	572	-
CONTRIBUTION PLAN – Ramsgate commercial centre								
Community facilities	1,506	-	-	13	-	-	1,519	-
Total	1,506	-	-	13	-	-	1,519	-
Georges River Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan Commenced 1 Dec 2021								
Traffic facilities	-	13	-	-	-	-	13	-
Parking	-	232	-	1	-	-	233	-
Open space	-	645	-	1	-	-	646	-
Community facilities	-	86	-	-	-	-	86	-
Library	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Management	-	10	-	-	-	-	10	-
Open space, recreation and public domain facilities	-	119	-	-	-	-	119	-
Total	-	1,155	-	2	-	-	1,157	-

S7.12 Levies – under a plan

CONTRIBUTION PLANS

Georges River Council Section 7.12	3,395	1,969	-	30	(1,295)	-	4,099	-
Total	3,395	1,969	-	30	(1,295)	-	4,099	-
Georges River Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan Commenced 1 Dec 2021								
Georges River Council Section 7.12	-	423	-	-	-	-	423	-
Total	-	423	-	-	-	-	423	-

F5 Statement of performance measures

F5-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

\$ '000	Amounts 2022	Indicator 2022	Indicator 2021	Benchmark
1. Operating performance ratio				
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1,2}	(2,870)	(1.97)%	(3.75)%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	145,473			
2. Own source operating revenue ratio				
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions ¹	131,243	81.87%	79.95%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue ¹	160,309			
3. Unrestricted current ratio				
Current assets less all external restrictions	81,260	3.13x	2.48x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	25,981			
4. Debt service cover ratio				
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹	21,181	38.03x	33.52x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	557			
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage				
Rates and annual charges outstanding	4,717	4.32%	4.45%	< 5.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	109,168			
6. Cash expense cover ratio				
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	164,546	15.57 months	12.76 months	> 3.00 months
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	10,568			

(1) Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies

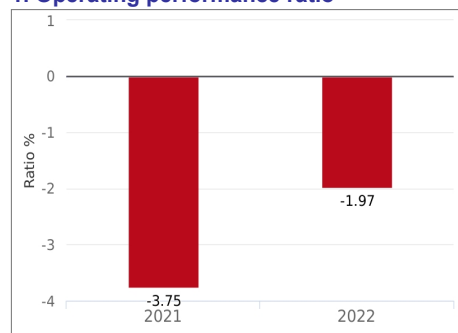
(2) Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method

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G Additional Council disclosures (unaudited)

G1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs)

1. Operating performance ratio



Purpose of operating performance ratio

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio (1.97)%

Council does not generate sufficient Operating Income (without Capital Grants) in relation to Operating Expenditure. This is an on-going issue that was highlighted in the Long Term Financial Plan. The ratio in 2021/22 has improved from last year but is still outside the benchmark. Council was successful in its application to IPART for a special rate variation. These funds will improve the operating performance of Council in future years.

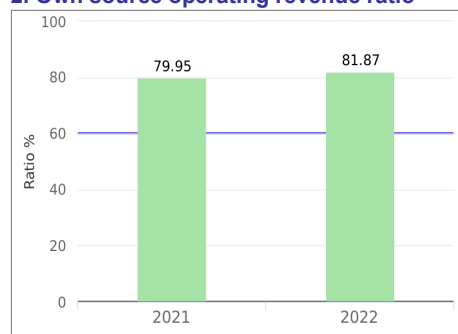
Benchmark: — > 0.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

2. Own source operating revenue ratio



Purpose of own source operating revenue ratio

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions.

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 81.87%

Council's rate continues to stay well above the benchmark. This shows that Council income sources are appropriately split between operations and grants.

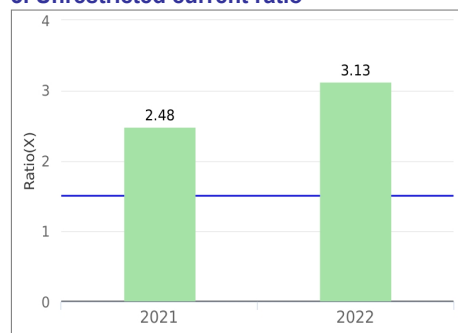
Benchmark: — > 60.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

3. Unrestricted current ratio



Purpose of unrestricted current ratio

To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 3.13x

The current ratio has increased from prior year and is significantly above the benchmark. This demonstrates appropriate levels of accessible funds to service current debts.

Benchmark: — > 1.50x

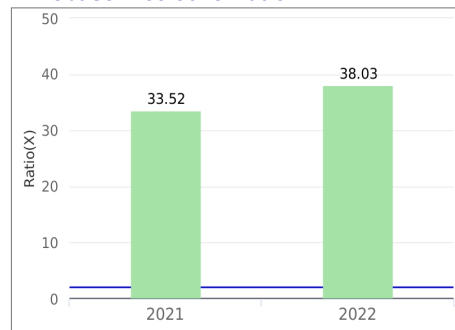
Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

G1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs) (continued)

4. Debt service cover ratio



Purpose of debt service cover ratio

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 38.03x

The current ratio has increased from prior year. Council continues to be in a healthy position with minimal debt to service, which decreases the pressure on operating cash.

