

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 22 April 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

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.

COUNCIL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPENING

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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL020-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL020-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes - Council Meeting 25 March 2024



MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 25 March 2024

7:00 PM

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Civic Centre

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihajapahar, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, 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

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva, Technology Services Officer Earl Santos, Manager City Operation Services - Hans Kludass (online), Chief Audit Executive - Steven Baker (online), Manager Premium Facilities - Luke Coleman (online) and Manager City Life - Margaret Le (online).

OPENING

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7:01pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Deputy Mayor, 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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

PRAYER

The General Manager, David Tuxford, offered a prayer to the meeting.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Deputy Mayor, 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 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

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the R2-FSPA area, being his principal place of residence. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has a property in the LGA zoned R2 and this item discusses proposed changes to the LEP that may have a pecuniary impact on all properties in R2 residential zones. This property is her principal place of residence. Councillor Borg has interest in a property in the LGA zoned R4, which is not her principal place of residence, however the proposed changes in this item have no pecuniary impact on this property. Councillor Borg made a special disclosure under clause 4.36 of the Code of Conduct for my principal place of residence. Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the R2-FSPA area, being his principal place of residence. This is a "housekeeping" amendment only. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that his principal place of residence is within the R2 Zone. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he is submitting this Special Interest Disclosure in accordance with Clause 4.35 of our Code of Conduct which allows him to involve himself in a planning matter as long as the matter relates to making a principle environmental instrument or an amendment, alteration or applying to the whole or a significant portion of the Council area and the pecuniary interest only arises from his ownership of his principal place of residence. Councillor Katris does not have any other property interest and his extended family and close family do not have any other interest in any other properties, whether through direct ownership or through a trust, apart from their principal place of residence. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that he is submitting this Special Interest Disclosure in accordance with Clause 4.35 of our Code of Conduct which allows him to involve himself in a planning matter as long as the matter relates to making a principal environmental instrument or an amendment, alteration or applying to the whole or a significant portion of the Council area and the pecuniary interest only arises from his ownership of his principal place of residence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: CCL021-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS008-24 to ASS009-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS008-24 to ASS009-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 8 April 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS008-24 OLDS PARK FIELD THREE PERIMETER FENCE
(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) That Council receive and note the request for a perimeter fence around Olds Park Field Three.
- (b) That Council declines the request for the installation of a perimeter fence around Olds Park Field Three for the reasons outlined in this report.
- (c) That Council officers investigate and identify an engineering solution for the drain, if required, that is currently located around Olds Park Field Three to reduce any safety risk.

ASS009-24 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2024
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2024 be adopted by Council.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/99148

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024



Item: CCL022-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM009-24 to COM012-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items COM009-24 to COM012-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 8 April 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COM009-24 QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PROPERTY REPORT - 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2024
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

COM010-24 OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP REQUEST GEORGES RIVER LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approve the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$10,000 to become a major sponsor of the 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards.

COM011-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL PUBLIC ART POLICY
(Report by Coordinator Cultural Services)

- (a) That Council approve the revised draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council on the feedback received during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy prior to adoption.

COM012-24 ADOPTION OF THE GEORGES RIVER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ACQUISITION AREA STRATEGY
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)


- (a) That Council adopts the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy.

- (b) That Council note all actions recommended within this technical report are subject to further detailed investigation by Council officers, allocation of future budget and subsequent Council approval.
- (c) That Council note that 430 submissions were opposed to the Strategy's recommendations for Council to explore partial reclamation of golf courses as one of the avenues to contribute to the shortfall for active open space within the LGA.
- (d) That Council acknowledge that it has no short or long term plans to explore partial reclamation of golf courses to increase open space.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/99150

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024

Item: CCL023-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for item ENV016-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for item ENV016-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 8 April 2024.


COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**ENV016-24 DRAFT PRINCIPAL CERTIFIER COMPLAINTS POLICY 2024**
(Report by Business Improvement Officer)

- (a) That the Council endorses the Draft Principal Certifier Complaints Policy 2024 for community consultation for a period of 60 days.
- (b) That a further report will be provided to Council following the exhibition period.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/99154

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#) 1  Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024

Item: CCL024-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN011-24 to FIN014-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN011-24 to FIN014-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 8 April 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN011-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 29 February 2024 be received and noted by Council.

FIN012-24 DRAFT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL POLICY AND SYSTEM
(Report by Head of Corporate Governance and Risk)

- (a) That Council approve the Fraud and Corruption Control System (Attachment 1) and Policy (Attachment 2) to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days and for the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to be provided an opportunity to review and comment.
- (b) That Council endorse for the Fraud and Corruption Control System (Attachment 1) and Policy (Attachment 2) to become effective after public exhibition if no submissions have been received.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes, if required.

FIN013-24 2023/24 HALF YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023
(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

- (a) That Council receive and note the half yearly progress report July 2023 - December 2023.
- (b) That Council endorse the delivery program and operational plan items recommended for cancellation, being placed on hold, or altered as detailed in Attachment 1.
- (c) That a copy of the half yearly progress report July 2023 – December 2023 be published on Council's website.

- (d) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes to the Half Yearly Progress Report prior to publishing on Council's website.

FIN014-24 ENHANCE THE REPORTING AND LOGGING OF COMMUNITY REQUESTS
(Report by Chief Information Officer)

- (a) That Council continue the use and promotion of 'Log It / Fix It' system as the primary method to lodge service requests with Council, incorporating customer feedback to:
- (i) Develop additional user guides to be added to the 'Log It / Fix It' portal to improve customer ease in lodgement of enquiries.
 - (ii) Review placement of the 'Log It / Fix It' on Council websites to increase usage of this primary method by customers.
 - (iii) Better manage customer expectations in reporting issues to Council, in reviewing the current terminology and branding of the 'Log It / Fix It' to 'Report It' or similar.
 - (iv) Assess and improve the usability of the Logit/Fix It on the Council website.
 - (v) Test the functionality of the user experience on a mobile device to ensure the interface is mobile friendly.
 - (vi) Improve multi lingual accessibility.
- (b) That Council evaluate the benefits and efficiencies associated with a customer response management system as part of the Enterprise System Review and includes the above improvements in the relevant scoping documents when it market tests.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/99162

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024



FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: CCL025-24 Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan, 2022 - 2026 Delivery Program and Updated Resourcing Strategy

Author: Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition the attached Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, being the Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan including the Draft Budget, Fees and Charges, Delivery Program and Resourcing Strategy, noting the proposed changes to the Delivery Program.
- (b) That the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be approved for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.
- (d) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the 2024/25 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges be presented to Council via a briefing, prior to the final adoption of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents at the June 2024 Council meeting.
- (e) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the 2024/25 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges be reported to the June 2024 Council meeting for consideration as part of the adoption of these documents.
- (f) That Council receive and note the financial sustainability risks, particularly in regard to increasing revenues and managing expenditure, to secure Council's long-term sustainability.
- (g) That Council approve the attached Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (h) That Council endorse the Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy to become effective after public exhibition, if no submissions have been received, and that the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments, if required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council is required to adopt its new Operational Plan before 30 June 2024.
2. Attachment 1 contains the draft 2024/25 Operational Plan including the 2022-2026 Delivery Program, the Draft Budget and Fees and Charges.
3. Attachment 2 is the updated Resourcing Strategy which includes updates to the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and Digital Resource Management Plan.
4. Attachment 3 contains the draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy.

BACKGROUND

5. Section 405 of the *Local Government Act* (1993) requires Council to adopt an Operational Plan before the beginning of each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken that year as part of the Delivery Program.
6. The draft Operational Plan must be publicly exhibited for at least 28 days.
7. Consistent with the annual approach, officers have provided Councillors with three extensive budget workshops on the proposed budget over the last two months. Workshops have included: Budget Strategy, Capital Works Program, the Long-Term Financial Plan, Operational Budget, and Fees and Charges. All feedback will continue to be collated as per the exhibition period and considered in June 2024, prior to final adoption.

CHANGES TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM

8. A number of changes have been made to the Delivery Program to show projects completed in 2023/24, make corrections to project and position titles, remove duplicated items and improve descriptions of tasks and performance indicators. A number of ongoing tasks have also been omitted as they are carried out as part of normal Council operations.

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Proposed Changes to Delivery Program/Operational Plan

Proposed Change	Pillar	Goal	Strategy	DP Outcome	Action
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.1 - Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.	1.1.1A - Implement an annual program of Council run and Council supported events.	1.1.1Ai Implement an annual calendar of destination and localised events.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.1 - Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.	1.1.1B - Develop and implement the Georges River Council Event Strategy 2022 – 2027.	1.1.1Bi Implement the Georges River Council Events and Festivals Charter.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.1 - Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.	1.1.1B - Develop and implement the Georges River Council Event Strategy 2022 – 2027.	1.1.1Bii Develop and deliver workshops to build capacity within the community on Council's Events and Festivals Charter, Event Guide and Event Toolkit.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.1 - Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.	1.1.1C - Maximise the utility of Netstrata Jubilee as a venue for Council's major events.	1.1.1Ci Engage planning consultant to initiate DA to extend the event program at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium to include entertainment, cultural and community events.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.1 - Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.	1.1.1C - Maximise the utility of Netstrata Jubilee as a venue for Council's major events.	1.1.1Cii Finalise POM to enable lodging of DA to stage other major events at the venue.

New Wording	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.1 - Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.	1.1.1C - Maximise the utility of Netstrata Jubilee as a venue for Council's major events.	1.1.1Ciii Promote and market the venue to video and film production company and establish branding and operation of the functions and events business at the stadium
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.2 - Foster and support programs and installations such as Art Trails and Public Art that celebrate diversity, our multicultural community, supports innovation and creativity and contributes to the creative economy.	1.1.2A - Provide a range of programs such as the Georges River Art Prize and the Artist in Residence Program.	1.1.2Ai Deliver Georges River Art Prize and Artist in Residence Program.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.2 - Foster and support programs and installations such as Art Trails and Public Art that celebrate diversity, our multicultural community, supports innovation and creativity and contributes to the creative economy.	1.1.2A - Provide a range of programs such as the Georges River Art Prize and the Artist in Residence Program.	1.1.2Aii Deliver a range of public art and cultural programs.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.3 - Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background.	1.1.3A - Develop and Implement social justice strategies to build the social strengths of the Georges River community.	1.1.3Ai Implement the Social Justice Charter Plan for Georges River Council.
This is removed as it is now incorporated in 1.1.3Ai	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.3 - Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background.	1.1.3A - Develop and Implement social justice strategies to build the social strengths of the Georges River community.	1.1.3Aii Consult with the community to deliver Council's Antiracism campaign "Better Together".
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.3 - Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background.	1.1.3A - Develop and Implement social justice strategies to build the social strengths of the Georges River community.	1.1.3Aiii Develop the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.3 - Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background.	1.1.3A - Develop and Implement social justice strategies to build the social strengths of the Georges River community.	1.1.3Aiv Implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy Action Plan

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Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.3 - Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background.	1.1.3B - Develop and implement the Georges River Council Disability and Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026.	1.1.3Bi Implement the Georges River Council Disability and Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.4 - Provide high quality, affordable education, care and protection for children across Council's Early Learning Centres.	1.1.4A - Implement the 2021-2031 Early Learning Services Strategy to meet the educational and care needs of children and their families.	1.1.4Ai Implement the Child and Staff Wellbeing Action Plan.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.4 - Provide high quality, affordable education, care and protection for children across Council's Early Learning Centres.	1.1.4A - Implement the 2021-2031 Early Learning Services Strategy to meet the educational and care needs of children and their families.	1.1.4Aii Implement Council's Child Protection Action Plan.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.4 - Provide high quality, affordable education, care and protection for children across Council's Early Learning Centres.	1.1.4A - Implement the 2021-2031 Early Learning Services Strategy to meet the educational and care needs of children and their families.	1.1.4Aiii Implement the Early Learning Services Strategy.
This is to be removed as this action will be completed 2023/24.	1 - Our community	1.1 - Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.	1.1.4 - Provide high quality, affordable education, care and protection for children across Council's Early Learning Centres.	1.1.4A - Implement the 2021-2031 Early Learning Services Strategy to meet the educational and care needs of children and their families.	1.1.4Aiv Review demand for an additional needs early learning centre.;
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.1 - Develop our library services to provide for inclusive hubs, spaces and services, collections, programs and facilities.	1.2.1A - Implement the 2030 Library Strategy to improve service delivery, technology, collections, information services, community engagement and programs.	1.2.1Ai Investigate innovative ways to provide library services to the western half of the Georges River Local Government Area.
Placed on hold due to building constraints.	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.1 - Develop our library services to provide for inclusive hubs, spaces and services, collections, programs and facilities.	1.2.1A - Implement the 2030 Library Strategy to improve service delivery, technology, collections, information services, community engagement and programs.	1.2.1Aii Activate the reading and sensory garden at Hurstville Library through programs and other community engagement.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.1 - Develop our library services to provide for inclusive hubs, spaces and services, collections, programs and facilities.	1.2.1A - Implement the 2030 Library Strategy to improve service delivery, technology, collections, information services, community engagement and programs.	1.2.1Aiii Deliver library services that reflect the diverse community of Georges River to facilitate cross-cultural communication, collaboration, mutual understanding and inclusion.

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New Wording	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.1 - Develop our library services to provide for inclusive hubs, spaces and services, collections, programs and facilities.	1.2.1A - Implement the 2030 Library Strategy to improve service delivery, technology, collections, information services, community engagement and programs.	1.2.1Aiv Develop partnerships with the community, specialists and other organisations to support the delivery of programs and collections.
Rolled Over	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.1 - Develop our library services to provide for inclusive hubs, spaces and services, collections, programs and facilities.	1.2.1A - Implement the 2030 Library Strategy to improve service delivery, technology, collections, information services, community engagement and programs.	1.2.1Av Continue to implement and review the Georges River Library Debt Recovery and Management Plan.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.2 - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities and community hubs for community-based activities.	1.2.2A - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities for community based activities.	1.2.2Ai Maintain and provide for hire community properties across the Georges River Local Government Area.
Remove - This has a dependency on 6.1.1Bi	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.2 - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities and community hubs for community-based activities.	1.2.2A - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities for community based activities.	1.2.2Aii Deliver actions identified in the Venue and Facilities Management Review.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.2 - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities and community hubs for community-based activities.	1.2.2A - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities for community based activities.	1.2.2Aiii Deliver actions identified in the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy (CINAAS).
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.2 - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities and community hubs for community-based activities.	1.2.2B - Create community spaces to deliver enhanced programs and experiences for community members.	1.2.2Bi Create a multi-functional, accessible and flexible programming space.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.2 - Provide a range of affordable and accessible facilities and community hubs for community-based activities.	1.2.2B - Create community spaces to deliver enhanced programs and experiences for community members.	1.2.2Bii Provide opportunities for the community to engage with the Library and Hurstville Museum & Gallery outside Council buildings through outreach, online and delivery services.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.3 - Encourage and promote the arts and creativity through Council's cultural facilities including Hurstville Museum & Gallery, Hurstville Entertainment Centre and Carss Park Artists Cottage.	1.2.3A - Implement the Create Georges River Cultural Strategy to support our community's cultural activities and initiatives.	1.2.3Ai Implement the Create Georges River Cultural Strategy to support and strengthen our community's cultural activities and initiatives.

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Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.3 - Encourage and promote the arts and creativity through Council's cultural facilities including Hurstville Museum & Gallery, Hurstville Entertainment Centre and Carss Park Artists Cottage.	1.2.3A - Implement the Create Georges River Cultural Strategy to support our community's cultural activities and initiatives.	1.2.3Aii Increase the profile of Hurstville Museum & Gallery through the implementation of a comprehensive and diverse program of exhibitions and events.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.2 - Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained and have equitable access.	1.2.3 - Encourage and promote the arts and creativity through Council's cultural facilities including Hurstville Museum & Gallery, Hurstville Entertainment Centre and Carss Park Artists Cottage.	1.2.3A - Implement the Create Georges River Cultural Strategy to support our community's cultural activities and initiatives.	1.2.3Aiii Establish and increase the profile of the creative studio in Merv Lynch Reserve.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.3 - The community is safe and healthy.	1.3.1 - Implement actions to maintain and promote the community safety of our area.	1.3.1A - Increase community and road safety in Georges River Local Government Area.	1.3.1Ai Deliver the 2024/25 Traffic and Transport Program and scope 25/26 Program
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.3 - The community is safe and healthy.	1.3.1 - Implement actions to maintain and promote the community safety of our area.	1.3.1A - Increase community and road safety in Georges River Local Government Area.	1.3.1Aii Review the pilot of the Community Safety Program.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.3 - The community is safe and healthy.	1.3.1 - Implement actions to maintain and promote the community safety of our area.	1.3.1B - Investigate systems to improve public safety and accessibility.	1.3.1Bi Implement annual program of funded initiatives to upgrade councils security and CCTV systems to improve public safety and accessibility.
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.3 - The community is safe and healthy.	1.3.2 - Conduct regulatory functions in accordance with legislative requirements.	1.3.2A - Adopt and implement a Fire Safety Program that maintains buildings with essential fire services to safeguard the community.	1.3.2Ai Implement actions to ensure compliance with the directions set by the NSW State Government relating to external combustible cladding and Council's Fire Safety Audit.
Rolled over	1 - Our community	1.3 - The community is safe and healthy.	1.3.2 - Conduct regulatory functions in accordance with legislative requirements.	1.3.2B - Liaise with the NSW Government and relevant stakeholders to keep up-to-date with legislative changes around regulatory functions.	1.3.2Bi Implement the 2024/25 regulatory programs to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation and to address community safety concerns
New Wording. Previous action is corrected.	1 - Our community	1.3 - The community is safe and healthy.	1.3.2 - Conduct regulatory functions in accordance with legislative requirements.	1.3.2C - Implement programs relating to food premises, skin penetration premises and regulated systems	1.3.2Ci Establish an ongoing Public Health program, including skin penetration, regulated system and public swimming program to promote community's health and safety

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New Wording	1 - Our community	1.4 - Georges River area heritage and history is protected.	1.4.1 - Encourage and promote heritage and history through collections, programs, heritage trails and protection policies.	1.4.1A - Promote the retention and conservation of heritage items within the Georges River Local Government Area.	1.4.1Ai Undertake a heritage study to review the heritage items in the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 and identify any potential new items across the whole Georges River LGA. (Subject to a Budget Bid for FY24/25) Conduct a 2024/25 Heritage Building Grants Program (Subject to a Budget Bid for FY24/25)
New Wording	1 - Our community	1.4 - Georges River area heritage and history is protected.	1.4.1 - Encourage and promote heritage and history through collections, programs, heritage trails and protection policies.	1.4.1A - Promote the retention and conservation of heritage items within the Georges River Local Government Area.	1.4.1Aii Review heritage controls in the Georges River Development Control Plan 2021. (Note this has commenced in March 2024 and I have budget in current FY 23/24) Conduct a heritage information session for owners of heritage listed properties (Subject to a Budget Bid for FY24/25 for the Heritage Grants)
Rolled over (Subject to budget bid)	2 - Our green environment	2.1 - Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment.	2.1.1 - Prepare the Georges River area to be resilient in addressing climate change and reducing energy and water usage.	2.1.1A - Implement the Resilience Action Plan 2022- 2040 for Council services.	2.1.1Ai Report on the implementation progress of the Environmental Resilience Action Plan 2022 - 2040. <i>*The implementation of the Plan is subject to a Budget Bid for FY24/25.</i>
Rolled over	2 - Our green environment	2.1 - Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment.	2.1.1 - Prepare the Georges River area to be resilient in addressing climate change and reducing energy and water usage.	2.1.1B - Undertake programs and activities to educate the community on reducing energy consumption, protecting waterways, reducing waste and taking other action to improve the environment, with a focus on climate change projects	2.1.1Bi Implement activities to educate the community on reducing energy consumption and protecting the environment.
Rolled over (Subject to budget bid)	2 - Our green environment	2.1 - Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment.	2.1.2 - Ensure waste is managed as a resource with minimal impacts from its disposal.	2.1.2A - Implement the Waste Strategy 2021-2040.	2.1.2Ai Report on the implementation progress of the Waste Strategy 2021-2040. <i>*The implementation of the Strategy is subject to a Budget Bid for FY24/25.</i>

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Rolled over	2 - Our green environment	2.1 - Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment.	2.1.2 - Ensure waste is managed as a resource with minimal impacts from its disposal.	2.1.2B - Deliver community education initiatives to support environmentally sustainable waste disposal and recycling practices.	2.1.2Bi Implement the annual Waste Education Program.
New Wording	2 - Our green environment	2.1 - Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment.	2.1.3 - Prepare for natural disasters such as bushfires and extreme weather events.	2.1.3A - Maintain and implement the Georges River Local Emergency Management Plan in collaboration with the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC).	2.1.3Ai Continue to drive increased greening and creation/ improvement of open space in our town centres.
New Wording	2 - Our green environment	2.1 - Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment.	2.1.3 - Prepare for natural disasters such as bushfires and extreme weather events.	2.1.3A - Maintain and implement the Georges River Local Emergency Management Plan in collaboration with the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC).	2.1.3Aii Commence design of active transport and micro mobility routes within the LGA
New Wording (Subject to budget bid)	2 - Our green environment	2.2 - Our waterways are healthy and accessible.	2.2.1 - Protect the Georges River and waterways to be clean and naturalised.	2.2.1A - Represent Council's ambitions for the Georges River through the GRCCC.	2.2.1Ai Support the GRCCC on an ongoing basis to progress joint programs for the benefit of the Georges River. <i>*The support for GRCCC is subject to a Budget Bid for FY24/25.</i>
New Wording	2 - Our green environment	2.2 - Our waterways are healthy and accessible.	2.2.2 - Maintain and implement strategies to provide access to our waterways	2.2.2A - Implement the recommendations of the Foreshore Scenic Character Review into the Georges River Local Environmental Plan.	2.2.2Ai Prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the Georges River LEP to introduce biodiversity and character provisions.
New Wording	2 - Our green environment	2.2 - Our waterways are healthy and accessible.	2.2.2 - Maintain and implement strategies to provide access to our waterways	2.2.2B - Maintain Council's marine and foreshore assets to be functional and safe.	2.2.2Bi Prioritise and scope for open space and recreation asset renewals, rationalisation and upgrades based on the findings of Councils strategies
New Wording	2 - Our green environment	2.3 - Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.	2.3.1 - Increase and promote our tree canopy, shrubs and bushland coverage.	2.3.1A - Provide appropriate and responsive management of current and future tree assets within the Georges River Local Government Area.	2.3.1Ai Scope a program of increased cycling opportunities across the Georges River Local Government Area.
New Wording	2 - Our green environment	2.3 - Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.	2.3.1 - Increase and promote our tree canopy, shrubs and bushland coverage.	2.3.1A - Provide appropriate and responsive management of current and future tree assets within the Georges River Local Government Area.	2.3.1Aii Implement the 10 year Asset Management Plans including their improvement programs
New Wording	2 - Our green environment	2.3 - Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.	2.3.1 - Increase and promote our tree canopy, shrubs and bushland coverage.	2.3.1A - Provide appropriate and responsive management of current and future tree assets within the Georges	2.3.1Aiii Maintain the Significant Tree Register for the LGA.

				River Local Government Area.	
Rolled over	2 - Our green environment	2.3 - Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.	2.3.2 - Protect and reinstate our biodiversity, including endemic flora and fauna	2.3.2A - Implement Council's Bush Regeneration Program to protect, conserve and enhance the natural environment.	2.3.2Ai Implement the 2024/25 Bush Regeneration Program.
Rolled over (Subject to provision of funding)	2 - Our green environment	2.3 - Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.	2.3.2 - Protect and reinstate our biodiversity, including endemic flora and fauna	2.3.2A - Implement Council's Bush Regeneration Program to protect, conserve and enhance the natural environment.	2.3.2Aii Implement the high priority recommendations of the Biodiversity Study 2021 including preparing a Biodiversity Strategy. <i>* The implementation of the Study is subject to the provision of funding.</i>
New Wording	3 - Our economy	3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.	3.1.1 - Support local businesses to help protect jobs and create employment opportunities	3.1.1A - Promote effective economic development initiatives that benefit the Georges River Local Government Area.	3.1.1Ai Advocacy. To implement the Advocacy Impact Plan through targeted and strategic advocacy initiatives, including the maintenance of an Advocacy Register for the organisation.
New Wording	3 - Our economy	3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.	3.1.2 - Encourage the Night Time Economy, particularly in Hurstville, Beverly Hills and Kogarah, to grow.	3.1.2A - Deliver programs to activate and increase the night time economy in town centres	3.1.2A Place-making / street activation. To implement the Places We Love and Open Street NSW Government Grants to increase street activation and drive new night time economy opportunities in the Georges River LGA.
New Wording	3 - Our economy	3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.	3.1.3 - Target economic development in key locations and sectors within the local government area	3.1.3A - Actively participate with State agencies and Bayside Council to achieve the ambitions for the Kogarah Health and Research Hub Collaboration Area.	3.1.1Ai Economic Leadership Group. To facilitate three meetings of the Georges River Economic Leadership Group that enables genuine and authentic engagement the preparation of the next Georges River Economic Development Strategy.
New Wording	3 - Our economy	3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.	3.1.3 - Target economic development in key locations and sectors within the local government area	3.1.3B - Prepare and implement an action plan to market the Georges River Local Government Area's investment opportunities.	Sydney's Connected Community. To deliver a comprehensive and integrated campaign, "Sydney's Connected Community" to an audience across the Sydney Metropolitan Region.

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Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy).	3 - Our economy	3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.	3.1.3 - Target economic development in key locations and sectors within the local government area	3 - Our economy 3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow. 3.1.3 - Target economic development in key locations and sectors within the local government area 3.1.3C - Maximise the Potential of the Kogarah Health and Research Hub	3.1.3Ci Implement, promote and market the Kogarah Investment Attraction Strategy to grow the Kogarah Health and Education Precinct.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy) and 3.1.2Ai (Placemaking)	3 - Our economy	3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.	3.1.3 - Target economic development in key locations and sectors within the local government area	3.1.3D - Build the cultural identity of Hurstville CBD as the Heart of the City	3.1.3Di Continue to build and promote the identity of Hurstville as the 'Heart of the City'.
Rolled Over	3 - Our economy	3.2 - Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities.	3.2.1 - Provide regular maintenance and cleansing of town centres and public toilets.	3.2.1A - Maintain Council's green open space and town centres to be functional and safe.	3.2.1Ai Undertake programmed and reactive cleansing, sportsfields and parks maintenance of Council's green open spaces and town centres.
Incorporated into 3.1.2Ai (Placemaking)	3 - Our economy	3.2 - Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities.	3.2.2 - Encourage and support targeted, place-based events and activities to activate town centres.	3.2.2A - Work with other directorates and teams to implement, promote and market long term place-based initiatives.	3.2.2Ai Continue to implement place-based public domain initiatives across the Georges River Local Government Area.
Rolled Over	3 - Our economy	3.2 - Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities.	3.2.3 - Implement greening and planting strategies in town centres	3.2.3A - Assist and promote the greening and creation of open space in our town centres.	3.2.3Ai Continue to drive increased greening and creation/ improvement of open space in our town centres.
New Wording (Subject to funding)	3 - Our economy	3.2 - Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities.	3.2.4 - Protect employment growth and services during land rezoning processes.	3.2.4A - Implement the recommendations of the Commercial Centres Strategy.	3.2.4Ai Continue the work of the Commercial Centres Strategy for all centres within the Georges River Local Government Area (Part 2). <i>* The implementation of the project is subject to funding in the FY24/25 budget.</i>
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy).	3 - Our economy	3.3 - Georges River is a 30 minute city.	3.3.1 - Advocate to the NSW Government to support Georges River as a 30 minute city.	3.3.1A - Advancement of the 'River Rail' through the identification of and protection of infrastructure corridors with Transport for NSW.	3.3.1Ai Prepare a business case for the 'River Rail' (Kogarah to Parramatta rail link).