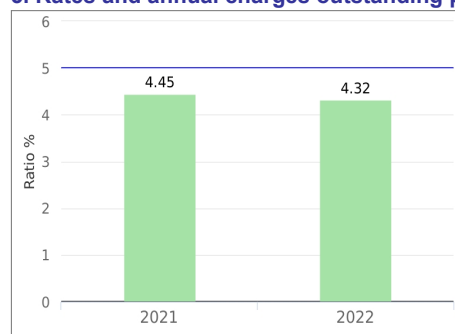
Benchmark: — > 2.00x

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage



Purpose of rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 4.32%

The percentage of rates debtors has reduced from prior year. This ongoing low ratio reflects Council's ongoing efforts to collect rates and charges due.

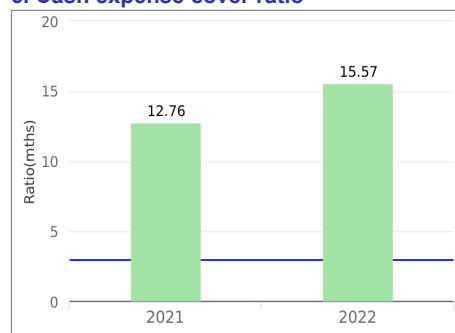
Benchmark: — < 5.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

6. Cash expense cover ratio



Purpose of cash expense cover ratio

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 15.57 months

Council has high liquidity. The cash coverage ratio of 15+ months is a strong position for Council to fund operations.

Benchmark: — > 3.00months

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

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Permissible income for general rates (Merger Councils)

		2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23
		Former entity name 1	Former entity name 2	Former entity name 3	Former Hurstville City Council	Former Kogarah City Council	Georges River Council	Former entity name 1	Former entity name 2	Former entity name 3	Georges River Council
\$ '000	Notes										
Notional general income calculation ¹											
Last year notional general income yield	a	-	-	-	-	-	72,750	-	-	-	74,495
Plus or minus adjustments ²	b	-	-	-	-	-	269	-	-	-	-
Notional general income	c = a + b	-	-	-	-	-	73,019	-	-	-	74,495
Permissible income calculation											
Special variation percentage	d	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.80%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Or rate peg percentage	e	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	
Less expiring special variation amount	g	-	-	-	-	-	(2,301)	-	-	-	-
Plus special variation amount	h = d x (c + g)	-	-	-	-	-	4,102	-	-	-	-
Or plus rate peg amount	i = e x (c + g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,490
Sub-total	k = (c + g + h + i + j)	-	-	-	-	-	74,820	-	-	-	75,985
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	l	-	-	-	-	-	(310)	-	-	-	14
Less valuation objections claimed in the previous year	m	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	n = (l + m)	-	-	-	-	-	(311)	-	-	-	14
Total permissible income	o = k + n	-	-	-	-	-	74,509	-	-	-	75,999
Less notional general income yield	p	-	-	-	-	-	74,495	-	-	-	-
Catch-up or (excess) result	q = o - p	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	75,999
Carry forward to next year ⁶	t = q + r + s	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	75,999

Notes

- (1) The notional general income will not reconcile with rate income in the financial statements in the corresponding year. The statements are reported on an accrual accounting basis which include amounts that relate to prior years' rates income.
- (2) Adjustments account for changes in the number of assessments and any increase or decrease in land value occurring during the year. The adjustments are called 'supplementary valuations' as defined in the Valuation of Land Act 1916.
- (6) Carry forward amounts which are in excess (an amount that exceeds the permissible income) require Ministerial approval by order published in the *NSW Government Gazette* in accordance with section 512 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The OLG will extract these amounts from Council's Permissible income for general rates Statement in the financial data return (FDR) to administer this process.

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Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard	Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council	2021/22 Required maintenance ^a	2021/22 Actual maintenance	Net carrying amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost				
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
Buildings	Buildings	2,642	9,289	5,696	3,902	218,366	300,695	17.3%	53.2%	20.1%	8.4%	1.0%
	Sub-total	2,642	9,289	5,696	3,902	218,366	300,695	17.3%	53.2%	20.1%	8.4%	1.0%
Roads	Sealed roads incl K&G	6,781	11,966	5,958	3,977	564,895	701,078	37.9%	50.1%	10.5%	1.3%	0.2%
	Footpaths	102	3,179	1,912	2,775	56,252	110,615	11.0%	23.8%	61.0%	4.1%	0.1%
	Sub-total	6,883	15,145	7,870	6,752	621,147	811,693	34.2%	46.5%	17.4%	1.7%	0.2%
Stormwater drainage	Stormwater drainage	287	21,660	1,571	1,967	84,392	162,155	5.4%	93.8%	0.7%	0.1%	0.0%
	Sub-total	287	21,660	1,571	1,967	84,392	162,155	5.4%	93.8%	0.7%	0.1%	0.0%
Open space / recreational assets / other structures	Other	4,885	13,126	10,436	8,568	82,769	125,760	32.9%	30.3%	17.3%	18.4%	1.1%
	Sub-total	4,885	13,126	10,436	8,568	82,769	125,760	32.9%	30.3%	17.3%	18.4%	1.1%
Total – all assets		14,697	59,220	25,573	21,189	1,006,674	1,400,303	27.1%	52.0%	16.0%	4.4%	0.4%

(a) Required maintenance is the amount identified in Council's asset management plans.

Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

#	Condition	Integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) description
1	Excellent/very good	No work required (normal maintenance)
2	Good	Only minor maintenance work required
3	Satisfactory	Maintenance work required
4	Poor	Renewal required
5	Very poor	Urgent renewal/upgrading required

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Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *

\$ '000	Amounts 2022	Indicator 2022	Indicator 2021	Benchmark
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio				
Asset renewals ¹	8,048	39.15%	54.83%	>= 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	20,558			
Infrastructure backlog ratio				
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	14,697	1.44%	1.63%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	1,023,478			
Asset maintenance ratio				
Actual asset maintenance	21,189	82.86%	100.19%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	25,573			
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level				
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	59,220	4.23%	4.54%	
Gross replacement cost	1,400,303			

(*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

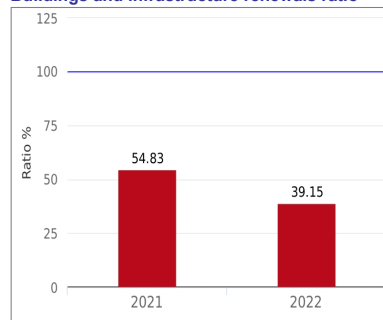
(1) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

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Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio



Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio

To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.

Commentary on result

21/22 ratio 39.15%

Benchmark: — $\geq 100.00\%$

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

Asset maintenance ratio



Asset maintenance ratio

Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the infrastructure backlog growing.

Commentary on result

21/22 ratio 82.86%

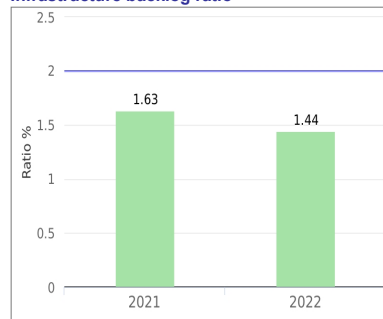
Benchmark: — $> 100.00\%$

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

Infrastructure backlog ratio



Infrastructure backlog ratio

This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.

Commentary on result

21/22 ratio 1.44%

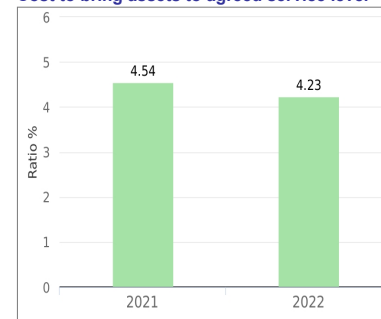
Benchmark: — $< 2.00\%$

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

Cost to bring assets to agreed service level



Cost to bring assets to agreed service level

This ratio provides a snapshot of the proportion of outstanding renewal works compared to the total value of assets under Council's care and stewardship.

Commentary on result

21/22 ratio 4.23%

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Item: CCL104-22 Stronger Communities Funding Update (July 2021-June 2022)

Author: Manager Community and Early Learning Services

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Community and Culture

CCL104-22

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receive and note the update on the remaining Stronger Communities Fund projects as listed in this report; and
- (b) That Council continue to receive regular reports on the remaining Stronger Communities Fund projects still in progress.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) was established by the NSW Government to provide merged Councils with funding for the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services.
2. The program was divided into two categories:
 - a) Community Grants Program – allocation of \$1 million in grants to community organisations for projects that build vibrant local communities. These funds were allocated to community organisations and were the subject of a report presented to Council at its meeting held on Monday 7 November 2016. These projects have now been fully completed and acquitted and will no longer be included in reports.
 - b) Major Project Program – allocation of \$9 million in Round 1 and \$9.5 million in Round 2 to support large scale priority infrastructure and services that deliver long term economic and social benefits to the community.
3. The projects in Major Project Program Round 1 are fully completed and acquitted and will no longer be included in reports.
4. The projects in Major Project Program Round 2 are ongoing. This report provides an update on the two (2) outstanding Round 2 projects.