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Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy).	3 - Our economy	3.3 - Georges River is a 30 minute city.	3.3.1 - Advocate to the NSW Government to support Georges River as a 30 minute city.	3.3.1B - Influence the next iteration of district and metropolitan planning, with recognition of the untapped potential of the Southern Aerotropolis	3.3.1Bi Advocate for the acknowledgement of and investment in the Southern Aerotropolis through a NSW Government -led vision and plan in collaboration with local councils and key stakeholders.
Rolled Over (Subject to funding)	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.1 - Prepare Development Control Plans and Master Plans to guide liveable development and amenity.	4.1.1A - Complete a Master Plan for Beverly Hills and Mortdale that will revitalise the centre and respond to the community's ideas and aspirations for the future of the centre.	4.1.1Ai Finalise the Master Plan for the Beverly Hills Town Centre. <i>* The implementation of the project is subject to funding in the FY24/25 budget.</i>
New Wording (Subject to funding)	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.1 - Prepare Development Control Plans and Master Plans to guide liveable development and amenity.	4.1.1B - Prepare a Master Plan for the Riverwood Local Centre in association with the Riverwood community and Canterbury-Bankstown Council.	4.1.1Bi Commence the preparation of an update to the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement. <i>* The project is subject to funding in the FY24/25 budget.</i>
This is no longer required as the amendment covering the Hurstville Civic centre has been gazetted.	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.1 - Prepare Development Control Plans and Master Plans to guide liveable development and amenity.	4.1.1C - Include the Hurstville Civic Centre site in the Georges River Local Environment al Plan 2021.	4.1.1Ci Finalise the rezoning of the Hurstville Civic Centre site.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.1 - Prepare Development Control Plans and Master Plans to guide liveable development and amenity.	4.1.1D - Develop and implement planning controls to protect the scenic character of the foreshore.	4.1.1Di Prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the Georges River LEP to introduce biodiversity and character provisions.
This has been removed as it is the same as 4.1.1Di	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.1 - Prepare Development Control Plans and Master Plans to guide liveable development and amenity.	4.1.1D - Develop and implement planning controls to protect the scenic character of the foreshore.	4.1.1Dii Prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the Georges River LEP to introduce biodiversity and character provisions.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.2 - Undertake rigorous assessment of development applications (DAs) by Council staff, local planning panel and Sydney South Planning Panel.	4.1.2A - Monitor and standardise DA assessment reports and templates.	4.1.2Ai Ensure report templates continue to reflect current planning controls and peer review processes.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.2 - Undertake rigorous assessment of development applications (DAs) by Council staff, local planning panel and Sydney South Planning Panel.	4.1.2A - Monitor and standardise DA assessment reports and templates.	4.1.2Aii Ensure templates are up to date and reflect any legislative changes and maintain peer review processes.

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New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.2 - Undertake rigorous assessment of development applications (DAs) by Council staff, local planning panel and Sydney South Planning Panel.	4.1.2B - Provide ongoing education to the community about controls to the development and building approval processes.	4.1.2Bi Hold community information session on planning development and building sessions and ensure website is up to date.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.1 - New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable	4.1.2 - Undertake rigorous assessment of development applications (DAs) by Council staff, local planning panel and Sydney South Planning Panel.	4.1.2B - Provide ongoing education to the community about controls to the development and building approval processes.	4.1.2Bii Provide and maintain to date self-help information on Council website.
New Wording (Subject to funding)	4 - Our built environment	4.2 - Affordable and quality housing options are available.	4.2.1 - Develop policies that encourage a greater supply of housing diversity and choice.	4.2.1A - Develop and implement an Affordable Rental Housing Scheme.	4.2.1Ai Continue with the development of an Affordable Contributions Housing Scheme that applies to the Georges River LGA. <i>* The implementation of the project is subject to funding in the FY24/25 budget.</i>
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.2 - Affordable and quality housing options are available.	4.2.1 - Develop policies that encourage a greater supply of housing diversity and choice.	4.2.1B - Provide affordable housing in one of Council's redevelopments.	4.2.1Bi Investigate Hurstville Civic Precinct for the provision of affordable housing.
New Wording	5 - Our built environment	4.2 - Affordable and quality housing options are available.	4.2.1 - Develop policies that encourage a greater supply of housing diversity and choice.	4.2.1B - Provide affordable housing in one of Council's redevelopments.	4.2.1Bii Prepare an overview of the requirements to acquire residential property for the provision of affordable housing.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy).	4 - Our built environment	4.3 - There are a range of transport options and increased walkability and cycling to connect people, goods and businesses.	4.3.1 - Provide expert advice and lobby the State Government to provide and improve public transport options such as train and bus services	4.3.1A - Pursue State Government priority for express trains on the T4 line stop at Kogarah and T8 line to the CBD, the River Rail and Hurstville (or Kogarah) to Macquarie Park via Rhodes (through Burwood or Strathfield) rail line.	4.3.1Ai Continue to lobby Transport for NSW and the Minister for Transport for improved public transport options.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy).	4 - Our built environment	4.3 - There are a range of transport options and increased walkability and cycling to connect people, goods and businesses.	4.3.1 - Provide expert advice and lobby the State Government to provide and improve public transport options such as train and bus services	4.3.1A - Pursue State Government priority for express trains on the T4 line stop at Kogarah and T8 line to the CBD, the River Rail and Hurstville (or Kogarah) to Macquarie Park via Rhodes (through Burwood or Strathfield) rail line.	4.3.1Aii Conduct economic modelling to explore the viability of reinstating train services to Kogarah in peak periods.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.3 - There are a range of transport options and increased walkability and cycling to connect people, goods and businesses.	4.3.2 - Plan for, improve and maintain safe and connected footpaths and cycleways	4.3.2A - Maintain Council's footpath network to be functional and safe.	4.3.2Ai Undertake programmed capital and reactive maintenance works of Council's footpath assets.

New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.3 - There are a range of transport options and increased walkability and cycling to connect people, goods and businesses.	4.3.2 - Plan for, improve and maintain safe and connected footpaths and cycleways	4.3.2B - Continue to maintain Council's walkways and cycleways to be functional and safe.	4.3.2Bi Commence design of active transport and micro mobility routes within the LGA
Rolled over	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.1 - Ensure public parks, open space and Council buildings are accessible, well maintained and managed.	4.4.1A - Maintain Council's buildings and open space to be functional and safe.	4.4.1Ai Undertake programme and reactive maintenance works of Council's buildings.
Rolled over	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.1 - Ensure public parks, open space and Council buildings are accessible, well maintained and managed.	4.4.1B - Incorporate design principles for parks and open spaces that promote resilience.	4.4.1Bi Ensure that design principles that promote resilience are incorporated into plans for open space.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.1 - Ensure public parks, open space and Council buildings are accessible, well maintained and managed.	4.4.1C - Implement the GRC Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy.	4.4.1Ci Prioritise and scope for open space and recreation asset renewals, rationalisation and upgrades based on the findings of Councils strategies
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.1 - Ensure public parks, open space and Council buildings are accessible, well maintained and managed.	4.4.1C - Implement the GRC Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy.	4.4.1Cii Assist the State Government to develop Business Cases, Designs and Development consent for a new Aquatic Facility
Rolled Over	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.1 - Ensure public parks, open space and Council buildings are accessible, well maintained and managed.	4.4.1C - Implement the GRC Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy.	4.4.1Ciii Implement the 2024/25 Recreational and Open Space Capital Works Program
Delete as this will be completed 2023/24.	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.2 - Plan and provide active and passive recreation including skate parks, aquatic facilities and off road biking opportunities.	4.4.2A - Research and plan for active and passive recreation opportunities within the Georges River Local Government Area.	4.4.2Ai Undertake detailed design for a skate and BMX facility at Olds Park.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.2 - Plan and provide active and passive recreation including skate parks, aquatic facilities and off road biking opportunities.	4.4.2A - Research and plan for active and passive recreation opportunities within the Georges River Local Government Area.	4.4.2Aii Scope a program of increased cycling opportunities across the Georges River Local Government Area.

New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.2 - Plan and provide active and passive recreation including skate parks, aquatic facilities and off road biking opportunities.	4.4.2B - Progress the construction of a new aquatic facility in the LGA.	4.4.2Bi Assist the State Government to develop Business Cases, Designs and Development consent for a new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park.
New Wording 4.4.2Bii is a duplicate action to 4.4.2Bi therefore is removed.	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.2 - Plan and provide active and passive recreation including skate parks, aquatic facilities and off road biking opportunities.	4.4.2B - Progress the construction of a new aquatic facility in the LGA.	4.4.2Bii Assist the State Government to develop Business Cases, Designs and Development consent for a new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park.
Rolled over (Subject to funding)	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.3 - Review Plans of Management for all open space in the local government area.	4.4.3A - Ensure our parks and reserves have updated Plans of Management and Master Plans	4.4.3Ai Continue the Plans of Management for Crown Lands in accordance with the Crown Land Management Act. <i>* The continuation of work on this project is subject to funding in the FY24/25 budget.</i>
New Wording (Subject to funding)	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.3 - Review Plans of Management for all open space in the local government area.	4.4.3A - Ensure our parks and reserves have updated Plans of Management and Master Plans	4.4.3Aii Prepare the Plan of Management and Master Plan for Carss Bush Park and Todd Park. <i>* The continuation of work on this project is subject to funding in the FY24/25 budget.</i>
New Wording (Subject to funding)	4 - Our built environment	4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities	4.4.3 - Review Plans of Management for all open space in the local government area.	4.4.3A - Ensure our parks and reserves have updated Plans of Management and Master Plans	4.4.3Aiii Commence the Plan of Management and Master Plan for the Jubilee Stadium Precinct. <i>* The continuation of work on this project is subject to funding in the FY24/25 budget.</i>
Rolled over	4 - Our built environment	4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.	4.5.1 - Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA	4.5.1A - Plan for and implement a purchasing program for property requiring compulsory acquisition in the comprehensive LEP	4.5.1Ai Acquire land for open space purposes as identified in the Local Environmental Plan.
Rolled over	4 - Our built environment	4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.	4.5.1 - Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA	4.5.1B - Achieve service delivery outcomes through a 10 year Capital Works Program driven by Council Strategies.	4.5.1Bi Implement the 2024/25 Sportsfield Renovation Program.
Rolled over	4 - Our built environment	4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.	4.5.1 - Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA	4.5.1B - Achieve service delivery outcomes through a 10 year Capital Works Program driven by Council Strategies.	4.5.1Bii Deliver the 2024/25 Critical Safety and Asset Renewal Program.

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New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.	4.5.1 - Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA	4.5.1B - Achieve service delivery outcomes through a 10 year Capital Works Program driven by Council Strategies.	4.5.1Bill Deliver the 2024/25 Road Renewal Program.
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.	4.5.1 - Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA	4.5.1C - Deliver Asset Management Plans for each Asset Class (Roads, Buildings, Open Space and Stormwater) which plan for the long term sustainability of Council's Infrastructure assets.	4.5.1Ci Implement the 10 year Asset Management Plans including their improvement program
New Wording	4 - Our built environment	4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.	4.5.1 - Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA	4.5.1D - Provide new and upgraded community assets such as new library services to the western part of our LGA.	4.5.1Di Implement the actions from the Georges River Libraries Feasibility Study.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy) and 3.1.3Bi (Sydney's Connected Community").	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.1 - Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.	5.1.1 - Promote Georges River as a place for innovation and collaboration and a desirable location for government and private investment.	5.1.1A - Explore the viability of a university precinct in Georges River Local Government Area and new investment from government and private enterprise to increase the region's competitiveness as a place for investment and innovation.	5.1.1Ai Develop an investment prospectus for the whole Georges River Local Government Area.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy) and 3.1.3Bi (Sydney's Connected Community").	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.1 - Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.	5.1.1 - Promote Georges River as a place for innovation and collaboration and a desirable location for government and private investment.	5.1.1A - Explore the viability of a university precinct in Georges River Local Government Area and new investment from government and private enterprise to increase the region's competitiveness as a place for investment and innovation.	5.1.1Aii Local business. To provide a suite of resources, information and events to support local businesses to be innovative and grow.
Incorporated into 3.1.2Ai (Placemaking)	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.1 - Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.	5.1.1 - Promote Georges River as a place for innovation and collaboration and a desirable location for government and private investment.	5.1.1A - Explore the viability of a university precinct in Georges River Local Government Area and new investment from government and private enterprise to increase the region's competitiveness as a place for investment and innovation.	5.1.1Aiii Implement grant projects that improve place, especially in key employment centres.
New Wording	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.1 - Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.	5.1.2 - Provide positive experiences across all customer interactions for our community and visitors.	5.1.2A - Improve consistency and reliability of service across all customer contact channels.	5.1.2Ai Expand availability and range of self-service options for customers.

5.1.2Aii has been incorporated in other Communication & Engagement actions.	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.1 - Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.	5.1.2 - Provide positive experiences across all customer interactions for our community and visitors.	5.1.2A - Improve consistency and reliability of service across all customer contact channels.	5.1.2Aii - Establish a new baseline for Georges River website engagement and accessibility utilising new and existing analytics tools.
Addition	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.1 - Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.	5.1.2 - Provide positive experiences across all customer interactions for our community and visitors.	5.1.2A - Improve consistency and reliability of service across all customer contact channels.	5.1.2Aiii Develop and deliver role-specific customer experience training and mentoring for all Council staff to support a customer-centric culture.
Addition	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.1 - Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience.	5.1.2 - Provide positive experiences across all customer interactions for our community and visitors.	5.1.2A - Improve consistency and reliability of service across all customer contact channels.	5.1.2Aiv Identify and implement improved methods for community members to contact Council and provide feedback.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy)	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.2 - The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area.	5.2.1 - Advocate to all levels of government to ensure critical infrastructure accompanies residential and employment growth.	5.2.1A - Develop an advocacy strategy that identifies how Georges River Council can influence government policy and secure government investment in the Georges River Local Government Area.	5.2.1Ai Implement an Advocacy Program to raise Council's reputation/profile and ultimately influence government policy to secure government investment in the Georges River Local Government Area.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy)	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.2 - The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area.	5.2.1 - Advocate to all levels of government to ensure critical infrastructure accompanies residential and employment growth.	5.2.1B - Work with neighbouring councils to facilitate major projects with long-term delivery timeframes	5.2.1Bi Develop strategic partnerships to influence key government policy and bring investment to the Georges Local Government Area.
Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy)	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.2 - The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area.	5.2.1 - Advocate to all levels of government to ensure critical infrastructure accompanies residential and employment growth.	5.2.1B - Work with neighbouring councils to facilitate major projects with long-term delivery timeframes	5.2.1Bii Deliver an engagement program for city and council advocacy.
Rolled over	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.2 - The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area.	5.2.2 - Investigate the opportunities for government land and shared facilities being used for open space and other uses e.g. schools and health.	5.2.2A - Develop an engagement program for services and facilities where regional collaboration would assist in their delivery, including those identified in the GRC Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy.	5.2.2Ai Continue with shared and joint use program with Department of Education
Incorporated into 3.1.3Bi (Sydney's Connected Community").	5 - Our place in Sydney	5.3 - Georges River is known for being environmentally and culturally rich and enhances its metropolitan position as a destination for people and business.	5.3.1 - Demonstrate our environmental and cultural riches through policies, programs and projects to showcase and immerse our residents and visitors in our lifestyle.	5.3.1A - Develop and build a brand and identity for the local government area.	5.3.1Ai Continue to develop and build a brand and identity for the Georges River Local Government Area.

Incorporated into 3.1.1Ai (Advocacy)	6 - Our place in Sydney	5.3 - Georges River is known for being environmentally and culturally rich and enhances its metropolitan position as a destination for people and business.	5.3.1 - Demonstrate our environmental and cultural riches through policies, programs and projects to showcase and immerse our residents and visitors in our lifestyle.	5.3.1B - Establish Council's reputation as a leading local government organisation	5.3.1Bi Develop strategic partnerships and influence key government policy to bring investment into the Georges River Local Government Area.
Incorporated into Communication & Engagement actions.	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1A - Embed a culture of continuous improvement where we use the feedback provided by the community to improve our programs and services.	6.1.1Ai Undertake the biannual community satisfaction survey and provide results to managers and the Executive team for action.
New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1B - Develop a service delivery review program of Council's services	6.1.1Bi Develop an ongoing service review program roadmap.
6.1.1Bii has been removed until an organization review 6.1.1Bi has been conducted.	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1B - Develop a service delivery review program of Council's services	6.1.1Bii Conduct an organisation wide review of Council services including commercial property, paid parking and premium facilities.
Incorporated with 6.1.1Fi	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1C -Embed Council's Engagement Strategy as an overarching process for all Council's engagement activity.	6.1.1Ci Maintain on Your Say a community facing dashboard on engagement activity.
Rolled over	7 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1C -Embed Council's Engagement Strategy as an overarching process for all Council's engagement activity.	6.1.1Cii To expand the suite of resources and training opportunities for community engagement.
Rolled over	8 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1D - Refer a broad range of Council and community issues for engagement to Council's Your Say platform.	6.1.1Di - To deliver an innovative approach utilising a broad range of tools to enable authentic community engagement.
Rolled over	9 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1E -Develop comprehensive engagement and communication plans for Council's community engagements.	6.1.1Ei - To create an implementation an engagement and communications plan for major projects.
Incorporated with 6.1.1Fi	10 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1E -Develop comprehensive engagement and communication plans for Council's community engagements.	6.1.1Eii - Maintain on Your Say a community facing dashboard on engagement activity.

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New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1F - Develop an Annual Community Consultation Progress report.	6.1.1Fi To develop a comprehensive community engagement report for Council's annual report and maintain on Your Say a community facing dashboard engagement activity.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.1 - Commit to consult and engage the community on projects, initiative and issues which have an impact on their lives.	6.1.1G - Provide opportunities for the community to engage with their ward Councillors.	6.1.1Gi Provide a Meet Your Ward Councillor session for each ward annually.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.1.2 - Ensure Council's financial assistance and grants programs are managed effectively.	6.1.2A - Deliver and report on Council's financial assistance program.	6.1.2Ai Provide reports on Council's financial assistance program, including community grants, microgrants, venue hire program, heritage grants, event grants, event sponsorship and donations program.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.1 - Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future.	6.2.1 - Ensure Council's financial assistance and grants programs are managed effectively.	6.2.2A - Facilitate the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) to fulfil its responsibilities under the Local Government Act and ARIC Charter.	6.2.1Ai Facilitate ARIC reports to Council on activities and functions, including an Annual Report from the ARIC Chair.
New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.1 - Ensure the behaviour and decisions of councillors and staff is professional and ethical.	6.2.1A - Facilitate the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) to fulfil its responsibilities under the Local Government Act and ARIC Charter.	6.2.1Aii Facilitate renewal or replacement of ARIC independent member by June 2025. Assessment to be completed prior to reappointment. If not renewed, recruit a new ARIC member to the Committee through an EOJ process to replace outgoing member.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.1 - Ensure the behaviour and decisions of councillors and staff is professional and ethical.	6.2.1A - Facilitate the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) to fulfil its responsibilities under the Local Government Act and ARIC Charter.	6.2.1Aiii Prepare an annual ARIC Responsibility Calendar reflecting Local Government and ARIC Charter requirements to be completed throughout the year.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.1 - Ensure the behaviour and decisions of councillors and staff is professional and ethical.	6.2.1B - Promote and assist in creating an ethical organisational environment with emphasis on internal controls, efficiency, effectiveness and good governance.	6.2.1Bi Complete the 2024/25 Audit Program.

Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.1 - Ensure the behaviour and decisions of councillors and staff is professional and ethical.	6.2.1B - Promote and assist in creating an ethical organisational environment with emphasis on internal controls, efficiency, effectiveness and good governance.	6.2.1Bii Implement any mandatory internal audit guidelines issued by the OLG
New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.1 - Ensure the behaviour and decisions of councillors and staff is professional and ethical.	6.2.1B - Promote and assist in creating an ethical organisational environment with emphasis on internal controls, efficiency, effectiveness and good governance.	6.2.1Biii Continue rolling out governance-focused education, enhancing organisational frameworks, and implementing safeguards to ensure the Council promotes and enforces high ethical standards.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.1 - Ensure the behaviour and decisions of councillors and staff is professional and ethical.	6.2.1C - Implement and deliver a Councillor induction and professional development program to ensure the Mayor and Councillors are aware of the knowledge, skills and personal attributes expected of them in their civic roles under the Local Government Act 1993, and of the support Council should be providing to ensure they are able to effectively fulfil their roles.	6.2.1Ci Provide ample training and development opportunities (offered both externally and internally) to ensure diversity of choice and availability.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.1 - Ensure the behaviour and decisions of councillors and staff is professional and ethical.	6.2.1C - Implement and deliver a Councillor induction and professional development program to ensure the Mayor and Councillors are aware of the knowledge, skills and personal attributes expected of them in their civic roles under the Local Government Act 1993, and of the support Council should be providing to ensure they are able to effectively fulfil their roles.	6.2.1Cii Provide opportunities for a recommended minimum of 12 hours of skill and/or development training to be achieved by each Councillor annually.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.2 - Maintain a sustainably strong financial position balanced with demand for essential services and new projects and having regard for Section 8(b)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act (the current generation funds the cost of its services).	6.2.2A - Ensure financial decisions address the key financial sustainability risks to secure Council immediate and long-term future.	6.2.2Ai Align the annual budget strategy to incorporate proposed new projects and programs and to facilitate financially sustainable decisions

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Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.2 - Maintain a sustainably strong financial position balanced with demand for essential services and new projects and having regard for Section 8(b)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act (the current generation funds the cost of its services).	6.2.2B - Ensure the Long-Term Financial Plan incorporates strategic priorities and risks.	6.2.2Bi Ensure the annual Long Term Financial Plan adequately highlights emerging risks and outlined actions to remediate.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.2 - Maintain a sustainably strong financial position balanced with demand for essential services and new projects and having regard for Section 8(b)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act (the current generation funds the cost of its services).	6.2.2C - Ensure financial policy and process improvements focus on the integrity of controls, improved data for business decisions and customer experience.	6.2.2Ci Expand payment channels and self-service online access for financial processes.
New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.3 - Undertake effective risk management to manage risks that may arise.	6.2.3A - Annually review Council's enterprise and operational risks.	6.2.3Ai Maintain the focus on education, awareness and mitigation with respect to risk management and increase Council maturity in regards to Council's Enterprise Risk Management framework.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.3 - Undertake effective risk management to manage risks that may arise.	6.2.3A - Annually review Council's enterprise and operational risks.	6.2.3Aii Review and report on the Governance and Risk Frameworks status to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.4 - Ensure procurement policies and practices demonstrate best practice in probity assurance and legislative compliance.	6.2.4A - Review procurement policy and practice through the Local Government Procurement Program.	6.2.4Ai Focus on procurement and contracts governance strategies and practices via continued training, reporting and awareness.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.5 - Undertake effective management of council's digital framework to enable responsive	6.2.5A - Implement the Digital Resourcing Management Plan.	6.2.5Ai Continue to implement digital transformation initiatives that improve our e-planning, regulatory and asset management services.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.5 - Undertake effective management of council's digital framework to enable responsive	6.2.5A - Implement the Digital Resourcing Management Plan.	6.2.5Aii Engineering Trust through the implementation of the independent information security audit program, to build business resilience and safeguard Council's information.

Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.5 - Undertake effective management of council's digital framework to enable responsive	6.2.5A - Implement the Digital Resourcing Management Plan.	6.2.5Aiii Implement Annual program of funded initiatives for organisational plans of Council: - Customer and Digital Experience Program - Cultural Program - 2030 Library Strategy - 2021-2031 Early Learning Services Strategy.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.2 - Our decisions are based on evidence which consider financial impacts, the environment and impacts on future generations.	6.2.5 - Undertake effective management of council's digital framework to enable responsive	6.2.5A - Implement the Digital Resourcing Management Plan.	6.2.5Aiv Review Council's Enterprise architecture to future proof and enable secure, scalable information services.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.3 - Our community knows why and how decisions are made.	6.3.1 - The community is informed, has access to information and Council reports and reports from other levels of government, institutions and organisations pertaining to Georges River are made public.	6.3.1A - Maintain online public registers as required under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) and Designated Persons disclosure returns (section 4.21-4.27 of Council's Code of Conduct).	6.3.1Ai Continue to maintain online public registers as required including gifts and benefits and Councillor disclosures of interest returns.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.3 - Our community knows why and how decisions are made.	6.3.1 - The community is informed, has access to information and Council reports and reports from other levels of government, institutions and organisations pertaining to Georges River are made public.	6.3.1B - Report to the Office of Local Government and the NSW Ombudsman on Code of Conduct and Public Interest Disclosure matters in accordance with statutory reporting requirements.	6.3.1Bi Continue reporting statistics to the Office of Local Government, NSW Ombudsman and the Information Privacy Commission in accordance with statutory reporting requirements and Council's Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct and Public Interest Disclosures Reporting Policy.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.3 - Our community knows why and how decisions are made.	6.3.1 - The community is informed, has access to information and Council reports and reports from other levels of government, institutions and organisations pertaining to Georges River are made public.	6.3.1C - Comply with all requirements of Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation, including progress reports for the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.	6.3.1Ci Communicate Council's progress against the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.3 - Our community knows why and how decisions are made.	6.3.1 - The community is informed, has access to information and Council reports and reports from other levels of government, institutions and organisations pertaining to Georges River are made public.	6.3.1D - Provide live webcasting of all Council and Committee meetings.	6.3.1Di Recordings of all Council and Committee meetings to be available on Council's website for a period of four years (from 2021 onwards).

Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.3 - Our community knows why and how decisions are made.	6.3.1 - The community is informed, has access to information and Council reports and reports from other levels of government, institutions and organisations pertaining to Georges River are made public.	6.3.1E - Maintain online records of Council and Committee papers and minutes.	6.3.1Ei Ensure the unconfirmed minutes of each meeting of Council are published on Council's website within five business days.
Rolled over	6 - Our governance	6.4 - The workforce is inspiring, diverse and engaged.	6.4.1 - Implement leading people practices to create a high performing, capable and resilient workforce.	6.4.1A - Implement a Workplace Health and Safety System to support a well and safe workplace.	6.4.1Ai Evaluate Work, Health and Safety (WH&S) procedures and implement effective controls to manage WH&S risks.
New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.4 - The workforce is inspiring, diverse and engaged.	6.4.1 - Implement leading people practices to create a high performing, capable and resilient workforce.	6.4.1B - Implement the 2022-2026 Workforce Management Plan.	6.4.1Bi Enhance and refine Council's Performance Excellence Program to achieve leading practices in reviewing, managing and recognising performance, fostering an environment where employees are engaged, aligned and motivated to excel in their roles.
New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.4 - The workforce is inspiring, diverse and engaged.	6.4.1 - Implement leading people practices to create a high performing, capable and resilient workforce.	6.4.1B - Implement the 2022-2026 Workforce Management Plan.	6.4.1Bii Design and Implement Council's Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Strategy to ensure a diverse and inclusive workplace that supports and develops great people from diverse backgrounds, ensuring our people feel valued and are showing up to work as their best self.
New Wording	6 - Our governance	6.4 - The workforce is inspiring, diverse and engaged.	6.4.1 - Implement leading people practices to create a high performing, capable and resilient workforce.	6.4.1B - Implement the 2022-2026 Workforce Management Plan.	6.4.1Biii Refine and strengthen Council's wellness and belonging program to drive a healthier, happier and more productive and engaged workforce, and promote Council as an employer of choice.
Added	6 - Our governance	6.4 - The workforce is inspiring, diverse and engaged.	6.4.1 - Implement leading people practices to create a high performing, capable and resilient workforce.	6.4.1B - Implement the 2022-2026 Workforce Management Plan.	6.4.1Biv Design and Implement Council's Talent Acquisition and Retention Strategy to drive greater diversity and ensure we have the right people in the right roles with the right capabilities.