BACKGROUND

5. Council's commitment was to fund projects that delivered new or improved infrastructure or services to the community that met the following criteria:
 - a community consultation process undertaken
 - demonstrate a social and/or economic benefit to the community
 - consider sustainability and equity across the broader community
 - demonstrate project feasibility and value for money, including full lifecycle costs

- do not have funds allocated by the former Kogarah or Hurstville Councils
 - consider the processes and procedures outlined in the capital expenditure review guidelines issued by the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG).
6. In Round 2, \$9.5 million in funding was allocated to four (4) overarching major projects through the Stronger Communities Fund. These were delineated into (5) sub projects to track expenditure and timelines more efficiently.
 7. Three (3) projects under the Major Project Program Round 2 were completed by December 2020 and were reported to Council in March 2021.
 8. An extension was requested and received from the OLG for two (2) remaining projects, of which one was separated into sub projects under the Hurstville Golf Course major project: Hurstville Oval - New Community Pavilion Building; Hurstville Golf Course - New Club House; and Hurstville Golf Course - Reconstruction of greens and new pathways, both of which were rescheduled to be completed by 31 December 2021. Ongoing delays between July 2021 and December 2021 relating to both COVID-19 restrictions and the impact on staffing and supply chains from COVID-19 has resulted in further delays to works on the remaining projects.
 9. A further extension was sought from the OLG for the extension to deliver and acquit the remaining two (2) projects which was received on 28 September 2021 with projects to be completed and acquitted in June 2022.
 10. Due to delays resulting from COVID-19 impacts, Council has now undertaken the process of further extending the grant variation with the OLG. OLG has confirmed that all grant variations are currently under review and Council will be notified of the outcome as soon as a decision is made.
 11. Upon confirmation, the final completion dates will be Hurstville Oval - New Community Pavilion Building - December 2022; Hurstville Golf Course - Club House - December 2022 and Hurstville Golf Course – Reconstruction of greens and new pathways - December 2022.
 12. Status updates for each project are provided in the table below.

Project name	SCF Grant funding	Other funding	Total expenditure as at 30/06/2022	Total SCF expenditure as at 30/06/2022	Status
Hurstville Oval – New community pavilion building	\$2,200,000	\$2,125,000	\$530,000	\$411,582	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2021 commenced subgrade works including footing and service excavation. • July 2021 COVID-19 shutdown restricted works for three months, upon COVID-19 reopening in October 2021 the engaged contractor went into liquidation causing a halt to the project. • March 2022 engaged

					<p>a new contractor to recommence works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2022 the contractor completed installation of all screw piles and had prepared the concrete foundation slab. Steel fabrication ongoing. • Anticipated completion – December 2022.
Hurstville Golf Course - Club House	\$2,000,000	\$1,315,000	\$1,936,986	\$1,719,921	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2021 commenced subgrade works including footing, stormwater alignment and service excavation carried out. • July 2021 COVID-19 shutdowns delayed work, shutting the site down for approximately six months with ongoing delays resulting from COVID-19 supply chain disruptions and weather. • June 2022 The contractor completed the steel framing of the Proshop. The installation of steel for the second story of the clubhouse and roof installation on both buildings set to occur. • Anticipated completion – December 2022.
Hurstville Golf Course - Reconstruction of greens and new pathways	\$500,000	\$620,000	\$1,012,977	\$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2021 commenced shaping and turfing of greens and fairways. • July 2021 works progressed until COVID-19 shut down the site for approximately six months. • June 2022 Weather had delayed capacity to complete work. The

					<p>new first green is now open to the public. The pathway and turf works for the tenth tee have been completed, with the turf currently in the establishment phase. Additional greens will open in the coming weeks, weather dependent. Works continue on final elements associated with 5/6 fairway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipated completion – December 2022.
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13. Funding from SCF - Round 2 was to be spent or committed by 31 March 2021 and all funding acquitted before 30 June 2021. An initial extension was granted by the OLG for the delivery of the Hurstville Oval New Community Pavilion Building, the Hurstville Golf Course Club House and the Hurstville Golf Course green reconstruction and pathways projects and works were to be completed by 31 December 2021.
14. Further extension was granted by the OLG for the delivery of the Hurstville Oval New Community Pavilion Building, the Hurstville Golf Course Club House and the Hurstville Golf Course reconstruction of greens and pathways projects and works were to be completed by 30 June 2022.
15. Due to COVID-19 restrictions between July 2021 and December 2021, and COVID-19 related impacts on both staffing and supply chains, all scheduled works have incurred further delays of a significant nature. As outlined in the above table, the scheduled works for both Hurstville Oval New Community Pavilion Building site and Hurstville Golf Course Club House are now anticipated to be completed by December 2022.
16. Council Officers have initiated the process of obtaining a further grant variation to the Funding Agreement with the OLG. OLG has confirmed that all grant variations are currently under review and Council will be notified of the outcome as soon as a decision is made.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. Interest accrued in the SCF for 2021/2022 as at 30 June 2022 is \$30,349.59
18. In accordance with the SCF Guidelines, advice received from the OLG and reported to Council (27 July 2020 COM024-20 and 16 December 2019 COM051-19), accrued interest from 1 July 2020 onwards will be allocated to the Hurstville Golf Course Club House project.
19. The listed Major Projects are funded by the \$9m Round 1 and \$9.5m Round 2 Stronger Communities Grant Funding – Major Projects Program. Any additional funding has been provided through funds allocated via the budget process (such as Council's Internal Reserves, Developer Contributions, Infrastructure Plus, Stormwater Drainage Levy, Domestic Waste Reserve) or as listed in the relevant Council reports and various grants. Additional grant funding has been provided through the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

20. Operational risk/s identified and management process applied.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

21. Community engagement was conducted to select the projects during the initial stages, which included the following: letters to community groups, Stronger Communities Fund Panel and the Implementation Advisory Committee; weekly advertisements in the local newspaper; Council's website and social media platforms. The community consultation period was from 14 December 2016 to 17 February 2017.
22. In accordance with the SCF Guidelines, the Georges River Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel prioritised the suite of major projects which were originally sourced from Councils' five-year capital works programs.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/222746

NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM089-22 Public Spaces Charter****Councillor:** Councillor Symington**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council becomes a signatory of the Department of Planning and Environment's NSW Public Spaces Charter.
- (b) That Council embeds the Charter's 10 key principles into project planning practices and asset management plans.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with all Community Strategic Plan Pillars. The Department of Planning and Environments Public Spaces Charter was developed on the basis that public space is where public life happens. It acknowledges the importance of public spaces in guiding and shaping our experience of the places where we live, work and visit, filling them with vibrancy and energy as we connect, interact, and share with others.

Public spaces include the streets we walk or cycle in, the town squares we socialise in, libraries we learn in, community halls we gather in and parks, playgrounds and sport fields where we relax or play. It provides a wealth of social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits that are critical to the health, wellbeing and prosperity of communities.

The NSW Public Spaces Charter was developed to support the planning, design, management, and activation of public spaces. It supports signatories in providing and advocating for better public spaces and will allow Council officers to access the Charters community of practice, promotional opportunities, data sharing and advice from the NSW Public Spaces Charter project team on how to develop an action plan to implement the Charter.

The 10 key principles for quality public space are:

1. Open and welcoming – Everyone can access public space and feel welcome, respected and included
2. Community focused – Public space brings people together and builds strong, connected and resilient communities
3. Culture and creativity-Public space provides a platform for culture and creative expression that makes places more colourful, animated and thought provoking
4. Local character and identity-Public space reflects who we are and our diverse stories and histories
5. Green and resilient- Public space connects us to nature, enhances biodiversity and builds climate resilience into communities
6. Healthy and active- Public space allows everyone to participate in activities that strengthen our health and wellbeing
7. Local business and economies- Public space supports a dynamic economic life and vibrant urban and town centres
8. Safe and secure-Everyone feels safe to access and use public space at all times of the day

9. Designed for place- Public space is flexible and responds to its environment to meet the needs of its community
10. Well-managed- Well managed and maintained public spaces functions better and invites people to use and care for it

The Charter has been developed in consultation with a diverse range of stakeholders and in becoming a signatory to the charter, Council shows its commitment to the management and delivery of great public spaces for our community.

Councils Strategic Placemaking team will work collaboratively across Council directorates and external strategic partners to embed the key principles of the Charter. The first step will be to incorporate the principles into our Asset Management Plans and Strategy which are currently under development. A goal for Council in developing these Asset Management Plans is to plan for how our assets work together to create great places for our current and future community to enjoy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

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Item: NM090-22 Administration of Variations to Existing Contracts**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That Council writes to Wendy Tuckerman MP, Minister for Local Government, requesting that the Office of Local Government furnishes guidelines to provide expert direction to NSW councils on the administration of variations to existing contracts.

NM090-22

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Contract variations are a Contract Management function that must also consider principles of probity, financial management and risk management. Georges River Council adopted a Contract Management Policy in 2021.

The Policy was developed with consideration of the requirements of the following legislation and industry references:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines)
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

The Policy sets a number of principles that ensure the following objectives:

- Business needs are achieved
- Standard approach is undertaken
- Role and task clarity is provided
- Probity and fairness in the way we work
- Compliance to rules and law.

As per the Policy, a contract is deemed:

“An agreement, exchange of letters, heads of agreement, deeds of agreement, binding memorandum of understanding, response to tender, grant application, trust deed and any other document which creates or which may create binding obligations on the Council and on the other party / parties to the contract.”

Council can have over 500 contracts active during an annual period. The value, complexity, terms and condition and risk vary greatly between each contract. Therefore, there isn't a set procedure that is applied during the contract management phase in the event of a variation, rather contract management principles, probity, ethics, delegations, risk management and financial management considerations are evaluated to reach a decision for the specific nature of the variation being proposed.

All Contract Variations must be approved in writing in accordance with the Contract and be approved by the appropriate delegate.

In reference to the Ethics and Probity the Policy states:

Council's Code of Conduct must always be adhered to in the management of Contracts on behalf of Council, in particular ensuring: Responsible Decision Making, declaring and

appropriately managing any Conflicts of Interest and appropriate decline of any offered Gifts or Benefits.

In terms of probity, generally a probity advisor is engaged for high risk and high-profile processes. A high dollar value (e.g., greater than \$1 million) would not necessarily trigger the need for an independent probity advisor as our internal protocols and processes are sufficient to demonstrate a fair and transparent process.