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Added	6 - Our governance	6.4 - The workforce is inspiring, diverse and engaged.	6.4.1 - Implement leading people practices to create a high performing, capable and resilient workforce.	6.4.1B - Implement the 2022-2026 Workforce Management Plan.	6.4.1Bv Design a modern and future ready flexible working scheme, embracing flexibility for success, by establishing flexible working arrangements that truly promote flexibility across our diverse workforce.
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INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

9. The draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy sits alongside the Asset Management Strategy, within the Resourcing Strategy and sets the direction and foundation for Council’s management of assets.
10. This draft Policy outlines the principles for managing Council’s infrastructure assets. These principles ensure the responsible management of assets owned and/or administered by Council, in order to deliver sustainable social, environmental, and economic outcomes for the ongoing benefit of Georges River Council and our community.
11. In conjunction with the public exhibition of the updated Resourcing Strategy, Asset Management Plan, it is recommended that the draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy be included for public consultation as well, based on the two documents being interconnected.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The annual budget adopted by Council forms our Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) which is an essential tool for securing sustainability.
13. The 2024/25 Budget has been developed based on the 2024/25 Budget Strategy and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) approval for a Special Rate Variation.
14. A requirement of our approved Special Rate Variation from IPART is to identify \$12 million in permanent cost containment and efficiencies over the period of 2022/23 to 2024/25, however due to high levels of inflation, increases to employee costs under the current award, and other unforeseen events such as inclement weather and the global pandemic, these permanent cost reductions and efficiencies have proved difficult to achieve.
15. The 2024/25 Budget will be the third year Council is forecast to achieve a surplus and difficult prioritisation of valued services, projects and programs will be essential in achieving financial sustainability and compliance with Council’s legislative obligations.
16. After a number of years with constraints to Council’s cash contribution to funding capital projects, the 2024/25 draft budget includes increased Council contribution to critical asset classes, such as roads, footpaths, and buildings.
17. This increase in Council’s contribution is attributed to adopted budget surplus in the previous year’s spanning 2022/23 and 2023/24. Other capital projects have been prioritised to focus on grant and contribution funded projects along with high priority critical asset renewal programs.
18. In order to achieve the \$2.1 million surplus target, the budget has been prepared on the following strategy:

- Objective of achieving an operating surplus with future years projection as per the adopted LTFP.
- Application of the approved Special Rate Variation of 5.8%.
- Cost reduction strategy applied to both employee costs and materials and services, with an aim of \$4 million.
- Service levels have been capped to align with constrained resources and achieve the operating surplus adopted in the LTFP.
- Award increase is 3.5% (\$1.8 million), plus Superannuation increase 0.5% to 11.5% (\$300,000 annually) and Award Bonus Scheme of \$1,000 (\$500,000).
- The employee costs reduction strategy has been amended to be based on a natural vacancy rate of 6.5% and a 16-week recruitment trend, rather than enforced holds.
- Two-week Christmas shutdown that includes the provision of three grant days.
- A CPI increase of 3.0% has been applied across a broad range of materials, services and expenses in line with published ABS forecast assumptions.
- Income projections are based on business as usual.
- Subsidies are proposed to be applied to Council's premium and community facilities.
- Investment interest income has been projected to be maintained at current levels for the next 12 months based on the current rate of return and cash levels.
- Domestic waste charges have increased, with a cost neutral recovery strategy being applied.
- The mandatory (legislated) pensioner rebate has been maintained at \$1 million.
- Depreciation is forecast to increase by \$2.9 million due to construction of new assets, immaterial disposal of assets, asset condition deterioration and the rising cost of replacement.
- Eligible Fees and Charges have been set at a 5% increase to ensure cost recovery of the material cost increases.
- Council's rates default level has been assumed to stay within benchmark parameters of less than 5%.
- The Councillor Discretionary Ward fund of \$75,000 has been included as part of the budget strategy.
- Insurance premiums have been set to increase based on natural disaster, cost of replacement, new assets, heightened risk environment, etc.
- Community and sporting group rental subsidies remain unchanged (\$1.5 million in forgone income).
- Subsidies around the Venue hire program remains unchanged (\$430,000 in forgone income).

- Childcare fees have been set to comply with the Childcare Policy of cost neutral operating budget.
 - Strategic land acquisitions for open space have not been included in the budget due to uncertainty around when these will occur. If there is an opportunity for acquisitions these will seek the relevant budget approval in a separate report to Council.
 - Budget bids have been selected and prioritised based on legislative, strategic and safety drivers with \$4.5 million in additional operational projects, bids or other costs deferred/removed/reduced in 2024/25.
 - The multi-year Capital Program Budget has increased from the recently revised budget of \$96.9 million, which covers 2022/23 to 2024/25, to a \$107.4 million budget to occur from 2024/25 to 2026/27. Any capital works budgeted to occur in 2023/24, that do not get completed, will be added to the \$107.4 million program as part of the carryover process in 2024/25.
19. Based on this approach, the adopted surplus of \$2.1 million remains on track to deliver future year surpluses in the medium term. The later years of the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) indicate a deficit position will occur (shown as Model 1 in the Resourcing Strategy) and will need to be addressed in the coming years.
20. Full details of Council's 10-year LTFP, which includes the budget result, are outlined in the Resourcing Strategy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

21. Councillors have been appraised in recent years of Council's financial outlook over the 10-year period of the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). Whilst the 2024/25 Budget goes some way in addressing this position, there remains a forecasted operating deficit in the long-term outlook that will require monitoring and remediation. Councillors will be briefed in June 2024 or recommended strategies to consider in the final adoption, to ensure the result improves in future years and does not project a deficit.
22. This deviation to a deficit in the 10-year forecast is materially attributed to the conclusion of the SRV rate peg of 5.8% in 2025/25, returning to an assumed rate peg of 2% in 2026/27. Employee costs are also a contributing factor, which are assumed to increase at a higher rate compared to other revenues, which has trended that way in previous years.
23. Failure to address the unsustainable financial position places Council in contravention of section 8B of the Local Government Act 1993 and will compel Council to cut and/or reduce services to ease the unfavourable gap between income and expenditure.
24. At its July 2020 and May 2021 meetings, Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) made recommendations to Council. In summary the comments outlined:
- *That the financial position of Council should continue to be taken very seriously and before reaching any resolution take very close and careful consideration of the potential financial consequences*
 - *Council continues to apply measures that address the financial risks, particularly in regard to increasing revenues and reducing expenditure.*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

25. Following Council's consideration and endorsement of the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, they will be exhibited for a period of at least 28 days. Appropriate media releases and online notifications will alert the community to the opportunity to




comment on Council's draft plans for the area, including guiding the community to the Your Say webpage.

26. All submissions (staff, public and councillors) received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the 2024/25 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges are proposed to be presented to Council via a briefing, prior to the final adoption of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents at the June 2024 Council meeting.
27. All submissions (staff, public and councillors) received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the 2024/25 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges are proposed to be reported to the June 2024 Council meeting for consideration as part of the adoption of these documents.
28. Pending approval by Council, the draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy will go on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, via Council's Your Say webpage.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/74484

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1  DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-25 (Draft) - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 2  2024-25 Resourcing Strategy (Draft) - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 3  Georges River Council Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy - *published in separate document*

Item: CCL026-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - March 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL026-24

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- (a) CWF 62/23-24 – Application Not Eligible
- (b) CWF 63/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Ficarra on behalf of IRT - Peakhurst Retirement Village Residents and Friends Association in the amount of \$1,500.
- (c) CWF 64/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association in the amount of \$632.50.
- (d) CWF65/23-24 – Application Not Eligible
- (e) CWF66/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Jamieson on behalf of 3 Bridges Mindful Dementia Care in the amount of \$1,500.
- (f) CWF67/23-24 – Application Not Eligible
- (g) CWF68/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of St George & Sutherland Shire Table Tennis Association in the amount of \$500.
- (h) CWF69/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association Incorporated in the amount of \$1,000.
- (i) CWF70/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambihaipahar on behalf of Anglican Parish of Peakhurst/Mortdale in the amount of \$2,000.
- (j) CWF71/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society in the amount of \$1,000.
- (k) CWF72/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Carss Park Community Garden in the amount of \$600.
- (l) CWF73/23-24 – Application Not Eligible.
- (m) CWF74/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambihaipahar on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association in the amount of \$1,000.
- (n) CWF75/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambihaipahar on behalf of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society in the amount of \$784.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council, at its meeting on 24 July 2023, endorsed the revised 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 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 two categories for applications of funds, those by an individual or community group.
5. For the 2023/24 financial year, there is a \$75,000 allocation made available for Councillors elected at the December 2021 Local Government Elections.
6. In keeping with ensuring accountability and transparency, details have been included below regarding applications that are now listed for consideration and their demonstrated ability to satisfy the eligibility criteria of the Fund.
7. 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

8. All application details can be found in the attachment to this report.

Funds of \$75,000 have been allocated in the 2023/24 Operational Plan.

Non-Capital Funds (\$5,000/Councillor)	Funds Allocated to date including this report	Remaining Balance
Councillor Ambihaipahar	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Borg	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Elmir	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Ficarra	\$3,500	\$1,500
Councillor Jamieson	\$1,500	\$3,500
Councillor Katris	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Konjarski	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Landsberry	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Liu	\$4,700	\$300
Councillor Mahoney	\$3,832.50	\$1,167.50
Councillor Mort	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Smerdely	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Stratikopoulos	\$1,260	\$3,740
Councillor Symington	\$4,800	\$200
Councillor Wang	\$4,600	\$400


RISK IMPLICATIONS


9. The Enterprise Risk Management Strategy contains two relevant actions regarding the provision of an open, accessible, and transparent decision making and meeting process.
10. 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

D24/7005

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  Attachment - Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds - 22 April 2024 Council Meeting - *published in separate document*

Attachment 2  Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds - ABN Numbers - 22 April 2024 - *published in separate document*

NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM030-24 Appreciation to Kim Fenwick & Ray Kerridge of St. George Police Command and Opportunities for Safety Strategies****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council thank St George Precinct Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Kim Fenwick and retired St George Police Senior Constable Ray Kerridge of St George Police Command for their work in the community.
- (b) That Council continue to enhance the current working relationship with the St George Police Command and the Multicultural Community Liaison Officer in particular.
- (c) That Council hold quarterly meetings with St. George Police Area Command to provide opportunities for Council staff on safety strategies, Police officers on crime prevention, community relations and the local culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community (both new and existing community members) to work together for addressing safety issues and acting on solutions. These meetings will aid in continuous interagency collaboration and strengthen the relationship between Georges River Council, St George Police Area Command and community members.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022- 2032:

- Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.1 *Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity.*
- Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.3 *The community is safe and healthy.*

Mr Kerridge commenced his role as a Crime Prevention Officer and transferred to Hurstville Police Station after the merger between Kogarah and Hurstville which resulted in the creation of one of the largest and busiest commands in the state.

He has been responsible for managing critical incidents and assisted in providing relief during the Northern River NSW floods and was actively involved in COVID-19 duties and policing the NSW-Victoria border.

Mr Kerridge retired from the Police Force at the end of last year and Council would like to thank him for his years of service to the community.

Ms Fenwick is leaving St George Police after nine and half years to work at the Liverpool Command. She has worked alongside organisations including Kogarah Storehouse, which packs food for vulnerable communities, Advance Diversity Services with the Drive Time Program, has conducted crime prevention workshops for newly arrived migrants and elderly residents, and has been part of water safety initiatives.

Council wishes Ms Fenwick success in her new Command and thanks her for fostering a culture of inclusivity and assisting in bridging the gap between Police and the diverse, vibrant CALD community of Georges River.

Council relationship with St George Police Area Command

Council works with the St George Police Area Command in numerous ways and will continue to work with Mr Kerridge and Ms Fenwick's replacements to address safety issues, ensure continuous interagency collaboration and strengthen the relationship between Council, the Command and community.

The St George Police Area Command hosts a quarterly Community Safety Precinct meeting for community and local organisations to hear current safety trends and strategies. Council officers attend these meetings, as well as regular monthly or bi-monthly meetings with the Crime Prevention Officer and Multicultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO), to discuss and address any safety issues or areas of collaboration.

Council officers also work very closely with the MCLO as part of the Georges River Council Multicultural Advisory Committee and the St George Multicultural Network. Ms Fenwick's presence and expertise at these meetings will be missed. Ms Fenwick greatly contributes to both meetings, often organising and participating in multicultural initiatives to strengthen the relationship between Council, the local area command and culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Council will continue to work with the new MCLO in the same capacity going forward.

Additionally, Council officers work closely and frequently with the St George Police Area Command to coordinate efforts surrounding major events hosted by the Council and large community-run events. These meetings serve as a crucial platform for aligning strategies, sharing information, and ensuring the safety and smooth execution of the events including but not limited to crowd management, traffic control, emergency response plans, and any potential security concerns. By collaborating closely with St George Police Area Command, Council officers can implement measures to mitigate risks, maintain public order, and enhance the overall experience for attendees. They also serve as an opportunity for both parties to review past events, identify areas for improvement, and adjust strategies accordingly.

Future meetings with St George Police Area Command will also include information sharing on unreasonable customer conduct in relation to Council's Customer Feedback and Complaints Management Policy as it pertains to community safety.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/63500

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM031-24 Congratulations to Amanda Reid**Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

That Council congratulates St George Cycling Club's, Amanda Reid, on her recent World Championship title.

NM031-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022- 2032:

- Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.3 *The community is safe and healthy.*

The 2023 Australian Cyclist of the Year, St George Cycling Club's Amanda Reid, successfully competed at the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships in Brazil achieving her sixth World Championship title.

Amanda is a sporting all-rounder having triumphed in short track speed skating and being the first person in this sport to hold the Australian title, New Zealand title and all Australian state titles in the one year for her age.

Council congratulates Amanda Reid on her significant achievement. Her achievements in sporting excellence are an inspiration to the Georges River Community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/81727

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM032-24 Congratulations to Izzi Louison-Roe**Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council congratulates St George Athletic Club athlete, 16 year old Izzi Louison – Roe, on her NSW title after participating in the 2024 NSW Athletics Championships.
- (b) That Council congratulates St George Athletic Club's many outstanding athletes who performed through the current athletics' season.

NM032-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022- 2032:

- Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.3 *The community is safe and healthy.*

Izzi Louison-Roe competed at the recent 2024 NSW Open Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre where she successfully reached the World U20 Championships triple jump standard of 12.90m with a jump of 13.02m.

After setting a personal best of 13.13m in the triple jump to take silver and move to number eight in Australian junior history, Izzi claimed the Open NSW high jump title clearing a jump of 1.83m.

Council congratulates Izzi Louison-Roe on her significant achievement and the achievements of all St George Athletic Club's many outstanding athletes who are an inspiration to the Georges River Community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/81729

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM033-24 Sponsorship Agreement**Councillor:** Councillor Ambihaipahar**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council notes the recent ABC investigation report on Netstrata's alleged business practices which has shed light on concerning practices within the strata management industry, including undisclosed fees, kickbacks, and conflicts of interest.
- (b) While Council waits for the findings of this investigation by NSW Department of Fair Trading, the General Manager provides a report, within a month, which outlines possible actions available and implications which may include (but not limited to) termination of Netstrata's naming rights to Jubilee Stadium.
- (c) That Council writes to the New South Wales Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading and the NSW Strata and Property Services Commissioner, urging them to address the urgent need for reform within the strata management industry to protect the interests of residents and ensure transparency, accountability, and fair dealing among strata management companies.

NM033-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

1. This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 - Pillar 6: Our governance, in particular strategy 6.2.4, which provides:
 - 6.2.4 *Ensure procurement policies and practices demonstrate best practice in probity assurance and legislative compliance.*
2. This Motion is also consistent with Council's Statement of Business Ethics and Sponsorship Policy. Relevant general principles set out in Council's Sponsorship Policy include:
 - 1.2. *Council will only provide or accept Sponsorship to organisations whose values, identity and direction align with Council's strategic direction and image and comply with Council's Statement of Business Ethics, policies and legislative requirements.*
 - 1.3. *Council will not provide or accept Sponsorship to an organisation if the arrangement could compromise, or be seen to compromise, Council's ability to exercise its regulatory and planning functions fully, impartially or ethically.*
 - ...
 - 1.7. *Council, under the General Manager's delegation, reserves the right to terminate a Sponsorship agreement, effective immediately if:*
 - (a) *in Council's absolute opinion, Council's image, reputation, or brand name has been, or could be, adversely affected by continuing the Sponsorship.*
 - (b) *the Sponsor breaches its obligation under the sponsorship agreement.*
 - (c) *information is presented that identifies, in Council's absolute opinion, a Conflict of Interest for one or both parties.*
 - 1.9. *Council will not enter into a sponsorship agreement that:*
 - ...
 - (j) *may represent a reputational risk for Georges River Council to partner with or support or be seen to partner with or support.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications will be provided in a future report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

4. Enterprise risk identified in that Strategic Risk 7: Reputation in Council's Statement of Strategic Risks states:

The risk of Council's identity, brand and standing being negatively impacted, reducing Council's ability to engage in sound decision-making and being able to take strategic action whilst maintaining essential services and support for the community.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/87182

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM034-24 Initiative to Improve Native Vegetation Cover**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager promote the 'National Tree Day' through suitable channels to increase visibility and inform ratepayers about free native plant eligibility.
- (b) That the General Manager prepares a report on the costs and feasibility of holding a "Tree Forum" for the community, this event should ideally be scheduled around National Tree Day. The forum will cover topics such as:
- i. The various advantages of planting trees
 - ii. The significance of preserving and increasing our tree cover
 - iii. Encouraging community involvement in tree planting activities
 - iv. The consequences for failing to follow tree management policies.

NM034-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment, Goal 2.3 *Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.*

Council participates in Planet Ark's National Tree Day annually.

This year, Plant Ark's National Tree Day will be held on 28 July 2024 and will host a community planting day at Pearce Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst and a tree giveaway at the Mortdale Depot.

Event information will be distributed through the 2024/25 Annual Rates and Charges Notices for this event and will be coordinated by Georges River Council's Bushcare Team.

Council officers will prepare a further report identifying the costs and feasibility of holding a "Tree Forum" for the community covering the topics mentioned in the points (i) to (iv) above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The printing of National Tree Day information for distribution is within the existing 2023/24 Bushcare operational budget allocation.

The financial implications of holding a community Tree Forum will be investigated and provided in a future report.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/88375

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM035-24 Plan to Increase Native Tree Cover**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That the General Manager compiles a report into the development and implementation of a plan to increase native tree cover in streets, parks, reserves and other open spaces, and in potential green corridors.

NM035-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment, Goal 2.3 *Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised;* and
- Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.2 *Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities.*

Several operational documents are currently under development that guide and determine appropriate locations and suitable species in public spaces that will increase tree cover across the Georges River Council Local Government Area (LGA) and promote the planting of native flora.

The draft *Street Tree Master Plan* identifies and determines the most appropriate tree species for planting in street locations to maintain and enhance the natural environment, provide a consistent and aligned approach for future coverage and maintain the character and heritage of the LGA.

The draft *Public Domain Guideline* aims to standardise the materials that are used in Council's public domain and specifies the type of landscaping and plantings in streetscapes, reserves and open space projects.

In February 2019 in accordance with ENV003-19, Council resolved to increase the tree canopy across the LGA which has been a key factor into the development of Plans of Management, Master Plans, Development Approvals, Spatial Frameworks and the delivery of capital works.

The draft *Street Tree Master Plan* and *Public Domain Guidelines* will be finalised prior to the end of 2024.

A further report will be provided to Council investigating the development and implementation of a plan to increase native tree cover in streets, parks, reserves and other open spaces, and in potential green corridors to align with Council officer recommendations associated with the draft *Street Tree Master Plan* and *Public Domain Guideline* documents.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Additional unbudgeted costs associated with plan development are estimated at \$3,000 in employee expenses. Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications of implementation will be provided in future report.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/88385

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM036-24 Establish Weekly Night Market in Hurstville**Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager prepare a report evaluating the feasibility of establishing a weekly night market in Hurstville. The feasibility study to include responses to the following elements:
- i. Commercial arrangements (Council led or private sector led).
 - ii. Planning controls
 - iii. Day of the week / timing
 - iv. Controls to maximise local business opportunities
 - v. Public programming / live music / performance
 - vi. Promotion
 - vii. Security
 - viii. Cost
 - ix. Implementation / timing of delivery
 - x. Learnings from equivalent night markets
 - xi. Learnings from night markets across the Sydney Metropolitan Region
- (b) That Council translates the newly adopted Event Charter and Event Toolkit into the top three non-English languages in the Georges River LGA. This will facilitate opportunities for our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse [CALD] communities to deliver events in the LGA.

NM036-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.1 *Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.*

Georges River Council is due to renew its Economic Development Strategy. This will be developed in 2025 under the direction of the newly elected Council and supported by our Economic Leadership Group, which includes key business and industry leaders from across the LGA. New initiatives to enhance street appeal, drive local activation and expand the night-time economy, such as night-time markets, will be included in the next iteration of GRC's Economic Development Strategy.

Georges River Council has a Street Performance Policy and Events and Festivals Charter and Toolkit which can be used for community groups to plan and host small scale or larger activations on community land within the Georges River Local Government Area. Promotion of these policies and documents are scheduled throughout the year to provide the community the opportunity to engage with the documents Council has endorsed.

In the short-term to respond to each item raised in the NOM:

- (a) An Economic Development Update report will be prepared for Council consideration. The report will include a feasibility for night markets in Hurstville.

(b) An operational budget bid has been included as part of the 2024/25 financial year draft budget to translate key documents in community languages. The Events Charter and Guide can be included for consideration as part of this process. Community Capacity Building sessions are being held throughout the year for community members to understand how to complete Georges River Council's Events Toolkit. These sessions will be translated in Mandarin and Cantonese and will be uploaded on Council's website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/89706

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM037-24Glenlee

Councillor: Councillor Mahoney

MOTION:

- (a) That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage:
- i. to advise that "Glenlee" has been sold.
 - ii. to request the urgent authorisation for access to the property by Council officers and/or its appointed consultants for the purposes of carrying out any inspections deemed necessary to assess the property for Aboriginal and natural heritage, and to confirm that Council has allocated \$50,000 for that purpose.
 - iii. to request the immediate protection of any Aboriginal objects and places located on the site in accordance with the provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.
 - iv. to request the execution of the recommendations contained in the "Heritage Data Form" compiled by GML Heritage in their entirety, including:
 - a. a comprehensive conservation management plan for the site should be prepared to guide future uses and development of the site to ensure the retention and conservation of its heritage value.
 - b. further consultation be undertaken with the local Aboriginal community to better understand local social and intangible connections.
 - c. the Aboriginal objects held within the house be inspected (these were not sighted by GML or the MLALC), confirmed to be Aboriginal objects (or otherwise), and an attempt at understanding provenance be made.
- (b) That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Heritage requesting that an Interim Heritage Order be placed over the moveable objects, relics and artifacts located in the house, out buildings, boat shed and on the site.
- (c) That the General Manager writes to the new owners of "Glenlee" to request access to the property by Council officers and/or its appointed consultants for the purposes of carrying out any inspections deemed necessary to assess the property.

NM037-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Actions between November 2023 to March 2024

Council resolved (via NM080-23) at its Meeting held 27 November 2023:

That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage to seek a meeting to discuss:

- (a) *the Minister's undertaking provided on 16 August 2023, for the NSW Government to explore progressing the heritage assessment and protection of the site; and*
- (b) *Council's letter to the Minister dated 13 September 2023, which requested NSW Government funding for the preparation of a business case for the purchase of Glenlee.*

The letter was sent on 7 December 2023. No reply was received.

Council received an email on 13 February 2024 from Heritage NSW advising that on 4 December 2023 the Heritage Council of NSW resolved not to recommend listing Glenlee on the State Heritage Register (SHR) to the Minister for Heritage.

The resolution was made by the Heritage Council's SHR Committee after consideration of a report prepared by Heritage NSW, which included submissions received from affected parties and members of the public.

The State Heritage Register Committee resolved:

1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the Heritage Act 1977 (the Act), has considered the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing the item known as Glenlee at 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno.
2. Notes that the site is protected under the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021.
3. Decided not to recommend the listing as insufficient information is available to determine the State heritage significance.
4. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the Act, will give notice of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).

Council on 18 March 2024 wrote to the Hon. Penny Sharpe requesting a meeting to discuss access to the site under Section 148 of the Heritage Act 1977 and funding for the business case for the purchase of the Glenlee site. No reply has been received.

Actions to be undertaken

The General Manager, Director Environment and Planning and Manager Strategic Planning met with Friends of Glenlee on Monday 15 April 2024. At that meeting a possible IHO over the movable heritage (furniture and fittings) within the house and ancillary buildings, as well as the Aboriginal relics and places (the relics within the house; as well as the places external to the house - the grinding groves, the small groundwater hole/well and the midden material on the edge of the bay, was discussed.

The site contains four Aboriginal heritage sites which are listed under the NSW Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS). These sites have statutory protection under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

With respect to the Aboriginal relics within the house, it is recommended that Council write to the Minister for the Environment advising of the relics in the house and requesting their protection under the provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

With respect to both the European movable heritage (furniture and fittings) and the Aboriginal relics it is recommended that Council write to the Minister for Heritage requesting that a IHO be issued to protect the objects and relics on the Site.

Council is to note that as Glenlee is listed as a heritage item under the Georges River LEP 2021, Council does not have the delegation to issue a new IHO. Only the Minister can issue a IHO over Glenlee to protect the European movable heritage (furniture and fittings) and the Aboriginal relics. Friends of Glenlee were advised of this limit in Council's delegation to issue IHOs at the meeting held on 15 April 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/90409

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM037-24

Item: NM038-24 Beautifying Georges River Gateway - Todd Park**Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

That Council beautifies the Georges River Gateway location at Todd Park, at the intersection of Princes Highway and Kings Georges Road, to include:

- i. Updating the signage to include Georges River Council instead of Kogarah Municipal Council.
- ii. Reinstating the use of the flag poles behind the Todd Park signage.
- iii. Cleaning the sandstone Todd Park sign.

NM038-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.2 *Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained, and have equitable access;* and
- Pillar 4: Our built environment, Goal 4.4 *Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.*

Council is currently in the process of completing the Master Plan and Plan of Management for the Todd Park and Carss Park Precinct.

The intersection of the Princes Highway and King Georges Road, located at Todd Park represents a key gateway location for Georges River Council.

The beautification of this location involves:

- i. Developing design options for the upgrade and replacement of the Kogarah Municipal Council signage to Georges River Council on the wall structure
- ii. The reinstatement of banner poles that could be utilised for key cultural events
- iii. Ongoing maintenance, including pressure cleaning of the wall structure

The current maintenance schedule for the wall structure is six monthly.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The initial cost to update signage, point and restore block work, and perform a deep clean of the wall structure is estimated at \$11,000. Ongoing six-monthly maintenance is within budget allocation. Additional maintenance budget would be required for more frequent servicing (approximately \$1,500 per month).

FILE REFERENCE

D24/90834

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM039-24 Notification of Parking Fines**Councillor:** Councillor Ambihaipahar**MOTION:**

That Council implements a policy mandating the immediate provision of written notifications to drivers upon the issuance of parking fines. These notifications shall contain explicit instructions guiding drivers on how to request a review. Furthermore, they shall allow drivers the opportunity to capture evidence, such as photographs, to substantiate their review requests.

NM039-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

1. The Motion proposes mandating the immediate provision of written notification to drivers issued with a fine. This information provides instructions on how to request a review of the fine. Based on the working of the motion the provision of the written information would need to be provided by the following approaches:
 - Information provided in the form of a fact sheet sent with the post issued fine.
 - Information such as a fact sheet placed on vehicle with the vehicle issued fine.
 - Technological solution actioned by Revenue NSW.
2. The Motion's reference to the immediate provision of the written information to a driver implies a preference to moving away from the issue of post issued fines and returning mainly to printed fines issued directly to vehicles via foot patrols (known as vehicle issued).

Background

3. Historically, fines that were unable to be placed on vehicles at the time officers confirmed an offence had occurred were posted by Council administration staff as soon as practicable. In May 2021 Revenue NSW offered a Print and Post (PnP) system whereby Council officers issue the fine using the PinForce system, this data is sent to Revenue NSW and Revenue NSW sends the fine out on Council's behalf.
4. Council use a hybrid fine system, using the PnP system as well as issuing vehicle fines at the time of offence. The issue of vehicle fines is only performed where it is considered safe and legal to do so.
5. The adoption of PnP system has helped to ensure a safe workplace for officers who issue parking fines by minimising or eliminating the WHS risks to officers including verbal and physical abuse and the risk to health caused by environmental factors such as adverse weather conditions and air pollution.
6. Since August 2017, 13 serious WHS incidents have been reported by officers issuing on the spot fines. It should be acknowledged that the majority of verbal assault incidents are not reported as it is an accepted part of the role as it occurs on a regular basis.
7. The incidents consist of the following:
 - 7 x Verbal assault including threat of personal harm.
 - 3 x Physical (including spitting) & verbal assault.
 - 3 x Near miss vehicle incident by aggressive driver & verbal assault.