Risk factors that would drive the requirement for probity measures, could include, but are not limited to:

- Conflict of interest
- Political environment
- Reputational risk
- Unique or significant projects

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/223456

Item: NM091-22 Request to waive S7.11 Development Contribution for NDIS related dwellings**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council, in regard to CDC2022/0161 for the conversion of existing brick and the double garage into a one-bedroom granny flat at 39 Mimosa Street Oatley, waive the S7.11 contribution of \$7,018.99 (plus any CPI increase).
- (b) That at the next review of the Georges River Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2021 an investigation is undertaken into amending *Clause 2.2.2 – Development that is exempted under this Plan* to include: Development for the purposes of housing for independent living for people who are on a NDIS package.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The Georges River Council Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2021 – Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 (“the Plan”) exempts the following types of development from s7.11 contributions or s7.12 levy:

- Affordable housing or social housing by a social housing provider; or
- Development for the purposes of any form of seniors housing, as defined in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004, that is provided by a social housing provider as defined in that Policy; or
- Development undertaken by or on the behalf of a charity or not-for-profit organisation; or
- Public infrastructure development undertaken by a public authority (including Council); or
- Development exempted from section 7.11 contributions or section 7.12 levies by a Ministerial Direction under section 7.17 of the Act; or
- Adaptive reuse of heritage items

CDC2022/0161 for the conversion of existing brick and the double garage into a one-bedroom granny flat at 39 Mimosa Street Oatley was issued by 17 June 2022. The CDC required that a S7.11 contribution of \$7,018.99 (plus any CPI increase) be paid to Council prior to the commencement of any works at the site. The development is being undertaken to enable independent living for the owners’ son who has a disability and is on a NDIS package.

The owners have contacted Council and written to and met with Mark Coure MP to request a waiver of development contributions.

The construction of the secondary dwelling at 39 Mimosa is not affordable housing or social housing by a social housing provider nor by or on behalf of a charity. The NDIS package does not cover the construction of the secondary dwelling; it only covers the assisted living for the owners’ son.

As the owner’s request does not fall within the exempt provisions under the Plan, a resolution of Council is required to waive the fee.

Council is to note that under the Plan, secondary dwellings receive a 50% discounted rate compared to other dwellings. The full amount that would be charged for a secondary dwelling is \$ 14,037.98. This discount was introduced by Council to recognise that secondary dwellings are sometimes used to house members of the same family unit.

In considering this request to waive the S7.11 contribution, it is recommended that Council understand and consider the following:

- It is not known if the resident meets the hardship requirements of the Local Government Act and Council policy to warrant waiving of this contribution.
- Understanding of the benefits received through NDIS, in particular the contribution to the provision of appropriate housing.
- A Council resolution approving the waiving of the contribution for the secondary dwelling at 39 Mimosa Oatley may set a precedent and may result in budgetary issues with a reduction in funds received from development.

Is it recommended that if Council wishes to amend the exemption provisions of the current Plan to include housing for persons with a disability, that at the next review of the Plan, an investigation is undertaken into amending Clause 2.2.2 (Development that is exempted under this Plan) to include a clause such as *development for the purposes of housing for independent living for people who are on a NDIS package*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications with the request to waive the S7.11 Contribution for one site only – albeit minor.

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications of exempting development for the purposes of housing for independent living for people who are on a NDIS package will be provided in a future report.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/229367 &

Item: NM092-22 Development of Annual School Safety Review**Councillor:** Councillor Borg**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council officers prepare an annual school safety review program to identify and implement behavioural and infrastructure priorities to support safe journeys to and from school.
- (b) That Council officers collaborate with the Department of Education and Transport for NSW to develop and deliver this program.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan Pillar 1 *Our Community*, Goal 1.3, *The community is safe and healthy*, Pillar 4 *Our built environment*, Goal 4.5 *Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone*. Pillar 5 *Our place in Sydney*, Goal 5.2, *The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area* and Pillar 6 *Governance*, Goal 6.3 *Our community knows why and how decisions are made*.

Georges River Council Local Government Area has a population of over 152 000 residents and has a total of 45 public and private primary and high schools with approximately 20,000 students.

Currently, schools contact Councils Road Safety Officer and Traffic Engineers on average five times per month seeking support or solutions to deal with traffic and transport issues that impact their schools.

A School Safety Review Program will allow Council, schools and other stakeholders to be more proactive in finding and funding solutions to issues that are usually complex and require high levels of collaboration and funding.

The Program will involve an annual safety audit of on average two schools per year. By selecting a small number of schools it will allow Council officers to continue to manage adhoc requests while ensuring momentum is maintained to solve more complex issues. The review will be undertaken by an external Road Safety Auditor and will focus on issues such as infrastructure, parking changes, education, and enforcement.

It is proposed the Program will focus on precincts and individual schools where there is a high volume of students, evidence of safety issues, potential for active transport, and where there are opportunities to make real changes through collaboration.

Council and the Department of Education will look to develop a memorandum of understanding with the schools involved as a commitment to be part of the review and gain support to working together through the recommendations. It is then envisioned that a working group will be established to monitor the actions for as long as required.

This Program will also support Council officers to advocate to Transport of NSW for improvements along State Roads and allow for more data driven grant funding applications to be developed.

This Program does not detract from investigations already committed to including traffic and transport issues surrounding Mater Dei Primary and the Hurstville Education Precinct.

Based on initial scoping Council is looking to run the first review in Term 1 2023, focusing on schools in the Kogarah Town Centre. The Kogarah Cluster was selected for the following reasons:

- High number school students attending schools within the area
- Crash data surrounding the schools
- Number of concerns received from schools and identified by Council officers
- Opportunities for active transport.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the first review will be conducted using existing budget from Transport for NSW funding 22/23 for traffic and transport improvements.

Council officers will submit a budget bid for \$80,000 as part of the 23/24 Budget to deliver two reviews.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/229832

Item: NM093-22 Electric Vehicle Strategy**Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council officers develop an Electric Vehicle Strategy preparing our community for the transition to electric vehicles. The Strategy should include but is not limited to:

- i. Encouraging new development through Development Control Plan's to reduce car dependence with the provision of electric vehicle sharing stations and green travel plans;
- ii. Actively facilitate the installation of an electric vehicle charging network across the LGA;
- iii. Transition of Council's fleet and lease back vehicles to hybrid and eventually electric vehicle, and
- iv. Advocate to and collaborate with State and Federal Government and private sector's investments to secure funding opportunities.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan Pillar 2 *Our Green Environment* Goal 2.1 *Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment*.

Georges River Council will play a critical role in supporting our community, and the community of the Eastern Harbour City to move towards electric vehicles. An Electric Vehicle Strategy will ensure that our Council plans and investments align to and are complementary to State and Federal Governments and private investments into this transition.

A clear strategic direction will support collaboration between government, private industry and residents, future grants, advocacy efforts and most importantly a cultural and behavioural shift towards an electric vehicle future.

Georges River Council's Environmental Resilience Action Plan (ERAP) 2022-2040 was created to guide Council towards the delivery of its environmental sustainability goals. Environmental Resilience refers to 'the ability of the natural environment to withstand disturbance and changes such as climate change, pollution or urban growth'. The Action Plan primarily focuses on measures to reduce Council's environmental footprint but also explores how Council can influence broader community outcomes such as waste generation or energy use.

The objectives focus on protecting biodiversity and waterway health, responding to a changing climate, reducing Council's emissions and resource consumption and promoting sustainable communities and urban development. Crucially, Council has made a commitment to source 100% of its electricity from renewable sources and produce net zero emissions in its operations by 2025.

The delivery of an Electric Vehicle Strategy will provide a plan for how Council can deliver key elements of the ERAP including:

- Encouraging new development through the DCP 2021 to reduce car dependence with the provision of end of trip facilities, bicycle parking, car share and small vehicle parking spaces, electric vehicle sharing stations and green travel plans.
- Actively facilitating the installation of an Electric Vehicle charging network across the LGA.
- Transition Council's fleet and lease back vehicles to hybrid and eventually electric vehicles.

The NSW Government has launched an Electric Vehicle Strategy, aiming for 52% of all new car sales to be electric vehicles by 2030-31.

EVs help address the growing challenge of greenhouse gas emissions, with the transport sector currently the second largest and fastest growing emitter of emissions in NSW and Australia. EVs are an effective way to reduce emissions and benefit the community with quieter operation and health benefits from improved air quality. The NSW Government's Electric Vehicle Strategy key actions include:

- Rebates for new electric vehicle purchases - these rebates are designed to encourage electric vehicle uptake and are targeted to the cars more people can afford.
- Phase out of stamp duty for electric vehicle purchases
- Making it easy to drive an electric vehicle with access to transit lane – electric vehicle drivers to use T2 and T3 transit lanes for a limited time to encourage EV uptake.
- Building a world-class electric vehicle charging network - The NSW Government will invest \$171 m to ensure widespread, world-class charging coverage to future proof the network. This includes \$131 m being invested into fast charging grants, which will co-fund charge point operators to install and operate ultra-fast charging stations at 100 km intervals across the state, and every 5 km in metropolitan areas.
- Regional tourism benefits - Eligible regional tourist locations such as motels, restaurants and attractions will be assisted to co-fund the purchase and installation chargers to attract electric vehicle drivers to their sites.

Council's development of an Electric Vehicle Strategy will align with the State Strategy and any further National or industry specific positions that may emerge during the timeline of Council's Electric Vehicle Strategy development. Council's Strategy will also consider and provide strategic direction on:

- The integration of Council's assets and available parking with charging infrastructure.
- Methods of assessing and/or approving energy fees and charges for community use of EV charging infrastructure.
- Optimal location for charging infrastructure and prevalence throughout the Local Government Area.
- Infrastructure maintenance, and decommissioning.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Strategy will be funded through the Resilience Funding provided by the NSW Government, it is estimated to cost \$50,000 this funding will be added to the 22/23 Budget through a quarter one adjustment.

FILE REFERENCE

D22/230497

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Item: QWN040-22 (QWN016-22) - Boarding Houses within Georges River Council's LGA.