8. Some of these matters have been escalated to the Police due to the nature of the attack. Below are quotes from the contemporaneous notes of officers reporting some of the incidents:
- *'the driver of the vehicle sped up towards the officer. The officer was forced to take evasive action to avoid being struck by the vehicle'*
 - *'Driver stomped on my right hand with PDA in it'*
 - *'after issuing an infringement notice to vehicle the male driver returned and became abusive, as I walk past him he elbowed me in the left forearm and then pointed his finger at my face and said 'f--- you'*
 - *'was crossing Dora St on the crossing when the vehicle I infringed approached and stopped on the crossing and told me to cross. When I got to the front of the vehicle the vehicle started forward and narrowly missed hitting me, I then 'moved to the passengers' side of the vehicle because the driver yelled to me I am going to break your neck then he gestured with his hand how he was going to break my neck'*
9. Since May 2021 approximately 86% of parking fines were posted by Revenue NSW with the remaining 14% issued on the spot. Each penalty notice, either issued by Revenue NSW or on the spot, contains information on where they can seek to finalise the notice, including having it reviewed or court elected. The information that is contained in a penalty notice is standardised and in accordance with the *Fines Act 1996*.
10. Of the total of 93,038 parking fines that have been issued since May 2021, 84,152 were PnP and 8,886 were issued on the spot. It must be noted that where an officer has issued a fine on the spot it is common occurrence (over 50% of the time) the owner of the offending vehicle drives away before the fine could be left on the vehicle. In these instances, the fine is then sent by Revenue NSW as print and post.

Current Information Provided to Drivers

11. The provision of information provided in the form of a fact sheet to provide the driver with information on the process to have a fine reviewed is not considered necessary as the fine (either posted or placed on the vehicle) currently provides the driver with the avenues they can pursue to have the fine reviewed. The details of ways to review the penalty are provided by Revenue NSW and are as follows:
- Request a review - to seek leniency or if an error has been made.
 - Have the matter determined by the Court.
12. It is considered that providing information on the review process in addition to the information provided by Revenue NSW could raise issues in relation to the consistency and transparency of processes between Council and the State Government.
13. The recipient of a fine is recommended to contact Revenue NSW on the first instance to enable the enforcement of the fine to be placed on hold and then they may refer the driver to Council if the driver is seeking additional information / evidence of the offence.
14. Council is to note that the percentage of requests received by Revenue NSW from the community to have fines reviewed for the 2022/23 period was 14% compared to the NSW state average of 13%, which indicates that the processes adopted by Council have not resulted in a marked deviation from the state average for reviews. This data is supplied by Revenue NSW benchmarking data.
15. When a fine is contested by the recipient the matter is heard by the Local Court. The legislation requires the prosecutor, which would be Council in this instance, to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the offence has occurred. There is no requirement for the

provision of evidence by the offender, the onus of proof is with Council. Evidence to prove the offence is supplied to the offender by Council prior to a plea being entered.

16. Council is to note that recipients of fines can view images captured at the time of the offence by entering the details of the penalty notice into the myPenalty website. Additionally, recipients of fines may contact Council to request further details of the offence which in many instances includes footage of offences.
17. The GRC website already contains information about how to seek a review of a fine. However, to assist drivers, it is suggested that the Council website be updated to include information on how to view footage that may have been captured relating to an offence.
18. It is suggested that Council contact Revenue NSW to determine if it is possible to amend standard text on the back of the fine to include information on how to contact Council on how to obtain further evidence, including video footage, of the offence.

Importance of Continuing with Post issued Fines

19. Ceasing the PnP process and the return to vehicle issued fines only, to allow the immediate provision of the written notification with instructions for the driver on how to request a review is not supported for the following reason:
 - The PnP process helps to minimise the Work Health and Safety risk due to the increased potential for verbal and physical abuse of Parking Officers which unfortunately is seen by some in the community as acceptable practice. There is a requirement for Council to protect its staff from potential physical and psychosocial hazards by adopting measures to minimise or eliminate risks where it is reasonably practicable to do so. Parking officers are in a high-risk category for this hazard and by rescinding measures adopted to protect staff, has the potential to open Council to potential negative ramifications in the event an adverse WHS incident was to occur.
 - The use of in-car video and a recorded verbal description of the parking offences provides comprehensive evidence of the offense for checking and auditing purposes. This evidence is also available to an offender upon request.
 - Post issued fines are also more efficient and allows Parking Officers to respond to a significant number of customer requests received from the community; 8,575 since May 2021, about illegal parking activity.
 - Illegally parked vehicles, unsafe parking and driving practices in parts of the LGA such as clear ways, school zones, town centres, venues and park/playground areas may not be regulated as the parking officer may not be able to park their car legally due to traffic conditions, lack of legal parking spaces in order to issue the infringements in a timely manner. The result being that offences are not addressed and could continue to occur in areas around schools, high density business areas and sporting facilities creating an unsafe environment for officers to operate in.

Suggested Actions

20. The following actions are suggested to improve the information provided to drivers issues with a parking fine:
 - That the GRC website be updated to include information on how to view footage that may have been captured relating to an offence.
 - That Council contact Revenue NSW to determine if it is possible to amend standard detail on the back of fine to include information on how to contact Council on how to obtain further evidence, including video footage, of the offence.

- That Council write to Revenue NSW to request that fines issued for parking are sent as Push Notifications to vehicle owners via the Service NSW application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

21. The adoption of this motion could notably affect the operational aspects related to the issuance of penalties for illegally parked vehicles, making it challenging to predict the exact decline in revenue. It is important to note that revenue generated from infringements is utilised to fund community services.
22. Any potential change to the current operations process of infringements will require a cost benefit analysis to ensure to minimise impact service delivery to the community.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/90934

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM040-24 Heritage Building Grants Program**Councillor:** Councillor Ambihaipahar**MOTION:**

That Council considers including the Heritage Building Grants Program in the Financial Year 2024/25 budget.

NM040-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program & Operational Plan**

The Heritage Building Grants Program is consistent with Pillar 1 – Our Community and Goal 1.4 *Georges River area heritage and history is protected* of the Council's Community Strategic Plan. The Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan for 2023-2024 requires that Council conducts a:

- 2023/24 Heritage Building Grants Program.
- heritage information session for owners of heritage listed properties.

Heritage within Georges River LGA

The Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 contains over 300 heritage items and 3 Heritage Conservation Areas (HCAs) that are listed in Schedule 5 of Council's Local Environmental Plans. The three HCAs are Penshurst, O'Brien's' and Kogarah South HCAs.

A Heritage Item can be a building, work, place, artefact, tree, object or archaeological site. Information about Heritage Items can be found within the State Heritage Inventory. A Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) is a precinct, streetscape, suburb or group of buildings that have heritage values that give it a distinct identity worthy of preserving.

Heritage Building Grants Program

The Heritage Building Grants Program provides financial support to help conserve heritage listed buildings. Owners of heritage listed buildings are eligible for financial assistance for specific restoration or conservation works on their property.

Grants are eligible for (e.g.):

- Tuck-pointing/repainting of brickwork
- External painting in traditional heritage colour schemes
- Reconstruction of original elements such as roof and timber trimmings
- Restoration/repair of windows
- Repair of tessellated floor tiles (where visually dominant)

All proposed works are to meet the objectives of Clause 5.10(3) (a) of the *Georges River LEP 2021*. The Heritage Building Grants Program offers assistance to applicants who are proposing to undertake external works of a minor nature to their heritage item.

The Heritage Building Grants Program Guideline indicates that Council will fund up to 50% of the cost of a project (up to a maximum value of \$10,000 per application) and may range from \$100 to a maximum of \$10,000.

Funding of the Heritage Building Grants Program by Council

Council has funded the Program as follows:

- FY2018/19 \$50,000 was allocated by Council and \$45,383 was spent
- FY2019/20 (with program extended to 30/11/2020) - Council reimbursed 23 applicants which equated to a total of \$34,416.50
- FY2020/21 – Council did not fund the program
- FY2021/22 (with program extended to May 2023) – Council has funded 18 applicants which equated to a total of \$76,663.00
- FY2022/23 – Council did not fund the program. A Heritage Information Session was held on 9 August 2022.
- FY2023/24 – Council did not fund the program. As Council did not fund the Program this FY, the Heritage Information Session was also cancelled.

Partial Funding of the Heritage Building Grants Program by Heritage NSW Grant

Council has received a Local Government Heritage Grant from Heritage NSW for 2023-25. Up to \$12,500 of matched funding is available for the 2024-25 financial year, which can be budgeted towards the Heritage Building Grants Program should it run in 2024-25. Should the program not run, the funding will go towards Council's Heritage Advisory Service, however this is not expected to utilise the full grant amount offered.

Given the Heritage Building Grants Program has not been funded for the past two (2) financial years, there is expected to be a high level of applications from interested heritage property owners in the next round of funding.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A budget of \$50,000 will be sought for 2024/25 financial year in order to fund the Heritage Building Grants for the implementation of the programme over 2 years.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/90938

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM041-24 Reducing Pollution in the Georges River**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That, in order to reduce pollution of the Georges River in the vicinity of Lime Kiln Bay:

- i. the General Manager compiles a report to consider plans for:
 - a. the refurbishment of the Lime Kiln Bay Wetlands system which flows from Dairy Creek into the river; and
 - b. the construction of any necessary upgraded or additional gross pollutant traps in order to capture items from stormwater flowing under Hurstville Golf Course into the river.
- ii. the General Manager prepares cost estimates for the necessary works.
- iii. Council seeks grant funding from relevant state and federal ministers, in order for these works to be completed.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment, Goal 2.2: *Our waterways are healthy and accessible.*

Council has engaged a suitably qualified consultant to undertake a health assessment and operational review of water sensitive urban design (WSUD) systems including constructed wetlands, raingarden, bioretention ponds and swales.

This ongoing assessment will utilise previous wetland investigations, including Moore Reserve Wetland, Riverwood Wetland and Lime Kiln Bay Wetland, to develop a consolidated WSUD document to prioritise future management work across the local government area.

The consolidated WSUD health assessment and operation review will inform the preparation of a site-specific report for the Lime Kiln Bay Wetlands.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications resulting from the prioritised actions identified for delivery from the WSUD study will be provided in a future report to Council.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/92191

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM042-24 Dog Off-Leash Signage in Oatley Park**Councillor:** Councillor Ficarra**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council notes the concerns and reports of residents walking dogs off-leash within Oatley Park.
- (b) That a Regulatory Signage Plan is developed, and signage subsequently installed, to aid effective enforcement of prohibited activities within Oatley Park.
- (c) The all signage complies with the relevant standards and guidelines.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 *Our community is safe and healthy;*
- Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.2 *Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities;* and
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 *Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.*

The Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan is currently being finalised, identifying Council's vision and goals that establish the future direction, use and management of the site. This will enable the establishment of a prioritised program of works that will ensure the appropriate allocation of resources to meet community demand.

The draft Plan of Management for Oatley Park currently includes the development of a regulatory signage plan, via consultation with key stakeholders, to subsequently install signs to aid the effective enforcement of prohibited activities, that will include the off-leash walking of dogs in the park.

All signage installed in the Georges River Council local government area is aligned to relevant regulatory standards and guidelines, and follows the Georges River Council Brand Guidelines, to ensure visibility and clear communication to all park users.

The Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan will be reported to Council for adoption later in 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Additional budgeted costs that are associated with the implementation of regulatory signage and enforcement of non-compliance at Oatley Park require further investigation. Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications will be detailed in the Plan of Management and Master Plan report to Council.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/92196

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Item: QWN006-24 Update on NM054-23 - Establish Bushcare Group in Hurstville Ward

Author: Councillor Wang

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

QWN006-24

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can Council provide an update on NM054-23 resolved by Council in September 2023? That the General Manager compiles a report concerning the feasibility of establishing a Bushcare group in Hurstville Ward, so that volunteers can learn about, and help to protect, the native flora and fauna in Council's parks and reserves.

Before the group is established, can volunteers help clean up the weeds in parks like Timothy Reserve?

Can we have Council staff or expert from Oatley Flora and Fauna to supervise the volunteers work in the meantime?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council Officers are currently undertaking a review of the operation of Bushcare as part of the development of a Georges River Council Bushcare Charter. This is an operational document which will delineate the role of Bushcare and the responsibilities of staff, contractors and volunteers to execute bush regeneration activities. Once this Bushcare Charter is developed, a report identifying the feasibility of establishing a Bushcare volunteer group in the Hurstville Ward can be prepared.

Whilst Timothy Reserve is not a bushland reserve and will not be a location of a possible future Hurstville Ward Bushcare site, Council is currently in the process of planning a one-off volunteer weed removal day hosted by Council's Bushcare Team. Further information on this event will be provided through Council's website and social media platforms.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN007-24 Synthetic Fields

Author: Councillor Mahoney

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the General Manager provide:

1. An update on the actions taken subsequent to Notice of Motion NM036-23, "Independent Review into the design, use and impacts of Synthetic Turf in public spaces" dated 24 July 2023, namely:
 - (a) That the General Manager undertakes a review of Council's three synthetic fields in alignment with the Chief Scientist and Engineer's Independent review into design, use and impacts of synthetic turf in public spaces.
 - (b) That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to expedite the Guidelines being produced by the Department of Planning and Environment which support the report findings.
2. Details of the maintenance regimes which are currently in place to prevent rubber crumb and plastic migration into the environment at all three synthetic fields, and whether they include:
 - (a) Bunding (e.g. coir logs) and/or 100-150mm high plinth along the fence lines;
 - (b) Brush carpets (at least 2 strides wide) at all pedestrian gates;
 - (c) Grates at vehicle gates;
 - (d) Use of other equipment to remove leaf litter (not leaf blowers);
 - (e) Filters on all drains to intercept rubber crumb and plastic from flowing into the stormwater system;
 - (f) Regular cleaning of all brush carpets and vehicle grates;
 - (g) Cleaning and maintenance of all mitigation practices;
 - (h) Education and training for all users of the fields; and
 - (i) Annual surveys of microplastics migration into the environment to assess effectiveness of prevention measures.
3. Details of the monthly cost of these maintenance regimes for all three synthetic fields.
4. Details of the amount and cost of rubber crumb and turf fibres which were lost from, and applied to, each field, each year, since all three synthetic fields were commissioned.
5. Whether the rubber crumb material used at all three synthetic fields contains PFAS (i.e., per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).
6. Whether any environmentally-friendly materials such as coconut fibre and/or cork could be considered as alternative infill materials for Council's three synthetic fields?
7. Whether Council's 2024/25 budget will incorporate, as a minimum, the following maintenance regimes to prevent rubber crumb and plastic migration into the environment at all three synthetic fields:
 - (a) Bunding (e.g. coir logs) and/or 100-150mm high plinth along the fence lines;
 - (b) Brush carpets (at least 2 strides wide) at all pedestrian gates;

- (c) Grates at vehicle gates;
- (d) Use of other equipment to remove leaf litter (not leaf blowers);
- (e) Filters on all drains to intercept rubber crumb and plastic from flowing into the stormwater system;
- (f) Regular cleaning of all brush carpets and vehicle grates;
- (g) Cleaning and maintenance of all mitigation practices;
- (h) Education and training for all users of the fields.