Author: Councillor Mahoney

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

QWN040-22

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the General Manager advise:

- (1) The number of boarding houses within the LGA;
- (2) The number of residents living in boarding house accommodation;
- (3) The frequency with which those residences are inspected by Council officers;
- (4) A summary of compliances and non-compliances with relevant state and local legislation for each residence;
- (5) Whether there are any unregistered boarding houses in operation, and what corrective action is being taken?

OFFICER RESPONSE

- 1. The number of boarding houses within the LGA;**
Council records indicate that there are 17 Boarding House in operation.
- 2. The number of residents living in boarding house accommodation;**
The 17 Boarding house which are occupied can accommodate approximately 320 guests.
- 3. The frequency with which those residences are inspected by Council officers;**
Council has a schedule to inspect each boarding house once this financial year. If the boarding house receives a satisfactory inspection report, they will be assessed as being of low risk and marked for re-inspection every two years.

Council has recently developed a more robust program which includes the undertaking of a more comprehensive inspection regime utilising NSW Fair Trading Inspection report template and associated guidelines. The inspection will be primarily focused on fire safety measures, however, will incorporate health and amenity related aspects such as cleanliness of facilities and adequate light and ventilation.
- 4. A summary of compliances and non-compliances with relevant state and local legislation for each residence;**
Once a boarding house is inspected, an Inspection Report will be produced. The Inspection Report summarises the inspection results in terms of Fire Safety and Health & Amenity. Should breaches be identified regulatory action will commence to ensure that non compliances are addressed. Note: Due to the enforcement nature of this inspection program the provision of this information cannot be made publicly available.

5. Whether there are any unregistered boarding houses in operation, and what corrective action is being taken?

The *Boarding House Act 2012* requires boarding houses with the capacity for five or more paying residents to be registered on the NSW Fair Trading Boarding House Register. Where Council's Compliance unit receives information in relation to unauthorized boarding houses, relevant enforcement action is taken to ensure that the use is ceased, or appropriate approvals are sought. The Compliance Unit received and investigated 27 customer requests relating to unauthorized boarding houses in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Once an occupation certificate is received by Council for a new boarding house an inspection will be undertaken by Council's Fire Safety Officer and registration status will be checked and action taken should the premises not appear on the register.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

Item: QWN041-22 “GLENLEE”, 80 Boronia Pd, Lugarno.
Author: Councillor Mahoney
Directorate: Office of the General Manager
Matter Type: Questions with Notice

QWN041-22

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. At the Council meeting held on 2nd August 2022, Part (iii) of the Resolution of Agenda item no. NM066-22 was as follows:

"That Council urgently seeks funding commitments for the acquisition of “Glenlee” from:

(a) Mr James Griffin MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage, and Mr Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, and

(b) Ms Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, and Ms Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians."

Has the Acting General Manager received a reply to this correspondence from either Ms Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, or Ms Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians?

2. At the Council meeting held on 2nd August 2022, Question 1 of Agenda item no. QWN034-22 was as follows:

"What is the expected timeframe for the publication of the report as resolved by Council on 25th October 2021 (CCL077-21, Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2021), namely: “(f) That the General Manager investigate, analyse and model the purchase of Glenlee through development contributions, other external and internal funding sources and submit a separate report to Council”?

The officer response to that Question was, in part: "As outlined in the officer response to the 28 February 2022 (QWN002-22) and 28 March 2022 Council meeting (QWN015-22), it is anticipated that the technical report will be submitted to Council in the second half of 2022".

Can the General Manager provide an update on the timing of the submission of the technical report to Council?

OFFICER RESPONSE

1. Has the Acting General Manager received a reply to this correspondence from either Ms Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, or Ms Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians?

Response:

Council has not received a reply to its correspondence from either Ms Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, or Ms Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians.

Council has received a letter dated 11 October 2022 from the NP&WS advising that it has undertaken an initial review of the “Glenlee” property and found that while the property has values worthy of protection, it is not considered a high acquisition priority compared to other land across NSW currently on offer. The letter states that the Glenlee property is relatively small, situated in an urban landscape, and isolated from the exiting national parks estate with no realistic opportunity for connection to nearby NP&WS reserves.

2. Can the General Manager provide an update on the timing of the submission of the technical report to Council?

Response

As previously advised to Council on 28 February 2022 (QWN002-22), 28 March 2022 (QWN015-22) and 2 August 2022 (QWN034-22), prior to a submission of any technical report, the Georges River Open Space Expansion and Acquisition Plan is required to be completed. Council has received a draft report from the Consultants engaged to carry out the Open Space Expansion and Acquisition Plan and will be briefing Council on its contents before presenting it to Council in early 2023.

This Plan will provide Council with data/evidence on locations throughout the local government area where there is an existing shortfall of open space and where open space is required in the future to meet the demands of those areas that will experience higher densities of development and population growth.

This information will allow officers to determine if Lugarno will experience a shortfall of open space in the future and whether the Glenlee site could therefore be eligible for inclusion (under legislation) within a local contributions plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