OFFICER RESPONSE

1. The NSW Government released the draft Synthetic Turf in Public Open Space Guidelines on 17 March 2024. This document is on exhibition until 29 April 2024 and the feedback received from this consultation period will be used to finalise the document, which will be published later in 2024. Council officers are currently reviewing this draft document with the intent to provide feedback to the NSW Government. Following its finalisation, a report will be provided to Council that reviews Georges River Council's alignment with the Synthetic Turf in Public Open Space Guidelines, as well as the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer's report.
2. Details of the maintenance regimes which are currently in place to prevent rubber crumb and plastic migration into the environment at all three synthetic fields include:
 - (a) Council's synthetic fields are not currently bunded. The installation of bunding would require additional capital expenditure, which is currently unbudgeted.
 - (b) Brush carpets are installed at all of Council's synthetic fields at a width that spans the entry gates.
 - (c) Grates are located at vehicle access gates at all of Council's synthetic fields.
 - (d) Council field maintenance contractors currently use a multifunctional ride-on machine for the cleaning and removal of leaf litter and other debris. This machine redistributes all rubber crumb that is collected onto the playing surface.
 - (e) Council's synthetic fields do not have filters installed to capture rubber crumb and plastics. The installation of filters would require additional capital expenditure, which is currently unbudgeted.
 - (f) Brush carpets and vehicle grates are inspected and cleaned on a fortnightly basis as part of Council's planned maintenance program at all of Council's synthetic fields.
 - (g) At the commencement of each planned maintenance service, Council contractors use handheld blowers to blow any migrated rubber crumb from the footpaths and surrounding areas onto the playing surface. The multifunctional machine then redistributes the excess rubber crumb evenly across the playing surface.
 - (h) There is currently no education or training in place for users of Council's synthetic fields.
 - (i) Council does not currently have an annual survey of microplastics migration into the environment to assess effectiveness of prevention measures. Implementation of an annual survey would require additional operating expenditure, which is currently unbudgeted.
3. The monthly cost to maintain all 3 synthetic fields is approximately \$9,000 or \$108,000 per annum. Additional operating expenditure associated with meeting all aspects of the maintenance regime that are not currently undertaken would be required. The estimated total costs of implementation would require further investigation and analysis by Council staff.

4. Approximately 12 tonnes of sand and 6 tonnes of rubber crumb is reapplied to the surface of each of Council's synthetic fields every 2-3 years. The cost of application is between \$22,000 and \$26,000 per field, every 2-3 years.
5. There is no specific evidence or advice that highlights Council's synthetic fields contain PFAS. Council has consulted an industry advisor who has provided the following statement on behalf of the European Sports Turf Council:
 - Independent research has been conducted on several European synthetic sites with products and trace elements associated with PFAS Chemicals found in low concentrations, well below accepted EU Safety levels.
 - PFAS Chemicals have been identified as part of the manufacturing process as lubrication to assist in machine efficiency, rather than part of the chemical composition of the synthetic turf. Manufacturers are exploring the use of alternatives in the process that will eradicate the use of PFAS.
 - EU guidelines promote industry self-regulation for compliance within the next 2 years. There are no guidelines for manufacturers outside of the EU.
6. Alternatives are currently available in Australia, with various levels of success. These include:
 - (a) Various types of cork – these have been found to float on heavy rain days.
 - (b) Combination cork and coconut husk – the coconut husk has been found to break down easier than the cork and therefore results in a build-up of organic matter within the field.
 - (c) Sand – this has been found to be abrasive to the skin.
 - (d) Wood chips – this is the latest alternative identified by synthetic suppliers. Initial indications are that wood chips soak up rainfall and become heavier than water to avoid floatation.
7. There is currently no capital expenditure or operating expenditure proposed to incorporate the suggested maintenance regime, as highlighted in Point 2 (a) to (i) of the Officer Response above. Council officers are currently awaiting the publication of the final DPHI Synthetic Turf in Public Open Space Guidelines prior to considering further capital or operating expenditure at Council's synthetic fields. Any recommendations associated with capital improvements or increased operating expenditure will be incorporated into Council's annual budget process.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN008-24 Status of Rona Street Peakhurst Footpath

Author: Councillor Jamieson

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

What is the status of the Rona Street, Peakhurst footpath, just outside the GRC Peakhurst High footpath status? Has the investigation been finalised and the decision made? If not, when will the investigation be expected to be completed?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council officers have investigated the feasibility of installing a new footpath along Rona Street, Peakhurst and have determined that this location meets the requirements to improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians and vehicles in the area. The investigation process included consultation with Georges River College Peakhurst Campus to discuss the proposed footpath.

Subsequently, a new footpath along Rona Street, Peakhurst, from Samuel Street to the School gate, has been added to the 2023/24 New Footpath Program.

This work has been awarded to a contractor and will be completed prior to the end of May 2024. Residents in the surrounding area, as well as the school, will receive a notification letter approximately two weeks prior to construction commencing.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN009-24 Update on NM058-23: Mortdale Village Centre Parking

Author: Councillor Jamieson

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Could we have an update on NM058-23, in regards to Mortdale Village Centre Parking How many extra parking spaces have been created so far? Which streets have been investigated for extra parking spaces? What other streets and when will they be investigate for extra parking spaces? Has the motorbike parking on Morts Rd been discussed with the adjoining businesses? Will it be replace as a drop off area or 15 minute parking? Would it be possible to co-share the taxi stand area as perhaps a drop off area? Have letters been sent to businesses requesting that they do not use the short-term parking? Will there be an blitzing for outstaying their parking time if it is going to make a difference?

OFFICER RESPONSE

NM058-23 Traffic Study for Mortdale Town Centre was endorsed by Council on 23 October 2023 and included the identification of opportunities to increase short-term parking, the development of a communications package for business owners and their employees promoting the use of appropriate parking and the completion of parking occupancy study for both restricted and unrestricted parking.

Council officers submitted a report (TAC143-23) to the Traffic Advisory Committee in December 2023 to convert the two parallel parking spaces into three 60-degree angled parking bays on Pitt Street, Mortdale. The proposed signage and line marking changes from this report were implemented in March 2024.

Council officers are currently investigating alternate parking arrangements in the local streets to determine if an increase in parking spaces can be facilitated. Additional traffic counts have also been undertaken to ensure any proposed parking arrangements comply with the TfNSW parking guidelines. The locations include:

- George Street, Mortdale
- Pitt Street, Mortdale
- Macquarie Place, Mortdale
- Martin Place, Mortdale
- Oxford Street, Mortdale

Council officers are also investigating additional parking changes in the Town Centre that include:

- Installation of one mobility parking space on the eastern side of George Street, Mortdale, adjacent to the existing pram ramp.
- Relocate the angled 'disabled parking' space on the northern side of Pitt Street to the southern side of Pitt Street, adjacent to Mortdale Hotel.
- Reinstate two angled parking spaces on the northern side of Pitt Street.
- Convert the 6 motorbike parking spaces within the car park into two timed parking spaces.

Once completed, the outcome of the investigations above will be presented in a Councillor Briefing, prior to a report being presented to a future Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration.

Council officers submitted a report (TAC076-22) to the Traffic Advisory Committee in June 2022 to install 'Motorbike Parking' on Morts Road based on several enquiries from local businesses. The placement of the motorbike parking spaces will assist with general on-street parking for motorbikes and food delivery vehicles throughout the day and night while preventing motorbikes utilising the angled parking bays. At this stage, there is no recommendation to remove the spaces.

The Mortdale Taxi Rank is in a strategic location to service the needs of the local community in Mortdale as well as the surrounding areas including Peakhurst, Penshurst, Oatley, Hurstville Grove, and Lugano. Any proposed modification to the Taxi Rank to allow drop off and pick up will impact their daily operation and create an unsafe environment. However, Council officers have received confirmation that the Taxi Rank can be reduced to a length of 24m. This reduction in the length of the Taxi Rank will allow for the reinstatement of one parking space; consideration will be made to for this to be a 15-minute parking space to assist the local businesses. A report will be presented to a future Traffic Advisory Committee detailing the proposed changes.

Council officers distributed a notification letter in March 2024 to all businesses along Morts Road and local residents on the northern and southern side of the rail line indicating the high demand for short term parking in the Town Centre. The letter provided a map of the current parking conditions in the area, and recommended locations for unrestricted parking for employees, business owners, visitors and residents.

Additional monitoring of the timed parking spaces will be conducted by Council's Parking Officers.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN010-24 Update on Mortdale Streetscape

Author: Councillor Jamieson

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Is the Mortdale Streetscape now completed? If not, what is still waiting to be completed and when will be completed by? Has the new paving been cleaned and sealed? Have the defects been rectified?

The Mortdale Streetscape information shows that the seating around the trees has a soft wooden seating and the trees have lighting. Has or will this be included in the Mortdale Streetscape completion?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Works are progressing towards the completion of the Mortdale Town Centre Upgrade Project by the end of April 2024, weather permitting.

Ausgrid have now completed all required underground and ancillary works, enabling Council to organise the removal of antiquated power poles and install modern upgraded town lighting.

The rectification of localised issues and defects are being addressed with individual shop owners.

The cleaning and sealing of pavers will be the last action of the project, designating Practical Completion. A twelve-month Defect Liability Period is triggered by Practical Completion, requiring the contractor to rectify any work defects identified during this period.

The Council Project webpage (<https://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Council/About-Your-Council/Projects>) continues to be up to date to provide the community with information as required.

The architectural renders on the website are concept images only. The sculptural concrete seating installed on the corners of Pitt Street/Morts Road and Macquarie Place/Morts Road are complete.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN011-24 Ellen Subway Pedestrian Crossing Notification

Author: Councillor Jamieson

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

In regard to the Ellen Subway Pedestrian Crossing Notification, would it be possible to have the following information:

- (a) How many people were notified?
- (b) Were both landowner and the tenants notified?
- (c) How many people responded or asked questions to the notifications, including all notifications post the initial 2 consultation submissions that was included in the councillor report. Including any MP response.
- (d) What were the main issues that were raised?
- (e) Were these incorporated if possible? or any Corrective Actions required?

OFFICER RESPONSE

- (a) Notification letters were sent to 1,688 properties within the Mortdale precinct (see *Attachment - Ellen Subway Pedestrian Crossing Notification Distribution Map*)
- (b) Notification letters were sent to all properties within the zone (see *Attachment - Ellen Subway Pedestrian Crossing Notification Distribution Map*)
- (c) A total of 17 responses were received, as per the following:
 - three phone calls
 - seven email correspondences
 - seven MP responses
- (d) The main concerns raised:
 - Requests to implement timed parking restrictions within walking distance to the Mortdale Train Station to improve resident parking.
 - Requests to implement resident permit parking.
 - Requests for an additional pedestrian crossing to be installed on Ellen Subway at the intersection of Railway Parade.
 - The potential increase in traffic congestion from the reduced traffic lanes due to the construction of the raised pedestrian crossings.
 - Concerns around School students utilising the car park as a thoroughfare.
 - Requests to provide more on-street parking spaces in the Mortdale Town Centre.
- (e) Corrective actions:
 - Council is currently investigating further improvements to on-street parking in the precinct, aimed at improving the daily operations of local businesses while maintaining unrestricted parking for commuters.

- Parking occupancy studies will be conducted in the surrounding streets to determine if resident permit parking is warranted.
- A vehicle and pedestrian count on Ellen Subway, at the intersection of Railway Parade, will be undertaken next financial year to determine if a pedestrian crossing is warranted in this location.
- Council officers will liaise with the local schools to provide educational materials with appropriate travel paths from the school to public transport and include additional signage where possible.
- Council officers will liaise with the Department of Education regarding the preparation of vehicle movement plans for parents to access the school's drop off and pick up zones, to minimise traffic congestion during peak periods.

QWN011-24

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Ellen Subway Pedestrian Crossing Notification Distribution Map



Item: QWN012-24 Penshurst Park Community Requests

Author: Councillor Jamieson

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. Can bubblers be placed in close proximity to the playground area?
2. Can appropriate signage be installed indicating how to access the toilet facilities and gym equipment when the fences are locked and an emergency contact number?
3. Would it be possible to get grants or possibly naming rights to Penshurst Park to be able to assist with paying for the new fence?
4. Would it be possible to replant more appropriate plants shrubs in the garden between the walkway and retaining wall, or perhaps have allow volunteers to replant this area?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Currently, there are two water bubblers located at Penshurst Park Sporting Hub. There is one bubbler located on the eastern side and one bubbler located on the western side of the playing field.

The current location of the water bubblers was identified in the Master Plan for the Penshurst Park Sporting Hub and deemed adequate to service the needs of park users at that time due to community and sporting association feedback.

Further investigation is required to ascertain whether additional bubblers are required and are financially feasible, as proximity to existing services is often a key determining factor in relation to their installation.

Current users of the Penshurst Park Sporting Hub have been instructed to allow access to public amenities, outdoor gym equipment and other facilities to residents always during either training or game days. Signage will be developed to ensure residents have access to all amenities during closure of the park at game time.

Council issued a Request for Tender (RTF) that did not attract any compliant interest. Depending on the future operating model determined by Council there may be an opportunity for naming rights to be included in a future RFT for the management rights of the facility. Council will continue to monitor appropriate sources for grant funding for the operable fence project.

Council officers will investigate the planting of more appropriate plants and shrubs in the garden between the walkway and retaining wall and engage key volunteer groups within the local government area.

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Nil